

Basics of applying for financial aid 2021-2022

- To be considered for all need-based aid resources, you must complete the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at studentaid.gov
- **We strongly encourage you to file the FAFSA by March 1, 2021.** If you are a Michigan resident, meeting this deadline also assures your consideration for state funds.
- The Office of Admissions awards Hope's academic scholarships.

FAFSA HELPFUL NOTES

- Visit studentaid.gov to create a FSA ID for yourself and one for a parent/guardian. The FSA ID gives you access to the Federal Student Aid online systems and serves as your legal signature on your FAFSA application. (If you and your parent/guardian already have FSA ID's, do not create new ones.)
- Visit studentaid.gov
 - Select "LOG IN" if you filed a FAFSA for a previous year,
OR
 - Select "START HERE" if you've never filed the FAFSA before.
- Enter your name on the FAFSA exactly as it appears on your Social Security Card.
- Enter your identifying information and then select "START 2021-2022 FAFSA."
- Use your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return information. Selecting the IRS Data Retrieval Tool will link your tax information from the IRS directly to your FAFSA. If you are eligible, a link to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool will become available while you are completing your FAFSA. When asked if you want to leave the FAFSA site and go to the IRS site, click "yes"! Once completed, you will be directed back to the FAFSA site to complete the rest of your FAFSA. Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool eliminates the need for Hope College to collect your federal income tax return transcripts, prevents reporting errors and avoids processing delays.
- In Step Six, list Hope College using our Federal School Code, 002273.

NEXT STEPS

- If you enter a valid email address on your FAFSA, you will receive electronic status messages regarding your Student Aid Report (SAR). If you did not provide a valid email address, you will receive a mailed Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Carefully review the Student Aid Report (SAR). If corrections are necessary, return to the FAFSA site to make changes.
- Promptly respond to all requests for additional information from the Hope College Office of Financial Aid. Requests will be mailed to your permanent address.
- Financial Aid Package notices will be mailed to students who have completed the aid application process:
 - New students – beginning in early February
 - Returning students – beginning in late May