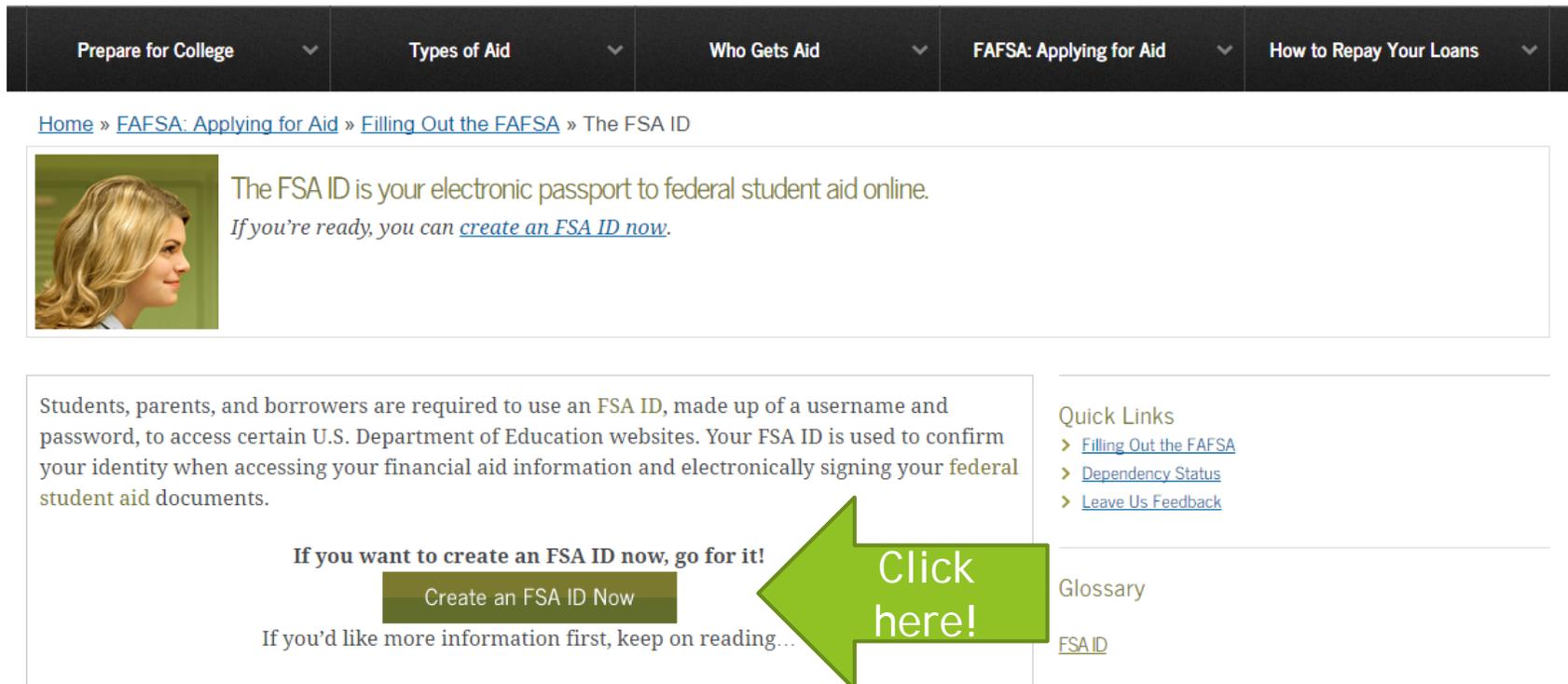


# FAFSA & Financial Aid

# What do I do first?

- ▶ The very first thing you do is create a FSA ID. Here is how you do that...
- ▶ Go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov>
- ▶ Create a FSA ID for yourself:



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the FSA ID website with the following menu items: Prepare for College, Types of Aid, Who Gets Aid, FAFSA: Applying for Aid, and How to Repay Your Loans. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home » FAFSA: Applying for Aid » Filling Out the FAFSA » The FSA ID. The main content area features a profile picture of a young woman and the text: "The FSA ID is your electronic passport to federal student aid online. If you're ready, you can [create an FSA ID now](#)." Below this is a paragraph explaining that students, parents, and borrowers are required to use an FSA ID to access certain U.S. Department of Education websites. To the right, there is a "Quick Links" section with links for "Filling Out the FAFSA", "Dependency Status", and "Leave Us Feedback". At the bottom, there is a "Glossary" section with a link for "FSAID". A large green arrow points from the "Click here!" text to the "Create an FSA ID Now" button.

