How to Complete the FAFSA4caster

Step 1: Indicate your citizenship and enter student information

You need to be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen to qualify for federal aid.

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

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Student Information

Are you a U.S. citizen?
Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)

What is your date of birth? (mm/dd/yyyy)

What is your marital status?
Select

When you begin college, what will be your grade level?
Select

Have you filed taxes recently?
Yes  No

What is your state of legal residence?
Select

Submit
Step 2: Enter basic information about yourself and your parents

Next, you’ll enter financial data about yourself and your parents. This includes your parent’s marital status, and family size, and number of students in college. You’ll also say how much income you and your parents earned last year, as well as the worth of any assets your family might have (the FAFSA4caster will assume you and your parent’s asset amount, you may adjust the assumed assets input by the FAFSA4caster – See Below).

Adjust assumed assets for parent(s) by checking box

Adjust assumed assets for student by checking box

Now you’re done and we can estimate your federal eligibility.

Keep in mind that the estimated information is a snapshot of the annual federal aid you may qualify for and is based on the information you provided and on certain assumptions we’ve built into FAFSA4caster. The financial aid you may actually receive may vary. Click Submit to continue.

SUBMIT
Step 3: Calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Once you enter the required information, the FAFSA4caster will immediately predict your financial aid eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work Study and Direct Stafford Loan. To receive your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), you will need to click on the Blue ‘Calculate’ Button. **NOTE: Leave all blank fields empty.**

Click ‘Calculate’ to Receive your EFC
Step 4: Print EFC calculation page

When you click the blue 'Calculate' button, your estimated EFC will be shown, please click the white 'Print this Page' button. The printed page is the document that will need to be provided at your Earn to Learn Eligibility Appointment, along with a signed SAR Promissory Note if you have not completed your FAFSA.