

Mapping Your Future

Completing the 2021-22 FAFSA webinar

Question and Answer document

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FSA ID		
Is the FSA ID assigned when you create log in?	The FSA ID is the username and password you create at https://fsaid.ed.gov . The student will use their FSA ID to log into the FAFSA.	FSA ID
Where do you make a parent FSA ID? Also, I made an account on Oct. 1 and got an email on Oct. 3 saying my Social Security Administration results have been successful does that mean I got my ID cause I don't see it on the email.	The parent FSA ID is created at the same location https://fsaid.ed.gov . It sounds like you were successful in creating your FSA ID. They will not include the ID in the email confirmation for security reasons.	FSA ID
I have my son's FSA ID. When I get mine, do I obtain it the same way, but put I'm the parent?	You will also go to https://fsa.id.gov and indicate you are a parent. Remember, you cannot use the same email address as the one used by the student to create an FSA ID.	FSA ID
Is it necessary to make a parents FSA ID? Because I have submitted mine and didn't do an FSA ID for my parent.	If you are dependent student, at least one parent will need an FSA ID. Both the student and parent will create an FSA ID at https://fsaid.ed.gov .	FSA ID
My sister is in college and has her own FSA ID and so does my mom, but since I'm about to go to college and making a FSA ID for me for 2021-22 would she need to make another account or can she use her account already made for all the forms needed to be shown?	If your mother already has an FSA ID, she will not create another FSA ID.	FSA ID
Should parent or student apply first? does it matter?	The FAFSA belongs to the student so the student should start the FAFSA. A parent can create their FSA ID at any time.	FSA ID
If my parent already has an account set up for a sibling, would she need to make another one or just add me to it?	If you are referring to the FSA ID, the parent will not need to create a new FSA ID for themselves. However, the sibling will need to create their own FSA ID.	FSA ID

Do I just sign into my account to show the ID? Also, when I just made my account, I went back to fill the application but since I did not have my ID. I think my parent had to do that it said like the parent can fill out some stuff for the student, is that correct?	The FAFSA belongs to the student. However, the parent will need to provide the parental financial information and sign the form.	FSA ID
What do I do if my full name (as it appears on my Social Security card) does not fit in the FSA ID place when I create the account?	Type as much of your name that will fit in the field on the form. If all of those letters are accurate, it should match, and you will be able to create your FSA ID.	FSA ID
Do parents need an ID when their dependent is filling out their FAFSA or is it optional?	At least one parent will need an FSA ID for a dependent student. The parent will use it to sign the FAFSA and may use it for other purposes, such as applying for a Parent Loan.	FSA ID
Dependency		
I have a son that lives at home and we provided greater than 50% of his expenses. We let him fill his own taxes, can we claim him as dependent since he still lives with us?	Claiming your son as a dependent on taxes has no bearing the FAFSA determination of whether a student is dependent or independent. If he cannot answer "yes" to any of the dependency questions on the FAFSA, he will be considered "dependent" for FAFSA purposes and must provide parental financial information on the FAFSA.	Dependency information
I have a student that I am her legal guardian though the court system. How does that work?	The student might be considered independent based on the situation and, if so, would only provide information about his/herself (the student). Has it been determined by a court in the student's state of legal residence that he/she is an emancipated minor or that someone other than his/her parent or stepparent has legal guardianship of her/him? (You also should answer "Yes" if the student is now an adult but was in legal guardianship or was an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. Answer "No" if the court papers say "custody" rather than "guardianship.")	Dependency information
If a parent's rights have been terminated, they don't have to be listed on the FAFSA do they?	If you don't fit into the definition of being an independent student for FAFSA purposes, but cannot answer yes to any of the dependency questions, you can indicate that you cannot provide parental information and the postsecondary schools or schools you select will follow up with you. It is possible that you are an independent student. The answer to your question may depend on the specifics of your situation. Independent students are not required to provide parent financial information.	Dependency Information

