

# FAFSA CHECKLIST

## 2020-2021



Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) to apply for federal, state, and college-based financial aid. You should file a FAFSA as soon as it opens on **October 1, 2019**. 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

<input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent 2018 Federal Income Tax Forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	Personal records or visit <a href="http://www.irs.gov/transcript">www.irs.gov/transcript</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent 2018 W-2 Forms	Personal records or contact your employer(s) or visit <a href="http://www.irs.gov/transcript">www.irs.gov/transcript</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent FSA IDs (serve as electronic signatures)	Create FSA IDs at <a href="http://www.fsaid.ed.gov">www.fsaid.ed.gov</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Student driver's license number	Personal records
<input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent email addresses	Student: _____ Parent: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent Social Security numbers	Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213
<input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent dates of birth	Parent 1: ___/___/___    Parent 2: ___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> Date parents were married, separated, divorced, or widowed	___/___ Month/Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent saving/checking account balances	Student: \$_____    Parent: \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student and parent investments (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.) excluding home and retirement accounts	Student: \$_____    Parent: \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Current business value	\$_____ or contact your accountant
<input type="checkbox"/> Current value of investment farm and/or rental properties	\$_____ or contact your accountant
<input type="checkbox"/> 2018 Child support paid or received	\$_____ or contact your accountant
<input type="checkbox"/> 2018 Workers' compensation benefits	\$_____ or contact your employer
<input type="checkbox"/> 2018 Housing/food/living allowance for military and clergy	\$_____ or reference Leave and Earnings Statement (military) or W-2 form (clergy)
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's non-education benefits	\$_____ or contact Department of Veterans Affairs toll free at 800-827-1000 or <a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>

# Dependency Status Questions

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

- Yes    No   Were you born before January 1, 1998?
- Yes    No   Are you married?
- Yes    No   Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.) at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year?
- Yes    No   Are you on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- 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 will receive more than half of their support from you?
- Yes    No   Do you have any dependents (other than a child or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you through June 30, 2021?
- 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   Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- Yes    No   Are you currently in a legal guardianship, or were you in a legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state of legal residence?
- Yes    No   At any time on or after June 30, 2020, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- Yes    No   At any time after June 30, 2020, 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 or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- Yes    No   At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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?

If you answer “no” to **every** question, you are dependent and must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

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

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