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High school seniors in the last semester of school must fill out a FAFSA to determine eligibility for financial aid.

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## Federal Student Aid FAFSA4caster



If you want to begin exploring your financial aid options and get an early start on the financial aid process, FAFSA4caster is for you! By using FAFSA4caster, you and your family will receive an early estimate of eligibility for federal student aid. This Web site provides you with an opportunity to increase your knowledge of the financial aid process; become familiar with the various types of federal student aid that are available; and investigate other sources of aid, such as grants and scholarships.

When you're ready to apply for aid, you can easily transition from FAFSA4caster to *FAFSA on the Web*. Much of the information that you enter in the FAFSA4caster will populate your *FAFSA on the Web* application, making the experience of applying for federal student aid a lot easier.

So help make your future forecast a bright one by planning now for college. Use the FAFSA4caster now!

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What is federal student aid? Who qualifies? How do you apply? Get an early start on the financial aid process by learning the basics now. It can be as easy as A-B-C!

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What are your next steps? Learn how to transition from FAFSA4caster to *FAFSA on the Web*, follow the financial aid timeline, and perform searches for scholarships and other types of non-federal financial aid.

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**Scheduled Maintenance:**

FAFSA4caster will be unavailable on every Sunday from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



**Filling Out a FAFSA4caster**

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Form Approved  
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To begin a FAFSA4caster, continue working on a saved FAFSA4caster, or retrieve a submitted FAFSA4caster, we need you to provide the information below. You should provide your Social Security Number (SSN) and first and last name exactly as they appear on your Social Security Card. This information will be used to verify your identity with the Social Security Administration (SSA). It is necessary for us to complete this process in order to generate your Federal Student Aid PIN and Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which you will need when you officially apply for federal student aid. For further information about how your data is used, you can select the Privacy link below.

If you enter your SSN incorrectly on your FAFSA4caster you will not be able to correct it and you will receive a notification that your data did not match with SSA.

**IMPORTANT: Create a password that is easy for you to remember.** Your password is used to secure your data and allow you to retrieve your saved or submitted FAFSA4caster. If you forget your password there is no way to access your data. You will have to begin a new FAFSA4caster. Here are some helpful tips to use when creating your password:

- Make your password 4 to 8 characters long
- Enter the 4 to 8 characters in capital and lower case letters. It's important to remember exactly how you enter the characters. For example, "Student2" is a different password than "student2"
- Enter a password that is easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess. Avoid using personal information such as your first name, last name, or date of birth. Also, avoid using simple passwords such as "1234" or "abcd"

**NOTE:** While using FAFSA4caster, if there is no activity by your keyboard or mouse for 30 minutes your session will expire. If your session expires, all of the information you entered will be saved. You can access your saved FAFSA4caster by returning to this login page and entering the information requested below. Here is where remembering your password is extremely important to retrieve your saved FAFSA4caster.

We estimate that it will take you less than half an hour to complete a FAFSA4caster.

Complete the following questions and select [Next](#).

| FAFSA4caster   |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>The student's Social Security Number:</b><br>Enter the SSN that is printed on the student's Social Security Card. Enter this number without the dashes. For example, 123456789.   | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Reenter the student's Social Security Number:</b><br>Reenter the student's SSN to verify that it is correct.  | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>The student's full last name:</b>   | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>The student's first name:</b>   | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>The student's Date of Birth:</b><br>Please enter this date in "mmddyyyy" format. For example, 08171975 for August 17, 1975.   | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Create a Password (4 to 8 characters; use capital and lower case letters):</b><br>If you forget your password, you cannot retrieve your saved or submitted FAFSA4caster! Note: Customer Service does not have access to your password and will not be able to assist you in retrieving your FAFSA4caster. | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Reenter the Password:</b>   | <input type="text"/> |

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Use the **Next** and **Previous** buttons to move through the form. If you use your browser to navigate, you may lose your data.

Don't forget the password you created because you will need it to retrieve your saved FAFSA4caster.

Additional information about FAFSA4caster:

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#### What is FAFSA4caster?

You may use the FAFSA4caster to receive an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid. For more information about the student aid programs that are available through the federal government and other sources, go to [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

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#### How many steps does it take to complete?

