



THE NEW FAFSA EXPERIENCE FACT SHEET

SHOULD I FILL OUT THE FAFSA?

YES, if you would like to be considered for any federal aid (Pell Grant, FSEOG Grant, Direct loans, and Work-Study) or UM need-based aid, you must complete the FAFSA. <https://studentaid.gov/>
Let us guide you through the easy steps and frequently asked questions to get prepared.

STEP 1: WHEN SHOULD I CREATE AN FSA ID?

At least 3 days before you file. Students and all contributors must register for an FSA ID. <https://studentaid.gov/>

What's an FSA ID? The FSA ID is a username and password combination you use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems.

PRO TIP: What's a "Contributor"? Anyone providing information on a FAFSA including:
the student
the student's spouse (if married)
the biological or adoptive parent(s)
the spouse of a remarried parent who is on the FAFSA (stepparent)

STEP 2: WHEN CAN I FILE MY FAFSA?

Now! The 2024-2025 FAFSA is available. After submitting it, please know that you will not be able to make changes to it.

STEP 3: DO I NEED TO HAVE MY PARENTS' TAX INFORMATION?

FAFSA contributors will have to give consent. The student and all contributors must provide this consent and approval on the FAFSA in order to be eligible for federal student aid. Providing consent even applies to contributors who don't have a Social Security Number, didn't file 2022 taxes, or who filed taxes outside the US.





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STEP 4: WHAT IS THE FAFSA DEADLINE?

The results of your FAFSA or the Student Aid Index (SAI) will be sent to each school you list on the FAFSA. UM's priority deadline for receipt of the FAFSA is April 1 of this year.

STEP 5: HOW WILL I KNOW YOU GOT MY FAFSA?

We'll notify you by email and it will be on your Admitted Student Checklist.

The Department of Education recently reported they will be sending FAFSA forms from students to universities in batches in the first half of March. We will send out email communications and show it on your Admitted Student Checklist once we have received your FAFSA.

Our Team is standing by to help you if you get stuck. The staff at the UM Financial Aid & Financial Education offices are here to answer any FAFSA questions you have. They also provide various pre-recorded and live online FAFSA Filing workshop as well as in-person and virtual one-on-one appointments.

Schedule an appointment with us at: <https://www.umt.edu/financial-education/>

