

Apply for Financial Aid in 3 Easy Steps for 2025-2026!

1: Create an account (FSA ID).

At <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> create an account (FSA ID).

If you were born on or after 1/1/2002 and considered a dependent student, your parent(s) must also create an account using a separate email address. This StudentAid.gov account will be used every year to complete and sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for NOVA or any other college.

All individuals who enter information on a student's FAFSA (i.e. contributors), including parents or a spouse, must have a StudentAid.gov account.

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account (FSA ID) is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

2: Complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA.

At <https://studentaid.gov/>

Click: [FAFSA Form](#) > [Complete the FAFSA Form](#).

Include Northern Virginia Community College's [School Code on your FAFSA \(003727\)](#).

Allow 3-5 business days for NOVA to receive it.

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Plan Ahead

You must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* form for each year of school in which you need financial aid. There is a deadline for your school, for your state, and for us.

Start a New 2025-26 FAFSA Form

[Start New Form](#)

Need to start the 2024-25 FAFSA form? [Start a 2024-25 Form](#)

3: Check your myNOVA To Do List.

Once your FAFSA is received by NOVA, log into myNOVA at <https://www.nvcc.edu> and check your "To Do List" in your [Student Center](#) to determine if any additional documentation is required.

Beginning in May for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year, awards are usually offered within two weeks after all documents are received.

View your award in myNOVA >SIS> [Financial Aid](#)> 2025-2026.

Profile: Welcome, NOWA Northern Virginia Community College

EmpID: Username

Update Info, Switch College

Action Items & Messages

- Holds: 0
- To Do Items: 0
- Messages: 12

Tuition & Payments

Account Balance: \$0.00

Account Details | Pay My Bill

Account, Pay Bill, Payment Plans, Refunds

Class Enrollment

2024 Fall - Full-Time

Search & Enroll, Class Schedule, Exams

Navigate

NOVA (Northern VA)

Advising, Enroll, Planning

Financial Aid

24-25 Status: Determined ✓

23-24 Status: Determined ✓

Academic Records & Progress

Cumulative GPA

Major: Health Sciences (AS) + more

Grades, History, Transcripts, Degree Progress, Graduation

Resources

How to navigate SIS

Find links to Bookstore, Canvas, Gmail Drive, and more on myVCCS

Forms | myVCCS | Help & FAQs

*When NOVA receives your FAFSA an email will be sent to the email address provided on your FAFSA. Please review the email and check your myNOVA [Message Center](#) and [To Do List](#) for any updates.

Contact NOVA's [Financial Aid Office](#) if you have any questions.

What Do I Need to Complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA?

The 2025-2026 FAFSA covers Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026. All individuals who enter information on a student's FAFSA (i.e. contributors), including parents or a spouse, must have a StudentAid.gov account.

For 2025-2026, report income information from 2023 and current assets.

Most income items reported on the 2025-2026 FAFSA can be found on a U.S. income tax return and will be imported to the FAFSA via IRS Direct Data Exchange, eliminating the need to self-report most income.

All contributors who report information on the 2025-2026 FAFSA will provide the following information on the FAFSA:

- Their Social Security Number (SSN). If the parent(s) or spouse do not have an SSN, they should follow the steps in the "[StudentAid.gov Account Creation for Individuals Without an SSN](#)" tutorial.
- Their name and date of birth which matches Social Security Administration records.
- A-Number if the student is an eligible non-citizen.
- Contact information, including email address.
- 2023 income. Foreign income must be converted to U.S. dollars. Income reported on a U.S. Federal Tax Return (e.g. IRS Form 1040) will be imported to the FAFSA via IRS Direct Data Exchange.
- Deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified individual retirement accounts excluded from income for federal tax purposes. Exclude payments to tax-deferred pension or retirement plans, paid directly or withheld from earnings, that are not on the federal tax return.
- Tax-exempt interest income.
- Untaxed portion of individual retirement account distributions (excluding rollovers).
- Untaxed portion of pensions (excluding rollovers).
- Foreign earned income exclusion (manually entered from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1, Line 8d).
- Child support received in the last complete calendar year.
- Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts.
- Current net worth of investments and real estate (excluding retirement accounts and the home the student lives in). Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.
- Current net worth of businesses (regardless of the size of the business).
- Current net worth of a farm, including a family farm, but excluding the value of the primary residence.

Students who do not meet at least one of the following criteria are generally considered dependent students for financial aid purposes and must provide parental information on the 2025-2026 FAFSA.

Born before 1/1/2002, married (and not separated), someone with legal dependents other than a spouse, a graduate or professional student, a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, a U.S. Armed Forces veteran, someone who was an orphan or a ward of the court or in foster care after turning age 13, an emancipated minor, someone with a court-appointed legal guardian, or someone who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. More details are provided on the 2025-2026 FAFSA.

Which parent should provide information?

If the parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support, even if the student does not live with them. If both parents provided an exactly equal amount of financial support during the past 12 months, or if they don't support the student financially, answer the questions about the parent with the greater income and assets. If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.