If I have sole custody but receive child support, do I list the other parent as parent 2?	No, if the student lives with you and you are not married, the student will only need to provide your financial information.	Dependency Information
My legal guardians are my grandparents and are retired. Therefore, what kind of information would I turn in?	You may be considered an independent student depending on your legal guardianship status. If that is the case, you will not need to provide any information on your parents or grandparents. You will not provide information about your grandparents because they have not legally adopted you.	Dependency Information
General information		
Do the grant amount change if they receive other scholarships?	It depends on the policies of the school. A school finance office may reduce the amount of need-based financial aid if the student receives other financial aid (such as scholarships) and the amount of aid then exceeds the cost of attendance.	General information
To apply for college grants, do they need the FAFSA?	Possibly, it will depend on the college requirements. However, many colleges do require a FAFSA for their institutional aid programs.	General information
By when is it best to complete the form?	Complete the FAFSA as early as possible since some institutional aid is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Some postsecondary institutions do have priority deadlines. Check the school website for those deadlines. In addition, some state programs have deadlines.	General information
Can I still complete this if I am a senior graduating early?	We will focus on the 2021-22 FAFSA, but if you are going to college during the 2020-21 academic year (such as starting in January 2021), you may need to complete the 2020-21 FAFSA as well.	General information
Can we apply to colleges with applying to FAFSA?	No. College admissions is a separate process from applying for financial aid.	General information
Can you save progress on the FAFSA and come back to it, or does it have to be completed in one sitting?	Yes. The FAFSA will automatically save. In addition, you can create a Save Key when you begin the FAFSA so you can return to the FAFSA later.	General information
Do you have to apply to the college of your choice prior to filling out FAFSA?	No, you don't have to have already applied to the colleges listed on the FAFSA. The college admissions is a separate process from applying for financial aid.	General information
Do you have to wait until your child is a senior in high school to complete FAFSA info?	The student will need to complete the FAFSA for the year they are planning to attend postsecondary education. If the student is a senior in high school and plans to attend postsecondary education in the fall of 2021, the student should complete the 2021-22 FAFSA. You should not complete the 2021-22 FAFSA unless you plan to pursue postsecondary education in that academic year.	General information

Will you be covering how to add more than 10 schools?	Yes, to add more than 10 schools, you can go in later to "correct" the FAFSA and change some of the schools you listed to those additional schools. Both the previously listed and the new schools will receive your information. Or you can contact the school and provide your Data Release Number (DRN) which is on the FAFSA confirmation page or the Student Aid Report (SAR).	General information
How can we find out university deadlines for FAFSA?	Postsecondary institutions will post their financial aid priority deadlines on the website -- usually on the financial aid office page of the website. More information about federal and state deadlines can be found at https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/fafsa-deadlines .	General information
How is family contribution calculated? Is there predetermined formula?	The EFC is calculated according to a formula established by law. Your family's taxed and untaxed income, assets, and benefits (such as unemployment or Social Security) all could be considered in the formula. Also considered are your family size and the number of family members who will attend college or career school during the year. The EFC Formula guide at https://ifap.ed.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/2020-08/2122EFCFormulaGuide.pdf shows how an EFC is calculated. Remember, your EFC is not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college, nor is it the amount of federal student aid you will receive. It is a number used by your school to calculate how much financial aid you are eligible to receive.	General information
The https://bit.ly/fafsapodcasts link gives me an error.	Please use this link https://bit.ly/FAFSAPodcasts . Note that capital letters as the URL may be case-sensitive. You can also use this web address: https://southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org/featured-topic.cfm?ModuleID=549&code=sd&FeaturePage=5	General information
I have recently joined the Army Reserve. Do my chances of receiving aid decrease?	No. If you were on active federal duty in the Reserves, you may be considered an independent student. If you have not served on federal active duty, you may need to provide parental financial information.	General information
If I have a student that is already a sophomore in college, can I just update for my child that will be a freshman in the fall of 2021 and just add her, or do I have do one "for" her?	You will need to complete a separate FAFSA for each student in the family. Also, your student who is a sophomore needs to complete a Renewal FAFSA each year they are pursuing postsecondary education.	General Information
If in early college and entering with AS how should student answer?	If you are asking about the high school completion question, the student will still answer they are a first-time student if they were a high school student while pursuing a dual degree program.	General Information

