

# FAFSA CHECKLIST for 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 FAFSA filing started on **October 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**. **Arroyo High School is hosting a FAFSA/Dream Act night for parents of 12<sup>th</sup> graders on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Computer Labs - C-Hall from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Experts will assist you with filing your financial aid application!** You can fill it out for FREE on the official government site, [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). To speed up the FAFSA process, get prepared early. Here is what you'll need to fill out the FAFSA:

1. **Parent/Your Federal Student Aid PIN\*** — In order to sign your FAFSA electronically, you'll need a Personal Identification Number at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>  
You can help to prevent processing delays by getting a PIN before you begin the FAFSA.
2. **Download FAFSA Information Sheet to learn more:**  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/2020-21-fafsa.pdf>
3. **Parent/Your Social Security Number\*** — If you don't know it, it can be found on your social security card. If you don't have access to that, it may be on your birth certificate or permanent resident card. If you don't have one of those, or don't know where it is, ask your parent or legal guardian. If you're a dependent student, you'll need their help with portions of the FAFSA anyway. If you are not a U.S. citizen, but meet Federal Student Aid's [basic eligibility requirements](#), you'll need your Alien Registration Number.
4. **Parent Driver's License number : Needed**
5. **Parent Tax Records\*** — Parents' 2018 income tax returns, W-2 forms and 1040 forms if you are a dependent (and you are unless declared otherwise). If you or your parents have not completed your taxes yet, you can estimate your income and other tax return information, and then correct your application after you have filed your taxes. Use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#). If you've already filed your federal income tax returns, it will pre-fill the answers to some of the more difficult FAFSA questions by transferring the necessary data directly from federal income tax returns.
6. **Records of Parent Untaxed Income\*** — Records and documentation of other nontaxable income received such as welfare benefits, Social Security income, veteran's benefits, military or clergy allowances (if applicable).
7. **Records relating to any unusual family financial circumstances.** This can include anything that changed from last year or anything that separates your family from a "typical" family in terms of unusual marital situations, living situations, separations, etc. Examples include: high non-reimbursed medical and/or dental expenses, unusually high dependent care costs (e.g., for a special needs child or an elderly parent), death, divorce, salary reductions, job loss

8. **Records of all Parent assets (money)\*** — This includes savings and checking account balances, as well as investments like stocks and bonds and real estate.
9. **Selective Service** — Males 25 years or younger, must be registered with **Selective Service** to receive financial aid. Website: <https://www.sss.gov/>
10. **List of the school(s) you are interested in attending** — The schools you list on your FAFSA will automatically receive your FAFSA results electronically. They will use your FAFSA information to determine the types and amounts of financial aid you may receive. You can list up to 10 schools on your FAFSA. If you're applying to more than 10 schools, you can [add more later](#). Be sure to list any school you're considering, even if you're not sure yet.