

Checklist for the 2023-24 FAFSA

STEP 1: You, the student, and one parent need to create your FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID at least 3 days before starting the FAFSA. The parent will use the FSA ID to co-sign the FAFSA electronically.

To create an FSA ID, you and your parent will need:

- 1) Social Security Number (SSN),
- 2) Email address.

Here is a [5-minute video](#) to explain how to create your FSA. *If your parent doesn't have an SSN, just create your FSA ID.*



STEP 2: Get all of the information and documents you will need to complete the FAFSA.



Students

Basic Information

- FSA ID & Password
- Email Address
- Social Security Number
- Alien Registration Number (if not a US citizen)

Income information for 2021, if you earned

- Your 2021 Federal Tax Returns
 - If you didn't file taxes, you can use*
 - 2021 W-2s from your employers
 - OR
 - Your own calculations of all earnings from 2021

Your account balances today for:

- Checking
- Savings
- Investment Accounts (like Robinhood, etc...)



Parent/s

Basic Information

- Your parent's FSA ID & Password
- Your parent/s' Date of Birth
- Your parent/s' Social Security Numbers
- Your parent/s' Email Addresses

Depending on your parents' marital status:

- If still married, the date your parents got married
- If separated or divorced, the date your parents got separated or divorced
- If divorced and remarried, the date your parent got remarried to their new spouse
- If widowed, the date your parent passed away

Income information for 2021

- Your parent/s' 2021 Federal Tax Returns
- Your parent/s' 2021 W-2 forms from employers

If your parent/s didn't file taxes, you can use

- Calculations of all of their earnings from work or business in 2021
- Child support payments received in 2021
- Child support payments paid in 2021
- Worker's comp payments received in 2021
- Untaxed Social Security benefits in 2021

Your parent/s' account balances today for:

- Checking
- Savings
- 529 Plans or other college pre-paid plans
- Investment Accounts – like CDs, stocks, mutual funds

If your parent/s own property other than your home

- Value of their second property
- Debt or mortgage owned on their second property

[Click to watch a screen-by-screen walkthrough on how to complete the FAFSA](#)

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