

2026–27 FAFSA New Mexico Train the Trainer Presentation



TRAINING INTENTION

- The intention of this training is to support educators as they familiarize themselves with financial aid and the application process.
- We draw from our expertise in financial aid and experiences supporting students and their families to accomplish this.
- We acknowledge that each student has their own unique lived experience that may change how they perceive and engage with financial aid.

WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY

FSA ID

FAFSA Line by Line

NM Financial Aid Access Professional
Certification

FSA ID

FSA ID

The **FSA ID** is a **username** and **password** combination you need to sign your FAFSA form online.

If your parent has multiple children who will be filling out the FAFSA form, your parent should use their same FSA ID to sign all his or her children's FAFSA forms.

You (and your parent if applicable) should get an FSA ID before you start the FAFSA at **StudentAid.gov/fsaid**

PARENTS:

Do not create an FSA ID for your child.

STUDENTS:

Do not create an FSA ID for your parent.

Each person must create his or her own FSA ID to avoid issues with the financial aid process.

If you have an FSA ID, but cannot remember your username or password, **DO NOT** try and create another FSA ID. Your FSA ID is associated with your Social Security number, so you can only have one. Instead, just go to **fsaid.ed.gov** and click "Forgot My Username" or "Forgot My Password" to retrieve your FSA ID information.



WHO NEEDS AN FSA ID

- The Student
- At least one parent (might need both based on the Parent Wizard which we will get to later in the presentation)
 - Even if parents are not US Citizens, they will need to create an FSA ID in order to complete the student's application.
 - There are some exceptions to needing a parent to contribute to the FAFSA
 - ex: If the student is under legal guardianship of someone other than a parent or in foster care
 - Note: Parents, who have filled out a FAFSA with an older sibling, will use the FSA ID they set up at that time.

CREATING YOUR FSA ID

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

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to apply for, receive, and manage your federal student aid.

Get Started

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

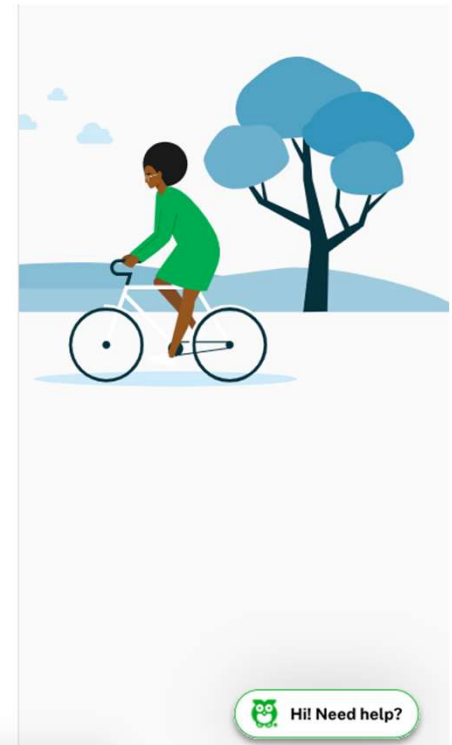
What You Can Do With Your Account


You must have an account to do the following:

- Fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form online
- Complete other online forms (such as the *Master Promissory Note*) required to receive aid
- Review the federal student aid you've received

What You'll Need

- Your Social Security number (if applicable)
- Your own email address



 Hi! Need help?

CREATING YOUR FSA ID

- For US Citizens
 - Make sure your Social Security Number (SSN), date of birth, and name match what's on your Social Security Card

Create an Account



Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name



Middle Initial



Last Name



Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year



Social Security Number



What if I don't have a Social Security number?

Cancel

Continue

CREATING YOUR FSA ID

- For Contributors who are Non-US Citizens
 - Users will select they do not have a Social Security Number (SSN) and will set up their account as the following screens show but at the end they will receive information on how to verify their identity

If you don't have a Social Security number (SSN) **and** at least one these two statements describes you, you can check the box below to create an account without an SSN:

- I am a citizen of the Freely Associated States who needs to complete the FAFSA® form online.
- I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid.

☐ **I do not have a Social Security number.**
I am a citizen of the Freely Associated States and I do not have a Social Security number (SSN); *OR* I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid and I do not have an SSN.

Cancel



Warning: You must enter an SSN if you have one

If you create an account without a Social Security number (SSN) when you actually have one, you can be prevented from completing or contributing to a FAFSA form. You can also experience delays in verifying your identity and be prevented from contributing to other applications on StudentAid.gov.

You should only continue creating an account without an SSN if you do not have an SSN and one of the following statements is true for you:

- ✓ I am a citizen of the [Freely Associated States](#) and need to complete the FAFSA® form online.
- ✓ I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid, and I do not have an SSN.

I have an SSN

I do NOT have an SSN

CREATING YOUR FSA ID

Username

- Must be 6 to 30 characters long.
- Choose a username and password that you can remember.
- Don't include personal info such as date of birth or name.
- If you see a message "The username you entered is already in use," try something different

Email

- Students should not use their school email address as they will lose access to this account after graduation

Password

- Must be between 8 and 30 characters in length, and must contain at least one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, and one number.
- Cannot include your name or birthdate

Make sure users write down/save their username and password

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 2 of 7

Account Information

Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can't create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must create their own accounts.

Username

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Password

 Show Password

✓ Uppercase

✓ Lowercase

✓ Number

✓ 8+ characters

Confirm Password

 Show Password

Previous

Continue

Username

The username you entered is already in use. For more info, select the help (?) icon.

CREATING YOUR FSA ID

- You can chose to receive required communication via email or postal mail and it is up to you if you want to opt in to receive the optional communication by selecting one of the options
- Mobile Phone Number can be used to recover username and password and it is strongly recommended that you enter a phone number here

Mailing Address

Address

②

City

②

State

②

ZIP Code

②

Mobile Phone Account Access

Because you don't have a Social Security number (SSN), we strongly recommend that you provide and verify a mobile phone number. This will allow us to verify your identity more quickly and grant you easier access to your account.

Mobile Phone

②

Confirm Mobile Phone

☐ Yes, I agree to use my mobile phone for account access.

Alternate Phone Number (Optional)

[Add Alternate Phone Number](#)

Required Communications

There are certain types of communications the U.S. Department of Education and our servicers are required to provide to you in writing. This includes communications such as student loan disclosures and student loan interest statements. You can choose whether you would like to receive these by email or postal mail.

☒ Email *(Recommended)*



By selecting this option, you agree to receive required communications by email and confirm you have reviewed and agree to FSA's [Terms and Conditions](#).

☐ Postal mail

Optional Communications

We want you to feel confident about the financial aid and federal student loan process. To help with this, we sometimes send information about available grants, student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment options, and more. You can choose whether you would like to receive these by email and/or text message.

☐ Email

☐ Text message

Language Preference

The language preference determines what language displays after you've logged in, as well as what language is used for forms and communications.

Language Preference

English

②

[Previous](#)

[Continue](#)

CREATING YOUR FSA ID

- Finally, you have to answer 4 challenge questions
- Make sure you spell the answers correctly and that you will remember the answers
- The answers are not case-sensitive

Challenge Questions

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them or if you need to unlock your account.

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

Challenge Question 1

Question

Select ?

Answer

Show Answer ?

Challenge Question 2

Question

Select ?

Answer

Show Answer ?

Challenge Question 3

Question

Select ?

Answer

Show Answer ?

Challenge Question 4

Question

Select ?

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 6 of 7

Confirm and Verify

Verify the information you provided for your account below. If there is an error, select "Edit" to correct the information.

Personal Information

Edit 

NAME
Jane Doe

DATE OF BIRTH
01/01/2001

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)
***-**-3818

Account Information

Edit 

USERNAME
janedoe

EMAIL ADDRESS
janedoe@gmail.com

PASSWORD

Contact Information

Edit 

PERMANENT ADDRESS
123 Main St
Laurel, MD 20712

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER
(202) 338-1291

MOBILE PHONE ACCOUNT RECOVERY
Yes

Communication Preferences

Edit 

REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS
Email

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
Email, Text

- Review and confirm your information.
- If you need to make a correction, use the “Edit” button within that tile of information.
- Review and agree to FSA’s terms and conditions.

VERIFYING YOUR CONTACT METHODS

- You will need to verify your mobile phone number and email address
- Select the “Verify My Mobile Phone Number” button to verify your mobile phone number.
- Select the “Verify My Email Address” button to verify your email address.
- Once you verify your email and phone number, you can use them to log in, unlock your account, retrieve your username, or reset your password.

