

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: Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool built into the FAFSA on the Web application or use the chart below to determine tax return line items to report on the FAFSA.
 - Non-filers: If any wages were earned in the prior year, 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 put your parents' information on the FAFSA? Check out our "Am I Dependent or Independent?" worksheet at www.digrigoli.com/pdf/Dependency_1718, visit www.studentaid.gov or call 1-800-4-FED-AID.

You, and a parent if you are a dependent student, will need to establish an FSA ID to electronically sign the FAFSA. You can create an FSA ID when logging in to www.fafsa.gov or at www.StudentAid.gov. If you already have a Federal Student Aid PIN, you will be able to enter it and link it to your FSA ID.

Cross-Reference for FAFSA Questions to 2015 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