Use this checklist to gather key documents and data before your planning meeting. Not all items will apply to everyone; focus on what's relevant to your specific situation.

Personal & Family Info

- Birthdates & SSNs
- Dependent information (names, birthdates, special needs)
- Marital status & date of marriage
- Citizenship/residency status

Real Assets & Liabilities

- Real estate addresses & values
- Mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, private loans

Investment & Retirement Accounts

- Bank & brokerage statements
- 401(k), IRA, Roth, TSP, 457, annuities, pensions
- HSA, 529, Coverdell, UGMA/UTMA

Income, Expenses & Benefits

- Paystubs, Social Security statements
- Detailed monthly expenses
- Employer benefit handbooks & Summary Plan Descriptions (SPD)
- Deferred compensation or stock options

Insurance Coverage

- Life, disability, long-term care, health, umbrella, property & casualty policies
- Group benefits and riders

Tax & Legal Documents

- Last 2 years of tax returns (Federal & State)
- Wills, trusts, POAs, living wills
- Buy-sell or prenuptial agreements

Business & Other Considerations

- Business ownership documents and valuation
- Succession plans or key person policies
- Charitable giving goals and digital assets info