

Welcome to Virtual College Week

How to Fill out the FAFSA

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Common FAFSA Questions

Four Questions Addressed Today, Plus Important Things to Remember

- What is the FAFSA
- What Changes with the FAFSA This Year
- What are the Most Important Questions You Must Know How to Answer on the FAFSA
- How Do You Get Started
- Five Important Things to Remember

What is the FAFSA

- Acronym for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Used by every post-secondary institution
- Determines the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Family has first responsibility for college cost



What Changed With the 2019-2020 FAFSA?

- Minor changes to the form
- Look of the Form modified to reflect a more contemporary style
- Can now be completed on a mobile device!



What are the Most Important Questions You Must Know How to Answer on the FAFSA?

- Answer all questions correctly and honestly
- Have your 2017 IRS 1040 forms and W-2 forms
- Have a valid email address for the student and parent
- Know students under the age of 24 are usually dependent
- Only the biological or, if the student was adopted prior to the Age of 13, adoptive parents complete the form



What are the Most Important Questions You Must Know How to Answer on the FAFSA?

- The parent with whom the student lives for a majority of the year, regardless of who claims the student for taxes, completes the form
- Follow the directions carefully
- Use your correct Social Security Number
- The name on the FAFSA must match what is on your Social Security Card.



What are the Most Important Questions You Must Know How to Answer on the FAFSA?

- Make sure your date of birth is correct
- List your citizenship correctly
- Eligible non-citizens should verify their A number is correct
- Students entering college from high school are first time never attended, even if they have dual enrollment credit



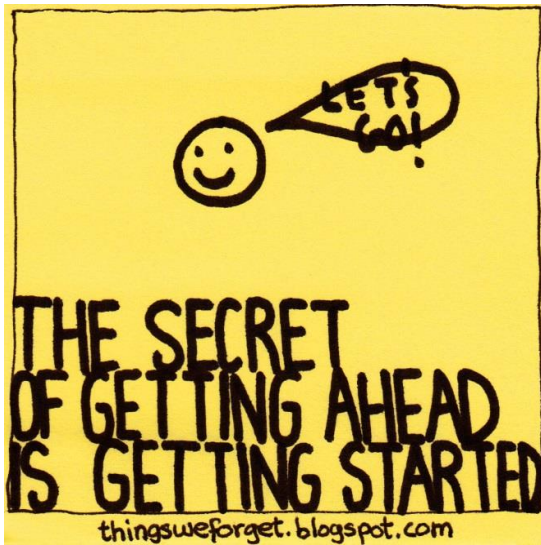
What are the Most Important Questions You Must Know How to Answer on the FAFSA?

- Use the Data Retrieval Tool with the IRS for the student and, where appropriate, the parent if at all possible
- List the correct school codes
- You can add additional schools beyond the 10 available on the form if needed
- Get your Federal ID at fsaid.ed.gov



How Do You Get Started

- Get your Federal ID at fsaid.ed.gov
- Gather your tax information
- Review the worksheets for the FAFSA at fafsa.gov
- Determine which colleges to send information to
- Examine the affordability of the Colleges you are interested in
- Complete the FAFSA fafsa.gov
- Look for scholarships



Five Important Things to Remember

- Apply
 - Financial Aid
 - Scholarships
- Apply Early
 - October 1, 2018 FAFSA opened
- Meet the Deadlines
 - A missed deadline is a missed opportunity
 - Keep a copy of everything you send.
 - Never send your SSN by email
- Communicate
 - Any changes in family's situation
- Watch Out for the Scams
 - This is a free process for aid and scholarships
 - If someone wants money, walk away!!!



Questions.....

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