

2026-2027 FAFSA Instructions

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NMJC

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6 Things you will need to complete the FAFSA form:

1. **Create your StudentAid.gov Account** – Create an account to access and fill out the FAFSA. All contributors (you, your spouse, your biological or adoptive parent, or your parent’s spouse if required to provide information on your FAFSA form) will need their own account. You, as the student must have a social security number (SSN) to create an account, however, your contributors may complete an account even if they do not have a SSN.
2. **Your Contributor Information** - When you fill out the FAFSA form, you’ll answer questions that will determine who needs to be a contributor on your form. If you are a dependent student required to provide parent information on your FAFSA, your parent or parent(s) will be contributors. If you are an independent student, not required to provide parent information, your spouse may be considered a contributor. To invite contributors to your FAFSA form, you will be asked to provide their:
 - Email address

The contributor will then be emailed a code that will be entered on the contributor’s submission that connects their information to the student’s FAFSA.

Note: being identified as a contributor on the FAFSA form will not make your family member responsible for paying for your education costs.

3. **Your 2024 Federal Income Tax Return** – You and your contributors must provide consent and approval to have your federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS into your FAFSA form. Providing consent is mandatory, even if your contributors do not have a SSN, did not file a tax return, or filed a tax return outside the U.S. If you or a contributor do not provide consent, you will not be eligible for federal student aid.
4. **Records of Your Untaxed Income** – You and your contributors may need to answer FAFSA questions about untaxed income, such as child support and interest income. You will use **2024** tax or calendar year information to answer these questions.
5. **Records of Your Assets** – The FAFSA form may ask you and your contributors questions about your assets, so make sure you have records of your savings and checking account balances, as well as the value of any investments, such as stocks, bonds, and real estate (**excluding your primary residence**). Report the current amounts of your assets as of the date you sign the FAFSA form, rather than reporting the **2024** tax year amounts.
6. **List of Schools You Are Interested in Attending** - Be sure to add any colleges, career schools, or trade schools you are considering, even if you have not applied or been accepted yet. You can list up to **20 schools** on the online 2026–27 FAFSA form. **NMJC’s school code is 002655.**

Visit www.Studentaid.gov, select FAFSA Form, to find many resources to assist you with the FAFSA process, including helpful videos. The NMJC financial aid office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You are welcome to come to our office and we will help you to complete your FAFSA.