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.

Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) for resources straight from the source—they’ll always have the most up-to-date information.

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