

Applying for Financial Aid

- Fill out the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov
 - **Fall 2020 – Summer 2021 = 20-21 FAFSA using 2018 tax data.**
 - **Fall 2021 – Summer 2022 = 21-22 FAFSA using 2019 tax data**
 - **Please have your Federal Tax Return on hand when applying.
- You will need an FSA ID. Click on the links on the FAFSA form to Create or Retrieve if needed. If you are having issues with your FSA ID go directly to fsaid.ed.gov
- Students who are Dependents per federal regulations (Born before January 1, 1997, Not a Veteran, No Dependents, Not Married, etc.) will have to list their Parents' information on the application as well. A parent will also need to obtain their own FSA ID to sign the application.
 - Athens Technical College's school code is 005600
- Try to make sure to answer ALL questions accurately to keep from having more follow up issues and additional processing time including the questions about your high school information.
- The results will come into ATC 2 weeks after you submit. You may have additional requirements to complete so watch out for updates!
 - Need Additional Assistance: Go online to athenstech.edu/studentaffairs/financialaid/videos and check out the videos!

For Students applying for Hope Funding ONLY! You can apply using the GA Application at gafutures.org (Hope and State Aid Programs > State Aid Applications > GSFAPPS

Questions??

Contact the Financial Aid Office at 706-355-5009 or financialaid@athenstech.edu

You can also call FAFSA for assistance at 1-800-433-3243

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **I am an adult, why is it requiring my Parent's information?**

Per federal regulations you are a Dependent student unless you meet one of the following conditions: Born Before 01/01/1997 for 20-21 FAFSA and Before 01/01/98 for 21-22 FAFSA; Veteran or Active Duty in the Armed Forces; Have Dependents; Married; Been in foster care, orphaned, or a ward of the court since age 13; have court paperwork showing that you were assigned a legal guardian or emancipated as a minor; or be homeless or at risk of homelessness (with paperwork from a homeless liaison or shelter). Therefore your Parents information will be required on the application.

- **My Parents are Divorced. Which Parent should I list on the FAFSA?**

Your "Qualifying Parent" for FAFSA purposes is the Parent that you lived with over the last 12 months. If that is Neither, then the Parent that provided more financial support for you over the last 12 months. If that is Neither, then you go back to the last 12 month period in which you received Parental support and which Parent provided more support than the other. If the Qualifying Parent is Remarried then their Spouse's information will also be required.

- **If I wasn't married in the year the income is based on should my new spouse be listed on the FAFSA?**

Yes! Marital Status is as of the date that you fill out the FAFSA. So if you are married on that date (or if your Parent is Married) then the Spouse's information will be listed including income from the base year regardless of when you may have met.

- **My Parent doesn't have a social security number. What should I do?**

Not a problem, you will just list all 0's on the FAFSA in the place for the SSN. If they filed taxes make sure to report that it was a Foreign Tax Return. Also, without a SSN your Parent will not be able to make the FSA ID and you will need to use the Paper Signature page provided at the end of the application to be mailed into FAFSA (address indicated on the sheet).

- **Should I use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?**

We encourage our students to use this valuable tool! It helps with accuracy of your application as well as streamlines processes on the school end.

- **Still have Questions?**

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