



WHAT IS THE FAFSA?



The FAFSA is a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It's the pathway for federal aid and other resources earmarked for students. Every year students miss out on the opportunity for significant aid money.

HERE ARE THE FACTS

90%

of students who complete a FAFSA go on to post-secondary education



Class of 2018 Arizona students left **\$69 million** in Pell grant money on the table.



The FAFSA is available each year on October 1st



Complete your FAFSA today at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
and learn more about the Arizona FAFSA Challenge at
[FAFSACHallenge.az.gov](https://fafsachallenge.az.gov)

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MYTHS AND FACTS

MYTH My parents make too much money, so I won't qualify for any financial aid.

FACT There is no income cutoff to qualify for Federal Student Aid. All eligible students qualify for some type of financial aid—grants, work-study, loans, or scholarships.

MYTH The FAFSA form takes forever to fill out.

FACT Not if you have 30 minutes to spare. That's all it takes to fill out the FAFSA form.

MYTH Students should wait to fill out their FAFSA until they are accepted into college.

FACT Don't wait! Students are highly encouraged to complete their FAFSA application their senior year of high school.

MYTH All scholarships do not require a FAFSA.

FACT Many merit-based scholarships require a FAFSA on file for students to be considered.

MYTH I support myself so I do not have to include my parents' information on the FAFSA.

FACT Even if you support yourself, live on your own or file your own taxes, you may still be considered a dependent for FAFSA purposes.



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