

FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Items you will need to complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA

STUDENT CHECKLIST

1. Start by creating an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov

- Student FSA ID Username: _____
- Student FSA ID Password: _____
- *Social Security Number: _____
- Drivers License # (if you have one): _____
- 2018 Tax documents (Only if you filed taxes in 2018)
- 2018 W2s (if you worked in 2018)
- Alien Registration # (if not a U.S. Citizen): _____

**Students who do not have a Social Security Number cannot file the FAFSA. Instead you must complete the CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) at dream.csac.ca.gov*



Helpful Tip!

Students MUST report their name exactly as it appears on their social security card. This includes hyphenated names.

PARENT CHECKLIST

Students are required to report parent information on the FAFSA. For reporting purposes, "**PARENT**" refers to your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent. **Students who are Foster Youth, Homeless or have children of their own, DO NOT need to report parent info on the FAFSA.**

IF BOTH PARENTS ARE MARRIED:

- Both Parent's full names as they appear on their Social Security Cards
- Both Parent's Social Security Numbers*
- Both Parent's Dates of Birth
- Date parents were married (month and year only)
- Parents 2018 Tax information including:
 - W2s
 - 2018 Tax return paperwork
- FSA ID for both parents (fsaid.ed.gov)

To save time, use the "IRS Data Retrieval" tool within the FAFSA application to upload your 2018 tax information directly into the FAFSA.

***Parents who do not have a SSN cannot create an FSA ID. They must sign and mail the signature page provided at the end of the FAFSA application.**

IF PARENTS ARE DIVORCED/SEPARATED:

Students must report the parent they lived with the most over the past 12 months and provide the above information. You will also need to know the month & year of the divorce/separation. If the parent re-married, you will also need to provide the same information for the step-parent.

IF PARENTS ARE DIVORCED & YOU SPLIT TIME EQUALLY BETWEEN BOTH:

Students must provide the Social Security #, birth date and full name for the parent who provided the most financial support over the past 12 months, as well as their spouses information if re-married.

FOR THE YEAR 2018, DID PARENTS RECEIVE:

- Social Security
- TANF
- Assesst Information (rental real estate, stocks, bonds,etc.)
- Worker's Comp
- WIC
- Child Support (Paid or Received _____)
- Food Stamps
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- Other Income _____

Ready to apply?

1. Go to [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to begin your FAFSA Application or download the "MyStudentAid" App.

2. If you are an undocumented student, go to dream.csac.ca.gov to apply for the CA Dream Act Application (CADAA).