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APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

UNM's Federal School Code is **002663**

Financial aid awards are not renewed automatically. You **MUST** apply for financial aid each year. To apply for financial aid complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> as soon after January 1st as possible every year.

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FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is used to apply for all types of federal and state need-based aid, including: grants, loans, and work-study.

Your application for financial aid must be received by the US Department of Education's central processing system by March 1st for you to receive priority consideration for limited grants: Supplemental (FSEOG), State (SSIG), UNM 3%, UNM II, and College Affordability Grant, as well as Federal and State Work-Study, and Perkins Loans.

Once students who have met the **March 1 priority date** are awarded, we will continue to award the above types of financial aid as long as funding permits.

We encourage you to complete the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet before starting on the FAFSA on the Web. The questions on the Worksheet follow the order of the questions on FAFSA on the Web. The Worksheet is available at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Pay special attention to the following questions on the FAFSA. Correcting errors on your FAFSA can delay awarding of your financial aid by several weeks.

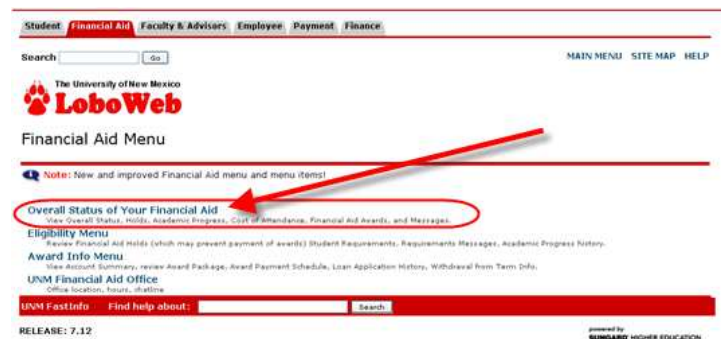
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| 1. Social Security Numbers |
| 2. Divorced/remarried parental information |
| 3. Income earned by parents/stepparents |
| 4. Untaxed income |
| 5. US income taxes paid |
| 6. Household size |
| 7. Number of household members in college |
| 8. Missing school code |
| 9. Missing student or parent signature |

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You will need a PIN to sign your FAFSA electronically. If you are providing parents' information, your parent will need his or her own PIN to sign the FAFSA. If you and/or your parent do not have a PIN, or if you have forgotten your PIN, you may request a PIN at: <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.

The PIN may be used by you and/or your parent throughout the aid process, including subsequent school years.

Keep a copy of your FAFSA application and all documents you submit to UNM. It is important that you keep a copy of your FAFSA on the Web Worksheet. **DO NOT MAIL THE WORKSHEET.**



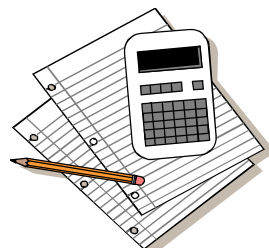
Please check your Financial Aid status on LoboWeb 3-5 business days after submitting your FAFSA. Respond immediately to document requests from UNM's Student Financial Aid Office. Include your name, UNM ID no., and email address on all documents you submit to our office.

The Student Aid Report (SAR)

The Central Processor will notify you of your FAFSA processing results by email notification containing a direct link to your on-line **Student Aid Report (SAR)**, if you provided your email address on your FAFSA on the Web.

In addition, you can view your **SAR** on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> using your PIN.

The **SAR** contains the answers you submitted on your FAFSA on the Web, and allows you the chance to update or correct information on your FAFSA. You should keep your **SAR** for your records.

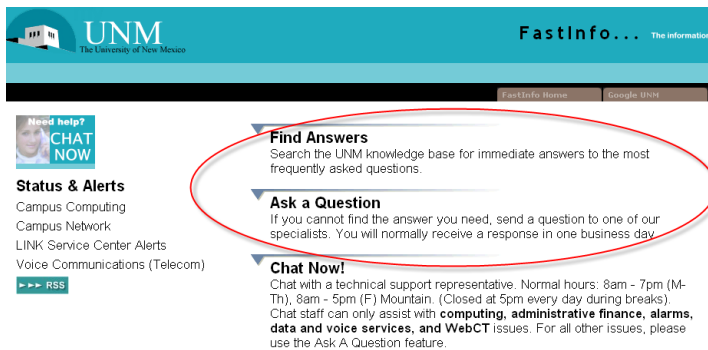


We strongly recommend that you complete your federal income tax returns before filling out the FAFSA. If you are not able to complete your tax returns in time to meet UNM's **March 1 priority date**, you may provide estimated tax information. However, you **must correct** the estimated tax information you provided as soon as your tax returns are complete.

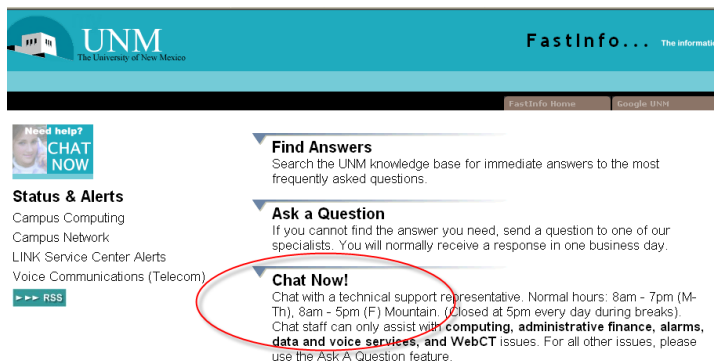
FASTINFO

The Financial Aid Office offers **valuable services** to help you with the financial aid process.

Find information to your financial aid questions through **FastInfo**, UNM's knowledge base, at <http://fastinfo.unm.edu>



Chat Live! Check the status of your financial aid file, apply for student loans, update your enrollment status, and more, **LIVE ON THE WEB!** <http://fastinfo.unm.edu>. Click on **CHAT NOW!**



The Financial Aid Office communicates important UNM-related information to you via LoboWeb. This is a convenient, online self-service available to you using a UNM NetID and password. As soon as you have been admitted to UNM, you are strongly encouraged to obtain a UNM NetID and password at <http://my.unm.edu>.

Your financial aid application status, required documents, and award notifications will be posted on LoboWeb for your review. It is your responsibility to review your information frequently.

Change in Family Circumstances

If any of the following circumstances apply to you/your family, **Chat!** with our office to see if this might affect your financial aid eligibility:

- Loss of income
- Unusual debts (not credit card debts)
- Unusually high medical/dental expenses
- Paying tuition/fees for private elementary/secondary education
- Paying adult day care expenses

QUALITY ASSURANCE

In order to ensure we provide the maximum amount of financial aid to the maximum number of students, UNM participates in the US Department of Education's Quality Assurance program.

This means that your application for financial aid may be selected for verification. It is very important that you provide all documents to our office as soon after they are requested as possible. Be sure to include your name and UNM ID no. on all documents you submit to our office.

Notify us immediately through <http://fastinfo.unm.edu> if you receive any type of financial assistance to attend UNM other than the amounts reflected on your financial aid award letter. Examples are: tuition remission, scholarships, Americorps grants, Veteran's Benefits etc. These types of assistance affect your eligibility for financial aid. **Unreported assistance could result in an overaward of financial aid, which you will be required to repay immediately! Don't put yourself in this predicament.**

UNM is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require this information in alternative format or have special needs, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid for assistance
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