

Financial Aid Preparation Checklist

Questions about Applying for Financial Aid?

Federal Student Aid (FSA) Information Center: **800.4.FED.AID – (800) 433-3243**

Before you apply:

- Create an FSA ID for yourself (the student) as well as one for one parent at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. An FSA ID is a username and password that must be used to log into certain U.S. Department of Education (USDE) websites and will be used to electronically sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - At least one parent will need to have an active email account/address.

Getting ready to apply:

- Students are able to complete and submit the FAFSA at fafsa.gov on or after **October 1, 2020**.
- Have the following items with you, if applicable, for BOTH you and your parent(s) when you begin to file the FAFSA:
 - 2019 IRS federal tax return and/or any 2019 income documentation
 - All 2019 W-2 forms
 - Balances of checking and savings accounts
 - Balances of all non-retirement investments (funds not in an IRA, 403B, 401K, or annuity) such as: money market accounts, mutual funds, CD's, stocks, savings bonds, 529 college savings accounts, UGMA or UTMA accounts
 - If your family owns any property(s) aside from to the home that you live in (i.e., a vacation home, rental property, camp, time share, etc.) then you need to calculate the equity (current value minus what you owe) in any other property(s) that are NOT YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE.
- If possible, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool located in the FAFSA.

If you need to make a correction(s) to your FAFSA after submission:

- A Student Aid Report (SAR) is an electronic document that provides you with some basic information about your eligibility for **federal student aid** and lists your answers to the questions on your FAFSA. A SAR will be sent to you via e-mail or it may be viewed online at fafsa.gov within three days of your submission. Be sure to review your SAR for accuracy.
- If a correction needs to be made to your FAFSA, return to fafsa.gov and correct the inaccurate item(s). After a correction(s) has been made and the form has been resubmitted, the new information will automatically be sent to the schools listed in your FAFSA.

What is Verification?

- Verification is a requirement set forth by the federal government that requires colleges/universities to verify the data reported by students and their parent(s) on the FAFSA. This often requires a college's Financial Aid Office to request additional financial or tax information from a family. Promptly respond to any school requests for additional information or documentation or you may cause a delay in the completion of the financial aid process and the determination of your eligibility for financial aid.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Federal Student Aid (U.S. Department of Education):

https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/topic/completing_the_fafsa/articles



2021-2022 FAFSA FIESTA

COME JOIN US VIRTUALLY!

The Financial Aid/FAFSA Nights will start promptly at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. All workshops will offer a pre-recorded presentation with a LIVE Q&A at the end of the webinar. TASFA applicants will also be provided with instructions and guidance.

On your school's scheduled day, use the link at the bottom of this page that corresponds to the color of the name of your school as shown on the schedule below:

Monday, October 5

Clint Early College Academy
Cathedral HS
Austin HS

Tuesday, October 6

El Dorado HS
Tornillo HS
Chapin HS

Wednesday, October 7

Davinci School Science & Arts
Northwest Early College HS
Loretto Academy

Thursday, October 8

Harmony School of Innovation
Andress HS
Americas HS

Tuesday, October 13

El Paso Classical Academy

Wednesday, October 14

Immanuel Christian HS
Harmony Science Academy

Thursday, October 15

Triumph/East
El Paso Academy/West

Monday, October 19

Ft. Hancock HS
Burgess HS
Montwood HS

Tuesday, October 20

Radford HS
Del Valle HS
Bel Air HS

Wednesday, October 21

Anthony HS
Canutillo HS
Bowie HS

Thursday, October 22

Horizon HS
Mountain View HS

Monday, October 26

TransMountain Early College
Socorro HS
Irvin HS

Tuesday, October 27

Clint HS
Parkland HS
Hanks HS

Wednesday, October 28

El Paso HS
Fabens HS

Thursday, October 29

Triumph/West
Franklin HS
Mission Early College HS

Monday, November 2

San Elizario HS
Coronado HS
Eastwood HS

Tuesday, November 3

Jefferson/Maxine Silva HS

Wednesday, November 4

Pebble Hills HS
Ysleta HS
Riverside HS

Thursday, November 5

El Paso Academy/East
Valle Verde Early College HS
Eastlake HS

School FAFSA Night Links:

<http://bit.ly/fafsafiesta1>

<http://bit.ly/fafsafiesta2>

<http://bit.ly/fafsafiesta3>