Prepare for College ▾ Types of Aid ▾ Who Gets Aid ▾ FAFSA: Applying for Aid ▾ How to Repay Your Loans ▾

Home » [FAFSA: Applying for Aid](#) » [Filling Out the FAFSA](#) » The FSA ID



The FSA ID is your electronic passport to federal student aid online.  
If you're ready, you can [create an FSA ID now](#).

Students, parents, and borrowers are required to use an FSA ID, made up of a username and password, to access certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your federal student aid documents.

**If you want to create an FSA ID now, go for it!**  
[Create an FSA ID Now](#)  
If you'd like more information first, keep on reading...

**Click here!**

Quick Links

- > [Filling Out the FAFSA](#)
- > [Dependency Status](#)
- > [Leave Us Feedback](#)

Glossary

[FSAID](#)

# Follow the directions for creating a FSA ID

## Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

*Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.*

\* Required

Log in to StudentAid.gov   **Create An FSA ID**   Edit My FSA ID

E-mail  ?

Confirm E-mail  ?

Username \*  ?

Password \*  ?

Numbers    Uppercase Letters    Lowercase Letters    Special Characters    8-30 Characters    Show Text

Confirm Password \*  ?

Are you 13 years of age or older? \*  I am 13 years of age or older. ?  
 I am 12 years of age or younger. ?

**CONTINUE >**

- [Log in to StudentAid.gov](#)
- [Edit My FSA ID](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## Personal Identification Information

To apply for an FSA ID, complete the information below and select CONTINUE.

I understand that I will be required to certify that the information that I provide to obtain an FSA ID is true and correct and that I am the individual who I claim to be. If I am not that person who I claim to be, I understand that I am not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I may be fined, sent to prison for not more than five years, or both.



Social Security Number \*

 ?  
 Show Text

\* Required

Date of Birth \*

 ?

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name \*

 ?

CANCEL

PREVIOUS

CONTINUE

The top part of this section of the FSA ID will reiterate your social security number, name, birthday, username, password and e-mail and the bottom half of the screen looks like this....

Mailing Address  ?

City, State, Zip Code  -- ▾  ?

Phone  ?

Alternate Phone  ?

Language Preference  English  Español ?

CANCEL

CONTINUE >

# You must choose challenge questions and a special "date" in case you forget your username or password!

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them and to unlock your account. Provide the challenge questions and answers below and select CONTINUE.



\* Required

Challenge Question 1 \*

Answer 1 \*

  
 Show Text

Challenge Question 2 \*

Answer 2 \*

  
 Show Text

Challenge Question 3 \*

Answer 3 \*

  
 Show Text

Challenge Question 4 \*

Answer 4 \*

  
 Show Text

Challenge Question 5 (Used to access your information over the phone) \*

Type a significant date in your life (MM/DD/YYYY)

Answer 5 \*

  
 Show Text

CANCEL

< PREVIOUS

CONTINUE >

At the top of this screen you will verify all the information you recorded on the FSA ID. At the end of the page, you will check the box and continue.

### Review Your Information and Terms & Conditions

Verify the information you provided for your FSA ID below. If there is an error, select PREVIOUS and make the appropriate updates. If there are no errors, then read and agree to the Terms & Conditions and select CONTINUE.



Answer 5:

\*\*\*\*\*

Read before you proceed.

By submitting this application, you agree not to share your FSA ID with anyone. The security of your FSA ID is important because it can be used to

- electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents
- access your personal records, and
- make binding legal obligations.

If your FSA ID is lost or stolen, you also agree to

Click here

I certify that the above information is correct & accept the terms & conditions

CANCEL

< PREVIOUS

CONTINUE >

Then

# This page is EXTREMELY important!

## Verify Your E-mail

An e-mail containing a secure code was sent to your e-mail address on file. Important: If you're accessing your e-mail via the Web, **make sure to open a separate browser tab or window**. If you did not receive an e-mail, you can [request a new secure code](#).

## Enter the Secure Code

Enter the secure code below and select CONTINUE to verify your e-mail address. After you verify your e-mail address, you can use it as your username when logging in.

Note: It may take a few minutes for the e-mail to arrive. Check your junk folder if you cannot find the message in your inbox. Some e-mail providers require that you add an e-mail address to your address book before you can receive any e-mail from that address. To ensure that our messages can be delivered to your inbox, enter our originating e-mail address, FSA-ID@ed.gov into your address book.



