

State Resources for Financial Aid

The Commonwealth partners with two statewide organizations to support financial aid awareness and provide direct support: the **Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA)**, which focuses on student, family, and counselor-facing resources, and **MassEdco**, the largest provider of community-based education and career readiness direct services.

Below is a curated list of resources to support students, families, and school-based individuals with the financial aid process. You can access additional resources [here](#).

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For students and families who have specific questions about their scenarios or completing their financial aid application	<u>FAFSA Festival</u> Join MEFA's virtual FAFSA Festival - this is a misnomer, as they also assist with MASFA forms . Students and families can log in anytime and be paired with an expert who can answer their questions and help them complete the online application. The next ones are on January 15th & February 11th , 4 PM - 6 PM Register here!
For students and families who want in-person support	MassEdCO's Regional Opportunity Centers provide FAFSA completion help for low-income adults and high school students not served by Talent Search or GEAR UP programs: • Boston Area Education and Career Planning Center • Brockton Area Educational Opportunity Center • North Shore Area Educational Opportunity Center • South Coastal Educational Opportunity Center • Western Mass Educational Opportunity Center • Worcester Area Educational Opportunity Center
For guidance counselors, trusted advisors, and school staff wanting to learn more about FAFSA.	MEFA's A Deep Dive into the FAFSA webinar shares the step-by-step instructions on completing the application, helpful tips on answering questions correctly, and important next steps.

Key Tools/Resources:

- MassEdco's [List of Needed Information for the FAFSA \(2025-26 School Year\)](#)
- MEFA's [Steps to completing the FAFSA!](#)