

FAFSA *Completion*

GUIDE & WORKBOOK

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LELA *Impact*

(THROUGH 2022)



418,000
Students

Lela has assisted over 418,000 students across Louisiana since its inception in 1984.



\$419,750
in Scholarships

Lela has awarded \$419,750 in scholarships to Louisiana students through various outreach campaigns and random drawings.



282,000
FAFSA Guides

Lela has provided 282,000 FAFSA Completion and College Planning Guides to Louisiana students and offered access to an electronic *Planning and Paying for College Guide* to Louisiana parents.

INTRODUCTION TO LELA

Who is Lela?



The Louisiana Education Loan Authority (Lela) is Louisiana's nonprofit resource for free FAFSA completion assistance, college access and affordable financing, and is a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA)— a nonprofit public trust established to bring financing assistance and advantages to the people of Louisiana. Lela's mission is to develop projects and programs which provide resources for college access and statewide outreach initiatives to help ensure students' success on their path to and through college. The Lela team assists families remotely with FAFSA completion through its free virtual completion sessions, FAFSA HELPLine, offers free resources to Louisiana high school counselors and provides low cost supplemental loans for college expenses. (see back cover)

 **Website:** www.Lela.org

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What is the **FAFSA?**

The FAFSA is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**. Completing this free form is the first step toward getting federal financial aid to help pay for college. It can be filed at www.fafsa.gov.



FAFSA HELPLINE
CALL (844) 463-2372
(844) GO FAFSA

NEED HELP

Completing the FAFSA?

WE ARE AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK



STUDENTS & PARENTS

 **Scan here to request a**
FREE virtual FAFSA session!



SCHOOL COUNSELORS

**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO
POST ON YOUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

 **FAFSA Completion Guide and Workbook**
 **Senior Checklist for College Planning**

For more information visit @ lela.org

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE!

STEP 1

FSA ID

CREATE YOUR FSA ID AT [STUDENTAID.GOV/FA-SA-ID/CREATE-ACCOUNT](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account)

FSA ID ITEMS NEEDED

- ➔ Social Security or Alien Registration card
- ➔ Personal Email Address
- ➔ Cell Phone Number
- ➔ Download an Authenticator App

Create your FSA ID account at studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account

Student Username: _____

Student Password: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Backup Code: _____

**CREATE
YOUR STUDENT
FSA ID**

IDENTIFY YOUR PARENT CONTRIBUTOR

Never married, divorced or separated	➔ Report parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months
Unmarried and both legal parents living together	➔ Report both legal parents
Married	➔ Report both of your parents
Remarried (after being widowed or divorced)	➔ Parent and stepparent
Widowed	➔ Report the surviving parent and step-parent (if remarried)

Parent Username: _____

Parent Password: _____

Email Address: _____

(Do not use the same email address as your child/student.)

Cell Phone Number: _____

Backup Code: _____

**CREATE
YOUR PARENT
FSA ID**

STEP 2

FAFSA

SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA AT [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov)

FAFSA ITEMS NEEDED

- ➔ FSA ID for Student & Parents(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) Social Security number(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) legal name(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) date(s) of birth
- ➔ IRS Income Tax Return & W-2s for Year 2022 for student & parent(s)
- ➔ Records of Untaxed Income for student & parent(s)
- ➔ Records of Assets for student & parent(s)
- ➔ List of Schools you're interested in attending

QUESTIONS? CONTACT A LELA SPECIALIST FOR ASSISTANCE!

info@lela.org

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BEGIN AT LELA.ORG.
REGISTER TO WIN NOW!**

STEP 3

SCHOLARSHIPS



**2 WAYS TO WIN
Lela Scholarships!**



**FAFSA COMPLETION
Scholarship
\$1,000**

**LOUISIANA
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

REGISTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AT



Winners must provide proof of completion from federal student aid, if selected.



**CHOOSE LOUISIANA
Scholarship
\$1,000**

LOUISIANA COLLEGE STUDENTS

REGISTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AT



Winners must be enrolled in a Louisiana college or university, if selected.

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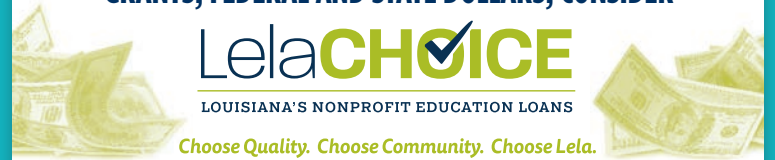
2023 - 2024

- **APPLY** and meet all admission requirements to be accepted to your colleges of choice.
- Student and Parent must each create an FSA ID at studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account.
- On or after December 31, 2023 - Complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.GOV using your 2022 federal income tax information.
- Once your FAFSA is processed, Federal Student Aid will email a FAFSA Submission Summary to the Student. Review it for accuracy, make any corrections necessary, and resubmit.
- Once accepted to your college, create your student account following the instructions given by the college.
- Check your student account daily for notifications from the college financial aid office. You could be asked to provide additional information to complete your file. This is referred to as the Verification Process.
- You will receive your Financial Aid Offer once you have submitted all information requested from the Financial Aid Office.
- Review your Financial Aid Offer and accept, decline or reduce the aid offered.
- If you accept a student loan, you must complete Entrance Counseling to understand your responsibilities as a borrower, and sign a Master Promissory Note agreeing that your loan will be repaid.
- All financial aid accepted will be sent directly to the college for deposit into the student's account.



**NEED ADDITIONAL
FUNDING TO COVER YOUR
COLLEGE EXPENSES?**

**STUDENTS OR PARENTS WHO NEED TO "FILL A
FUNDING GAP" AFTER FACTORING IN ALL SCHOLARSHIPS,
GRANTS, FEDERAL AND STATE DOLLARS, CONSIDER-**



**FOR MORE DETAILS
AND TO APPLY, VISIT
LELACHOICE.ORG**



*Pre-Qualify
Now!*

Committed to Louisiana students since 1984

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