FAFSA Application Help

This document provides resources to complete your 2026-2027 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) through the FAFSA website and includes AFAS requirements to provide appropriate FAFSA documentation during the Hap Arnold grant application process. The FAFSA is an annual application used to determine your federal financial aid eligibility.

FAFSA requirements and submission process:

To complete the 2026-2027 FAFSA application, you can log into the FAFSA website https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. Detailed information on completing the FAFSA application can be found at https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out.

Note: A new FAFSA application process was established for the 2025-2026 academic year. The FAFSA Submission Summary replaced the Student Aid Report (SAR) and the Student Aid Index (SAI) replaced the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

An FSA ID is required for each applicant and their parents to complete the FAFSA. If you need help determining who is considered a parent, you can visit the FAFSA website https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/who-is-my-parent.jpg

For easier and faster processing, when completing the FAFSA form, use the IRS Direct Data Exchange Tool. The Data Exchange Tool allows students and parents retrieval of federal tax information, that is needed to complete the FAFSA, to be transferred directly to complete the form.

Once your FAFSA has been submitted, you will receive an online notification and an email from FAFSA with instructions on how to access an online copy of your FAFSA Submission Summary. You should be able to retrieve your FAFSA Submission Summary by logging into the FAFSA website.

If your FAFSA application is incomplete, your FAFSA Submission Summary will not include a Student Aid Index (SAI). The process to make changes to your FAFSA after it is submitted may be a lengthy timeframe, so be sure to complete the application carefully.

Hap Arnold Grant application requirements and submission:

The FAFSA Submission Summary and Student Aid Index (SAI) are to be provided during the Hap Arnold application process and are used to determine each student's grant eligibility and award amount. All pages of the FAFSA Submission Summary are required. FAFSA confirmation emails and acknowledgement pages will not be accepted.

Note: You can register for an account and begin an application, but please do not submit your application until you have attached all required documents, including the FAFSA Submission Summary. If you submit an application without all required documents, your application will be rejected until all documents are attached and the application is resubmitted.

Your FAFSA Submission Summary must include the Student Aid Index (SAI) to be accepted. Please use Chrome when downloading your FAFSA Submission Summary. We are unable to open documents downloaded from Safari. The complete FAFSA Submission Summary should be attached to your Hap Arnold Grant application during the application process.