

You will need the following items to complete your FAFSA. The FAFSA Application can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

FAFSA Checklist

2011-2012 Aid Year

- 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) 2010 Federal Income Tax Return if filed.
 - IRS Federal Tax Form: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or
 - Foreign Tax return
- Parent's 2010 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 the Parent's anniversary or divorce date
- Date of birth of both Parents
- Know the highest education for both Parents (if applicable)

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 2011-2012 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, 2010? (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.