Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

START

Did the student complete the FAFSA for the previous academic year?

NO YES

Does the student plan to apply online?

NO YES

Complete the full paper FAFSA application and return it in the envelope provided.

Does the student have a PIN number?

NO YES

Go to www.pin.ed.gov to request a PIN or request one while completing the FAFSA online.

Go to www.fafsa.gov and click on Fill out Your FAFSA. Students who used the FAFSA4Caster or who completed the FAFSA the previous year will be given the option of pre-filling some of the answers on the new FAFSA with previous responses.

Has the student received the Student Aid Report (SAR)?

If an e-mail address was included on the FAFSA, the student will receive a link to the SAR within three to five days for online applications or within four weeks for paper applications.

If an e-mail address was NOT included on either the paper or online FAFSA, the student will receive a paper SAR in the mail within four weeks.

NO YES

Go to www.fafsa.gov and click on Check Status of a Submitted FAFSA.

Or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (800) 433-3243.

Review the information on the SAR. Is it correct?

NO YES

Go to www.fafsa.gov and click on Make Corrections to a Processed FAFSA. Or make the corrections on the paper SAR and return it promptly.

The schools the student listed will receive the SAR electronically, and use the information to prepare a financial aid package for the student.

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