

# A BREAKDOWN OF THE STUDENT AID REPORT

You've filled out your FAFSA® (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and you're waiting for what's next—that's where the Student Aid Report (SAR) comes in. The SAR summarizes your FAFSA and includes your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).



## WHEN TO EXPECT IT

If you filed the FAFSA electronically and signed with your FSA (ID)s, you will receive your SAR via email in 3–5 days. If you filed by mail, it can take up to 3 weeks.



## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Your financial aid awards are based on the information included in your SAR—it's vital that the information it contains is accurate and up to date.

## YOUR SAR CHECKLIST



Check your EFC—if it's missing or has an asterisk, you need to provide more information.



Make sure that all of the information on the SAR is correct.



To add information or correct errors digitally, visit FAFSA online ([studentaid.gov/FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/FAFSA)).



Keep the paper or digital SAR on file for your records.



Be on the lookout for award letters from the schools you are accepted to, starting in February or March.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE SAR?

All of the information you submitted on your FAFSA.

Graduation, retention, and transfer rates for the schools listed on your FAFSA.

An estimate of your federal student loan eligibility.

Your EFC, the assumed amount your family can pay toward your education.



### WHO SEES IT?

The SAR isn't for your eyes only—any schools you listed on your FAFSA can access your information electronically. If there are any errors, you need to correct or update your FAFSA form.

### WHY EFC MATTERS

EFC helps colleges estimate how much financial aid they can offer. Remember, it is not the amount you are expected to pay.