

## Financial Aid Checklist 2024-2025

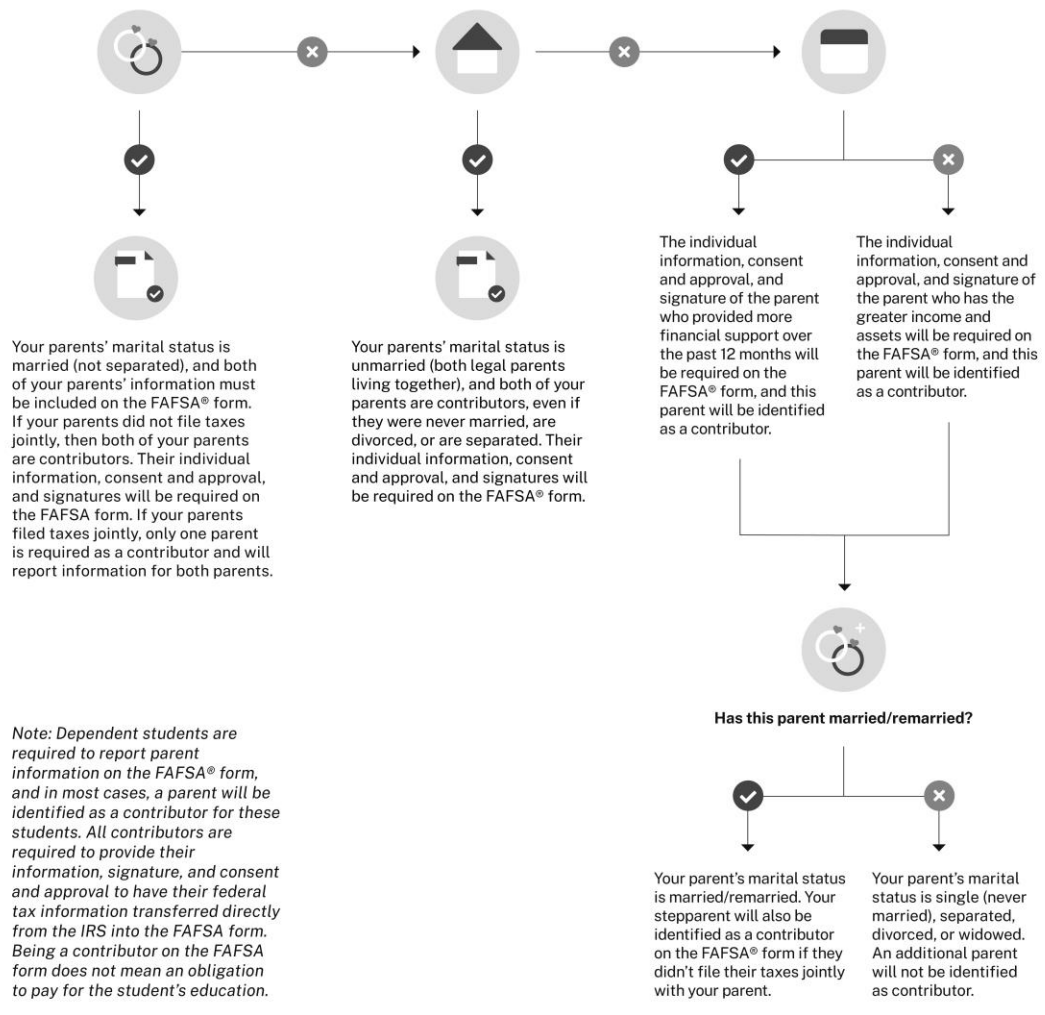
<p><b>FAFSA:</b> Free Application for Federal Student Aid (PELL, Federal Student Loans, Federal Work Study)          SUNY Ulster Code: 002880</p> <p>FAFSA Questions?          Call 1-800-433-3243</p>	<p>___ 1. Go to <a href="http://www.studentaid.gov">www.studentaid.gov</a> and hover over “FAFSA Form,” then click <i>Complete the FAFSA Form</i>. Click the button that says <i>Start New Form</i>.</p> <p>First-time applicants will need to create a Federal Student Aid ID (also known as an FSA ID, used as an electronic signature) – click <i>Create an Account and Get Started</i>.</p> <p>If you have already completed the FAFSA application in the past – enter your FSA ID and Password and click the <i>Log In</i> button.</p> <p>*Dependent students: One parent will also need to create an FSA ID for themselves.</p> <p>___ 2. Continue through the application, confirm you have not skipped over any questions before signing and submitting.</p> <p>___ 3. Be ready to provide your Social Security number, your Alien Registration number (if you're not a U.S. citizen), your <b>2022</b> 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).</p> <p>*Dependent students: you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s).</p> <p>** Students may be randomly selected for “Verification” by the Federal Department of Education or the SUNY Ulster Financial Aid Office, selected students will be notified by email and additional documentation may be required.</p>
<p><b>TAP/PT-TAP:</b> Tuition Assistance Program/Part Time Tuition Assistance Program          SUNY Ulster TAP Code: 2230</p> <p>TAP Questions?          Call 888-697-4372 or Schedule an Appointment on the <a href="http://www.hesc.ny.gov">www.hesc.ny.gov</a> website for a HESC Representative to contact you.</p>	<p>___ 1. Around 3-5 days after you have completed the FAFSA, you will receive an email from the Department of Education confirming that it has been processed. After you receive this email, you can then continue to the NYS TAP/PT-TAP application on <a href="http://www.hesc.ny.gov">www.hesc.ny.gov</a>.</p> <p>___ 2. Under where it says “The New York State Tuition Assistance Program If you are a NYS resident attending college in New York State, apply for TAP.” Click the button that says <i>Apply Now!</i> And then <i>Start my application</i>.</p> <p>First-time applicants will need to create a User ID and HESC Pin.  <i>This is NOT the same thing as your FSA ID!</i></p> <p>___ 3. Be ready to provide your (and if dependent, your parents) <b>2022</b> New York State income tax returns.</p>
