2026-2027 FAFSA Checklist

Student(s) Information

- ☐ Student FSA ID (If you don't have one, visit studentaid.gov to create)
- ☐ Student email address
- ☐ Parent's email address
- ☐ Government-issued photo ID*
- ☐ Parent(s) social security number
- ☐ Parent(s) date of birth
- ☐ Estimate of parent(s) income
- ☐ Student Income Statements
  - ☐ Income Tax Return (2024)
  - ☐ W-2
  - ☐ 1099
- ☐ Student Asset Statements
  - ☐ Bank Statements (Checking & Savings
  - ☐ Student Education Plans (529, UTMA, UGMA, etc.)
  - ☐ Student Retirement Plan Statement
  - ☐ Student Investment Statements (Mutual Funds, CDs, Money Market, etc.)
- ☐ Alien Registration Card or USCIS Number (If applicable)
- ☐ Business or investment farm net worth (Consult with your CPA)
- ☐ Title IV School Codes (Found on school website or FinAid's Title IV code database)

***New Identity Verification Rules**
Be prepared to verify identity via photo/photo if prompted. (Especially for first-time filers or flagged SSNs)

Parent(s) Information

- ☐ Parent FSA ID (If you don't have one, visit studentaid.gov to create)
- ☐ Government-issued photo ID*
- ☐ Parent(s) Income Statements
  - ☐ Income Tax Return (2024)
  - ☐ W-2
  - ☐ 1099
  - ☐ Records of non-taxable income
- ☐ Parent(s) Asset Statements
  - ☐ Bank Statements (Checking & Savings, etc.
  - ☐ Investment Statements (Mutual Funds, CDs, Money Market, etc.
  - ☐ Retirement Plan Statements (IRS/Roth IRA, 401(k)/403(b), Annuities, Pension(s)
  - ☐ Life Insurance (Whole Life, Term, Universal Life, Variable Life, etc.)
  - ☐ Any other relevant Financial Statements
- ☐ Mortgage Statements (*excluding* primary residence)
- ☐ Business or investment farm net worth (Consult with your CPA)
- ☐ Alien Registration Card or USCIS Number (If applicable)
- ☐ Documentation for "Change of Circumstances" (Divorce, separation, salary reductions, job loss, etc.)

Common FAFSA Hangups

- Verification delays - These can take 24-72 hours (or possibly longer, depending on new rules).
- Not granting IRS consent
- Parents' prior studentaid.gov credentials (from their college days)

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