



Federal
Student
Aid

SUCCESS

Need Money
to Help Pay
for College?
You are not
alone.

Filling out the FASFA form is the first step to getting financial aid. It is the application required by all schools in awarding federal student aid to those who qualify. The FASFA form helps you get access to get:

- Federal Grants
- Federal student loans
- Federal work study
- State loans
- State grants and scholarships
- Grants and scholarships from other organizations.

What is FAFSA?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is the application students fill out in order to determine their financial aid eligibility. FAFSA needs to be filled out each academic year. You can submit a FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov.





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FSA ID



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Help

SEARCH

FAFSA4caster

FAFSA4caster will help you understand your options for paying for college.

Provide some basic information and we'll estimate your eligibility for federal student aid. Your estimate will be shown in the "College Cost Worksheet" where you can also provide estimated amounts of other student aid and savings that can go towards your college education.

Go ahead and get started now! If you need help for a question, read the Help and Hints on the right.

Student Information

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Select ▼

SUBMIT

NEED HELP?

EXIT

Help and Hints

Are you a U.S. citizen?

You must select the option that indicates your citizenship status.

Select [U.S. citizen](#) (or [U.S. national](#)) if you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

Select [Eligible noncitizen](#) if you are:

- A U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551), or a Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee,"

What is a Pell Grant?

Federal Pell Grant

(does not have to be repaid)

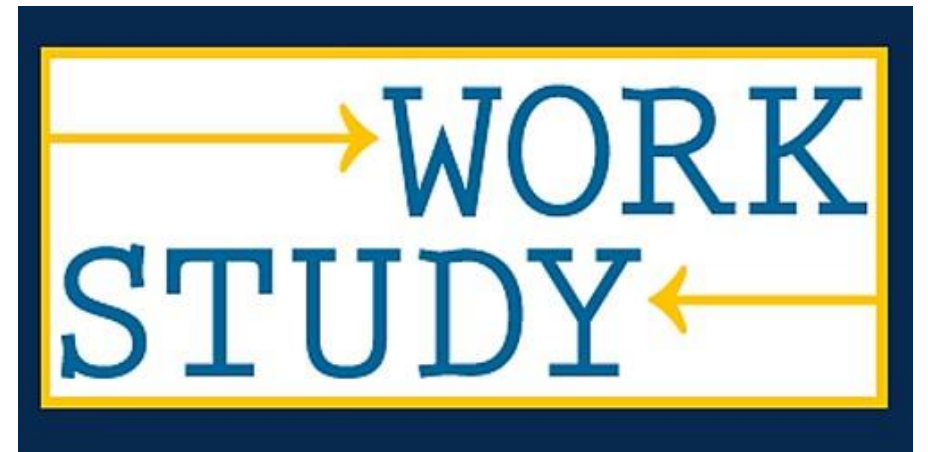
FOR undergraduates with exceptional financial need who have not earned bachelor's or professional degrees.

AMOUNTS can change annually. For 2018–19 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019), the award amount is **\$5,920**.

Visit [StudentAid.gov/pell-grant](https://studentaid.gov/pell-grant) for more information.

What is work study?

- For undergraduate and graduate students; part-time jobs can be on campus or off campus. Money is earned while attending school.
- Does not have to be repaid.



What is a Student loan?

- Student loans, unlike grants and work-study, are borrowed money that must be repaid, with interest, just like car loans and home mortgages. You cannot have these loans canceled because you didn't like the education you received, didn't get a job in your field of study, or are having financial difficulty. So think about the amount you'll have to repay before you take out a loan.



A good
approach to
financial aid is:

- First, accept free money (scholarships and grants), i.e., funds you don't have to pay back;
- Then, accept earned money (work-study), i.e., funds you earn through a job; and
- Finally, accept borrowed money (student loans), i.e., money you have to pay back with interest.