

2024-25 FAFSA For Staff – Part 1

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OBJECTIVES

1. Familiarize yourself with new terminology
2. Identity **which application** a student must complete
3. Determine a student's **dependency status and their contributors**
4. Summarize **how the FSA ID is obtained**
5. Explain **what items are needed** to complete the FAFSA
6. Understand **major changes** to the FAFSA
7. Describe the **sections of the FAFSA** for a student and a parent
8. Avoid **common mistakes**
9. Address **individual circumstances**
10. Prepare for **next steps**

Q&A

1. FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH NEW TERMINOLOGY

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SAI: The SAI is Student Aid Index. The Student Aid Index is the output of a processed FAFSA and is used to determine a student's financial aid eligibility. The SAI is a student's approximate financial resources to contribute toward their education for one school year. A Student Aid Index can be a negative number, with -1,500 being the lowest SAI possible.

FAFSA Submission Summary: The FAFSA Submission Summary is the output document of a FAFSA form, which provides a summary of data reported on the form.

Contributor: A contributor is any individual required to provide information on a FAFSA. Contributors give consent and approval, via an FSA ID, for federal tax information and their signature, on a FAFSA form. Contributors can include the student, the student's spouse (if married), a biological or adoptive parent, or the parent's spouse. A contributor must have an FSA ID, which is used as a legally binding signature on the FAFSA and allows an individual to provide approval for their federal tax information to be used in determining the student's financial aid eligibility. All contributors must provide approval, regardless of their tax filing status.

FTI: Federal Tax Information is the data and information related to paying federal taxes. This includes a tax return or return information that is received directly from the IRS or obtained through an authorized secondary source, such as the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

FAFSA FTI Approval: This is the formal approval granted by an applicant, and any applicable contributors, to the Department of Education for a given FAFSA cycle to retrieve and use FTI to determine the applicant's federal financial aid eligibility. FAFSA FTI approval also permits the redisclosure of FTI to an eligible institution (college), state higher education agency, or a designated scholarship organization for the application, award, and administration of student aid programs. An applicant and contributor (if applicable) must provide consent once each year. If FAFSA FTI consent is not provided, the student will not be eligible for any Title IV aid until the appropriate consent is provided.

2. IDENTIFY WHICH APPLICATION TO COMPLETE

FAFSA	OR	WASFA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. Citizens• U.S. Nationals (American Samoa or Swains Islands)• U.S. Permanent Residents• I-94 Holders : Refugee, Asylum granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Conditional entrant, Parolee• Visa Holders under VAWA• T or T-1 Visa Holders		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undocumented students• Students with DACA (expired or not)• Other non-citizens** (check w/ individual college/university)• Defaulted/balance on federal loans/grants• Students who don't feel comfortable completing the FAFSA

3. DETERMINE A STUDENT'S DEPENDENCY STATUS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTORS



DEPENDENT STUDENTS

If answered "No" to all questions

PARENT(S) INFO REQUIRED

- Born before 1/1/2001
- Married
- Enrolled in graduate programs
- Dependents
- Actively serving in the U.S. armed forces (other than training)/Veteran

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

If answered "Yes" to any questions

NO PARENT(S) INFO REQUIRED

- Deceased, incarcerated parents or in foster care since age 13*
- Emancipated or in legal guardianship (court intervention)
- Unaccompanied youth, at risk or effectively experiencing homelessness, self-supporting (7/1/2023)

3. DETERMINE A STUDENT'S DEPENDENCY STATUS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTORS

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Student Unusual Circumstances

This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.

Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?

A person experiencing unusual circumstances may have:

- Left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- Been abandoned by or estranged from their parents, and have not been adopted;
- Been granted refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- Been a victim of human trafficking;
- Been incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with them would pose a risk to them; or
- Been otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents, and have not been adopted.

If their circumstances resulted in not having a safe, stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.

Yes No


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Your Dependency Status

 **Provisionally Independent Student**

Based on your answers, you're a provisionally independent student. This means you don't need to answer questions about your parents to submit your application.

To complete your application, you'll need to contact your school's financial aid office and provide documentation to verify your circumstances.

We won't be able to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI) until you confirm your circumstances with your financial aid office. Until then, we will provide only an estimate of your federal student aid eligibility as an independent student.


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Student Dependency Status



Dependent Student

Based on your answers, you're a dependent student, and since we assume parents of dependent students will help pay for your education if they are able, we need information about their finances and backgrounds. This information is used to determine how much financial aid you're eligible to receive.

Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents' information?

Select "Yes" if the student wants a financial aid administrator at their school to determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan **only**.

Yes No

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3. DETERMINE A STUDENT'S DEPENDENCY STATUS AND CONTRIBUTORS



BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS ONLY
(& stepparent married to contributor parent)



Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted the student and their information should NOT be included in either FAFSA or WASFA.

3. DETERMINE A STUDENT'S DEPENDENCY STATUS AND CONTRIBUTORS

For dependent students, the parents', marital status, tax filing status, and living arrangements will determine who needs an FSA ID. For divorced or separated parents, the parent who provided the most financial support will be used on the FAFSA.

BOTH Parents Need an FSA ID

- Parents are married and filed their 2022 taxes separately
- Parent remarried and filed their 2022 taxes separately from spouse (step-parent must obtain FSA ID)
- Not married, but living together

