

2017-2018 FAFSA Check List

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.gov to apply for federal, state and college-based financial aid.

If you're a dependent student, you must include **both student and parent** information on the FAFSA. To determine your dependency status, answer the questions on the back.

Required Information	Where to Find It
___ Student and parent 2015 Federal Income Tax Forms, and if applicable Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	Personal records or visit www.irs.gov/transcript
___ Student and parent 2015 W-2 Forms	Personal records or contact your employer(s) or visit www.irs.gov/transcript
___ Student and parent FSA IDs (will serve as signature)	Create FSA IDs at fsaid.ed.gov <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"> Student Username _____ password _____ Parent Username _____ password _____ </div>
___ Student's driver's license number	Personal records # _____
___ Student/parent email addresses	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Student _____ @ _____ Parent _____ @ _____ </div>
___ Social Security numbers Students and Parents, if student is a dependent	Personal records or call the SS Administration at 800-772-1213 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"> Student# _____ Parent1# _____ Parent2# _____ </div>
___ Birth dates	Parent 1: ___/___/___ Parent 2: ___/___/___ <small style="margin-left: 40px;">Month Day Year</small>
___ Dates parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed	___/___/___ <small style="margin-left: 40px;">Month Year</small>
___ Current cash/savings/checking account balances	Total \$ _____ Student Total \$ _____ Parent
___ Current investment values (stocks, savings bonds, mutual funds, CDs) excluding parent's home and retirement plans	Total \$ _____
___ Current business value	\$ _____ or contact your accountant
___ Current value of investment farm and/or rental properties	\$ _____ or contact your accountant
___ 2015 Child support paid or received	\$ _____ or contact Texas Attorney General's Office www.texasattorneygeneral.gov
___ 2015 Workers' compensation benefits	\$ _____ or contact your employer
___ 2015 Housing/food/living allowance for military and clergy	\$ _____ or reference Leave and Earnings Statement (military) or W2 form (clergy)
___ Veteran's non-education benefits	\$ _____ or contact Department of Veterans Affairs toll free 800-827-1000 or www.va.gov
___ Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number For eligible non-citizens	US Citizenship and Immigration Services at www.uscitizenship.info

Dependency Status Questions

- Yes No Were you born before January 1, 1994?
- Yes No As of today, are you married?
- Yes No Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year?
- Yes No Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Yes No Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.?
- Yes No Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018?
- Yes No 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, now and through June 30, 2018?
- 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 Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- Yes No Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you as determined by a court in your state of Legal residence?
- Yes No At any time on or after July 1, 2016, 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?
- Yes No At any time on or after July 1, 2016, 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?
- Yes No At any time on or after July 1, 2016, 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?

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.

Who is considered a parent?

Parent refers to a biological or adoptive parent or a person determined by the state to be a parent (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are **not** considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you.

If your legal parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about both of them.

If your legal parents are not married and **live together**, answer the questions about both of them.

In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent you lived with most in the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give information about the parent who provided you the most financial support during the last 12 months or during the most recent year you received support.

If your divorced or widowed parent has remarried, also provide information about your stepparent.