

Independent Living Program Activity Card


Category: EDUCATION

Activity: Complete a FAFSA Application

Description: The objective of this assignment is to complete your FAFSA. By completing and submitting your FAFSA, you become eligible for financial aid for college. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or the Orangewood Resource Center to complete your FAFSA. To get credit for this assignment you must also obtain a PIN. This can be done by going to www.pin.ed.gov.

You may earn \$8.00 ILP dollars total for completing this assignment. Include confirmation with this assignment.

Total Dollars Earned:

 (ILP Use Only)
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Notes:

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Date: _____

_____ Youth Signature	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Print Name (Youth)	_____ Group Home (If Applicable)

<p>Receipt</p> (ILP Use Only)

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Steps Towards Filling Out a FAFSA Application

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

If you are asked to pay money you are at the wrong site!!

Gather the Documents you need.

Use the checklist below to organize your information.

Documents Needed

- Your Social Security Number (can be found on your Social Security card).
- Your driver's license (if any)
- Your W-2 Forms and other records of money earned from the previous year.
- Your (and your spouse's, if you are married) Federal Income Tax Return
 - IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ
 - Foreign Tax Return, or
 - Tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the US Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau.
- Your untaxed income records
 - Social Security
 - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
 - Welfare, or
 - Veterans Benefits Record
- Your current bank statements
- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records.
- Your alien registration or permanent residence card (if you are not a US citizen)

Keep these records! You may need them again. Do not mail your records with your signature page!!

Apply for a PIN

Speed up the process by signing your FAFSA electronically with your PIN.

The PIN Application is for students who would like to receive a PIN and who are not currently on file with a US Department of Education PIN. To get a PIN go to www.pin.ed.gov.

If you have already received a PIN from previous years then you will just need to use that PIN number. If you have forgotten your PIN, you can request that it be sent to you from www.pin.ed.gov.

The PIN Application Process:

- Step One: Enter personal information
- Step Two: Submit your PIN application information
- Step Three: Receive confirmation that your application has been received

Visit www.pin.ed.gov and click on “Apply Now”. To continue with the PIN application process, select “Next” at the bottom of the screen.

Note important Deadlines

To meet the Federal Student Financial Aid Deadline:

- Apply as early as possible beginning October 1st of the year before you plan on attending.
- Schools and states have their own deadlines. Contact them for exact deadline dates. (California deadline is March 2 of each year)

Application Deadlines

The FAFSA is the Federal Application for Financial Aid, and it may be used to apply for federal aid from other sources, such as your state or school. The deadlines for your state or school may be different from the federal deadlines and you may be required to complete additional forms.

It is important to note the type of deadline you are up against. Ask your school about their definition of an application deadline, whether it is the received by date and time or the postmark date and time of the application.

Other possible resources for helping with the application process:

- EOPS office at your school
- Guardian scholar program
- Financial Aid office at your school
- High School guidance counselor