

File the FAFSA For 2023-2024

Make sure you have all of the documents you need (see below) **Please note: The FAFSA webpage has changed from our original checklist. Please redirect to the webpage below.**

- 1) Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> and click on “Start Here”
- 2) Select “I am a student and want to access the FAFSA Form”
Select “Log In to Continue”.
If you have not created an FSA ID yet, select “**Create an FSA ID**”
 - a. You will need a current e-mail account, and an active phone number
 - b. If dependent, be sure to create one for a parent as well
 - c. Once completed, return to the FAFSA to continue.When you create your FSA IDs, be sure to write them down.
For Help, try this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yj1Pn-shze8>
- 3) Enter your FSA ID and select “Log In”.
- 4) Select “START **2023-2024** FAFSA”
- 5) Choose schools to have the information sent to
- 6) Answer “Dependency” questions (Dependents must put parent info on the FAFSA)
- 7) Answer questions about your parent(s)
- 8) Provide **2021** income and tax information (for yourself, and your parent(s) or spouse)
- 9) Provide CURRENT asset information (savings, investments, business)
- 10) Sign and Submit the FAFSA, save your confirmation number (take a photo)

When you are finished, print your confirmation page.

To complete the FAFSA you will need the following items for yourself and your spouse or parents:

- Social Security numbers, Full Name, Dates of Birth
- A valid e-mail address that you can access from the computer or your smart phone
- **2021 year income information:**
 - 2021 federal income tax returns, Tax Schedules, and W-2s
 - 2021 1099-R, 1099-MISC, 1099-G, 1098-T forms and other records of money received (if any)
 - 2021 Child support paid out (for children not in the household)
 - Other 2021 income not reported in one of these documents above (except Social Security income)
- **2021 year untaxed income records**
 - Child support received
 - Housing and living allowances for members of the military or clergy (except on-base allowances)
 - Veterans non-education benefits
 - Worker’s compensation
 - Disability benefits (except Social Security disability)
 - Total money received or paid on your behalf in 2021 (unless paid by a parent who is on the FAFSA)
- **Current total net value** of cash, savings, checking accounts, investments (stocks, bonds, CDs, etc.), land and properties (other than your home), large private businesses (those with 100 or more employees), and business farms...
UNLESS your total income in 2021 was less than \$50,000, AND...
 - in 2021 or 2022; someone in your household received SSI, SNAP, Free/Reduce Lunches, TANF or WIC; or
 - you or your parent (If dependent) filed a 1040 but did NOT file a Schedule 1; or
 - you or your parent (If dependent) were a dislocated worker.
- **Your alien registration card and/or Visa (if you are not a U.S. citizen)**

Still need help? Contact the USCL Financial Aid Office...

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