Enter Code Here!

Secure Code \*



\* Required

CANCEL

CONTINUE WITHOUT VERIFYING

CONTINUE >

A “secure code” is e-mailed to the e-mail address you provided.  
Enter the secure code and continue!



The image shows a screenshot of a web form for secure code verification. A large green arrow points from the left towards the input field, with the text "Enter Code Here!" written inside it. The form includes a "CANCEL" button on the left, a "Secure Code" label, an empty input field with a "0" character to its right, and a "Required" asterisk. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "CONTINUE WITHOUT VERIFYING" and "CONTINUE".

Enter Code Here!

Secure Code \*

0

\* Required

CANCEL

CONTINUE WITHOUT VERIFYING

CONTINUE

Now redo this process for  
**ONE** of your  
parents/guardians!

You are now ready to do your  
**FAFSA!**

# www.fafsa.ed.gov

 An official website of the United States government.

[Help Center](#)

[English](#) | [Español](#)

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[UNDERSTAND AID](#) ▾

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[MANAGE LOANS](#) ▾



## Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

### New to the FAFSA® Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

[Start Here](#)

### Returning User?

[Correct info](#) | [Add a school](#)

[View your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)

[Log In](#)



## Login

### Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the Save Key that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

Form Approved  
OMB No. 1845-0001  
App. Exp. 12/31/2021

I am the student

OR

I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

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**Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.**

Don't have an FSA ID? [Create one](#) or login using the [student's identifiers](#).

Student's FSA ID Username, E-mail Address, or Mobile Number ?

[Forgot Username](#)

The student's FSA ID Password ?

[Forgot Password](#)

NEXT 

# Click on the correct year and begin your FAFSA!

## Get Started

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome, [REDACTED]

**Fill out your FAFSA form!**

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started.

START 2020-2021 FAFSA

FSA ID

Last Time, Date FSA ID Used: 07:50, 08/12/2020

**FSA ID Status:**

[User Account Management](#)

You can use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA.

# Once your FAFSA is submitted, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR)!

## How do I view my Student Aid Report (SAR)?

If you have an [FSA ID](#):

1. Go to [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).
2. Click the **Log In** button and enter your FSA ID on the left. Only you, the student, should know or use your FSA ID.
3. Select **View or Print your Student Aid Report (SAR)** from the "My FAFSA" page.

If you provided an e-mail address on your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA), you will receive an e-mail with a link to an online copy of your SAR.

If you did not provide a valid e-mail address on your FAFSA, the Social Security Number you included in your FAFSA did not match the one on file for you with the Social Security Administration, or you did not sign your FAFSA, you will receive either a SAR or a SAR Acknowledgement via postal mail. Typically, you will be able to access your SAR within [two weeks](#) of filing your FAFSA.

If you want to view your SAR, this is the top part of the page! The rest you need to make sure the figures are correct! This page will also give you your EFC (Expected Family Contribution)!

## Federal Student Aid FAFSA<sup>SM</sup>



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OMB No. 1845-0001  
App. Exp. 12/31/2018

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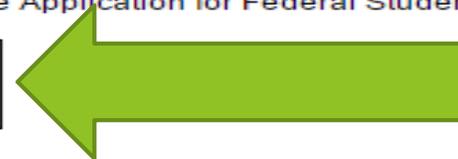
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[VIEW STUDENT AID REPORT \(PDF\)](#)

### 2017-2018 Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

|                           |            |                   |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Application Receipt Date: | 10/01/2016 | XXX-XX-8821 HA 01 |
| Processed Date:           | 10/03/2016 | EFC: 013535       |
|                           |            | DRN: 9084         |



### Comments About Your Information

Learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit* (AOTC).

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 013535. You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant but you may be eligible for other aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for other federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school.

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

Be sure to review the items marked with a  and make any corrections if necessary by clicking 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page.

The amount you have reported for your income taxes paid has changed from the amount you reported on your last year's FAFSA. Review Item 37 and make a correction if necessary.

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page using your FSA ID. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online.

Your EFC might be \$.0 or it might be \$13,000. This is based on your family income. This will also estimate if you are eligible to receive a pell grant, work study and/or federal loans.

Once you have finished your FAFSA, your information is then sent to the colleges you requested it to go to on your FAFSA!

