



## Exploring College Affordability

# FAFSA Ready Worksheet

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A one-pager from Ladder Up for students and families to record all financial information reflected in the FAFSA. Students can also complete this with their respective Counselors or College & Career Coaches.

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To complete the FAFSA, you must bring tax return copies and know your and your parent(s)'s Social Security Numbers.

## Student Information

- S1. Your name as it appears on your Social Security card: \_\_\_\_\_
- S2. Your Social Security Number (SSN): **\*\*\*-\*\*-\*\*\*\*** (Memorize this number! Required for FAFSA)  
If you have a green card, what is your Alien Registration Number? A \_\_\_\_\_
- S3. Did you work in 2014?  Yes  No If yes, how much did you earn? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- S4. After paying bills, how much money do you have in a checking/savings account on average? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- S5. Who do you live with?\*
- Mom & Dad  Just Mom  Just Dad  1 parent + Stepparent  A relative  Other
- \*Please use the flow chart on the back of this sheet to figure out how you should complete the rest of this worksheet*
- S6. What is the marital status of the parent(s) you live with?
- Married  Divorced  Separated  Remarried  Single
- Approximately when did your parent(s) get married, divorced, separated or remarried? (MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- S7. Do you or anyone in your household receive benefits from any of the federal programs listed? Check all that apply.
- SSI  Link  Free/Reduced Price Lunch  TANF  WIC

## Parent Information (For the parent or parents identified in Question S5)

- P1. Mom's/Stepmom's Name (as it appears on SS card) \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's/Stepdad's Name (as it appears on SS card) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Mom's/Stepmom's Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's/Stepdad's Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Mom's/Stepmom's SSN (if she has one) \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's/Stepdad's SSN (if he has one) \_\_\_\_\_
- \*\*\*-\*\*-\*\*\*\*** (Required for FAFSA) **\*\*\*-\*\*-\*\*\*\*** (Required for FAFSA)
- P2. Parent e-mail address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
- P3. Will your parent(s) be filing a tax return this year?  Yes  No\*

*\*Skip P4-P6. You must talk to your counselor or Ladder Up to find out what other information you will need to provide*

**If you do not have your 2014 tax return completed by the time you fill out your FAFSA, you should submit with estimates using your 2013 tax return. You must then "Make Corrections" to your FAFSA after completing your 2014 taxes by logging into FAFSA.gov again and using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool 2 weeks after you e-file your taxes.**

- P4. Parent earnings (i.e. look at Form W-2, Form 1099, year-end pay stubs):
- Mom/Stepmom: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dad/Stepdad: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- P5. Amount of income tax paid (Form 1040 Line 55; Form 1040A Line 35): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- P6. Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on tax return (Form 1040 Line 37; Form 1040A Line 21): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- P7. After paying bills, how much money does your parent(s) have in a checking/savings account on average? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- P8. For parents that have completed a FAFSA before: What is your PIN? \_\_\_\_\_
- P9. Child support paid in your household: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Child support received in your household: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If your family owns any property **besides** the home you live in, you will need to report that property's net worth.

If you are uncertain about any of your responses or need help, PLEASE talk with your counselor or contact Ladder Up!

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