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# FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

You should have the following information and documents with you as you fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) at https://studentaid.gov/. TSC School Code: 030646

- ✓ Your Social Security Number
- ✓ Your parents' Social Security numbers and date of birth if you are providing parent information\*
- ✓ Your driver's license number if you have one
- ✓ Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information or tax returns\*\* including IRS W-2 information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are providing parent information
- ✓ Use income tax records for the specified academic year:
  - > 2022-2023 You will use 2020 income tax information (Application available Oct. 1, 2021)
  - > 2023-2024- You will use 2021 income tax information (Application available Oct. 1, 2022)
  - > 2024-2025- You will use 2022 income tax information (Application available Oct. 1, 2023)
- ✓ If you have not filed an income tax return, complete and submit the FAFSA using estimated tax information
- Records of you untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans non education benefits, for you, and for your parents if you are providing parent information
- ✓ Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including real estate but not including the home in which you live; and business and farm assets for you, and for your parents if you are providing parent information.

## **FSAID**

## Step 1: Create FSA ID for FAFSA at https://studentaid.gov/

✓ Create a unique username and password.

## **Step 2: Enter Personal Information**

- ✓ Provide us with your Social Security number, name, and date of birth.
- ✓ Provide five challenge questions and answers. This adds an extra level of security to your FSA ID. If you forget your username or password, you can retrieve your username or reset your password by providing answers to your challenge questions.

## Step 3: Submit Your FSA ID Application

✓ Agree not to share your FSA ID with anyone and verify your e-mail.

#### **IRS Tax Return Transcript**

Tax transcripts can be obtained free of charge one of the following ways:

- ✓ Online Request: Go to <a href="www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a> and click on "Order a Return or Account Transcript" under Tools, make sure you order a Return Transcript
- ✓ Telephone Requests: Call 1-800-908-9946 to order your Return Transcript
- ✓ Visit the local IRS Office to request one in person: 1810 Hale Avenue, Harlingen, Texas