



# FAFSA / Dream Act Application

## 2021-2022 Worksheet

Minnesota students should submit either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) or Minnesota Dream Act Application to apply for financial aid each year.

Use this chart to determine which form to use!	FAFSA	Dream Act
<b>Who should fill out this form?</b>	US Citizens, permanent residents, eligible non-citizens	Eligible undocumented students
<b>When can I apply?</b>	Application opens October 1, 2020	
<b>What is the deadline?</b>	Federal: June 30, 2021 MN: 30 days after start of term	30 days after start of term
<b>Where can I go for more information and to apply?</b>	<a href="#">Federal Student Aid</a>	<a href="#">Minnesota Office of Higher Education</a>
<b>What types of financial aid can students get by completing this form?</b>		
<b>Federal Aid:</b> Grants (Pell), Loans (Subsidized, Unsubsidized, Parent PLUS), Federal Work-Study	✓	
<b>Minnesota State Aid:</b> Minnesota State Grant, Postsecondary Child Care Grant, State Work-Study, SELF Student Loan	✓	✓
<b>Institutional Aid:</b> Some colleges require an additional financial aid form like the CSS Profile	✓	✓
<b>Scholarships:</b> Some require FAFSA or Dream Act information	✓	✓

### How to use this worksheet

This worksheet is optional and provides a way to gather the information needed to complete the following forms online:

- **FAFSA:** Much of information in the worksheet is needed on [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or via the myStudentAid mobile app. You may be able to skip some questions online based on your answers to earlier questions. You will need an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA online. If you are providing parent information, one parent will also need an FSA ID. For information to set up your FSA ID visit [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id](https://StudentAid.gov/fsa-id).
- **Dream Act Application:** The online form does not let users save their work, so this worksheet is especially helpful to gather all of the information needed to complete the application in one sitting.

### Free help is available

You do not have to pay to get help or submit your financial aid forms. Federal Student Aid provides free help online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or you can call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433 3243). Dream Act applicants can contact the Office of Higher Education by calling 651-355-0610. Check with your school to see if they are hosting a Minnesota Goes to College FAFSA or Dream Act event which offers free assistance to families.



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# Student Information & Dependency Status

If applicable, you will need to provide the following numbers. SS# and FSA ID are not required for the Dream Act.

Social Security #	- -	Alien Registration #	A
FSA ID & Password		Driver's License #	

**What is your citizenship status?** Check **one** of the boxes below to determine FAFSA or Dream Act filing status.

If checked, complete the FAFSA		If checked, complete the Dream Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. citizen (U.S. national)	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible non-citizen*	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither citizen nor eligible non-citizen	

\*Generally, you are an eligible non-citizen if you are:

- A permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551);
- A conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C);
- The holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant;" or
- The holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking."

**What is your marital status?** Check **one** of the boxes below.

Single       Married or remarried\*       Separated       Divorced

\*You will be asked to provide information about your spouse if you are married or remarried.

**What is the highest level of school your parents have completed?**

Parent 1:       Middle school       High school       College or beyond       Other/unknown

Parent 2:       Middle school       High school       College or beyond       Other/unknown

**Dependency Status: Are you considered a DEPENDENT or INDEPENDENT student?** Answer the following:

At any time since you turned 13, were both of your parents deceased, were in you foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?       Yes       No

Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by the court?       Yes       No

Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?       Yes       No

Are you married or separated but not divorced?       Yes       No

Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?       Yes       No

Do you have dependents (other than children) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?       Yes       No

Will you be 24 or older by December 31 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid?       Yes       No

Will you be working towards a masters or doctorate degree (such as MA, MBA, JD, PhD, etc.)?       Yes       No

Are you currently servicing on active duty in the US armed forces for purposes other than training?       Yes       No

Are you a veteran of the US armed forces?       Yes       No

**If you answered NO to all questions:**

**You may be a DEPENDENT STUDENT.**

You are required to provide parent information on your financial aid forms. One parent will need an FSA ID.

