

BRYN MAWR

COLLEGE

In addition to completing the CSS Profile, all students who want to be considered for federal aid must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

To begin, an FSA ID will need to be established:

A student and designated contributor (parent) must have an FSA ID on the [Federal Student Aid website](#).

- ❖ An FSA ID is an account and password that gives you access to the Federal Student Aid's system and serves as your electronic signature.

Students will create an FSA account and invite a [contributor \(parent\) to their FAFSA](#). Contributors provide household and financial information on the application.

- ❖ To invite a contributor, you will need to provide their name, date of birth, social security number, and email address.
- ❖ Contributors (designated custodial parent) and other contributors, such as your parent(s) or spouse, or stepparent should be sent an invitation to create their FSA ID.
- ❖ If you have an existing FSA ID there is no need to create a new one.

If you are creating an FSA ID for the first time, please allow several business days for your information to be verified before you start the FAFSA.

Once you have your FSA ID, you are ready to begin the FAFSA. *The application will take approximately 1 hour to complete, and you can save the form and return to it later if needed.*

	Visit www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa to begin the application.
	Contributors (parent) will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide information.
	Collect information and documents you may need to have available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tax Returns ❖ Records of child support received ❖ Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts ❖ Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms
	Provide your consent and approval to retrieve and disclose your federal tax information (FTI). With your consent and approval, your tax return information will be obtained automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA. You must provide consent and approval even if you did not file a U.S. Federal Tax Return or did not file.

Important Notes

- ❖ If you do not provide consent and approval, you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans.
- ❖ Every contributor must provide consent and approval for you to be eligible for federal student aid.
- ❖ It will take 1-3 days for your FAFSA to be sent to the college you listed. You can add a maximum of 20 colleges to receive your FAFSA.
- ❖ Once you complete the FAFSA, you will receive a FAFSA submission summary which includes your Student Aid Index (SAI) - the number used by the Department of Education to determine federal aid eligibility.
- ❖ Please keep your FSA ID in a safe place to use for future use as it will be needed to complete the requirements for federal loans, such as signing your Master Promissory Note (MPN), complete Entrance Counseling (EC), and applying for a Federal Parent PLUS Loan.

Please reach out to our office with any questions or if you require further assistance:

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