

# FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

## HOW TO CREATE A PIN -- Do this FIRST, before applying for FAFSA

1. Go to the FAFSA Website [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
the website will look like this:



2. Create a PIN by clicking on the PIN Site icon (looks like a padlock)  
or by typing this address in your internet navigation bar:  
<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

Having a PIN allows you to sign and submit your FAFSA. You must keep your PIN secret and safe. Make sure that it is a 4 digit number that you will remember.

You will need:

- Your full name
- Social Security Number
- Birthdate

The PIN creation page looks like this:



Now that you have your PIN you are ready to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.