<p><b>APTS:</b> Aid for Part-Time Study offered by NYS.</p>	<p>___ 1. Aid for part-time study is available for students taking 3-11 credits. Submit the APTS application (available under <a href="#">Financial Aid Forms</a>) and a <b>signed</b> copy of your (and if dependent, your parents) <b>2022</b> NYS Tax Return to the Financial Aid Office.</p>
<p><b>Excelsior Scholarship:</b> Free Tuition for eligible full-time students</p>	<p>___ 1. Apply at <a href="http://www.hesc.ny.gov">www.hesc.ny.gov</a> (this application is only available for a limited time each year, sign up for text alerts online to be notified when the application becomes available.)</p> <p>You must complete the FAFSA and TAP applications <b>first!</b></p>
<p><b>Federal Direct Stafford Loans (Student Loans)</b>  <b>*Optional*</b></p>	<p>___ 1. Complete the FAFSA first!</p> <p>___ 2. Complete a Student Federal Direct Stafford Loan cover sheet (available under <a href="#">Financial Aid Forms</a>). Sign and return form to the Financial Aid Office.</p> <p>___ 3. Complete your Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) - Go to <a href="http://www.studentaid.gov">www.studentaid.gov</a>, hover over <i>Loans and Grants</i> (detailed instructions are also available on the website).</p>

# Is My Parent a **CONTRIBUTOR** When I Fill Out My FAFSA® Form?

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*A **parent** means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent. A **stepparent** is considered a parent if they have adopted you. Stepparents that have not adopted you will be identified as a parent spouse.*

Are your biological or adoptive parents married to each other?      Do your biological or adoptive parents live together?      Did one parent provide more financial support than the other over the past 12 months?



*Note: Dependent students are required to report parent information on the FAFSA® form, and in most cases, a parent will be identified as a contributor for these students. All contributors are required to provide their information, signature, and consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA form. Being a contributor on the FAFSA form does not mean an obligation to pay for the student's education.*

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For more information on [Applying for Financial Aid, Forms and Applications](#), and [Financial Aid FAQ's](#) – please visit the [Financial Aid](#) page of SUNY Ulster's website!  
 For more information on [Scholarships](#), please contact the Foundation Office at 845-687-5283.