The screenshot shows the 'Create an Account (FSA ID)' page, Step 7 of 7. The page title is 'Create an Account (FSA ID)'. Below the title is a progress bar with 7 steps, where the 7th step is highlighted. The section is titled 'Account Recovery'. The text states: 'Only a verified email address OR a verified mobile phone number is required, but if you provided both on previous screens, you MUST verify both below.' There are two verification boxes: 'Verify My Mobile Phone Number' and 'Verify My Email Address'. Both boxes show a yellow warning icon and the text 'NOT VERIFIED'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Finish'.

An official website of the United States government. Help Center English | Español

FederalStudentAid
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

UNDERSTAND AID ▾ APPLY FOR AID ▾ COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾ MANAGE LOANS ▾ Log In | Create Account

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 7 of 7

Account Recovery

Only a verified email address OR a verified mobile phone number is required, but if you provided both on previous screens, you MUST verify both below.

Verify My Mobile Phone Number
NOT VERIFIED

Verify My Email Address
NOT VERIFIED

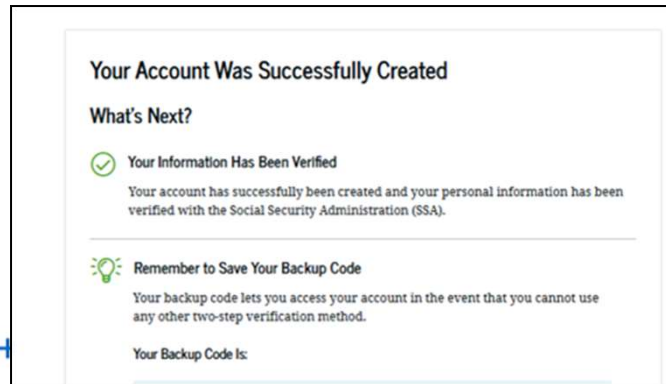
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USERS WITH SSN - REAL TIME SSA MATCH!!!!



Bryan Howard ✓ • 3rd+
Director of Programs at Winning Futures (Veteran)
2w • 🌐

This will be a game changer for the Class of 2K26!



Portia Cook • 2nd
Advise TN College Advisor at Tennessee Higher Education C...
2w • 🌐

Praise God!



Branden Lewis, MBA • 3rd+
Educator/Doctoral Candidate
2w • 🌐

Game changer!!



Kimberly Wilson Daniel ✓ • 3rd+
Postsecondary Readiness Education Consultant - Empowerin...
2w • 🌐

This is great news for our families!!! The process is getting better!!!



Danielle Malfara (D'Ambrosio) ✓ • 2nd
Coordinator of College and Career Counseling at Osceola C...
2w • 🌐

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I don't think I've ever been happier to see a FAFSA update in my life! 🇺🇸



Amber Peters (Mizz P.) ✓ • 2nd
College and Career Consultant | 📍 Organizational Partne...
2w • 🌐

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A win is a win!!! The FAFSA application process should go alot faster now!!!



VERIFYING IDENTITY (NO SSN)

- Contributors who do not have a Social Security Number will have some extra steps to verify their identity
- When they set up their FSA ID make sure they make note of how they listed their address and that they are entering a valid email address and phone number. We recommend taking a screenshot or picture of the information entered. That information will need to match exactly what is entered on the FAFSA.

VERIFYING IDENTITY (NO SSN)

When setting up the FSA ID, the system will try to verify identity through TransUnion which will provide identity verification questions. If you successfully answer the questions, your FSA ID will be created. Do not guess on these questions.

Make sure the contributor completes their portion of the FAFSA exactly as they did when they set up their FSA ID, including:

First and Last name

Date of birth

Email address

Mailing address

Spelling and any abbreviations used must match exactly. For example, if your contributor abbreviated their address with St. or Ave. during FSA ID setup, they must also use that abbreviation when filling out the FAFSA to avoid any mismatches.

The screenshot shows the 'Create an Account' page for Federal Student Aid. A progress bar at the top indicates the steps: Personal Information, Account Information, Current Information, Communication Preferences, Change Questions, Confirm & Verify, and Create New Step Verification. The 'Identity Verification' section is active, displaying a message: 'One last step! We're required to ask additional questions when you don't have a social security number (SSN) to verify your identity. You must answer these to finish creating your account. The results of the identity verification will be displayed on the next page—note that you won't be able to return to this page to answer these questions again.' Below this, there are three sets of questions, each with radio button options:

- Which of the following is the street name of your most recent previous address?**
 - ☐ Florida Ave NW
 - ☐ Seaside Street
 - ☐ Langston Place
 - ☐ None of the above
- Which of these phone numbers have you ever used previously?**
 - ☐ (314) 773-5322
 - ☐ (970) 680-6986
 - ☐ (320) 791-0911
 - ☐ None of the above
- Which of the following is a current or previous employer?**
 - ☐ Adidas
 - ☐ The Walt Disney Company
 - ☐ Nokia
 - ☐ None of the above
- Which of the following people lives or owns property in Tulsa?**
 - ☐ Aashya Jayaram
 - ☐ Les Knight
 - ☐ Jasmine Marshall
 - ☐ None of the above

At the bottom of the form are 'Previous' and 'Submit' buttons. The footer includes links for Help Center, Contact Us, Site Feedback, About Us, Announcements, Data Center, Resources, and Forms Library, along with the Federal Student Aid logo and social media icons.

ATTESTATION & VALIDATION FORM FOR CONTRIBUTORS WITH NO SSN

If the TransUnion process did not verify identity, then the parent should receive an email with instructions to complete the attestation and validation. They will need this email as it will have the Case Number.

Sample Attestation Form:

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/attestation-and-validation-of-identity.pdf>

1. Read and Sign Statement of Identity
2. Provide Documentation of Identity (See table below)
3. Submit this statement and copies of documents to Federal Student Aid for processing
4. Submit this form and the required documentation to: **IDVerification@ed.gov** (do not just reply to the email they received with the Case Number)
5. Next Step – Within 1-3 business days, FSA will provide an email confirming that your identity has been verified

Section 3: Personal & Contact Information

Full Name (First, Middle, Last): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____
Email Address: _____
Case Number (see e-mail from FSAIC): MANVER# _____

Section 4: Attestation & Signature

I certify that I, (Print name) _____, am the individual signing this Statement and Documentation of identity for purposes of obtaining credentials (FSA ID) to access the U.S. Department of Education's Systems to contribute FAFSA® form. I acknowledge and understand this Attestation Form is not an application for student financial aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended. I further understand and acknowledge that I must abide by the U.S. Department of Education's conduct, terms of service, and rules of behavior when accessing and using the U.S. Department of Education's Systems (refer to [September 10, 2021 Federal Register Notice](#) for more information).

By signing below, I consent and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Privacy Act of 1974, subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)). By signing and submitting this form request for login credentials will be logged in the U.S. Department of Education's Person Authentication Service (PAS) System of Record (18-11-12).

Name (Printed): _____
Signature: _____
Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Section 5: Acceptable Identification Documents

All acceptable documents submitted for verification or proof of identity must be valid (current and unexpired). The name of the individual and address on the utility bill must match the information provided on this form. Only one (1) document is required from Group A or two (2) documents from Group B.

Group A: Present one of the following valid, unexpired forms of ID:

- Driver's license, temporary license, or ID issued by a U.S. State or Territory (paper documents NOT accepted)
- U.S. Passport or passport card
- Foreign Passport or passport card
- Consular ID Card/Matricula Consular
- U.S. Border Crossing Card
- U.S. Military ID Card (front and back) or U.S. Military's dependent ID card
- Native American Tribal ID
- Permanent Resident Card (form I-551) "green card"
- Government-issued Personal Identification Verification (PIV) card
- Common Access Card (CAC)
- Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)
- U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (Form-550 or Form N-570)
- DHS/ICE Miramar Check-in Paperwork – must have a photo and seal
- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (form N-560 or Form N-561)
- Prison ID with picture, name, and date of birth
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Document (EAD) (I-766)
- US Merchant Mariner Credential
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Documents reflecting TPS (Temporary Protected Status) eligibility

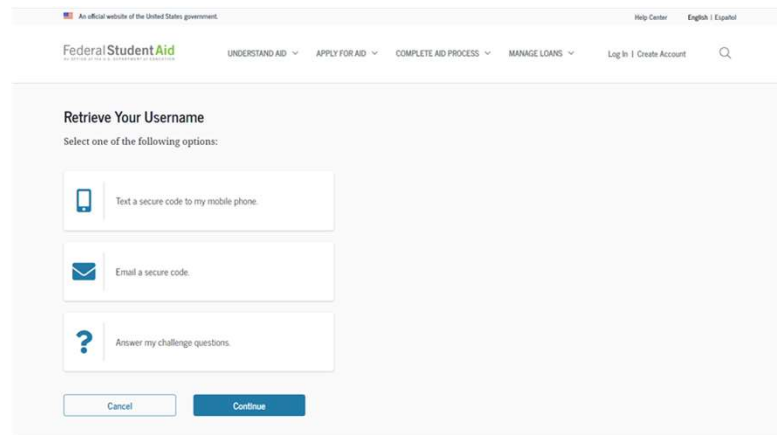
Group B: If cannot provide the documents from list one, present two of the following. The documents must be valid and unexpired unless otherwise noted below. At least one document submitted must be a photo ID:

