



2025-2026

FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at 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

DETAILS

Student and Parent **2023** Federal Income Tax Forms and all schedules

If you do not have your Federal Income Tax forms, they can be retrieved at irs.gov/transcript

Student and parent FSA ID usernames and passwords

Create FSA IDs at 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

If you do not have these, contact the Social Security Administration

Student and parent dates of birth

Student: __/__/____
Parent 1: __/__/____ Parent 2: __/__/____

Savings and checking account balances (total)

Student: \$_____ Parent: \$_____

Investments: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CD's, UGMA, UTMA, value of 529 savings account for the student, businesses owned, other real estate or rental properties owned
Exclude: primary home and retirement plans

Student: \$_____ Parent: \$_____

Current net worth of all businesses (value of the 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

\$_____ Use personal records or child support state agency report

Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number

For non-US citizens - to retrieve visit the US Citizenship and Immigration Services: uscis.gov



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STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

The following questions will determine if parental data is needed on the student's FAFSA

If you answer "no" to every question, you are considered a dependent student and must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

If you answer "yes" to any question, you are considered an independent student and should not include parental information on the FAFSA.

Yes No Were you born before **January 1, 2002**

Yes No As of today, are you married?

Yes No Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the **2025-2026** school year?

Yes No Are you currently serving on active duty in the US armed forces?

Yes No Are you a veteran of the US armed forces?

Yes No Do you have children or other dependents who live with you and will receive more than half of their support from you between **July 1, 2025** and **June 30, 2026**?

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 anyone other than your parent or step parent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

At any time on or after **July 1, 2024**, did any of the below entities determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

Yes No

- High school or district homeless liaison
- Director of an emergency or transitional shelter program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program
- Financial aid administrator
