What to Bring to FAFSA/Dream Act Application Night

Please answer all questions to determine if you are Dependent or Independent.

Were you born before January 1, 1993? □ Yes □ No
As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.) □ Yes □ No
Are you working on a master’s or doctorate program in 2016-2017? □ Yes □ No
Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? □ Yes □ No
Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? □ Yes □ No
Do you now have or will have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017? □ Yes □ No
Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2017? □ Yes □ No
At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court? □ Yes □ No
As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? □ Yes □ No
Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? □ Yes □ No
At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? □ Yes □ No
At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? □ Yes □ No
At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? □ Yes □ No

If you answered “Yes” to ANY of the above questions you are considered Independent on your FAFSA or Dream Act Application and will need to report only your information. If you answered “No” to all questions, you will be considered a Dependent student and will need to report parental information.

To Complete the FAFSA Application, you will need:

□ Your Social Security Number.
□ Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen).
□ Your 2015 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. (Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
□ Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable).
□ Records of untaxed income (if applicable).
□ An FSA ID to sign electronically.

If you are a dependent student, then you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s).

To Complete the Dream Act Application, you will need:

□ Your Social Security Number (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
□ Your 2015 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.
□ Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable).
□ Records of untaxed income (if applicable).
□ Current business and farm records (if applicable).

If you are a dependent student, then you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s).