

FALL IN LOVE WITH FAFSA

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WHAT IS FAFSA?

- **The Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
 - How you get grants and loans for college
 - Many scholarships and institutional aid require a completed FAFSA
 - 21st Century Scholars requires a completed FAFSA every year

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO COMPLETE FAFSA?

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

PARENT EDUCATION

- What is the highest level of education your parents completed?
 - Middle School
 - High School
 - College
 - Other/unknown

DEPENDENCY STATUS

- I was born before Jan. 1, 1992
- I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Since I turned 13, BOTH of my parents were deceased
- I was a dependent ward of the court since turning 13
- I am married
- I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- I was in foster care since turning 13
- I am currently or I was an emancipated minor
- I will be working on my master's or doctorate program
- I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016
- I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support
- I am currently or I was in legal guardianship
- I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless

DEPENDENCY STATUS (CONTINUED)

- If ANY of the statements apply to you, do you not have to provide parental information
 - *Most colleges will ask for proof, court records, etc.

PARENT INFORMATION



WHO IS CONSIDERED A PARENT?

Your **biological** and/or **adoptive** parents are considered your legal parents. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you.

Use the table below to determine whose information to provide on the FAFSA based on your parents' marital status.

Parents' Marital Status:	Provide Information for:
Never Married	The parent that you lived with most during the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, provide information about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.
Unmarried and both parents living together	Both of your parents
Married	Both of your parents
Remarried (after being widowed or divorced)	Parent and Stepparent
Divorced or Separated	The parent that you lived with most during the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, provide information about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.
Widowed	Your parent

WHAT PARENT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED?

- ⦿ Social security numbers
- ⦿ Full, legal name
- ⦿ Date of birth
- ⦿ Income tax return information

INCOME TAX RETURN INFORMATION

- ◉ Adjusted Gross Income for 2014
- ◉ How much did they earn from working in 2014?

IN 2013 OR 2014, DID ANYONE IN YOUR PARENTS' HOUSEHOLD RECEIVE:

- ◉ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ◉ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ◉ Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- ◉ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ◉ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- ◉ *TANF may have a different name in different states

DID YOUR PARENTS HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN 2014?

○ Additional Financial Information

- American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit
- Child Support Paid
- Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships, or fellowships
- Taxable grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS
- Combat pay or special combat pay
- Cooperative education program earnings

DID YOUR PARENTS HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN 2014?

○ **Untaxed Income**

- Payments to tax-deferred pensions and retirement savings plans
- Child Support received
- IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Keogh
- Tax exempt interest income
- Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- Untaxed portions of pension distributions
- Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others
- Veterans noneducation benefits
- Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability

*EXTRA

- Your parents may be asked to provide more information about their assets
- Your parents may need to report the net worth of their current businesses and/or investment farms

STUDENT INFORMATION

DID YOU FILE OR WILL YOU FILE A
2014 INCOME TAX RETURN?

WHAT WAS YOUR ADJUSTED GROSS
INCOME FOR 2014?

HOW MUCH DID YOU EARN FROM
WORKING IN 2014?



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- Money received or paid on your behalf

*OTHER

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