

# 2025-2026 Financial Aid Application Worksheet

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the doorway to all federal financial aid, including grants, loans and work-study opportunities. Most states and colleges also use the FAFSA to determine financial aid. This worksheet will help you gather the information necessary to complete the FAFSA.

## Student Personal Information

Legal first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal middle name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number (SSN)\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's license number (if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

Schools you want to send your financial aid information to (list up to 20 schools):

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Personal Circumstances

If the student checks **any** of the following boxes, the student **will not** have to provide parental information.  
If the student checks **none** of the following boxes, the student **will** be asked to provide parental information.

- I was born before January 1, 2002
- I am married
- I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)
- I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces
- I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- I have children who live with me for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026
- Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased
- I was in foster care at any point since turning age 13
- I have dependents (other than my children or spouse) who live with me for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026
- I was a dependent or ward of the court at any point since turning age 13
- I am currently or I was an emancipated minor
- I am currently or I was in legal guardianship
- At any time on or after July 1, 2024, I was unaccompanied (not living with a parent or guardian) and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless

\*Some colleges may ask students without SSNs to submit the FAFSA to be considered for state and/or institutional aid. Please contact your college's financial aid office for further information.



## Student Financial Information

Did or will you file a 2023 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?  Yes  No

Did you report any college grants, scholarships or AmeriCorps benefits as income on your 2023 income tax return? (Taxable grants and scholarships can be found on IRS Form 1040—line 1 and/or on Schedule 1—line 8r. AmeriCorps stipends can be found on Form 1040—line 1.)  Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_  No

Did you report any Foreign Income Exclusion on your income 2023 tax return? (Foreign Income Exclusion can be found on Schedule 1—line 8d.)  
 Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_  No

### As of today

What is your total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't include student financial aid.*

What is the net worth of your investments, including real estate? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them. Don't include the home in which you live or the amount in your retirement accounts.*

What is the net worth of your businesses and/or investment farms? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debt owed against them. Enter the net worth of your businesses and/or for-profit agricultural operations.*

### Student citizenship status

*Check one of the following.*

- U.S. citizen (U.S. national)  
 Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen\*  
 Eligible noncitizen (enter your Alien Registration Number below)

## Parent(s) Information

### Providing Parent information?

*You will need:*

Parent (father/mother/stepparent) SSN: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Parent Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) if Parent does not have a SSN: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Parent (father/mother/stepparent) legal first name, legal last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (father/mother/stepparent) date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Did Parent file a 2023 federal income tax return?  Yes  No

If the Parent filed a return, what was their filing status?  Single  Married-filing jointly  
 Married-filing separately  Head of household  Qualifying surviving spouse

## Not Sure Whom to Report as a Parent?

Follow the parent wizard set of questions built into the online FAFSA, visit <https://studentaid.gov/help/who-is-parent>.

## Not Sure If You Are a Dependent Student?

Visit <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help>.

## Did You Know?

Each contributor to your FAFSA (including you as the student) must provide consent for Federal Student Aid to obtain federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA. Without consent, your FAFSA will be incomplete and you will not be eligible for federal financial aid.

## Providing Other Parent information?

You will need:

Other Parent (father/mother/stepparent) SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Other Parent Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) if Other Parent does not have a SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Other Parent (father/mother/stepparent) legal first name, legal last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Parent (father/mother/stepparent) date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Other Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Did Other Parent file a 2023 federal income tax return?  Yes  No

If the Other Parent filed a return, what was their filing status?  Single  Married-filing jointly  
 Married-filing separately  Head of household  Qualifying surviving spouse

### Other information

How many people are in your parents' family? \_\_\_\_\_

Of these people, how many will be in college between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026? \_\_\_\_\_

At any time during 2023 or 2024, did you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household receive benefits from any of the federal programs listed?

- Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (info can be found on IRS Form 1040—line 27)
- Federal housing assistance
- Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP)

Did or will your parent(s) file a 2023 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?  Yes  No

Did the Parent or Other Parent report any college grants, scholarships or AmeriCorps benefits as income on their 2023 income tax return? (Taxable grants and scholarships can be found on IRS Form 1040—line 1 and/or on Schedule 1—line 8r. AmeriCorps stipends can be found on Form 1040—line 1.)  Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_  No

Did the Parent or Other Parent report any Foreign Income Exclusion on their income 2023 tax return? (Foreign Income Exclusion can be found on Schedule 1—line 8d.)

Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_  No

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2023?

*Check all that apply. Once online, you may be asked to report amounts paid or received by your parents.*

### Untaxed income

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans

## When Should You File the FAFSA?

You should file your FAFSA as soon as possible after the FAFSA opens in December 2024 regardless of whether or not you have been accepted to college.

## Need Help Completing the FAFSA?

Contact Federal Student Aid by phone, email or live chat (<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>).

- Contact your colleges' financial aid offices.
- Check with your high school to see if there is a local FAFSA completion event you can attend.
- Contact your local The College Place Director for assistance at [www.ecmc.org/TCP](http://www.ecmc.org/TCP).

## Annual child support

Parent annual child support received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Parent annual child support received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## As of today

What is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't include student financial aid.*

What is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them. Don't include the home in which your parents live or the amount in your parents' retirement accounts.*

What is the net worth of your parents' businesses and/or investment farms?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debt owed against them. Enter the net worth of your parents' businesses and/or for-profit agricultural operations.*

**Ready to complete the FAFSA? Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.**

## Create Your FSA ID

Completing your FAFSA online is the fastest and easiest way to file your FAFSA. In order to do so, you and your parent(s) will each need an FSA ID (if you are dependent) and each must be associated with a unique email address. For more information and to create an FSA ID, go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.

Student's FSA ID username:

\_\_\_\_\_

Student's FSA ID password:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's FSA ID username:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's FSA ID password:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Parent's FSA ID username:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Parent's FSA ID password:

\*California students, do not submit the FAFSA; instead submit the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

\*Colorado students, do not submit the FAFSA; instead submit the Colorado College Opportunity Fund at <https://cof.college-assist.org> and the Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA) at <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/colorado-application-for-state-financial-aid>

\*Connecticut students, do not submit the FAFSA; CSCU students go to [www.ct.edu/admission/finaid#undocumented](http://www.ct.edu/admission/finaid#undocumented); UConn students go to [https://financialaid.uconn.edu/undocumented\\_students](https://financialaid.uconn.edu/undocumented_students)

\*Minnesota students, do not submit the FAFSA; instead submit the Minnesota Dream Act Application at [www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2056](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2056)

\*Oregon students, do not submit the FAFSA; instead submit the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA) at <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/fafsa-orsaa.aspx>

\*Students in all other states, check with your high school counselor or financial aid office to see whether completing the FAFSA form is the way to apply for state and college student aid; additional information can be found at [www.nasfaa.org/state\\_financial\\_aid\\_programs](http://www.nasfaa.org/state_financial_aid_programs)