



ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF 2024-2025 Mrs. Patty Shinseki Spouse Scholarship Program for Spouses 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 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. This will most likely include the student applicant and their spouse. Make sure you and your Contributor have each created a StudentAid.gov account.
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.
5. 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. Be sure there is an SAI shown on the FAFSA Summary before uploading. If there is not an SAI, you must resolve the issues with FAFSA before you can upload the FAFSA Submission Summary 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.

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.

