2026-2027

# FAFSA Checklist

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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. Determine your dependency status by answering the questions on the back.

| REQUIRED INFORMATION | WHERE TO FIND IT |
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| ☐ Student and parent 2024 Federal Income Tax Forms and all schedules | Personal records or visit **irs.gov/transcript** |
| ☐ Student and parent FSA ID usernames and passwords | Create student and parent FSA IDs at **studentaid.gov** |
| ☐ Student and parent email addresses | Student: _____<br>Parent: _____ |
| ☐ Student and parent Social Security Numbers | Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 |
| ☐ Student and parent dates of birth | Student: ___/___/_____ (Month Day Year)<br>Parent 1: ___/___/_____ (Month Day Year) Parent 2: ___/___/_____ (Month Day Year) |
| ☐ Student and parent savings/checking account balances | Student: $_____ Parent: $_____ |
| ☐ Student and parent investments (ie. stocks, bonds, mutual funds, 529 plans, rental properties), excluding home and retirement accounts | Student: $_____ Parent: $_____ |
| ☐ Current net worth of all businesses | $_____ or contact your accountant |
| ☐ Current net worth of all farms | $_____ or contact your accountant |
| ☐ Child support received from the LAST complete calendar year | $_____ or contact Nebraska Payment Center at 877-631-9973 or **https://childsupport.nebraska.gov** |
| ☐ Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens | Contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at **uscis.gov** |

## DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions to determine if parent data is needed on your FAFSA.

**If you answer "no"** to every question, you are dependent and must provide parent information on the FAFSA.

**If you answer "yes"** to any question, you are independent and should not include parent information on the FAFSA.

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| Yes | No | Were you born before January 1, 2003? |
| Yes | No | Are you married? |
| Yes | No | Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year? |
| Yes | No | Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty? |
| Yes | No | Do you have children who live with you and will receive more than half of their support from you from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027? |
| Yes | No | Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2027? |
| Yes | No | At any time since you turned age 13, were both of 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 someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? |
| Yes | No | At any time on or after July 1, 2025, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? |
| Yes | No | At any time on or after July 1, 2025, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? |
| Yes | No | At any time on or after July 1, 2025, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? |



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