

# Funding Your Future COMPLETE THE FAFSA TODAY

## FINISH THE FAFSA IN FOUR STEPS

A college education is an investment in your future, and financial aid is available to help manage the cost. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA is the key to accessing financial aid for college, career, and trade schools, including grants, scholarships, and loans. Don't wait—complete your FAFSA today!

### STEP 1: CREATE YOUR FSA ID

- Start here: **studentaid.gov** and click on "create account".
- Allow 3-5 days for the Social Security Administration to verify the FSA IDs
- Invite contributors.

### STEP 2: GATHER MATERIALS

- Social Security card.
- W-2 forms and tax returns.
- Current balance of cash, checking and savings.
- Determine your dependency status.
- If you're a dependent student, you'll also need your parents' financial information.

### STEP 3: FILL IT OUT

- **Check for your school's FAFSA workshop event for hands-on assistance.**
- Apply online at **FAFSA.gov**.
- Enter student and parent names as shown on Social Security cards.
- Send your FAFSA results to up to 20 campuses.
- Contributors must consent to have their Federal Tax Information (FTI) transferred to the FAFSA through the IRS.

### STEP 4: SIGN AND SUBMIT

- Review your answers for errors.

## 2025-2026 FAFSA INFORMATION CHECKLIST

*Use this section to record the essential information you'll need to bring with you for FAFSA completion events, ensuring you have everything ready for a smooth process.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent 2023 Federal Income Tax Forms and all schedules. <i>Personal records or visit: <a href="https://irs.gov/transcript">irs.gov/transcript</a></i>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent savings/checking account balances<br>Student: \$ _____<br>Parent: \$ _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent FSA ID usernames and passwords<br>Create student and parent FSA IDs at <a href="https://studentaid.gov">studentaid.gov</a> .<br>Student: _____<br>Parent: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent investments (ie. stocks, bonds, mutual funds, 529 plans, rental properties) excluding home and retirement.<br>Student: \$ _____<br>Parent: \$ _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent email addresses<br>Student: _____<br>Parent: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Current net worth of all businesses<br>\$ _____ or contact your accountant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent Social Security numbers<br>Student: _____<br>Parent: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Child support received from 2024 \$ _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent dates of birth:<br>Student: ____/____/_____<br>Parent 1: ____/____/_____<br>Parent 2: ____/____/_____   | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens. Contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at <a href="https://uscis.gov">uscis.gov</a> |