

1. Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
2. SCROLL DOWN and look on the bottom right hand side to find the “FAFSA 4caster”. CLICK on the section that says *FAFSA4caster* to fill it out

The screenshot shows the FAFSA4caster website. At the top, there is a banner with photos of students. Below the banner, there are two main sections: "New to the FAFSA?" and "Returning User?". The "New to the FAFSA?" section has a green button labeled "Start A New FAFSA". The "Returning User?" section has a green button labeled "Login" and a list of options: "Make a correction", "Add a school", and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...". Below these sections, there are several links: "Deadlines", "School Code Search", "FAFSA Filing Options", "Announcements", and "Thinking About College?". A large red arrow points to the "Thinking About College?" section.

OR you can go to the following link: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm>

3. It will take you to a page where you will need to fill out all of the information. You will need to fill it out as accurately as possible! This will help to give the financial aid office some indication as to how much funding you can be awarded.
 - a. The **total Direct Cost** for in state tuition for Truman State University is: **\$21,051.**
 - b. The **total Direct Cost** for out of state tuition for Truman State University is: **\$27,275.**
 - c. To get a visual breakdown of how these cost are calculated you can look at the following website: <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?q=Truman+State+University&s=all&id=178615#expenses>
4. For the “Grant and Scholarship” section, fill in any scholarships you know you will receive. Some boxes will be automatically filled in based on the information you provided on the previous screen.

SCROLL to the bottom of the page and click “CACULATE”. This will give you an **ESTIMATED** value of what aid will be provided for you.

Additional resources you should consider:

Parents may apply for a [Parent PLUS Loan](#) to help pay their child's education expenses as long as certain eligibility requirements are met. Your parent may be eligible to apply for the amount displayed in the Difference field.

Direct PLUS Loan for Parents (fill in an amount) \$

Savings is money that you and your parents plan to save for the purpose of contributing to your college expenses.

Savings (fill in an amount) \$

You should also learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC)*.

CALCULATE



Note: FAFSA4caster provides an estimate of federal aid for one academic year. It is based on the information you entered and certain assumptions like full-time attendance.

5. Take a screen shot of this page and print it or save it as a PDF file. The page containing this information needs to be submitted to the STEP Office to complete your scholarship application.

Work-study

Federal Work-study is part-time employment where you can earn funds while enrolled at the school. Students are paid at least the federal minimum wage and the jobs can be on campus or off campus. Not all colleges participate in the Federal Work-study program and funds may be limited.

Federal Work-study (This amount is the national average for work-study) \$

Student Loans

[Direct Stafford Loans](#) are low-interest loans for undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in college at least half-time. Federal student loans are borrowed funds that must be repaid.

Direct Stafford Loan \$

College Cost You Entered \$

Total Aid Available \$
This includes the federal student aid we estimated and any of the other aid you entered.

Difference \$
Your estimated [EFC](#) is 7,600.

If you have any issues or questions please feel free to contact the STEP Office via email at step@truman.edu or by phone at (660) 785-4152. You can also contact the Truman State University financial aid office at (660)785-4130.