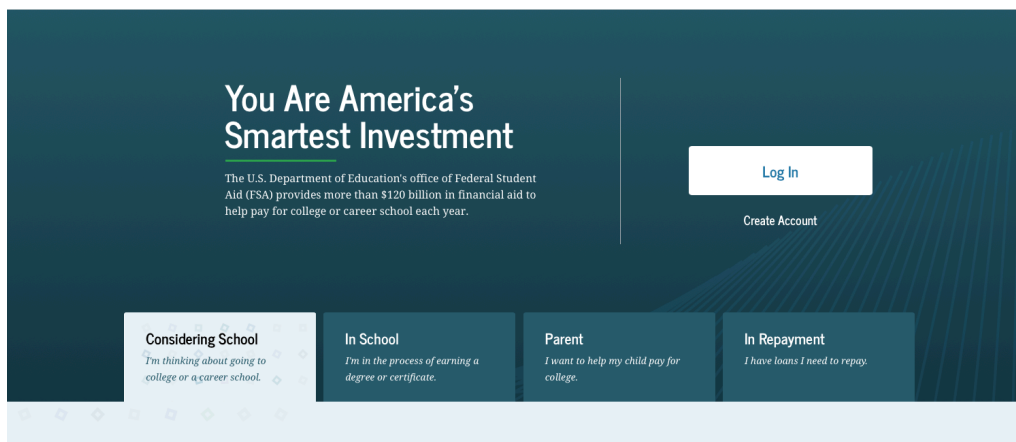


# Applying for Federal Financial Aid

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

[www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)



If you have never applied for FAFSA aid, click on **Create Account**. If you have applied in the past, simply click on **Log In** and enter your previously used information.

Choose **2020-2021** application.

If you're starting a new FAFSA, you will be asked to create a username (a.k.a. the FSA ID) and password. These will be used to import taxes from the IRS website (if applicable), and to electronically sign and submit the FAFSA online.

If you are a **dependent student** that is filling out the FAFSA, **your parent will also** need to create an **FSA ID** and password. Dependent individuals need to provide tax information (W-2s, tax returns, records of untaxed income, assets) SSNs, birthdates, dates of marriage (and/or divorce or separation) for your parents, as well as for yourself.

For FAFSA purposes, you are a **dependent** if you are under the age of 24 (and will not turn 24 during this calendar year), are single, and have no dependents for which you provide more than 50% financial support. To be eligible for federal student aid, students must have a standard high school diploma or high school equivalency (formerly known as the GED), and not have already received a degree from a four-year college or university.

Once created, **BE SURE TO KEEP FSA LOG IN and ID in a SAFE PLACE**. You will need it in the future!

NOTE: Federal financial aid approval does not mean automatic admittance into Florida Panhandle Technical College.

# COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA.

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## Have Handy:

- School Code: **013898** - Washington-Holmes Technical Center ( yes, the old name)
- Your Social Security number and your name AS IT APPEARS on the Social Security card.
- Date of Birth.
- The address where you receive your mail & state of residence.
- Driver's License # (if applicable)
- Alien Registration Number (if not a U.S. Citizen)
- Marital status.
- Your federal income tax returns, W2 statements, or other records of money earned—applicants must use second-most recent tax returns. People filling out the **2020-2021 FAFSA** will use **2018 returns**.
- Bank statements and records of investments.
- Records of untaxed income. (such as child support received, interest income and veteran's not-education benefits)
- Your FSA ID.
- A VALID and accessible email address.
- Eligibility status: The application will prompt you to enter information about your eligibility, such as when you will graduate high school/what year of college you'll be entering, and what degree you're working toward.

**LINK TAXES:** You can LINK your taxes to the FAFSA. Use the IRS *Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)* when completing the FAFSA "Student Tax Filing Status" section.



FPTC will have access to 2020/2021 application within 3-5 business days. If you have completed your application and received an email that it has been processed, call the FPTC Financial Aid Office at (850) 638-1180 ext 319 to see if it has been received. Once it has been received, you will need to come to the financial aid office for verification and to complete additional forms.



Prospective FPTC student needing assistance filling out the FAFSA, may come to the Financial Aid Office.