

# UNDERSTANDING THE *FINANCIAL AID* PROCESS

## Frequently asked questions

### Important contact information

#### Financial Aid & Scholarships

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[affordability.ku.edu](http://affordability.ku.edu)

[ku.financialaidtv.com](http://ku.financialaidtv.com)

[@kuaffordability](https://twitter.com/kuaffordability)

[/ku.finaid.scholarships](https://www.facebook.com/ku.finaid.scholarships)

#### Student Account Services

785-864-3322

[stu.account@ku.edu](mailto:stu.account@ku.edu)

[student-account-services.ku.edu](http://student-account-services.ku.edu)

#### FAFSA processor

800-433-3243

[fafsa.gov/help.htm](http://fafsa.gov/help.htm)

#### Do I have to file the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is required for all federal financial aid programs, but even if you don't plan to use federal financial aid, some state and outside scholarship programs require the FAFSA.

#### If my family is in the mid- to high-income range, should I still file the FAFSA?

Yes, if you anticipate needing a federal loan. Filing the FAFSA is the only way to qualify for federal aid, including student loans, work-study, and parent loans.

#### Can my parents help me with the process?

Absolutely. We encourage you to talk to your parents about your finances. Also, for dependent students, parent information is required on the FAFSA.

#### What if I've missed the Dec. 1 KU priority date?

You can still file the FAFSA after Dec. 1. However, if you file after the KU priority date, you may not be considered for limited-funded, need-based aid.

#### How do I give someone else, like a parent, access to my information at KU?

Students can designate a delegate to view information on their accounts in Enroll & Pay. This access can be granted or revoked at any time. For details, see [registrar.ku.edu/delegate](http://registrar.ku.edu/delegate).

### WANT AN EARLY ESTIMATE OF YOUR AID?

Incoming freshmen can get an early estimate of costs and eligibility for KU scholarships and federal financial aid at [affordability.ku.edu/costs/calculator](http://affordability.ku.edu/costs/calculator)



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## SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, WORK-STUDY, STUDENT LOANS

# It's time to apply for financial aid.

## Let's get started.

### Apply to KU.

Complete your application by Nov. 1 as an incoming freshman, or Feb. 1 as a transfer, to be considered for KU scholarships.

### File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- The FAFSA becomes available online Oct. 1. You must file the FAFSA to be considered for federal loans, grants, and work-study and some state and university aid.

To be considered for limited funding based on need, you must file by the priority date of Dec. 1.

- Start by creating your FSA ID number: [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)  
If you are a dependent student, one of your parents should also create a FSA ID.
- Use your FSA ID on the FAFSA site: [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)  
Then fill out the application using your federal income tax return, if you filed one, and your parents' federal income tax return(s) if you are a dependent. Make sure the information on your FAFSA, such as your Social Security number, matches information on your KU application. KU's federal school code is 001948.
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to pull tax return information directly from the IRS and transfer it into your FAFSA. Using the IRS DRT saves time, increases accuracy, and simplifies the FAFSA.



### Search for outside scholarships.

Begin your search for scholarships by starting at [scholarships.ku.edu](https://scholarships.ku.edu) to learn about KU scholarships and outside scholarships.

Kansas students should also research scholarships offered by the state of Kansas at [kansasregents.org](https://kansasregents.org).

Check with your high school counselor and search these other scholarship sites:  
[fastweb.com](https://fastweb.com)  
[bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)

Notify our office if you receive outside scholarships.