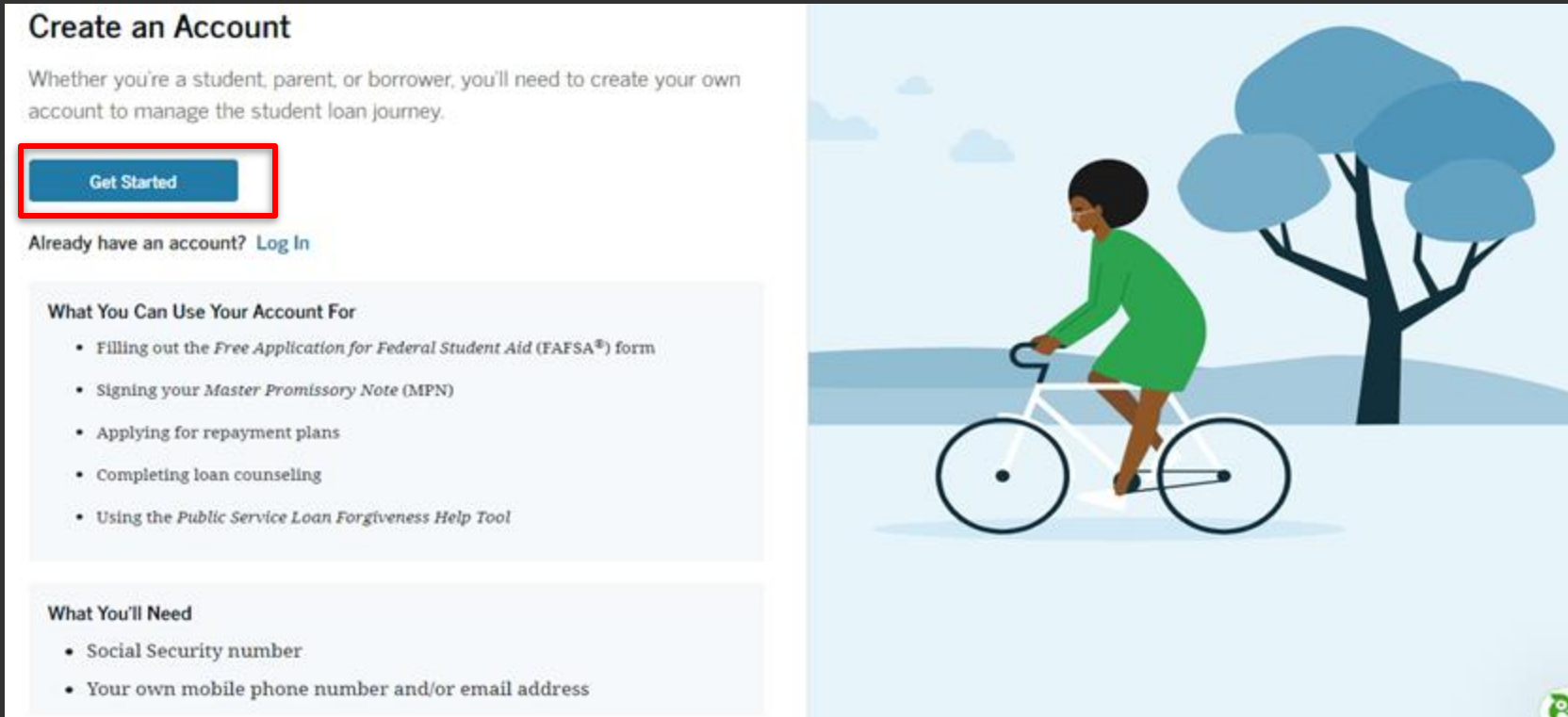
Only ONE parent needs an FSA ID

- Parent is single, divorced, or separated
- Parents are married and filed jointly on their 2022 tax return
- Parent remarried and filed jointly with new spouse on their 2022 tax return

****We HIGHLY RECOMMEND** that parents who are married and filed jointly still obtain their own FSA ID

4. SUMMARIZE HOW THE FSA ID IS OBTAINED

Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>, click on “Get Started”



Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

Get Started

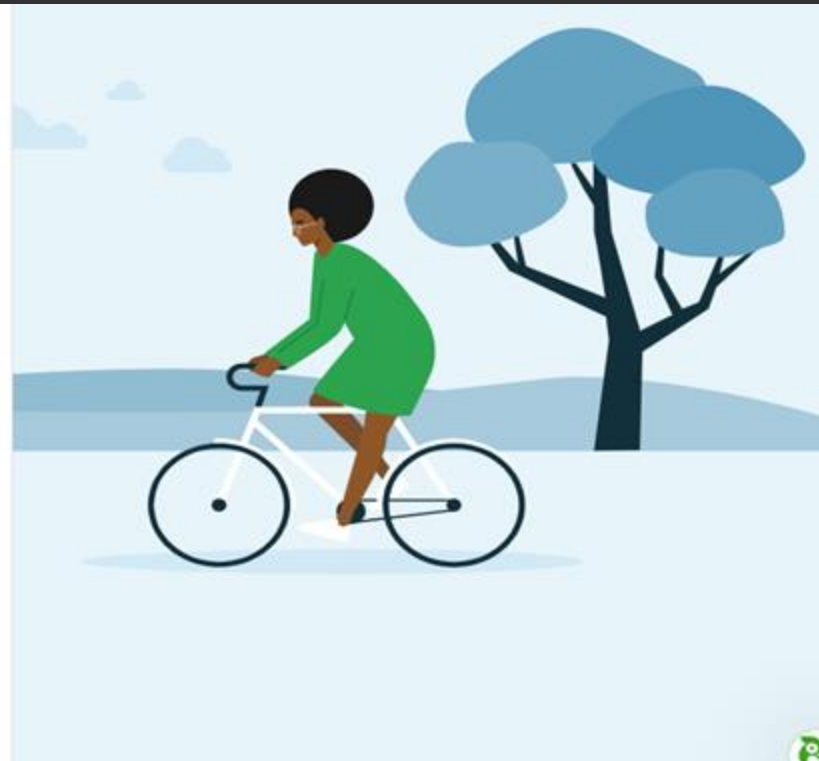
Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note (MPN)*
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

What You'll Need

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address



4. SUMMARIZE HOW THE FSA ID IS OBTAINED

Students and contributors must have the following available when signing up for an FSA ID:

1. **Full name** as listed on the Social Security Card
2. Social Security number
3. Date of Birth
4. **Access to an active email address** (each person must have their own)
5. A **mobile phone** that can **receive text messages**

For parents without a social security number:

1. **Individual Taxpayer Number** or ITIN (if available)
2. **Full name** as listed on ITIN (if available)
3. **Items 4-5** from the list above

5. EXPLAIN WHAT ITEMS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA



Tip:

- Report tax and benefits information from **2022**
- Report account balances as of the day students complete application

6. UNDERSTAND MAJOR CHANGES TO THE FAFSA

opens

- December 2023

priority
deadline

- As soon as possible

Tips:

- **Do not sacrifice accuracy** for meeting a deadline!
- Make sure to check **each school's** financial aid office individual deadline.
- States have different deadlines as well.

6. UNDERSTAND MAJOR CHANGES TO THE FAFSA

- 36 questions
- Elimination of mobile application
- Gender, race, and ethnicity **are optional**
- Space for up to 20 colleges/universities
- **Removal of the following questions:**
 - Housing question on FAFSA (i.e., on campus, off campus, with parent)
 - Work Study interest question
 - College degree or certificate student is working on the question; grade level still on FAFSA
 - Dislocated worker question

6. UNDERSTAND MAJOR CHANGES TO THE FAFSA

- **New criteria** for which parent to use on FAFSA for divorced/separated parents
 - Parent that provides **more financial support** instead of parent who student resides with most of the year
- **Provisional Independent status determination:**
 - Students who may qualify for a **Dependency Override** can submit a FAFSA to get an SAI but must still appeal with their Financial Aid Office (unusual circumstances)
- **Unaccompanied Homeless Youth**
 - Provide documentation of status, ED further defines what is acceptable
 - Status will carryover from year to year, no need to reverify status each year
- **Special circumstances** relate to students who submit an appeal related to finances (either reduction in income or increase in cost of attendance)

6. UNDERSTAND MAJOR CHANGES TO THE FAFSA

- All persons completing a FAFSA **must agree to use the Federal Tax Information (FTI) or will not qualify for Federal Aid**
 - No clarification about who will be able to input tax information manually
- Families making \$60K or less will **not have to report assets**
- Families with **small businesses and farms** now need to report assets unless they make less than \$60K
- **Child support received** will be reported under assets
- **Household size** will come from tax return exemption information, though families can manually update it on the form
- **Removal of untaxed income** that is not reported on tax return
 - Exception is child support received, which will be reported as an asset
- **Removal of 529 plans** owned by grandparent, uncle, aunt, etc.
- **Removal of taxable Work Study earnings**; schools now report work study earnings to ED for 2022

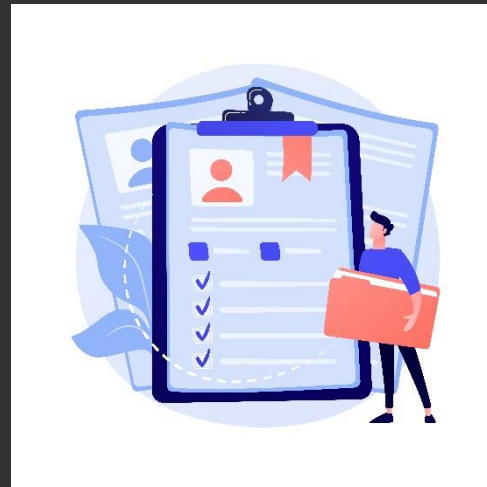
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Student's mini FAFSA



