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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
- ▶ 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 1st 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.