



2026-2027 FAFSA® SIMPLIFICATION FORM

Apollo Career Center - Adult Education Financial Aid Information

By filing the FAFSA®, you are not obligated in any way, but this must be completed to determine financial aid eligibility (Financial Aid is available for most of our programs that are 600+ clock hours).

Step 1

Gather items that will assist you in completing the FAFSA®, for example: Your social security number, tax return from 2024, current bank statements, untaxed income (such as workers comp & disability), Child Support received during Jan-Dec 2024, etc. Go to <https://studentaid.gov/> to complete the FAFSA® form.

Step 2

Do you and each of your Contributors (*see Step 3 for who is a Contributor*) have a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID username & password? Please visit [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to either create or retrieve your individual FSA ID for yourself and also each contributor must have an FSA ID as well.

Step 3

Determine if you are required to have any *CONTRIBUTORS* to your FAFSA®, and gather the following info from them:

>Name >Date of Birth >Social Security Number >Email Address

Your Contributors will receive an email to “contribute” their information to your FAFSA after you enter their information into your FAFSA.

WHO ARE YOUR CONTRIBUTORS?

Under Age 24? (Not married? Not supporting any children? Not in military?) – you are **DEPENDENT**

- Your Parent and their current spouse are your contributors, and they must each contribute to your FAFSA in order to receive Federal Student Aid
- If your Parents are divorced or separated, the parent who provided the most financial support in the last calendar year will complete the FAFSA with you. If that parent has remarried, you must include their current spouse as a contributor as well.
- Even if neither parent provided you support, they are required to provide their information into the FAFSA form for you to receive Federal Student Aid

Age 24 or older? (or under age 24 and meet a condition above to be Indep)– you are **INDEPENDENT**

- Your spouse is your contributor (if married as of the date of filing FAFSA®).
 - If you are married as of the date of filing your FAFSA®, but did not file a joint tax return in 2024, your spouse **MUST** still be a contributor and provide consent and approval to access their tax information.

Step 4

Your consent and approval is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent and approval, tax return information is obtained automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA® form. If you (or one of your contributors, if required) don’t provide consent and approval, you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. **You must provide consent and approval even if you didn’t file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.**

Step 5

You will answer questions regarding gender, race, and ethnicity. Please note that these have no effect on federal student aid eligibility and are included for statistical purposes and data collection only.

Step 6

Assets questions must be completed, if not applicable, must still enter \$0:

- Enter total cash on hand, plus savings and checking account balances as of day filling out FAFSA®
- Net worth of Investments including real estate (do NOT include the value of the home you live in, and do NOT include retirement investments)

Step 7

When you get to School Selection screen, please choose Apollo Career Center as your school by entering our federal school code which is **017290**. Note: You can add up to 20 schools that you are interested in attending for the FAFSA award year, by adding a school, you are allowing their financial aid office to access your information.

Step 8

Once you have entered all your information, you will need to agree to the terms and “sign” your FAFSA. If you have any required *Contributors*; they will need to complete their contributor section through their email invitation. Once all your Contributors complete and approve consent and sign their portions, your FAFSA will be submitted for processing.

Step 9

If there are any issues that need to be resolved we will contact you and may ask you to schedule an appointment, or you may receive a request for verification from the financial aid office. The verification paperwork will need to be completed before your financial aid can be processed.

Step 10

Once you have been accepted into the program you have applied to and your FAFSA has no unresolved issues, a financial aid offer will be prepared for you and you will receive contact by email or phone call from the financial aid department to schedule an appointment to go over your financial aid offer.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN FILING YOUR FAFSA – PLEASE CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID SPECIALIST TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:

JOY BAEUMEL 419-998-2990

OR

joy.baeumel@apolloc.org

You are not eligible for financial aid unless you have completed your secondary education. We will require you to provide a copy of your high school diploma or GED for proof.

FEDERAL TITLE IV

Available To Those Who Qualify

PELL GRANT – Based on need and does not have to be repaid.

Maximum grant for 2026-2027 is currently \$7,395.00*.

DIRECT SUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN – Based on need and repayment begins six months after you leave school. Maximum amount for first year is \$3,500* for both independent and dependent students.

DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN – Not need based and repayment begins six months after you leave school. Maximum amount for first year is \$9,500* less any subsidized money for independent students; and \$5,500* less any subsidized money for dependent students.

DIRECT PLUS LOAN – For parents of dependent students only. Not need based and repayment can be postponed until six months after the student leaves school. Maximum amount may not exceed total cost of attendance less any other aid to be received.

*Amounts shown are based on a full-time program of 900 hours. Awards will be prorated accordingly for programs with less than 900 hours.

Independent Student – An independent student is one of the following: at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, a veteran, a member of the armed forces, an orphan, a ward of the court, someone with legal dependents other than spouse, an emancipated minor or someone who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Dependent Student – A student who does not meet any of the criteria for an independent student.

For more information about grants or student loans please visit: www.studentaid.gov. Not all types of aid are available at every school.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Apollo Education Foundation offers various scholarships based on your program of study, you can inquire with the Financial Aid office as to what scholarships you may be eligible to apply for, and check the Financial Aid page of our website for Scholarship Links:

<https://www.apollocareercenter.com/adult-education/apollo-financial-aid/>

You may also look for and apply for scholarships online at:

<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/>

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

www.gocollege.com

www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch

OTHER FEDERAL/STATE AID

Available To Those Who Qualify

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/wioa/index.stm> – Financial assistance may be available from this funding source for underemployed, single parents, economically disadvantaged, dislocated workers and other individuals. Partial to total aid may be available to cover tuition, books and supplies. Please contact your local county Ohio Means Jobs center for additional information/eligibility requirements.

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Bureau of Voc. Rehabilitation (BVR)

<https://ood.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ood/individuals-with-disabilities/services/vocational-rehabilitation> – Financial assistance may be available from this local agency for students with physical, mental or emotional disabilities. This agency provides individuals with disabilities services and supports necessary to help them attain and maintain employment. Partial to total aid may be available to cover tuition, books, and supplies. Contact your local or area Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation office.

Veterans’ Education Assistance – To apply for VA Educational Benefits, please visit the VA website at <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/> and apply for benefits. A Certificate of Eligibility will be issued in the mail to you in approximately 30 days after applying. Bring your Certificate of Eligibility to the school as proof of your education benefits.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Apollo Career Center Financial Aid Advisor 419-998-2990

Veteran’s Benefits (local office-Lima) 419-228-3700

Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation 419-228-1421

Ohio Means Jobs or County JFS Offices (for WIOA funding):

Allen	419-999-0360	Auglaize	567-242-2750
Hancock	419-429-8031	Hardin	419-674-2312
Logan	937-599-5165	Mercer	419-586-6409
Putnam	567-376-3761	Shelby	937-498-4981
Van Wert	419-623-4437		



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VETERANS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The following programs are eligible for VA funding:

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| >Basic Police Academy | >Industrial Maintenance Technician |
| >Certified Nurse Aide | >Licensed Practical Nursing |
| >Cosmetology | >Manicuring |
| >Dental Assistant | >Medical Assistant |
| >Early Childhood Education | >Phlebotomy |
| >Emergency Medical Technician-Basic | >Short Term Welding |
| >Esthetician | >Spa Technology |
| >Fabrication Concepts & Plate Welding | >Structural Plate & Pipe Welding |
| >Fire Fighter Level 1 and 2 | >Truck Driving Class A CDL |

Veterans Education Assistance Benefits

- ❖ Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty Educational Assistance
- ❖ Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation
- ❖ Chapter 32 Veterans' Education Assistance Program
- ❖ Chapter 33 Post 911**
- ❖ Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance
- ❖ Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program
- ❖ Chapter 1607 Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program

To apply for VA Educational Benefits, please visit the VA website at <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/> and apply for benefits.

A Certificate of Eligibility is required to be presented upon registration as proof of your education benefits.

**Chapter 33 only pays the school directly, so you are allowed to start a program without payment if you can provide your VA Certificate of Eligibility in advance.

ALL OTHER BENEFITS ARE PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO STUDENT AND NOT TO THE SCHOOL. THEREFORE, THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TUITION AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR PROGRAM.