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Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA, part of the U.S. Department of Education, allows you to apply for federal aid online. Below is a list of time saving suggestions that will help you apply for federal student aid online. All T.E.A.C.H. IOWA applicants are required to complete this application annually. If you cannot complete this application online, go to the college financial aid office or your public library to get the paperwork to do by mail. **You must complete a new FAFSA for each new school year.**

Before Beginning a FAFSA Overview

Time Saving Suggestions

Get **documents** you need

Start with your Social Security Number, driver's license, income tax return, bank statements and investment records.

Print a **FAFSA on the Web Worksheet**

See a preview of the questions; dependent students can use it to help parents write in info at their convenience.

Establish your **eligibility**

Citizens, non-citizens; with high school diploma or GED; states may use your FAFSA to award additional aid from their programs.

Note important **deadlines**

To meet the Federal Student Aid deadline:

- Apply as early as possible beginning October 1st of each year
- Your college may have its own deadline for submitting the FAFSA form. Contact your college for exact deadline dates.

You NEVER have to PAY for a FAFSA to be processed!