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What you think....



"The FAFSA® form takes forever to fill out, and it's really hard to do."



"My parents make too much money, so I won't qualify for aid!"



"Only students who earned great grades get financial aid."



"My parents aren't U.S. citizens, so there's no way I'll get aid."



"My ethnicity or age makes me ineligible for federal student aid."



"I'll do it later! It doesn't matter when I submit my FAFSA."

In reality....



If you've got 30 minutes to spare, you're good. Because that's about how long it takes to fill out the FAFSA form. It's also not nearly as hard as you might think. **Free assistance is available to help you.**



There is NO income cut-off to qualify for federal aid money. There are many factors that are taken into account. When you fill out the FAFSA you're also automatically applying for funds from your state, and possibly your school as well! **Don't make assumptions about what you'll get - fill out the FAFSA and find out!**



While a high grade point average will help students get into good schools and may help with scholarships, most of the federal aid programs do not take student's grades into consideration. **Federal student aid will help a student with an average academic record!**



Your parents' citizenship status is NOT a factor, and the FAFSA form won't even ask you about it. If your parents don't have Social Security numbers, they must enter 000-00-0000 when the FAFSA asks for their numbers. **Your parents' status doesn't determine eligibility!**



There are basic eligibility requirements listed at [StudentAid.gov/eligibility](https://studentaid.gov/eligibility) . However, **ethnicity and age are NOT considered!**



The sooner you submit the more likely you are to get aid. It is important to meet the FAFSA priority deadlines, which can be different for each school. THE PRIORITY DEADLINE IN TEXAS IS JANUARY 15TH. **Filling out the FAFSA is a bit like Black Friday; the first people to show up have the best chance of scoring the deals!**

Want to learn more?

Join us **December 2nd** at 5:30 pm (English) or at 6:30 pm (Spanish)

English meeting link: <https://episd.webex.com/episd/j.php?MTID=m2bcc10148410112b941765763531cb8c>

Spanish meeting link: <https://episd.webex.com/episd/j.php?MTID=m33de9ef997a4d2606a9da9feabe3e8b4>