



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR FAFSA

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at studentaid.gov to apply for federal, state and college-based financial aid.

Dependent students must include both student and parent data on the FAFSA.



1. FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID

If you are a dependent, both you and a parent will need to create separate ID's.

WHERE TO FIND IT?

studentaid.gov



2. ID'S AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Driver's license number, student and parent's social security numbers, e-mails, and birthdays.

WHERE TO FIND SS#?

Social Security Administration
(800) 772-1213



3. BANK STATEMENTS

Student and parent's cash, checking, and savings account balances, money markets, etc.

WHERE TO FIND IT?

Personal records or contact your accountant.



4. TAX RETURNS AND W-2'S

Student and parent's 2021 Income Tax Forms, Schedule K-1 (if needed) and W-2 forms.

WHERE TO FIND IT?

irs.gov/transcript, or the IRS data retrieval tool through the FAFSA application.



5. INVESTMENTS AND ASSETS

Student and parent's investments (ie. stocks, bonds, mutual funds, 529 plans, rental properties) excluding retirement.



6. UNTAXED INCOME

Child support, interest income, government-issued benefits (ie. workers' compensation, military allowance, Veteran's noneducation benefits)



7. LIST OF SCHOOLS

Make sure to include all schools/programs you plan on applying to - even if you haven't been accepted yet!



8. 60 MINUTES

Once you've gathered everything you need, the application will take about an hour to complete.



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FAQ's and Tips for Success

1. WHY SHOULD I FILL OUT THE FAFSA?

Completing the FAFSA is the first step toward getting financial aid for college or technical school. The FAFSA gives you access to the \$150 billion in grants, loans, and work-study funds that the federal government has available. That's why it's important that every high school senior complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1. You never know what funds you qualify for unless you apply.

2. WHEN DO I NEED TO FILL SUBMIT MY FAFSA?

You can file a 2023-2024 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2022. To receive the best financial aid offer, complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA as early as possible.

3. DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID THROUGH FAFSA?

No, filing is free! It is the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid. Don't pay for a service that helps you fill out the FAFSA.

4. DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY PARENT'S INFORMATION ON MY FAFSA?

The FAFSA distinguishes between students who are dependent and students who are independent. Parents of a dependent student are required to submit their financial and demographic information on the FAFSA. Parents of an independent student are not required to complete the FAFSA.

5. MY PARENTS ARE DIVORCED. DO I NEED TO INCLUDE BOTH INCOMES?

The parent you live with the most is the one you'll report financial information for. If that parent is remarried, you must include his or her income, too.

6. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I FINISH THE FAFSA?

Once your application is processed, you will receive a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). Review your SAR and make sure all of the information is complete and accurate. If there is any missing or incorrect information then you should complete or correct your FAFSA as soon as possible. Once your FAFSA is processed by Federal Student Aid, your SAR is sent to the schools/ programs listed on your FAFSA. Each college will use the information on your SAR to determine your eligibility for federal and nonfederal student aid.

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