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## Student Eligibility Requirements for Receiving Federal Financial Aid

Our basic eligibility requirements are that you;

- demonstrate financial need (for most programs);
- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- have a valid Social Security number (with the exception of students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau);
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for Direct Loan Program funds;
- maintain satisfactory academic progress;
- sign the certification statement on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form stating that
  - you are not in default on a federal student loan,
  - you do not owe money on a federal student grant, and
  - you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes; and
- show you're qualified to obtain a college or career school education by
  - having a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate;
  - completing a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law (or—if state law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a completion credential—completing a high school education in a homeschool setting that qualifies as an exemption from compulsory attendance requirements under state law).

**IMPORTANT:** On the 2025-26 FAFSA form, a contributor on your FAFSA form must provide consent and approval to have their federal tax information transfer onto your FAFSA form. Failure to have your contributor consent will not allow you to be eligible for federal student aid- even if they manually enter tax information onto your FAFSA. Note: A contributor is anyone (you, your spouse, biological parent, adoptive parent, or your parent's spouse) who is required to be on your FAFSA form.

For more information, please visit; <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility> and/or <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements>.