GITA's FAFSA/CASFA

**Zine**

CREATED AND CURATED BY GITA SCHOLARSHIP TEAM

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•• **What do I need to apply to**

**FAFSA?**

* StudentAid.Gov account
* FSA ID (created when you made your student aid account
* Identification (SSN and State ID)
* Yours and your parents prior tax return from 2 years ago (if you are considered a dependant student)
  + Ex. for 2025-2026 use 2023 taxes
* Record of assets and untaxed income
  + Stocks, bonds, real estate
  + Child support/interest
  + Checking and savings account (Obtain records or statement from bank account right before

payday when your account is lowest)

## What do I need to apply •

**for CASFA** ••

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* DOBs, SSN/ITIN/ DACA number
  + You do NOT need a SSN to apply.
  + For parents without SSN, use

000-00-0000 and then add one digit for the other ex. 000- 00-0001

* Use your name as it appears on all your documentation
* The emails for yourself and parents
* Tax return
  + Parents' or spouse, if applicable
  + Date of marriage
* Info of other assets

## Who Can Apply for CASFA

DACA, undocumented, international (Fl/Jl visa) students, and other students ineligible for federal financial aid

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•• **Why Apply?**

* Free application for access to federal and/or state Student Aid
* May be required to apply for other scholarships
* Roadrunner promise\*/ Colorado Promise
* Helps make higher education accessible
* Reduces equity gaps and supports families
* Provides institutional aid for those that don't qualify for federal aid

\*Roadrunner Promise (RRP) covers the student's share of in-state tuition and published mandatory fees for students who qualify for up to 15 credits.\*

# Are you an independent or dependent student! •

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If you answer yes to any of the below you are an independent

* + You are married OR separated but

not divorced

* + You will be 24 on or before Dec. 31st of the year prior to the start of the academic aid year.

0 Ex. If you are 24 before Dec. 31st

of 2024 you are independent for the 25-26 academic year.

* + Are an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship
  + Are currently serving in the armed forces OR a veteran
  + A child or individual living with you is receiving half or more of their support from you

# Miscellaneous Facts ••

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# Got more questions!

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**Demographic Questions:**

Your answers to gender, race, and ethnicity questions will not affect your aid eligibility and your answers will not be shared with MSU Denver in any way.

**Who is the Primary Parent?**

If your parents do not live together, pick one parent's information.

The parent that has contributed more financially is the parent you select \*

httRs://studentaid.gov/aRR!y-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/Rarent-info

**GITA's Scholarship Tutor program can assist and answer any additional questions you may have!**

**Email Soj at** [**ssirivan@msudenver.edu**](mailto:ssirivan@msudenver.edu)

**to schedule a meeting with a scholarship tutor**

httRs://studentaid.gov/aRR.lY-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/helR

https:Ucdhe.colorado.gov/students/p.reparing-for­ college/colorado-application-for-state-financial-aid