Tips for Using the Princeton Financial Aid Application on the Web
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As a student, you may log in to the Princeton Financial Aid Application (PFAA) using your Princeton University netID and e-mail password. You can either provide this information to your parents so they can also use it to complete the PFAA, or you can create a separate parental user account (if you have not already done so). The latter option allows students and parents to access the PFAA separately while maintaining the confidentiality of the student’s e-mail account and password. Parental accounts are valid throughout your years of enrollment. You may repeatedly save a partially completed form until you and your parents are ready to submit the application.

As a parent, you may log in to the PFAA by either using the student’s Princeton University netID and e-mail password, or the user name and password created for you by the student in setting up a parental account.

It is a good idea to prepare in advance by having the following information at hand:

- **Parents’ 2011 tax information** - adjusted gross income, federal income tax, and wage and salary figures.

- **Parents’ 2011 untaxed income** - contributions to tax deferred savings plans, benefits such as VA, housing allowances (excluding military allowances), and all other untaxed sources of income.

- **Current value of parents’ assets** - savings, investments, total value of 529 college savings and/or prepaid tuition plans, real estate and business or farm equity, the family home and retirement funds.

- **Student’s taxable and untaxed income for 2011** - wages, interest and dividends, and untaxed benefits.

- **Current value of student’s assets** - savings, investments, trusts and Uniform Gifts to Minors.

- **Family 2011 expenses** - especially school and college costs, unreimbursed medical and dental expenses, education loan payments and other out-of-the ordinary expenses.

The “Instructions” button on each page of the application provides more information about how to complete the questions on that page.