

## Online Student Financial Quick Guide

### Applying for Financial Aid – FAFSA Guide

Title IV federal financial aid is available for many online programs across the Purdue University system. To apply for financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa)

**The Purdue University West Lafayette School Code is: 001825**

#### How to Obtain Your FSA ID

Your U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID) account will be used as your electronic signature. It allows you to electronically sign your FAFSA, check its status online, and access your account information. Getting your FSA ID is the first necessary step in the financial aid process.

To obtain your FSA ID, go to the "[Create an Account \(FSA ID\)](#)" section of the Federal Student Aid website. Simply complete the application and submit it. You can choose to instantly view your FSA ID online, receive an email with your FSA ID information, or have your FSA ID information sent by mail within 7 to 10 days. Once you receive it, use it to sign your application and keep it in a secure place. Only you can create your FSA ID using your personal information. Do not share your FSA ID with anyone.

#### Financial Aid for Non-U.S. Citizens

A private education loan may be an option. Visit <https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/loan-details.html#lenders>. Most lenders will require a U.S. co-signer. For a current list of lenders that do not, email [dfa-pol@lists.purdue.edu](mailto:dfa-pol@lists.purdue.edu).

#### Aid from Your Home Country

Contact the cultural section of your country's embassy or ministry of education to inquire about financial aid options and their requirements.

#### Aid from the U.S. Government

The majority of U.S. government financial assistance is not available to international students. The U.S. government does provide aid to students from specific countries—you can get more information from your embassy or the U.S. State Department.

## Complete Your FAFSA

Graduate students are only eligible for loans.

The FAFSA is used to apply for federal student financial aid such as the Pell Grant, student loans, and federal work-study. Completing the FAFSA is essential to determining your financial aid eligibility.

Once you have your FSA ID, go to the Federal Student Aid website to fill out your FAFSA application. Please note: if you plan to attend college between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020, you will need to complete the 2019–2020 FAFSA using income and tax information from 2017.

### Helpful Tips to Successfully Complete Your FAFSA

You will be asked to provide your high school completion status for question #26 on your FAFSA. Please select one of the following: high school diploma, GED, homeschooled, or none of the above. Do not leave this question blank.

You will be asked, "Do you want to sign your application now by using your FSA ID?" Choose "yes" if you have already set up your FSA ID or "no" if you have not requested an FSA ID or are waiting for it to arrive. (If you select "no," you can still complete a FAFSA, go back later when you receive your FSA ID, and sign your FAFSA electronically.)

### Once you have completed the application:

Use your FSA ID to electronically sign your FAFSA.

Click on "Submit My FAFSA Now."

After you submit your FAFSA, you will receive a submission confirmation page. We recommend you print this and save it for your records. Very important: If you do not print/copy the submission page at this time, you will be unable to access it for 24 to 72 hours. If you have chosen to sign without an FSA ID, you will not be able to access this page until you have your FSA ID.

### After You Submit Your FAFSA

Immediately after you submit your FAFSA, you will be presented with the Web Submission Confirmation page. Copy and paste your confirmation page into an email and send it to your Admissions Advisor. If you prefer, you can also print out this page and fax it to your Admissions Advisor. Based on your FAFSA results, the Financial Aid Office will then put together your estimated financial aid award.

### How to Correct Errors in Your FAFSA

You should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) via email in approximately 1 week. If you did not provide an email address, a paper (SAR) will be sent via regular mail to the address provided in the FAFSA. This could take up to 6 weeks. Your SAR will be ready to view on the FAFSA website 3 days after your FAFSA submission. This report will state your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), restate what you put on the FAFSA, and give you the opportunity to correct wrong information. If you make corrections to your application, the Financial Aid Office will then revise your financial aid award and send you a copy for your review. The revised award

letter will tell you what financial aid you are eligible to receive after the changes have been made.

### **Military Aid**

In the military, you have both a primary route to complete your mission or objective and a secondary route as a backup. This holds true with funding for your education.

Nearly 80 percent of those who join the military join for education benefits. Between the GI Bill, tuition assistance and state benefits, you may find that your education funding is covered. However, are you prepared if there are delays in benefits, funding gaps, or unexpected education expenses? A valuable secondary route starts by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is required to be filled out each year and used to determine eligibility for grants, scholarships and student loans. While student loans have to be repaid, grants and scholarships typically do not and can help with extra education expenses.

Veteran's Success Center: <https://www.purdue.edu/veterans/index.html>

### **Academic Status Defined**

Undergraduate	Graduate	
All Terms:	Fall and Spring Semester:	Summer Term:
Full time: 12+ credits	Full time: 8+ credits	Full time: 8+ credits
¾ time: 9-11 credits	Half time: 4-7 credits	Half time: 3-7 credits
½ time: 6-8 credits		
Less than ½ time: 1-5 credits (only eligible for PELL grants if PELL requirements are met)		

### **Helpful Links**

Online Student Financial Aid

<https://online.purdue.edu/admissions/financial-aid>

Purdue University Department of Financial Aid

[https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/?\\_ga=2.44381476.14141089.1582551503-343263651.1569940288](https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/?_ga=2.44381476.14141089.1582551503-343263651.1569940288)

Veteran's Success Center

<https://www.purdue.edu/veterans/index.html>

FAFSA

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Federal Aid YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEnu3BHoR9lYqBnCKqQdgmA>