

FAFSA deadline

The FAFSA deadline is one of those deadlines that sneaks up on you and is here before you know it. This is surely a deadline you won't want to miss and if missed, could easily cost you thousands of dollars in possible financial aid disbursement.

While getting the application or renewal in super early won't significantly increase your financial aid, why wait? The one unfortunate thing that does slow down the application for financial aid is the fact that those applying must wait until all proper income taxes have been filed. Since most people seem to wait until the mid-April deadline, this brings a flood of FAFSA applications submitted shortly there after. Just make sure your calendars are properly marked, as the FAFSA deadline is not something you will want to miss.

The Federal FAFSA deadline is June 30.

However, the deadline for your state or school may be different from the federal deadline and additional forms may need to be filled out. Check with a financial aid administrator at your school about state and school sources of financial aid and deadlines.

When you submit your FAFSA on the web, be sure to print out the confirmation page and store it for your records. This page has a confirmation number with the exact date and time the form was received and is your proof that you did indeed file on time.

State FAFSA Deadlines

To see your specific State's deadline, see the list below. If your State is not listed, then schools within that State each have their own set deadline so check with your financial aid office.

(updated for the 2009-2010 school year)

Alaska - must be received by April 15.

Arizona - must be received by March 1.

Arkansas - For Academic Challenge, must be received by June 1. For Higher Education Opportunity Grant - June 1 (fall term) and November 1 (spring term).

California - For initial awards, must be received by March 2, 2009.

For additional community college awards, must be postmarked by September 2, 2009.

Connecticut - must be received by February 15.

Delaware - must be received by April 15.

District of Columbia - must be received by June 30.

Florida - Applications are processed by May 15.

Idaho - must be received by March 1.

Illinois - For 1st time applicants: September 30, 2009. For renewing applicants: August 15, 2009.

Indiana - must be received by March 10, 2009.

Iowa - must be received by July 1.

Kansas - must be received by April 1.

Kentucky - must be received by March 15.

Louisiana - must be received by July 1.

Maine - must be received by May 1.

Maryland - must be received by March 1.

Massachusetts - must be received by May 1.

Michigan - must be received by March 1.

Minnesota - must be received by 30 days after term starts.

Mississippi - MTAG and MESH Grants: September 15, 2009 and HELP Scholarship is processed by March 31, 2009.

Missouri - must be received by April 1.

Montana - must be received by March 1.

New Hampshire - must be received by May 1.

New Jersey - June 1, 2009 if you received a Tuition Aid Grant in 2008-2009

All other applications - October 1, 2009, for fall and spring terms;

March 1, 2010, for spring term only.

New York - must be received by May 1, 2009.

North Dakota - must be received by March 15.

Ohio - must be received by October 1, 2009.

Oklahoma - must be received by April 15.

Pennsylvania - All 2008-2009 State Grant recipients and all non-2008-2009 State Grant recipients in degree programs:
May 1, 2009, all others: August 1, 2009.

Rhode Island - must be received by March 1.

South Carolina - must be received by June 30, 2008.

Tennessee - For State Grant: March 1, 2009, for State Lottery: September 1, 2009.

West Virginia - must be received by March 1.