

# Financial Aid Basics

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# General

- Everyone qualifies for some form of financial aid
- Free assistance is available for qualified students



# The application: FAFSA

Step 1:

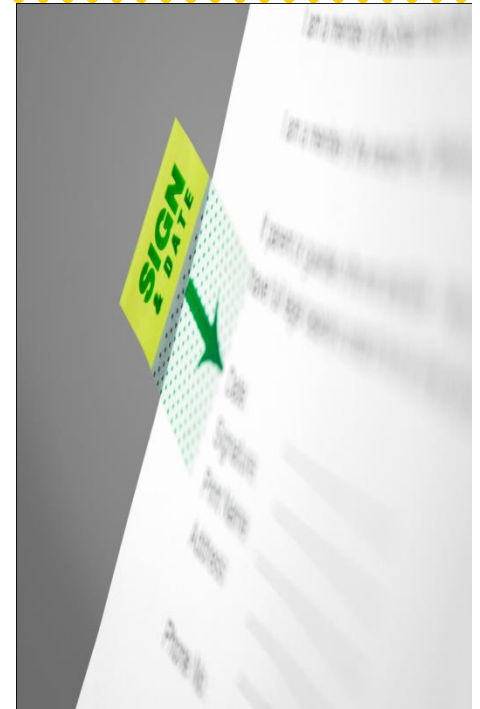
Apply for a FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)

Step 2:

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

Step 3:

Check your email, and submit all needed documents to ACC



# Basic eligibility criteria

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- High school diploma or GED
- Enrolled in degree or certificate program
- Satisfactory academic progress
- U.S. citizen/national
- Eligible non-citizen
- Males — registered with Selective Service
- Valid SSN

# Special circumstances

- Changes in income
- Loss of employment
- High medical/  
dental expenses
- Cost of attendance (COA)
- Other



# Types of aid

- Grants
- Work-study
- Loans
- Scholarships



# Grants

- Free money!
- Need-based
- Examples:
  - Pell Grant (federal)
  - Student Educational Opportunity Grant (federal)
  - Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (state)
  - Texas Public Education Grant (state)



# Work-study

- Students work to earn money
- Jobs:
  - Majority are on campus
  - Flexibility
  - Provide valuable experience





# Federal loans

- Must be paid back
- Available for
  - Students
  - Parents
- Low interest rates
- No payments while you are enrolled in school
- No credit check required for student loans



# Scholarships

- Free money!
- Merit-based
- Special skills
- New ways to search and apply
- See counselor for  
E-Scholarship USA



**Thank you!**



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