FAFSA4caster consists of:  
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#### How long will it take to complete?

FAFSA4caster should take no more than thirty minutes to complete depending on your answers and whether or not you have the necessary information available. Since you can save your FAFSA4caster for later, you do not have to complete the entire form at one time.

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#### What documents do I need to complete the FAFSA4caster?

You will need the student's financial information from 2006. If the student is dependent, you will also need the student's parents' financial information.

- Social Security Number (can be found on Social Security card)
- W-2 Forms and other records of money earned in 2006
- The student's (and his/her spouse's, if he/she is married) 2006 federal income tax return - IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, foreign tax return, or tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau
- Parents' 2006 federal income tax return (if the student is dependent)
- 2006 untaxed income records - Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or welfare records
- Current bank statements
- Current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock bond, and other investment records
- Permanent resident card (if the student is not a U.S. citizen)

**Keep these records! Do not mail them to us. You may need them again.**

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#### FAFSA4caster Security and Privacy

Advanced technology ensures that the student's personal information is kept safe and private.

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The following questions are not asked in the same order as they are on the paper FAFSA. For your convenience, we have included the paper FAFSA question numbers in parenthesis for each question.

|  |   |
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| <b>Last Name (question 1):</b>                                       | <input type="text" value="RANDOM"/>   |
| <b>First Name (question 2):</b>                                      | <input type="text" value="FELIX"/>  |
| <b>Middle Initial (question 3):</b>                                  | <input type="text" value="m"/>  |
| <b>Permanent Street Address (include Apt. Number) (question 4):</b>  | <p>Only use letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), commas (,), apostrophes ('), dashes (-), number symbols (#), at symbols (@), percent symbols (%), ampersands (&amp;), slashes (/), or blanks (spaces). No other characters are allowed. Use street address abbreviations such as APT (apartment) or AVE (avenue) if the address extends beyond the space provided.</p> <input type="text" value="home"/> |
| <b>City (and Country if not U.S.) (question 5):</b>                  | <input type="text" value="town"/>   |
| <b>State (question 6):</b>   | <input type="text" value="Indiana"/>  |
| <b>Zip Code (question 7):</b>  | <input type="text" value="70797"/>  |
| <b>What is the student's state of legal residence (question 18)?</b> | <input type="text" value="Idaho"/>  |
| <b>Student's Social Security Number (question 8):</b>                | (Data cannot be entered in this field.)<br>483-90-4444  |
| <b>Student's date of birth (question 9):</b>                         | Please enter this date in "mmddyyyy" format. For example, 08171975 for August 17, 1975.<br><input type="text" value="01191992"/>  |

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If you would like us to communicate with you by e-mail, enter your e-mail address here.

If you do not provide an e-mail address, we will communicate by regular mail.

The U.S. Department of Education will not use or distribute your e-mail address for any purpose other than federal student aid. See the [Privacy Act](#) for more information on the way we use all the data provided on the FAFSA4caster.

To ensure that your e-mail provider recognizes and accepts messages from the U.S. Department of Education, enter our originating e-mail address, **FederalStudentAidPIN@cpsemail.ed.gov**, into your e-mail address book.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Student E-mail Address (if any) (question 13):</b>           | <input type="text"/>  |
| <b>Please re-enter to confirm the Student's E-mail Address:</b> | Type your e-mail address using upper or lower case letters exactly as it is recognized by your e-mail provider.<br><input type="text"/> |

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| <b>Is the student a U.S. Citizen (question 14)?</b> | <input type="text" value="Select"/> |
|---|-------------------------------------|

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|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| What is the student's marital status as of today (question 16)?                         | Single, divorced, or widowed ▾ |
| What will the student's grade level in college be when he or she enrolls (question 24)? | Select ▾                       |

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|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| What is the student's marital status as of today (question 16)?                         | Single, divorced, or widowed ▾ |
| What will the student's grade level in college be when he or she enrolls (question 24)? | Select ▾                       |

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For Step 2, please answer the following questions relating to the student's dependency status:

