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## Tips To Help You Apply For Federal Student Aid

1. **Apply** online using [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).
2. **Check deadlines.** While there is no deadline for applying for federal student aid, you should apply as early as possible after January 1 of each year that you will attend college. Some state and school aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority filing and Cal Grant deadline is March 2, 2011.
3. **Collect** the information you need to complete the FAFSA:
  - Your Social Security number and your parents' Social Security numbers;
  - Your driver's license number, if you have one;
  - Your alien registration number, if you are not a U.S. citizen; and
  - Your federal tax returns and income information
4. **Check** your FAFSA. After you complete the FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review the information carefully and make any necessary corrections.
5. **Respond immediately** to any request from your school for additional information.