



5 FAFSA Tips

1. FAFSA = Your Financial Aid BFF 🤝

FAFSA is how you apply for financial aid such as grants (free money!), loans, and work-study. Plus, many colleges use it to decide how much aid you receive.

FAFSA is: The form that shows how much cash you can score for college.

FAFSA isn't: A loan you're stuck with. You're just applying for options. No stress!

2. Get Your Docs in a Row 📁

Don't wing it. Get all your info together before you dive into the form:

- Social Security Number (SSN)
- Your parents' tax returns (and yours, if you have any)
- Bank info, records of untaxed income (if you've got it)

3. Lock In Your FSA ID 🗝️

You and a parent will need an FSA ID to log in and sign your FAFSA. You'll need your ID throughout college, so save it somewhere safe.

4. Check Your Emails 📧

Stay alert for emails from FAFSA. They'll send important updates or requests for more info.

Look out for: Your Student Aid Report (SAR) that shows your Student Aid Index (SAI). Double-check it to make sure everything's accurate.

5. Chill, You've Got This ✌️

Filling out the FAFSA can feel like a lot. Just take it one step at a time. And hey, it's okay to ask for help!

Give yourself (and the process) some grace: It might take a while, and that's totally fine.