

Checklist of Important Documents You (Student and Parent) Need to Complete the FAFSA

If you don't have every one of these documents, that's okay. Use the documents that apply to you.

Parents and students should use their latest tax information and/or last pay stub from the previous year in order to complete the form. The FAFSA form allows families to estimate their financial information, which can be corrected after their taxes have been completed. **IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO SUBMIT SOMETHING BY THE SCHOOL PRIORITY DEADLINE.**

- Social Security Number **Make sure that the name you use on the FAFSA matches the name on your Social Security card.**
- Driver's license (if any)
- W-2 Forms for the previous year and other records of money earned (If you haven't received this yet, you can start with the last pay stub for the year.) NOTE: Employers are required by law to mail W-2 forms by January 31.
- Your (and your spouse's, if you are married) most recent Federal Income Tax Return:
 - IRS Form 1040,
 - 1040A,
 - 1040EZ,
 - 1040Telefile,
 - foreign tax return, or
 - tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia.
- Parent's Federal Income Tax Return for the previous year (if you are a dependent student as defined by federal criteria) If your parents are separated or divorced, use the parent who you live with more than 50% of the year.
- If parents are divorced, month and year of divorce.
- Untaxed income records for the previous year:
 - Social Security,
 - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families,
 - welfare, or
 - veterans benefits.
- Current bank statements
- Current business and investment mortgage information (NOT your residence), business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Documentation that you are a U.S. permanent resident or other eligible noncitizen.