Get ready for the 2027-28 FAFSA by taking these two steps

You can can prepare for the
2027-28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by taking steps to get ready.

Step 1

Set up your StudentAid.gov account by creating your FSA ID

- Go to StudentAid.gov.
- Click on "Create Account."

Step 2

Gather the information and documents you will need

- Student and parent Social Security numbers
- Student and parent 2025 federal income tax returns and W-2's or income earned from work
- Student and parent records of untaxed income
- Student and parent records of cash, savings and checking accounts, investments, and assets
- List of schools, colleges, or universities the student is interested in attending

Tips

- Both the student and at least one parent will need a StudentAid.gov account.
- The student and parent cannot share an FSA ID.
- The student and parent each should use a personal email address to create the account (not a school or work email address).
- Check with the institution on priority deadlines.

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