

STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES FAFSA & TAP GUIDE 2026 – 2027

FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE: 004799

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Assistance — www.studentaid.gov

Completing the FAFSA for the first time:

Create your Federal Student Aid ID:
studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch

Determine if you are an independent or dependent student:

- ▶ If you answer “YES” to any of the following, you’re considered an **independent student**. If you answered “NO” to all of the following, you’re a **dependent student** and need parental information.
 - Were you born before January 1, 2003?
 - Are you enrolled in a Master’s program?
 - Are you married?
 - Are you a U.S. veteran (including active duty)?
 - Do you have dependent children or other dependents who live with you and receive more than half of their financial support from you?

Independent students will need:

- ▶ Your Social Security number. If you’re married, you will also need your spouse’s Social Security number.
- ▶ 2024 tax returns for you and your spouse (if married), the amount of child support received during 2024, and current cash, savings, checking balances, and investment information.
- ▶ Your driver’s license number, if applicable.
- ▶ If you’re an eligible non-citizen, your alien registration number.

Dependent students will need:

- ▶ Your social security number.
- ▶ 2024 tax returns for yourself, and your contributor(s), amount of child support received during 2024, current cash, savings, checking balances, and investment information.
- ▶ Drivers license number, if applicable.
- ▶ If you’re an eligible non-citizen, you will need your alien registration number.
- ▶ Your contributors full name, social security number, date of birth and email address.
 - Your contributor (biological, adoptive or step parent) will also have to create an FSA ID. If you have divorced or separated parents, the parent who provided more financial support must create an FSA ID and be reported on your FAFSA. (If you cannot obtain this information, please contact us.)
 - This video will help you identify your contributor: tiny.monroe.edu/FAFSA

NOTES: If a required contributor refuses to provide their information, signature, consent and approval to have their federal tax information (FTI) transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA form, the student’s FAFSA will be incomplete, making the student ineligible for federal student aid.

Meet with a Financial Aid Advisor if there are circumstances which prevent you from obtaining parental information.

Renewing your FAFSA:

- ▶ Log into your FSA Account: studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing
- ▶ Confirm that your personal information is up to date. This includes your marital status, address, cell number, email address, grade level, etc.
- ▶ Your 2024 income information is required. If you’re a dependent, you and your contributor may need to give consent for the income information to be transferred directly to your FAFSA.
- ▶ If you’re a dependent, your contributor will be invited to complete their portion. They must have their own FSA ID to sign your FAFSA. Be sure to click submit.
- ▶ Once your FAFSA is processed, you will receive an email from FSA. Check your email for updates on your application status.
- ▶ We will receive your FAFSA in 5-7 business days.



NYS residents: After your FAFSA is processed, visit www.tap.hesc.ny.gov to apply for New York State-based financial aid. You can also access this from your FAFSA confirmation page.

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