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- ▶ Every student should apply to be considered for federal and state aid.
- ▶ Apply using the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ▶ You will need your social security number; driver's license number; checking, savings and investment information; and untaxed income and income taxes. If you are a dependent student, you will need similar information about your parents.

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- ▶ **Apply Early!!**  
The FAFSA is available on October 1<sup>st</sup> for the following academic year.
- ▶ Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to add tax information.
- ▶ List Harper College's school code: **003961**
- ▶ A Harper College Summer Financial Aid Request Form is also required to receive aid.



# What is my FAFSA information used for?

- ▶ Your ***Expected Family Contribution (EFC)*** is calculated using this information in a federal formula.
  - An EFC is an estimate of the family's ability to pay for college costs.
- ▶ Harper uses your EFC and other data to determine your eligibility for need-based financial aid and other aid for the fall, spring and summer terms.

# What happens after I complete the FAFSA?

- ▶ Review your FAFSA information on your *Student Aid Report (SAR)*.
- ▶ Harper sends you an email confirming we received your FAFSA data.
- ▶ Check your email and *MyHarper* regularly for requirements / documents and financial aid updates.
- ▶ Go to the *MyHarper Student Portal*, *My Finances* tab to view your Student Account and Financial Aid information.