Contributor(s)' mini FAFSA



Student's full FAFSA submission



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FAFSA

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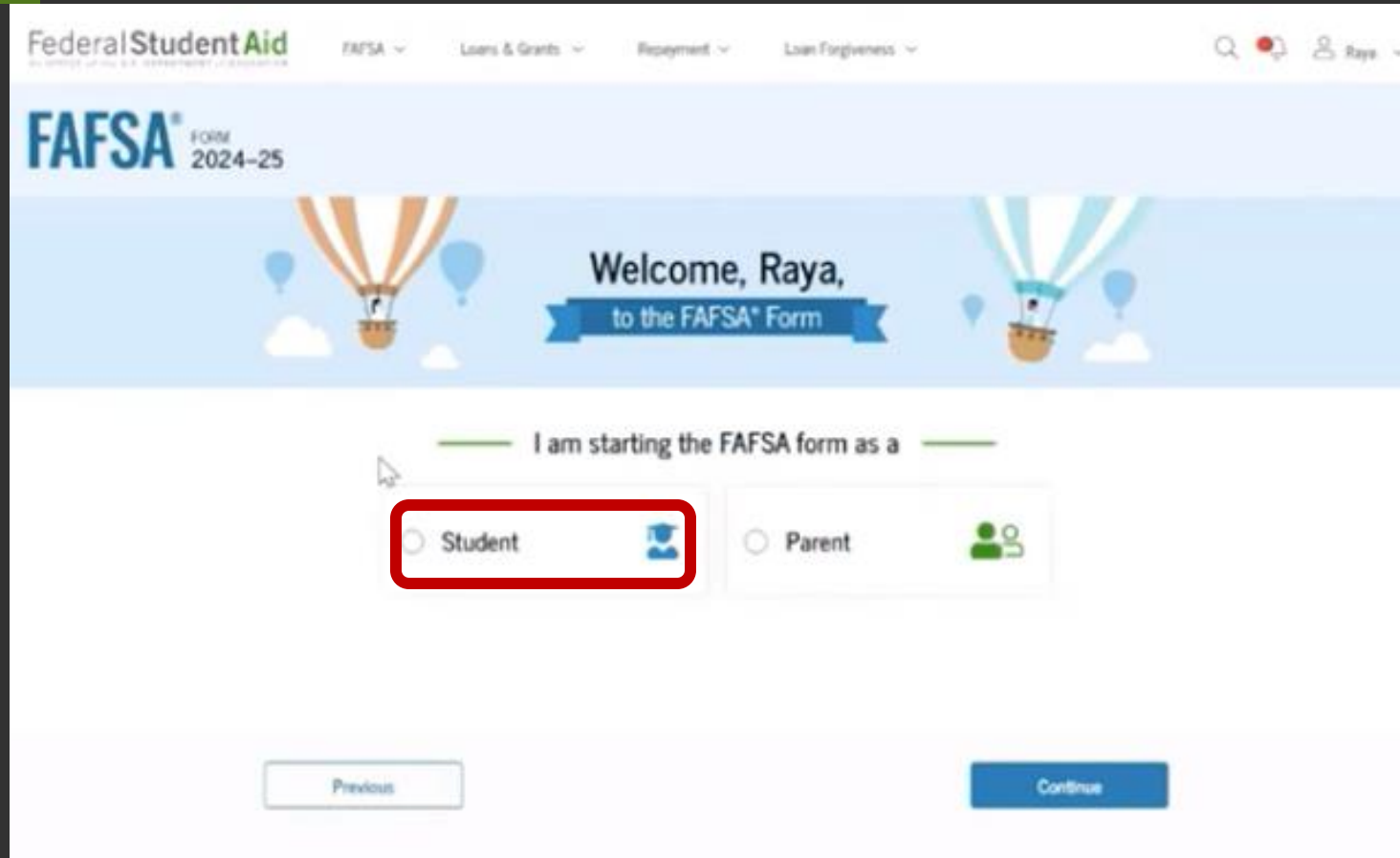


The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and links for FAFSA, Loans & Grants, Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. A search bar and links for Log In and Create Account are also present. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text "Get Money To Help Pay for School" and a sub-headline "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school." Below this, there are two buttons: "Start New Form" (highlighted with a red box) and "Edit Existing Form". To the right of the text is a large graphic of the word "FAFSA" in blue, with a registered trademark symbol, and the word "form" in a smaller font below it. The graphic also includes illustrations of a student with a backpack and a person sitting at a desk. Below the main banner, there is a section titled "Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in" with a dropdown menu for "School Year" and "State of Residence", and a "Find Deadlines" button. A link "View All FAFSA Deadlines" is also visible. A note at the bottom states: "Missing a state deadline does not impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed."

Why is this important? Because if students apply for the wrong year, they won't receive aid!

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STUDENT SECTION




The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website for the FAFSA 2024-25 form. The header includes the Federal Student Aid logo and navigation links for FAFSA, Loans & Grants, Payment, and Loan Forgiveness. A search bar and user profile icon are also visible. The main content area features a blue banner with the text "Welcome, Raya, to the FAFSA* Form" and illustrations of hot air balloons. Below the banner, a form asks "I am starting the FAFSA form as a" with two radio button options: "Student" (highlighted with a red box) and "Parent". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.


Federal Student Aid

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Welcome, Raya,
to the FAFSA* Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

Student 

Parent 

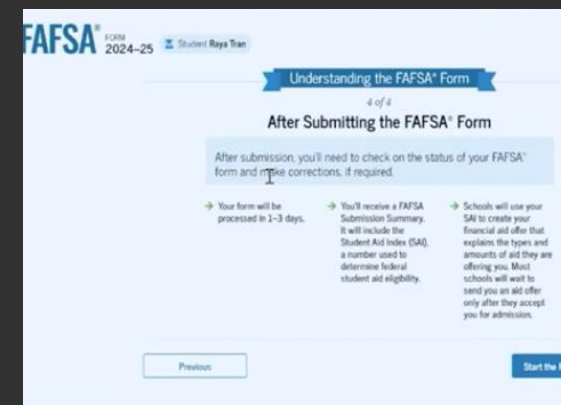
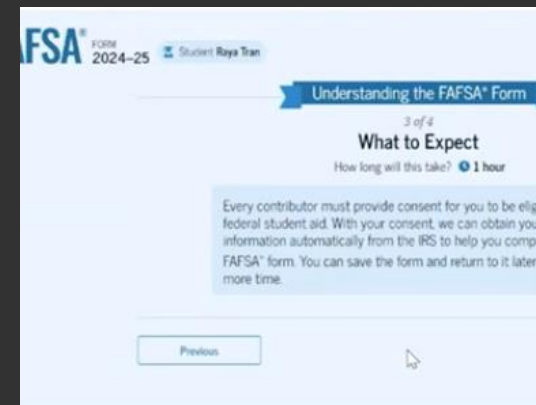
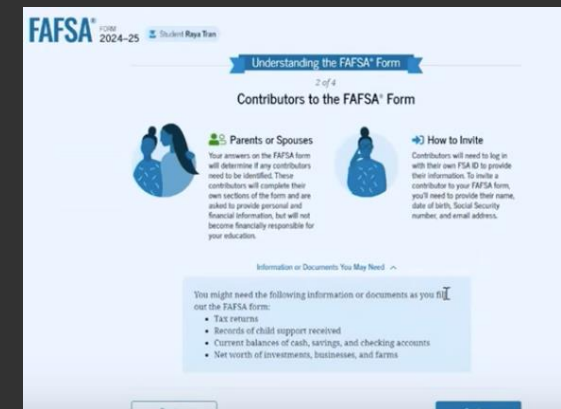
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Four pages of the FAFSA Overview

- Video and text explaining what the FAFSA is
- Explanation of a contributor and how to invite them to complete the FAFSA
- What students should expect in regards to Federal Tax Information
- Explanation of what happens after a FAFSA is submitted



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STUDENT SECTION

Confirming student's information

- Identity: name, date of birth, social security number, email, and mobile phone number
- Permanent mailing address
- State of legal residence

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Student Identity Information

Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.