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Was the student born before January 1, 1984 (question 48)?  | No |
| At the beginning of the school year 2007-2008, will the student be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, Ph.D., graduate certificate, or Doctorate of Education, etc.) (question 49)? | No |
| As of today, is the student married? (Answer "Yes" if he/she is separated, but not divorced.) (question 50):  | No |
| Does the student have children who receive more than half of their support from the student (question 51)?  | No |
| Does the student have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with the student and who receive more than half of their support from the student, now and through June 30, 2008 (question 52)?               | No |
| Are (a) both of the student's parents deceased, or (b) is he/she (or was he/she until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court (question 53)?  | No |
| Is the student currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training (question 54)?  | No |
| Is the student a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces (question 55)?  | No |

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|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| What is the student's parents' marital status as of today (question 56)? | Married/Remarried |
| What is the student's parents' state of legal residence (question 68)?   | California        |

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In 2006, did the student, the student's parents, or anyone in the student's parents' household receive benefits from any of the federal benefit programs listed? Check all the programs that apply.

Check each benefit program that the student, the student's parents, or other people in the student's parents' household received benefits from at any time during 2006. Select **parents' household** to identify who is included in the student's parents' household.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (question 71).  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Food Stamps (question 72).   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Free or Reduced Price Lunch (question 73).   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (question 74).                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (question 75). |

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For 2006, have the student's parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return (question 76)?

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**What was the student's parents' adjusted gross income for 2006 (question 79)?**

This information may be on the following forms:

- IRS Form 1040 - line 37;
- 1040A - line 21; or
- 1040EZ - line 4.

If the student's parents have not yet completed their 2006 taxes, select the Income Estimator button and answer the questions on the worksheet that is displayed.

Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.

\$  .00

**INCOME ESTIMATOR**

**How much did the student's father/stepfather earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, combat pay, etc.) in 2006 (question 82)?**

Answer this question whether or not the student's father filed a tax return.

This information may be on the following forms:

- 2006 W-2 Forms - box numbers 1 + 8 , or
- IRS Form 1040-lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065);
- 1040A - line 7; or
- 1040EZ - line 1.

Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.

\$  .00

**How much did the student's mother/stepmother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, combat pay, etc.) in 2006 (question 83)?**

Answer this question whether or not the student's mother filed a tax return.

This information may be on the following forms:

- 2006 W-2 Forms - box numbers 1 + 8 , or
- IRS Form 1040-lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065);
- 1040A - line 7; or
- 1040EZ - line 1.

Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.

\$  .00

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**Enter the amount of the student's parents' income tax for 2006 (question 80):**

This information may be on the following forms:

- IRS Form 1040 - line 57;
- 1040A - line 35; or
- 1040EZ - line 11.

Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.

\$  .00

**Enter the student's parents' exemptions for 2006 (question 81):**

This information may be on the following forms:

- IRS Form 1040 - line 6d;
- 1040A-line 6d; or
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**Parents' number of family members (question 66):**

If you are not sure who is considered a family member, select the Household Size button and answer the questions on the worksheet that is displayed.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

**How many in question 66 (exclude the student's parents) will be in college when the student is in college (question 67)?**

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Worksheet A  
Report Annual Amounts

If a question does not apply to the student's parents, leave it blank or enter zero.

Did the student's parents receive any of the following items in 2006?

Items WA1 - WA4 are collectively called Worksheet A. The calculated total will be entered automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 84.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p><b>WA1. Earned income credit from the IRS Form:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 1040-line 66a</li> <li>■ 1040A-line 40a</li> <li>■ 1040EZ-line 8a</li> </ul> | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WA2. Additional child tax credit from IRS Form 1040-line 68 or 1040A-line 41.</b></p>  | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WA3. Welfare benefits, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Don't include food stamps or subsidized housing.</b></p>                                  | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WA4. Social Security benefits received, for all household members as reported in question 66, that were not taxed (such as SSI).</b></p>                                   | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>Total of Parents' Worksheet A (question 84):</b></p> <p>Total of questions WA1 - WA4 above.</p>  | <p>This is a display field only. It holds a running calculation of the entered values.</p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p> |

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**Worksheet B  
Report Annual Amounts**

If a question does not apply to the student's parents, leave it blank or enter zero.