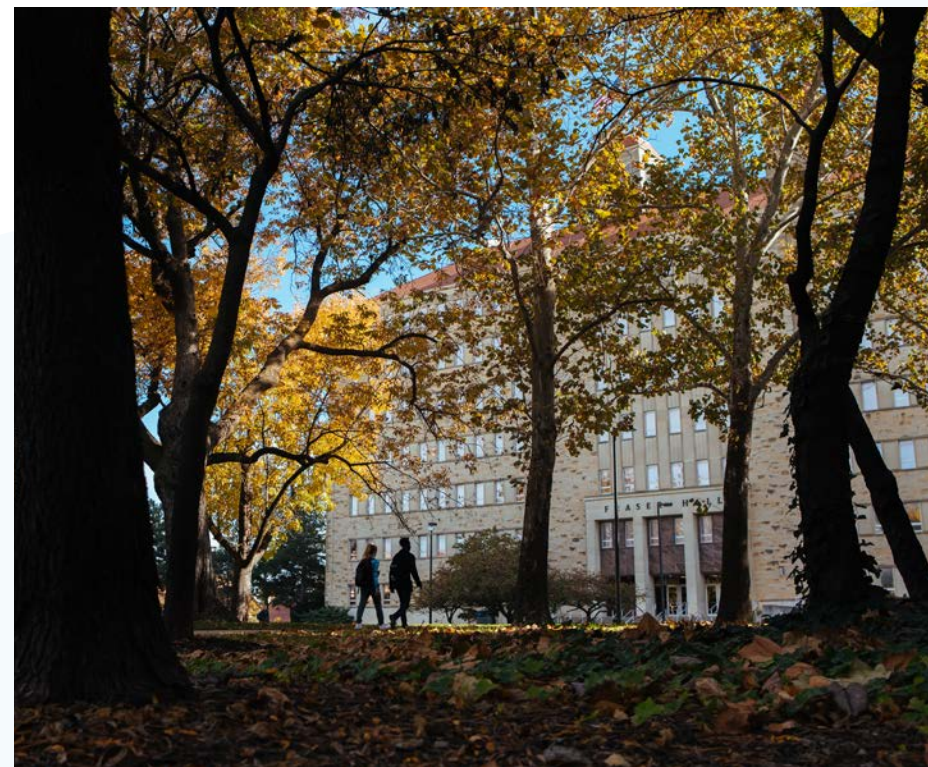
### Review your Student Aid Report.

If you list your email address on your FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report by email five to seven days after filing the FAFSA. If you provide only a mailing address, the report will be mailed to you in two to three weeks. Correct or update the report on the FAFSA website if necessary. Use your FSA ID as your electronic signature.

If we have questions about the information on your FAFSA, we'll send an email to your KU account with instructions about the documents you'll need to provide.

### Accept or decline your financial aid awards.

You can do this in your Student Center page on KU's Enroll & Pay site. (Learn how to access Enroll & Pay on the next page.)



### If you're applying for a loan, complete the applicable steps.

First-time recipients of Federal Direct Loans must complete a master promissory note at [studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov).

If you are a first-time borrower, you also must complete online entrance counseling at [studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov).

Beginning in April, parents may apply for a Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS): [studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov).

First-time PLUS applicants must also complete a Master Promissory Note at [studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov).

### Authorize direct deposit of financial aid to your bank account.

Do this online at the Enroll & Pay Student Center (under Finances, select Set Up Direct Deposit). Your parent can download the direct deposit authorization for PLUS at [affordability.ku.edu/forms](https://affordability.ku.edu/forms).

## Important dates

### Oct. 1

FAFSA and the Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool are available online

### Nov. 1

Freshman admission application deadline for scholarship consideration

### Dec. 1

Your FAFSA priority date

### Feb. 1

Deadline for incoming freshmen to submit improved ACT/SAT scores and/or improved seventh semester GPA for scholarship consideration

Transfer student admission application deadline for scholarship consideration

## SET UP UP YOUR KU ONLINE ID AND KU EMAIL ACCOUNT.

- Get your student ID number from your admission letter. You need it to create the online ID and email account. Misplaced it? Go to [admissions.ku.edu/status](https://admissions.ku.edu/status) to retrieve your student ID number.
- Create the online ID and email account: [technology.ku.edu/personal-accounts](https://technology.ku.edu/personal-accounts). If you have questions, call us at 785-864-8080.
- With your KU online ID, you gain access to your personalized Student Center page at KU's Enroll & Pay: [sa.ku.edu](https://sa.ku.edu). We will post reminders in your To Do List and send messages to your KU email address.