

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

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

- Your Social Security number or your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Your parents' Social Security numbers, dates of birth, and legal names if you are providing parental information*
- Your driver's license or state ID number, if you have one
- Income, Federal tax return and IRS W-2 form information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are providing parental information
 - Tax-filers: Print a copy of your 2017 Federal tax return or request a transcript of the return from the IRS online at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> and use the chart below to determine the line items to report on the FAFSA.
 - Non-filers: If any wages were earned in 2017, use the chart below to determine W-2 information to report on the FAFSA. If no wages were earned, enter \$0 on the application.
- Records of untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veteran's non-education benefits, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are providing parental information
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including real estate but not including the home in which you live; and records of child support paid
- Business and farm assets for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are providing parental information
 - Business owners: If you or someone in your household owns or controls more than 50% of a small business and has less than 100 employees, you do NOT have to report the value of that business on the FAFSA
 - Farmers/ranchers: If you or your family lives on and operates a farm or ranch, you do NOT need to report the value of that farm or ranch on the FAFSA

** Not sure whether you will need to enter your parents' information on the FAFSA? Check out the "Am I Dependent or Independent?" worksheet on the reverse side of this form or visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>.*

You, and a parent if you are a dependent student, will need to establish individual FSA IDs to electronically sign the FAFSA. You can create an FSA ID when logging in to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> or at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>

Cross-Reference for FAFSA Questions to 2017 Tax Forms

FAFSA Element	IRS 1040EZ	IRS 1040A	IRS 1040, Forms, Schedules	W-2 Forms
Adjusted Gross Income	Line 4	Line 21	Line 37	n/a
US Income Tax Paid	Line 10	Line 28 – Line 36	Line 56 – Line 46	n/a
Total # of Exemptions	Line 5	Line 6d	Line 6d	n/a
Earnings from Work	Line 1	Line 7	Lines 7+12+18 +Box 14 of Sched K-1	Box 1 (Combined total from all W-2s received)
Education Credits	n/a	Line 33	Line 50	n/a
Payments to Tax-Deferred Pension/Savings Plans	n/a	n/a	n/a	Boxes 12a through 12d: codes D, E, F, G, H, S
IRA / Keogh Deductions	n/a	Line 17	Line 28 + Line 32	n/a
Tax-Exempt Interest	n/a	Line 8b	Line 8b	n/a
Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions	n/a	Line 11a – Line 11b (exclude rollovers)	Line 15a – Line 15b (exclude rollovers)	n/a
Untaxed Portions of Pensions/Annuities	n/a	Line 12a – Line 12b (exclude rollovers)	Line 16a – Line 16b (exclude rollovers)	n/a
Untaxed Portions of Health Savings Accounts	n/a	n/a	Line 25	n/a