**Did the student's parents receive any of the following items in 2006?**

Items WB1 - WB11 are collectively called Worksheet B. The calculated total will be entered automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 85.

|  |  |
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| <b>WB1. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB2. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040-total of lines 28+32 or 1040A-line 17.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB3. Child support received for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB4. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040-line 8b or 1040A-line 8b.</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB5. Foreign income exclusion from IRS Form 2555-line 45 or 2555EZ-line 18.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB6. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040-lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A-lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB7. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040-lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A-lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB8. Credit for federal tax on special fuels from IRS Form 4136-line 20 (nonfarmers only).</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB9. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits).</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB10. Veterans non-education benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency &amp; Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB11. Other untaxed income not reported elsewhere on Worksheets A and B such as workers' compensation, untaxed portions of railroad retirement benefits, Black Lung Benefits, or disability, etc.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>Tax filers only:</b> report combat pay not included in your Adjusted Gross Income (FAFSA4caster questions 35 and 79).<br><br>Don't include student aid, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, combat pay if you are not a tax filer, or benefits from flexible spending arrangements, e.g., cafeteria plans. |  |
| <b>Total of Parent's Worksheet B (question 85):</b><br><br>Total of questions WB1 - WB11 above.  | This is a display field only. It holds a running calculation of the entered values.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00 |

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Worksheet C  
Report Annual Amounts

If a question does not apply to the student's parents, leave it blank or enter zero.

Did the student's parents receive any of the following items in 2006?

Items WC1 - WC4 are collectively called Worksheet C. The calculated total will be entered automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 86.

|   |   |
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| <p><b>WC1. Education credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040-line 50 or 1040A-line 31.</b></p>  | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WC2. Child support the student's parents paid because of divorce or separation or as result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in the parents' household, as reported in Question 66.</b></p>   | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WC3. Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.</b></p>   | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WC4. Student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS on line 7 of the 1040 or 1040A or line 1 of the 1040EZ as part of the parents' adjusted gross income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant or scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.</b></p> | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>Total of Parent's Worksheet C (question 86):</b><br/>Total of questions WC1 - WC4 above.</p>  | <p>This is a display field only. It holds a running calculation of the entered values.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p> |

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| <p><b>As of today, what is the student's parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts (question 87)?</b></p>  | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/> .00</p> |
| <p><b>As of today, what is the net worth of the student's parents' current investments (question 88)?</b></p> <p><b>Net worth</b> means the current value of investment(s) minus debt (what is owed). If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative or zero, enter 0.</p> <p>Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.</p> <p><b>Investments include</b> real estate (other than the home the student's parents live in), trust funds (such as UGMA and UTMA accounts), money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans, the refund value of 529 state prepaid tuition plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today.</p> <p><b>Investments do not include</b> the home the student's parents live in; cash, savings and checking accounts; the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Students who report parental information and the student's parents own a qualified educational benefit plan, or education savings accounts - including "529" college savings plans and Coverdell savings accounts - <b>should report the current balance of the plan as a parent asset (088)</b>. The amount to be reported for a state prepaid tuition plan is the "refund value" of the plan.</p> <p>Students who report parental information and who own a qualified educational benefit plan - <b>should not report the value of those plans here or in 044</b>.</p> | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/> .00</p> |
| <p><b>As of today, what is the net worth of the student's parents' current businesses and/or investment farms (question 89)?</b></p> <p>Net worth means current value minus debt (what is owed).</p> <p>If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative, enter 0.</p> <p><b>Do not include</b> a farm that the student's parents live on and operate. <b>Do not include</b> the value of a small business that the student's parents own and control and that has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.</p> <p><b>Business and/or investment farm value includes</b> the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or farm was used as collateral.</p>   | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/> .00</p> |

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For 2006, has the student completed his/her IRS income tax return or another tax return (question 32)?

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What type of income tax return did the student file or will the student file for 2006 (question 33)?

If the student has filed or will file a 1040, was he/she eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ (question 34)?

Select **Yes** if the student (and his/her spouse) filed or will file a 1040 but was eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ.

