Federal Student Aid

Federal student aid includes Federal Grants and Federal Work Study. Federal aid is financial aid from the federal government to help you pay for educational expenses. Students must complete the (FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to qualify for any federal assistance.

Basic Student Eligibility

General eligibility requirements are that a student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education
- Have a valid Social Security Number (with some exceptions, contact UAHT Financial Aid)
- Be registered with Selective Service, you were born male.
- Be accepted/enrolled as a regular student in an eligible degree/certificate program.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Have a high school diploma or recognized equivalent.
- Complete the FAFSA.

The U.S. Department of Education is the final authority on all federal aid programs. All awards will be based on the most current regulations. Information included in the UAHT Financial Aid website is solely for information purposes is not intended to be used as any authority governing any federal aid program.

Applying for Aid

FAFSA stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is the application that any student must complete to qualify for any type of federal financial aid.

The FAFSA may be completed online at FAFSA.gov for FREE! This may be completed as early as October 1st for the following academic year. *The Federal Student Aid PIN has been replaced with the FSA ID (username and password), as of May 2015.

What is required to complete the FAFSA?

To complete the FAFSA, you will need:
- Your Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number
- W-2s from the appropriate year if you worked in that year and
- Tax information for the appropriate year if you filed taxes for that year OR
- You can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- Your individual FSA ID.
- A personal email address

What is the FSA ID?
The FSA ID is the Federal Student Aid username and password that students and parents of dependent students will need to create to electronically sign the FAFSA.

How do I create an FSA ID?
The FSA ID may be created or edited at [FSA ID](). Students and parents must create their own individual FSA ID since this will be used as an electronic signature, which should only be used by the respective individual.

What do I need to create an FSA ID?
Students and parents will need the following information to create an FSA ID:
- Personal information, such as social security number, name, date of birth, etc.
- Personal email to verify, students should NOT use a school email.
- Create 4 challenge questions and choose a significant date (cannot use date of birth)

When can I use my FSA ID?
Once the FSA ID has been created, it can immediately be used to sign the FAFSA; however, it generally takes at least 24 hours for the Social Security Administration to verify your identity. This means you would not be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool until your identity has been confirmed.

Why do I need an FSA ID?
Students will use their FSA ID to sign the FAFSA and use the IRS Data Retrieval. Students will also use their FSA ID to manage any aspect of their federal aid in the future. Parents of dependent students will use their FSA ID to sign the FAFSA and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

What is the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?
The IRS Data Retrieval Tool is an option within the online FAFSA. This tool allows the student and/or parent to use their FSA ID to link to the IRS and directly import their tax information from the IRS onto the FAFSA for the appropriate year.

Is there any benefit to using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?
Yes! Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool allows you to instantly retrieve your IRS information and correctly fills in the tax information on the FAFSA automatically. If you are selected for verification this can drastically reduce processing time and reduce the amount of required paperwork.