

## **New Option for Submitting the FAFSA**

Students now have a new way to obtain the FAFSA. The U.S. Department of Education has posted a PDF version of the 2008-09 FAFSA at [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov). The PDF application can be completed on the computer or by hand and then mailed to the address provided for processing.

The online FAFSA on the Web is still the easiest and fastest way to submit the FAFSA. The 2008-09 version will be available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) starting January 1.

With more than 95 percent of FAFSAs being submitted online today, schools may no longer order the paper FAFSA in bulk to discourage students from filling out the hard-copy counterpart before completing the online version. (If schools have students who will be submitting the paper FAFSA, they may make a special request for up to 50 copies by going to [www.fsapubs.org](http://www.fsapubs.org) or by calling 800.394.7084.) Instead, students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet ahead of time. The worksheet follows the flow and logic of the online FAFSA which the paper FAFSA does not. The 2008-09 worksheet is now available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The worksheet is still available for bulk order.

Students and families may request up to three copies of the paper FAFSA or the worksheet by calling toll free 800.4FED.AID (800.433.3243).

In addition, the U.S. Department of Education offers a number of publications to help students complete the FAFSA. These publications and others may be ordered online at [www.fsapubs.org](http://www.fsapubs.org) or by calling 800.394.7084.

- *Do You Need Money for College?* brochure includes tips for completing the FAFSA
- *FAFSA4caster Hall Pass* flyer explains the benefits of FAFSA4caster
- FAFSA on the Web poster
- *Start Here* bookmark (Spanish and English; also available in Braille)
- *Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid* (also available in Spanish and Braille)
- *Counselors and Mentors Handbook on Federal Student: A Guide for Those Helping Students Prepare for Postsecondary Education 2008-09*