**Go to the next page.**

**If you answered YES to any questions:**

**You may be an INDEPENDENT STUDENT.**

You may not be required to provide parent information on your financial aid forms.

**Skip to Student's Financial Information (page 5).**

# Parent Information on Financial Aid Forms

## Who is considered a parent on the financial aid forms?

“Parent” refers to a biological or adoptive parent or a person determined by the state to be a parent (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you.

### What if . . . ?

- My parents don't want to fill out financial aid forms?
- I don't know where my parents are?
- I live with a family member other than my parents and don't have contact with my parents?
- My parent is incarcerated but I don't meet the criteria to be an independent student above?
- I am a U.S. citizen or permanent resident but my parents are undocumented?

### You should:

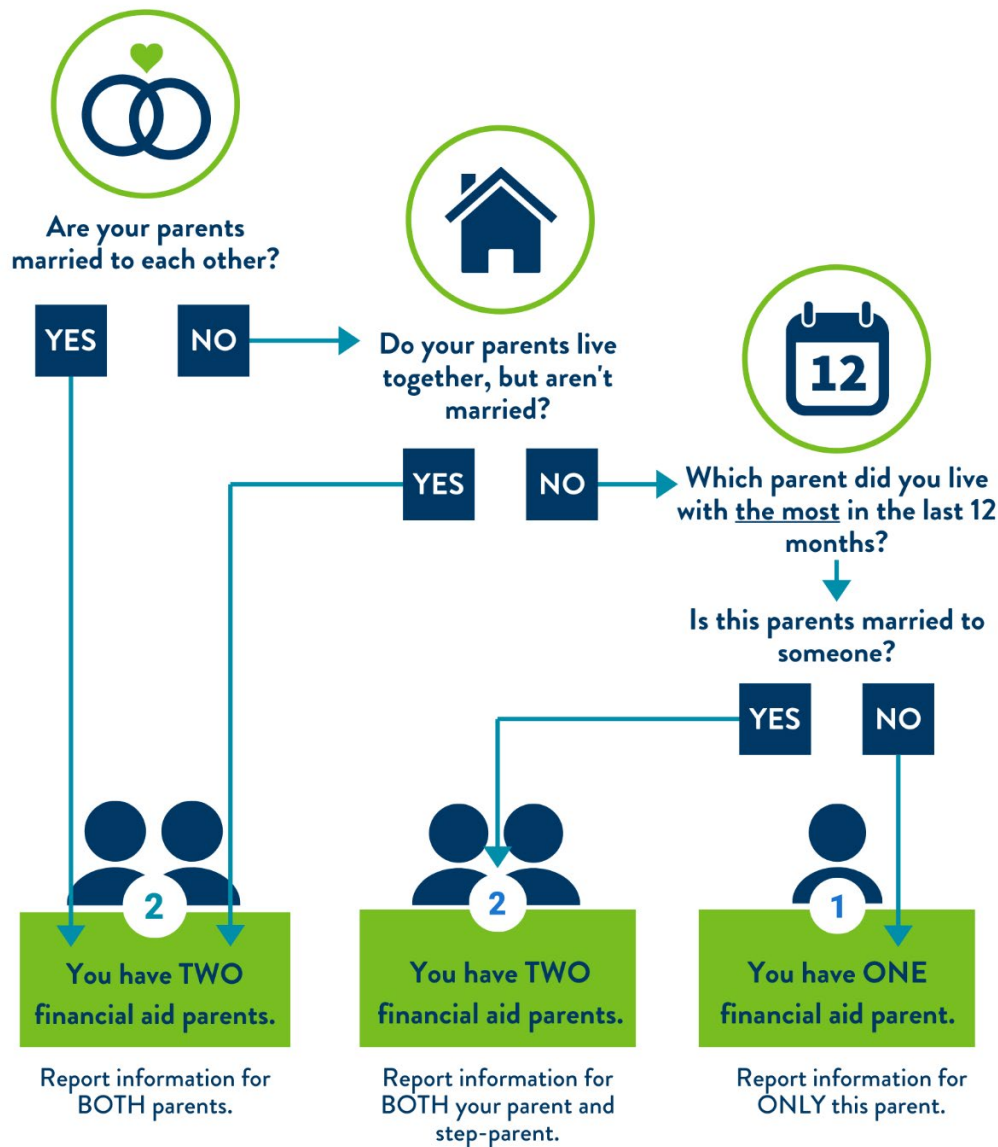
#### FAFSA Filers

Contact the institution where you are applying for aid. The financial aid office can advise you on options.

#### Dream Act Applicants

Contact Meghan Flores at the Minnesota Office of Higher Education | [meghan.flores@state.mn.us](mailto:meghan.flores@state.mn.us) or 651-355-0610

## Which parent's information do I need to provide on the financial aid forms?



# Parent's Financial Information

If applicable, you will need to provide the following parent information.

Parent 1 Full Name		Parent 2 Full Name	
Parent 1 Date of Birth		Parent 2 Date of Birth	
<b>Note: FSA ID and SS# are not required for the Dream Act.</b>		Parent 1 Social Security #	
Parent 1 FSA ID & Password		Parent 2 Social Security #	

Did your parents file or will they file a 2019 income tax return?

- My parents have already completed a tax return
- My parents will file, but have not yet completed a tax return
- My parents are not going to file an income tax return

**FAFSA TIP: Parents who have filed their 2019 federal tax return may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to easily, accurately and securely transfer their tax information into the FAFSA form.**

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2019?

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Skip this question if your parents did not file taxes. Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 8b.

How much did your parents earn from working in 2019?

Answer the question whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on IRS Form 1040—line 1 + Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065)—Box 14 (Code A).

Parent 1  
(father/mother/stepparent):

\$

Parent 2  
(father/mother/stepparent):

\$

- Check here if Parent 1 is a dislocated worker
- Check here if Parent 2 is a dislocated worker

In 2019 or 2020, did anyone in your parents' household receive the following? Check all that apply.

