

2026-2027 Financial Aid Application Worksheet

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the doorway to all federal financial aid, including grants, loans and work-study opportunities. Most states and colleges also use the FAFSA to determine financial aid. This worksheet will help you gather the information necessary to complete the FAFSA.

STUDENT SECTION

Student Personal Information

Legal first name: _____ Legal middle name: _____

Legal last name: _____

Social Security number (SSN)*: _____ Driver's license number (if you have one): _____

Schools you want to send your financial aid information to (list up to 20 schools):

1 _____	6 _____	11 _____	16 _____
2 _____	7 _____	12 _____	17 _____
3 _____	8 _____	13 _____	18 _____
4 _____	9 _____	14 _____	19 _____
5 _____	10 _____	15 _____	20 _____

Student Personal Circumstances

If the student checks **any** of the following boxes, the student **will not** have to provide parental information.
If the student checks **none** of the following boxes, the student **will** be asked to provide parental information.

- ☐ I was born before January 1, 2003
- ☐ I am married
- ☐ I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)
- ☐ I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
- ☐ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- ☐ I have children who live with me for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027
- ☐ Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased
- ☐ I was in foster care at any point since turning age 13
- ☐ I have dependents (other than my children or spouse) who live with me for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027
- ☐ I was a dependent or ward of the court at any point since turning age 13
- ☐ I am currently or I was an emancipated minor
- ☐ I am currently or I was in a legal guardianship with someone other than a parent or stepparent
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2025, I was unaccompanied (not living with a parent or guardian) and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless
- ☐ I have unusual circumstances that prevent me from contacting my parents (or contacting my parents would pose a risk to me)

*Some colleges may ask students without SSNs to submit the FAFSA to be considered for state and/or institutional aid. Please contact your college's financial aid office for further information.

Student Financial Information

Did or will you file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you report any college grants, scholarships or AmeriCorps benefits as income on your 2024 income tax return? (Taxable grants and scholarships can be found on IRS Form 1040—line 1 and/or on Schedule 1—line 8r. AmeriCorps stipends can be found on Form 1040—line 1.) ☐ Yes \$ _____ ☐ No

Did you report any Foreign Income Exclusion on your income 2024 tax return? (Foreign Income Exclusion can be found on Schedule 1—line 8d.)
☐ Yes \$ _____ ☐ No

As of today

What is your total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? \$ _____
Don't include student financial aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

What is the net worth of your investments, including real estate? \$ _____
Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them. Don't include the home in which you live or the amount in your retirement accounts.

What is the net worth of your businesses and/or investment farms? \$ _____
Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debt owed against them. Enter the net worth of your businesses and/or for-profit agricultural operations (small businesses, family farms, and family-owned commercial fisheries may be excluded).

Student citizenship status

Check one of the following.

- ☐ U.S. citizen (U.S. national)
☐ Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen*
☐ Eligible noncitizen (enter your Alien Registration Number below)

Other information

How many people are in your family? _____

Of these people, how many will be in college between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027 (do not include parents)? _____

At any time during 2024 or 2025, did you or anyone in your family receive benefits from any of the federal programs listed?

- ☐ Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
☐ Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
☐ Earned Income Credit (EIC) (info can be found on IRS Form 1040—line 27)
☐ Federal housing assistance
☐ Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP)

Not Sure If You Are a Dependent Student?

Visit <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>

Did You Know?

Each contributor to your FAFSA (including you as the student) must provide consent for Federal Student Aid to obtain federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA. Without consent, your FAFSA will be incomplete and you will not be eligible for federal financial aid. Students and contributors completing the FAFSA will be able to provide their consent directly through the form.

Not Sure Whom to Report as a Parent?

Follow the parent wizard set of questions built into the online FAFSA, visit <https://studentaid.gov/help/who-is-parent>.

Contributor Invitation Information

If you did not check any of the student personal circumstances boxes above, you will need to invite your parent as a contributor on the FAFSA. If you are married, you will need to add your spouse as a contributor.

Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse) legal first name: _____

Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse) legal last name: _____

Contributor email address: _____

CONTRIBUTOR SECTION

Contributor(s) Personal Information

If you are a Contributor on the student's FAFSA, you will need:

Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse) SSN: ____-____-____

Contributor Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
if Contributor does not have a SSN: ____-____-____

Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse)
legal first name, legal last name: _____

Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse) date of birth
(MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse) email: _____

Did Contributor file a 2024 federal income tax return? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the Contributor filed a return, what was their filing status? ☐ Single ☐ Married-filing jointly
☐ Married-filing separately ☐ Head of household ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse

Providing Other Contributor information? You will need:

Other Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse) SSN: ____-____-____

Other Contributor Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) if Other Contributor
does not have a SSN: ____-____-____

Other Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse)
legal first name, legal last name: _____

Other Contributor (father/mother/stepparent/spouse) date of birth
(MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

Other Contributor email: _____

Did Other Contributor file a 2024 federal income tax return? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the Other Contributor filed a return, what was their filing status? ☐ Single ☐ Married-filing
jointly ☐ Married-filing separately ☐ Head of household ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse

When Should You File the FAFSA?

You should file your FAFSA as soon as possible after the FAFSA opens on October 1, each year, regardless of whether or not you have been accepted to college.

Need Help Completing the FAFSA?

Contact Federal Student Aid by phone, email or live chat (<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>).

- Contact your colleges' financial aid offices.
- Check with your high school to see if there is a local FAFSA completion event you can attend.
- Contact your local The College Place Director for assistance at www.ecmc.org/TCP.

Contributor(s) Financial Information

Did or will the Contributor or Other Contributor file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did the Contributor or Other Contributor report any college grants, scholarships or AmeriCorps benefits as income on their 2024 income tax return? (Taxable grants and scholarships can be found on IRS Form 1040—line 1 and/or on Schedule 1—line 8r. AmeriCorps stipends can be found on Form 1040—line 1.)

☐ Yes \$ _____ ☐ No

Did the Contributor or Other Contributor report any Foreign Income Exclusion on their income 2024 tax return? (Foreign Income Exclusion can be found on Schedule 1—line 8d.)

☐ Yes \$ _____ ☐ No

Did the Contributor or Other Contributor have any of the following items in 2024?

Check all that apply. Once online, you may be asked to report amounts paid or received by your parents.

Untaxed income

☐ Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans

Annual child support

☐ Contributor annual child support received: \$ _____

☐ Other Contributor annual child support received: \$ _____

As of today

What is the Contributor's/Other Contributor's total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? \$ _____

Don't include student financial aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

What is the net worth of the Contributor's/Other Contributor's investments, including real estate? \$ _____

Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them. Don't include the home in which the Contributor/other Contributor lives or the amount in the Contributor's/other Contributor's retirement accounts.

What is the net worth of the Contributor's/Other Contributor's businesses and/or investment farms? \$ _____

Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debt owed against them. Enter the net worth of the Contributor's/Other Contributor's businesses and/or for-profit agricultural operations (small businesses, family farms, and family-owned commercial fisheries may be excluded).

Ready to complete the FAFSA? Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>.

Create an Account

Completing your FAFSA online is the fastest and easiest way to file your FAFSA. To get started, you and your Contributor(s)* will each need to create an account username and password associated with a unique email address. For more information and to create your account, visit: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

*Contributors are needed if you are a dependent student or if you are married

Student's Account username:

Student's Account password:

Contributor's Account username:

Contributor's Account password:

Other Contributor's Account username:

Other Contributor's Account password:

*California students, do not submit the FAFSA; instead submit the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

*Colorado students, do not submit the FAFSA; instead submit the Colorado College Opportunity Fund at <https://cof.college-assist.org> and the Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA) at <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/colorado-application-for-state-financial-aid>

*Connecticut students, do not submit the FAFSA; CSCU students go to www.ct.edu/admission/finaid#undocumented; UConn students go to https://financialaid.uconn.edu/undocumented_students

*Minnesota students, do not submit the FAFSA; instead submit the Minnesota Dream Act Application at www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2056

*Oregon students, do not submit the FAFSA; instead submit the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA) at <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/afsa-orsaa.aspx>

*Students in all other states, check with your high school counselor or financial aid office to see whether completing the FAFSA form is the way to apply for state and college student aid; additional information can be found at www.nasfaa.org/state_financial_aid_programs