

# FAFSA Checklist

## FOR SENIORS

The thought of applying for financial aid is much more daunting than the actual process of applying. Therefore, I encourage you to

1) Wrap your head around the fact that you can get through it

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2) Set aside 1 hour when you can devote time to completing the FAFSA form (about 130 questions).

This checklist will guide you through the steps you can follow to complete your FAFSA on time.

- Create FSA ID** at [this site](#). (Store username and passwords in safe place...you will use same login each year of college.)
  
- Gather documents before starting FAFSA**
  - Social security number for student and parent(s)
  - Prior-prior federal tax returns
  - Bank statements
  - Investment records
  
- Add college financial aid deadlines** to your home calendar where it's visible for you and your teen

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- Have a list ready of the colleges where your teen is applying**
- Start the FAFSA at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)**
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool**
- Determine if additional financial forms are required, such as state forms or CSS Profile.**
- Review student aid report and correct, if needed**
- Review your financial aid award**
- Appeal award if you think you deserve more**
- Remember to renew FAFSA each year!!**

**GREAT JOB!**