

FAFSA checklist

Have the following items available when completing the FAFSA to streamline the application process. Unless otherwise noted, all income information should be from the prior-prior year. For example, students applying for financial aid during the 2022–23 school year should use 2020 tax information.

- Social Security card
 - Name, Social Security number, and birthdate must be written exactly as they appear on the individual's Social Security card
- Alien registration card if not a US citizen
- Driver's license (if applicable)
- Tax and income records
 - Copy of your prior-prior year federal tax return
 - W-2s, 1040s, and other wage statements from the prior-prior year
 - Records of any taxable income received (e.g., work-study income, fellowships, grants, and scholarship aid reported to the IRS; combat pay or special combat pay)
 - Records of nontaxable income (e.g., Social Security income, veteran's benefits, military allowances, child support received)
- Current bank account statements, including records of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other investments
- Current business or investment farm records
- Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
 - See the following page for instructions on how to create an FSA ID

Note: If you're a dependent student, you also need the above information for your parent(s).