

EAFSA & Scholarships for 2023-2024

Preparing for New Programs

Educational Funding Sources for Seniors

★ Federal Financial Aid - FAFSA

- Traditionally opens October 1st of every year
- For current seniors, FAFSA probably won't open until December 31st
- There are things to do in advance of its release that will make completion easier

★ Idaho Launch

- New educational funding source for Idaho citizens
- Available to use in a variety of ways
- Funding available for in-state schools only

★ Other Scholarship Resources

- College/University websites
- Additional scholarship applications
- College specific scholarships/tools
- Private funding opportunities

FAFSA - Funding For Everyone

★ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Must be completed electronically
- Students and parents have their own FSA ID
 - New this year - students must invite parents to complete the FAFSA for them (in support of them)
 - If you have another college student, or if you've completed the FAFSA at any other time before, your FSA ID is the same
- Can apply for the FSA ID now
 - Several steps, including providing/registering a personal email, setting up two-step verification, etc.
 - Once your SS number has been matched, you will receive an email confirming your FSA ID

What information do you need to create an FSA ID?

Full name

Email address

Date of Birth

Phone number (optional)

Social Security Number
(if you have one)


Permanent address



Each email address and phone number can only be associated with one FSA ID.

FSA ID Guidance for Parents

If parent information is required on the FAFSA, at **least one parent** will need an FSA ID

If parents are married	If parents unmarried living together	If parents are divorced or separated not living together
If parents are married and file taxes together one parent will need an FSA ID	If parents are unmarried and live together, both parents will need FSA IDs	If parents are divorced or separated not living together to the parent who provided more financial support in the last 12 months will need an FSA ID
If parents are married but don't file taxes together, both parents will need FSA IDs	 The FAFSA considers the student's parent to be their legal (biological or adoptive) parent.	If remarried , and parent and stepparent did not file taxes together , both parent and stepparent will need FSA ID

FAFSA - Funding For Everyone

- ★ FAFSA changes this year are meant to expand Pell Grant eligibility. Also want to make the form easier to file, reducing the number of questions from over 100 to about 40.
- ★ Streamlining the use of the IRS Retrieval Tool by matching SS numbers in advance
- ★ FAFSA uses tax figures from two years prior (ex., for students enrolling in the Fall 2024, use your 2022 tax return)
- ★ Helpful reference page - [2024/2025 FAFSA Changes](#)

FAFSA - Planning

- ★ Check the Financial Aid pages of the colleges you're considering. They should have a preferred FAFSA deadline posted.
 - **University of Idaho** - preferred application deadline is December 1st. Students will be considered for merit scholarships based on GPA initially. File the FAFSA as soon as possible to be considered for other forms of financial aid (grants/work study/loans). Eligibility will be determined on a rolling basis.
 - **Boise State** - preferred application/FAFSA/Scholarship application deadline remains February 15
 - **WA State University** - FAFSA priority deadline is March 31st; scholarship application deadline is January 31st
 - See me if you need help finding this information at your school(s) of choice

Idaho Scholarships

- ★ Apply through Scholarship Idaho
 - [Scholarship Idaho](#)
- ★ ID Board of Education scholarships
 - Opportunity Scholarship
 - Must have an unweighted, cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher
 - Must complete the FAFSA by March 1st
 - Renewable for 4 years, based on satisfactory academic standing
 - Only available to use at an eligible Idaho college/university
 - Governor's Cup - Academic and Career/Technical
 - Academic deadline - March 1st
 - Career/Technical - April 15
 - Must have at least 2.8 GPA
 - Armed Forces/Public Safety Officer Scholarship
 - Contact scholarship program manager for screening and eligibility information
 - Joy Miller (joy.miller@osbe.idaho.gov)

Idaho Launch - Who Can Use This?

- ★ Students attending an educational program beyond high school
 - Bachelor's degree level
 - Boise State - [Boise State Launch Eligible Programs](#)
 - University of Idaho - [U of I Launch Information Page](#)
 - Lewis-Clark State University - [LCSC Launch Information Page](#)
 - Associate's Degree/Workforce Training Programs
 - North Idaho College - [NIC Launch Information Page](#)

Launch - What Does It Cover?

★ Total allocated funds per student - \$8,000

- Covers 80% of tuition/fees; student must fund, or find funding, for remaining costs
- If completing a multi-year program, can use up to 50% of the funding per year

★ Can be combined with other funding

- Students attending a 4 year school should apply for Launch as well as the Opportunity scholarship
- Apply as soon as possible for best chance of receiving funding
- Your choice of study should align with the in-demand careers list as much as possible but, if you're not sure about your major, or if you shift gears after receiving funding, don't worry, it's likely your new program will fit within the parameters as well

Launch - One More Requirement

Students applying for Idaho Launch funding must also complete a Career Pathway Plan inside the Next Steps Idaho website. You'll need to do this before graduation. We'll have a separate information session for students in the spring semester to ensure this requirement is met.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

- ★ Check the Financial Aid/Scholarships webpages of the school(s) of your choice
 - While merit based scholarships are awarded based on student application information, additional institutional or departmental scholarships may also be available
 - In-state, BSU, LCSC and NIC have scholarship applications
 - U of I has ScholarshipUniverse - see this space for more information
 - [ScholarshipUniverse](#)
- ★ Charter Website
 - Our website has a scholarship list that we update often. Awards are listed by due date
 - [Charter Website](#)
- ★ Google classroom
 - The counseling department Google classroom will also contain scholarship information

Other Senior Notices

- ★ Cap/gown must be ordered by December 1st
 - Herff/Jones website - [Herff Jones: Class Rings, Yearbooks & More for Graduation](#)

- ★ Senior Project - Presentation Night
 - Set for Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30 pm
 - This is a virtual day for grades 6-11; seniors should spend their time preparing

- ★ College Spirit Week - May 20-24, 2024
 - College Signing Day - May 22nd
 - Students celebrate their college decisions with their friends and family by staging a signing photo. Students who participate in the photo will be entered to win one of our \$500 Signing Day scholarships. We offered 5 last year and will hopefully have that same level of support this year

- ★ Graduation - May 31, 2024 at Lake City Church