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This Month's Features

- As the FAFSA filing season approaches, students and parents can better inform themselves about the application process by viewing *Do You Need Money for College?* at www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs.
- *Steps to Federal Student Aid* explains the FAFSA application and submission process in seven steps. Students can view this handout at www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs.
- The new *College Preparation Checklist* is greatly expanded compared to the previous version. This small booklet explains how to prepare academically and financially for college through "to do" lists aimed at elementary and secondary school students and their parents, as well as adult students. Simply worded information about federal aid, what to do at FAFSA filing time, and looking for scholarships also is included. View or download the new *College Preparation Checklist* at <http://FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/collprep>.
- A personal identification number called a Federal Student Aid PIN can be used to electronically sign the FAFSA, drastically decreasing the application's processing time. To save time, students and parents should request PINs before students apply for aid. A Federal Student Aid Pin also may be used to sign other forms and to access student information. PINs must be requested online at www.pin.ed.gov.
- The *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet* is a useful tool in preparing to complete the online FAFSA. The worksheet lists the FAFSA questions and provides boxes for students' (and parents') answers. The order of the questions on the worksheet follows that of *FAFSA on the Web*, which differs from the paper FAFSA. Students and parents can view and download the worksheet PDF at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/worksheet.
- Students should visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the online FAFSA. Please remind students that if a Web site requests credit card information or some other form of payment to complete the FAFSA then that Web site is not the official government (FREE) Web site.

Contact Us

For more information about federal student aid, counselors and mentors may submit questions at www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/contactus.html or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Your students and their parents may e-mail studentaid@ed.gov or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

