

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid Supplement

- This is a required document to be attached to the application. In order to make sure that they get the FAFSA SAR Report back in time, **IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA BEFORE December 1, 2014** using your 2013 tax return information!!!
- If you wait until mid-December, then you may have to use must use your 2014 tax information which you may not have completed in time to get the FAFSA paperwork submitted and receive the SAR report before the application deadline!!!
- **NOTE:** Many high school counselors will tell students that they cannot do their FAFSA until after January 1. That is correct when they are talking about submitting that FAFSA to the college/university so that their Financial Aid can be determined for the 2015-2016 school year.
- **BUT** for the purposes of the 4-H Scholarship, you can do the FAFSA **NOW** with 2013 tax information to get the information that is needed to determine financial need for the 4-H Scholarship **ONLY**. After your family completes your taxes for 2013, you can then go back in to the FAFSA and update your information that will then be used by the colleges/universities to determine financial need.
- **ATTENTION:** If your family has already completed a FAFSA for 2014-2015 year because you have another family member in college that is receiving financial aid, **DO NOT** go the website and change the form for that family member. You **MUST** complete a separate FAFSA in the name of the person applying for the 4-H Scholarship.

This the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid. It is FREE. There will not be a charge to complete this application. Make sure you go to the correct website.

This is the correct website.

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Federal Student Aid website. At the top, it says "Federal Student Aid" and "Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". Below this is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, FAFSA, Student Aid on the Fly, and Help. The main heading is "Get help paying for college" with a sub-heading "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". There are two main sections: "New to the FAFSA?" with a "Start A New FAFSA" button, and "Returning User?" with a "Login" button. Below these are sections for "Deadlines", "School Code Search", "FAFSA Filing Options", and "Announcements". A large green checkmark is overlaid on the right side of the page.

This is NOT the correct website.

<http://www.fafsa.com/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the incorrect website, www.fafsa.com. The page is titled "STUDENT FINANCIAL AID SERVICES INC." and features a navigation bar with links for Home, Understanding Student Financial Aid, Services, Deadlines, and Client Feedback. The main content area is titled "File your FAFSA for Federal Student Aid." and includes a large orange button that says "File Online Now". There is also a section for "Client Feedback" and "Free FAFSA Services". A large red prohibition sign (a circle with a diagonal slash) is overlaid on the entire page, indicating that this is not the correct website.

Steps for completing the FAFSA:

1. Request a PIN

(Both the student and the parent need their own PIN)



2. Complete the Application



3. Sign the Application

(Signing electronically with your PIN is recommended for quicker return)

4. Follow up with printing your Student Aid Report (SAR)

(Examples of SARs follow)

Please print the pdf version (not the html version)

Your SAR will have an "EFC" (Expected Family Contribution). This is what you need to submit with your 4-H Scholarship application.