

Am I eligible?

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The majority of students who apply for financial aid receive it. Regardless of your income, there is only one way to know if you qualify: YOU NEED TO APPLY.

In order to get federal student aid there are some basic eligibility requirements:

- You must be a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national) or eligible noncitizen
- You must have a valid Social Security Number (unless you're from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau)
- Most males must register with Selective Service, if you are male and 18 to 25 years of age (go to www.sss.gov for more information)
- You must have a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency Diploma or pass an exam approved by the U.S. Department of Education
- You must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program at a college that participates in the federal student aid programs
- You cannot have a drug conviction for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (such as grants, loans, or work-study)
- If you are interested in knowing how much financial aid you might receive, the FAFSA4caster may help you. Using the FAFSA4caster, you and your family will receive an early estimate of eligibility for federal student aid. This website provides you with an opportunity to increase your knowledge of the financial aid process; become familiar with the various types of federal student aid that are available; and investigate other sources of aid, such as grants and scholarships. Please realize you will not receive an actual award letter, but you will have a better idea of how the process works and what you might receive as aid. Visit <http://fafsa4caster.ed.gov>.