Financial documents for 2026-27 FAFSA & CSS Profile

Here are the documents needed to complete FAFSA and CSS Profile applications for financial aid. You may need only some of these forms, depending on your financial situation.

Income

| Parent/s | FAFSA | CSS Profile |
|---|-------|-------------|
| 2024 Federal Tax Returns | | |
| Form 1040 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Form 1040, Schedule 1 - Additional Income and Adjustments to Income | ✓ | ✓ |
| Form 1040, Schedule 3 - Nonrefundable Credits | | ✓ |
| 2024 child support received | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2024 W-2s | | ✓ |
| 2024 1099s | | ✓ |
| 2024 Social Security SSA-1099 | | ✓ |

| Student | FAFSA | CSS Profile |
|---|-------|-------------|
| 2024 Federal Tax Returns (if appicable) | | |
| Form 1040 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Form 1040, Schedule 3 - Nonrefundable Credits | | ✓ |
| 2024 W-2s | ✓ | ✓ |

Assets

Parent/s & Student FAFSA CSS Profile

| Accounts - balances on date of submission | | |
|---|---|----------|
| Savings | ✓ | ✓ |
| Checking | ✓ | ✓ |
| CDs (Certificates of Deposit) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Brokerages includes: stocks, stock options, savings bonds, bonds, mutual funds, money market funds | ✓ | ~ |
| 529 college savings plans | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pre-paid tuition plans (refund value) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Other college savings plans (Coverdell) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Non-qualified (non-retirement) annuities | ✓ | ✓ |
| Trust funds | ✓ | ✓ |
| Commodities, precious and strategic metals | ✓ | ✓ |
| Installment and land sale contracts (including seller-financed mortgages) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Retirement Accounts (pension, annuity, and savings plans such as an IRA, Roth IRA, Keogh, SEP, 401(a), 401(k), 403(b), 408, 457, 501(c) | | ✓ |

Parent/s FAFSA CSS Profile

| Properties - values and statements on date of submission | | |
|--|---|---|
| Second properties - current market value | ✓ | ✓ |
| Second properties - mortgage statement | ✓ | ✓ |
| Form 1040, Schedule E - for rental properties | | ✓ |
| Primary home - current market value | | ✓ |
| Primary home - mortgage statement | | ✓ |

Other financial info

Parent/s FAFSA CSS Profile

| Businesses owned - value on date of submission, 2024 Federal Business Tax | Returns | |
|---|------------|---|
| Value of business (generally considered tangible assets) | √ * | ✓ |
| Debt outstanding on business | √ * | ✓ |
| Form 1040, Schedule C - Sole Proprietor | | ✓ |
| Form 1040, Schedule E & Form 1065 - Partnership | | ✓ |
| Form 1040, Schedule E & Form 1120 or Form 1120-S - Corporation | | ✓ |

Parent/s FAFSA CSS Profile

| Expenses - both 2024 and estimated for 2025 | |
|---|---|
| Medical & dental costs not covered by insurance includes premiums, co-pays, out-of- pocket | ✓ |
| Student loan statements for parent education | ✓ |
| Parent Ioan statements for student applicant education | ✓ |
| Parent loan statements for sibling education | ✓ |
| Alimony paid | ✓ |
| Child support paid | ✓ |

| Expenses - both 2025-26 and estimated for 2026-27 | |
|--|---|
| Sibling private school: 1. cost of attendance; 2. grants received and 3. total educational expenses paid | ✓ |
| Sibling university: 1. cost of attendance; 2. grants received and 3. total educational expenses paid | ✓ |

^{*} For the 2026-27 FAFSA, this information is not reported if the business has less than 100 full-time employees.