**Gathering the Documents Needed to Apply for the FAFSA**

The FAFSA questions ask for information about the student (student name, date of birth, address, etc.) and about the student’s financial situation. Depending on the student’s circumstances (for instance, whether he or she is a U.S. citizen or what tax form has been used), the family might might need the following information or documents as the FAFSA application is filled out:

1. Student Social Security number (it’s important that it is entered correctly on the FAFSA form!).
2. Parents’ Social Security numbers if student is a [dependent student](https://studentaid.gov/#dependency).
3. Student’s driver’s license number if the student has one.
4. Student Alien Registration number if student is not a U.S. citizen.
5. Federal tax information or tax returns including IRS W-2 information, for student (and spouse, if student is married), and for the parents if student is a dependent student:
	* IRS 1040
	* Foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR, or IRS 1040NR-EZ
	* Tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau
6. Records of untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans noneducation benefits, for student, and for parents if student is a dependent student.
7. Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate (but not including the home in which family lives); and business and farm assets for student, and for parents if student is a dependent student.