

2020-2021 FAFSA Checklist



Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.gov to apply for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.

Dependent students must include both student and parent data on the FAFSA. Determine your dependency status by answering the questions on the back.

REQUIRED INFORMATION	WHERE TO FIND IT
☐ Student and parent 2018 Federal Income Tax Forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	Personal records or visit irs.gov/transcript
☐ Student and parent 2018 W-2 Forms	Personal records or contact your employer(s) or visit irs.gov/transcript
☐ Student and parent FSA IDs (serve as electronic signatures)	Create FSA IDs at fsaid.ed.gov
☐ Student's driver's license number	Personal records
☐ Student and parent email addresses	Student: _____ Parent: _____
☐ Student and parent Social Security numbers	Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213
☐ Student and parent dates of birth	Parent 1: ____/____/____ Parent 2: ____/____/____ Month Day Year Month Day Year
☐ Date parents were married, separated, divorced, or widowed	____/____ Month Year
☐ Student and parent savings/checking account balances	Student: \$_____ Parent: \$_____
☐ Student and parent investments (i.e. stocks/bonds/mutual funds/529 plans) excluding home and retirement	Student: \$_____ Parent: \$_____
☐ Current business value	\$_____ or contact your accountant
☐ Current value of investment farm and/or rental properties	\$_____ or contact your accountant
☐ 2018 Child support paid or received	\$_____ or contact Nebraska Payment Center at 877-631-9973 or https://childsupport.nebraska.gov
☐ 2018 Workers' compensation benefits	\$_____ or contact your employer
☐ 2018 Housing/food/living allowance for military and clergy	\$_____ or reference Leave and Earnings Statement (military) or W-2 form (clergy)
☐ 2018 Veteran's noneducation benefits	\$_____ or contact Department of Veterans Affairs toll free at 800-827-1000 or va.gov
☐ Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at uscis.gov

DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions to determine if parental data is needed on your FAFSA.

If you answer “no” to every question, you are dependent and must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

If you answer “yes” to any question, you are independent and should not include parental information on the FAFSA.

Yes	No	Were you born before January 1, 1997?
Yes	No	Are you married?
Yes	No	Will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year?
Yes	No	Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty?
Yes	No	Do you now have, or will you have, children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021?
Yes	No	Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2021?
Yes	No	At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
Yes	No	As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
Yes	No	Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
Yes	No	At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
Yes	No	At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
Yes	No	At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?



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