

Tips for filling out the 2020-2021 FAFSA

- It takes about 1 hour
- You can save it for up to 45 days
- Opens on **October 1, 2020**
- Learn how to use the IRS Data transfer tool
- **F in FAFSA stands for FREE**
- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> is the website you will use.
- Use the fafsa4caster to estimate what your financial aid will be for 2021-2022!
- Make sure the name on your Social Security Card matches the name that you use on the FAFSA!
- If you need help, stop by the counselor's office or schedule an appointment.

Step 1: Gather your 2018 tax return

- NOTE THIS CHANGE! The 2021-2022 FAFSA Application will be based off of your 2019 tax return! They are going 2 years back as opposed to 1 year. This means you do not need to wait until January 1, 2021 to start your application.

Step 2: Create an FSA ID

- 1 for parent, 1 for student
- Your FSA ID confirms your identification and allows you to sign your FAFSA
- 1/person (If you already have one, you must use the same one)
- https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm?_ga=2.200448622.1313425263.1573498231-137982947.1478711546

Step 3: Fill out and submit the FAFSA

- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- Materials Needed to Complete: Social Security Card, Driver's License, 2019 Tax Statements and W-2's for Student (if working) and Parent(s)