- Social Security Card
- Birth certificate or document issued by a foreign country or U.S. state, jurisdiction, or territory
- Foreign driver's license
- Marriage license or divorce decree
- U.S. Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) provided on official letter awarding the ITIN or an official renewal ITIN letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Municipal identification card (such as those issued by city ID program)
- Community ID
- Voter registration card
- U.S. or foreign passport or passport card that expired within the previous 2 years.
- Consular ID from applicant's country of citizenship that expired within the previous 2 years.
- Credit card/debit card statement
- Mortgage statement
- Financial institution account statement
- Utility bill
- Federal or State tax return
- W-2
- Insurance documents, including medical, dental, vision, life, home, rental, or vehicle
- Rental or lease agreement with signature of landlord and tenant
- Property tax bill or statement or deed or title to residential property
- Pay stubs
- Car registration
- Foreign or U.S. School-issued or college ID card
- Employee identification card
- Union or worker center identification card
- Foreign border crossing card (example: ECOWAS is accepted)
- Foreign Military ID Card (front and back)
- Foreign federal electoral photo card
- Foreign national or federal government-issued ID cards (from individual's home country)
- Other foreign federal government-issued identification documents
- U.S. Prison ID missing picture, name, or DOB can be accepted with 2nd form of ID or official document (letter or other) from prison.

FORGOT USERNAME OR PASSWORD?

If a user forgets their username or password, they can retrieve them by:

- having a secure code emailed to them(enter their verified email address and date of birth);
- having a secure code sent to them via text (enter their verified mobile phone number and date of birth); or
- answering their challenge questions (enter their Social Security number, last name, and date of birth). Note: Users have to wait 30 minutes if you use this option to recover their password if they use the challenge questions



The screenshot shows the 'Retrieve Your Username' page on the Federal Student Aid website. The page header includes the text 'An official website of the United States government' and 'Help Center English | Español'. The main navigation bar contains links for 'UNDERSTAND AID', 'APPLY FOR AID', 'COMPLETE AID PROCESS', 'MANAGE LOANS', 'Log In | Create Account', and a search icon. The page title is 'Retrieve Your Username' with the instruction 'Select one of the following options:'. There are three selectable options, each with an icon and a text label: a mobile phone icon for 'Text a secure code to my mobile phone.', an envelope icon for 'Email a secure code.', and a question mark icon for 'Answer my challenge questions.'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Continue'.

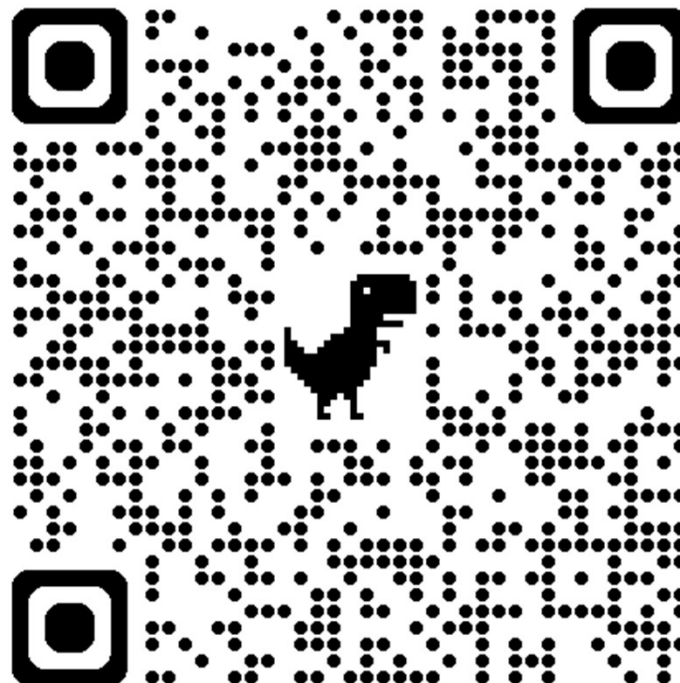
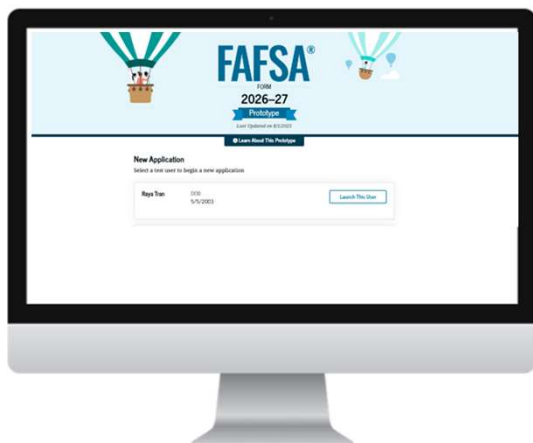
2026–27 FAFSA Line-by-Line

FAFSA PROTOTYPE

Accessing the 2026–27 FAFSA® Prototype

To access the 2026–27 FAFSA prototype, follow the steps below:

1. Visit fsapartners.ed.gov/fafsa-prototype/2627
2. Enter the access code: prototype2627



PROTOTYPE LIMITATIONS

The Prototype has some limitations

- Search and other complex interactions are only for example and not fully functional
- Selections with school names or cities use example content. Most School Names are not loaded
- Tooltips and other help resources may not be present
- The prototype does not adjust to the size of the browser window or device

Limited Prototype of the 2026–27 FAFSA® Form Web Experience

This demonstration provides examples of different roles and scenarios in the new form. Please read the following to understand this prototypes limitations and get the best experience.

About This Prototype

The following page is your hub for choosing different prototype scenarios from starting a new application to making corrections on a processed form.

- Any answers you submit are not saved and there is no need to input sensitive information
- Using the browser back button may cause loss of previous answers selected
- If the browser is refreshed, any answers selected will be lost and reset to default states
- This prototype will be periodically updated to match production form improvements and bug fixes

Functionality Limitations

This prototype has limited functionality and may not represent the final experience. These are a few limitations:

- Search and other complex interactions are only for example and not fully functional
- Dropdown and search suggestions may experience performance issues

Student Application



Dependent Student: FAFSA® Landing Page

This is the main FAFSA® landing page.

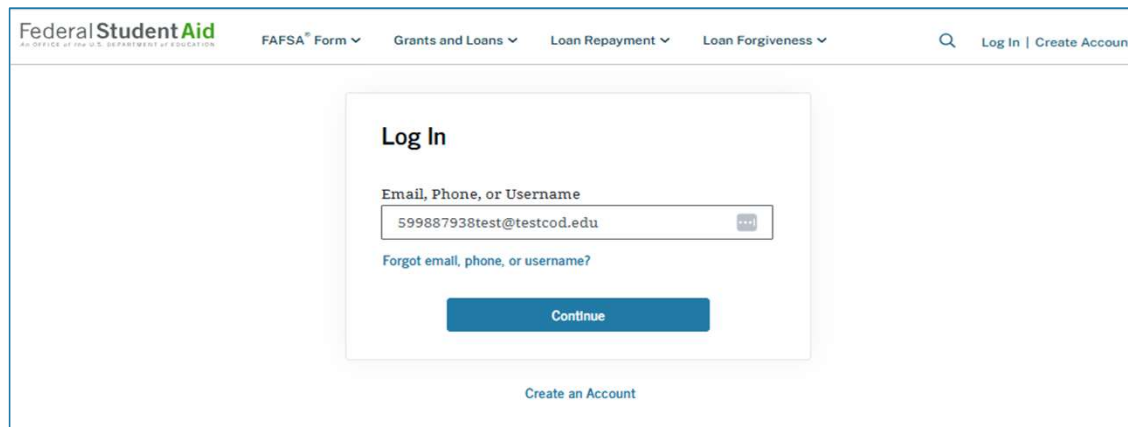
On this page, students are directed to "Start New Form," "Edit Existing Forms," or new this year "Accept an Invitation."

