

2026 2027 FAFSA CHECKLIST

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) might seem overwhelming, but MI

StudentAid is here to help! We're sharing everything you need to fill out your FAFSA. Good news: The new form is easier than ever. Most students and families complete it in less than 15 minutes.

The FAFSA unlocks access to loans, work-study programs, grants and scholarships —like the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, which offers tuition-free community college, up to \$27,500 at a university or up to \$4,000 for career training.

Organizing all your information in advance will make filling out the form much easier. When you're ready, head to **FAFSA.gov** to complete the FAFSA. **The sooner you do, the more money you could get!**

GATHER THIS INFO BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Required Student & Parent/Contributor Information

Additional Contributors may include the student's adoptive parents, stepparents or spouse.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FSA IDs and passwords | Create FSA IDs (both student and parent) at studentaid.gov . Allow three to five days for the Social Security Administration to verify the FSA IDs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email addresses | Student: _____ Parent: _____ Additional Contributor: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security numbers | Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dates of birth | Student: ____/____/____ Parent: ____/____/____ Additional Contributor: ____/____/____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checking and savings account balances | Student: \$ _____ Parent: \$ _____ Additional Contributor: \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 federal income tax forms and W-2s* <small>*You may need 2023 federal income tax forms and W-2s if you changed your marital status since you filed your 2023 taxes or have unique tax circumstances</small> | Personal records or visit irs.gov/transcript |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investments (e.g., stocks, bonds, mutual funds, 529 plans, rental properties), excluding home and retirement | Student: \$ _____ Parent: \$ _____ Additional Contributor: \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current net worth of all businesses and/or farms | \$ _____ or contact your accountant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child support received from the <i>last</i> complete calendar year | \$ _____ or contact MiChildSupport at 877-543-2660 or micase.state.mi.us |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible noncitizens* <small>*Student only</small> | Contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at uscis.gov |



DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

Fill out your **FAFSA!**

