

How to Transfer Your 2018 IRS Tax Information Directly into Your FAFSA

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool transfers your IRS tax information directly into your FAFSA. If for any reason the Data Retrieval Tool is unavailable, you can manually enter your tax information into your FAFSA.

- To use the Data Retrieval Tool, complete the following steps:
- Go to **fafsa.ed.gov** and select the “Start Here” button
- Log in using your FSA ID
- Select the “Continue” or “Make a Correction” button
- Select the "Financial Information" tab from the top of the page.

Instructions for the parent to request the parent IRS information:

1. Go to "Parent Financial Information" page
2. Answer the questions in the first box to see if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
3. If eligible, select which parent is providing information on the FAFSA
4. Enter the FSA ID for the parent providing the information
5. Click "Link to IRS" (for an example of screen shots from the IRS DRT, see student section below)
6. You will be prompted to answer “For 2018, have your parents (if dependent) completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?” In order to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool select ***“Already completed and your tax return filing status(i.e., single, married filing joint, head of household) according to your 2018 tax return.”***
7. For your privacy, the tax information you transfer from the IRS into your FAFSA form won’t be visible to you. Instead, you will see “Transferred from the IRS” in the appropriate fields on fafsa.gov, the IRS DRT web page, and on the Student Aid Report.
8. If you only need to update the parent tax information, then proceed to the Sign and Submit page.

Instructions for the student to request the student IRS information:

1. Go to "Student Financial Information" page
2. Answer the questions in the first box to see if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
3. If eligible, click "Link to IRS" You will be prompted to answer “For 2018, have you (student) completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?” In order to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool select ***“Already completed and your tax return filing status (i.e., single, married filing joint, head of household) according to your 2018 tax return.”***

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)!

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Click “Next.”

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PARENT INFORMATION

 **Leaving FAFSA on the Web**
You, the parent, are now leaving *FAFSA on the Web* and will be transferred to the IRS Web site. Your FAFSA information will be saved.
Your saved FAFSA will automatically open either when you transfer your information from the IRS or choose to return to *FAFSA on the Web* from the IRS Web site. If you do not transfer your information or choose not to return to *FAFSA on the Web* from the IRS Web site, you will have to log in to open your saved FAFSA.
For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS Web site or on the FAFSA.

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Click “Proceed To IRS Site.”

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For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS Web site or on the FAFSA on the Web.

You are now leaving this page. Click "OK" to continue or click "Cancel" to stay on this page. Your FAFSA information will be saved if you choose to continue.

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THIS U.S. GOVERNMENT SYSTEM IS FOR AUTHORIZED USE ONLY! Use of this system constitutes consent to monitoring, interception, recording, reading, copying or capturing by authorized personnel of all activities. There is no right to privacy in this system. Unauthorized use of this system is prohibited and subject to criminal and civil penalties, including all penalties applicable to willful unauthorized access (UPAA) or inspection of taxpayer records (under 18 U.S.C. 1030 and 26 U.S.C. 7213A and 26 U.S.C. 7431).

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Click "OK."

Enter all requested information. Please make sure you enter your 2018 filing status as shown on your tax return and when completing this section make sure that all information entered exactly matches the information recorded on your 2018 tax return. This process is case sensitive then click “Submit.”

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Get My Federal Income Tax Information

See our [Privacy Notice](#) regarding our request for your personal information.

Enter the following information from your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return. [?](#)

All fields are required unless marked otherwise.

First Name

Last Name

Social Security Number

No input required

Date of Birth

MMDDYYYY

Filing Status [?](#)

Street Address [?](#)

Must match your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return

P.O. Box [?](#)

Required if entered on your tax return

Street Address [?](#)

Must match your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return


P.O. Box [?](#)

Required if entered on your tax return

Apartment Number


Required if entered on your tax return

Country


 

City, Town or Post Office

State / U.S. Territory

ZIP Code

By submitting this information, you certify that you are the person identified. Use of this system to access another person's information may result in civil and criminal penalties.

SUBMIT

Select the button below to exit the IRS system and return to your FAFSA.

CANCEL

You will then be given the option to transfer your 2018 tax information to the FAFSA. Check the box to “Transfer My Tax Information” and click “Transfer Now.” Also, if dependent and student filed a 2018 tax return, student will need to link his/her income information by using the Data Retrieval Tool.

For your privacy, the tax information you transfer from the IRS into your FAFSA form won’t be visible to you. Instead, you will see “Transferred from the IRS” in the appropriate fields on fafsa.gov, the IRS DRT web page, and on the Student Aid Report.

2018 Federal Income Tax Information

Based on the information you provided, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) located your income tax return. With your permission below, the IRS will securely transfer your tax information to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to populate any applicable FAFSA® questions.

For your protection, the IRS will not display your tax information and will further encrypt any tax information transferred using the IRS DRT, therefore, ED is unable to display your tax information on your FAFSA form.

The data retrieved from your tax return is limited to the items listed below as you reported to the IRS:

Tax Year	Type of Return Filed	Untaxed Portion of IRA Distributions & Pensions/Annuities
Name(s)	Adjusted Gross Income	Tax-exempt Interest Income
Social Security Number	Income Earned from Work	IRA Deductions and Payments
Filing Status	Income Tax	Status of Amended Returns Received
IRS Exemptions	Education Credits	

Refer to your tax records if you have a question about the values you reported.

Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA Form **TRANSFER NOW** ?

The tax information provided to fafsa.gov will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions. After the FAFSA questions are populated, your IRS session will end, and you will return to your FAFSA form. Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.

Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA Form **DO NOT TRANSFER** ?

By clicking the “Do Not Transfer” button, you are choosing not to transfer your tax information electronically. Your IRS session will end, and you will return to your FAFSA form.

Parent IRS Info

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You have successfully transferred 2018 IRS tax information.

The parents' IRS tax information has been successfully transferred into this FAFSA. Questions that were populated with tax information will be marked with “Transferred from the IRS.” For your protection, IRS tax return information is not displayed on the FAFSA.

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2018?
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Click “Next” and you will return to the FAFSA website. You are NOT DONE YET!!!

Now proceed to the Sign and Submit page.


Signature Status


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i Both you and a parent need to sign your FAFSA.
Only sign for yourself. If you and your parent are not together, one of you can sign, save the application and then exit. Give the "save key" to the other person who can log in with it and sign and submit the FAFSA.
Be sure not to mix up your and your parent's FSA IDs when signing.


Student Signature Needed 

Signature Status: **Unsigned**

PROVIDE STUDENT SIGNATURE 

Parent Signature Needed 

Signature Status: **Unsigned**

PROVIDE PARENT SIGNATURE 

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