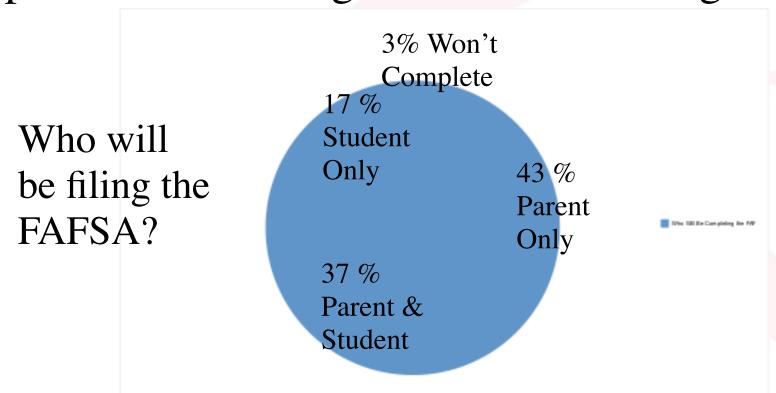


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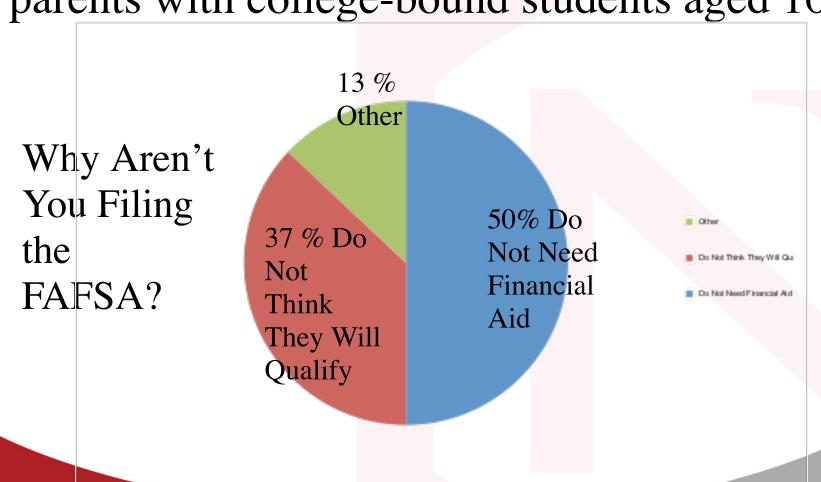


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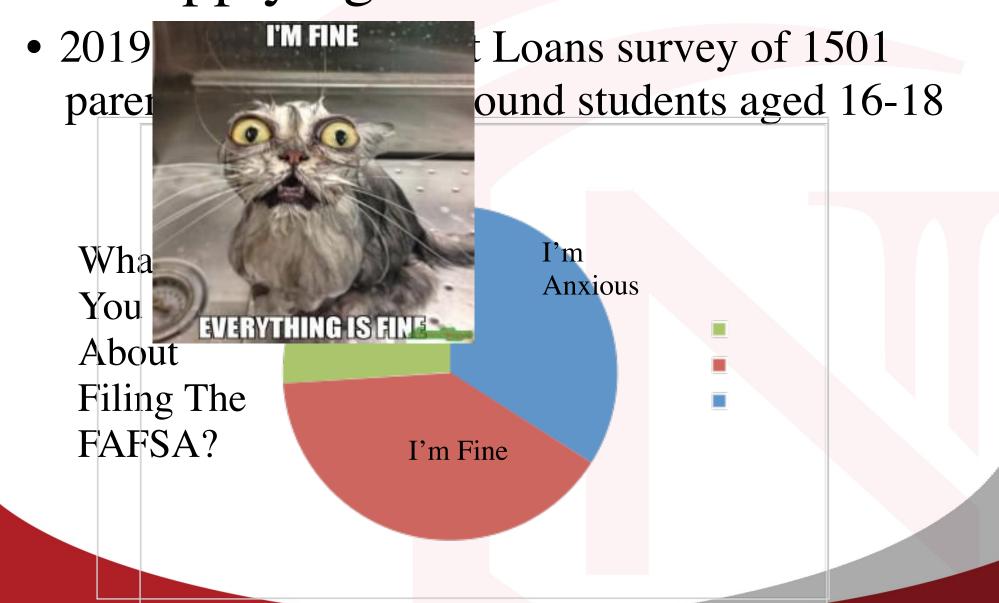




