

Common FAFSA Mistakes

- Make sure you write down your password and your PIN number. They are two different numbers and do two different things. Your password allows you to access your FAFSA, your PIN acts as your unique electronic signature. Write them down and mark which one is which.
- Do not forget to state your gender. If you are a female and do not state you are, the government says you can't get financial aid until you sign up for the draft.

STUDENT

Student Demographic Information

Your last name: [] Your first name: [] Your middle initial: []
Your Social Security Number: []
Your date of birth (mmddyyyy): []
Are you male or female?
 Male Female
Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number): []
Your city (and country if not U.S.): [] Your state: [Select]
Your ZIP code: []
Have you lived in your state for at least 5 years?
 Yes No
Your permanent telephone number: () - []
Your e-mail address: []
What is your marital status as of today?
[Select]
Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide?
 Yes No

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Help and Hints
Student's Last Name
Question 1
This is your proper last name, not a nickname, and it must match exactly the name on your Social Security card. Remember to only use letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), apostrophes ('), dashes (-), or blanks (spaces). No other characters are allowed.
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- Be careful when completing the section on what degree/certificate you will be working on. Students who say they are working on a second bachelor's degree or a graduate/professional are not eligible for any Federal Pell grants. Only select these options if you really have a four year college degree.

STUDENT

Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?
Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national) [Select]
Are you registered with Selective Service?
 Yes No
When you begin college in the 2011-2012 school year, what will be your high school completion status?
High school diploma [Select]
When you begin the 2011-2012 school year, what will be your grade level?
1st yr. graduate/professional [Select]
When you begin the 2011-2012 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?
[Graduate/professional degree] [Select]
1st bachelor's degree
2nd bachelor's degree
Associate degree (occupational or technical program)
Associate degree (general education/transfer program)
Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of less than 2 yr.)
Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of at least 2 yr.)
Teaching credential program (nondegree program)
Graduate/professional degree
Other/undecided
Middle School/Jr. High [Select]
Have you ever received federal student aid?
 Yes No
Have you been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, loans and/or work-study)?
 Yes No

Based on the answers you provided, we have determined that your eligibility for federal student aid is not affected by the previous question(s).

Help and Hints
Type of Degree / Certificate
Question 30
Select the degree or certificate that you will be working toward during the 2011-2012 school year. If your degree or certificate does not fit into any of the categories listed or if you are undecided, select Other / undecided from the list.
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