FAFSA Ready Worksheet

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)
   ___________________________________________________  _____________________________________________

P2. Mom's/Stepmom's Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)  Dad's/Stepdad's Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
   _____ / _____ / _________  _____ / _____ / _________

P3. Parent e-mail address (if applicable): _____________________________________________________

P4. 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

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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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.