



Ready to File the FAFSA? Here's What You'll Need

Filing for financial aid is less stressful when you are prepared. Use the checklists below to help you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).*



**HELPFUL
TIPS**

No Social Security Number?

If you don't have a Social Security number, you won't be able to complete the FAFSA. Please call the Iowa College Access Network® at (877) 272-4692 to discuss your options.

If you have a Social Security number and your parents don't, you can still file the FAFSA as long as your parents file their income tax using their Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). Your parents can then fill in zeros for their Social Security numbers.

One PIN or Two?

If you and your parent(s) each want to electronically sign the FAFSA, you each need to have your own PIN. To request a PIN, go to www.pin.ed.gov.

Student:

- Social Security number, driver's license number and date of birth.
- 2011 federal and state tax returns (or 2010 if you haven't filed yet).
- W-2 forms and/or other records of income earned in 2011 (or your last pay stub from 2011 if you haven't filed yet).
- Current bank statements and investment records.
- Records of untaxed income received in 2011 (e.g., veterans benefits, child support received, etc.).
- 2011 business and farm records.
- Alien registration number, if not a U.S. citizen.
- A federal personal identification number (PIN) is recommended, but not required.

Parent(s):

- Social Security numbers and dates of birth.
- 2011 federal and state tax returns (or 2010 if you haven't filed yet).
- W-2 forms and/or other records of income earned in 2011 (or your last pay stub from 2011 if you haven't filed yet).
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Questions?

Call the Iowa College Access Network® at (877) 272-4692 or e-mail ICAN@ICANSucceed.org.

*The FAFSA and EZ FAFSA are free forms that may be completed without professional assistance via paper or electronic forms provided by the U.S. Department of Education. Online forms are available at www.fafsa.gov.