

5 STEPS TO APPLY FOR YOUR 2024 – 2025 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

General Information:

- Apply early and watch for any deadline dates
- Never pay to file a FAFSA
- Students need to apply every academic year
- Make sure information provided on the FAFSA is accurate

STEP 1:

Create an FSA-ID at least 3 days prior to completing your FAFSA. If you are a dependent student, one of your parents will also need to create an FSA-ID of their own. To create your FSA-ID go to studentaid.gov.

1. On the home page, click **"Start Here."**
2. Indicate whether you are the **student** or **parent**.
3. On the Login screen, click on **"Create One."**

STEP 2:

Get organized! To complete the FAFSA you will need information from your 2022 federal tax return. This includes your federal tax return 1040, schedules 1, 2, and 3; W-2s from each job worked in 2022; unemployment, child support, etc. If you are a dependent student, (under the age of 24, single, no dependents, not a veteran) you will also need your parents' 2022 federal tax returns and income information.

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.
[Start Here](#)

Returning User?
Correct info | Add a school
View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)
[Log In](#)

[Log In to Continue](#)

[Create an FSA ID](#)

OR

Use [personal identifiers](#) to access the FAFSA form.

STEP 3:

Complete the FAFSA. Once your FSA-ID is verified, log in to the FAFSA using your FSA ID username and password. Click **Start a New FAFSA** and make sure you are completing the correct year.

NOTE: Complete every question and enter zero instead of leaving a box blank. The 'Help and Hints' box displays may help you to complete a question. **Nicolet's School Code is 008919.**

STEP 4:

At the end of your FAFSA application you will agree to terms, sign, and submit the FAFSA. For dependent students, the parent with the FSA-ID will choose if they are parent 1 or parent 2 and enter their user name and password; agree to terms; sign; and submit the FAFSA.

You should then see a page confirming that your application has been received. Print or save the confirmation page for your records.

STEP 5:

Review your FAFSA Student Summary (FSS). You'll receive the FSS via e-mail once you complete the FAFSA. Review the FSS carefully and verify the information is correct. If you see incorrect information, make corrections on your FAFSA by returning to **www.fafsa.ed.gov**. Keep the FSS for your records. A corrected FSS will be issued when changes are made. The Nicolet Financial Aid office will receive your information electronically from the U.S. Department of Education.

Please keep in mind that it generally takes **at least THREE business days** for the Financial Aid office to receive your FAFSA.

The Department of Education randomly selects people for verification. If you are selected, you may need to complete additional documents. Nicolet College will notify you by email if we need additional information.

If you were not selected for verification and you registered for classes in an approved program, the financial aid office will review your FAFSA information, process your financial aid, and send your financial aid offer through your preferred communication method.