

**Eastern University**

# **Office of Financial Aid**

**Basic Steps for Financial Aid**

# Before starting

**In order to determine if you are considered a “dependent” or an “independent” student for financial aid purposes, please review the following questions:**

- 1. Were you born before January 1, 1984?**
- 2. Are you a graduate or professional level student?**
- 3. Are you married?**
- 4. Do you have children that you support?**
- 5. Do you have any dependents (other than spouse/children) that you provide more than half of their support?**
- 6. Are you an orphan or ward of the court?**
- 7. Are you a veteran of the US Armed Services?**

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**If you answered “yes” to any of the questions, you are considered an *Independent* student for financial aid purposes. This means you are not required to provide information for your parents/legal guardians.**

**If you answered “no” to all of the questions, you are considered a *Dependent* student and will need information from your parents/legal guardians to be included on your applications. Your parent/legal guardian will also need to sign some documents.**

# Steps to Completing Financial Aid

## **FIRST:**

**You will need a PIN number to complete your financial aid documents online.**

- “The PIN serves as your identifier to let you access your personal information in various U.S. Department of Education systems. It's like the Personal Identification Number that you get from your bank that enables you to access your account. Because your PIN serves as your electronic signature, you should not give it to anyone.” -[www.pin.ed.gov/whatpin.htm](http://www.pin.ed.gov/whatpin.htm)

**If you are a dependent student, your parent/guardian will also need to apply for a PIN to sign your FAFSA.**

[www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)



## Welcome to the Federal Student Aid PIN Web site



This Web site is your source of information for the Federal Student Aid PIN.

Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your U.S. Department of Education records online. If you receive a PIN, you agree to not disclose or share your PIN with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records. You should never give your PIN to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place.

### Apply For a PIN

The PIN Application is for students and parents to apply for a new Federal Student Aid PIN.

[APPLY NOW](#)



What you will see at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

Apply For A PIN

Check PIN Status

Request A Duplicate PIN

Change My PIN

Update My Personal Information

Disable My PIN

Reestablish My PIN

Activate My PIN

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## 1. 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (School code 003259)
- You will need information from your 2006 tax return and/or W2 form(s)
- If you are a dependent student you will also need the 2006 tax and/or W2 information for your parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)



# Federal Student Aid FAFSA



We have simplified the process of filling out the FAFSA. You can follow each section all of the way through for a comprehensive set of instructions.

1 Before Beginning A FAFSA

2 Filling Out A FAFSA

3 FAFSA Follow Up

## Special Announcements

### Before Beginning a FAFSA

1

Get organized!  
To simplify filling out the FAFSA, gather the required documents and other information.

- [FAFSA on the Web Worksheet](#)
- [Find my school codes](#)
- [Students & Parents apply for a PIN](#)
- [Check FAFSA Deadline Dates](#)

### Filling Out a FAFSA

2

Fill out the FAFSA! It has seven steps that ask about you, your school plans, financial information and more.

- [Fill out a FAFSA](#)
- [Llenar la FAFSA en español](#)
- [Fill out a Renew FAFSA](#)
- [Llenar la FAFSA de Renovación en español](#)
- [Continue working on saved FAFSA](#)
- [Sign Electronically with your PIN](#)

### FAFSA Follow-up

3

Find your FAFSA online! You can go back to your FAFSA to check status, make corrections to a processed FAFSA and get other information.

- [Check Status of a submitted FAFSA or print Signature Page](#)
- [Make Corrections to a processed FAFSA](#)
- [Add or Delete a School Code](#)
- [View and print your Student Aid Report](#)

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## 2. Master Promissory Note (MPN)

[www.aessuccess.org](http://www.aessuccess.org)



## Plan For College



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## Manage Your Loans



### accountAccess

- Make Online Payments
- Update Personal Information
- Check Loan Application Status

### Repayment Information

#### [Make a Payment](#)

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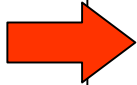
In order to view your account information you must login below.

User ID:

Password:

Submit

Reset



**[Create an Account](#)**

[Edit Your Account Profile](#)

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# State Grant Information

- If you receive a letter from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) requesting additional information, please complete the document and mail back to PHEAA as soon as possible.
- For assistance please call PHEAA at:  
1-800-233-0557

# Eastern University

## Financial Aid Office

Keep copies of all your documents!

God Bless and best of luck!

Study, study, study!

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