

FAFSA Help Guide

Dear prospective student,

We have created this guide to assist you in applying for Financial Aid specifically for our establishment. In assisting prospective students, we have found that most get caught up on just a few questions on the application which can get a bit confusing if it is your first time applying. The answers for clock-hour schools may be a little different than if you were applying to a traditional credit-hour university. Use this guide to help you work through these specific areas. If you need additional help with anything else in the process the government offers help online at fafsa.gov, or you can call 1-800-433-3243.

→ Our FAFSA school code is: **E40492**

Or you can look us up by name: Taylor Andrews Academy of Hair Design - Hair Lab Detroit Barber School (We understand that Hair Lab Detroit is at the end of the school name, but we are a branch location of Taylor Andrews Academy)

→ For classes beginning **July 1st, 2024 through June 30th, 2025** you will use the **2024/2025 FAFSA** application which goes off of your 2022 federal tax information.

Before you begin your application, you must create an FSA ID. If you are a dependent your parents will need a FSA ID of their own. (Undergraduate students who are **under age 24** as of December 31 of the award year are considered to be **dependent** for federal student aid purposes **unless** they are married, have dependents other than a spouse, are an orphan, are a veteran or active duty member of the US Armed Forces or satisfy other very limited criteria).

Here is the link to create your ID: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Steps to fill out the FAFSA!

1. To access the application go to: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
2. Create your FSA ID and verify your account information
3. Navigate to the FAFSA form. Under the menu find the FAFSA Form section, then go to Complete The FAFSA, and start a new form.
4. Walk through the questions confirming your information.
5. Consent for them to electronically import your federal tax information directly into your FAFSA form. (With this you will not have to enter any of your tax information like before. If you do not consent to this, you will be ineligible for ANY financial aid).
6. Answer your personal circumstances questions to determine your dependency status.
7. If you are a dependent student, you'll enter your parent's information to send them an invite to your FAFSA form. They will log in and fill out their portion of your FAFSA separately.
8. Add your high school
9. Answer a few of your financial questions
10. Add the college information for the school you plan to attend. You can add up to 20 schools!
11. Sign and submit your form. If you are a dependent student, your portion will be done, but your FAFSA will not be submitted until your parent fills out and submits their portion.

Below are some help with questions that some of our applicants have needed assistance with in the past. Anything outside of these questions will be personal questions about your financial status and that of your parents if you are a dependent, or spouse if you are a married independent.

“What will your college grade level be when you begin the school year?”

- If you have **attended** any post-graduate school before beginning at Hair Lab Detroit Barber School, including attending but not graduating, you would choose:
 - **Attended college before and 1st year undergraduate**
- If this is your first time attending any type of post-secondary school you would choose:
 - **Never attended college and first-year undergraduate**
- If you are a transfer student who currently has over 900 clock hours or more to transfer, you would choose:
 - **2nd-year undergraduate**
- If you are transferring with less than 900 clock hours completed you would choose:
 - **Attended college before and 1st year undergraduate**

“What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the school year?” You will choose:

- **Certificate or diploma (occupational, technical, or educational program of less than 2 years)**

Another question we see applicants make mistakes on is: For the number in the household-

- **Independents** will include themselves and anyone else they are financially responsible for in the household.
- **Dependents** will be counted in their parent’s household size. This number entered in the parent section should include you and anyone the parents are financially responsible for. This includes their children who do not live with them but still receive support and any non-family members living with and receiving support.

Will you qualify? Read below, from the student aid website.

Basic Eligibility Criteria for Federal Student Aid

Our basic eligibility requirements are that you must

- demonstrate financial need (for most programs);
- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- have a valid Social Security number (with the exception of students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau);
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for Direct Loan Program funds;
- maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school;
- Sign the certification statement on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form stating that
 - you are not in default on a federal student loan,
 - you do not owe money on a federal student grant, and

- you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes; and
- show you're qualified to obtain a college or career school education by
 - having a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate;
 - completing a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law (or—if state law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a completion credential—completing a high school education in a homeschool setting that qualifies as an exemption from compulsory attendance requirements under state law)

Additional eligibility requirements can apply in certain situations including for non-U.S. citizens, students with criminal convictions, and students with intellectual disabilities.

To access the application go to: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

If you have any questions about your application or your enrollment at Hair Lab Detroit Barber School, please email our Admissions Director and Financial Aid Assistant, Alicia Gardner at:

If you would like an appointment with our Admissions Director Alicia, you can set it up here: <https://calendar.app.google/neutF7qoeFVsNA19>

Or call us at 734-258-8183 extension 2,
email us at: alicia@hairlabdetroitbarberschool.com, or
text us at 734-626-7418

Thank you! And we hope this guide helps!