<p>If my student took a year off from college, do we complete the FAFSA as a renewal? Also, do you complete the FAFSA if going to college part time?</p>	<p>If the student filed a FAFSA earlier, they should still have information on file. They should go to https://studentaid.ed.gov and log in using their FSA ID username and password to determine the status of their financial aid application and to complete a renewal FAFSA (if they had filed a FAFSA before). To answer the second question, you do need to be attending at least half time in an approved program to be eligible for federal financial aid. However, there may be some part-time programs that offer aid and require a completed FAFSA. Check with the administrators of the part-time program.</p>	<p>General Information</p>
<p>Is it possible to edit and resubmit the FAFSA after catching an error in the SAR after submission?</p>	<p>Yes, the student can log into https://fafsa.gov or https://studentaid.ed.gov with the FSA ID user name and password to make any corrections to the FAFSA.</p>	<p>General Information</p>
<p>Is the FAFSA the same as the Pell Grant?</p>	<p>The FAFSA is the form you complete to be considered for a Federal Pell Grant.</p>	<p>General Information</p>
<p>My daughter just took her SAT and she is a junior but graduating this year an entire year early. Is this process the same for us or is there anything that need to be added because of this? Also, does she need her SAT score before she adds schools?</p>	<p>The financial aid process will be the same for your daughter. She does not need an SAT score to apply for financial aid. However, that could be a part of the postsecondary school's admission's process. You will want to check the admissions requirements for the schools, colleges, or universities she's interested in attending.</p>	<p>General Information</p>
<p>My daughter is still awaiting recommendation letters and has not done college application. Can we still fill out the FAFSA or wait till college application is done?</p>	<p>Yes, but she will need to list at least one school on the FAFSA application to submit it. She can add other schools later. Admissions is a separate process, and she doesn't have to complete that process to list a postsecondary school on the FAFSA.</p>	<p>General Information</p>
<p>If my son graduates in December, will I need to complete the 20-21 FAFSA?</p>	<p>When does your son plan to begin his postsecondary education? If it is next fall, he will complete the 21-22 FAFSA. If he begins in January 2021, he will complete the 20-21 FAFSA.</p>	<p>General Information</p>
<p>Is the FAFSA completed before they apply to a school? What if they don't get in?</p>	<p>The FAFSA can be completed before or after a student applies for admission. The financial aid process is separate from the admissions process. If you don't include a school on the FAFSA now, you can add it later. If a student isn't admitted, the school will not likely create a financial aid offer or award letter for a student.</p>	<p>General Information</p>
<p>What are some of the most common mistakes people make filling out the FAFSA form?</p>	<p>Some common mistakes include not using the correct website (the correct sites are https://fafsa.gov or https://studentaid.ed.gov), not getting an FSA ID before completing the FAFSA, not understanding which parental financial information to provide, forgetting to sign the FAFSA, leaving fields blank, not answering questions about number in college or household size correctly and not paying attention to state or school deadlines. We provide information on many of the common mistakes in this Q and A document or you can contact Mapping Your Future for additional assistance with any of these issues.</p>	<p>General Information</p>

What are all the things I need to complete FAFSA?	One of the best ways to determine what you will need to complete the FAFSA is to use the FAFSA on the Web worksheet at https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2021-22-fafsa-worksheet.pdf . This worksheet is to help you prepare to complete the FAFSA and should not be submitted anywhere.	General Information
What is the difference between subsidized and unsubsidized?	Subsidized Direct Loans are offered to students who have financial need. With these loans, the federal government will pay the interest while the student is in school. Unsubsidized Direct Loans, which students both with and without financial need can receive accrue interest while the student is in school. For this reason, it is a good idea for students receiving unsubsidized loans to pay the interest while they are in school to reduce the amount they must repay later.	General Information
When choosing colleges on the FAFSA, is it ok if we don't mark one and still apply to it later? Or is it required to mark all the schools we're planning to apply to?	This financial aid process is separate from the admissions process. If you don't include a school on the FAFSA now, you can add it later. You need to initially include at least one college on the FAFSA.	General Information
When is the best time of year to apply for scholarships?	The best time to apply for scholarships is all the time and often! High school students should begin researching and possibly applying for scholarships before their senior year. In addition, college students should continue to pursue scholarships while pursuing their degree. Many scholarship deadlines are in the spring but not all. Be sure to take note of all deadlines. Use the Mapping Your Future scholarship tracking sheet to stay organized in your scholarship search: https://mappingyourfuture.org/Downloads/MappingYourFuture_Scholarship_Tracking.xls x	General Information
Financial information		
Custodial account was initially started by a grandparent but now managed by parent. Tax forms each year are under student's social security number. Is this a student asset? There is also a 529 but that is a parent asset?	Custodial bank or brokerage accounts are considered assets of the student. 529 accounts are considered an asset of the parent.	Financial information