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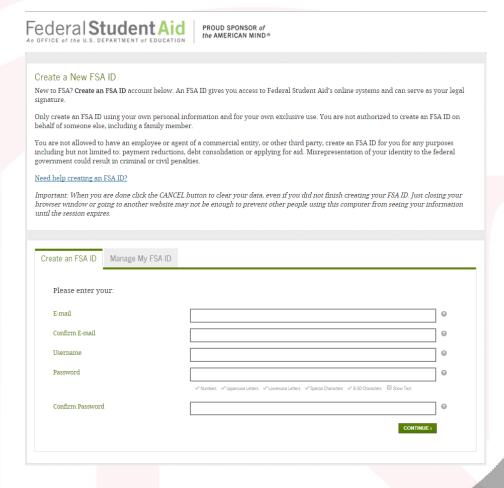


- Begin- as early as possible
- Get your FSA ID and file the 2019-2020 FAFSA OR 2019-2020 MN Dream Act Application
- Work with the financial aid office to complete verification or submit additional items
- Review and respond to award notification
- Don't panic...you can do it!



Your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

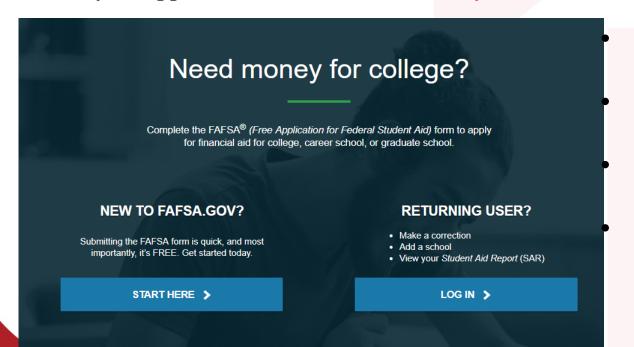
- What is it, who needs it?
 - Electronic signature for all FSA sites, including the FAFSA
 - Student AND at least one parent (dependent) own, unique FSA ID
- How and where to create
 - Within the FAFSA or at





File the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Read the questions, use the "Help and Hints"
- Universal application for federal and state aid
- Only an application does not award any \$\$



Available October 1, 2019 for the 2020-2021 school year Use 2018 federal income tax information

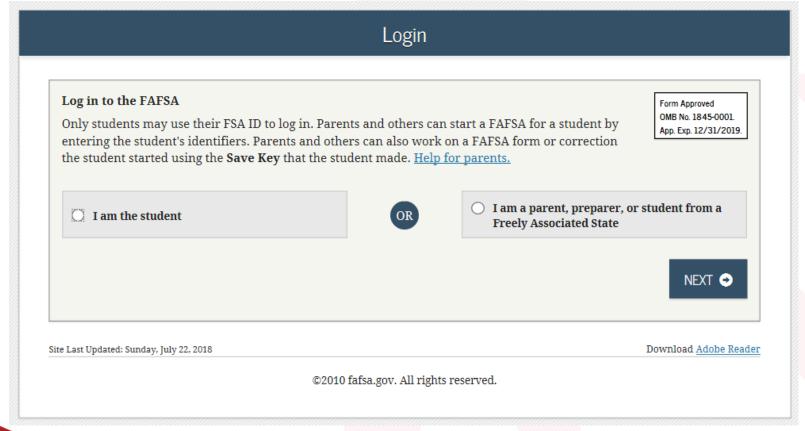
DO NOT use 2019 income tax information!!

