

FAFSA Review Checklist

Before You Submit

- 1 Create FSA ID for student and parent
- 2 Gather tax returns and financial documents
- 3 Confirm correct Social Security numbers
- 4 List all colleges correctly
- 5 Use IRS Data Retrieval Tool if available

While Completing FAFSA

- 1 Enter student info exactly as on Social Security card
- 2 Report parent info correctly (who should file)
- 3 Double-check income and asset entries
- 4 Watch for skipped questions or blanks
- 5 Save frequently

After Submitting

- 1 Review Student Aid Report (SAR)
- 2 Check Expected Family Contribution (EFC)/SAI
- 3 Correct any errors immediately
- 4 Monitor email for college requests
- 5 Compare financial aid offers carefully

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- 1 Entering incorrect income numbers
- 2 Forgetting to sign FAFSA
- 3 Listing wrong parent
- 4 Missing deadlines
- 5 Not checking email after submission