

FAFSA – IRS Data Retrieval Tool

For the 2019-2020 award year, students/parents who indicate they have filed a 2017 Federal Income Tax Return will be directed to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to report or update their income information on the FAFSA.

- The IRS Retrieval Tool gives students/parents the ability to transfer their income information directly from the IRS onto the FAFSA.
- When you answer that you have Already Completed your 2017 IRS income tax return, you may be eligible to transfer your tax data onto the FAFSA using the IRS Retrieval Tool. You must also know your tax filing status to use the IRS Retrieval Tool.

- 1) Click “Link to IRS” and there will be a message informing you that you are leaving FAFSA on the Web and being directed to the IRS website.

For 2017, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return? ?

Already completed ▼

For 2017, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return? ?

Married-Filed Joint Return ▼

Did you file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return for 2017? ?

Yes No

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)!

[LINK TO IRS ↔](#)

(Note: If your tax filing status was “Married-Filed Separate Return”, or you filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return for 2017, the IRS Retrieval Tool will not be available for your use.)

2) Click "Proceed to IRS Site" and "Ok"

The screenshot shows the 'Student Leaving FAFSA' page. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics, Financial Information (active), Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. Below the progress bar, a blue banner reads 'STUDENT INFORMATION'. The main content area contains the following text:

Leaving FAFSA on the Web
You 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.

At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'SKIP IRS DRT' and 'PROCEED TO IRS SITE'. A large black arrow points to the 'PROCEED TO IRS SITE' button. At the bottom of the page, it says 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, October 28, 2018' and 'Download Adobe Reader'. The copyright notice is '©2010 fafsa.gov. All rights reserved.'

This is a close-up of the confirmation dialog box. The text inside the dialog box reads: '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.' Below the text are two buttons: 'OK' and 'CANCEL'. A large black arrow points to the 'OK' button.

- 3) Once you are connected to IRS.gov:
 - a. Enter your address exactly how it looks on your 2017 Federal Income Tax Return
 - b. 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 as it appears on your **2017** Federal Income Tax Return. Required fields *

First Name *	First <input type="text"/>
Last Name *	Last <input type="text"/>
Social Security Number *	*** - ** - <input type="text"/>
Date of Birth *	00 / 00 / 0000
Filing Status * ?	Select One <input type="text"/>
Address - Must match your 2017 Federal Income Tax Return. ?	
Street Address *	<input type="text"/>
P.O. Box (Required if entered on your tax return) ?	<input type="text"/>
Apt. Number (Required if entered on your tax return)	<input type="text"/>
Country *	United States <input type="text"/>
City, Town or Post Office *	<input type="text"/>
State/U.S. Territory *	Select One <input type="text"/>
ZIP Code *	<input type="text"/>

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

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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](#)



- 4) You will be provided a list of all the possible fields from a tax return that could transfer back into the FAFSA form. **(Your tax information will be masked for your security)**
- a. Select [Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA Form](#)
 - b. Select [Transfer Now](#)

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2017 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 Pensions
Name(s)	Adjusted Gross Income	Untaxed IRA Distributions
Social Security Number	Income Earned from Work	Tax-exempt Interest Income
Filing Status	Income Tax	IRA Deductions and Payments
IRS Exemptions	Education Credits	Status of Amended Returns Received

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

Print this page for your records before choosing an option below.

Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA Form

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

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.

[Transfer Now](#)

[Do Not Transfer](#)

[IRS Privacy Policy](#)

- 5) Once you have transferred your data, you will be returned to the FAFSA website to complete the remaining questions on the FAFSA.