



FAFSA Checklist

2010-2011 Aid Year

You will need the following items to complete your FAFSA.

The FAFSA Application can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Every student and parent should apply for a PIN Number at www.pin.gov which serves as your electronic signature on the FAFSA.
 - Student's and Parent's Social Security Number (if available)
 - Student's Driver's License if applicable
 - Student's and Parent's email addresses
 - Student's W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
 - Student's (and Spouse's, if married) 2009 Federal Income Tax Return if filed.
 - IRS Federal Tax Form: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or
 - Foreign Tax return
 - Parent's 2009 Federal Income Tax Returns (if you are a dependent student)
 - Student's and Parent's untaxed income records
 - Social Security
 - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
 - Child support
 - Welfare, or
 - Student's and Parent's current bank statements
 - Student's and Parent's current business, investment, and mortgage information, farm records, stocks, bonds, etc. if applicable
 - Student's Alien Registration or Permanent Resident card if applicable
 - Know when Parents moved to Texas
 - Know the Parent's anniversary or divorce date
 - Know the age of the Older Parent
 - Know the highest education for both Parents (if applicable)
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1. Students who do not have a Social Security Number must complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).
2. Do not leave any questions blank; write zeros if the answer is none.
3. Make copies of all records used to complete the FAFSA; you may be asked to provide them at a later date. Do not mail in your records with the signature page.



Determining Dependency Status

To determine if you need your Parent's information answer the following questions.

Were you born before January 1, 1987? Yes No

At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, will you be working on a Master's or doctorate program such as MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc? Yes No

As of today, are you married? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.) "As of today" refers to the day that you sign your FAFSA. Yes No

Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you? (This may include child dependents claimed on your Federal Income Tax forms.) Yes No

Do you have dependents other than your children/spouse who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2009? (This may include child dependents claimed on your Federal Income Tax forms.) Yes No

Are (a) both of your parents deceased, or (b) are you (or were you until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court? Yes No

Are you a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No

If you answer NO to all of these questions, you must provide your parent's information.

If you answered YES to at least one question you are considered independent and do not have to provide your parent's information.

WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT:

1. You will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) which is a summary of the financial aid you can expect and your official record that the federal processor received your FAFSA.
2. Schools you entered on the FAFSA will receive your information. Those who admit you will send you a Financial Aid package. Review the package and contact the financial aid office from the school of your choice to accept your award and make an appointment.