

FAFSA Tips for Students with Undocumented Parents

Q: If my parent is undocumented, but I am a U.S. citizen, 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 all 0's. Do not use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or someone else's social security number.

Q: How does my parent sign the FAFSA?

A: As a student, you will be able to sign the FAFSA using your FSA ID; however, since your undocumented parent cannot create an FSA ID, you will need to print a signature page and mail it to the address listed on the signature page.

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

A: Your parent(s) 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.