Do I need to complete the FAFSA if I have a considerable amount in a 529?	There is no requirement to complete a FAFSA. However, if the student wants to be considered for some state aid or some scholarship programs, then the student may be required to complete the FAFSA.	Financial information
For our 2022 graduate, what tax year should I submit	If the student will graduate high school in 2022, they will file the 2022-23 FAFSA. As the regulations require right now, the student will provide information about the 2020 income taxes.	Financial information
For the education credits, do the parents record their child's education credits to?	If the education tax credits (for the child) were on the parent's tax return, the credits will be reported on the parent's financial information of the FAFSA.	Financial information
For the tax information, what happens if my parents are divorced and my mother was remarried and they filed separately?	If the student is living with the parent and stepparent, the student will need to provide income tax information for both the parent and stepparent -- even if they filed income taxes separately.	Financial information
The 2019 tax means for the year 2019 and not the year of 2018, right?	Yes, 2019 income tax means for the year 2019. The deadline for 2019 taxes this year was July 15, 2020.	Financial information
How can you reflect a job loss and reduction in income since the 2019 taxes were filed?	You will still need to provide 2019 income information on the FAFSA. However, if there is a change in your financial situation, you can reach out to the school(s) that your student is listing on the FAFSA and request a financial aid review or appeal. Each school will have a specific process, but you will want to let them know that your financial situation has changed due to a job loss and that impacts your ability to pay for your daughter's education.	Financial information
How safe is to use IRS Data Retrieval Tool?	The IRS DRT allows you to securely transfer original IRS tax return information. Several features ensure your information is kept secure, including the requirement of a log in to the system, an exact match before any data is transferred, and no actual data being displayed on the screen.	Financial information
I am retired as of January 2020, is there any option to enter new status of financial situation?	You will still need to provide 2019 income information on the FAFSA. However, if there is a change in your financial situation, you can reach out to the school(s) that your student is listing on the FAFSA and request a financial aid review or appeal. Each school will have a specific process, but you will want to let them know that your financial situation has changed due to a job loss and that impacts your ability to pay for your child's education.	Financial information
I have a question about Schedule 1. If a parent has side job they need say yes, right?	Yes, that is correct. Only answer "no" if you did not file a Schedule 1 or if you filed a Schedule 1 for those reasons listed on the FAFSA. If you aren't sure, you can answer "don't know."	Financial information

<p>I have a student whose parents' taxes has not been processed yet, so she only has a 8879 form. Does she have to wait for her parents' taxes to be processed? She already checked the IRS website and it said that since her parents mailed in their form and due to COVID they don't know when their taxes will be processed.</p>	<p>You will have to complete the financial information manually, but you can go ahead and complete the FAFSA. The student may be selected for verification by the postsecondary institution.</p>	<p>Financial information</p>
<p>I recently sold my house but am in the process of purchasing a new one. In the meantime, we have the proceeds from sale of our home in our savings account. Do I still need to report this in the asset portion of the application even though it is a temporary situation?</p>	<p>Yes. If you are asked about the balance in your savings account, you will need to report an accurate amount as of the day you complete the FAFSA. If you plan to purchase another house soon, you may want to wait until after that purchase to complete the FAFSA. If you do complete the FAFSA now and are asked about assets, you may want to reach out to the postsecondary school the student plans to attend and let them know that the assets reported included funds from the sale of a family home and the money was to be used to purchase another home for the family.</p>	<p>Financial information</p>
<p>I started my first job in 2019 in December, I haven't filed taxes so am I required to put down anything about me having a job or anything in taxes?</p>	<p>If you did not or were not required to file taxes for 2019, you will need to report income earned from work. You can use the information on your W-2s.</p>	<p>Financial information</p>
<p>If I have 529's for two children, do I include both of them?</p>	<p>Yes, you will include information about all 529 investments.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>If one of the parents receives disability, what would you put as income?</p>	<p>If the parent receives SSI disability, it does not need to be reported. However, you may need to report Veterans disability benefits as untaxed income or if you file taxes, it may be a part of your adjusted gross income.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>If the parents received a beneficiary IRA (thru the death of a family member) this year (2020) will that impact the child's ability to receive financial aid?</p>	<p>Possibly. Is the IRA now a retirement account for the parents? If so, it may not be included as an asset. However, if it can be considered a non-retirement asset, it will be included in any calculations. Note, however, assets for parents have lower weight in the calculation than do any assets of the child.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>If we are applying for 2021-2022 school year, do we need to provide 2019 tax information?</p>	<p>Yes, that is correct.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>if you have another child in college, how is the family contribution calculated?</p>	<p>The federal formula does take into consideration the number of students the family has in college. The details of the federal formula can be found in this document: https://ifap.ed.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/2020-08/2122EFCFormulaGuide.pdf.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>

