

What Information Do I Need When I Fill Out the FAFSASM?

Here's a checklist!

You should have the following information and documents with you as you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- Your Social Security number
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are providing parent information*
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information or tax returns** including IRS W-2 information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are providing parent information
 - If you have not yet filed an income tax return, complete and submit the FAFSA using estimated tax information
 - Use income records for the year prior to the academic year for which you are applying: for instance, if you are filling out the 2012–13 FAFSA, you will need 2011 tax information
- Records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans noneducation benefits, for you, and for your parents if you are providing parent information
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including real estate but not including the home in which you live; and business and farm assets for you, and for your parents if you are providing parent information

* Not sure whether you will need to put your parents' information on the FAFSA? Check out "Am I Dependent or Independent?" at www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

** If you file your taxes before filling out your FAFSA online, you might be able to have your tax information automatically retrieved from the Internal Revenue Service and inserted in your FAFSA. The FAFSA will walk you through the process.