In general, the student is eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she:

- Makes less than \$100,000 per year,
- Does not itemize deductions,
- Does not receive income from his/her own business or farm,
- Does not receive self-employment income or alimony,
- Is not required to file Schedule D for capital gains.

The student is **not** eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she:

- Makes \$100,000 or more per year
- Itemizes deductions
- Receives income from his/her own business or farm
- Receives self-employment income or alimony
- Is required to file Schedule D for capital gains.

If the student filed a 1040 to claim Hope or Lifetime Learning credits, and he/she would have otherwise been eligible for a 1040A or 1040EZ, you should answer "Yes" to this question.

Select **No** if the student (and his/her spouse) filed or will file a 1040 and was not eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ.

Select **Don't Know** if the student (and his/her spouse) filed or will file a 1040 and do not know whether he/she is eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ.

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**What is the student's (and his/her spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2006 (question 35)?**

This information may be on the following forms:

- IRS Form 1040 - line 37;
- 1040A - line 21; or
- 1040EZ - line 4.

If the student has not yet completed his/her 2006 taxes, select the Income Estimator button and answer the questions on the worksheet that is displayed.

Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.

\$  .00

**INCOME ESTIMATOR**

**How much did the student earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, combat pay, etc.) in 2006 (question 38)?**

Answer this question whether or not the student filed a tax return.

This information may be on the following forms:

- 2006 W-2 Forms - box numbers 1 + 8 , or
- IRS Form 1040-lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065);
- 1040A - line 7; or
- 1040EZ - line 1.

Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.

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**Enter the amount of the student's (and his/her spouse's) income tax for 2006 (question 36):**

This information may be on the following forms:

- IRS Form 1040 - line 57;
- 1040A - line 35; or
- 1040EZ - line 11.

Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.

\$  .00

**Enter the student's (and his/her spouse's) exemptions for 2006 (question 37):**

This information may be on the following forms:

- IRS Form 1040 - line 6d;
- 1040A-line 6d; or
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#### Worksheet A Report Annual Amounts

If a question does not apply to the student (or his/her spouse), leave it blank or enter zero.

#### Did the student (and the student's spouse) receive any of the following items in 2006?

Items WA1 - WA4 are collectively called Worksheet A. The calculated total will be entered automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 40.

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| <b>WA1. Earned income credit from the IRS Form:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 1040-line 66a</li> <li>■ 1040A-line 40a</li> <li>■ 1040EZ-line 8a</li> </ul>                                  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WA2. Additional child tax credit from IRS Form 1040-line 68 or 1040A-line 41.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WA3. Welfare benefits, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Don't include food stamps or subsidized housing.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WA4. Social Security benefits received for all household members as reported in question 90, that were not taxed (such as SSI). Report benefits paid directly to parents on the Parent Worksheet A.</b> | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>Total of Student's Worksheet A (question 40):</b><br><br>Total of questions WA1 - WA4 above.  | This is a display field only. It holds a running calculation of the entered values.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00 |

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Worksheet B  
Report Annual Amounts

If a question does not apply to the student (or his/her spouse), leave it blank or enter zero.

Did the student (and the student's spouse) receive any of the following items in 2006?

Items WB1 - WB12 are collectively called Worksheet B. The calculated total will be entered automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 41.

|  |  |
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| <b>WB1. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB2. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040-total of lines 28+32 or 1040A-line 17.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB3. Child support received for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB4. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040-line 8b or 1040A-line 8b.</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB5. Foreign income exclusion from IRS Form 2555-line 45 or 2555EZ-line 18.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB6. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040-lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A-lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB7. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040-lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A-lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB8. Credit for federal tax on special fuels from IRS Form 4136-line 20 (nonfarmers only).</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB9. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits).</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB10. Veterans non-education benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency &amp; Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.</b>  | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB11. Other untaxed income not reported elsewhere on Worksheets A and B such as workers' compensation, untaxed portions of railroad retirement benefits, Black Lung Benefits, or disability, etc.</b><br><br><b>Tax filers only:</b> report combat pay not included in your Adjusted Gross Income (FAFSA4caster questions 35 and 79).<br><br>Don't include student aid, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, combat pay if you are not a tax filer, or benefits from flexible spending arrangements, e.g., cafeteria plans. | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>WB12. Money received, or paid on the student's behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form.</b>   | Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00                      |
| <b>Total of Student's Worksheet B (question 41):</b><br><br>Total of questions WB1 - WB12 above.   | This is a display field only. It holds a running calculation of the entered values.<br>\$ <input type="text"/> .00 |

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Worksheet C  
Report Annual Amounts

If a question does not apply to the student (or his/her spouse), leave it blank or enter zero.