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2019? Check all that apply. Once online, you may be asked to report amounts paid or received by your parents.

### Additional Financial Information

- American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit
- Child support paid
- Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships or fellowships
- Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income
- Combat pay or special combat pay
- Cooperative education program earnings

### Untaxed Income

- Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans
- Child support received
- IRA deductions and payments to selfemployed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
- Tax exempt interest income
- Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions
- Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others
- Veterans noneducation benefits
- Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability benefits

Your parent(s) may be asked to provide more information about their assets.

Your parent(s) may need to report the net worth of their current businesses and/or investment farms.

# Student's Financial Information

You may be asked to provide Information about you (and your spouse's) assets.

You may need to report the net worth of current businesses and/or investment farms.

## Did you file or will you file a 2019 income tax return?

- I have already completed a tax return
- I will file, but have not yet completed a tax return
- I'm not going to file an income tax return

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## What was your (and your spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2019?

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Skip this question if you or your spouse did not file taxes. Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 8b.

## How much did you (and your spouse) earn from working in 2019?

Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on IRS Form 1040—line 1 + Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065)—Box 14 (Code A).

You: \$

Your spouse: \$

- Check here if you are a dislocated worker
- Check here if your spouse is a dislocated worker

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- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
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**Did you or your spouse have any of the following items in 2019?** Check all that apply. Once online, you may be asked to report amounts paid or received.

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- Veterans noneducation benefits
- Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability benefits
- Money received or paid on your behalf

**Do not mail this worksheet.**

Go to [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to submit your FAFSA, or

Go to [bit.ly/mndreamers](https://bit.ly/mndreamers) to submit your Dream Act Application.

You can also talk with your college's financial aid office about other types of student aid that may be available.