

Getting Your 2021 Tax Return Information For the 2023-2024 FAFSA

Applicants filing a **2023-2024 FAFSA** form must use federal tax information from their **2021 tax returns**. They can do this by using the IRS DRT while completing the FAFSA, or by referring to a copy for their 2021 tax return that they have in their possession.

You should always retain a copy of your tax return, either electronically or on paper, and keep it in a secure place.

If you did not keep a copy of your tax return, here are some options:

1. Access the tax software product you used to prepare and file your 2021 tax return. You may be able to access your account to download/print a copy.
2. Contact the tax preparer/provider who filed your 2021 return if you used a tax professional.
3. Download your tax transcript (a summary) at [Get Transcript Online](#). Review the rigorous identity authentication requirements for [Secure Access](#) before attempting to register.
4. Use [Get Transcript by Mail](#) and a transcript will be mailed to the address on your return within 5 - 10 days.
5. Call our automated line at [800-908-9946](tel:800-908-9946) to order a transcript by mail.

Additional Resources

For more information about the FAFSA form and IDR process, visit [StudentAid.gov](#). For more information about IRS transcripts, see our [Get Transcript FAQs](#).

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