



## 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) 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 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. After FAFSA has processed your application, you will receive 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 application and will most likely not be available from FAFSA until sometime in March 2024. At that time, you will be able to login to your FAFSA account and save your **FAFSA Submission Summary** as a pdf to upload into your AER scholarship application.
6. 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, HOWEVER, if FAFSA issues continue, we will extend the deadline as needed.** Be sure to complete the rest of the AER scholarship application as soon as possible, then return to upload the FAFSA Submission Summary.