



FAFSA Tips

Federal School Code: G04707

The Department of Education uses a standardized need analysis on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for students applying for government loans. Covenant Seminary uses that same information in analyzing the financial need component for student scholarships.

- ✓ TIP—The fastest way to complete the form is to apply online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. You will find a “FAFSA on the Web Worksheet” at the above site which is helpful to review to make sure you have all necessary information available before starting to complete the FAFSA. If you require a paper FAFSA, call 1-800-4-FED-AID to obtain a copy.
- ✓ TIP—Obtain a PIN number before completing the FAFSA. You can use it to sign the FAFSA online. Without a PIN, you will need to print out, sign, date, and mail the signature page if you file online. Save your PIN number to use in future years.
- ✓ TIP—If you completed a 2009–10 FAFSA, much of the information will propagate to the 2010–11 FAFSA.
- ✓ TIP—File your 2009 taxes **before** doing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or make sure you make necessary updates as soon as you file your tax return.
- ✓ TIP—Graduate students do not need to complete the “Parent” sections of the form.
- ✓ TIP—Worksheets A, B, and C have been replaced by two sections of the form called “Additional Financial Information” and “2009 Untaxed Income.” Complete them carefully. Some of these figures will be on your tax return. Include cash received by you from parents, churches, or supporters in the blank marked “Money received or paid on your behalf” on 2009 Untaxed Income. **Do not include money sent directly to the Seminary for you.**
- ✓ TIP—Your “current investments, including real estate” **does not include** the home you live in, cash, savings, checking accounts (reported elsewhere on the form), or the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension plans, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.). **It does include the net value of real estate you own but do not currently live in.**
- ✓ TIP—To count your spouse or other family member as being in college, he or she must attend post-secondary education at least half-time during the 2010-11 school year.
- ✓ TIP—College Name = Covenant Theological Seminary. Our address is: 12330 Conway Road, St. Louis, MO 63141. **Our Federal School Code: G04707.**

Please call the Financial Aid Office at 314-434-4044 or 1-800-264-8064, ext. 4940, if you have any questions while completing this form.