The screenshot shows the FAFSA landing page with the following elements:

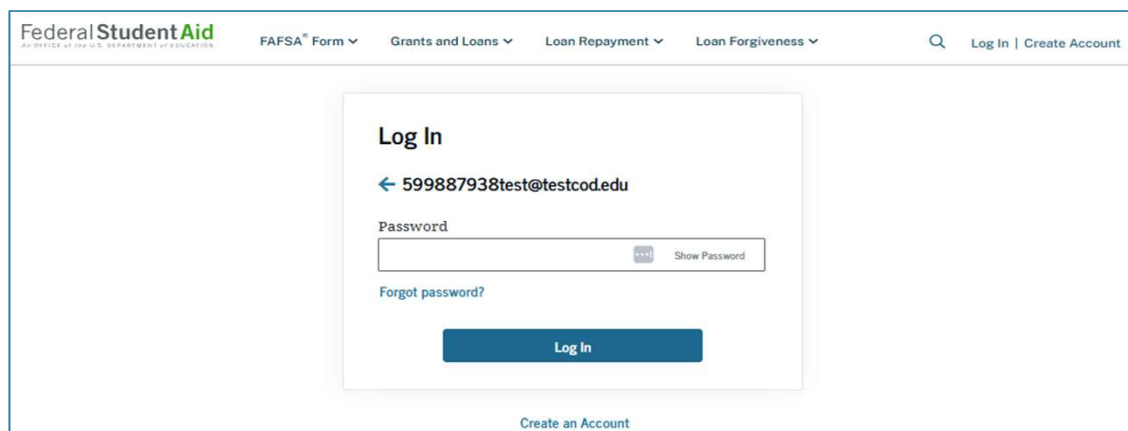
- Header:** FederalStudentAid logo, navigation links for FAFSA® Form, Grants and Loans, Loan Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness, and user account links (BILL, search).
- Main Section:**
 - Get Money To Help Pay for School:** A section explaining the purpose of the FAFSA form.
 - Action Buttons:** Three buttons: "Start a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form" (with a "Start New Form" sub-button), "Edit a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form" (with an "Edit Existing Forms" sub-button), and "Accept an Invitation for a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form" (with an "Accept an Invitation" sub-button).
 - Need the 2025–26 FAFSA Form?:** A section with links for "Start New Form" and "Edit Existing Forms or Accept an Invitation".
- Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in:** A section with a "Find Deadlines" button and a link to "View All FAFSA Deadlines". It includes text about state and school deadlines and a note that missing a state deadline doesn't impact federal aid eligibility.
- FAQ Section:** Three cards at the bottom:
 - Who should complete the FAFSA® form?** Answer: Any student, regardless of income, who...
 - How long will it take?** Answer: It takes most people 30 minutes to fill out the FAFSA form, including...
 - What do I need?** Answer: Verified account username and password (FSA ID).

Dependent Student: Log-in

- If the student selects "Start New Form" from the FAFSA® landing page and they are not logged in to StudentAid.gov, they are taken to the "Log In" page to enter their credentials.
- To access the FAFSA form, all users are required to have a StudentAid.gov account username and password.
- If the user doesn't have a username and password, they can select "Create an Account."



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's "Log In" page. The header includes the Federal Student Aid logo and navigation links for FAFSA® Form, Grants and Loans, Loan Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. A search icon and "Log In | Create Account" link are also present. The main content area features a "Log In" heading, a text input field for "Email, Phone, or Username" containing the text "599887938test@testcod.edu", a "Forgot email, phone, or username?" link, a blue "Continue" button, and a "Create an Account" link at the bottom.



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's "Log In" page. The header is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area features a "Log In" heading, a blue back arrow followed by the email "599887938test@testcod.edu", a text input field for "Password", a "Show Password" link, a "Forgot password?" link, a blue "Log In" button, and a "Create an Account" link at the bottom.

Dependent Student: Roles

After logging in, the user can select the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA® form: "Student" or "Parent."

The user also has the option to "Enter Code" if they received an invitation code.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 login interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA® FORM 2026-27". The header features a light blue background with illustrations of hot air balloons. A central banner reads "Welcome, Alex, to the FAFSA® Form". Below this, a green line is followed by the text "I am starting the FAFSA form as a" and another green line. There are two selection options: "Student" with a blue graduation cap icon and "Parent" with a green icon of two people. Below these options, it asks "Did you receive an invitation code?" with a blue "Enter Code" link. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

Dependent Student: Onboarding (1 of 4)

When the user starts the 2026–27 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process.

The first onboarding page provides an introduction of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video. Documents that may be needed to fill out the form are also included on this page.

FAFSA® FORM 2026–27 Student Alex Tran

Understanding the FAFSA® Form

1 of 4

What is the FAFSA® form?

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college, career school, or graduate school.

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

What Is FAFSA®?
What is FAFSA® and why is it important?

Previous Continue

Dependent Student: Onboarding (2 of 4)

The second FAFSA® onboarding page provides information and a video about contributors who may be required to participate on the student's FAFSA form. This page also provides information on how the student will invite contributors to the FAFSA form.

FAFSA® FORM 2026-27 Student Alex Tran

Understanding the FAFSA® Form

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Contributors to the FAFSA® Form

Who Is a Contributor on the FAFSA® Form?

Who is a contributor on the FAFSA® form?

Watch on YouTube

Parents or Spouses

Your answers on the FAFSA® form will determine if any contributors (your spouse, your biological or adoptive parent[s], or your parent's spouse) need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but they won't be financially responsible for your education.

How To Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own StudentAid.gov account username and password to provide their information. To invite a contributor to a FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their email address.

Which parent is considered a contributor? ▼

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The third FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about what the student can expect when completing the FAFSA form. This includes information about consent and approval, a time estimate for completing the form, and a note that the student can save the form and return later if needed, along with an accompanying video.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 onboarding interface for Student Alex Tran. The page is titled "Understanding the FAFSA® Form" and is the 3rd of 4 pages. The main heading is "What To Expect" with a subtext "How long will this take? 30 minutes". The text explains that every contributor must provide consent and approval for the student to be eligible for federal student aid, and that the student can save the form and return later. Below the text is a video player showing a video titled "What Does It Mean To Provide Consent and ...". The video player has a "Watch on YouTube" button and a "Share" button. At the bottom of the page are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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What To Expect

How long will this take? 30 minutes

Every contributor must provide consent and approval for you to be eligible for federal student aid. With your consent and approval, we can obtain your federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA® form.

You can save the form and return to it later if you need more time.

What Does It Mean To Provide Consent and ...
What does it mean to provide consent and approval on the FAFSA® form?

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Learn about [how we use the information we collect](#) on the FAFSA form.

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Dependent Student: Onboarding (4 of 4)

The last FAFSA® onboarding page provides information and a video about what to expect once the FAFSA form is completed, submitted, and processed. On this page, the student can select "Start FAFSA Form" to begin.

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After Submitting the FAFSA® form

After submission, you'll need to check on the status of your FAFSA form and make corrections, if required.

What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA...

What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA® Form?

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- Your form will be processed in one to three days.
- You'll be able to view your FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include the Student Aid Index (SAI), an index number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.
- Schools will use your SAI to create your financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering you. Most schools only send an aid offer when they accept you for admission.

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Dependent Student: Student Identity Information

This is the first page within the student section. The student can verify that the personal information is correct.

They can update their address on this page but will need to return to the [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) website to correct any of the other information.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Student Identity Information page for student Raya A. Tran. The page includes a header with the FAFSA logo, form year, and student name. A navigation bar at the top right contains 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' links. The main section is titled 'Student Identity Information' and includes a review instruction. Below this, personal information is displayed: Name (Raya A. Tran), Date of Birth (5/5/2003), Social Security Number (***-**-1234), Email Address (raya.tran@email.com), and Mobile Phone Number ((555) 555-5555). A link to 'Account Settings' is provided for updates. The 'Permanent Mailing Address' section contains input fields for Street (123 Sesame Street), City (New York), State (New York (NY)), Zip Code (54321), and Country (United States). At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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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
raya.tran@email.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.

123 Sesame Street

City
New York

State
New York (NY)

Zip Code
54321

Country
United States

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Dependent Student: State of Residence

The student is asked about their state of residence.

New this year: The word Legal has been removed from this question.

They have also added more wording to explain what to do if the student was born in the same state that they currently reside in.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The page title is "Student State of Residence". The first section is "State", with a sub-header "State" and a description: "Usually, this is the state where the student lives while not attending school." The input field contains "Iowa (IA)". The second section is "Date the Student Became a Resident of Iowa (IA)", with a sub-header "Date the Student Became a Resident of Iowa (IA)" and a description: "If the student was born in Iowa (IA) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the student moved to Iowa (IA)." The input fields for "Month" and "Year" are "01" and "2006" respectively. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Student State of Residence

State
Usually, this is the state where the student lives while not attending school.

Iowa (IA)

Date the Student Became a Resident of Iowa (IA)
If the student was born in Iowa (IA) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the student moved to Iowa (IA).

Month Year
01 2006

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Providing Consent

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Provide Consent and Approval or You Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

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

- Get your 2024 tax return information for the 2026-27 FAFSA form.
- Federal tax information is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I consent to the use of my federal tax information for the following purposes:

- the receipt and use of my federal tax information
- the redisclosure of my federal tax information as described herein.

