

2026-2027 FAFSA Checklist

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at studentaid.gov to apply for 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
Student and Contributor Federal Student Aid (FSA ID) usernames and passwords	Create student and Contributor accounts at studentaid.gov . Accounts must be created at least 3 days prior to completing the FAFSA.
Student driver's license number	Personal records
Student and Contributor email address (Do not use high school or college email address)	Student: _____ Contributor: _____
Student and Contributor Social Security numbers	Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213
Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens	Contact U.S. Citizenship and immigration services at uscis.gov
Student and Contributor dates of birth	Parent 1: ____/____/____ Parent 2: ____/____/____ Month day year month day year
Student and parent savings/checking account and cash balances	Student: \$_____ Parent: \$_____
Student and parent investments (ie. Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, 529 plans, rental properties) excluding the home you live in and retirement accounts	Student: \$_____ Parent: \$_____
Current value of business and/or farm	\$_____
2024 Child support paid or received	\$_____ or contact local county
2024 Workers' compensation benefits	\$_____ or contact your employer

DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

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

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

Yes	No	Were you born before January 1, 2003?
Yes	No	Are you married? (Also answer “yes” if you are separated but not divorced.)
Yes	No	Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training?
Yes	No	Do you now have, or will you have, children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2026, and 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 your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
Yes	No	Has it been determined by a court in your legal state of residence that you are an emancipated minor or that someone other than your parent or stepparent has legal guardianship of you? (You should also answer “Yes” if you are now an adult but were in legal guardianship or were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. Answer “No” if the court papers say “custody” rather than “guardianship.”)
Yes	No	At any time on or after July 1, 2025, were you determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, as determined by (a) your high school or district homeless liaison, (b) the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or (c) the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program?