Name
Raya A. Tran

Date of Birth
5/5/2003

Social Security Number
***-**-1234

Email Address
rayastran@gmail.com

Mobile Phone Number
(555) 555-5555

To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to Account Settings.

Permanent Mailing Address

Include apartment number.

12345 Sesame Street

City
New York

State
New York (NY)

Zip Code
67891

Country
United States of America (US)

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Student State of Legal Residence

State
New York (NY)

Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of New York (NY)

Month Year

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Consent to Federal Tax Information (FTI) using direct data exchange with the IRS.

Remember, **this is not optional.**

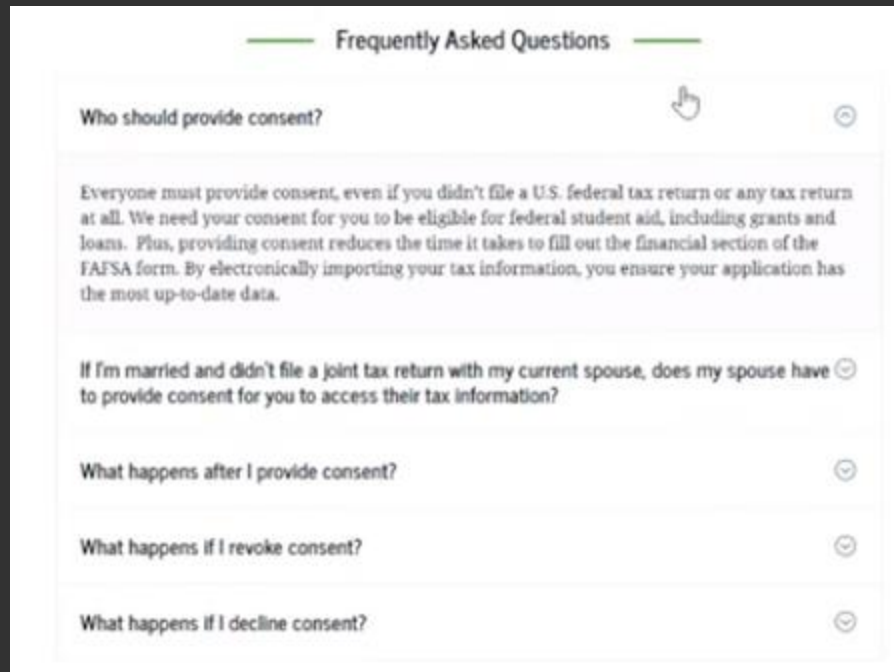
Students are only eligible for federal financial aid if they consent.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 Student Section. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the text 'FORM 2024-25', and a 'Student Says Yes' button. In the top right corner, there are 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' options. The main heading is 'Provide Consent or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid'. Below this is a 'Summary' box with a light green background. The summary text states: 'Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA* form. If you don't provide consent, you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.' Below the summary are three bullet points: '→ Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024-25 FAFSA form.', '→ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.', and '→ FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.' Below the summary box is a paragraph: 'Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID log-in credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By accepting below, I approve and consent to:' followed by two bullet points: '• The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under subpart 1 of Part A, Part C, or Part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.' and '• The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(13)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.'

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An FAQ is provided explaining FTI consent.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent?

Everyone must provide consent, even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all. We need your consent for you to be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. Plus, providing consent reduces the time it takes to fill out the financial section of the FAFSA form. By electronically importing your tax information, you ensure your application has the most up-to-date data.

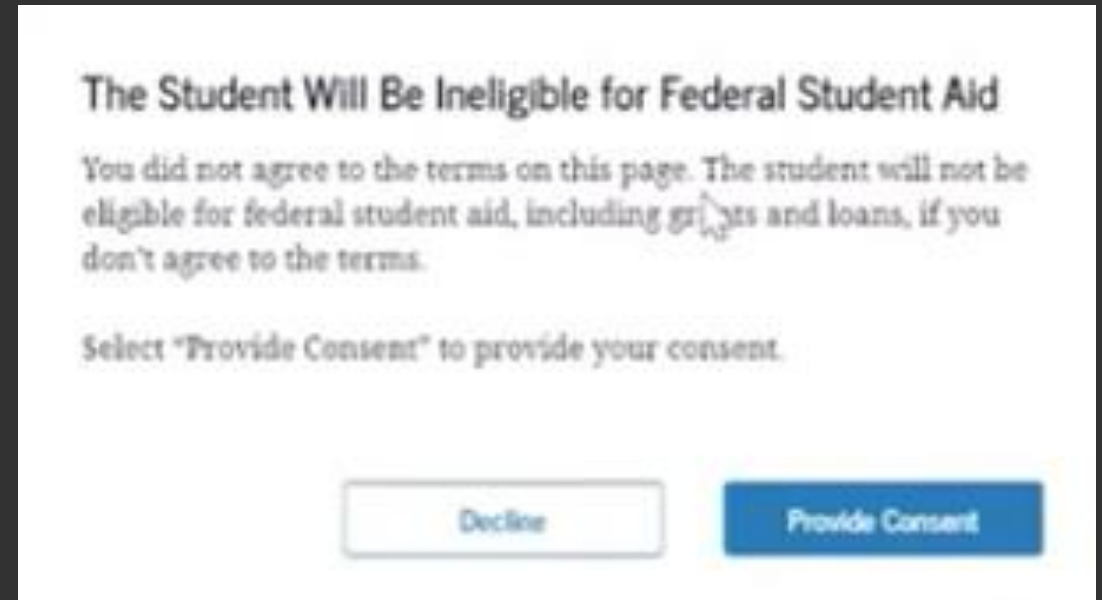
If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent for you to access their tax information?

What happens after I provide consent?

What happens if I revoke consent?

What happens if I decline consent?

Message is given if a student does not consent.



The Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

You did not agree to the terms on this page. The student will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans, if you don't agree to the terms.

Select "Provide Consent" to provide your consent.

Decline Provide Consent

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STUDENT SECTION

Section 1: Personal Circumstances

- Marital status
- College or career school plans

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Student Current Marital Status

Single (never married)

Married (not separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

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Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2024-25 school year, what will their college grade level be?

First Year (freshman)

Second Year (sophomore)

Other undergraduate (junior year and beyond)

College graduate, professional, or beyond (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, etc.)

When the student begins the 2024-25 school year, will they have their first bachelor's degree?

Yes No

Will the student be pursuing an initial teaching certification at the elementary or secondary level?

Yes No

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Section 1: Personal Circumstances

- Former “dependency questions”
- Homeless or unaccompanied youth
- Unusual circumstances

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Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply.

The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.

The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.

The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).

At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.

At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.

The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.

The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.

None of these apply.

Student Other Circumstances

At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Yes No

Did any of the following determine the student was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?

Select all that apply.

Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness

The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee

Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant

Financial aid administrator (FAA)

None of these apply.

Student Unusual Circumstances

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Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?

A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they

- left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
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If the student's circumstances resulted in not having a safe and stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.