By accepting below, I consent to the following:

- ED may disclose my Social Security number, date of birth, unique identifier, and the date and time of my federal tax information in determining eligibility by the Department of Education. ED, the IRS shall then disclose my federal tax information to the designated office of the Department of Education (DOE) for the purpose of determining eligibility for federal student aid under 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, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
- I am providing my written consent for the redisclosure of my federal tax information to include, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, state designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors participating in the FAFSA form, Office of Inspector General (OIG), and with my further express written consent obtained from the DOE, the redisclosure of FAFSA information pursuant to the provisions of U.S.C. § 1098h(c).
- Any federal tax information received from the IRS at a later date than the date I entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
- ED may request updated federal tax information from the IRS if the information I provided is outdated. If federal tax information has changed (e.g., adjusted income), then eligibility for and amounts of federal student aid may change.
- If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I consent electronically to the use of my StudentAid.gov account username and password (PSA ID) as my signature and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Privacy Act of 1974, subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552a(a)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA form, my execution (including date and time) of consent and approval will be logged in ED's Person Authentication Service System of Record (18-11-12).

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent and approval?

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

What happens after I provide consent and approval?

What happens if I decline consent and approval?

Select "Approve" to provide consent and approval for the use of your federal tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

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Decline

Approve

WHO SHOULD PROVIDE CONSENT AND APPROVAL

- All students
- If parents are married and filed jointly, only one parent has to provide consent. If they are married and filed separately then 3 must consent (student, parent, spouse)
 - Even if the parent's didn't file tax return
 - Even if they don't have a SSN
 - Even if they filed in a foreign country
- If students or parents do not provide consent, the student can finish the application but they will not be eligible for aid

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

FAFSA DEPENDENCY STATUS

If any of the following criteria applies, the student is considered independent:

- ✓ 24 years or older
- ✓ Married
- ✓ Pursuing a Master's or Doctorate Program
- ✓ Children and you provide ½ support
- ✓ In foster care since turning the age of 13
- ✓ Emancipated minor
- ✓ Currently or was in legal guardianship
- ✓ Homeless or self supporting and at risk of being homeless
- ✓ Veteran or serving active duty in U.S. Armed Force

Dependent Student: Imports IRS Information

This page imports the student's federal tax information by directly transferring it from the IRS into the FAFSA® form to help complete the "Your Finances" section. If the information isn't imported, the user will have to manually enter the information

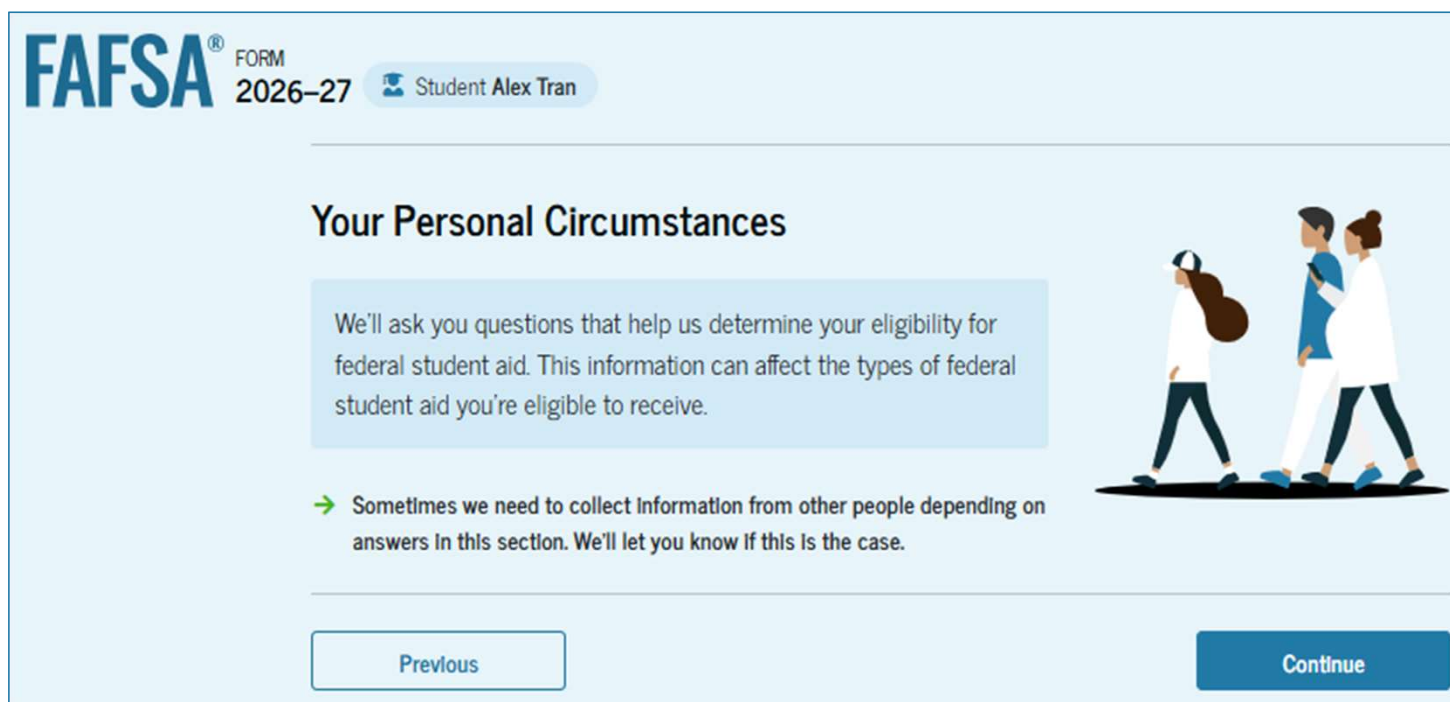
The diagram illustrates the FAFSA process for importing IRS information for a dependent student. It begins with a loading screen that says "We're securely importing your information." and "Do not leave this page while your information is being imported into your application." Below this is a "Loading..." bar. The process then branches into two outcomes:

- Success Path (Left):** A green box indicates "Success! We have confirmed your information with the IRS, but you may have to answer additional questions in the Finances section. Select 'Continue' to proceed." This path leads to a "Continue" button.
- Failure Path (Right):** A yellow box indicates "Sorry, data could not be retrieved. Select 'Continue' to proceed. We were unable to retrieve your financial information from the IRS, so you'll need to enter it yourself in the Finances section." This path leads to a "Continue" button.

Both paths include a "Previous" button at the bottom left of the outcome box. The top navigation bar of the FAFSA interface shows "FAFSA FORM 2026-27" and "Student Alex Tran".

Introduction: Dependent Student Personal Circumstances

This is the first page within the "Your Personal Circumstances" section. It provides an overview of the section.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left is the FAFSA logo with 'FORM 2026-27' and a user profile 'Student Alex Tran'. The main heading is 'Your Personal Circumstances'. Below it, a light blue box contains the text: 'We'll ask you questions that help us determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This information can affect the types of federal student aid you're eligible to receive.' To the right of this box is an illustration of three students walking. Below the text box, a green arrow points to the text: 'Sometimes we need to collect information from other people depending on answers in this section. We'll let you know if this is the case.' At the bottom are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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Your Personal Circumstances

We'll ask you questions that help us determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This information can affect the types of federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

→ Sometimes we need to collect information from other people depending on answers in this section. We'll let you know if this is the case.

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Dependent Student: Marital Status

The student is asked about their marital status.

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Student Current Marital Status ⓘ

☒ Single (never married)

☐ Married (not separated)

☐ Remarried

☐ Separated

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

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Dependent Student: College or Career School Plans

The student is asked about their college grade level for the 2026–27 school year and if the student will have their first bachelor's degree.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (current), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The 'Save' button and 'FAFSA Menu' are also visible.

Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2026–27 school year, what will their college grade level be? ⓘ

- ☒ First year (freshman)
- ☐ Second year (sophomore)
- ☐ Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)
- ☐ Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

When the student begins the 2026–27 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree? ⓘ

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Dependent Student: Personal Circumstances

The student is asked if any of the listed personal circumstances apply.

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Student Personal Circumstances
Select all that apply or "None of these 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, 2026, and June 30, 2027. ⓘ
- ☐ 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.

At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Student Homelessness

The student is asked if they were unaccompanied and either homeless or at risk of being homeless. If the student selects "Yes" they will be asked who determined that they are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (current), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The 'Student Homelessness' section contains the following questions and options:

Student Homelessness

At any time on or after July 1, 2025, 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 or "None of these 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
- ☒ None of these apply.

Navigation buttons at the bottom: Previous (disabled) and Continue.

