

What Information Do I Need When I Fill Out the FAFSA?

Here's a checklist!

The FAFSA makes you eligible for federal, state, and some college-based financial aid. You must reapply every year you attend a post-secondary institution. Be weary of the different national, state and college deadlines for the FAFSA. If you are an "independent" student then you will only need your personal information but if you are considered "dependent" you will need both your and your parent(s)/guardian(s) information.

Are you "independent" or "dependent"?

(If you answer "yes" to any of the questions below, you are independent.)

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| Y/N | Were you born before January 1, 1993? | Y/N | Are you married? |
| Y/N | Will you be working on a master's or doctoral degree at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year? | Y/N | Have you been placed in legal guardianship by a court in the state where you have your legal residence? |
| Y/N | Are you a veteran or active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces? | Y/N | At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? |
| Y/N | Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you? | Y/N | At any time on or after July 1, 2015, 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? |
| Y/N | 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? | Y/N | At any time on or after July 1, 2015, 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? |
| Y/N | 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? | Y/N | |
| Y/N | Have you been declared an emancipated minor by a court in the state where you have your legal residence? | | |

You will need the following if applicable...

(The following information is also required from all legal guardian(s)/parent(s) if you are "dependent".)

- All 2015 federal income tax forms. If you have not yet filed, you can find all forms on www.irs.gov. If you have filed but did not keep copies, you can call the IRS at 800.829.1040.
- All 2015 W-2 forms and, if applicable, Unemployment Form 1099-G. If you do not have copies, contact your employer or call the IRS at 800.829.1040.
- Student and Parent FSA ID
- Student's driver's license number if applicable.
- Social Security numbers for the student and parents. If you do not have a Social Security number, call the Social Security Administration at 800.772.1213 or visit socialsecurity.gov.
- Birth dates.
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed.
- Current cash/checking/savings account balances.
- Current investment values (stocks, savings bonds, mutual funds, CDs) excluding parent's home and retirement plans.
- Current business value.
- Current investment farm value.
- 2015 child support paid or received. If you did not keep records, you can contact your local child support office or the Missouri Department of Social Services.
- 2015 worker's compensation benefits. If you did not keep records, contact your employer.
- 2015 housing/food/living allowance for military and clergy. This information is on the Leave and Earnings Statement for military personnel and on the W-2 form for members of the clergy.
- Veteran's noneducation benefits. If you did not keep records, call the Department of Veterans Affairs at 800.827.1000 or visit va.gov.
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