

FAFSA Info Sheet

In order to complete the **F**REE **A**PPPLICATION for **F**EDERAL **S**TUDENT **A**ID please take a moment and review the following:

The FAFSA application is FREE..... you do not have to pay to get help to submit your FAFSA. Federal Student Aid program provides free help online at www.fafsa.gov or get help by calling the toll free 800-4 FED AID. Providing personal information to any site other than FAFSA.gov is not recommended.



The Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division recommends completing the online application from the FAFSA.gov web site. If you have the correct documents to complete the application the administrative time to complete is approximately 20-35 minutes. Complete the application ONCE and each continuing year students are only required to UPDATE their information.

Students completing the application process with estimated tax information will eventually get selected for verification to obtain the actual tax documents by the school's financial aid office. It is recommended to file the **FAFSA** after you have completed your income tax for the prior year.

What Information Will I Need to Complete the FAFSA?

Students should have the following forms before attempting to fill out the FAFSA. With all the forms gathered, filling out the FAFSA should be a snap! Here is a list of necessary forms:

- Student's Social Security and driver's license numbers.
- Prior year income tax returns
- Married students will also need their spouse's documents.
- Parents' income tax returns (if the student is dependent) Parental information needed unless the student meets one of the following:
 - 24 years of age or older
 - Married
 - Have a child (which they provide more than 50% of their care)
 - Veteran status
 - Ward of the Court, orphan or been in a out of home placement since the age 13
- Records of other untaxed income received such as: social security benefits, welfare benefits, veteran's benefits.
- Current bank statements and records of per capita, trust fund accounts, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other investments.
- Documentation of non-taxable income, such as: welfare, AFDC, Social Security income, and veteran's benefits.
- Business or farm records (if applicable).

FAFSA made easier with the new 2011 IRS Data Retrieval Tool – with a few simple steps students and parents are able to securely transfer tax information from the IRS into the FAFSA.

US Department of Education Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading financial information on your FAFSA to obtain educational benefits you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.