

## Signatures Required

The U.S. Department of Education is required to collect signatures from you and your parents (if applicable) when you file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

There are two ways to sign:

- Electronically with a PIN
- By signing your Student Aid Report (SAR) and returning it in the mail

The application process *is faster* if you use your PIN to sign your application electronically. If you have a valid e-mail address, you should consider applying for your PIN, as it will speed up your application process. Both students and parents of dependent students who have not previously applied for a PIN are able to apply for a PIN within the FAFSA application. It takes 1-3 days to get a PIN electronically as opposed to the 7-10 days it would take a signature page to be received and processed through the mail. You can use the same PIN throughout your school years for signing your FAFSA application from one year to the next.

You can use your PIN to electronically sign the following application forms:

- FAFSA on the Web
- Renewal FAFSA on the Web
- Corrections on the Web
- FAFSA en Español
- FAFSA de Renovación en Español

If you are a dependent student, your parent(s) may also electronically sign your FAFSA using their PIN. If they do not currently have a PIN, they can apply for a PIN by going to the Department of Education's PIN Web site at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and select 'Apply for a PIN'. If you do not have an e-mail address, it will take approximately 7-10 days to receive it through the mail. Applying for a PIN is a one-time process. Your parent(s) may use their PIN to electronically sign your application each year, and the application of your siblings, speeding up the time it takes for the application to get processed.

If you have submitted a FAFSA and you and/or your parent need to provide an electronic signature to complete the submission process, go to 'Sign Electronically with your PIN' in the 'Filling Out a FAFSA' section of FAFSA on the Web home page.