## FAFSA FACTS AND FICTION:

## Get the Truth – and the Money You Need for College

Don't let misconceptions about the FAFSA prevent you from getting the money you need for college. Here's the truth behind some questions you might have about filling out this critical financial aid form:

<b>FICTION</b>	<b>FICTION</b>
I need a computer to file the FAFSA.	I need both parents' information to complete the FAFSA.
<b>FACT</b>	<b>FACT</b>
You can file your FAFSA on your phone with the	It depends. There are many situations when you only need
myStudentAid app! It's free at the <u>Apple App Store</u> (iOS)	one parent's information to complete the FAFSA – and
or the <u>Google Play store</u> (Android). You can also request	you might not even need that. The FAFSA considers many
a form be sent to you so you can mail it back in by calling	different family situations, and so will we. <u>Learn more</u> about
1-800-4FED-AID.	parent involvement.
<b>FICTION</b>	<b>FICTION</b>
I need to pay a fee to file the FAFSA.	I don't need to fill out the FAFSA.
<b>FACT</b>	<b>FACT</b>
Filing the FAFSA is free – it's right there in the name!	The FAFSA not only enables you to apply for federal grants
Avoid any website or mobile app that requires a payment	and low-interest loans, it's also the form that states and
– that means it isn't the <u>official FAFSA site</u> or the official	individual colleges use to determine your need-based aid.
myStudentAid app.	Check the <u>FAFSA submission deadline</u> for Tennessee here.
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It takes a really long time to fill out the FAFSA.	I need to be a U.S. citizen to be eligible for financial aid.
<b>FACT</b> The average time to complete a FAFSA is only 22-30 minutes. Here's a <u>worksheet</u> you can use to get an idea of what the form looks like and what information it asks for. There's also lots of help available – even a <u>FAFSA YouTube</u> channel!	<b>FACT</b> Students who fall into certain non-citizen statuses are eligible for federal financial aid. <u>See a list here.</u> Your parents' citizenship does NOT impact your eligibility. For information on financial aid options for DACA recipients, <u>click here.</u>
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The FAFSA asks for information that I won't be able to find.	My family must file their tax returns before I can file the FAFSA.
<b>FACT</b> The FAFSA collects information you can easily access, like your Social Security number, bank statements and driver's license. You don't even have to have your tax forms on hand: there's a tool that can pull them in automatically for you! See a <u>checklist</u> of the information you need to file the FAFSA.	<b>FACT</b> You can use what's called "prior-prior year" taxes to complete the FAFSA. That means that for the 2021 FAFSA, you use 2019 information.

Our Office of Financial Aid will work with you to ensure you have access to the resources you need to pay for college. Our goal is to make sure all qualified applicants can invest in an education here.

If you have any questions about financial aid, need help filling out the FAFSA or encounter special financial circumstances your family is experiencing due to COVID, please call us at 731-989-6662 or email us at finaid@fhu.edu.