Impact of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Status

If they are unaccompanied homeless youth, the parent information is not required on the FAFSA® form. The student can sign and submit the FAFSA form, but will need to contact the school's financial aid office about their circumstances. The school will be required to make a determination about the student's unaccompanied homeless youth status based on a written statement from the student or a documented interview with the student. Until the student's circumstances are verified, the U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid will only provide the student an estimate of their federal student aid eligibility.

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Your Dependency Status

Provisionally Independent or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
You Can Proceed Without Parent Information

Based on your answers, you can submit your application without answering questions about your parent(s).

To complete the financial aid process, you'll need to contact the financial aid office at the college or career school you wish to attend.

If you are not in contact with a parent or contacting a parent would pose a risk to you, you are considered a provisionally independent student. You will need to speak with the financial aid office at your school about your circumstances.

If you have indicated that you are unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, the financial aid office at your school is required to make a determination of your status based on a written statement from you or a documented interview with you. Contact your school's financial aid office to complete this process.

We can't make an accurate calculation of your federal student aid eligibility until you discuss this 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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Dependent Student: Unusual Circumstances

The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting the student's parent(s).

This question is preselected "No" as this is for students in very difficult situations where it would pose a risk to the student to be in contact with their parent.

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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 student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they

- left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- are abandoned by or estranged from their parents;
- have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- are a victim of human trafficking;
- are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated, and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or
- are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents.

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: Dependent Student

If the parents of a dependent student are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA® form but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance, the student can choose to have their school determine eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only.

Note: Selecting "Yes" here makes the student ineligible for other types of federal student aid, such as Federal Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study, or Direct Subsidized Loans.

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Your Dependency Status

Dependent Student
Based on your answers, you're a dependent student. This means you must provide parent information on your FAFSA® form. This information helps determine how much federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA® form? ⓘ

This response must be "No" for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Dependent Student Selects Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

If the student selects "Yes" to have their school determine eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only and then selects "Continue," a pop-up window appears warning the student that they will not be eligible for most federal student aid.

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Your Dependency Status

Dependent Student
Based on your answers, you're a dependent student. This means you must provide parent information on your FAFSA form. This information helps determine how much federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

Direct Unsubsidized
Are the student's school-determined eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only?
This response must be "Yes" if the student is a dependent student and has no other types of federal student aid.

☒ Yes

You WILL NOT Be Eligible for Most Federal Student Aid
By changing the answer to "Yes" you'll be considered for a limited amount of Direct Unsubsidized Loans ONLY. Any existing parent information will be removed. Do you want to continue?

Continue Return to Form

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Impact of Provisionally Independent Status

If a student answers questions that show they may be independent (legal guardianship, foster care, etc) they will get a screen to explain Provisional Independence

Based on the answer provided by the student, the student is considered a provisionally independent student and is not required to provide parent information. The student can sign and submit their FAFSA® form, but will need to contact their school to see what supporting documentation they need to submit. A financial aid administrator at the school will review and make a determination about a dependency override. Until the student's circumstances are verified, the U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid will only provide the student an estimate of their federal student aid eligibility.

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Your Dependency Status

Provisionally Independent or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
You Can Proceed Without Parent Information

Based on your answers, you can submit your application without answering questions about your parent(s).

To complete the financial aid process, you'll need to contact the financial aid office at the college or career school you wish to attend.

If you are not in contact with a parent or contacting a parent would pose a risk to you, you are considered a provisionally independent student. You will need to speak with the financial aid office at your school about your circumstances.

If you have indicated that you are unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, the financial aid office at your school is required to make a determination of your status based on a written statement from you or a documented interview with you. Contact your school's financial aid office to complete this process.

We can't make an accurate calculation of your federal student aid eligibility until you discuss this 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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Introduction: Dependent Student Demographics

This is the first page within the "Student Demographics" section. It provides an overview of the section.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA[®] FORM 2026-27". To the right of this, there is a user profile icon and the text "Student Alex Tran". Below this header, the section title "Student Demographics" is displayed. Underneath the title, a light blue box contains the text "We'll ask questions about your background and family." To the right of this text is an illustration of three diverse people: a woman in an orange vest, a man in a white lab coat, and a man in a white chef's uniform. At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Previous" on the left and "Continue" on the right.

Dependent Student: Demographic Information

The student is asked to identify their sex.

Federal law has changed this question to only allow Male or Female and removes the prefer not to answer option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The 'Student Demographic Information' section is highlighted with a green border. It contains a disclaimer: '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 aid calculations, or be shared with the schools to which the student applies.' Below this, the question 'What is the student's sex?' is displayed with two radio button options: 'Male' (selected) and 'Female'. At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Dependent Student: Race and Ethnicity

The student is asked to identify their race.

These questions are optional and only asked for research purposes

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Student Race and Ethnicity ¹

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 aid calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's race and/or ethnicity?
Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below.

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☒ Asian

☐ Chinese

☐ Asian Indian

☐ Filipino

☐ Vietnamese

☐ Korean

☐ Japanese

Other Asian (Enter, for example, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc.)

☐ Black or African American

☐ Hispanic or Latino

Dependent Student: Citizenship Status

The student is asked about their citizenship status.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The 'Student Citizenship Status' section is titled with an information icon. It contains three radio button options: 'U.S. citizen or national' (selected), 'Eligible noncitizen', and 'Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen'. At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Student Citizenship Status ⓘ

☒ U.S. citizen or national

☐ Eligible noncitizen

☐ Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

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Dependent Student: Parent Education Status

The student is asked about their parents' education status.

If you are helping a student complete the FAFSA and neither of their parents attended college, it is helpful to let them know there are programs at the college level that can help 1st Generation (ex: Trio)

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The 'Parent Education Status' section asks, 'Did either of the student's parents attend college or complete college?'. There are four radio button options: 'Neither parent attended college' (selected), 'One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college', 'One or both parents completed college', and 'Don't know'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Dependent Student: Parent Killed in Line of Duty

The student is asked if their parent was killed in the line of duty.

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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 U.S. 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

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Dependent Student: High School Completion Status

The student is asked about what their high school completion status will be when the student starts the 2026–27 school year.

Make sure current seniors are selecting High school diploma. Some think they are answering what their status is right now. It's actually what will their status be when they begin college

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The main heading is "Student High School Completion Status". The question asks: "What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2026–27 school year?" with a help icon. There are four radio button options: "High school diploma" (selected), "State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)", "Homeschooled", and "None of the above". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Dependent Student: High School Information

Because the student selected high school diploma, the student is asked to select which high school they did or will graduate from. The student enters the high school's state and city. After selecting "Search," the student selects the correct high school from the search results.

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Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State
Alabama (AL)

City
Brantley

High School Name optional
b

Brantley High School

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Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State
Alabama (AL)

City
Brantley

High School Name optional
Brantley High School

Brantley High School
Brantley, Alabama (AL)

Search Again

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Dependent Student: Confirm High School

The student has the option to edit the high school information presented on this page by selecting "Edit," which will return the student to the high school information page. The student confirms the high school information and selects "Continue" to proceed to the next section.

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Confirm Your High School

Verify that your high school information below is correct. Once you're ready, select "Continue" and we'll add it to your FAFSA form.

