About ACF

Mission

Inspiring the spirit of giving and connecting people, organizations, and causes to strengthen Alaska’s communities now and forever.

Vision

ACF envisions an Alaska where communities come together and have resources to thrive.
Scholarship Program Overview

Scholarships at the Alaska Community Foundation are made possible by donors who are passionate and committed to helping Alaska’s students pursue their educational dreams.

**Statewide**
- **Dr. John Halligan Scholarship**
  University of Alaska students in pursuit of a medical career
- **Gary Martin Swim Scholarship**
  Students involved in competitive swimming
- **GCI Scholarship**
  Alaska students pursuing a STEM focused degree
- **Harry H. Hirshik Scholarship**
  Students pursuing automotive technology study
- **JJ Klein Scholarship**
  Students pursuing a Bachelor or Graduate degree
- **Kathryn E. and John P. Doyle Scholarship**
  University of Alaska Fairbanks female science focused students pursuing a Bachelor or Graduate degree
- **Ron and Terri Davis Trades Scholarship**
  Students pursuing vocational studies
- **Sven and Lorraine Eriksson Alaska Scholarship**
  University of Alaska students, engineering or music field of study
- **Tim Akers Memorial Scholarship**
  A student enrolled/enrolling in a technology-related program

**Interior**
- **Donald R. DeWitt Scholarship**
  Fairbanks North Star Borough School District student
- **Lathrop High School Alumni Scholarship**
  Fairbanks Lathrop High students

**Kenai Peninsula**
- **Ron and Terri Davis Trades Scholarship**
  Students pursuing vocational studies
- **Luella James Scholarship**
  Seward High School students

**Southcentral**
- **Megan Rawson Scholarship**
  East Anchorage High School students
- **Tolan Gamble Memorial Scholarship**
  Municipality of Anchorage students
- **Dr. Merritt C. Olson Scholarship**
  West Anchorage High School students
- **Lucile Hope Special Education Scholarship**
  Mat-Su School District High School students pursuing teacher/education degree

**Southeast**
- **Art Jess Scholarship**
  Alaska Native students pursuing higher education
- **KAYHI Alumni Scholarship**
  Ketchikan High students
- **Sitka Scholarship**
  Sitka High students
- **Patricia Roppel Memorial Scholarship**
  Wrangell High students
- **Tom and Mary Lou Friesen Scholarship**
  Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District or Metlakatla High School graduate or currently graduating senior pursuing higher education
2022 Scholarship Awards

- $658,500 Awarded
- 145 Scholarship Recipients
- 72 Schools
Let’s Talk FAFSA!

Overview:

The following are key features of the FAFSA® form on StudentAid.gov:

- Students and parents may begin, complete, and submit a new or renewal FAFSA® form for the 2023–24 FAFSA® processing cycle.
- Eligible students and parents may use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) to electronically transfer federal tax return information into a FAFSA® form.
- Students and parents may be eligible to transfer their FAFSA® information into a state aid application. Participating states include Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont.
- Parents that have multiple students who need to file an application may be eligible to transfer their FAFSA® information into a new application from the original student’s confirmation page.
- Students are able to view additional information about the schools they selected on their FAFSA® form for easy comparison of schools.
- Students and parents can correct or update an application once it is processed.
Let’s Talk FAFSA!

Major changes to the 2023–24 FAFSA® form include the following:

- Removal of Selective Service view
- Removal of drug conviction questions and worksheet
- Removal of associated help text, validation logic, edits, comments, and messaging related to Selective Service and drug conviction questions
- Addition of a demographic survey with questions related to gender, ethnicity, and race
- An incarcerated student. If this is incorrect, contact the financial aid office at your school.
Highlights From the Video to be Covered:

- Creating FSA ID
- Dependency Status
- IRS Information/Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)
- Signing Your FAFSA Application Form
Please Read Before Continuing

You are accessing a U.S. federal government computer system intended to be solely accessed by individual users expressly authorized to access the system by the U.S. Department of Education. Usage may be monitored, recorded, and/or subject to audit. For security purposes and in order to ensure that the system remains available to all expressly authorized users, ED monitors the system to identify unauthorized users. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and recording. Unauthorized use of this information system is prohibited and subject to criminal and civil penalties. Except as expressly authorized by ED, unauthorized attempts to access, obtain, upload, modify, change, and/or delete information on this system are strictly prohibited and are subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1030, and other applicable statutes, which may result in fines and imprisonment. For purposes of this system, unauthorized access includes, but is not limited to:

- any access by an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, who is not the individual user, for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain (regardless of whether the commercial entity or third party is providing a service to an authorized user of the system) and
- any access in furtherance of any criminal or tortious act in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or any state.

If system monitoring reveals evidence indicating potential criminal activity, such evidence may be provided to law enforcement personnel.

Current Application Status:

We did not find a 2023–24 FAFSA form on file for you.

To receive student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA form every school year. Are you attending college between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024? If so, fill out the 2023–24 FAFSA form.
Creating Your FSA ID

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

Get Started

Already have an account? Log In

What You Can Use Your Account For
- Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form
- Signing your Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool

What You'll Need
- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account (FSA ID) is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

Social Security Number

Note: A user can only have one account associated with his or her Social Security number.
Answer these 10 questions:

1. Will you be 24 or older by Jan. 1 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid? For example, if you plan to start school in August 2023 for the 2023–24 school year, will you be 24 by Jan. 1, 2023 (i.e., were you born before Jan. 1, 2000)?

