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

NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

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Correct info • Add a school
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FAFSA® Announcements

- The 2019–20 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so submit your application today. Also, check out the new **myStudentAid** app for iOS and Android.

The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 3–11 a.m. Eastern time.

2023-2024 FOTW (FAFSA-on-the-Web) Tip Sheet

For Academic Years starting in the SU23, FA23, WI24 or SP24 quarters.

Tips:

1. Do you have an FSA ID yet? If not, please go here to create one:
   https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch
   You will need this to electronically sign your FAFSA (and loan documents) now and in the future.

 You will use your FSA ID to sign in, and to sign your FAFSA. This year, you will see your social security number masked as you enter it, unless you choose to have it shown.

2. Are you dependent? Dependent students are generally unmarried, under 24 and will need to include their parents' income information.
   Determine whether you are dependent (need to have parents' information as well) or independent (born before 1/1/2000). Generally, you are STILL **dependent** if:
   a. You are under 24 (born on or AFTER 1/1/2000)
   b. You are NOT married
   c. You do NOT have children you support
   d. You are NOT in foster care, have a legal guardian or are a ward of the court

To begin filling out the FAFSA, go to https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

The FAFSA is divided into sections and the following are tips about each of the sections:

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Student Demographics (*follow these tips if applicable to your situation*)

Make sure you answer that you are a **citizen (or eligible non-citizen)** and that you have a **high school diploma** (or a GED or have been home schooled), that you are pursuing an **AA (occupational or technical program)**, and that you **WON'T have your Bachelor's before July 1st** (if applicable).

If you are a resident of California, make sure that you answer the question that asks for state of permanent resident as CA*

Why? Cal Grants can be awarded only to those **without** a previous Bachelor's Degree, and Cal Grant C is only for students pursuing AA degrees in occupational or technical programs (not those pursuing Bachelor's degrees at FIDM).

*If you are residing in CA as of 10/7/2022 and can document it (by government id or utility bill, for example), you are then considered a California resident for Cal Grant purposes.

Are you a U.S. citizen?
Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 20██-20██7 school year?
High school diploma

What will your grade level be when you begin the 20██-20██7 school year?
Attended college before/1st yr.

What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 20██-20██7 school year?
Associate degree (occupational or technical program)

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?
Yes

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 20██-20██7 school year?
○ Yes ● No

School Selection

FIDM's code is 011112

Select a school from the Search Results table and click **Add >>** to add a school to the Selected Schools table.
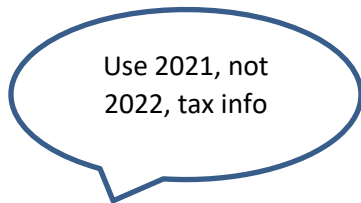
Search Results: 1   **Selected Schools**

Sort By: Best Match | School Name		Select up to 10 schools

☐ FIDM-FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN
LOS ANGELES, CA
Federal School Code: 011112 ⓘ

[ADD >>]

FIDM-FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN
LOS ANGELES, CA
Federal School Code: 011112   Remove

[VIEW SELECTED SCHOOL INFORMATION]

PREVIOUS   NEXT

Note--After typing in 011112, you must check the school and then click "add" in order to move forward

Financial Information—*Note that the 2023-2024 FAFSA asks for and uses financial/AGI/income information from the 2021 calendar year (**not** the previous 2022 calendar year)*

Use 2021, not
2022, tax info

Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool is the most efficient and accurate way to bring your income information into the FAFSA. Note: If you are able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you WILL NOT be able to see the data you transfer; this is for security reasons to protect your IRS data

Questions 33 and 80 - The type of income tax filed provide the following choices:

- IRS 1040
- Foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR or IRS 1040NR-EZ
- A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory or Freely Associated State.

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Foreign or PR (or U.S. territory or Freely Associated States) as well as those filing amended tax returns and those married who are filing separately will NOT be able to use the IRs Data Retrieval Tool and will have to use the steps below to get a tax transcript.

https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript

You and your parents can also submit paper 1040s to the Financial Aid Office (Student Financial Services) at your campus.

Sign & Submit

You and your parents (if applicable), MUST check that you "agree" to what you've entered, sign and submit. Do NOT submit without signing *(even though the site says you can)* **or your award letter from FIDM will be delayed as well as your award from FIDM. This may cause your clearance for registration at FIDM to be delayed.**

Finally, print and retain your confirmation page AND your entire application.

Resources if you get stuck….

1. Call or email the FIDM Financial Aid Office
2. Send an email to financialaid@fidm.com
3. Call 1-800-4-FED AID

Common Mistakes YOU don't want to make….

1. **DON'T** leave student income with blanks—put zeroes if no income
2. Don't put the same amount in both the AGI and tax fields and confirm it (the FAFSA will let you do that but it will keep your results from being correctly processed)
3. When you are asked to confirm your high school information (especially if this is a renewal FAFSA and the information is pre-populated), select "confirm" before going to "next" (see below)

Enter the name, city, and state of your high school, then click **Confirm**.

What is the name of your high school?

HOLLYWOOD SENIOR HIGH

In what city is your high school located?

LOS ANGELES

In what state is your high school located?

California ▾

CONFIRM

Need more tips, have more questions? ⟶ https://studentaid.gov/articles/category/fafsa-tips/

Finally, all California students need to create a "Web Grants 4 Students" account. Here is the url and information on how to do so:

https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/Admin/Admin_CreateUser.asp?id=100&mode=new

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