

# FAFSA FRENZY

**Start Planning NOW for Financial Aid Next Year - USF St. Petersburg Can Help You!**

**COLLEGE IS POSSIBLE. FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE. APPLYING IS FREE!**

Are you confused about the financial aid process, or do you want to ensure that you meet the priority processing deadlines? Fortunately, there is one form that you need to complete: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – and We Can Help You!

The FAFSA is the application required to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study, and education loans. The FAFSA takes into account your family's financial information from the previous calendar year. While the FAFSA may seem lengthy and complex, we are a free resource to help you through the application process, regardless of which university you choose to attend.

## WHAT IS FAFSA FRENZY?

FAFSA Frenzy is an annual event hosted by the USF St. Petersburg Office of Financial Aid to provide assistance with early Financial Aid processing. We provide hands-on processing support to current and prospective students and their parents to beat state and USF deadlines. The process only takes about 15-25 minutes to complete, and we encourage you to apply early. The FAFSA will ask questions about your status (married or unmarried), income, and your parents' income. The information reported on the form is used to determine the expected family contribution.

It is important to note that the FAFSA must generally be filed between January 1 and May 15 of the year before you begin postsecondary training in Florida in order to be eligible for state need-based aid. If you file prior to March 1, your eligibility for any USF Grant aid will also be determined.

While you're attending our FAFSA Frenzy event, be sure to pick up several scholarship applications from both USF and outside organizations. For a sampling of over 200 scholarships, including the USF St. Petersburg Scholarship Brochure and Application, visit our webpage: [USFSP Office of Financial Aid](#).

## WHEN IS FAFSA FRENZY?

No appointment is necessary - Come and join us in Bayboro Hall.  
**Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

## WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO FAFSA FRENZY?

- [FAFSA pin number](#). Apply for or re-establish your FAFSA identification number, or pin ahead of time. A parent will also need a PIN number if you are a [dependent student](#).
- [Completed FAFSA Pre-Application Worksheet](#). View and print the FAFSA-on-the-Web worksheet available on our webpage: [http://www.stpete.usf.edu/finaid/FAFSA\\_Frenzy.htm](http://www.stpete.usf.edu/finaid/FAFSA_Frenzy.htm).
  - A parent will also need to complete the purple section of the worksheet, if you are a [dependent student](#).
  - If you cannot bring a completed worksheet, please bring the documents listed in the "Required Information" box.

If you have any questions regarding the FAFSA Frenzy events, please contact the Office of Financial Aid via email at [finaid@stpete.usf.edu](mailto:finaid@stpete.usf.edu) or call (727) USF-4128.

## Required Information to complete the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet.

**Need aid for the Spring or Summer 2011?** Complete the [2010-2011 Worksheet](#) using 2009 tax information.

**Need aid for Fall 2011, Spring 2012, or Summer 2012?** Complete the [2011-2012 Worksheet](#), using 2010 tax information. You may estimate your 2009 tax amounts if your tax returns are not final, then revise the totals after you file your return. Remember, many types of financial aid are deadline driven. Gather the following documents to complete the FAFSA:

- Tax returns or estimates (if applicable).
- Bank statements
- Business, Farm and Investment records including: stock, bond, mutual funds, money market accounts.
- Social Security numbers
- Student's drivers license (if applicable).
- Untaxed income records including Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Welfare, or Veterans Benefits records.
- Alien Registration or permanent resident card