



ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF 2025-2026 MG James Ursano Scholarship Program for Dependent Children of Active, Retired and Deceased Soldiers

2025-2026 FAFSA Instructions

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the application students complete each year to receive student aid for college. The FAFSA Submission Summary (formerly known as the SAR) will be used by AER to determine your scholarship eligibility and award amount.

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

1. Visit <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/fafsa-support> to begin the 2025-2026 FAFSA.
2. A **Contributor** is a new FAFSA term which encompasses anyone required to provide consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS to the FAFSA form, as well as someone required to sign the FAFSA form. Make sure you and your Contributor(s) have each created a StudentAid.gov account. This may include the student, a parent, a biological or adoptive parent, or a stepparent.
3. Complete the **2025-2026** FAFSA application online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> using the 2023 tax returns for both you and your Contributor(s).
4. After FAFSA has processed your application, FAFSA will send you an email notifying you that your FAFSA Submission Summary is available. The complete **FAFSA Submission Summary with your Student Aid Index (SAI)** is required for our scholarship and must be downloaded from FAFSA and uploaded into your AER scholarship application. Do not upload any other document or your email from FAFSA. We will only accept the complete FAFSA Submission Summary.
5. If you have any questions about this new FAFSA process, please contact FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>

EXCEPTIONS:

- We will notify you if we find any issues with your **FAFSA Submission Summary** or if we need clarification of any items. We may request your tax returns or an updated **FAFSA Submission Summary** if corrections must be made.
- If you make changes to your FAFSA after you have submitted your AER scholarship application, you may email your updated **FAFSA Submission Summary** to scholarships@aerhq.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Your AER scholarship application will not be considered complete until all FAFSA exception issues have been resolved and all required documents have been submitted. **The AER scholarship deadline is midnight on 1 April.**