

FAFSA Math Project

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is the first step in the financial aid process. You use the FAFSA to apply for federal student aid, such as grants, loans and work-study. In addition, most states and colleges use information from the FAFSA to award nonfederal aid.

These are three ways to complete the FAFSA, 1) fill out the paper form and mail it, 2) fill out the PDF on the computer, or 3) complete the online form at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to begin filling out the form.

Step One (Student): For these questions, leave blank any questions that do not apply to you (the student).

Step Two (Student): Answer these questions about yourself (the student). If you are single, separated, divorced or widowed, answer only about yourself. If you are married or remarried as of today, include information about your spouse (husband or wife).

Step Three (Student): Answer these questions in this step to determine if you will need to provide parental information. Once you answer “Yes” to any of the questions in this step, skip Step Four and go to Step Five on page 8.

Step Four (Parent): Answer all these questions even if you do not live with your parents. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, aunts and uncles are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. If your parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about them. If your parent is single, widowed, divorced, separated or remarried, see the Notes on page 9 for additional instructions.

Step Five (Student): Complete this step only if you (the student) answered “Yes” to any questions in Step Three.

Step Six (Student): Indicate which colleges you want to receive your FAFSA information.

Step Seven (Student and Parent): Read, sign and date.

After you complete the form, make a copy and turn it in to complete this project. Please block out any Social Security Numbers on the turned-in copy.