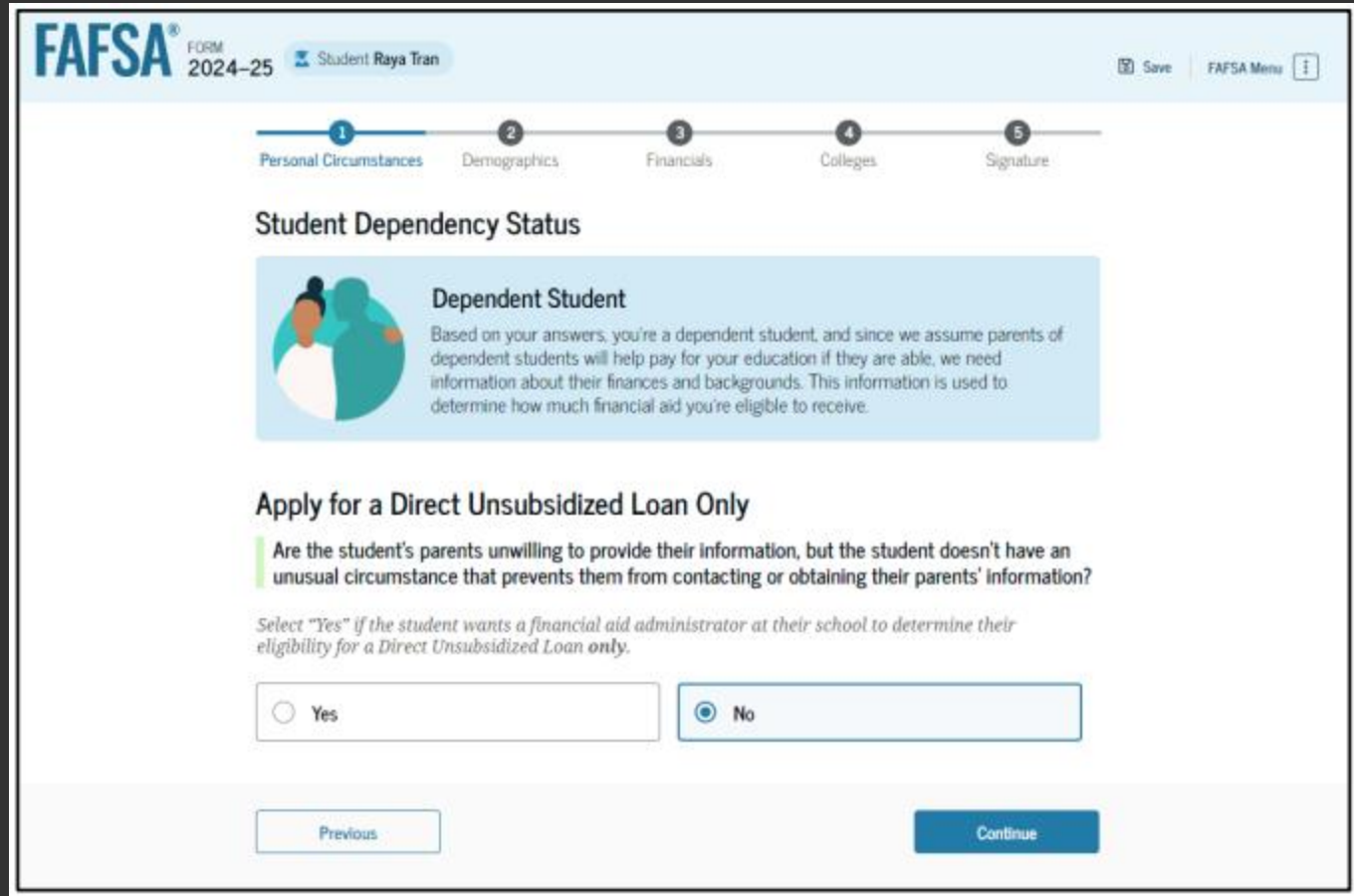
Yes No

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Dependency status confirmed

Allows students to continue to apply if parents are unwilling to provide their information. Students in this scenario will only qualify for Unsubsidized Loans.



The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2024-25 Student Section interface. At the top, the FAFSA logo and 'FORM 2024-25' are visible, along with the student's name 'Student Raya Tran'. A progress bar shows five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The main heading is 'Student Dependency Status'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Dependent Student' with an icon of a person and a parent. The text explains that based on the student's answers, they are a dependent student, and parents are assumed to help pay for education. Below this is a section titled 'Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only' with a question: 'Are the student's parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents' information?'. A note below the question states: 'Select "Yes" if the student wants a financial aid administrator at their school to determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only.' There are two radio button options: 'Yes' (unselected) and 'No' (selected). At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Section 1: Personal Circumstances
Asking for parent information using a decision tree

Married Parents

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Tell Us About the Student's Parents

On the FAFSA® form, the "parent" is the student's legal (biological or adoptive) parent.

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes No

Provide Information for Both Parents
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both parents on the FAFSA® form. You can invite the parents to the form and have them complete their required sections.

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Single Parents

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes No

Do the parents live together?

Yes No

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other parent over the past 12 months?

If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support the student financially, select "No," and refer to the parent with the greater income or assets in the next question.

Yes No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

Remember, this applies to the parent with the greater income and assets.

Yes No

Provide Information for This Parent Only
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about only this parent on the FAFSA® form. You can invite this parent to the form and have them complete their required sections.

Parent and Step-Parent

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes No

Do the parents live together?

Yes No

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other parent over the past 12 months?

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Yes No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

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Yes No

Provide Information for the Parent and Stepparent
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about the parent and stepparent on the FAFSA® form. You can invite the parent and stepparent to the form so they can complete their required sections.

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STUDENT SECTION

Invite Parent(s) to This FAFSA® Form

We Need Information for One of Your Parents Now

Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA® form. This does not make them financially responsible for your education. Right now, you can invite one or both of your parents to your form and have them complete their required sections.

Parents' information will be requested

- Name
- Date of birth
- Social Security Number
- Email address

Tip: If possible, have parents present when this section is being completed to ensure accuracy

Enter information about the parent(s) identified on the prior page, and we'll send emails on your behalf.

Provide the parent's full legal name as it appears on their Social Security card. The email does not have to be the same as their account username and password (FSA ID).

Parent	Other Parent <small>optional</small>
First Name	First Name
Last Name	Last Name
Date of Birth <small>Month Day Year</small>	Date of Birth <small>Month Day Year</small>
Social Security Number (SSN) <small>Hide ⓘ</small>	Social Security Number (SSN) <small>Hide ⓘ</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> My parent doesn't have an SSN.	<input type="checkbox"/> My parent doesn't have an SSN.
Email Address	Email Address
Confirm Email Address	Confirm Email Address
<input type="button" value="Send Invite"/>	<input type="button" value="Send Invite"/>

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

STUDENT SECTION

Section 2: Demographics

Gender

Student Demographic Information

Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any calculations, and
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's gender?

Male

Female

Nonbinary or another gender

Prefer not to answer

Is the student transgender?

Yes No

Prefer not to answer

OPTIONAL

Race

What is the student's race?

Select all that apply.

White

German

Irish

English

Italian

Polish

French

If other, enter race or origin.

Black or African American

Asian

Citizenship

FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran

Personal Circumstances **Demographics** Financials

Student Citizenship Status

U.S. citizen or national

Eligible noncitizen

Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

Previous

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

STUDENT SECTION

Section 2: Demographics

Additional Parent Questions

Parent Education Status

Did either of the student's parents attend or complete college?

Neither parent attended college

One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college

One or both parents completed college

Don't know

Parent Killed in Line of Duty

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?

Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers.

Yes

No

Previous

Continue

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

STUDENT SECTION

Section 2: Demographics

High School Diploma

Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State
Alaska (AK) x ?

City
Belen x ?

High School Name - optional
?

i To add a high school to this application, choose a school from the following list, and select "Continue."

