



# Information You'll Need to Complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA

To start the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you and your contributor(s) will need to create a StudentAid.gov account by generating the FSA ID (username and password). If you or your contributor(s) already have an FSA ID, you do not need to create a new one, you will use your existing username and password. A contributor is anyone who is required to provide consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA form and provide a signature on the form. A contributor is:

- You, the student, and, if applicable, contributors may also include,
- Your spouse,
- Your parent,
- Your parent's spouse or partner

**Each contributor will need to enter information and complete their section of the FAFSA.** The FSA ID is used to electronically sign the FAFSA. Contributors who do not have a social security number are able to create an account for the 2025-2026 FAFSA by following the instructions and prompts to create a StudentAid.gov account.

Plan to have the following information on-hand to complete the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

	Student (Dependent)	Student (Independent)
<b>StudentAid.gov Account (includes FSA ID): Create beforehand <a href="https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch">https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch</a> - OR - Use an existing StudentAid.gov Account / FSA ID</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>Legal Name</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>Date of Birth</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>Email Address</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>Social Security Number (if applicable)</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>2023 Federal tax information and forms (IRS Form 1040, W-2s, other sources of earned income, foreign tax return or other taxing authority)</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) (If applicable)</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>Records of child support received</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)
<b>Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms</b>	For the student and contributor(s)	For the student (and student's spouse if a FAFSA contributor)

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