

The 2012-2013 FAFSA is now available!

*Apply Early! Federal Student Aid is available on a needy base,
first come, first serve!*

Student – complete the **ORANGE** portion of the FAFSA

Parents – complete the **PURPLE** portion of the FAFSA

You must complete and submit the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) to apply for federal student aid—that's government money for college or trade school. Financial aid offices use information from the FAFSA to determine whether you are eligible to receive federal grants, loans, or work-study funds. States and schools also use the information from the FAFSA to determine whether you qualify for additional aid.

The FAFSA is now available for completion the following methods:

- (1) Online completion at www.fafsa.gov
- (2) PDF FAFSA copy is available at fafsa.gov

By the end of January you can call 1-800-4-FED-AID and request a FAFSA by mail

For more information, please review **Congresswoman Slaughter's Federal Student Aid Resource Guide!**

It is important to pay attention to the deadlines! There are federal, state and specific college deadlines to meet.

If you plan to go to college in the fall, your financial aid deadline is probably going to be between March and May and your college financial aid deadline could be as early as February.

For New York State: If you plan attend college between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, the federal and state deadline for the online application is midnight on June 20, 2013.

Information to Complete the FAFSA: (for more information, visit www.fafsa.gov)

You will need records of income earned in the year prior to when you will start school. You may also need records of your parents' income information if you are a dependent student.

For the 2012-2013 school year you will need financial information from 2011. You may need to refer to:

- Your Social Security card. It is important that you enter your Social Security Number correctly!
- Your driver's license (if any)
- Your 2011 W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- Your (and if married, your spouse's) 2011 Federal Income Tax Return
 - IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ
 - Foreign Tax Return, or
 - Tax Return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau
- Your Parents' 2011 Federal Income Tax Return (if you are a dependent student)
- Your 2011 untaxed income records
- Your current bank statements

- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

For help with completing your FAFSA:

- Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC): 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243) (TTY 800-730-8913) or visit: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- You high school guidance counselor
- Financial aid administrators at the college your applying to
- Visit www.studentaid.gov to create a PIN #