

What you'll need to complete the FAFSA

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For the 2015-16 school year, you will need information from 2014:

Social Security card*, alien registration or permanent resident card
Driver's license
2014 W-2 forms and other records of income
2014 Federal Income Tax Return** (for you and your spouse)
Your parents' 2014 Federal Income Tax Return, if you are a dependent student**
Your current bank statements
Your 2014 untaxed income records
Your current business & investment mortgage information, business & farm, stock, bond and other investment records

***Entering your Social Security Number 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 Federated 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.ed.gov on Jan 1

STEP THREE: Complete the FAFSA (make sure you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool 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