The Free Application For Federal Student AID (FAFSA) uses your and your parent(s) financial information to determine your eligibility for federal grants, loans and work-study programs. If eligible, money is disbursed directly to your school. Your school will apply that money toward your tuition, fees and (if you live on campus) room and board. In some cases, students may even receive a refund check!

Your FAFSA Checklist: fafsa.ed.gov

- ❑ When filling out and submitting your FAFSA electronically, you'll need an **FSA ID** to sign the form. You should **create a FSA ID online**. **One Parent will also need to create a FSA ID.** You will use your FSA ID each year you apply for financial aid; so be sure to record your FSA ID, challenge questions and answers, as well as the email address you use to create the account.

- ❑ Your Social Security card and driver's license, and/or alien registration card if you are an eligible non-citizen.

- ❑ **DACA Students:** you can complete the FAFSA using your DACA number but you will not not be eligible for federal or state aid. Still, some colleges might ask that you complete the FAFSA and then use your financial information to award institutional aid and private scholarships.

- ❑ **I'm a citizen but my parent is not:** If you are a citizen or a US permanent resident but your parent(s) are not, you **ARE** eligible to receive federal and state aid. If your parents do not have a federally issued SSN you should list ***000-00-0000*** as your parent(s) SSN. **Do **NOT** use their ITIN number.* Without a federally issued social security number, your parent will not be able to apply for an FSA ID and therefore, they will not be able to sign your FAFSA electronically. In this case, you should **Print the Signature Page** when you submit your FAFSA and mail the Signature Page to the address indicated.

- ❑ Parent(s) Date of Birth, including the year they were born

- ❑ Your **2018** federal income tax returns (1040 Form), W-2s, and other records of money earned. (The IRS Data Retrieval Tool can help you transfer your federal tax return information right into your FAFSA form.) **You will not have these forms if you were not employed in 2018.*

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- ❑ Records and documentation of other nontaxable income received such as welfare benefits, Social Security income, veteran's benefits, military or clergy allowances ***(if applicable).***

- ❑ Records of any additional nontaxable income: Examples include: child support received, veterans' non-education benefits, money received or paid on your behalf, etc ***(if applicable).***

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- ❑ Current bank and brokerage account statements, including records of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other investments **(if applicable)**.

- ❑ Business or investment farm records **(if applicable)**.

- ❑ You must list at least one college to receive your information. You can list up to ten colleges.

- ❑ If you are applying as a dependent - you are a dependent unless declared otherwise (talk to your counselor if you have questions), both you and one parent MUST sign your FAFSA in order for it to be processed.