Did the student (and the student's spouse) receive any of the following items in 2006?

Items WC1 - WC4 are collectively called Worksheet C. The calculated total will be entered automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 42.

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| <p><b>WC1. Education credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040-line 50 or 1040A-line 31.</b></p>   | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WC2. Child support the student paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in the student's household, as reported in question 90.</b></p>   | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WC3. Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.</b></p>  | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>WC4. Student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS on line 7 of the 1040 or 1040A or line 1 of the 1040EZ as part of the student's (or student's spouse's) adjusted gross income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant or scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.</b></p> | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p>                      |
| <p><b>Total of Student's Worksheet C (question 42):</b><br/>Total of questions WC1 - WC4 above.</p>  | <p>This is a display field only. It holds a running calculation of the entered values.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/>.00</p> |

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| <p><b>As of today, what is the student's (and his/her spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts (question 43)? (Do not include student financial aid.)</b></p>  | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/> .00</p> |
| <p><b>As of today, what is the net worth of the student's (and his/her spouse's) current investments (question 44)?</b></p> <p><b>Net worth</b> means the current value of investment(s) minus debt (what is owed). If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative or zero, enter 0.</p> <p>Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.</p> <p><b>Investments include</b> real estate (other than the home the student (and student's spouse) lives in), trust funds (such as UGMA and UTMA accounts), money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans, the refund value of 529 state prepaid tuition plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today.</p> <p><b>Investments do not include</b> the home the student (and the student's spouse) lives in; cash, savings and checking accounts; the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Students who report parental information and the student's parents own a qualified educational benefit plan, or education savings accounts - including "529" college savings plans and Coverdell savings accounts - <b>should report the current balance of the plan as a parent asset (088)</b>. The amount to be reported for a state prepaid tuition plan is the "refund value" of the plan.</p> <p>Students who report parental information and who own a qualified educational benefit plan - <b>should not report the value of those plans</b>.</p> <p>Students who do not report parental information and who own (or if married, the student's spouse owns) any of these qualified educational benefit plans - <b>should report the current balance of the plan as a student/spouse asset (044)</b>. The amount to be reported for a state prepaid tuition plan is the "refund value" of the plan.</p> | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/> .00</p> |
| <p><b>As of today, what is the net worth of the student's (and his/her spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms (question 45)?</b></p> <p>Net worth means current value minus debt (what is owed).</p> <p>If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative, enter 0.</p> <p><b>Do not include</b> a farm that the student (and if married, the student's spouse) lives on and operates. <b>Do not include</b> the value of a small business that the student (and if married, the student's spouse) owns and controls and that has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.</p> <p><b>Business and/or investment farm value includes</b> the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or farm was used as collateral.</p>   | <p>Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.<br/>\$ <input type="text"/> .00</p> |

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|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Student ID | 48390444 FA |
|------------|-------------|

| Step 1 (01 - 031)                                       |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Student's Last Name                                     | RANDOM                          |
| Student's First Name, Student's Middle Initial          | FELIX M                         |
| Student's Permanent Street Address                      | HOME                            |
| Student's Permanent City                                | TOWN                            |
| Student's Permanent State, Student's Permanent Zip Code | N 70797                         |
| Student's Social Security Number                        | 483-90-4444                     |
| Student's Date of Birth                                 | 01/01/902                       |
| Student's E-Mail Address                                |                                 |
| Student's Citizenship Status                            | U.S. CITIZEN (OR U.S. NATIONAL) |
| Student's Jan-Registration Number                       |                                 |
| Student's Marital Status                                | SINGLE, DIVORCED, OR WIDOWED    |
| Student's State of Legal Residence                      | 0                               |
| Student's Grade Level in College When Enrolled          | NEVER ATTENDED COLLEGE/ST VR    |

