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## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is FAFSA?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid – you should never be charged to complete the application. The applications open October 1<sup>st</sup> for the next academic year.

### What types of aids are available?

Federal Aid

1. Free Money
  - a. Pell Grants are determined by financial need with a maximum need of
  - b. Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant
2. Borrowed Money
  - a. Subsidized Loans
    - i. Based on financial need
    - ii. No interest incurs while in school \$5,500, dependent on the student
  - b. Unsubsidized Loans
    - i. Financial need not required
    - ii. Interest begins immediately
    - iii. Current interest rate of 6%
  - c. Parent PLUS
    - i. Financial need not required
    - ii. Parent is required to co-sign the loan
3. Earned Money
  - a. Work Study
    - i. Mid-State pays \$10/hour
    - ii. Opportunities at Mid-State or at community businesses

### Where do I complete the FAFSA?

The Federal Application can be accessed at <https://studentaid.gov/>

### Who can I contact if I have questions about the FAFSA?

You can reach out to Mid-State's Financial Aid Department [here](#).

### What is Mid-State's School Code:

FAFSA applications can be linked to Mid-State Technical College, by using our school code – 005380

### I don't live at home with my parents. Does this mean I am an independent student?

Not necessarily. You are independent only if you can answer yes to one or more of questions in the Dependency Status section of the FAFSA.

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### **I got an outside scholarship. Should I report it to the financial aid office?**

Yes. If you are receiving any kind of financial assistance or scholarships from private or government sources, you must report the scholarship to the financial aid office. The financial aid office must add the scholarship to your award package and make adjustments to your financial aid package as necessary.

### **Do I need to be admitted before completing my FAFSA Application?**

No. You can apply for the FAFSA beginning October 1st each year for the following academic year. However, you must be admitted to Mid-State before the financial aid office can receive and process your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the Department of Education. To actually receive funds, you must be enrolled and attending classes at Mid-State.

### **Can I have more than one scholarship each year?**

The Short Answer is yes. We have had some students receive up to \$5,000 in scholarships annually.

### **How do I apply for scholarships?**

1. It is easy to apply.
  - a. [www.mstc.edu/scholarships](http://www.mstc.edu/scholarships).
  - b. All you have to do is be accepted to Mid-State Technical College
  - c. You will receive a Student ID and you can log in to the portal to apply. Our system matches Program you listed on your application along with credits you plan on taking in Fall and automatically matches you with scholarships that are available to you.
  - d. The application consists of 5 straight forward essay questions.
    - i. What do you expect to gain from earning a college degree at Mid-State?
    - ii. What are your goals after you graduate from college?
    - iii. How will you impact your desired field or industry?
    - iv. Write a short autobiography including information about your family, work experience, community involvement, hobbies, spare time activities and what you hope to be involved in in the future?
    - v. Describe why you want to / need to receive a scholarship?

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### **Do I need to be admitted to the college before I apply for scholarships?**

Yes, you need to be admitted to Mid-State in order to apply as the portal matches your program choice with scholarships available.

### **Can I see a list of programs that are Sponsor A Scholar eligible?**

- Stainless Steel Welding
- Digital Marketing Promotions
- Sales Specialist
- Customer Relationship Professional
- Machine Tool
- Accounting
- Accounting Assistant
- HVAC
- Construction Trades
- Business Analyst
- Business Management
- Industrial Automation & Controls Engineering
- Industrial Mechanical Technician