

2021 - 22 FAFSA CHECKLIST

To complete your FAFSA, you MUST have an FSA ID. If you are a dependent student, one parent must have an FSA ID as well. Dependent students must include both student and parent data on the FAFSA. Determine your dependency status by answering the questions on the next page. Go here to create or reset FSA.ID: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. For a smooth process, please have the following available. If Completing the 2020-21 FAFSA, you must have tax documents from 2018.

If you are a U.S. citizen and dependent student

- Your Social Security card.
- Your driver's license (if you have one).
- Your 2019 W-2 forms.
- Your 2019 federal income tax return.
- Your 2019 untaxed income records.
- Your current bank statements.
- Your parents' federal income tax return.
- Your parents' 2019 W-2 forms.
- Your parents' bank statements.
- Your parents' untaxed income records.
- Your parents' current business and investment records.

If you are a U.S. citizen and independent student

- Your Social Security card.
- Your driver's license (if you have one).
- Your 2019 W-2 forms.
- Your 2019 federal income tax return.
- Your 2019 untaxed income records.
- Your current bank statements.

If you are a dependent student, but not a U.S. citizen

- Your driver's license (if you have one).
- Your 2019 W-2 forms.
- Your 2019 federal income tax return.
- Your 2019 untaxed income records.
- Your current bank statements.
- Your parents' federal income tax return.
- Your parents' 2019 W-2 forms.
- Your parents' bank statements.
- Your parents' untaxed income records.
- Your parents' current business and investment records.

If you are an independent student, but not a U.S. citizen

- Your driver's license (if you have one).
- Your 2019 W-2 forms.
- Your 2019 federal income tax return.
- Your 2018 untaxed income records.
- Your current bank statements.

DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions to determine if parental data is needed on your FAFSA.

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.

Yes No Were you born before January 1, 1998?

Yes No Are you married?

Yes No Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year?

Yes No Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty?

Yes No Do you now have, or will you have, children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022?

Yes No 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, 2022?

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 As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

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, 2020, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

Yes No At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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?

Yes No At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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?