

To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you will need:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. (**Note:** You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- An FSA ID to sign electronically.

If you are a [dependent student](#), then you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s)

If you can answer **Yes** to **any** of the following questions, you are considered an independent student on the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and you generally will not need to provide your parents' information.

(**Note:** Law school and health profession students may be required to provide parental information regardless of their dependency status.)

However, if you can answer No to all of the following questions, you are considered a dependent student and generally your [parents](#) must provide parental information on your FAFSA:

- Were you born before January 1, 1995?
- As of today are you married?
- At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2020?
- 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?
 - If you are not sure if you were in foster care, check with your state child welfare agency. You can find out the contact information for your state child welfare agency by visiting your state child welfare agency.
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

- At any time on or after July 1, 2018, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2018, 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?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2018, 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?

An FSA ID should be completed for both student and parent.

How do I get an FSA ID?

Web Site <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

The FSA ID process consists of three main steps:

- 1. Enter your log-in information.**
 - a. Provide your email address, a unique username, and a password.
- 2. Enter your personal information.**
 - a. Provide your name, date of birth, and Social Security number (SSN).
 - b. Enter your mailing address.
 - c. Select whether or not you would like to register your mobile phone number for account recovery using text messages.
 - d. Provide your mobile phone number.
 - e. Select your language preference.
 - f. For security purposes, complete the four challenge questions and answers.
- 3. Submit your FSA ID information.**
 - a. Agree to the terms and conditions.
 - b. Verify your mobile phone number. (This is optional, but helpful. This verification allows you to retrieve your username or reset your password without answering challenge questions.)
 - c. Verify your email address. (This is optional, but helpful. By verifying your email address, you can use your email address as your username when logging into certain ED websites. Also, we'll be able to notify you by email of changes to your account. This verification also allows you to retrieve your username or reset your password without answering challenge questions.)

Make sure you write your username and password and answers to questions exactly for your records (pay close attention to CAPITAL and lowercase letters as well as spelling.)