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Early Aid Estimator 2012
Preliminary Worksheet

Our financial aid estimator is designed to be completed in one session—you cannot save your work and return to it later—so we encourage you to use this worksheet to assemble the necessary information before you go online.

In addition to routine questions like your address, telephone number, and email addresses, the merit scholarship section asks about your high school experience:

- senior year courses
- GPA and class rank
- honors/AP courses from 9th grade on
- standardized test scores
- activities and leadership positions
- awards and honors you have received

The need-based aid section requests information about your family members—including dates of birth and whether any other family members will be enrolled in college for 2013-2014—and also about the family's finances, so having 2011 federal income tax returns on hand might prove helpful:

- estimates of 2012 income for yourself and your parents
    - adjusted gross income (line 37 of IRS 1040; line 21 of 1040A; line 4 of 1040EZ)
    - income from employment
- estimates of your 2012 federal income tax liability (line 55 of IRS 1040; line 35 of 1040A; line 10 of 1040 EZ)
- estimates of untaxed income such as
    - child support received
    - pre-tax contributions into IRAs or 401k/403b retirement accounts and the like
    - tax-exempt interest/dividend or pension income
    - housing and living allowances for clergy and military
- estimates of your assets and your parents' assets as of early 2013 (when you file the FAFSA)
    - cash, savings, and checking accounts
    - stocks and bonds
    - real estate and other investments (but not your primary residence)
    - 529 educational savings plans
    - business/farm value (unless it is a small business or a family farm)

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