High School Name [Edit](#)
Brantley High School

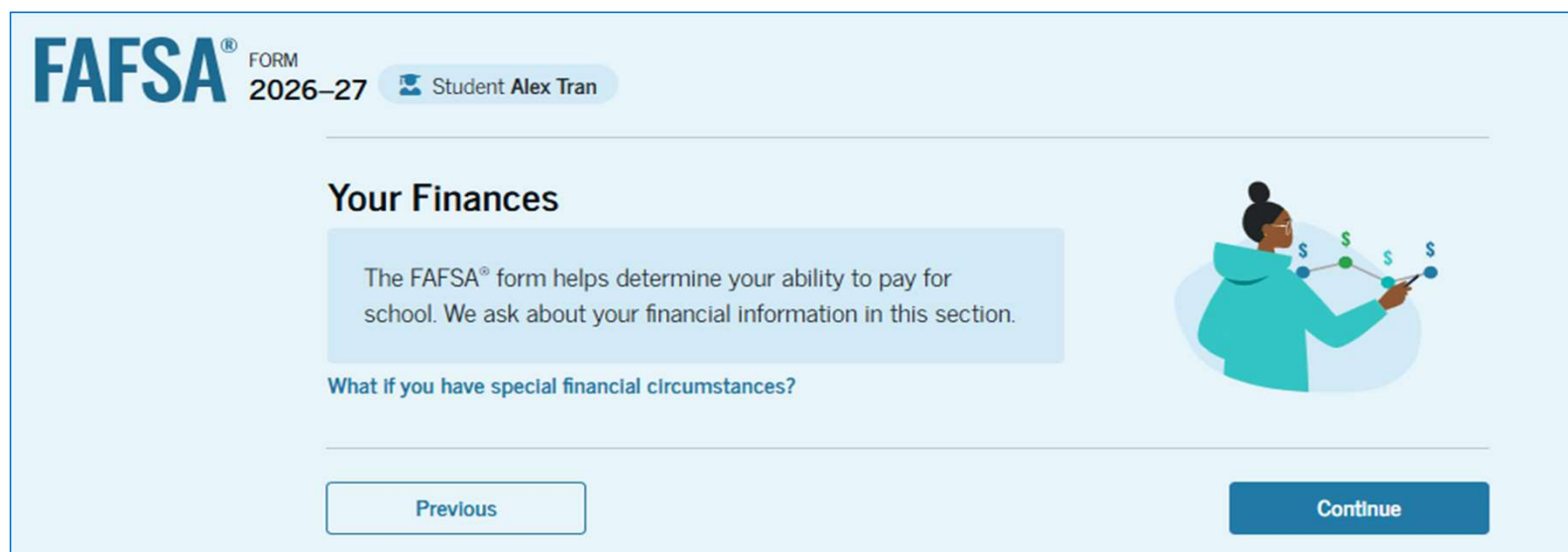
City
Brantley

State
AL

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Introduction: Dependent Student Financials

This is the first page within the "Your Finances" section. It provides an overview of the section. The student can select the hyperlink to learn about special financial circumstances.



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Your Finances

The FAFSA[®] form helps determine your ability to pay for school. We ask about your financial information in this section.

[What if you have special financial circumstances?](#)

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Dependent Student: Tax Filing Status

The student is asked about their tax filing status.

If they select that they filed taxes but their tax information didn't come over at the beginning of the application, they will be taken to the questions to manually enter their information.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 application interface for Student Alex Tran. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2026-27), the student's name, a 'Save' button, and a 'FAFSA Menu' button. Below the navigation bar is a progress indicator with six steps: Personal Circumstances (1), Demographics (2), Financials (3), Colleges (4), Contributor Invite (5), and Signature (6). The 'Financials' step is currently selected and highlighted. The main heading is 'Student Tax Filing Status'. The question is 'Did or will the student file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?'. There are two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Student Tax Filing Status

Did or will the student file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Dependent Student: Tax Return Information

The student is asked about their 2024 tax return.

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Student 2024 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2024 tax return to answer the following questions.
If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

[Where to find this information on the tax form](#)

Filing Status

☒ Single

☐ Head of household

☐ Married filing jointly

☐ Married filing separately

☐ Qualifying surviving spouse

Income Earned From Work

IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): Line 1z + Schedule 1: Lines 3 + 6. If a tax form line's value is negative, treat it as zero in your calculation.

\$ 1,000 .00

Dependent Student: Tax Return Information (Continued)

If the student's information was not transferred from the IRS, they will be asked about their taxes, income, and other financial information.

Take the time to let them know that most scholarships are not reported to the IRS so that will most likely be 0 also

<p>Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040: Line 4a Minus Line 4b</i></p> <p>\$ 0 .00</p>	<p>Education Credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit)</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3: Line 3 + IRS Form 1040: Line 29</i></p> <p>\$ 0 .00</p>
<p>Untaxed Portions of Pensions</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040: Line 5a Minus Line 5b</i></p> <p>\$ 0 .00</p>	<p>Did the student file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2024 IRS Form 1040? ⓘ</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Don't know</p>
<p>Adjusted Gross Income</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): Line 11</i></p> <p>\$ 700 .00</p>	<p>Net Profit or Loss From IRS Form 1040 Schedule C</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: Line 31</i></p> <p>\$ 0 .00</p>
<p>Income Tax Paid</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040: Line 24. If negative, enter a zero.</i></p> <p>\$ 234 .00</p>	<p>Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS</p> <p><i>Students typically answer this question with a zero because most scholarships and grants, including Federal Pell Grants, are not considered taxable income. If the student is married, include the amount their spouse reported. If the response is other than zero, the amount is typically not the same as the amount reported on IRS Form 1098-T (Box 5) or the adjusted gross income reported on the tax return.</i></p> <p>\$ 0 .00 ⓘ</p>
<p>Did the student receive the Earned Income Credit (EIC)? ⓘ</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040: Line 27</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Don't know</p>	<p>Foreign Earned Income Exclusion</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: Line 8d</i></p> <p>\$ 0 .00 ⓘ</p>
<p>IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-Employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans</p> <p><i>IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: Total of Lines 16 + 20</i></p> <p>\$ 0 .00</p>	<p>Previous Continue</p>

Dependent Student: Assets

The student is asked about their assets.

The student enters a response in each entry field. If the student has nothing to report, the student enters the numeral zero.

Note: The help text has been updated to include the asset exemptions for businesses and farms.

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Student Assets

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

\$ 800 .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.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

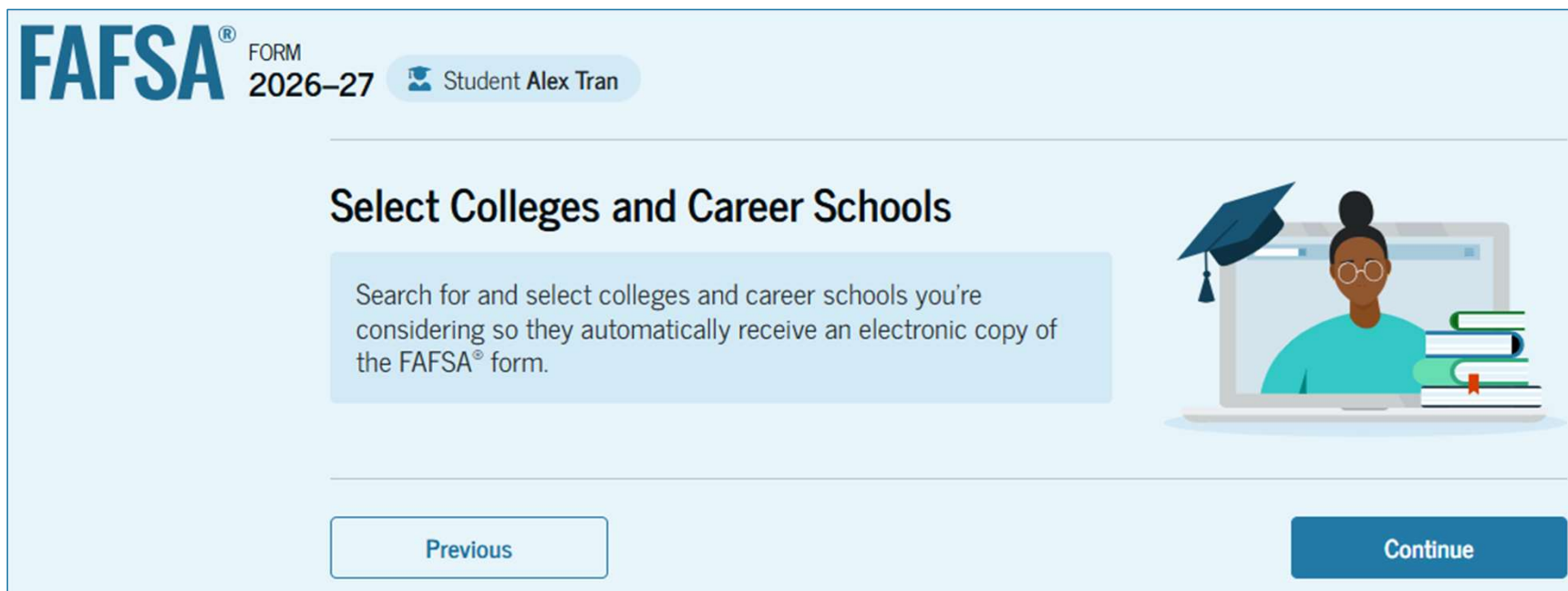
Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms
Enter the net worth of the student's businesses and income-producing farms. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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Introduction: Dependent Student Select Colleges

This is the first page in the "Select Colleges and Career Schools" section. It provides an overview of the section.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left is the FAFSA logo with 'FORM 2026-27'. To its right is a user profile icon and the name 'Student Alex Tran'. The main heading is 'Select Colleges and Career Schools'. Below this heading is a light blue box containing the text: 'Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA® form.' To the right of this text is an illustration of a person with glasses and a graduation cap, sitting at a desk with a laptop and a stack of books. At the bottom of the page are two buttons: 'Previous' on the left and 'Continue' on the right.

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Select Colleges and Career Schools

Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA® form.

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Dependent Student: College Search

The student is asked which colleges, career schools, or trade schools they want to receive their FAFSA® information.

