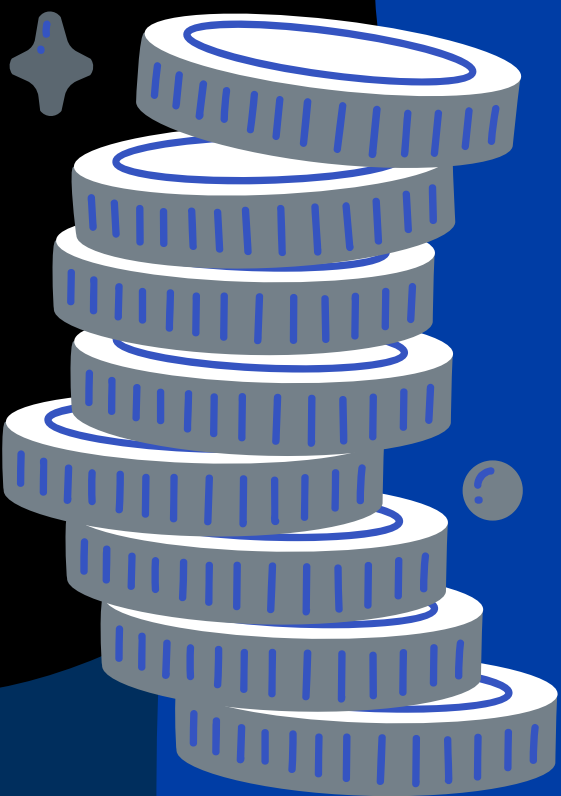# FAFSA UPDATES FOR SENIORS

# 2025-2026 FAFSA will be ready on December 1, 2024.

For the most up-to-date information, visit the Federal Student Aid Office's https://fsapartners.ed.gov/home/

# CHECKLIST

- Students and parents can create their FSA ID
- FAFSA ID is a requisite first step in submitting the FAFSA
- Students should create their ID first
- Students should then invite parents and/or other contributors to create ID
- Contributors will receive an email to begin the FAFSA
- Once ID is created, it takes up to 3 days for verification

# What Can Students and Families Do Before December 1st?

# Contributors

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## Who is a contributor?

- Anyone who provides information on the FAFSA

- Includes:student,student's spouse, biological or adoptive parent an/or the student's step-parent.

## Who is NOT a contributor?

- Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, brothers, sisters

- Any other non immediate relatives even if they provide for or raise the student

# 8 STEPS TO COMPLETING THE FAFSA

#1 Create an Account and Gather Documents: Set up a StudentAid.gov account for both you and your child. Gather necessary documents like Social Security numbers, tax returns, and bank statements.

#2Start the FAFSA Form: Go to fafsa.gov, log in, and start a new form. Enter your child's personal information accurately.

#3Complete Student Personal Circumstances: Answer questions to determine if your child is a dependent or independent student.

#4Provide Consent and Approval: Verify your information and consent to transfer tax info from the IRS.

#5Complete Parent Demographics: Provide your marital status and state of legal residence.

#6Complete Parent Financials: Enter financial details based on your 2022 tax return.

#7Review and Sign: Review all entered information for accuracy and sign the form electronically.

#8Submit the FAFSA Form: Submit the completed form and wait for confirmation.

# Complete your 2025-26 FAFSA