



# Filing the FAFSA

After creating your FSA ID, the next step is to file your FAFSA! There are two ways that you can file your FAFSA:



1. Online at [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)



2. Through the new myStudentAid Mobile App. Download the app in the Apple App store (iOS) or Google Play (Android).



If you need help filing the FAFSA, contact your college/career counselor to find out when you and your family can get assistance completing the form.

When filing the FAFSA, questions often arise about dependency status, parental information, and citizenship status. Below, you will find some charts to help you answer those questions.

## What is my dependency status?

The following statements will determine your dependency status for the FAFSA. **Mark any that are true.**

- I will be 24 or older by Dec. 31 of the school year for which I am applying for aid
- I am homeless or at risk of being homeless
- I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces
- In the upcoming school year*, I will be working on a master's or doctoral program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)
- Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased
- I now have or will have children for whom I provide more than half of their support
- I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13
- I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support
- I am married
- I am currently or I was in legal guardianship
- I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- I am currently or I was an emancipated minor
- I was in foster care since turning age 13

Adapted from Federal Student Aid "Do I have to provide my parents information on the FAFSA" infographic. [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

If you marked any of the statements, you are independent and will not provide parental information on the FAFSA.

If none of the statements are true, you are a dependent student and must provide parental information on the FAFSA. Dependent students are required to include parent information on the FAFSA. Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include on the FAFSA.

