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SAMPLE SAR (Student Aid Report) you must read your SAR for mistakes that you must correct. If you do not correct these errors, your Financial Aid Award Letter will be delayed.

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Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	02/21/2015	XXX-XX-1493 BA 03
Processed Date:	03/17/2015	EFC: 000000 *
		DRN: 3653

Do you know what your EFC (Expected Family

If you are selected for verification....

Request a Tax Transcript or Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Comments About Your Information

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

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 000000. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school.

Your FAFSA has been selected for a review process called verification. Your school has the authority to request copies of certain financial documents from you and your parent(s).

There is a limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive, which is the equivalent of 6 school years. Once a total amount of Pell Grant eligibility has been received, a student can no longer receive Pell Grant aid.

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

The date of birth you reported for your first parent on your FAFSA matches the Social Security Administration's (SSA) records, but the date of birth you reported for your second parent does not match the SSA's records. Your second parent should review the date of birth in Item 67 and either confirm the date you have reported or make the necessary correction by clicking 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page.

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page. You must use your Federal Student Aid PIN to access your record online. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online.

Based on your EFC of 000000, you may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$5,730 for the 2015-2016 school year provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program.

Immediately correct all errors!

A mistake on your [FAFSA](#) can delay the processing of your application for financial aid! About 30% of all FAFSAs are selected for verification, a process intended to identify and correct common errors. If your FAFSA is verified and contains errors, it can cost you.

To avoid these errors, get started early and use the online version of the FAFSA.

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool can be used to copy the answers to some FAFSA questions directly from your federal income tax return. If you do not modify those answers, those questions will not be subject to verification. This will reduce the likelihood that your FAFSA will be selected for verification, saving you time and hassle.

Avoid the most common mistakes:

- If the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, **write in a zero**. If you leave a question blank, the processor will assume that you forgot to answer.
- Use the 1040 federal tax return for income reporting and reporting taxes paid. If you use your W-2 and 1099 forms, compare them with the previous year's income tax return to make sure you did not overlook any source of income, such as interest and dividends.
- Don't forget to report all the required sources of untaxed income. These include Social Security, child support and workers compensation/disability income.
- Report your correct marital status.
- If your parents are divorced, your stepparent's financial information must be reported in addition to the financial information for your custodial parent.
- Include yourself in the household size. Even if you didn't live there during the previous year, you should always include yourself as part of your parent's household.
- **Don't forget to sign the application. If you're filing as a dependent, both you and your parents must sign**. Remember to create an FSA ID# for both you and one of your parents.
- Remember to file on time. **Priority for programs with limited funds is often given to students who file the FAFSA as soon as possible once the form is released.** Beginning in October 2016, the form will be made available on October 1, rather than January 1, 2017. This new structure will allow families to use actual figures from their 2015 tax returns, rather than having to guess at their 2016 figures. Despite the new system, you will still want to complete your FAFSA as soon as possible — financial aid will still be disbursed on a first come, first serve basis.
- **As with all forms and applications, make sure you read the instructions and questions carefully. If you're unclear about a question or are having trouble filling out the FAFSA, check the [FAQ section on the FAFSA website](#), or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at **1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)**.**

Make sure to fill it out right the first time, and you'll have your financial aid award letter in no time.