



## CHECKLIST OF IMPORTANT ITEMS TO DO PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA

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- Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) for BOTH student and (one custodial) parent [here](#).**
  - Save your FSA ID and password as you will need this to access the FAFSA form and use it to sign electronically for submission.
  - Watch this [quick tutorial](#) from federal student aid on creating your FSA ID!
  
- Gather other items you will need to complete the FAFSA**
  - Student and parent social security number. Here is information about how to file if your [parent doesn't have an social security number](#).
  - Copy of student and parent 2019 federal tax return and W-2 forms. (You can use the [IRS data retrieval tool](#) to import this data but it is good to have the data with you as well!)
  - Copies of student and parent bank statements and statements of any other assets (excluding retirement and primary home)
  
- Get yourself set up to begin filling out the FAFAS form!**
  - You have options – go to [Studentaid.gov](#) to use the web version or download the 'My Student Aid' app from the apple store or google play.
  - Start by reading this [step by step guide](#) for logging in and starting the FAFSA.
  - The FAFSA form begins with general demographic questions – [TIP] make sure you are aware of whose information is being requested (student or parent) – and the FAFSA provides “Help and Hints” just by clicking on the question mark to the right of each question!
  
- If you have questions, we would love to hear from you!**
  - Send along any specific questions to [fafsaday@gmail.com](mailto:fafsaday@gmail.com) so we can make certain to address them during the event.