



You should bring the following information and documents with you to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®):

- FSA ID for you and parent (if created)
- Social Security Card/Number
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are required/providing parental information\*
- Driver's License Number (if you have one)
- Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. Citizen)
- 2020 Federal Tax Information/Tax Returns – This includes W-2 information for you, spouse (if married), and your parents (if providing parental data)
  - If an FSA ID is created for you and parent, you may be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool which is highly recommended!
- Records of untaxed income for you and parent (if providing parental information)
  - *Includes: child support received, interest income, and veterans non-education benefits*
- Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Investment information for you and parent
  - *Including real estate (but not the home you live in), trust funds, UGMA & UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposits, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held, commodities, qualified educational benefits or savings accounts, etc.*
  - **Do not include: home you live in, value of life insurance (401 [K] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRA's, Keogh plans)**
- *Business and Farm Asset Information for you and parent*
  - *The market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc.*
  - **Business does not include: value of small business if a family owned business, controls 50% of business, and business has 100 or fewer full-time or full time equivalent employees.**
  - **Farm does not include: value of family farm in which you, your spouse (if married), and parents live on and operate.**

\*Unsure if you will need to provide parental information? Flip page over or check our 'Do I have to Provide My Parents' Information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) at [www.studentaid.gov/resources](http://www.studentaid.gov/resources) \*

## Financial Aid Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding financial aid, please contact your financial aid advisor.

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# Do I Have to Provide My Parents' Information on the FAFSA® Form?



All applicants for federal student aid are considered either “independent” or “dependent.”

## INDEPENDENT STUDENT

If you answer **YES** to ANY of these questions, then you may be an independent student. You may not be required to provide parental information on your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* form.

## DEPENDENT STUDENT\*

If you answer **NO** to ALL of these questions, then you may be considered a dependent student and may be required to provide your parents' financial information when completing the FAFSA form.

- 1 Will you be 24 or older by Jan. 1 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid? For example, if you plan to start school in August 2022 for the 2022–23 school year, will you be 24 by Jan. 1, 2022 (i.e., were you born before Jan. 1, 1999)?
- 2 Are you married or separated but not divorced?
- 3 Will you be working toward a master's or doctorate degree (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)?
- 4 Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?
- 5 Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?
- 6 Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?
- 7 Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?
- 8 At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?
- 9 Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by a court?
- 10 Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

*\*If you don't answer “yes” to any of the questions above, you're still considered a dependent student for purposes of applying for federal student aid even if you don't live with your parents, are not claimed by your parents on their tax forms, or are paying for your own bills and educational expenses.*

For more information, visit [StudentAid.gov/dependency](https://StudentAid.gov/dependency).

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