



HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PALM BEACH COUNTY

Get HELP PAYING FOR COLLEGE! (IT'S FREE TO APPLY)

Step by Step Guide to Completing FAFSA: Federal Student Aid

1. Start by going to www.pin.ed.gov so that you and your parents may obtain a Student Aid Pin. All you need is some personal information (i.e. your name, address, etc.)

NOTE: Each year you may use this Pin to apply for student aid and view your Federal Student Aid records online. (Don't worry if you lose your Pin #, it can easily be obtained by calling FAFSA at 1-800-433-3243, or just re-applying for a duplicate Pin).

2. What You'll Need:

- Your Federal Student Aid Pin (see above)
- Driver's License (if you have one)
- Your Social Security Number (or alien registration #)
- Your Federal Income Tax Return from the previous year (if you have a job)
 - If your tax returns are not completed by this time, it is acceptable to estimate and just update later
- Any current bank statements or investment account statements that are in YOUR name

3. What You'll Need From Your Parent(s) (only the parent(s) that you've lived with over that last 12 months. Also if your parent is remarried, provide your step parent's information)

- Their Federal Aid Pin (see above)
- Their Social Security Number(s) (or alien registration #)
- Their Federal Income Tax Return from the previous year (if they are employed)
 - If your parent(s) tax returns are not completed by this time, it is acceptable to estimate and just update later
- Any untaxed income information
- Any current bank statements or investment account statements that are in their name

NOTE: The universities that you apply to and get accepted into may have their own deadlines, so check www.fafsa.gov and make sure you know DEADLINES.

4. Tips for filling out FAFSA

- Dependency status: Generally, if you are under 24, are not married, are not a graduate student, do not have children, and have not served in the military, you are considered a DEPENDENT student
- Household Size: make sure to include yourself, your parents, your parents' other children, and any other people that you live with and are supported by your parents
- You can also upload your taxes to the FAFSA website through the IRS that way you don't make any mistakes and the process takes less time.

5. Filling out financial info is important. SEE:

<http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/step5.html>