

FAFSA FACT OR MYTH SHEET



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FACT ✓

MYTH ✓

If your parents make “good” money, you will not qualify for financial aid.

The size of your family can help determine if you qualify for financial aid.

You should submit a FAFSA form as early as possible.

You should list every school you plan to apply to even if you are unlikely to be accepted.

You call FAFSA to find out how much money you qualify for.

Different schools have different deadlines.

A FAFSA ID is created to be shared by you and your parents.

You can apply for financial aid even if you don't have a high GPA.

Applying to FAFSA is free.

Tax information is needed to complete the application.

Applying for FAFSA can hurt your chance of admission at a college.

Some colleges require a FAFSA to be considered for certain non-need-based scholarships.

[Source 1](#)[Source 2](#)

Choosing a Path: Action Plan



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INVESTING IN YOURSELF

FIGURE OUT WHAT MATTERS TO YOU

- ☐ Research what degrees are most common in your desired career path.
- ☐ Determine schools or training opportunities that offer the education or training you need.
- ☐ Find out what is required for the various educational or training options.

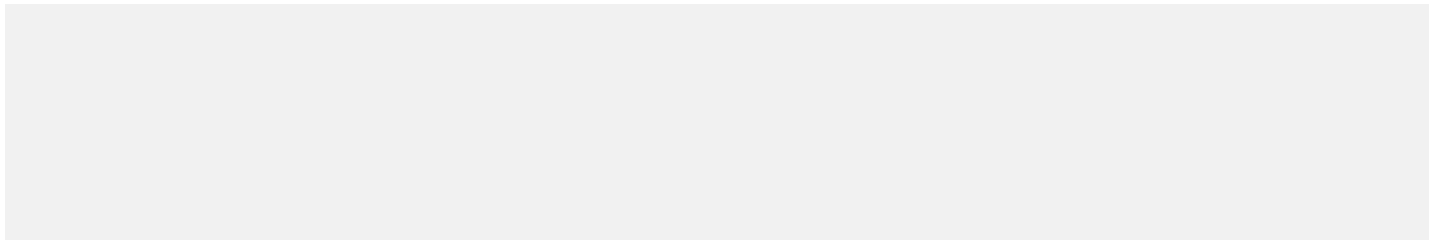
Necessary degrees/certifications for my dream job:

Where can I obtain the necessary education for this job?

KNOW YOUR NETWORK

- ☐ List people in your home, school, and community networks.
- ☐ Identify how each person, or someone they know, might help you:
 - Gain information about careers
 - Locate resources about college
 - Complete applications
 - Write college entrance essays
 - Identify your unique skills and talents

People in my network:



TAKE STEPS TO PREPARE AND STAND OUT

- ☐ Contact people you have identified to write letters of recommendation.
- ☐ List activities, jobs, clubs, or leadership roles you're involved in and describe what you've learned.
- ☐ Join a club or community organization.