



## ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF 2024-2025 MG James Ursano Scholarship Program for Dependent Children of Active, Retired and Deceased Soldiers

### 2024-2025 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 is undergoing major changes and improvements and therefore will not be available until approximately **December 31, 2023**. The FAFSA Submission Summary (formerly known as the SAR) is used by AER to determine your scholarship eligibility and award amount.

#### HELPFUL INFORMATION:

1. Visit <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/fafsa-support> to read about the changes to the 2024-2025 FAFSA.
2. Watch videos to help you understand the requirements for the 2024-2025 FAFSA.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROtS0SncMI>
3. 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.
4. Complete the **2024-2025** FAFSA application online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> using the 2022 tax returns for both you and your Contributor(s).
5. Within 3-5 days of submitting your FAFSA, you will receive an email that will show your Student Aid Index (SAI) formerly called the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). **Do not upload this email into your AER scholarship application.** The complete **FAFSA Submission Summary** is required for our scholarship application and will most likely not be available from FAFSA until the end of January, 2024. At that time, you will be able to login to your FAFSA account and print your **FAFSA Submission Summary** as a pdf to upload into your AER scholarship application.
6. Because of the delay in FAFSA application availability, the AER scholarship application will not be available until February 1, 2024.
7. 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](mailto: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 deadline is midnight 1 April 2024.**