NOTE: Some questions are "as of today"



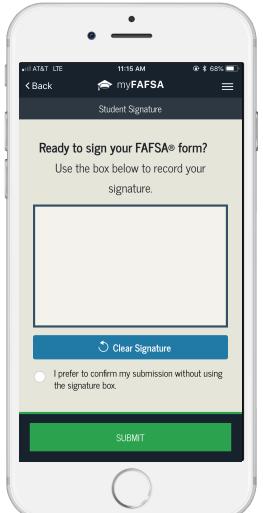
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• The FAFSA is a student form, but may be accessed by parents as well





File the FAFSA (myStudentAid Mobile



App)

- Mobile ability to begin, complete, save, and submit the FAFSA
- Information protected the same as FOTW
- Successful completion of each section indicated
- Digital signature
- Confirmation of submission
- Estimated EFC calculation



IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Allows for certain tax return information to be transferred from the IRS database
- Participation is voluntary and student chooses whether or not to transfer data to FAFSA
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity
- If tax record is found, IRS transfers information to populate the FAFSA
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office



Minnesota Dream Act application

Qualifying undocumented students eligible for:

- In-state tuition rates and private scholarships at state scholarships at schools
- State financial aid progr<mark>ams</mark>
 State Grant, Child Care
 Grant, Work Study (if
 DACA), SELF Loan

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Are You Eligible?

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Eligible Non-Citizen

Minnesota Resident

Dependent/Independent

Eligible Distance Learner Status

Resources for Undocumented Students and MN

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Minnesota Dream Act

UPDATE 9/5/2017: President Trump directed the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to phase out and eventually end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The Minnesota Dream Act remains intact. One benefit of the Minnesota Dream Act is access to the Minnesota State Work Study program; students are required to document eligibility to work in the U.S. in order to utilize this program. DACA recipients may continue to utilize Minnesota Work Study until their work authorization expires. The MN Dream Act remains in place for Minnesota students who qualify. This includes access to the Minnesota State Grant, Minnesota Childcare Grant, Teacher Candidate Grant, Occupational Grant, Dual-Training Grant, Minnesota SELF Loan, instate tuition rates and privately funded financial aid through public colleges and universities.

Changes to DACA September 2017 9

Individuals with a work permit issued via the DACA program should:

- Review their Employment Authorization Card (work permit)
- Determine when it expires;
- If it expires between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018, the individual must file their DACA renewal application BEFORE October 5, 2017
- . There is free and low-cost legal help available in Minnesota



Information that will help you fill out the 2020-21 FAFSA or MN Dream Act application:

- Social Security Number (can be found on Social Security card) for both student and parent(s)
- Student and parents' Federal Income Tax Return from 2018 (IRS Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ)
- W-2 Forms from 2018 and other records of any money earned
- Any untaxed income records from 2018 (e.g. payments to tax-deferred pension



Work with the Financial Aid Office

- About a third of FAFSA applications are selected for VERIFICATION - not an audit or that you've done anything wrong
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval if you are eligible
- Do not make corrections to your FAFSA unless directed by the Financial Aid Office
- Does your college/university require other forms such as the Profile?

https://profileonline.collegeboard.com



Review and Respond to Award Notification

- Gift Aid: Scholarships and Grants
- Self-Help Aid: Employment and Loans
- Most early awards will be PRELIMINARY (estimates)
- Read the information thoroughly



Student Loans

Only borrow to cover the educational costs
Federal: Complete Entrance Counseling and
Master Promissory Note
Private: Check with the school; processing can
take longer than federal loans
Federal PLUS Loan for parents



Special or Extenuating

- Homeless or Risk of Homeless mstances
- Unable to Provide Parent Info
 - Does not mean parents are unwilling to provide info or aren't paying for college
 - Does not mean student claims him/herself on federal income taxes
- Dependency Override
- Unsubsidized federal Direct Loan only
- Changes in family circumstances
 - Unemployment or income reduction
 - Marital status

Contact the Financial Aid Office at the college/university



More Info

- www.fafsa.gov
 - YouTube videos -- see "Thinking About College?"
 - State Deadlines and Federal School Codes
 - FAFSA 4caster (estimates for students are not yet seniors)
- Federal Student Aid
 - www.studentaid.gov
 - www.studentloans.gov
- Minnesota Office of Higher Education
 - https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/
- Minnesota Goes to College!
 - College Knowledge Month and FAFSA completion events
 - https://sites.google.com/view/minnesotagoestocollege/home