<p>If your parents are divorced and the father is not available, but the primary parent mother is who has primary physical custody ... does any information have to come from the father?</p>	<p>No, you will provide financial information about the parent you lived with the most.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>Is the data retrieval tool always accurate? Is there some reason why someone would not want to use that tool?</p>	<p>If your taxes are accurate, the IRS Data Retrieval tool will provide accurate information. The only reason not to use the tool are those reasons in which you cannot use the tool, such as you did not file taxes, you don't have a social security number, or there was a change in marital status. In addition, you may not want to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool if you filed or plan to file an amended return.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>Is there a place to note major change in income from 2019 to 2020?</p>	<p>You will still need to provide 2019 income information on the FAFSA. However, if there is a change in your financial situation, you can reach out to the school(s) that your student is listing on the FAFSA and request a financial aid review or appeal. Each school will have a specific process, but you will want to let them know that your financial situation has changed due to a job loss and that impacts your ability to pay for your child's education.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>My father pays child support to my mother, but they are divorced. Since my dad provides more financial aid, could I just list him as a parent?</p>	<p>You will need to provide information about the parent that you lived with the most. If you didn't live with one parent more than the other, then you will look at who provided the most financial support.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>My parents are divorced, I live with both the same amount, but my father provides for financial aid. Could I just list one parent (being my father since he provides more aid) instead of listing two?</p>	<p>Yes, you will only need to provide information about one parent and since your father provides more financial support, you will provide information about that parent.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>
<p>On the parent financial tab, she went through the education credits area, but my child has taken dual credits and I was wondering if we record those educational credits or if the student records their own education credits?</p>	<p>This is referring to education tax credits and for dependent students, this would be on the parent's tax form if they received any education tax credits on their 2019 return. This is not related to dual credit hours earned.</p>	<p>Financial Information</p>

Parents are divorced. Father is unwilling at this time to give us his tax information to put on the FAFSA.	The student will need to provide information about the parent they lived with the most. Unless the student lived with the father most of the time (or it was a joint custody and the father provided the most financial support), the student will not need the father's tax information. However, if the student needs to report the father's information and cannot, the student can indicate they cannot provide parental information. However, the postsecondary schools listed on the FAFSA will contact the student to learn more about the situation and why the student could not provide parental information.	Financial Information
We haven't filed taxes yet, we will file next week, does that delay applying for FAFSA after next week?	Since you are so close to completing your taxes, I would wait to complete the FAFSA until you have filed your 2019 taxes and then perhaps you will be able to use the Data Retrieval Tool. You can also complete the financial information manually. You can also estimate the financial information and correct it after you file your taxes.	Financial Information
What if divorced parents share custody and support the same financially?	You will need to determine which parent provided more financial support. Even with joint custody, maybe one parent provided insurance or a car. Calculate that and provide information on the parent that provided the most support.	Financial Information
What if my parent never filed taxes in 2019?	You will need to report income earned from work from W-2s and will not be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.	Financial Information
What if the parent did not work enough to file taxes?	You will need to report income earned from work from W-2s and will not be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.	Financial Information
What is the Schedule 1?	Generally, taxpayers file a Schedule 1 to report income or adjustments to income that can't be entered directly on Form 1040.	Financial Information
What is threshold AGI for financial aid?	The answer depends on the type of financial. For federal need-based aid, certain students are automatically eligible for a zero EFC. The requirements for receiving an automatic zero EFC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The income threshold for the parents of dependent students and for independent students and their spouses is \$27,000 or less (for an automatic zero EFC); and • For independent students, those without dependents other than a spouse cannot receive an automatic zero EFC. 	Financial Information
Where do I find how much parent 1 vs parent 2 made on my 1040?	The question about parent 1 and parent 2 income is about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2019. Answer the questions whether a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on IRS Form 1040—line 1 + Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065)—Box 14 (Code A)	Financial Information

