



## SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

# A Step-by-Step Guide to Filling out the FAFSA

### 1) Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

- You will need to create an FSA ID to access the FAFSA application. The FSA ID will be used to login.
- Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account> to create your FSA ID.
- Every applicant must create an FSA ID login. Notably, parents without a Social Security Number (SSN) can now also create an FSA ID login, using the link below:

[https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/FSA\\_ID\\_without\\_SSN.pdf](https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/FSA_ID_without_SSN.pdf)

### 2) Begin the FAFSA form

- Go to <https://fafsa.gov/> and click on "Start 2023-24 Form"
- Select that you are a student filling out the FAFSA.
- Enter your name, Social Security number, and date of birth. Then, click next.

### 3) Fill out Student Demographics information

- You will need to answer some basic demographic questions about yourself. It is important to answer these questions as accurately as possible in order to avoid any errors.

### 4) List Schools to which you'd like your FAFSA Application Sent

- You will need to add the schools you are attending and/or schools you are looking to attend. This means any schools you are applying for even if you have not completed the application or been accepted yet. You can add or remove any schools to your application at any point in the school year.
- Miramar College Federal School Code: 014172

### 5) Answer the dependency status questions

- You will need to determine if you are a dependent or an independent student, which will determine whether or not you provide information about your parents.
- Dependency guidelines for FAFSA are set by Congress and are different from the guidelines that are used for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This means that students.

→ If you are determined to be a dependent student, you will be required to report information about your parents.

## 6) Fill out Parent Demographics

→ If you are determined to be a dependent student, you will need to answer demographic and financial questions about your parents as you did for yourself.

→ There is a new “Parent Wizard” section that helps students identify which parent(s) are required to complete the FAFSA

- There will be a consent requirement to this, where it introduces the roles and contributors (EX. student, parent, spouse)

## 7) Fill out Financial Information

→ The FUTURE Act amendment has replaced the IRS Data Retrieval Tool with a more efficient Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX) between the IRS and the Department of Education/Federal Student Aid. This allows the IRS to directly provide Federal Tax Information (FTI) for contributors to an applicant’s FAFSA.

→ If you did not file taxes, you can input all financial information manually.

## 8) Sign FAFSA Form

→ You will need to sign the FAFSA form. The easiest way to sign is by using your FSA ID.

# Congratulations! You have completed the FAFSA!

Please allow Miramar College at least 1-2 weeks to receive your FAFSA. You will be contacted by email from the Miramar College Financial Aid office when your FAFSA is received.

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