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TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Financial Aid 101: Planning for the FAFSA





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DIFFERENT TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID



Government
Grants
Free

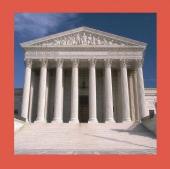


Scholarships
Free



Government Loans *Not Free*

A FEW IMPORTANT GRANTS TO KNOW



Pell Grant

Federal Grant up to \$6,195/ year



Tennessee Reconnect

State Grant
"last dollar scholarship"
up to the cost of community college



TSAA

State Grant up to \$2,000/yr for public 4-year up to \$4,000/yr for private 4-year

What is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

It is the government's application for financial aid, and most schools require students to submit the FAFSA every year that they are enrolled in college, in order to receive any financial aid. It is also an application Tennessee requires for all state grants.

It can be filled out online at FAFSA.ed.gov.

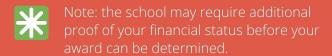
it comes available every year on October 1st.

What You Need to Know

PLAN AHEAD

- You need to complete the FAFSA every year that you want financial aid.
- The application becomes available October 1st of every year.
- The October 2019 application is used for financial aid July 2020-June 2021.
- The 2019/2020 Application will use the 2017 tax year.
- The 2020/2021 Application will use the 2018 tax year.

What You Need to Know



HOW THE FAFSA WORKS

- The FAFSA uses your household income and takes into consideration assets, government benefits, household size, etc. to determine an EFC score.
- Your EFC is your "Estimated Family Contribution", and it determines how much need-based financial aid you will be eligible for. It is possible to have an EFC of 0, which indicates eligiblility for the most aount of need-based aid possible.
- As soon as you finish your FAFSA, you will find out your EFC score. Your FAFSA will be sent directly to your school(s) and after you are accepted, each school will notify you of your financial aid awards.

What You Need to Know

WHAT YOU NEED TO COMPLETE THE FORM

- Your social security number
- Your permanent address
- An email address*
- Your date of birth
- Your full legal name
- Your income for 2018
- Any child support paid for 2018
- Dates of marriage/divorce

If you are married:

- Your spouse's SSN
- Your spouse's date of birth
- Your spouse's tax returns for 2018

If you are younger than 24:

- Your parents' SSN(s)
- Your parents' date(s) of birth
- Your parents' tax returns for 2018



What if I...

- Have outstanding student loans?
- Can't get my spouse's/parent's information?
- Don't have proof of income?
- Don't end up going to school?

Next Steps

1) GATHER YOUR INFO

2) MEET WITH ME SEPTEMBER 26TH WITH QUESTIONS

3) SIGN UP TO COMPLETE FAFSAS OCT 4TH OR OCT 11TH



Loan Rehabilitation Payment Agreement

l,	,	hereby authorize Tennessee Higher
		to rehabilitate my student loans, according
to the followi	ng arrangement:	
• Montl	hly payment amount (established by the	Department of Education): \$
• Paym	nents will be made on the	of the month, beginning with the month
	and ending with the mor	nth
 Selection 	ct one:	
	My family member will pay my monthly THEI to make sure my family membe	ly payment on my behalf. I will work with r follows the appropriate steps.
	I will contribute \$25/semester to THEI withdrawals, and THEI will use these behalf.	through my regular student fee funds to make monthly payments on my
	Other:	
rehabilitated following up status.		
I understand	that upon leaving prison, it is my respon	nsibility to contact my loan collection agency
() to	o update my contact information.
	,	(initial)
Signature		Date
Witness		 Date



FAFSA Completion Form

Today you are completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at **www.fafsa.gov**. This form is for you to keep for your records. Do not share this information with any other person. Please understand that you will need to complete the FAFSA **each year** that you want to receive financial aid.

Step 1: Understanding the FAFSA

I am applying for the	/ FAFSA, which applies to classes that I will take between	
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and (month/year) Please note: each year, the academic year beginning ir	(month/year) new FAFSA becomes available online on October 1st for the followir	าg
Step 2: Creating an FSA ac	count	
can access certain Departm financial aid online. You will	al Student Aid ID. This is your online signature and the way that you nent of Education applications. You need an FSA ID to apply for use the same login information every year that you are in school for apportant that you keep up with your account information. Record you would like to.	
Email address:	Security answer 1:	
Email password:	Security answer 2:	
FSA ID username:	Security answer 3:	
FSA ID password:	Security answer 4:	
Step 3: Submit the FAFSA I completed my FAFSA on _	and sent the form to the following school(s):	
My EFC (estimated family c Notes/Next Steps:	ontribution) is :	



Continuing School Checklist

This check-list will help guide you through the first steps that you will need to take to continue college. Please understand, this is not a complete list, and you should be in touch with the college you want to attend to make sure you have completed all necessary steps.

State	/Federal Financial Aid Requirements:			
	Created FSA ID (email address:)	
	I am Title IV eligible ☐ If no, I have begun the process to reha be made on		Лу last payment v	√ill
	Completed FAFSA for year(s):/,		/	
	Registered with Selective Service If no, I have submitted Status Informat	ion Letter Request	t	
	Created TSAC Portal account for state financia	al aid (username: _	······································)
	Completed TN Reconnect Application (userna	ame:)	
_	ge Requirements: Completed College Application(s)			
	School:	(username):		
	School:	(username):		
	Requested high school transcript/GED transc	ript		
	Requested all prior college transcript(s) THEI program Prior College(s):			
	Requested all applicable verification forms Proof of Income Proof of Non-filing Proof of Residency			
	Completed all other outstanding requirement in to your student account and/or checking you	_		_
Optio	nal: Requested Letters of Recommendation			
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To Whom It May Concern,	Date
This letter affirms that(THEI Staff Member)	has permission to speak with
(Loan Holder)	on my behalf,
regarding my student loans. Please see below	for my account details and information about
this third party authorization.	
Borrower Details:	Authorized Third Party Representative:
Full Name	Full Name
Social Security Number	Phone
Date of Birth	Email
Current Address	<i>Address</i> : 1006 Shelby Ave, Nashville, TN 37206
City, State, Zip Code	Relationship to Borrower: Case Manager at the Tennessee Higher Education in Prison Initiative
Signed,	
Borrower	Authorized Third Party Rep
 Date	 Date



Letter of Recommendation Request Form

) F	Parole Hearing		
	Date of hearing: _		
	Have you spoken		THEI's re-entry team about your plans for post-release
		YES	NO
<u> </u>	College Application		
	What college(s) a	re you applying to	?
	Have you discuss	ed your plans for o	continuing education with THEI's re-entry team?
		YES	NO
	Have you comple	ted your applicatio	ons?
		YES	NO
<u> </u>	Other Purpose		
	Please explain: _		
	Date due:		_
Note	es (optional):		
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