FAFSA Completion Information

FAFSA Instructions

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be submitted to the federal government as soon as possible after January 1 in order to begin the process for establishing need for financial aid. After filling out the FAFSA, the student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Department of Education.

✓ Open your internet browser. Go to www.fafsa.gov
To apply for a pin, click on PIN SITE located on the top toolbar. A pin will allow you (and your parents) to electronically sign your FAFSA application.

✓ From the Home page click on **Start A New FAFSA or Log In.**

✓ Enter the student's name, social security number and date of birth in the "mmddyyyy" format.

✓ Click **Next**.

✓ Select the school year for which you are applying for financial aid. The **2013-2014** school year is for students attending during Fall 2013, Spring 2014 and Summer 2014.

✓ Create a password (4 to 8 characters). If you do not finish the application, the password allows you to come back to the saved application and continue where you left off.

✓ Click **Next**.

✓ On the Introduction Page you may review the information on filling out a FAFSA or click **Next**.

✓ Now **fill in the information** as requested on each screen. A **Help and Hints** box appears on the right side of the screen for each question.

✓ Under **Schools to receive your results**, enter a federal school code~

Frontier Community College	014090
Lincoln Trail College	009786
Olney Central College	001742
Wabash Valley College	001779

✓ Click **Search**. Scroll down and **check** the box of your desired school and click **Add**.

✓ Click **Next**. Under Housing Plans, select either With Parent or Off-Campus.

✓ Continue to fill out the FAFSA to determine dependency status. If you are a dependent student you will need to fill in information about your parents.

✓ On the **Financial Information** page you can click on "I will file but have not yet completed my return", estimate your 2012 taxes and update later. When you select **Already Completed** for your 2012 taxes _AND_ are able to answer No to the tax questions in the box ~ you will have the option to link to the IRS. When you click on **"Link to IRS"** you will be able to download your tax information directly into your FAFSA. NOTE: On the IRS website you MUST enter in your address **EXACTLY** as it appears on your 2012 taxes and enter in your correct filing status. After the transfer is complete **DO NOT** change any information transferred in from the IRS. For additional help on the IRS Data Retrieval process go to the financial aid page on the www.iecc.edu website for a helpful video. Your school's Financial Aid office can also assist you with details instructions.

✓ Continue filing in the rest of the information needed.

✓ On the **Sign and Submit** screen you may choose to print your FAFSA information to have a copy of what you have entered.

✓ Under "How do you (the student/the parent) want to provide your signature" select **Sign electronically with your PIN** (if you have a pin).

✓ Under **Terms of Agreement** select **Agree**.

✓ Click **Submit My FAFSA Now**.

✓ **Print** the confirmation page and retain it for your records, if desired.

What happens after I apply?

The school(s) that you have selected will receive the results of what you submitted on your FAFSA application in the form of an Institutional Student Information Record or ISIR. You will receive a request from the school's Financial Aid Office for additional information regarding the completion of your file. Please submit the requested information as soon as possible to avoid delays in the processing of your file.

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

By completing the FAFSA, you are applying for the following financial aid programs:

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Federal Pell Grant

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant

Federal Work Study

William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans

ILLINOIS PROGRAMS

Monetary Award Program Grant

Please be aware of state deadlines. Eligibility requirements apply (see www.iecc.edu for additional information).

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