

Ken-Ton UFSD - FAFSA/TAP Completion Initiative

Who: Families of any Kenmore West or Kenmore East Senior

What: **Free** assistance for families filling out the 2021-2022 FAFSA & TAP Forms

Where: Ken-Ton Family Support Center, 255 Myron Avenue, Kenmore (located behind Kenmore Middle School). **You will need to enter through the side door (DOOR # 7) on the North side of the building. (Type - "KenTon Family Support Center" in GPS)**

When: Appointments are available on Monday & Wednesday evenings at 5:30 and 7:00. Phone number - (716) 874-8510.

Three Steps that MUST be Taken Before Coming to Appointment

1. **Determine Whose Financial Information is Needed for the FAFSA/TAP** - Given that the vast majority of our students are considered DEPENDENT students, the FAFSA and TAP require not only financial information of the student but those who they are dependent on. The attached sheet is an easy flowchart to determine which adult(s) financial information is needed to complete the FAFSA & TAP.

2. **Create an FSA ID for Student and One Parent** - The FSA ID is a username and password that allows you to electronically sign your FAFSA. We strongly recommend creating the FSA IDs ahead of time. To create the FSA IDs go to **FSAID.ed.gov**. It takes about 10 minutes to create and up to three days to process. We will NOT be able to submit your final FAFSA without them.

3. **Required Financial Information to Complete FAFSA/TAP** - Please refer to the attached sheet to determine the required financial information you will need to bring to the appointment.

- If you have any questions before your appointment you could contact; Mike Panepinto - (716) 871-2060; Matt Gourlay (716) 874-8401 ext. 21527; or the FAFSA Hotline at 1-800-4 FED AID (1-800-433-3243)

**** We will be completing the FAFSA on district secure computers. However, if you prefer to bring your own laptop feel free to do so.**

GET READY to file the 2021-22 FAFSA & TAP Applications

What you need to file the 2021-2022 FAFSA & TAP Applications

GET YOUR FSA ID NOW!

- The FSA ID is the username and password students will use to access all Federal Student Aid websites, including FAFSA.gov. It takes about 10 minutes to create an FSA ID. We strongly recommend creating FSA IDs ahead of time. For dependent students, at least one parent will also need to create an FSA ID to sign the FAFSA.
- To create and learn more about the FSA ID, go to [FSAID.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov). Keep track of your FSA ID information using FAME's FSA ID Information Tracking Sheet.

Dependent students will need the following information:

- Your and your parents' FSA ID
- Your and your parents' Social Security numbers
- Your and your parents' 2019 Federal **AND** State income tax returns (including all applicable schedules), 2019 W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- Your and your parents' current bank statements

If applicable, you will also need...

- Your driver's license (if applicable)
- Your and your parents' 2019 untaxed income information
- Your and your parents' current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

Assets on the FAFSA

Be sure you only include assets that have to be reported.

REPORTABLE ASSETS ON THE FAFSA:

- * Cash, checking and savings
- * Real estate (other than home you live in)
- * Financial assets, such as stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, mutual funds and money market accounts
- * UGMA/UTMA accounts
- * College Savings Plans, including 529 plans and Coverdell accounts (list as a parent asset)

NON-REPORTABLE ASSETS:

- * The home you live in
- * Retirement plans
- * Any small, family-owned business w/ less than 100 full-time employees
- * The family farm
- * Life insurance policies
- * Personal possessions, such as cars and boats

When Is Parent Information Required?

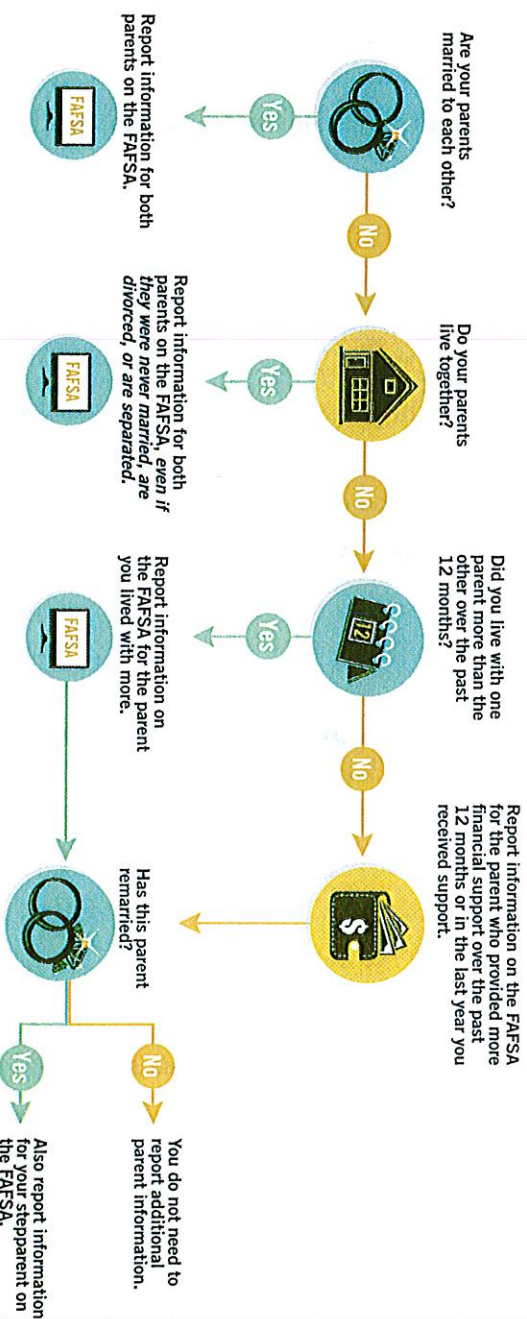
Students are considered dependent and required to provide parent information unless they can answer YES to one of the following questions:

- ☐ Were you born before January 1, 1998?
- ☐ As of today, are you married?
- ☐ At the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, will you be working on a graduate program?
- ☐ Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training, or are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- ☐ Do you have children or dependents who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022?
- ☐ At any time since you turned 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- ☐ As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship?
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2020, were you homeless or at risk of being homeless?

WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA).¹ For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).



The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:



If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/afsa/filing-out/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

¹ If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to StudentAid.ed.gov/afsa/filing-out/dependency