

# Finish the FAFSA in 5 Steps

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## Gather materials

- Social Security Card
- Driver's license
- W2 forms & tax returns specified on the FAFSA
- Current account balances
- Determine your dependency status at [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)
- If you're a dependent student, you'll also need your parent(s) financial information

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## Create an FSA ID

- The FSA ID is a username and password
- Use your FSA ID to electronically sign your FAFSA and your student loan applications, make corrections, & more
- Go to [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov) to sign up
- Save your FSA ID to use again next year
- If you're a dependent student, one of your parents that you report on your FAFSA will also need an FSA ID

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## Fill it Out

- Apply online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)
- Enter student and parent names as shown on Social Security cards
- Enter up to 10 different federal school codes (schools you want to receive your FAFSA results)
- Consider using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to automatically transfer tax data to your FAFSA (read more at [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov))

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## Sign & Submit

- Enter your FSA ID to electronically sign (dependent students: one of the parents whose info you report on your FAFSA needs to sign with his/her FSA ID too)
- Click SUBMIT at the bottom of the page
- Review your confirmation page for info about your estimated aid eligibility and the schools you've selected

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## Follow Up

- Watch your email for your Student Aid Report (SAR) and review the information you reported on your FAFSA for errors
- Provide any necessary documentation that may be required by the schools you added to your FAFSA. Follow up with the financial aid office if you have additional questions.

### Helpful Links

[FAFSAHelpOH.org](http://FAFSAHelpOH.org)

Helpful videos and other FAFSA & financial aid resources.

[FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov)

Complete and submit the FAFSA

[FSAID.ed.gov](http://FSAID.ed.gov)

Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) once and reuse it each year to complete the FAFSA online.

[StudentAid.ed.gov](http://StudentAid.ed.gov)

Learn about federal student aid programs

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