

2026-2027 MASFA Processing

MA Office of Student Financial Assistance

MASFA in MASSAid

For the 2026-2027 academic year, the Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (**MASFA**) will reside in the [MASSAid environment](#). All campuses will be able to access students 2026-2027 MASFA data in MASSAid. MASFA records will be processed in the same manner as FAFSA completers.

MASFA Application

Information regarding Massachusetts High School Completer Status and MA State Financial Aid is available on the [In-State Tuition Rates and MA State Financial Aid / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#) website.

For the 2026-2027 application year, all students (**new and returning**) must create an account via the specific [MASFA/MASSAid Portal](#).

While the portal looks very similar to the MASSAid Student portal, students must use the unique MASFA/MASSAid link to access the 26-27 application. Information on account set up and application requirements is available on the DHE and OSFA website.

2026-2027 Application Deadline

- The **MASSGrant Priority Deadline is June 30, 2026** (same as FAFSA filers) *[original deadline was May 1st; extended to June 30th by state legislature]*
- The 2026-2027 MASFA is available until June 30, 2027

Student Aid Index (SAI)

- For **AY27**, SAI cutoff for MASFA filers to qualify for the MASSGrant program is **14790**

FAFSA/MASFA Applications

- Students should only complete **ONE** financial aid application. Students are encouraged to use DHE's [FAFSA/MASFA Eligibility Questionnaire](#) to identify which financial aid application to complete
- **Only one financial aid application data will be visible in the MASSAid portal - FAFSA or MASFA**
- MASFA application will be reflected with **“Transaction 99”** on student’s MASSAid record

- Students who incorrectly filed the FAFSA (i.e., not eligible to be considered for federal aid) must reach out to OSFA at masfa@dhe.mass.edu for assistance with accessing the MASFA application.
 - The FAFSA record must be deleted in MASSAid **before** the student can access/complete the MASFA.
- Students who filed a MASFA but are eligible to be considered for aid via FAFSA, must reach out to OSFA at masfa@dhe.mass.edu to have their MASFA deleted and their FAFSA record loaded into MASSAid.

Verification

- Verification remains suspended for the 2026-2027 academic year
- If you believe there are discrepancies on a student's record, you may reach out to Stephannie Barboza, sbarboza@dhe.mass.edu to discuss. OSFA will reach out to the student to request additional information and make updates to the student's application, if necessary.

Tuition Equity Form and Affidavit

Schools will continue to collect the Tuition Equity Form and verify that student meets 'High School Completer' status. Schools will verify they have collected the Tuition Equity Form and that the student meets the requirements during the certification process in MASSAid [*more information coming soon*]. Students only need to submit the form to the college once.

- Review the [FAQ on High School Completer Status](#) for additional information
- [Tuition Equity Form and Affidavit](#) (PDF)
- [September 2025 Memo](#) (PDF) – guidance from DHE Legal

MASSAid Portal (School Users)

Schools may download 26-27 application data for all students who have listed the school on their application (report is updated in real time)

- [MASFA Report](#)
 - The report is available/downloads in Excel format. You can "Save As" in **.csv or .txt format**
 - A **completed** application = signed by student and the SAI is visible
 - An **incomplete** application = not yet finished/signed by student, no SAI available

- **Eligible/Ineligible Reports**
 - Navigate to the **MASSAid** tab
 - Select **Reports**
 - Review available report options (such as Eligible/Ineligible Students Report)
- **Certification**
 - Eligible students will appear on the certification roster
 - MASFA filers will be on the same certification roster as FAFSA filers

MASSAid Portal (Student Users)

Once students create their MASFA portal account they will be redirected to the application. Students will have access to all features (i.e., grant/scholarship information and applications) available to students in the MASSAid portal.

- **Ineligible Reasons:**
 - Students can view any ineligible reason(s) they may have, along with instructions on how to resolve them, if applicable (same as FAFSA filers)
 - Students will receive two notifications from OSFA regarding their ineligible reason(s) and have 21 days (from when the first notification went out) to resolve them, if applicable
- **Dependency/ Extenuating Circumstances Appeal:**
 - Students who are flagged as a “Provisional Independent Student” must complete a Dependency Appeal Form with OSFA. Information and form are provided to students that are flagged as ‘Provisional Independent’ in the MASSAid portal.
 - Students with extenuating circumstances (but not flagged as a “Provisional Independent Student”) may reach out to OSFA, masfa@dhe.mass.edu, to discuss their application and options for appeal, if applicable.
- **Troubleshooting Tips for Account Creation/Access:**
 - Use a desktop computer or laptop. Do not use a mobile phone or tablet.
 - If using a public shared/computer, use a private/incognito browser
 - Microsoft Edge is the preferred browser
 - Do not have multiple web browsers/tabs open with the MASFA/MASSAid portal link (this will cause the account to not link properly to the application)
 - Students should use a personal email address to create their account (we advise against using school or work email addresses)

Financial Aid Programs

MASFA applicants can be considered for all [MA State Financial Aid programs](#). They must meet all requirements (i.e., residency, major/program of study, GPA, etc.).

Please note: MASFA applicants **cannot** be considered for programs that are federally funded (i.e., GEAR Up Scholarship).

Schools will input data for all programs in the same manner as they would for FAFSA filers.

Programs with Additional Requirements

MASFA applicants must provide any additional information and documentation, as required by the program, including their MA home address in the MASSAid Student Portal.

- **Adams Scholarship** – student must provide eligibility letter to college
- **DCF Fee Assistance** – student must provide DCF Tuition Waiver eligibility letter to their college (school will then upload letter to MASSAid)
- **Tomorrow's Teacher Scholarship** – student must complete promissory note
- **No Interest Loan** – student must complete promissory note; SAI not higher than 20,000; schools must be participating in program

Questions/Contact Information

Questions regarding the MASFA application, program eligibility, and technical assistance, may be sent to masfa@dhe.mass.edu.

Questions regarding High School Completer Status and/or the Tuition Equity Form may be sent to tuitionequity@dhe.mass.edu.