
Federal Student Aid

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Consider College and Job Training

Do you need money for college or trade and technical school? You may be eligible for up to **\$6,895 a year** in Federal Pell Grants from the U.S. Department of Education. You can use the money to pay for education and training expenses at thousands of colleges and trade and technical schools. Federal Pell Grants are free and do not need to be repaid. You may also be eligible for federal student loans, which do need to be repaid.



Studies have shown that workers with more education and training have more secure jobs and higher wages. Education and training can reduce the chance of returning to prison. Federal programs can help you find and pay for schools or job-training programs.



Ready to apply for a Federal Pell Grant or other student aid? Go to **FAFSA.gov** to complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form, download a PDF of the form, or get a paper copy sent to you.¹

Use these resources to learn about financial aid and how to apply, and to find a college or career school program that fits your needs:

- **StudentAid.gov** (StudentAid.gov) provides information about types of federal student aid, eligibility for aid, and how to complete the FAFSA form. There is also information on getting ready for college, trade school, or technical school.
- **College Scorecard** (CollegeScorecard.ed.gov) lets you compare colleges and trade and technical schools, including how much money students usually earn after attending.
- **My Next Move** (Mynextmove.org) helps you learn about different jobs and find job training programs that best meet your needs and use your talents.
- **American Job Centers** help you find employment, education and training opportunities that fit your needs. You may call the toll-free number at 1-877-US-2-JOBS (1-877-872-5627) or go to the CareerOneStop website (CareerOneStop.org) to find the center nearest to you.
- **Apprenticeship.gov** (Apprenticeship.gov) provides an apprenticeship search tool to help you find a program so you can learn skills while earning a competitive wage.

Many people are available to support you on this path. You can talk to someone in the financial aid office of a school you're thinking of attending or a staff member at an American Job Center. And we encourage you to talk with the staff at your Residential Reentry Center about these options as part of your Individual Program Plan.

¹. To request a paper FAFSA form, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).