Search Results 1 to 1 of 1

SORT BY:

Belen High
Belen, AK

Is the student's school not listed? [Add school manually](#)

High School Equivalency

Student High School Completion Status

What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2024–25 school year?

High school diploma

State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)

Type

State

Homeschooled

None of the above

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

STUDENT SECTION

Section 3: Financials

Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges Signature

Student 2022 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2022 tax return to answer the following questions.
Convert all currency to U.S. dollars.

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS (optional)

The student paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those renewing their FAFSA® form, not to first-time applicants.

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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00

Student Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid.

\$.00

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

Don't include the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

\$.00

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

Enter the net worth of the student's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

\$.00

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

STUDENT SECTION

Section 4: Colleges

Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges

Where should we send the FAFSA® information?
Search and select colleges and career schools.
You can add up to 20 colleges and career schools to the FAFSA® form.

0 out of 20 Schools Selected View Selected Schools

Search by School Name Search by School Code

State
Alaska (AK) x ⓘ

City - optional
Arlington x ⓘ

School Name - optional
I x ⓘ

Search

1. Search college by Name and location OR by School Code

Brown University Arlington, Alaska (AK)	Federal School Code G45783	+ Select
Lehigh University Arlington, Alaska (AK)	Federal School Code 065346	+ Select
Northeastern University Arlington, Alaska (AK)	Federal School Code 096882	+ Select
Rice University Arlington, Alaska (AK)	Federal School Code B09773	+ Select
Rhodes College Arlington, Alaska (AK)	Federal School Code E89235	+ Select

2. Select college from search results

Selected Colleges and Career Schools

These are the colleges and career schools that you've selected to receive the FAFSA® form.
To change the position of a school on your list, use the up and down arrow buttons to the left of the school's name.

School List Guidelines for Connecticut Residents ⓘ

To be eligible for state grant aid in Connecticut, you must list an eligible in-state college within the first two positions. If you update your school choices later, notify your state agency by sending an email to sfa@ctohe.org.

12 out of 20 Schools Selected

Showing 1 to 10 of 12

1	^ v	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove View Info
2	^ v	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove View Info

3. Confirm college selection and sort in order of preference

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT




STUDENT SECTION

Review FAFSA

FORM 2024-25 Student **Raya Tran**

Take a Moment To Review Before Signing

Expand the sections below to review and edit the information you've entered before you sign your portion of the form.



Student Sections Expand All

- Introduction **Personal Identifiers**
- Section 1 **Personal Circumstances**
- Section 2 **Demographics**
- Section 3 **Financials**
- Section 4 **Colleges**

Introduction **Personal Identifiers**

First Name → Raya

Middle Name → A

Last Name → Tran

Suffix →

Date of Birth → 5/5/2003

Social Security Number → ----1234

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) →

Mobile Phone Number → (555) 555-5555

Email → rayastran@gmail.com

Permanent Mailing Address → 12345 Sesame Street

City → New York

State → New York (NY)

Zip Code → 67891

Country → United States of America (US)

State of Legal Residence → New York (NY)

Legal Residence Date → 01/1990

Contributor Section

This Section is Shared With 2 Contributors Manage Contributor Information

This FAFSA[®] form is shared with the individuals listed below. View who you invited and the status of their section.

Contributors	Role	Date Added	Status
Alcina Tran	Parent	07/13/2024	Invite Sent
Travis Tran	Other Parent	07/13/2024	Invite Sent

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

STUDENT SECTION

Section 5: Signature

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Signature section interface. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following sections: Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges, and Signature (highlighted with a blue circle and the number 5). Below the progress bar, the heading "Sign and Complete Your Section" is displayed. A green-bordered box contains a "Summary" section with the following text: "This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability." Below this, it states: "The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone." Below the summary box, the text reads: "By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you" followed by a bulleted list of five certification points: 1. will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education, 2. are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, 3. do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, 4. will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and 5. will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time. At the bottom, a final certification statement reads: "By signing this application electronically using your account username and password, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide".

Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges **Signature**

Sign and Complete Your Section

Summary

This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability.

The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

- will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
- are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and
- will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time.

By signing this application electronically using your account username and password, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide

The screenshot shows a confirmation dialog box for signing the FAFSA form. The text reads: "By signing this application electronically using your account username and password, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide" followed by a bulleted list: 1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and 2. U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file. Below this, it states: "You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application." Further down, it reads: "If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both." At the bottom, the heading "Sign Your FAFSA Form" is displayed, followed by a light blue box containing the text: "I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above." Below this box are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Sign".

By signing this application electronically using your account username and password, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide

- information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
- U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application.

If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both.

Sign Your FAFSA Form

I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.

Cancel Sign

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

STUDENT SECTION

1st confirmation and next steps

Student Raya Tran

You're Almost There!

The student section is complete!

Parent Contributors

Requirements for Dependent Students

Your FAFSA® form is not complete until your parent(s) fill in the contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, your FAFSA form will be submitted for processing.

[Manage Contributor Information](#)

Contributors	Role	Date Added	Status
Alcina Tran	Parent	07/13/2024	Invite Sent
Travis Tran	Other Parent	07/13/2024	Invite Sent

Here's What You Can Do Next

- Check Your Email**
You will receive an email version of this page at the following email address: rayaatran@gmail.com.
- Your FAFSA® Form Still Needs Contributor Information**
The contributor(s) you selected will receive an email invitation to join your form every seven days until the application is complete.

Things You Should Know

View Your FAFSA® Submission Summary
Once your application is complete and submitted, you can view your FAFSA Submission Summary, a summary of the information you provided on your FAFSA form. You'll be able to access the FAFSA Submission Summary one to three days after you submit your application by logging back in with your account username and password (FSA ID).

Questions About Your Eligibility For Aid?
Visit the "FAFSA Help" page for more information.
[Get Help >](#)

We strongly recommend that your parent(s) complete their own section. If that isn't possible, you can manually provide their information, but you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans, until they provide consent and sign the form.

[Provide Parent Information Manually >](#)

Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form [View Status](#)

You can check the status of your application in the "My Activity" section of your StudentAid.gov account. We will let you know if we need anything more from you.

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

STUDENT SECTION

Sample confirmation page after parent completes their section



The image shows a confirmation page for FAFSA completion. At the top, it says "Congratulations, the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!". Below this, the student's name "Raya Tran" is displayed next to a graduation cap icon. A table provides key information: Completion Date (10/12/2024), Data Release Number (2572), and Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) (123456789). A note explains that the SAI is not a measure of aid received or paid. At the bottom, a white box highlights that the student may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,000.00, along with other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study programs.

Congratulations,
the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!

 **Raya Tran**

Completion Date	Data Release Number	Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI)
10/12/2024	2572	123456789

*The SAI is **not** a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility.*

Based on the **eligibility criteria**, you may be eligible for a **Federal Pell Grant** of up to \$6,000.00. You may also be eligible for other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study programs.

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Communications sent to the parent to invite them to student's FAFSA

Alcina,


Raya T can't be eligible for federal student aid without your input. Help them complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.

Providing information as a contributor does not make you financially responsible for Raya's education costs. Completing the FAFSA form is how they qualify for student aid including

- Federal Pell Grants,
- federal student loans,
- state financial aid, and
- school financial aid.

Log in with your FSA ID (account username and password) to complete your section.

Note: Forms are deleted after 45 days of inactivity. Don't recognize Raya? Read [Help topic title](#).



Why You Were Invited

Without your input, Raya won't be eligible for federal student aid.

Reasons To Finish Early

Here's why it's a good idea to finish as soon as possible:

- States and schools have different deadlines for student aid. Check the "[FAFSA® Deadlines](#)" page for more information.
- You may need extra time to make corrections after you submit.

