

How to Fill Out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Without Access to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

If you are using your 2015 income tax return to manually enter information on your FAFSA form, the FAFSA instructions provide guidance on which line number to reference depending on the IRS tax form you filed. That information is also provided in the table below. For more specific guidance on each item, visit fafsa.gov/help.htm. If you are using a tax transcript, there won't be line numbers to reference, so read each question carefully.

2015 Income Tax Item	1040	1040A	1040EZ
Adjusted gross income (AGI)	Line 37	Line 21	Line 4
Income tax	Line 56 minus line 46	Line 28 minus line 36	Line 10
Exemptions	6d	6d	<u>See details.</u>
Wages earned from working	Line 7 - Unless you are self-employed. <u>See details.</u>	Line 7	Line 1
Education credits	Line 50	Line 33	N/A
IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans	Line 28 + Line 32	Line 17	N/A
Tax-exempt interest income	Line 8b	Line 8b	N/A
Untaxed portions of IRA distributions	Line 15a minus line 15b Exclude rollovers	Line 11a minus line 11b Exclude rollovers	N/A
Untaxed portions of pensions	Line 16a minus line 16b Exclude rollovers	Line 12a minus line 12b Exclude rollovers	N/A
Untaxed portions of health savings accounts	Line 25	N/A	N/A

Form W-2 Item	Boxes
Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans	Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S Don't include amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits)