

What you'll need to complete the FAFSA

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For the 2014-15 school year, you will need information from 2013:

Social Security card* or alien registration or permanent resident card
Driver's license
2013 W-2 forms and other records of income
2013 Federal Income Tax Return** (for you and your spouse)
Your parents' 2013 Federal Income Tax Return, if you are a dependent student**
Your current bank statements
Your 2013 untaxed income records
Your current business & investment mortgage information, business & farm, stock, bond and other investment records

***Entering your SSN correctly is very important**

****IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, Foreign Tax Return, or Tax Return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the US Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau**

KEEP THESE RECORDS! You may need them again. Do NOT mail your records to Federal Student Aid.

Steps to take...

STEP ONE: Gather financial paperwork

STEP TWO: The FAFSA is available on fafsa.gov on Jan 1

STEP THREE: Complete FAFSA (make sure you use the IRS Data Retrieval option!)

STEP FOUR: FAFSA sends info to colleges you selected

STEP FIVE: Colleges will contact you for any extra information needed

STEP SIX: Colleges will send you Award Letters

STEP SEVEN: Decide what aid you want to accept

STEP EIGHT: Notify your college of your aid acceptance decision