

FAFSA Tips from www.FAFSA.ed.gov

As we approach the end of the year, it is time for parents of seniors to prepare to fill out the **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**. Here are some tips from the folks at FAFSA:

What you need to complete FAFSA on the Web:

- Your social security number
- Your driver's license number
- Your W-2 forms from 2004
- Your federal income tax return
- Your current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds and other investments
- Your records of other untaxed income received, such as Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare, or veterans benefits
- Your business or farm records, if applicable
- Your alien registration number, if you are not a U.S. citizen
- If you are a dependent student, you will also need your parents' social security numbers and your parents' income and financial records as listed above.

To complete the web version, you will also need a **PIN** which will allow you to sign the document electronically. The student (and the parent, if the student is a dependent) should apply for the U.S. Department of Education PIN. Apply at www.pin.ed.gov The FAFSA will be processed faster if you sign using a PIN than if you mail it in.

A **Pre-Application Worksheet** is also available at www.fafsa.ed.gov Some families find it helpful to complete the worksheet before completing FAFSA on the Web.