# FAFSA ompletion

GUIDE & WORKBOOK



LOUISIANA'S NONPROFIT RESOURCE FOR FAFSA COMPLETION & COLLEGE ACCESS

# LELA Impact



Lela assisted over 21,336 Louisiana families in 2024.



Lela awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to Louisiana students in 2024.



Lela assisted over 1,439 students with the FAFSA in 2024

For the eleventh consecutive year Lela provided its "how to" FAFSA Completion Guide & Parent Guide to every Louisiana high school.

# INTRODUCTION





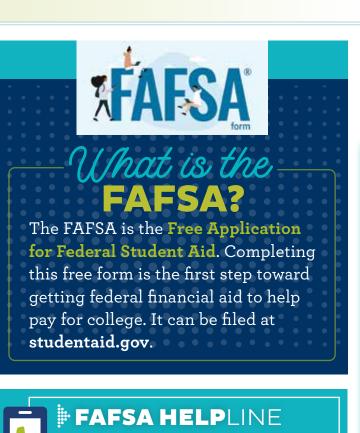
The Louisiana Education Loan Authority (Lela) is Louisiana's nonprofit resource for free FAFSA completion assistance, college access and affordable financing, and is a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA)— a nonprofit public trust established to bring financing assistance and 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)







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(844) GO FAFSA

CALL (844) 463-2372



# FSA ID

### CREATE YOUR FSA ID AT 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

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#### 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:	
Personal Email Address:	L'REATE
(Do not use the same email address as your child/student.)	VOLID DADE
Cell Phone Number:	VUUR PAKENT
Contributor Invitation Code:	FSA ID
Backup Code:	עו אט

FAFSA COMPLETION - ONCE YOUR FSA ID IS CREATED, BEGIN YOUR FAFSA AT STUDENTAID.GOV



### FAFSA

## SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA AT STUDENTAID.GOV | Scheduled to launch on October 1, 2025

#### **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 2024 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!** 



## **SCHOLARSHIPS**



# la Scholarships







- COMPLETE ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS and meet all requirements for your colleges of interest.
- **CREATE FSA IDs** for student and parent at studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account.
- **COMPLETE THE 2026-27 FAFSA** when it becomes available, using your 2024 IRS Tax Return.
- **REVIEW YOUR FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY** for accuracy, which will be sent to the student's email from Federal Student Aid.
- **CREATE YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT** at the college by following instructions from the admissions office.
- **RESPOND TO VERIFICATION REQUESTS** from the college financial aid office in a timely manner so your aid can be processed quickly.
- REVIEW YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER and accept only what you will need to complete the 2026-27 academic year.
- **COMPLETE ENTRANCE COUNSELING** if you accept student loans, to understand your rights and responsibilities as a Borrower.
- SIGN YOUR MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE if you accept student loans. PROMISING TO REPAY any money that you borrow.
- FINANCIAL AID WILL BE sent directly to your college and **DEPOSITED INTO YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT**.





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



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Pre-Qualify Now!

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