2026 FAFSA GUIDE 2027

What You'll Need to Get Started

- Student's Social Security Number (SSN)
- Parent(s)' SSN (if you're a dependent student) or spouse's SSN (if you're married)
- 2024 federal income tax returns for student and parent(s) or spouse (if applicable)
- W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- Bank statements
- Kennesaw State University FAFSA School Code: **001577**

Pro tip: Create a folder or digital file to store all documents and stay organized!

1 Create Your FSA ID
Your FSA ID is your login for the FAFSA.

- Both the student and at least one parent (if you are a dependent) or a spouse (if you are married) must create an FSA ID at **studentaid.gov/fsa-id**.
- Starting this year, you can email your parent(s) or spouse to invite them to be a contributor to your FAFSA and create their FSA ID.
- You'll need your full legal name, SSN, date of birth, and a personal email address.
- Choose a strong password and save it somewhere safe. You will use the same FSA ID and password every year.

2 Start Your FAFSA

- Go to **studentaid.gov**.
- Click "Start a New FAFSA" for 2026-2027.
- Log in using your FSA ID.
- Select Kennesaw State University (school code: 001577) to have your FAFSA sent directly to us.

3 Enter Your Financial Info

- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to safely import your tax information.
- Provide income and tax details for yourself and your parent(s) (if dependent) or your spouse (if married).
- FAFSA uses your tax information from two years ago. For 2026-2027, use your 2024 tax return.

4 Sign and Submit

- The student and parent(s) (if applicable) or spouse (if applicable) must sign using their FSA IDs.
- Submit your application and be sure to **save the confirmation page.**

Double check: You're not finished until you see the confirmation screen!

5 Watch for Your FAFSA
Submission Summary

- You'll receive an email once your FAFSA is processed. This usually takes 3 to 5 days.
- This email will include your Student Aid Index (SAI) and estimated financial aid eligibility.
- You may be asked to submit additional documents for verification (to confirm everything is correct).

Important: Review everything carefully. If there are any errors, you can log back in and make corrections.

Final Reminders from KSU

- We cannot send your financial aid offer until we receive your FAFSA.
- Check your Owl Express account and KSU email for any updates, or check your filing status at **studentaid.gov** under "My Activity."
- **The FAFSA is always free.** Never pay to submit it.
- Apply as early as possible! The 2026-2027 FAFSA opens October 1, 2025.
- Even if you think you won't qualify, submit the FAFSA anyway. Many scholarships require it.

Need help?
Our team is here to support you every step of the way. Contact the Kennesaw State University Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid with any questions or to set up a one-on-one appointment.

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