Your college will process your information and then offer you a financial aid package. You will receive your “package” via one of two ways.

- 1) Log into your college account to see what the college will offer you!
- or
- 2) The college will mail you information.

# Here is a sample financial aid package from Morningside College!

Mail Name  
Address  
City, ST Zip

Monday, December 05, 2016  
Student ID#: ID.NO

Dear First:

We are excited for you to take the next step toward joining us at Morningside College. We have determined your financial aid eligibility for the 2017-2018 academic year. Please take a moment to review the enclosed documentation and financial aid listed below.

## Financial Aid Package

|                                | FALL      | SPRING    | TOTAL     |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ENROLLMENT STATUS              | Full-time | Full-time |           |
| RESIDENCY                      | Resident  | Resident  |           |
| MORNINGSIDE GRANT              | 500.00    | 500.00    | 1,000.00  |
| ATHLETIC GRANT (MEN)           | 2,500.00  | 2,500.00  | 5,000.00  |
| FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP           | 5,000.00  | 5,000.00  | 10,000.00 |
| IOWA TUITION GRANT             | 2825.00   | 2,825.00  | 5,650.00  |
| FED DIRECT SUB STAFFORD LOAN   | 1,750.00  | 1,750.00  | 3,500.00  |
| FED DIRECT UNSUB STAFF LOAN EX | 1,000.00  | 1,000.00  | 2,000.00  |
| FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM     | 600.00    | 600.00    | 1,200.00  |
| FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM     | 2,908.00  | 2,907.00  | 5,815.00  |
| FEDERAL SUPPL. EDUC. OP. GRANT | 500.00    | 500.00    | 1,000.00  |
| FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM   | 500.00    | 500.00    | 1,000.00  |
| Total:                         | 18,083.00 | 18,082.00 | 36,165.00 |

A student and/or parent can request a Federal Parent PLUS loan or private student loan to cover any

# Sometimes you still don't have enough to cover the cost so you have to borrow even more!

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A student and/or parent can request a Federal Parent PLUS loan or private student loan to cover any remaining out of pocket expenses for up to **\$8,169**.

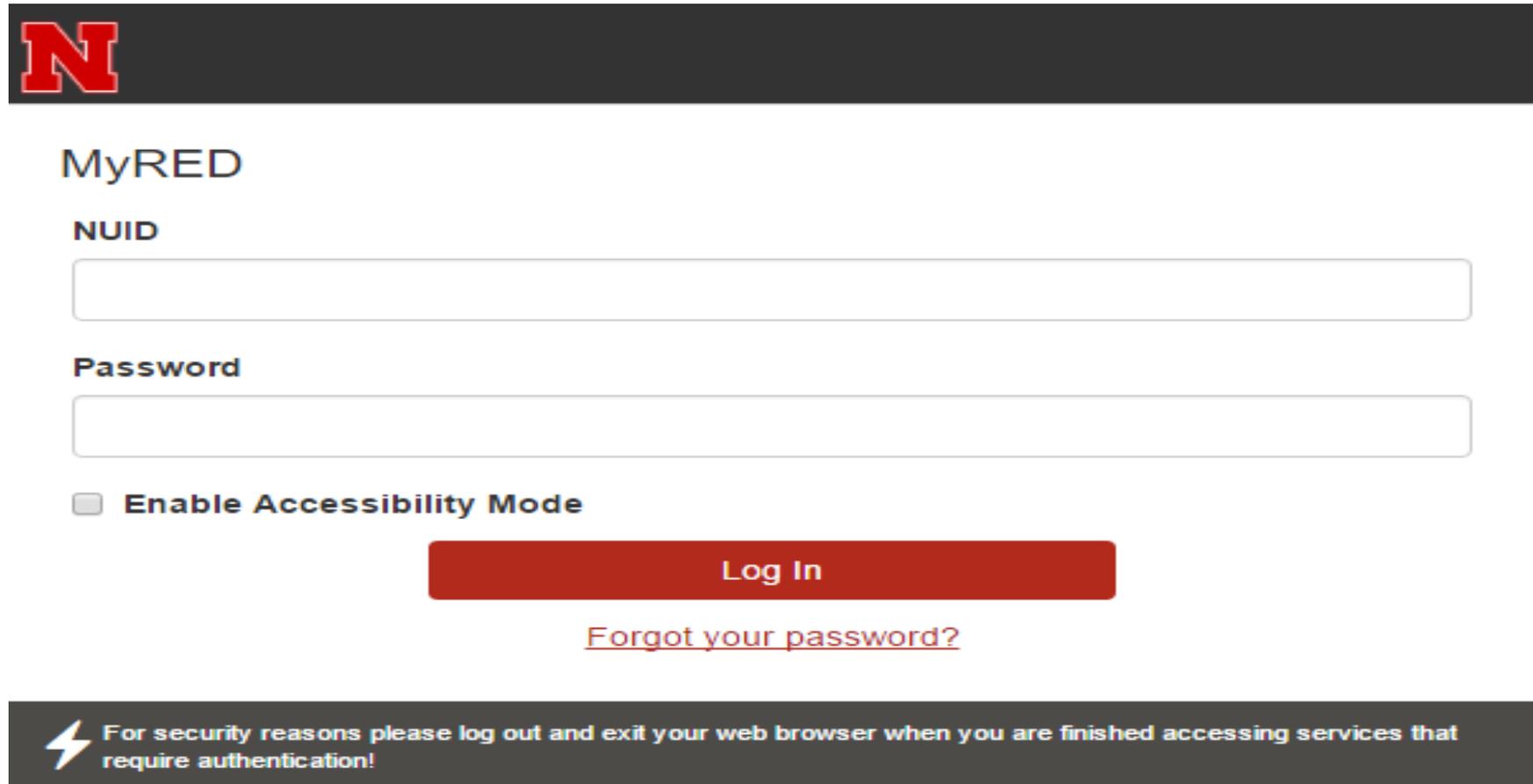
- Work awards are issued to the student monthly for hours worked. Music Stipends are issued to the student at the end of each semester after the student has earned the funds.
- Account balances may be covered with interest free payment plans and/or loans.

