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BGU'S School Code is 042278

Getting Started

- **File Your 2022 Tax Returns** FAFSA requires tax return information from 2 years prior to the year for which you are applying; **not** the most recent year. So, the 2024-25 FAFSA requires 2022 tax return information. For 2025-26 you will use your 2023 tax information and so forth.
- **Set up Your StudentAid.gov Account** You'll need to create a StudentAid.gov account to access and fill out the 2024–25 FAFSA form. Start the process here: https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch Each contributor, someone providing information on your FAFSA, will need their own studentaid.gov account, too.
- **Other Items** 6 Things Students Need Before They Fill Out the 2024-25 FAFSA Form

Complete the FAFSA

- **Fill out the FAFSA** https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- **Award Year** Be sure to select the correct award year: 2024-25
- **Your Personal Information** You would be amazed at how many students do not enter their birthdate, spelling of their name or their social security number correctly. Even a one-digit error will trigger a flag in your processing, requiring you to submit multiple pieces of information verifying your information and comparing it to past information you have submitted. Make sure that both you and your parents enter completely accurate information!
- **You must provide consent and approval to be eligible for federal student aid** "*Both you and your contributors must provide consent and approval to have the IRS transfer your federal tax information into the FAFSA form.*" More details are found here: https://studentaid.gov/articles/fafsa-changes-coming/
- **Sign the FAFSA** You and any contributors will be required to sign the FAFSA. More information can be found here: https://studentaid.gov/help/how-sign-fafsa

Helpful Links

- **A list of some of the 24-25 changes** https://studentaid.gov/articles/fafsa-changes-coming/
- **FAFSA Help page** https://studentaid.gov/help-center/
- **Who's My Parent When I Fill Out My FAFSA** https://studentaid.gov/sa/sites/default/files/who-is-my-parent.png

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After Submitting Your FAFSA

- **You will receive a confirmation email with preliminary information and data from your FAFSA will be sent to BGU starting in March.**
- **Next steps** Complete BGU's financial aid questionnaire on Populi to qualify for institutional aid. The financial aid office will contact you about what financial aid you are eligible to receive, and how to accept the aid you would like to utilize.

Tip: You will be completing a FAFSA for each school year that you attend BGU. Next year's FAFSA is set to open on October 1, 2024.