

Gathering the Documents Needed to Apply

The FAFSA questions ask for information about you (your name, date of birth, address, etc.) and about your financial situation. Depending on your circumstances (for instance, what tax form you used), you might need the following information or documents as you fill out the application:

- Your Social Security number (it's important that you enter it correctly on the FAFSA form!)
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a [dependent student](#)
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- 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 a dependent student:
 - IRS 1040
 - Foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR, or IRS 1040NR-EZ
- 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 a dependent student
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and 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 a dependent student

Keep these records! You may need them again.