| Step 2 (032 - 041)                                      |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Student Filed 2006 Income Tax Return?                   | ALREADY COMPLETED |
| Student's Type of 2006 Tax Form Used                    | RS 1040           |
| Student Eligible to File a 1040A or 1040EZ?             | NO                |
| Student's 2006 Adjusted Gross Income                    | \$3444            |
| Student's 2006 U.S. Income Tax Paid                     | \$233             |
| Student's 2006 Exemptions Claimed                       | 1                 |
| Student's 2006 Income Earned from Work                  | \$344             |
| Student's 2006 Income Earned from Work                  |                   |
| Student's Total Amount from Worksheet A                 | \$0               |
| Student's Total Amount from Worksheet B                 | \$0               |
| Student's Total Amount from Worksheet C                 | \$0               |
| Student's Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts | \$0               |
| Student's Net Worth of Current Investments              | \$0               |
| Student's Net Worth of Business/Investment Farms        | \$0               |

| Step 3 (048 - 055)                                       |    |
|--|----|
| Student Born Before January 1, 1947                      | NO |
| Working on Master's or Doctorate in 2007/2008?           | NO |
| Is Student Married?                                      | NO |
| Does Student Have Children He/She Supports?              | NO |
| Does Student Have Dependents Other than Child or Spouse? | NO |
| Parents Deceased? Student Ward of Court?                 | NO |
| Is Student on Active Duty in U.S. Armed Forces?          | NO |
| Is Student a Veteran?                                    | NO |

| Step 4 (056 - 089)                                     |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Parent's Marital Status                                | MARRIED/MARRIED   |
| Parent's Number of Family Members                      | 3                 |
| Parent's Number in College (Parents Excluded)          | 1                 |
| Parent's State of Legal Residence                      | CA                |
| Parents Received Supplemental Security Income?         |                   |
| Parents Received Food Stamps?                          |                   |
| Parents Received Free/Reduced Price Lunch?             |                   |
| Parents Received TAFIP?                                |                   |
| Parents Received YAC?                                  |                   |
| Parents Filed 2006 Income Tax Return?                  | ALREADY COMPLETED |
| Parents' Type of 2006 Tax Form Used                    | RS 1040           |
| Parents Eligible to File a 1040A or 1040EZ?            | NO                |
| Parents' 2006 Adjusted Gross Income                    | \$7100            |
| Parents' 2006 U.S. Income Tax Paid                     | \$363             |
| Parents' 2006 Exemptions Claimed                       | 3                 |
| Father's/Stepfather's 2006 Income Earned from Work     | \$3425            |
| Mother's/Stepmother's 2006 Income Earned from Work     | \$3453            |
| Parent's Total Amount from Worksheet A                 | \$0               |
| Parent's Total Amount from Worksheet B                 | \$0               |
| Parent's Total Amount from Worksheet C                 | \$0               |
| Parent's Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts | \$0               |
| Parent's Net Worth of Current Investments              | \$0               |
| Parent's Net Worth of Business/Investment Farms        | \$0               |

| Step 5 (090 - 095)                             |  |
|--|--|
| Student's Number of Family Members             |  |
| Student's Number in College                    |  |
| Student Received Supplemental Security Income? |  |
| Student Received Food Stamps?                  |  |
| Student Received Free/Reduced Price Lunch?     |  |
| Student Received TAFIP?                        |  |
| Student Received YAC?                          |  |