2. Are you married or separated but not divorced?

3. Will you be working toward a master’s or doctorate degree (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)?

4. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?

5. Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?

6. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?

7. Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?

8. At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?

9. Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by a court?

10. Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If you didn’t answer “yes” to any of the questions above, you’re still considered a dependent student! For purposes of applying for federal student aid even if you don’t live with your parents, are not claimed by your parents on their tax returns, or are paying for your own full-time education expenses.

For more information, visit StudentAid.gov/dependency.
Dependency Status - Defined

• Independent Student
  ▪ If you answer **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, then you may be an independent student. You may not be required to provide parental information on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

• Dependent Student
  ▪ If you answer **NO** to **ALL** of these questions, then you may be considered a dependent student and may be required to provide your parents’ financial information when completing the FAFSA form.
Dependency Status – In the FAFSA Form

- Student Marital Status
  - Application was successfully saved.
  - Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, “you” and “your” always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

- What is your marital status as of today?
  - Single

- Does the student have dependents?
  - Dependent Children
    - Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024?
      - Yes
      - No
  - Other Dependents
    - Do you have dependents other than your children or spouse who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024?
      - Yes
      - No
Dependency Status – In the FAFSA Form

Student Homelessness Filter Question

On or after July 1, 2022, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

- Yes
- No

Dependent Student Status

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, you are considered a "dependent" student. This means you must provide parental information. Select the "I will provide information about my parent(s)" option and select "Continue" to continue to "Parent Demographics" section.

If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA® form without parental information. Select the "I am unable to provide information about my parents" option and select "Continue" to get additional information.
Dependency Status – Dependent Student

Since you have been identified as a dependent student, you will need to provide information about your parent(s). You must identify and report information about your parent(s) even if you don’t live with him or her. Use the following criteria to determine whose information you should report in the "Parent Demographics" and "Parent Financials" sections of the FAFSA® form:

- My parents live together (married or unmarried).
- My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with one parent more than the other.
- My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with both parents equally.
- I was legally adopted.
IRS Information/Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) – Independent Student

Student IRS Info

What was your adjusted gross income for 2017?

Student Income from Work

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2017?

Student Additional IRS Info

Enter the amount of your income tax for 2017.
IRS Information/Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) – Independent Student

**Student Additional Financial Info**

Did you have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply:

- Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your household.
- Earnings from work under a Cooperative Education Program offered by a college.
- Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of work-study and work-study assistance.

**Student Untaxed Income**

- Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.
- Minimal, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including such payments and such value of benefits). Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.
- Expenses to tax-deductible persons and/or renter’s charitable donations paid directly or withheld from earnings, including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 form in Box 12a through 13b, codes D, E, G, H, and S. Don’t include amounts reported in Code 11 (employee contributions toward employee health benefits).
- Non-taxable compensation or benefits such as disability, death benefits, or other retirement and disability benefits, etc.
- Other unearned income not required, such as workers’ compensation, disability benefits, etc.

Money received or paid on your behalf (e.g., child support, rent, or assistance) not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a person or person whose financial information is not reported on this form and that is not part of legal child support agreements.
IRS Information/Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) – Independent Student
Signing Your FAFSA Application Form

Demographic Survey

Agreement of Terms
Signing Your FAFSA Application Form – Dependent Student

Signature Options

Student signature for: Perez

Date of Birth: 02/05/2003
Social Security Number: 1467

Other Options to Sign and Submit

We recommend signing electronically with an FSA ID so you don’t have to print and mail a signature page or return later to sign your FAFSA form. If you are unable to sign electronically, select another option:

- Sign electronically with my FSA ID
  This is the fastest option. Selecting this option will return you to the “What is your FSA ID?” question.

- Print a signature page
  This option requires that you print and mail your signature page.

Submit without signatures

This option allows you to submit your FAFSA form now without your signature, but you will need to return later to sign.

Continue

Return to Signature Status
Signing Your FAFSA Application Form – Dependent Student

Signature Status

A parent must sign the FAFSA® form. If you're a parent, select “Provide Parent Signature” to sign your child's FAFSA form.

Note: If you're the student and your parent isn't present, select “Save FAFSA Form” and then “Exit FAFSA.” Your parent should log in to the FAFSA form using the student's identifiers and the save key to sign and submit your FAFSA form.

Student Selected Signature Option

Parent Signature Needed

Last Name
Perez
Date of Birth
02/05/2001
Social Security Number
5141

Provide Parent Signature

Choose another way to sign.

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**Student Aid Report (SAR)**

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**Processing Results**

- Application Receipt Date: 10/13/2022
- Processed Date: 10/13/2022
- Data Release Number (DRN): 0

**Learn about federal tax benefits for education, including the American Opportunity tax credit.**

**Expected Family Contribution: 0**

Based on the information we have on record for you, your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is 0. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study funds, and possible funding from your state and school.

Based on your EFC of 0, you may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant of up to $6,695 for the 2023–24 school year provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program.
Time for the FAFSA Tik Toks!

HOW TO

FIRST STEPS

TIPS FOR FAFSA
QUESTIONS??!!
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