

Helpful Hints

- You must reapply for federal student aid every year.
- You must reapply for a Crosby Scholar Last Dollar Grant every year.
- Complete the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible. For the best chance for all federal, state, and institutional funds, apply by mid-March or earlier.
- If you change schools, your aid does not go with you.
- Gift aid (scholarships and grants) is divided between terms.
- Don't ever send your only copy of a document anywhere.
- Always put scholar's name and student ID number on information submitted to schools.
- Take a copy of your birth certificate, voter registration card or US passport to school with you for employment eligibility. Learn your student ID; do not use your social security number as a substitute.
- Call 1-800-433-3243 — if no electronic SAR appears within 2 weeks or to correct data entry errors made by the federal processing center. To add schools, update the scholar's address, or make corrections electronically go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- If needed, send a signed written statement directly to the college's financial aid office to allow the aid officer to make the corrections for you or correct directly on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- If schools make corrections for you, don't change the data without talking to the school's aid officer first.
- When you apply, you have certain records on hand. Save all records and all other materials used in completing the application because you may need them later to prove that the data you listed on the FAFSA is accurate. This process is called *verification*.