| Intermediate Worksheet Values               |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Worksheet A</b>                          | <b>Student(10) / Parent(s)(84)</b> |
| Earned Income Credit                        | /                                  |
| Additional Child Tax Credit                 | /                                  |
| Welfare Benefits                            | /                                  |
| Unfaded Social Security Benefits            | /                                  |
| TOTAL                                       | \$0 / \$0                          |
| <b>Worksheet B</b>                          | <b>Student(11) / Parent(s)(95)</b> |
| Payments to Tax-Deferred Pensions & Savings | /                                  |
| Deductible IRA/Roth Payments                | /                                  |
| Child Support Received                      | /                                  |
| Tax-Exempt Interest Income                  | /                                  |
| Foreign Income Exclusion                    | /                                  |
| Unfaded Portions of IRA Distributions       | /                                  |
| Unfaded Portions of Pensions                | /                                  |
| Credit for Federal Tax on Special Fuels     | /                                  |
| Housing, Food, & Living Allowances          | /                                  |
| Veterans' Education Benefits                | /                                  |
| Other Unfaded Income or Benefits            | /                                  |
| Money Received (not reported elsewhere)     | /XXXXX                             |
| TOTAL                                       | \$0 / \$0                          |
| <b>Worksheet C</b>                          | <b>Student(42) / Parent(s)(95)</b> |
| Education Credits                           | /                                  |
| Child Support Paid                          | /                                  |
| Taxable Work Study Earnings                 | /                                  |
| Grant and Scholarship Aid (reported in A0)  | /                                  |
| TOTAL                                       | \$0 / \$0                          |





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FAFSA4caster has been provided to give students and parents an early estimate of their eligibility for federal student aid. This tool is only an early estimate of your eligibility based on the information you entered into FAFSA4caster. It is not the actual application that is processed to award aid and it is not a guarantee of aid. You must remember to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible on or after January 1 of the year you plan to attend a college. While we cannot guarantee that your eligibility will be the same when you actually attend college, it is likely that it will be very similar to what it is now.

To submit your FAFSA4caster to the U.S. Department of Education, select the **Submit My FAFSA4caster Now** button below.

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#### Congratulations, FELIX!

FAFSA4caster has successfully calculated the information you submitted.

Below you will see an estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is not the amount of money that your family must provide. Rather, you should think of the EFC as an index that colleges use to determine how much financial aid you would receive if you were to attend their school. When you officially apply for financial aid, the colleges you list on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will determine your eligibility and then send you award information that identifies the aid they have determined you may receive. This award information will vary from college to college because the cost of attending each is different.

Your estimated EFC is 0. If you attend college full-time, current Federal Pell Grant requirements indicate that you would likely be eligible to receive up to \$4,310 through the Federal Pell Grant Program. A Pell Grant does not have to be repaid - it is free money provided by the Federal government to students that are eligible.

Your financial aid award is also likely to include additional federal student aid like other grants, low-interest student loans, and work-study opportunities. If you attend college full-time, you can expect to qualify for at least \$3,500 in loans or other types of aid, depending on which federal student aid programs your college participates in. You might also be eligible for funds from your state or college. All of this is in addition to any private scholarships you may receive. For additional information about scholarships or other sources of aid visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

#### So what happens now?

Click on the [Next Steps](#) section on the homepage for additional information.

*You may print and keep this page for your records along with the summary page, but please note that the information is an **early estimate** of your eligibility based on the information you entered into FAFSA4caster. It is not the actual application that is processed to award aid and it is not a guarantee of aid. Don't forget that you must complete a FAFSA as soon as possible on or after January 1 of the year you plan to attend college. While we cannot guarantee that your eligibility will be the same when you actually attend college, it is likely that it will be very similar to what it is now.*

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### FAFSA4caster Feedback

#### FAFSA4caster Feedback

Please answer the questions below and select **Submit Survey**. Your answers to these questions will assist us in improving FAFSA4caster.

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| Are you completing this survey as a ...?   | <input type="text" value="Select"/> |
| What was most helpful to you?  | <input type="text" value="Select"/> |
| Did using FAFSA4caster give you a better understanding of the federal student aid programs? (Yes/No) | <input type="text" value="Select"/> |
| Do you think FAFSA4caster will help you plan for college? (Yes/No)                                   | <input type="text" value="Select"/> |
| Would you recommend this site to others planning for college? (Yes/No)                               | <input type="text" value="Select"/> |
| Type any additional comment here:  | <input type="text"/>                |

Thanks for taking the time to complete this survey. When you've finished, select **Submit Survey**. After you select **Submit Survey**, there may be a slight delay while your information is being transmitted.

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