

# When it Comes to FAFSA, Tell the Truth

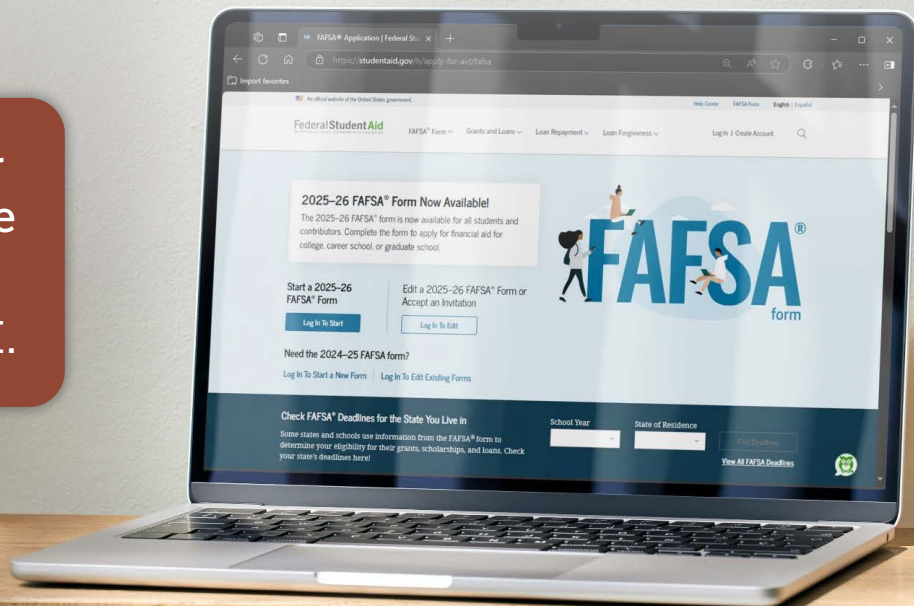
## LYING ON YOUR FAFSA IS A CRIME

Providing false or inaccurate information on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to obtain more aid than you are eligible to receive is fraud.

*This includes underreporting your income and assets, overstating your household size, and fabricating your qualifications, like claiming you have a high school diploma or GED when in fact you do not.*

**Know that if you lie on your FAFSA, you will be caught, which could result in criminal and/or civil penalties, fines, probation, or even prison.**

Do yourself a favor  
when filling out the  
FAFSA—  
**TELL THE TRUTH.**



Learn more about *why it's important to be truthful and what can happen if you submit false information*, and visit [oig.ed.gov](https://oig.ed.gov) to read real-life examples of U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General investigations involving those who lie on their FAFSA.