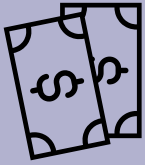


## Student Aid Estimator

Use the Federal Student Aid Estimator to help you prepare for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Log onto [studentaid.gov/aid-estimator](https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator) and use this tool to find out how much federal student aid they may be eligible for starting with the 2024–25 school year. This tool estimates the Student Aid Index (SAI) for 2024–25 award year which you may need for scholarship applications.



## FSA ID creation

It's critical you have your FSA ID before filling out the FAFSA in December 2023. Make sure you have your social security number, phone number and active email to fill out the form.

Get a head start on FAFSA by creating your FSA ID today:  
[studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account)

## Scholarship Search

Paying for college is a challenge that many students face. In addition to the scholarships offered by College Now, there are many outside scholarships available to help offset the rising costs of college. We have compiled a database of many of these scholarships to make it easier for students to identify opportunities available to them.

Research and apply for scholarships at:  
[cngc.org/searchscholarships](https://cngc.org/searchscholarships)



## CSS Profile

Hundreds of institutions use CSS Profile as a common application for nonfederal financial aid, reducing the number of times a student may need to fill out institution financial aid applications at multiple institutions. Follow the link to see if your college or trade school needs the CSS.

Get started here: [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org)



## College Essays & Application

Start your college essays and the common application for college. More than 1000 colleges use the common application.

Start your application here: [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)

# What do to while waiting for FAFSA?