

# What Information Do I Need When I Fill Out the FAFSA<sup>SM</sup>?

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## Here's a checklist!

You should have the following information and documents with you as you fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA<sup>SM</sup>):

- Your Social Security number
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are providing parent information\*
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- 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 providing parent information
  - If you have not yet filed an income tax return, complete and submit the FAFSA using estimated tax information
  - Use income records for the year prior to the academic year for which you are applying: for instance, if you are filling out the 2011–12 FAFSA, you will need 2010 tax information
- 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 providing parent information
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including 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 providing parent information

\* *Not sure whether you will need to put your parents' information on the FAFSA? Check out "Am I Dependent or Independent?" at [www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs) or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).*

