Before you start the FAFSA, gather the following documents. If you’re a dependent student, you’ll need all of these from your parents as well:

- Your Social Security Number.
- Your driver’s license number, if you have one.
- Your alien registration number if you’re not a U.S. citizen.
- Copy of Federal Income Tax, including W-2s.
- Records of investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate (not including the home you live in), and business and farm assets.
- A Federal Student Aid PIN to sign electronically. (You can get one at pin.ed.gov.)
- Bank statements, savings and checking account balances.
- Records of untaxed income, including child support, interest income and veterans non-education benefits.