



Tips to Pay for College

- ✓ Complete FAFSA.
- ✓ Select an affordable school.
- ✓ Look for scholarships.
- ✓ Apply for grants.
- ✓ Obtain a work-study position or part-time job.
- ✓ Find an employer offering college tuition assistance.
- ✓ Consider federal loans if necessary.



What is FAFSA?



FAFSA is a form that U.S. students complete to apply for federal, state, and college-based financial aid for higher education.



Eligibility includes **financial need**, **U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen status**, a **Social Security number**, **satisfactory academic progress**, and a **high school diploma or equivalent**.

To apply for FAFSA, **submit your application online** at [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).

Avoid common mistakes like leaving fields blank, using wrong information, and forgetting to list your college.



Submit your FAFSA between **October 1 of the prior year** and **June 30 of the award year**. Corrections are due by **September 10 of the award year**.



Tips for Dorm Life



Be Prepared for Noise

Using **earplugs**, a **fan**, or **white noise apps** can help mitigate disruptive sounds for a smoother adjustment.

Privacy Will Become Rare

For solitude, seek quiet places on campus or **take a car ride** for alone time. Using **headphones with music** can also help create a private space in communal areas.



Shared Bathrooms

Use **flip flops** for hygiene, a **robe** for privacy, and a **caddy** for your supplies. Consider showering during **less busy times** or at your **school's fitness center** for more space.



Essentials to Bring

- Mattress topper
- Laundry bag
- Command hooks
- Cleaning supplies
- Kitchenware
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- First aid kit
- Tools and scissors