



YOUR
FINANCIAL AID

PREP CHECKLIST

PREPARE FOR FINANCIAL AID

This checklist is your starting point for navigating the financial aid process with confidence. It outlines key steps, required information, and important dates/deadlines. Whether you're a student, or supporting one, this checklist is designed to help.

ACTION STEPS

01 —————

**Gather Your
Information**

02 —————

**Create a Federal
Student Aid ID**

03 —————

**Apply for
Financial Aid**

WHAT YOU MAY NEED



Social Security Number(s)



Cash, Savings, and Checking
Account Balances



Tax Returns



Net Worth of Investments,
Businesses, and Farms



Records of Child Support Received



List of Colleges You Plan on
Applying To

GET YOUR FSA ID

The FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID) is a username and password combo used to complete and sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Both students and required contributors must create their own unique FSA IDs.**

Who's a contributor?

- ✓ Student
- ✓ Dependent Students' Parents
- ✓ Spouses

COMPLETE THE FAFSA

Once you've gathered the necessary docs, and set up your FSA ID, it's time to apply!

Head on over to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) or scan the QR Code to apply.



IMPORTANT DATES

ATTENDANCE DATES	FAFSA YEAR	FILING DATES	TAX YEAR INFORMATION
7/1/2027 - 6/30/2028	2027 - 2028	10/1/2026 - 6/30/2028	2025
7/1/2028 - 6/30/2029	2028 - 2029	10/1/2026 - 6/30/2029	2026