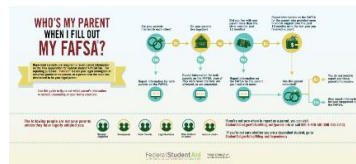




Getting Started with Financial Aid Process: Online Resources

1. [Obtain your FSA ID asap](#) – click the link to learn how to obtain your Federal Student Aid ID. You must have this ID to complete the FAFSA. *Parents and students must apply for their own individual FAFSA ID's and this ID number is used for each of their electronic signatures to complete the FAFSA form.* Please file this ID in a safe place for future use.
2. [Creating and Using Your FSA ID](#) – click for more information on using your FSA ID for the FAFSA Completion.
3. [Navigating the FAFSA & RDS completion](#) – click the link - Both FAFSA and RDS are required and need similar information for completion. This is a breakdown of what these two items and the information needed to complete them. RDS may be completed prior and separately from the FAFSA.
4. [NC Residency Determination \(RDS\) Status](#) – click to understand the purpose of RDS and resources for completion. The biggest reason is to establish NC residency for in-state tuition for NC Colleges. [RDS Student FAQ's](#) – click link to view frequently asked questions about completing the RDS to qualify for in-state tuition.
5. [FAFSA Completion](#) – click the link to access quick videos to help students and families walk through the FAFSA process. [FAFSA Checklist](#) – use this checklist to help you gather the pertinent information you need to complete the FAFSA form.
6. [FAFSA Assistance](#) – click link for more resources to help with FAFSA completion. [NetPrice Calculator](#) – Click the link - Students may type in the college they are researching to discover an "estimated" cost of out of pocket expenses for a student with similar socioeconomic stature.
7. [Who is my Parent for FAFSA completion?](#) click the link to help determine which parent(s) information you need to include on the FAFSA form.



8. [FAFSA Assistance](#) – click link to view various online resources and local institutions you may contact for assistance with FAFSA completion.
9. [FAFSA: 10 Most Common Mistakes](#) – click link to view and avoid the most common mistakes on the FAFSA application
10. [FAFSA Completion Tips for Immigrant Families](#) - click the link for tips on FAFSA completion for Immigrant families.
11. [Tip Sheet for Undocumented Students](#) – click link for more information to assist undocumented students in determining if they are eligible for Financial Aid.

Financial Aid Resources for Spanish Speaking Students & Families

1. [CFNC: Cómo Funciona el Sistema Educativo en los Estados Unidos](#) – click link for video on How the Education System Works in the U.S. created for Spanish speaking students and families. Dr, Maria Rosa Rangel talks about how the educational system works in the U.S.
2. [CFNC: Cómo Funciona el Sistema Educativo Después de la Secundaria \(high school\)](#) – click link for video. This is part 2 of the presentation “How the educational system works in the United States”. Dr. Maria Rosa Rangel talks about the different educational opportunities after high school, the cost of tuition, and options for paying for college.
3. [Consejos para Completar FAFSA para Estudiantes con Padres Sin Número de Seguro Social](#) – click link for a handout that gives more information on How to Complete the FAFSA created for Spanish speaking students and families.
4. [Servicio de Determinación de Residencia \(RDS\) pasos para estudiantes indocumentados y con DACA](#) click link for handout on completion of the Residency Determination Status form including information for DACA students created for Spanish speaking students and families
5. [Estudiantes Ciudadanos Con Padres Indocumentados: Navegando El Sistema De Determinación De Residencia \(RDS\)](#) – click to view handout on Citizen Students with Undocumented Parents: Navigating the Residence Determination System (RDS)
6. [CFNC: FAFSA Ayuda Financiera Federal para la Educación Superior - MIRA USA](#) – click link for video. This video includes information on FAFSA: Federal Financial Aid for Higher Education created for Spanish speaking students and families
7. [CFNC: Taller de Becas - Cómo Pagar la Universidad - MIRA USA](#) – click link for video. CFNC Scholarship Workshop – How to Pay for College created for Spanish speaking students and families
8. [CFNC: FAFSA - Errores más comunes y consejos](#) – click link for video titled FAFSA: Common Mistakes created for Spanish speaking students and families.
9. [CFNC: Comprender una oferta de ayuda financiera de una universidad pública en Carolina del Norte](#) – click link to video. CFNC: Understanding a Financial Aid Offer from a Public University in North Carolina created for Spanish speaking students and families.
10. [FAFSA Ayuda](#) – click link for more resources to help with FAFSA completion created for Spanish speaking students and families.
11. [CFNC: Circunstancias Especiales en Ayuda Financiera](#) – click link to learn more about special circumstances for Financial Aid created for Spanish speaking students and families.