Aid may be adjusted as new information becomes available, such as receipt of additional scholarships or changes to: residency, family circumstances, tax information, and updated federal or state funding. If you have any questions after reading this packet of information, please contact the Office of Student Financial Planning. We can be reached by telephone at 1-800-831-0806 ext. 5159 or 274-5159, or by fax at 1-712-274-5605, or via email at [finaid@morningside.edu](mailto:finaid@morningside.edu). We look forward to working with you through your college experience at Morningside.

## **NOTES:**

Morningside  
Continued

Here is an example from UNL. First,  
log into your My Red account!



The image shows a login form for MyRED. At the top left is a red 'N' logo on a black background. Below it, the text 'MyRED' is displayed. There are two input fields: one for 'NUID' and one for 'Password'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Enable Accessibility Mode'. A red 'Log In' button is centered below the fields. Below the button is a red link for 'Forgot your password?'. At the bottom, a black banner contains a lightning bolt icon and the text: 'For security reasons please log out and exit your web browser when you are finished accessing services that require authentication!'.

**N**

MyRED

NUID

Password

Enable Accessibility Mode

**Log In**

[Forgot your password?](#)

 For security reasons please log out and exit your web browser when you are finished accessing services that require authentication!



Student Welcome

Home



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Click here

### MESSAGE CENTER

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Messages

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### RESIDENCE HALLS

[ACCESS THE HOUSING PORTAL](#)

\*Access will be granted 24 hours after admissions enrollment deposit is paid.

### FINANCIAL AID

[VIEW FINANCIAL AID](#)

### ADMISSIONS

- [Graduate Applications](#)
- [Undergraduate Applications](#)



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## FINANCIAL AID MESSAGE CENTER

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My Notifications [View All](#)To Dos 1
 2017-18 FAFSA  
 Status: Received

## OFFERED AWARDS (NOT ACCEPTED)

[PRINT AWARDS](#)

| DESCRIPTION                | FALL | SPRING | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|------|--------|-------|
| No awards in this category | 0.00 | 0.00   | 0.00  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>            | 0.00 | 0.00   | 0.00  |

[ACCEPT/DECLINE AWARDS](#)[REPORT OTHER AID](#)

## ACCEPTED AWARDS

| DESCRIPTION                | STATUS           | FALL | SPRING | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|------------------|------|--------|-------|
| No awards in this category |                  | 0.00 | 0.00   | 0.00  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>            | <b>DISBURSED</b> | 0.00 | 0.00   | 0.00  |

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE](#)

Once your financial aid is awarded, it will all be right here on this page or a similar page for other colleges.

Compare all of your colleges and see who offers you the best deal! Shop around just like you would if you were buying a new car!