

What to Bring

Checklist of Important Documents You Need to Complete the FAFSA

To complete the FAFSA form and later have access to your records, students and parents have to sign it electronically with a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID).

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>

Each student must create and utilize a FSA ID (username and password) to sign the FAFSA electronically. If you are a parent of a [dependent](#) student, you will need your own FSA ID to sign your child's FAFSA electronically. If you have more than one child attending college, you can use the same parent FSA ID to sign all applications. Please note: Each FSA ID user must have a unique e-mail address. You can request a FSA ID at www.fafsa.gov prior to starting the FAFSA. Be sure to keep your FSA ID in a safe place. You will need it for each year a FAFSA is filed. Visit the [How to Create Your FSA ID](#) section of this web site for more information.

If you don't have all of the documents listed below, that's okay. Come to a workshop with the documents that you have and that apply to you.

For the class of 2020's FAFSA, parents and students should bring their 2018 tax information in order to complete the form.

All information reviewed by the CGS volunteers will be kept **private and confidential** and will not be used for any purpose other than helping the students and families apply for financial aid. Students' and family identities will be protected to the best extent possible, and none of the information being requested will be sent to vendors for other purposes besides applying for aid.

Not all families will have all these documents—but don't let that stop you from coming. Even if you have no paperwork at all, we can help you complete part of the FAFSA.

Please Bring:

- Your FSA ID and your parents' FSA ID (if dependent)
- Social Security Number (can be found on Social Security card)
- Driver's license (if any)
- W-2 Forms for 2018 and other records of money earned
- Your (and your spouse's, if you are married) Federal Income Tax Return for 2017:
 - IRS Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ

- If you amended your 2018 taxes please bring the 1040X in addition to the 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ,
- foreign tax return, or tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia.
- Parent's Federal Income Tax Return for 2018 (if you are a dependent student as defined by federal criteria)
- Untaxed income records for 2018:
 - Social Security,
 - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families,
 - welfare, or
 - veterans benefits.
- Current bank statements
- Current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Documentation that you are a U.S. permanent resident or other eligible non-citizen.
- US Passport or Certificate of Naturalization.