

# Required Personal Financial Materials

## Instructions

U.S. students applying for a scholarship should read the information below to determine which items they are required to send in. **Please note: Applications for admission and scholarship funding will not be reviewed until all personal financial materials have been received. All materials must be received by the deadline to be considered.**

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship **must** do so when submitting their application for admission.

*International students do not need to submit any personal financial materials unless they are currently studying in the U.S. and receiving scholarship funding.*

## Student Aid Report (SAR)

Scholarship applicants, who completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current school year, must send in their Student Aid Report (SAR). This document may be accessed through the U.S. Department of Education's website [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or obtained from the home university's financial aid office. Students will need their PIN and password in order to log into the Department of Education's website. A copy of the SAR, **NOT** the FAFSA is required. *Students sending in a SAR do not need to send in a tax return.*

## Financial Aid Award Summary & Grant/Scholarship Award Letters

Applicants receiving any funding for the current school year, including need-based, merit-based or athletic scholarships, must send documentation detailing any grants, loans or scholarships that were received. This does not need to be in a formal letter format, but may be a print-out from a university online system.

## Federal Tax Return

Scholarship applicants, who did not complete a FAFSA for the current school year, must send the 1040 form of the most recent tax return that claims them as a dependent (often the parents' return). *Students sending in a tax return do not need to send in the SAR.*

## Submission of Materials

All supplemental scholarship materials may be submitted through the online application system, sent via fax or mail using the contact information below:

U.S. Programs Admissions Committee  
The Fund for American Studies  
1621 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20009  
Tel: 1.800.741.6964  
Fax: 202.318.0441  
[admissions@tfas.org](mailto:admissions@tfas.org)