

Tips for Completing the 2024-25 FAFSA

Create a FAFSA Account Username and Password (FSA ID) – If you do not already have a FAFSA Account Username and Password (FSA ID), be sure to create an account at least 3-5 days before beginning your FAFSA at [Create Account | Federal Student Aid](#). All individuals required to provide information on your FAFSA (yourself, parent(s), and spouse, if applicable) should create an account before beginning the FAFSA because the Social Security Administration Identity Verification Process required for ID creation may take between 1-3 days. What you will need to create an account is your full name (name on social security card), date of birth, SSN, and either an email address or mobile phone number that is unique to you. An email address or mobile phone number cannot be associated with more than one account.

Student’s Marital Status – You must report marital status as of the date you file the FAFSA for all individuals about whom you give information. If you are not married as of the date that you submit the FAFSA, you cannot report your status as married, even if you plan to marry during the aid year. Future spouses cannot be included in household size.

Parent’s Marital Status - One of the most common errors on the FAFSA is parent’s marital status. If your biological parents are divorced and the parent you are reporting on FAFSA has remarried, select “Married (not separated)” for parent marital status and include information for both parent and stepparent. In case of divorce, you should report the information of the parent who provides the most financial support to you.

Tax Information – The 2024-25 FAFSA requires 2022 federal tax information. Applicants and others required to provide information on your FAFSA (contributors) must consent to the transfer of federal tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA, regardless of tax filing status. Contributors will only be able to report and view information that is relevant to them.

Electronic Signature and Consent Required – You and others who are required to provide information on your FAFSA (contributors) must have a FAFSA Account Username and Password (FSA ID) to sign and consent to Direct Data Exchange (DDX) with the IRS, regardless of tax filing status. If signature and consent is not provided from all required contributors, your eligibility cannot be determined. Individuals required to sign and consent:

Dependent student with parents who filed taxes jointly – student and one parent must sign and consent to DDX.

Dependent student with parents who filed taxes separately – student and both parents must sign and consent to DDX.

Dependent student with parents who are not required to file taxes - student applicant and both parents must sign and consent to DDX.

Independent unmarried – only student must sign and consent to DDX.

Independent married filed taxes jointly – only student must sign and consent to DDX.

Independent married filed taxes separately – both student and spouse must sign and consent to DDX.

Independent married not required to file - both student and spouse must sign and consent to DDX.

Family Size – FAFSA will use the number of dependents from your federal tax return as the family size. You will be asked if your family size has changed since your 2022 tax return was filed. If you answer yes, then you will be prompted to update your family size. This should include only the number of individuals that you/your parents now support and for whom you/your parents will continue to provide more than 50% support between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Also include your parents' other dependent children who will be attending postsecondary schools in 2024-25. Always include yourself (the student).

Asset Information - When answering questions pertaining to parent/student assets, you must report the worth of those assets as of the date you complete the FAFSA. These items cannot be updated after you submit the FAFSA. Do not include financial aid received.

List the College Code - Auburn University's code is 001009. If our code is not listed, we will not receive the results of your FAFSA.

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth or Unaccompanied Youth at Risk of Homelessness - Students who are unaccompanied from their parents and homeless or at risk of homelessness should reach out to the Office of Financial Aid for assistance with completing the FAFSA. Definition of unaccompanied youth: No parent or legal guardian available to provide care and physical custody.
Definition of homeless: lacking fixed, regular, adequate housing at night.
Please email finaid7@auburn.edu for assistance.

For additional information, please visit [Pro Tips for the 2024-25 FAFSA](#).