Where does the FAFSA account for military 9-11 education bill?	There is a question on the FAFSA about your parent's total veterans noneducation benefits. Enter the total amount of veterans noneducation benefits received by your parents in 2018. Veterans noneducation benefits include Disability, Death Pension, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, and/or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Educational Work-Study allowances. Don't include the following veterans educational benefits: Montgomery GI Bill, Dependents Education Assistance Program, VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Veterans Educational Assistance Program and Post 9/11 GI Bill.	Financial Information
Why would I use 2019 tax year for 21-22 school year? I lost job in 2020, so income has significantly changed. Wouldn't this impact eligibility?	You will still need to provide 2019 income information on the FAFSA. However, if there is a change in your financial situation, you can reach out to the school(s) that your student is listing on the FAFSA and request a financial aid review or appeal. Each school will have a specific process, but you will want to let them know that your financial situation has changed due to a job loss and that impacts your ability to pay for your child's education.	Financial Information
Why wouldn't we use taxes from 2020?	The Department of Education decided a couple of years ago that by using what they call "prior-prior" year tax information, that enabled students and parents to complete the FAFSA sooner.	Financial Information
With COVID, does the FAFSA consider current financial situation as loss of job or reduction in salary?	You will still need to provide 2019 income information on the FAFSA. However, if there is a change in your financial situation, you can reach out to the school(s) that your student is listing on the FAFSA and request a financial aid review or appeal. Each school will have a specific process, but you will want to let them know that your financial situation has changed due to a job loss and that impacts your ability to pay for your child's education.	Financial Information
Number in college		
Can a high school student who is taking college classes be included in the number in college?	No, students must be attending at least half time in an approved program during 2021-22 that leads to a degree or certificate at a postsecondary school eligible to participate in any of the federal student aid programs. Students enrolled in dual credit or advanced placement classes do not meet those requirements and should not be included in the number in college.	Number in college

Parental information

Does it matter which parent claims the student?	If you are referring to who claims the students on a tax return? No, that doesn't matter for FAFSA purposes. For FAFSA purposes, the student will provide information for both parents if parents are married or unmarried and living together; information for the parent they lived with the most if the parents divorced or never unmarried and not living together; information for the parent and stepparent if the parent is remarried and the student lives with the parent and stepparent.	Parental information
Can I use my mom's boyfriend's tax return from 2019 since he is the one who provides income?	No. If your mom's boyfriend is not your legal parent, you cannot provide the boyfriend's information. You will need to provide information about your parent. Please note: there may details of the situation which we are not aware, but generally, students need to provide information about their legal parent or parents.	Parental information
Does the stepparent income make any difference in the calculation of grant and loan?	Yes, it could. If the student is living with a parent and stepparent, the student will need to include financial information for both the parent and stepparent.	Parental information
I am not living with my parents. They are not in this country, so I am living with my legal guardian. I wanted to know if I had to put on the FAFSA my legal guardian's taxes info or can there be an exception?	You might be considered independent based on your situation and, if so, you would only provide information about yourself. Has it been determined by a court in your state of legal residence that you are an emancipated minor or that someone other than your parent or stepparent has legal guardianship of you? You also should answer "Yes" if you are now an adult but were in legal guardianship or were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. Answer "No" if the court papers say "custody" rather than "guardianship."	Parental information
I live with both parents the same amount.	If your parents are married (or unmarried) and living together, you will provide financial information for both parents. If your parents are divorced (or never married) and you live with each parent the same amount of time, then you will need to determine which parent provided the most financial support and provide information about that parent.	Parental information

What if we can't provide additional parent information?	The student will need to provide information about the parent they lived with the most. Unless the student lived with the father most of the time (or it was a joint custody and the father provided the most financial support), the student will not need the father's tax information. However, if the student needs to report the father's information and cannot, the student can indicate they cannot provide parental information. However, the postsecondary schools listed on the FAFSA will contact the student to learn more about the situation and why the student could not provide parental information.	Parental Information
I live with my biological mom and her boyfriend, he is the adult who is providing any income, so how could I fill that in?	Based on the information you provided, you will only provide financial information about your mom in that situation. However, the postsecondary school may ask for additional financial information about your household.	Parental information
Selective Service		
Selective Service Question: What if your child is 17 and will not be 18 until the 2021-2022 school year begins?	The student can wait until they are closer to their 18th birthday and register at https://sss.gov . If the student applying for financial aid indicates he is not 18 years old yet, he is not required to register with Selective Service for FAFSA. He can pre-register online at www.sss.gov if he is at least 17 years and 3 months old. In that case, he will be automatically registered at 18 years old.	Selective Service
You mean all student must sign up for selected service? How we do that?	Male students will need to have registered for the Selective Service if they have reached the age of 18. To register, go to https://www.sss.gov/register/	Selective Service