



FAFSA CHECKLIST – WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

Completing the FAFSA can feel intimidating. We've developed this resource to help you get organized and understand what you'll need to complete the FAFSA before you get started!

- ☐ **FSA ID** (and, if you are a dependent, at least one parent will need an FSA ID to sign the paperwork).
- ☐ **Your Social Security number and driver's license**, and/or alien registration card if you are not a US citizen.
- ☐ **Your federal income tax returns from the appropriate year**, W-2s, and other earnings records.
 - ☐ If you are a dependent, your parent(s)' income tax returns, W-2 forms, and 1040 forms.
- ☐ **Any additional financial information**, such as taxable work-study, assistantships, fellowships, grants, and scholarship aid reported to the IRS, combat pay or special combat pay, and cooperative education program earnings.
- ☐ **Title IV Institution Codes for each school you are applying to.** You can get this code from your financial aid representative!
- ☐ If Applicable:
 - ☐ Business or investment farm records.
 - ☐ Records and documentation of other nontaxable income received such as welfare benefits, Social Security income, veteran's benefits, military or clergy allowances.
 - ☐ Records of any additional nontaxable income. (Ex: child support received, veterans' non-education benefits, money received or paid on your behalf, etc.)
 - ☐ Current bank and brokerage account statements, including records of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other investments.

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