



Free Application for Student Aid - FAFSA Preparation Checklist

Items You Will Need to Complete Your FAFSA for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

Note that “you” means the student applicant. The FAFSA application for the 2018-2019 academic year opens October 1, 2017 and closes on June 30, 2018.

- FSA-IDs for you and the parent or guardian who will complete and sign the FAFSA. Keep track of the associated emails, logins and passwords for each FSA-ID, as you and your parent or guardian will use the same FSA-ID every year that you apply for financial aid.
- Your driver’s license number, if you have one.
- If your parents or guardians are divorced or separated, you only have to provide financial information for the parent or guardian who you’ve lived with more during the past 12 months.
- 2016 Federal income tax return(s) for your parent(s) or guardian(s) and yourself, if you filed a return.
- 2016 W2 form(s) for your parent(s) or guardian(s) and yourself, if you received any.
- The amount you have in cash, savings and checking.
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- The amount you and your parent(s) or guardian(s) have in investments, if applicable.
- The month and year your parents or guardians were married, separated, divorced or widowed.
- Your parent’s or guardian’s birth date or your parents’ or guardians’ birth dates.
- The amount of Social Security or other government assistance benefits received by anyone you live with, if applicable.
- The amount of child support your family receives, if applicable.