

FAFSA Estimator Instructions for CollegeReady Application



To complete your CollegeReady application, you must submit a FAFSA. But because of the many FAFSA delays in 2024, we are allowing candidates to generate a FAFSA Estimate and upload those results to your Graduating High School Student Application.

This tutorial will explain your next steps.

STEP 1

Go to studentaid.gov/aid-estimator


STEP 2

Read the instructions and gather your materials, then click **START ESTIMATE**

STEP 3

Answer all questions truthfully and completely. When you get to the end you will see your Results page - you need to save a copy of that page.

Here's how:

Option 1: Right-click anywhere on the page or use the menu button  and select **Print**. Under the 'Destination' menu, select **Save As PDF** and save it to your device.

Option 2: Take a screenshot or Print Screen of that page and save it to your device as a PDF, PNG or JPEG file.

STEP 4

On your CollegeReady "Graduating High School Student" application, upload your saved document/screenshot to the "FAFSA Estimator Upload" question.

When prompted, name your document/screenshot "FAFSA Estimate" or something similar.

At the bottom of your screen, select **Save and Keep Editing**.

When your page refreshes, scroll back down to that question and click **View** to make sure your document/screenshot uploaded correctly.

STEP 5

When your document/screenshot opens - scroll down to the Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) section.

Copy the number that appears in the "Estimated SAI" field and paste it into the "Estimated SAI" question on your CollegeReady application.

This number could be a zero, a negative number, or up to 6 digits long. COPY & PASTE OR TYPE THE FULL NUMBER!

STEP 6

Answer all required questions by the deadline -- March 19 at 3pm

Save and Keep Editing

Finish and Submit

When your Graduating High School Student application is finished, click the gold button

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are chosen to continue to our final round of scholarship evaluation in late-April/May, you will be required to upload copies of your FAFSA Submission Summary and your Financial Aid Offer.

SO BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

If you are not eligible to submit FAFSA, contact Jenny for assistance at jtice@collegereadywi.org