

FAFSA Quick Tips

- 1) Remember the FAFSA is free. If you need help, ask your financial aid office or call FAFSA Help Desk at: 1-800-4-FED-AID.
- 2) Fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1, and each successive year once your student is in college. Early submission maximizes chances of receiving aid for Regent Schools and all other post-secondary institutions.
- 3) Fill out a “FAFSA on the web” worksheet: Click “Before Beginning a FAFSA”, then “Print a Pre-Application Worksheet”. Use the print-out as a guide before committing answers online.
- 4) DO NOT enter online answers directly from the paper FAFSA. Online FAFSA questions are in a different order than the paper version.
- 5) Sign the application: If you are filing as a dependent, make sure your parents sign too. You can use your Federal ID if signing electronically.
- 6) Save your FAFSA online if you can’t finish it in one session: Click the “Save” button at the bottom of each step to save for 45 days.
- 7) Don’t leave a field blank. If a question doesn’t apply, enter “0”.
- 8) Make a copy of your FAFSA for your records.

Check out the **Financial Aid Presentation** with Julie Scott, Outreach Coordinator at WSU.

