



2010-11 FAFSA PDFs Now Available

If you are waiting to receive the FAFSA On The [Web Worksheet \(FOTW\)](#) or the [paper version](#) of the 2010-11 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) from the [U.S. Department of Education \(USDE\)](#), you may access the portable document format (PDF) files located on the [USDE's FAFSA Web site](#).

As you may know, the FAFSA is used to calculate a student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is the amount the student's family is expected to pay toward the cost of attending a postsecondary institution. The EFC plays an important role in determining how much financial assistance a student may be eligible to receive.

Prospective and current college students, who plan to receive federal student aid during the 2010-11 academic year, should be knowledgeable of federal, institutional and state deadline dates pertaining to the FAFSA. While the official federal deadline to complete and file the 2010-11 FAFSA is June 30, 2011, most postsecondary institutions designate a deadline that is much earlier than the date designated by the USDE. As a result, students are highly encouraged to check with their school's financial aid office to confirm the FAFSA deadline for that institution.

In addition to meeting institutional deadlines, the 2010-11 FAFSA must be completed and filed by April 1, 2010, to be eligible for state financial assistance such as the [Access Missouri program](#). Students interested in obtaining additional scholarships and grants should prepare to file the FAFSA as soon as possible. Students who have not completed the FAFSA in previous years will need to obtain a [FAFSA PIN](#) to complete the online process.

If your students would like to receive **free**, professional help filling out the FAFSA, financial aid advisors will be available at [locations throughout the state](#) to assist them during [FAFSA Frenzy](#),* a program of [College Goal Sunday](#) (CGS), on one or more of the following dates:

- **Sunday, February 21**
- **Saturday, March 6**
- **Sunday, March 21**

To find a CGS location or other financial aid workshop near you, check out the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel's (MASFAP) [Wuz Up events calendar](#). Additional information regarding Missouri's CGS activities will be provided in an upcoming MDHE [Digest](#) article.

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