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# FAFSA CHECKLIST



Follow these steps to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year to apply for most types of financial aid.

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## Determine if you are an **independent** or **dependent** student.

**Independent student:** only report information about yourself and not your parent(s)

**Dependent student:** report information about yourself and your parent(s) — most common

- You are an **independent student** if at least one of the following is true about you:
  - You will be 24 years of age or older as of Jan 2024
  - You have a child or other dependent for whom you provide the majority of financial support
  - You have a court-ordered legal guardian who is not your biological or adoptive parent
  - You were in foster care at any point after age 13
  - You were a ward of the court at any point after age 13
  - You are married (*but not separated or divorced*)
  - You are homeless or at risk of being homeless
  - Your parents are incarcerated or deceased
  - You are currently on active duty or are a veteran of the U.S. armed forces
- If none of the above apply, you're a **dependent student**. If special circumstances prevent you from providing parental information, contact your college financial aid office.

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## All students need to collect the following information

- Student FSA ID** (*username and password*)
- Picture or copy of your social security card** (*if applicable*)
- Picture or copy of your green card** (*if applicable*)
- Your 2022 federal tax forms** (*if applicable*)
- Total current amount in your checking and savings accounts:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Net worth of your investments:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- List of colleges you will apply to or current college you will continue attending**



If you're a dependent student, collect this info for your parent(s). If your parents are divorced/separated, include info about the parent who provides the majority of your financial support. If that parent is remarried, include your stepparent.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

FSA ID for one or both parents

PARENT 1

PARENT 2

Full name (same as FSA ID): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number or **ITIN**: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### TAX INFORMATION

2022 federal tax forms (1040 and all schedules)

If 2022 taxes were not filed, what was the reason? \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total current amount in checking and savings account(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Net worth (value minus debt) of current stocks, bonds, mutual funds, 529 plans, etc.: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Net worth of investment/rental property/rented portion of your home: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Net worth of parent-owned business(es) and/or family farm(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of child support received in the past year for all children: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal benefits (SNAP, WIC, TANF, etc.) received in 2022 / 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certain situations may impact how you report information on the FAFSA.  
Contact your college(s) if:**

- Your family's income has significantly changed since 2022 or after submitting your FAFSA
- You and your family are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Your parent's marital status has changed since 2022
- You have concerns about your or your parents' citizenship status
- Other major life/financial changes have occurred recently



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