

# FAFSA/MSFAA: WHAT STUDENTS NEED

Maryland students should submit either the FAFSA or Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) to apply for financial aid each year. The [FAFSA](#) applications open **October 1**. The [MSFAA](#) must be completed by **March 1**. Use this chart to determine which form to use and the information needed to complete it. Speak to your school counselor before completing any financial aid forms.

	FAFSA		MSFAA	
Also known as:	Free Application for Federal Student Aid		Maryland State Financial Aid Application	
Who should fill out this form?	US Citizens, permanent residents,		Eligible undocumented	
More information:	<a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov">studentaid.ed.gov</a>		<a href="http://mhec.marylad.gov">mhec.marylad.gov</a>	
What type of financial aid can students get by completing this form?				
Federal Aid: Grants (Pell, FSEOG), Loans (Subsidized, Unsubsidized, Parent PLUS)	<input type="checkbox"/>			
State Aid: For example, Educational Assistant Grant, the Guaranteed Access Grant, Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship, the Campus Based Educational Assistant Grant, the Part Time Grant, the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship, the Near Completer Grant, the Legislative	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Institutional Aid from colleges: Some colleges require an additional financial aid form like the	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scholarships: Some require FAFSA/MSFAA	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
What information do students need to fill out the form?				
	STUDEN	PARENT(S)	STUDEN	PARENT(S)
FSA ID, <a href="http://fsaid.ed.gov">fsaid.ed.gov</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
E-mail Address	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birth date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Security Number, <i>if applicable</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*\*Independent students do not need this information from parent/guardian(s).*