



# FAFSA4CASTER

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**Preparing for college takes planning and organization.  
Paying for college takes financial aid. FAFSA4caster will  
help you get an early start on the financial aid process.**

## What is FAFSA4caster?

FAFSA4caster is a financial aid estimator that you can use before officially applying for financial aid using the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA).

FAFSA4caster will provide you with an estimate of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is an index that colleges use to determine what types of student aid you may receive. Using your EFC, FAFSA4caster will then determine what types of federal grants, loans, and work-study you may qualify for and will provide you an estimated award amount for each.

## Who can use FAFSA4caster?

Any student, regardless of age or year in school, may use FAFSA4caster before officially applying using the FAFSA.

## How do I access FAFSA4caster?

Go to [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).

## What should I do after using FAFSA4caster?

FAFSA4caster will provide information on next steps in the financial aid process. Also, Federal Student Aid will send you a reminder to complete the FAFSA.

Important: After using FAFSA4caster, you should continue to research additional options for financial aid. FAFSA4caster provides you with other sources to check out.

## Where can I go for additional information?

For more detailed information, you should visit [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov) or you may call us at **1-800-4-FED-AID** (TTY for the hearing impaired: **1-800-730-8913**).



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