Can't Find Raya's Form?

Read [help topic title](#).

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Accepting or declining invitation from student

My Activity

Raya Tran Wants Your Help on a FAFSA® Form


Raya Tran has identified you as a parent on their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form.

Parents are required to provide their financial and demographic information on their student's FAFSA form. This does not make you financially responsible for any federal student loans Raya decides to accept.

[Learn more](#)

By accepting this invitation, you agree to share your Federal Student Aid account information. Once you accept, your personal and contact information will be linked to this form.

If you previously provided your consent to disclose Federal Tax Information (FTI) on another FAFSA form, accepting this invitation will transfer your consent to this form.



Reconsider Declining Invitation

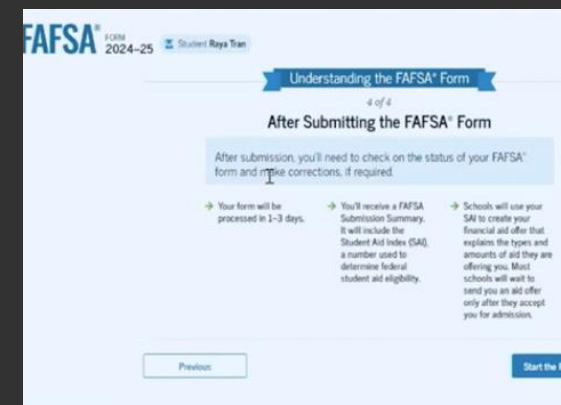
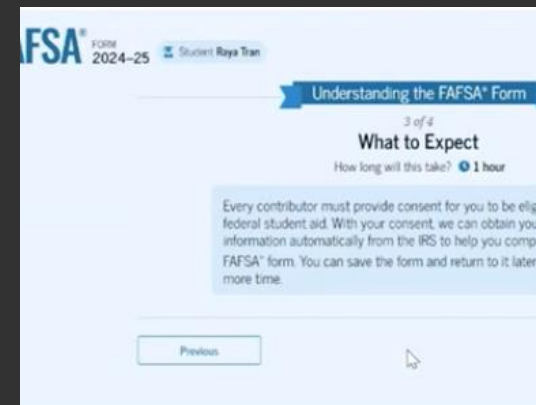
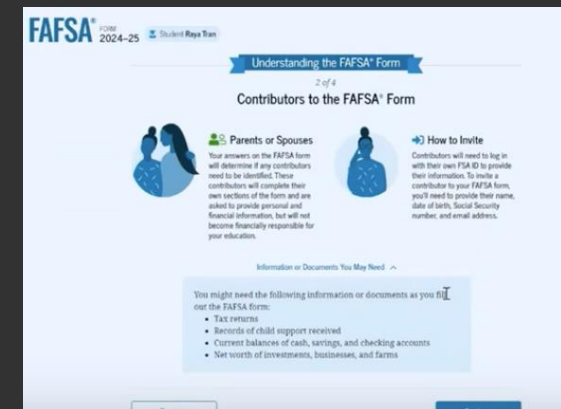
If you decline to fill out the required information for Raya's form, they will be unable to obtain federal student aid to pay for school. If you understand this and still wish to decline this invitation, select "Decline Invitation."

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Four pages of the FAFSA Overview

- What is the FAFSA
- Who are the contributors
- What to expect
- After submitting FAFSA



7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT



PARENT SECTION

Confirming Identity Information

Parent Identity Information

Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.

Name
Alcina Tran

Date of Birth
5/5/1973

Social Security Number
•••••-1234

Email Address
alcinatran@school.edu

Mobile Phone Number
(555) 555-5555

To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to [Account Settings](#).

Permanent Mailing Address
Include apartment number.

12345 Sesame Street

City
New York

State
New York (NY) ▾

Zip Code
67891

Country
United States of America (US) ▾

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Providing Consent for Federal Tax Information

Provide Consent or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA® form. If you don't provide consent, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.

→ Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.

→ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

→ FTI is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID log-in credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By accepting below, I approve and consent to:

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent?



If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent for you to access their tax information?



What happens after I provide consent?



What happens if I revoke consent?



What happens if I decline consent?



Select "Approve" to consent to using your tax information to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," the student will not be eligible for federal student aid.

Previous

Decline

Approve

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Section 1: Parent Demographics

Parent Current Marital Status

- Single (never married)
- Unmarried and both legal parents living together
- Married (not separated)
- Remarried
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

Parent State of Legal Residence

State

California (CA) ?

Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of California (CA)

Month | I | Year ?

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Section 2: Parent Financials

Federal Benefits Received

Questions Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers to these questions will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these federal benefits.

At any time during 2022 or 2023, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? ⓘ

Select all that apply.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Federal Housing Assistance

Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ⓘ

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) ⓘ

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) ⓘ

None of these apply.

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT



PARENT SECTION

Section 2: Parent Financials

Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?

Yes No

Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?

Yes No

If a parent is married and filed **separately from a spouse**, then the other parent or step-parent must complete FAFSA and obtain an FSA ID

If a parent is married and **filed jointly with spouse**, only one parent will complete the FAFSA

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT


PARENT SECTION

Section 2: Parent Financials

Family Size

Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2022 tax return?

Yes No

 The parent's family size is 3
Parent: 1 Other Parent: 1 Student: 1 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 1

Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025?
Do not include the student applicant.

?

Demographics **2** Financials Signature

Number in College

How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025?

Do not include the parent.

?

Although the **number in college no longer has an impact on eligibility**, it is still being asked on the FAFSA

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Section 2: Parent Financials

Demographics **2** Financials Signature

Parent 2022 Tax Return Information

Refer to the parent's 2022 tax return to answer the following questions.

Convert all currency to U.S. dollars.

Did the parent receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

Yes No

Don't know

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS (optional)

The parent paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those renewing their FAFSA® form, not to first-time applicants.

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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Section 2: Parent Financials

Annual Child Support Received
Enter the total amount of child support the parent received for the last complete calendar year.

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Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts
Don't include student aid.

\$ I .00

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate
Don't include the home the parent lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

\$.00

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms
Enter the net worth of the parent's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

\$.00

Important changes to 2024-25

- Those with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) **less than \$60,000 do not report asset information**. We are unclear if this will be a skip logic question.
- The net worth of a business is **no longer limited** to those with more than 100 full-time employees.
- The **net worth of a farm now includes the value of a family farm**. However, the value of a family's primary residence is still excluded.
- For dependent students, **education savings accounts will only be counted as a parental asset if the account is designated for the student**
- No clarification on how **side hustles are treated** in regards to business income, i.e., Etsy shop, gig jobs, waiting for FSA guidance

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Section 2: Parent Financials

The screenshot shows the 'Other Parent's Information' section of the FAFSA form. At the top, there are two progress indicators: 'Demographics' with a checkmark and 'Financials' with the number '2'. Below this, the title 'Other Parent's Information' is followed by the instruction 'Enter the following information about the other parent.' A green icon of two people is above the 'Other Parent' label. The form contains five input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Date of Birth' (with sub-fields for Month, Day, and Year), and 'Social Security Number (SSN)' (with a 'Hide' button and a help icon).

This image shows a detailed view of the 'Other Parent' form fields. It includes a green icon of two people above the title 'Other Parent'. The fields are: 'First Name' (a single text box), 'Last Name' (a single text box), 'Date of Birth' (three separate boxes for Month, Day, and Year, with a help icon), 'Social Security Number (SSN)' (a single text box with a 'Hide' button and a help icon), 'Email Address' (a single text box), and 'Confirm Email Address' (a single text box).



