



Tips for Completing the FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The first step is to create your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID):

- You & your parent/guardian (if you are a dependent student)
- WRITE IT DOWN. Along with your password. You will use this every year.

Gather your information:

- Minnesota North federal school code: 002355
- If you filed taxes two years ago, you will use this information on the FAFSA.

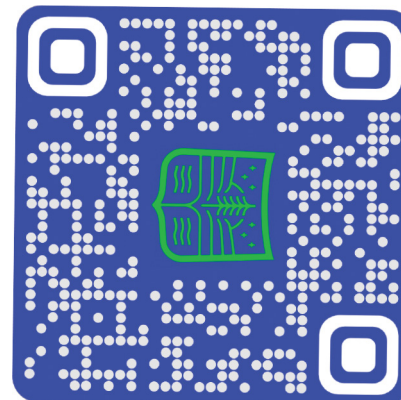
NEW, entering your tax information is easy with the new Direct Data Exchange (DDX) tool! Those who have completed their tax returns will be required to use this tool. Watch for it when you get to the financial section of the application.

Complete the FAFSA

- Go to www.studentaid.gov to get started
- The FAFSA opens on October 1
- MAKE SURE TO SIGN – a FAFSA without student and parent signatures is invalid
- Check e-Services for updates
- Reach out to us for further assistance

www.minnesotanorth.edu/financialaid
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Types of Aid

Grants & Scholarships:

These are gift awards that you do not have to repay!

When you submit your FAFSA you are automatically considered for the following grants: Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Pell Grant, Minnesota State Grant.

Each of our campuses have Foundations that give out thousands of dollars in scholarships. Most applications open in February.

Check with your high school and local community on more scholarships.

Work-Study:

Work on-campus to help pay your expenses.

Eligibility is determined through the FAFSA. You must be enrolled in at least 6 credits to be eligible. Based on financial need.

Loans:

Loans must be paid back after graduation.

Eligibility for federal loans is determined through the FAFSA.

Subsidized loans are interest free while you are a student – so these are the best! Unsubsidized loans begin to accrue interest immediately.

There are also private loans you can look into if needed.

Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

Start with completion of the FAFSA. Create an FSA ID or login with your current FSA ID and password.

Start anytime after January 1. Our priority deadline is August 1. Our school code is: **002355**.

Review your financial aid letter in eServices. You may need to submit additional documentation.

FAFSA grants will be applied to your balance automatically. Please notify us if you have an outside scholarship.

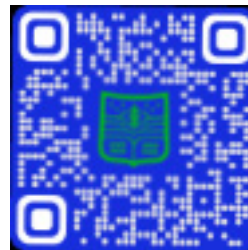
You will need to request any loans through eServices, and complete loan counseling and a Master Promissory Note through the FAFSA website.

Complete the work-study interest form and find a job if needed.

If after all of this you still have a balance due, you will need to pay it off or sign up for a payment plan.

Need some extra help? Our friendly Financial Aid staff can show you the way.

Scan this QR code to visit our webpage and learn more.



A few more things to remember...

- You must remain in good academic standing to keep your financial aid.
- “Full-time” is at least 12 credits. Your financial aid levels will change depending on how many credits you take. You must be taking at least 6 credits to be eligible for loans.
- If you need to withdraw from a class during the semester, it could affect your financial aid, and you may even need to pay some of it back. Always talk with your advisor, counselor, or financial aid staff first.
- If you are experiencing unexpected and extraordinary circumstances, there may be additional assistance for you. Please meet with the financial aid office if so.
- You must renew your FAFSA and reapply for loans every year.
- We know it’s a lot... we are here for you! You can do this!