

Deferment and the FAFSA

Some students defer college to complete a humanitarian, religious, or military service after high school. If you do not plan to start college immediately after high school graduation, here are options to consider.

We recommend:

File the FAFSA the fall of your senior year of high school, even if you aren't planning to attend college right away.

Why we recommend it:

- Filing your FAFSA as a senior makes the renewal process much easier when you decide to enroll in college.
- If you have time to fit a semester of college before you leave for your religious mission, military service, or humanitarian service, you may be eligible for financial aid.
- If your plans change suddenly, (for example, due to an unexpected injury) you will be ready to attend college.
- Because of the important role the FAFSA can play in some scholarships (especially the [Utah Opportunity Scholarship](#)), you should file early to be considered for those awards. You may be able to defer your scholarships.

When you return from deferment:

If you do complete the FAFSA, (or create an FSA ID) write down your information below and save it in a safe place for when you return. This can help you avoid the complications of forgotten passwords, usernames, emails, and other information when you return. We also recommend writing down your parent's account information as well.

FSA ID Username: _____

FSA ID Password: _____

Email Associated with Account: _____

Phone Number Associated with Account: _____

Challenge Question Answer 1: _____

Challenge Question Answer 2: _____

Challenge Question Answer 3: _____

Challenge Question Answer 4: _____