

Checklist to Complete the 2024-25 FAFSA



Students will need:

- ☐ StudentAid.gov: FSA ID*
username & password
- ☐ Permanent mailing address
- ☐ Month/year the student became a resident of California
 - Residents have lived in California for 12 consecutive months or longer
 - Dependent students** must invite their parent(s) to their FAFSA form. To do so, parents will need the following information:
 - Parent's legal first and last name
 - Parent's date of birth
 - Parent's Social Security Number or, if there is no SSN, insert the mailing address
 - Parent's email

Permanent Resident card number or A#, if applicable

2022 federal tax forms, if applicable

2022 income forms, such as a W-2 form from your employer, if applicable

- Assets
 - Current total of student's cash, checking, or savings accounts
 - Net worth of student investments***
 - Net worth of student-owned businesses or investment farms, if applicable***

**Need guidance on creating a studentaid.gov account (FSA ID)? Review our 'FSA ID – Your Key to Financial Aid' document for details.*









***Not sure if you are a dependent student? Review the middle yellow portion of 'FSA ID – Your Key to Financial Aid' to see if you must provide parental information. Use the QR code above.*

****Net worth is the value of the investments, business, or investment farm minus any debts owed against them. Investments include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, 529 plans, secondary or rental properties, etc. Retirement investments are not reported on the FAFSA.*

*****If you still need help figuring out which Parent (contributor) you need information from please look at infographic on this QR code.*



Which parent will need an FSA ID to give consent and sign the FAFSA form?

-  If married/remarried and filing taxes jointly, only ONE parent is required to sign.
-  If married/remarried but filing taxes separately, BOTH parents must sign.
-  Parents unmarried and living together BOTH must sign.
-  In the case of divorced or separated parents, the ONE providing more financial support to the student OR with higher income/assets signs.
-  If a parent has remarried, stepparent info is also needed (start from the top).
-  A widowed parent, not remarried, requires the signature of the surviving parent.

Parent(s) will need:

- ☐ StudentAid.gov: FSA ID*
username & password
- ☐ Permanent mailing address
Month/year the parent(s) became a resident of California
 - Residents have lived in California for 12 consecutive months or longer
- ☐ Parents may need their student's legal first and last name, date of birth, Social Security Number, and email

Married/remarried parents will need their spouse's legal first and last name, date of birth, Social Security Number, or if no SSN, insert mailing address and email

2022 federal tax forms, 1040 form, and all schedules

2022 income forms, such as a W-2 form from your employer, if applicable

- Assets
 - Current total of cash, checking, or savings accounts
 - Net worth of all investments***
 - Net worth of parent-owned businesses or investment farms***
 - Amount of child support received in the past year for all children, if applicable