



# ***SCHOLARSHIPS***

JANUARY

**IMPORTANT: Most Schools Financial Aid Priority deadline is 2/1/2021. Check their website for more information.**

**No Essay Scholarships:  
All scholarships can be  
easily found by a quick**

**Google**

**All Due by Jan. 31st, 2021**

\$2,000 Nitro  
Scholarship

Be Bold  
Scholarship  
\$25,000

\$1,000 a no-  
essay  
scholarship  
Juno's Monthly  
Competition

Discover  
Student Loans  
Scholarship  
\$5,000

## **Local Scholarships**

***Northern Nevada area Jiffy Lube "What Drives You?" Scholarship***

**Essay on What Drives You.**

**DUE 03/15/2021**

## ***Ron and Linda Smith Family Scholarship***

**Attending TMCC, WNC, or GBC, who are pursuing a degree or certificate program,  
or who are enrolled in a vocational program at a qualifying vocational school.**

**Essay on your goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve them, where  
you see yourself five years from now, how your education will be a value to the**

**community**

**Due 4/30/21**

## ***Where to Find Scholarships...***

Scholarships are everywhere, you just need to know where to find them! Here are some great websites to look at for different scholarships:

- [studentscholarships.org](http://studentscholarships.org)
- [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)
- [scholarshippoints.com](http://scholarshippoints.com)
- [careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx](http://careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx)
- [niche.com](http://niche.com)
- [nevadafund.org/scholarships/](http://nevadafund.org/scholarships/)
- [scholarships360.org](http://scholarships360.org)

If you need more scholarship help or have questions email  
Ms.Showers or Mrs. Artinger

# THE FAFSA® PROCESS

We provide more than \$120 billion in grants, loans, and work-study funds each year to help pay for college or career school. To apply for this aid, you must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form. Also, state governments and many colleges and career schools use your FAFSA information to award you their aid.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Some schools won't consider you for merit scholarships (scholarships based on academic achievement or other talents or skills) until you've submitted a FAFSA so complete one even if you think you won't qualify for federal aid.

## RELAX!

The FAFSA is designed to be simple to fill out. Tips throughout the application help you understand the questions. Most people finish filling out the FAFSA in less than half an hour!

# PREPARING FOR THE FAFSA®

The FAFSA process is quicker and easier when you have a username and password called an FSA ID. (If your parent is providing information on your FAFSA, he or she will need his or her own FSA ID as well.) Learn more about the FSA ID and how to create yours at [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid).

## GATHER THIS INFORMATION

The FAFSA asks questions about you and your finances, so have the information below handy.



Social Security number



Alien registration number



Federal tax information or tax returns



Records of untaxed income



Cash, savings, and checking account balances



Investments other than the home in which you live

## DON'T HAVE ALL YOUR INFO READY YET?

That's okay; you can start the FAFSA, save it, and come back later to finish it. (To find out whether you need to report info about your parents, visit [StudentAid.gov/dependency](http://StudentAid.gov/dependency).)

# FILLING OUT THE FAFSA®

Each October, the FAFSA is available for the next school year. It's important to fill it out as soon as possible to meet school and state financial aid deadlines.

## SUBMISSION OPTIONS



**Electronic form**  
(fill out at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov))



**Mail-in application** (download PDF at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or request a printed PDF by calling us at 1-800-433-3243)



**Electronic submission by your college or career school**  
(ask if they can submit the FAFSA for you)

## MEETING FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

Each state and school has its own FAFSA deadline. Check a college's or career school's deadline on its website or by calling its financial aid office. Most state deadlines are at [fafsa.gov/deadlines.htm](https://fafsa.gov/deadlines.htm)

### DID YOU KNOW?

You may be able to retrieve and transfer tax information into the form automatically using the Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRTI)

# PROCESSING THE FAFSA®

After you submit your FAFSA, your information will be sent to the colleges and/or career schools you listed on the form.

## PROCESS TIMELINE

You'll receive an e-mail within a few days, letting you know your FAFSA was processed.

Your college or career school might request additional information from you. Make sure you respond by any deadlines.

## FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

You'll receive an aid offer from each college or career school you applied to and listed on your FAFSA, stating the amount of aid you could receive at the school.

Review and compare your offers, and decide which school to attend based on the school's net cost and how well the school suits your needs.

## RENEWAL APPLICANTS

You'll receive an aid offer from your school stating the amount of aid you could receive at the school.

## RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

Formally accept the school's aid offer - and remember, if you're offered student loans, borrow only as much as you really need.

Your school will handle your aid. Ask the financial aid office when and how your aid will be paid out, what it'll cover, and how much (if any) money will come directly to you once tuition and fees are paid.

Get free assistance and answers at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).