

# Eligibility for Federal Student Aid

To receive federal student aid, you will need to...

- Have a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate, or have completed a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree program
- Be registered with [Selective Service](#), if you are a male (you must register between the ages of 18 and 25)
- Have a valid Social Security number unless you are from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau
- Sign certifying statements on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating that
  - you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe a refund on a federal grant and
  - you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes
- Maintain [satisfactory academic progress](#) in college

In addition you must...

- Be a U.S. CITIZEN or U.S. NATIONAL

You are a U.S. citizen if you were born in the United States or certain U.S. territories, if you were born abroad to parents who are U.S. citizens, or if you have obtained citizenship status through naturalization. If you were born in American Samoa or Swains Island, then you are a U.S. national.

OR

- Have a GREEN CARD

You are eligible if you have a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C, also known as a green card, showing you are a U.S. permanent resident

OR

- Have an ARRIVAL-DEPARTURE RECORD

Your Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services must show one of the following:

-Refugee

-Asylum Granted

-Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)

-Conditional Entrant (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)

-Parolee

OR

- Have BATTERED IMMIGRANT STATUS

You are designated as a “battered immigrant-qualified alien” if you are a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act.

OR

- Have a T-VISA

You are eligible if you have a T-visa or a parent with a T-1 visa.