7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT



PARENT SECTION

Review FAFSA Information

FORM 2024-25 Parent of Raya Tran

Take a Moment To Review Before Signing

Expand the sections below to review and edit the information you've entered before you sign your portion of the form.

Parent Sections [Expand All](#)

- Introduction **Personal Identifiers**
- Section 1 **Demographics**

Section 2 **Financials**

Section 3 **Signature**

Contributor Section

This Section Is Shared With One Contributor [Manage Contributor Information](#)

This FAFSA® form is shared with the individual listed below. View who you invited and the status of their section.

Contributor	Role	Date Added	Status
Travis Tran	Other Parent	07/13/2024	Section Complete

7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Section 3: Signature

The screenshot shows the 'Sign and Complete Your Section' page. At the top, a progress bar indicates three steps: Demographics (checked), Financials (checked), and Signature (active, marked with a '3'). Below the title, a 'Summary' box contains the following text:

Summary

This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability.

The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.

By signing the student's application electronically using your account username and password, YOU, THE PARENT, certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide

The screenshot shows the agreement page for signing the application. It contains the following text:

If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both.

Sign for yourself and submit the application for Raya Tran (Student).

I, Alcina Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.

At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Sign and Submit'.




7. DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FOR A STUDENT AND A PARENT

PARENT SECTION

Confirmation and Next Steps



What Happens Next

-  **Email sent**
Confirm that the student received an email version of this page.
-  **The Student Will Receive Notification of Processing**
In one to three days, the student will receive a notification by email that their FAFSA form was processed and sent to the student's schools.
-  **The Student Will Receive School Communications**
We use the information collected on the student's FAFSA form to calculate their Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI lets schools determine how much aid the student is eligible to receive. Schools will reach out to the student if they need more information. They will also contact the student with financial aid offers. Once received, the student can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their student aid packages.

8. AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

- ✓ **Not filing your FAFSA ...early!**
- ✓ **Submitting an incomplete or inaccurate application**
- ✓ **Errors in name, SSN, DOB**
- ✓ **Incorrect answers to student circumstances/dependency questions**
- ✓ **Not providing consent!**
- ✓ **Wrong parent(s) marital status**
- ✓ **Entering the wrong income information, if entering manually**



MOST
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9. ADDRESS INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Options for parents without a social security number:

- Parents **with an ITIN can create an FSA ID** using the ITIN
- Parents without an ITIN can still create an FSA ID online but **will have their identity confirmed through TransUnion**. Once identity is verified, the parent will receive an FSA ID
- The **paper FAFSA will still be available** for families who do not want to create an FSA ID but will still need to verify their identity. FSA has not announced exactly what that process
- **Complete the WASFA** instead of the FAFSA due to more anonymity

Please note that this process for parents without an SSN to obtain an FSA ID online **has not been launched yet**, and it is anticipated to be released later this fall.

9. ADDRESS INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

ADDRESS WITHIN FORMS

Within the application:

- Parents' marital status and taxes

Within application AND gather documentation:

- Homelessness
- Self-supporting
- Unaccompanied minor
- Foster Youth
- Deceased parents
- Incarcerated parents
- Emancipated, legal guardianship, ward of the court

SUBMIT APPEAL TO FIN AID OFFICE

Prepare dependency override petition:

- Unable to locate parents
- Staying with family members/friends

Prepare YOUR individual circumstances appeal:

- Changes in family income
- Unexpected/additional expenses

10. PREPARE FOR NEXT STEPS

1. **Get FAFSA Submission Summary**

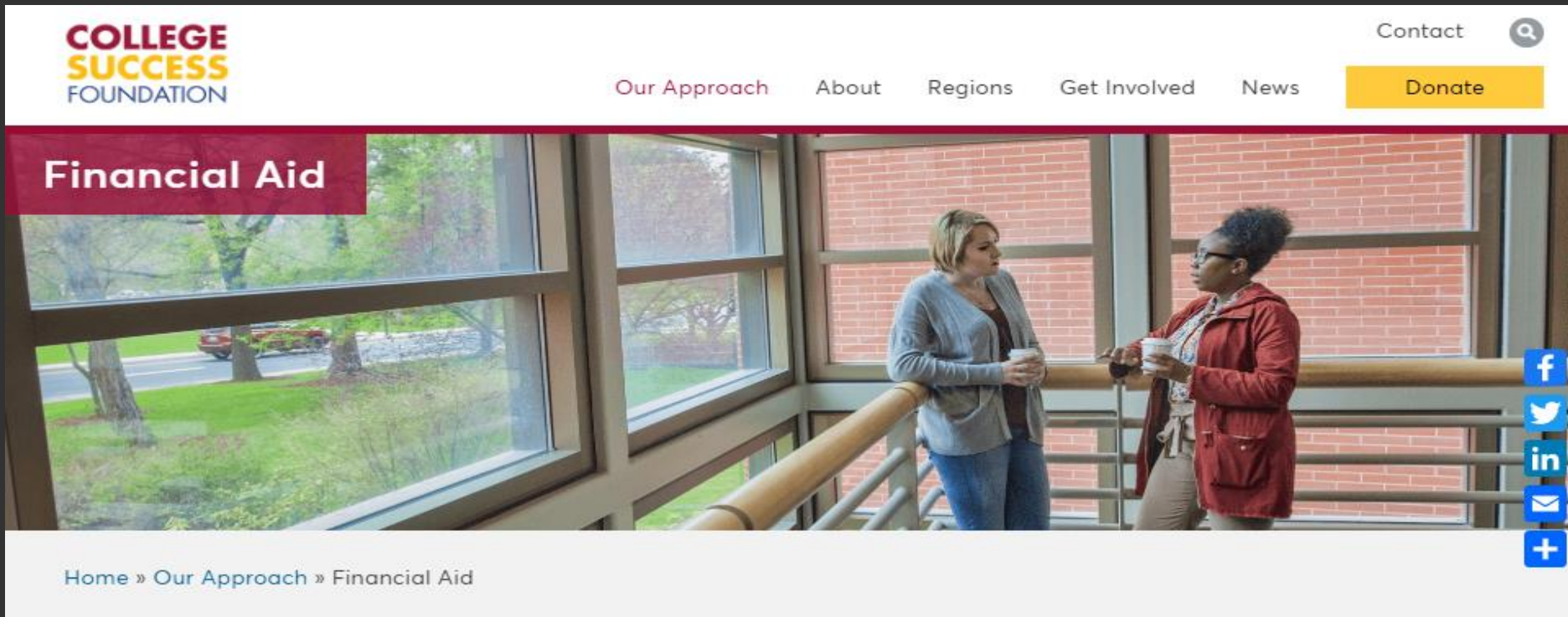
- Within 3-7 days, the student's FAFSA application will be processed
- Encourage students to :
 - Review answers for accuracy
 - Make corrections if necessary
 - Provide missing signatures if necessary

2. **Contact their financial aid office**

- There may be additional paperwork they need to complete
- Check email and student portal regularly. Respond promptly to any requests.
- Prepare petitions and gather documentation if the student fall under any of the scenarios we discussed in the previous slide.
- Consider appealing if your student has special circumstances.

3. **Reapply every year on October 1 the FAFSA will return to this opening date for 2025-26**

DON'T FORGET! STUDENT FACING HUB



We have tons of resources in our financial aid hub:

1. **Recorded presentations**
2. **Powerpoints**
 - ✓ FAFSA/WASFA
 - ✓ FSA ID
 - ✓ WASFA Account
 - ✓ Special Circumstances
3. **Handouts:**
 - ✓ Required documents
 - ✓ Unusual circumstance appeals

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