

FAFSA Checklist: Everything You Need to Complete the Form

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 parents' information on the FAFSA. To determine your dependency status, answer the questions on the next page.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

WHERE TO FIND IT

<input type="checkbox"/> Prior-prior year Federal Income Tax Forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	Personal records or visit www.irs.gov/transcript
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior-prior year W-2 Forms	Personal records or contact your employer(s) or visit www.irs.gov/transcript
<input type="checkbox"/> FSA ID	Apply or request an FSA ID at studentaid.gov
<input type="checkbox"/> Student's driver's license number	Personal records
<input type="checkbox"/> Student's email address	_____ @ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security number	Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth date	Student: ___/___/___ Month Day Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed (if applicable)	___/___ Month Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Current cash and checking/savings account balances	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Current investment values (stocks, savings bonds, mutual funds, 529 plans) excluding home and retirement plans	Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Current business value	\$ _____ or contact your accountant
<input type="checkbox"/> Current value of investment farm and/or rental properties	\$ _____ or contact your accountant
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior-prior year Child support paid or received	\$ _____ or contact your state's child support agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior-prior year Workers' compensation benefits	\$ _____ or contact your employer
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior-prior year Housing/food/living allowance for military and clergy	\$ _____ or reference Leave and Earnings Statement (military) or W2 form (clergy)
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior-prior year Veteran's noneducation benefits	\$ _____ or contact Department of Veterans Affairs toll free at 800-827-1000 or www.va.gov
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at www.uscis.gov

FAFSA APPLICATION

DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions to determine your dependency status for the FAFSA.

- Yes No Are you age 24 or older?
- Yes No Are you married?
- Yes No Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the school year for which you are applying for aid?
- Yes No Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty?
- Yes No Do you now have, or will you have, children who will receive more than half of their support from you during the school year for which you are applying for aid?
- Yes No Do you have any dependents (other than a child or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you?
- Yes No At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- Yes No Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- Yes No Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- Yes No At any time on or after July 1st of the previous year, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- Yes No At any time on or after July 1st of the previous year, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- Yes No At any time on or after July 1st of the previous year, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If you answer "no" to every question, you are dependent and must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

If you answer "yes" to any question, you are independent and should not include parental information on the FAFSA.