

Step 1: Create an FSA User ID

*Create an FSA ID at www.studentaid.gov
*Your FSA ID is used as your electronic signature for the FAFSA.
*At least one parent will need to create a User ID <u>if you are a dependent student</u>.

FAFSA Checklist: A guide for information you'll need, to file the FAFSA

Information about yourself and spouse (if applicable):

- Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number
- Your federal income tax returns and W-2s
- Sum of your cash, savings accounts and investments
- Records of any untaxed income you may receive

Information about your parent(s) (<u>and</u> parent's spouse if parent is remarried as of today) if you are a dependent student:

- Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number
- Federal income tax returns and W-2s
- Total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, including real estate (but excluding primary home)
- Net worth of current businesses and/or investment farms
- Records of any untaxed income
 - o Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans
 - o IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
 - o Child support received
 - o Untaxed portions of IRA distributions or pensions
 - o Housing, food, and other living allowances
 - o Veterans noneducation benefits
 - o Workers' compensation or disability
 - Unemployment benefits

Step 2: Complete Financial Aid Application

1. **2025-2026** Financial Aid Application - If you are beginning school <u>after</u> July 1, 2025 or if you will still be attending school after July 1, 2025

a. 2023 Financial Information

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Helpful Hints for questions in FAFSA:

- Go to "Apply for Aid Complete the FAFSA Form"
- Go to Log In
- Go to "I am a Student and want to access the FAFSA form"
- Click on the New Form 2025-26

The 2025–26 FAFSA®	• Form Now Available!
contributors. Complete college, career school, c	the form to apply for financial aid for or g <mark>r</mark> aduate school.
start a 2025-26	Edit a 2025–26 FAESA® Form or
Start a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form	Edit a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form or Accept an Invitation

- 1. This is a Certificate/ Diploma program of less than 2 years.
- 2. If you or your parents (if dependent) have filed for an extension on tax returns, this will delay enrollment until tax returns are complete.
- 3. Your grade level is one of the following
 - a. Never attended college / 1st year undergraduate
 - b. Attended college before / 1st year undergraduate
- 4. Your tax return will automatically link to you FAFSA once you hit the "Approve" button. This is giving consent to join your 2023 tax return to your FAFSA.
- 5. If you are a dependent, you will send an invitation to your parent(s) through your FAFSA application. Once your parent(s) accepts the invitation via email, your FAFSA application will be processed.

You and your Parent (if Dependent) will need to "agree and electronically sign" with your FSA User ID, to submit the Financial Aid Application. This is considered an electronic signature. Academy of Hair Design is unable to complete financial aid without an electronic signature.

Help is available!

Please contact Stacy Clingman in the financial aid office at 725-735-4037,

or at <u>Stacy.Clingman@ahdvegas.com</u> to schedule an appointment.

Bring all documentation in the FAFSA checklist (page1) and a parent (if dependent) to this appointment.

Hours are Tuesday-Friday between 8:00am-4:30pm.

Dependency Status Questions on the FAFSA[®] Form

You are considered a Dependent student unless you can answer "YES" to any of the following questions. You will be asked

to provide supporting documentation.

2025-2026 FAFSA		No
Were you born before Jan. 1, 2002?		
As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)	Yes	No
At the beginning of the 2025-26 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., graduate certificate, etc.)?	Yes	No
Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training? (If you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee, are you on active duty for other than state or training purposes?)	Yes	No
Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?*	Yes	No
Do you now have—or will you have—children who will receive more than half of their financial support from you between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026?	Yes	No
Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2026?	Yes	No
At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in <i>foster care</i> , or were you a dependent or ward of the court?		No
Has it been determined by a court in your state of legal residence that you are an <i>emancipated minor</i> or that someone other than your parent or stepparent has <i>legal guardianship</i> of you? (You also should answer "Yes" if you are now an adult but were in legal guardianship or were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. Answer "No" if the court papers say "custody" rather than "guardianship.")	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2025, were you determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was <i>homeless</i> or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, as determined by (a) your high school or district homeless liaison, (b) the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or (c) the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program?**	Yes	No