

FAFSA Tips for US Citizen/Resident Students with Undocumented Parents

Q: If my parent is undocumented, but I am a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident, can I complete the FAFSA?

A: Yes! You will still be considered for federal financial aid (grants, work-study, and federal student loans).

Q: Will my parent's documentation status be shared with other government agencies?

A: The Department of Education has stated that your parents' immigration status does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid. According to the U.S. Department of Education, it "does not sell student or parent information and does not share that information with any entities beyond those specified on the FAFSA form." The agencies specified on the FAFSA are only notified to determine student eligibility for federal financial aid and are not shared with other agencies.

Q: If my parent is undocumented, what do I list for their Social Security Number?

A: If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, list 000-00-0000 for their Social Security Number. Do not use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or someone else's Social Security Number.

Q: How does my parent sign the FAFSA if they do not have a Social Security Number?

A: An undocumented parent cannot create an FSA ID to sign the FAFSA digitally if they do not have a Social Security Number. Your parent will instead need to print a signature page provided at the end of the FAFSA and mail it to the address listed on the signature page.

Q: Do I need to know anything else about completing the FAFSA?

A: Parent(s) who are undocumented will need to enter their tax information manually from their tax forms since they cannot import them directly from the IRS. Follow the instructions on the FAFSA carefully and, if you have questions, don't hesitate to ask.