

Educational Opportunity Center

FAFSA Completion Checklist 16/17 School Year

See reverse side to determine if you are a Dependent or an Independent Student.

If you are a **Dependent Student** you will need to bring:

1. You and your parents' social security numbers and the names that are printed on their social security cards.
2. Your driver's license number.
3. You and your parents' 2015 Federal **and** State Income Tax return. (1040)
4. You and your parents' W-2s and other records of income earned in 2015.
5. Your parents' full name, date of birth, and date of marriage, divorce, remarriage, or date of a parent's death.
6. Official records of the amount of child support your parents paid or received in 2015.
7. You and your parents' records of untaxed income received, examples: veterans benefits, housing, military and clergy allowances, workman's compensation, disability, 1099 form, etc. received in 2015.
8. You and your parents' current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts.
9. You and your parents' value of investments. Includes, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate (does not include the home you live in), CDs, etc.
10. You and your parents' current business and farm records. Not necessary if your family lives on and operates the farm.
11. Your Alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen.

Students: If your parents are separated or divorced you will use information from the last parent you lived. If your parent is remarried, include their current spouse's information also.

If you are an **Independent Student** you must bring:

1. Your social security number and the name that is printed on the card.
2. Your driver's license number.
3. You and your spouse's 2015 Federal **and** State Income Tax Return. (1040)
4. You and your spouse's W-2s and other records of income earned in 2015.
5. Date of your marriage, divorce, re-marriage, or date of spouse's death.
6. Official records of the amount of child support paid and/or received by you or your spouse in 2015.
7. Records of untaxed income received, example: veterans benefits, housing, military and clergy allowances, workman's compensation, disability, 1099 form, etc. received in 2015.
8. You and your spouse's current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts.
9. You and your spouse's value of investments. Includes stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate (does not include the home you live in), CDs, etc.
10. Current business and farm records. Not necessary if you live on and operate the farm.
11. Alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen.

**For an appointment to help you with your FAFSA call the
Educational Opportunity Center at 641-683-5315**

Are you a Dependent or Independent Student?

Not living with parents or not being claimed by them on tax forms does not make you an independent student for purposes of applying for federal student aid.

If you answer “yes” to any of these questions you are an Independent Student.

1. Were you born before January 1, 1993?
2. As of today, are you married? (Also answer “yes” if you are separated but not divorced.)
3. At the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?
4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
6. Do you now have or will have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017?
7. 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, 2017?
8. 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?
9. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
10. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?
11. At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
12. At any time on or after July 1, 2015 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 or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
13. At any time on or after July 1, 2015, 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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