



Student Guide to FAFSA-- Class of 2021

Visit: WWW.FAFSA.GOV to complete FAFSA Form

What you need before you start:

- FSA IDS (for both the student and parent)
- Social Security Number (SSN)
- Federal Income
- W-2s
- Bank Statements

7 Things you need before filling out the 2020-2021 FAFSA Form:

1. FSA Account

- a. Each student, AND—if you're a dependent—one of your parents will need to create an FSA account (FSA ID)

2. Your Social Security Number (SSN)

- a. Both Parents and Students need this information

3. Driver's License

4. 2018 Tax Records

- a. On the 2020–21 FAFSA form, you (and your parents if you are a dependent student) will report your 2018 income information.
- b. you may be eligible to import your tax information into the FAFSA form right away using the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) (DRT).

5. Records of Your Untaxed Income

- The FAFSA questions about untaxed income, such as child support, interest income, and veterans' non-education benefits, may or may not apply to you.

6. Records of Your Assets (money)

- a. This section includes savings and checking account balances, as well as the value of investments such as stocks, bonds, and real estate excluding your primary residence.

7. List of the School(s) You are Interested in Attending

- a. **Be sure to add any college you're considering, even if you haven't applied or been accepted yet.**
- b. Even if there is only a slight chance you'll apply to a college, list the school on your FAFSA form. You can always remove a school later if you decide not to apply, but if you wait to add a school, you could miss out on financial aid.
- c. The schools you list on your FAFSA form will automatically receive your FAFSA results electronically. They will use your FAFSA information to determine the types and amounts of financial aid you may receive.
- d. If you add a school to your FAFSA form and later decide not to apply for admission to that school, that's OK! The school likely won't offer you aid until you've been accepted anyway.

Visit: <https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/> to view a video on 7 easy steps to FAFSA

Important Dates

Application Opens:

October 1, 2020

Application Deadline:

2021-2022 Academic Year:

State (Florida) Deadline: May 15, 2021

Federal Deadline: June 30, 2022