

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is a measure of your family's financial strength and is calculated according to a formula established by law. Your family's taxed and untaxed income, assets, and benefits (such as unemployment or Social Security) are all considered in the formula. Also considered are your family size and the number of family members who will attend college during the year.

The information you report on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or your *FAFSA4caster* is used to calculate your EFC. Schools use the EFC to determine your federal student aid eligibility and financial aid award.

Note: Your EFC is **not** the amount of money your family will have to pay for college **nor** is it the amount of federal student aid you will receive. It is a number used by your school to calculate the amount of federal student aid you are eligible to receive.

For more information about the EFC, see *Funding Your Education: The Guide to Federal Student Aid* at: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/resources#information-on-getting>. To request a free copy of *Funding Your Education: The Guide to Federal Student Aid*, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at **1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)**.