

2024-2025

# FAFSA Checklist



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

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

## REQUIRED INFORMATION

## WHERE TO FIND IT/DETAILS

- Student and parent 2022 Federal Income Tax Forms and all schedules

Personal records or visit [irs.gov/transcript](https://irs.gov/transcript)

- Student and parent FSA ID usernames and passwords

Create FSA IDs at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) - allow 3 days for the Social Security Administration to verify the information

- Student and parent email addresses

Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

- Student and parent Social Security Numbers

Personal records or contact the Social Security Admin.

- Student and parent dates of birth

Student: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
                  Month Day Year  
Parent 1: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_    Parent 2: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
                  Month Day Year                    Month Day Year

- Savings and checking account balances

Student: \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Parent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Investments:** stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CD's, trust funds, money market funds, UGMA, UTMA, value of 529 account for student completing the FAFSA, rental property, real estate other than your home  
**Exclude:** primary home and retirement plans

Student: \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Parent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Current net worth of all businesses (value of business minus debt), include land, buildings, equipment, and inventory

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Use tax records or balance sheet for land and building value, debt includes any loans tied to the business

- Current net worth of all farms (value of farm minus debt), include land, buildings, equipment, livestock, and grains not harvested and in storage  
**Exclude:** primary home

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Use tax records or balance sheet for land and building value, debt includes any loans tied to the farm

- Child support received during the last completed calendar year

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ May use personal records or child support state agency report

- Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: [uscis.gov](https://uscis.gov)

## DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

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Answer the following questions to determine if parental data is needed on your FAFSA.

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.

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| Yes | No | Were you born before January 1, 2001?  |
| Yes | No | Are you married?   |
| Yes | No | Will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year?  |
| Yes | No | Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty?  |
| Yes | No | Do you have children who live with you and will receive more than half of their support from you from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025?   |
| Yes | No | Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2025?   |
| 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 | As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?   |
| 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 1, 2023, 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 1, 2023, 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 1, 2023, 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? |



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