If the student can't find a school searching by state, the student can search by school code.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a dependent student named Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: Personal Circumstances (completed), Demographics (completed), Financials (completed), **Colleges** (current step), Contributor Invite, and Signature. The main heading is "Where should we send the FAFSA® information?" followed by the instruction "Add at least one college or career school now." and a note that schools can be added before or after submission. Below this, it states "0 out of 20 schools selected" with a "View Selected Schools" link. The search section includes two input fields: "Search by State" (containing "California (CA)") and "Enter School Code" (empty). A blue "Search" button is positioned below the inputs. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" navigation buttons.

Dependent Student: College Search (Continued)

After entering a school's state and selecting "Search," the student selects the correct school(s) from the search results. Students can send their FAFSA® information to a maximum of 20 schools. The student must add at least one school to continue.

American Career College Los Angeles, California (CA)	Federal School Code 015829	+ Select
American Career College Ontario, California (CA)	Federal School Code 039713	✓ Selected
American College of Healthcare and Techn Riverside, California (CA)	Federal School Code 031444	✓ Selected
American Conservatory Theater Foundation San Francisco, California (CA)	Federal School Code 014545	✓ Selected
American Film Institute Los Angeles, California (CA)	Federal School Code G22220	✓ Selected

[Search and Select More Schools](#)

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Dependent Student: Selected Colleges

After the student selects the correct school(s) from the search results, the student can review the school(s) chosen before continuing. If 20 schools have not been selected, the student has the option to search and select more schools, and, in some states, the student has the option to reorder the list of selected schools.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials **Colleges** Contributor Invite Signature

Selected Colleges and Career Schools

These are the colleges and career schools that you've selected to receive the FAFSA® form.

Review this list of schools and confirm your selection(s).

School List Guidelines for Texas Residents

To be eligible for state grant aid in Texas, you must list an eligible in-state college. The order of schools in your college list will not impact your eligibility for state aid programs.

4 out of 20 schools selected

Showing 1 to 4 of 4

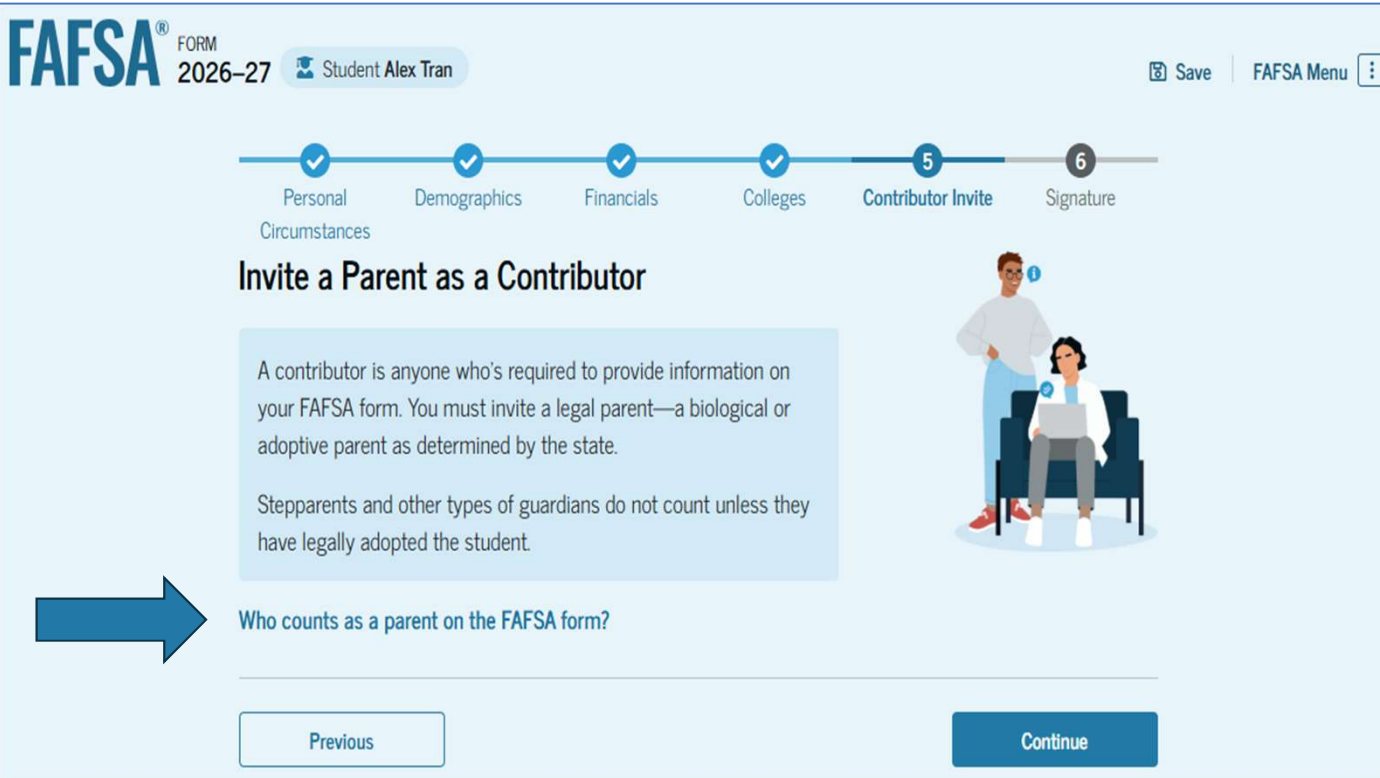
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American College of Healthcare and Techn Riverside, California (CA)	Federal School Code 031444	Remove	View Information
American Conservatory Theater Foundation San Francisco, California (CA)	Federal School Code 014545	Remove	View Information
American Film Institute Los Angeles, California (CA)	Federal School Code 022220	Remove	View Information

Search and Select More Schools

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Introduction: Dependent Student Invites Contributor

This is the first page in the "Invite a Parent as a Contributor" section, which is the last student section to require information. It provides an overview of the section.



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Invite a Parent as a Contributor

A contributor is anyone who's required to provide information on your FAFSA form. You must invite a legal parent—a biological or adoptive parent as determined by the state.

Stepparents and other types of guardians do not count unless they have legally adopted the student.

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?

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PARENT WIZARD

Who should enter as a parent on the FAFSA® form?

A student may need to ask their parent(s) to provide information on their FAFSA form based on the student's [dependency status](#).

This tool helps determine which parent(s) should participate in a student's FAFSA form.



To begin using the tool, enter the first name of the student's legal parent(s).

This helps us provide clear direction on which parent(s) should participate in the student's FAFSA form.

Who is considered a legal parent?

First Name (Parent 1)

First Name (Parent 2)

☐ The student has only one legal parent.

Continue

[Start Over](#)

The Student's Legal Parents:

 Mom

 Dad

Are Mom and Dad married to each other (not separated)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do Mom and Dad live together?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Which parent has provided more financial support for the student over the past 12 months?

If both parents provided an equal amount of financial support or if neither supports the student financially, select the parent with the greater income and assets. The parent who provided more financial support may or may not be the same parent that the student lives with.

☒ Mom

☐ Dad

Did Mom remarry?

☐ Yes

☒ No

The Student's FAFSA® Parent

 Only Mom is a parent on the student's FAFSA® form.

- The student will need to invite only Mom to the FAFSA form.
- Mom should report their current marital status as single (never married), separated, divorced, or widowed.
- The student's FAFSA form will need financial information related to Mom.
- Mom will need a StudentAid.gov account username and password to fill out their portion of the student's FAFSA form.

[How To Invite a Parent](#) ▾

Dependent Student: Invite Contributor (Continued 1 of 2)

The student is asked to enter their parent's email address to invite the parent to the FAFSA® form. After entering the email address, the student selects "Send Invite." A pop-up window appears, and the student confirms their parent's email address by selecting "Send Invite."

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Invite Your Parent to This FAFSA® Form

To determine your federal student aid eligibility, we need more information on your household financial situation. You'll need to invite a contributor to provide this information.

As a dependent student, you need to invite a legal parent as a contributor. You only need to invite one parent.

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?

Parent

Invite a Parent Contributor

Email

[Send Invite](#)

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Invite Your Parent to This FAFSA® Form

To determine your federal student aid eligibility, we need more information on your household financial situation. You'll need to invite a contributor to provide this information.

As a dependent student, you need to invite a legal parent as a contributor. You only need to invite one parent.

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?

Parent

Send Invite to 599887939test@testcod.edu

We'll send an invitation link and an access code to this email address.

[Go Back](#) [Send Invite](#)

Dependent Student: Invite Contributor (Continued 2 of 2)

This page confirms the student's parent will receive an email inviting them to the student's FAFSA® form. The parent can access the form by accepting the invitation in the email. On this page, the student is also provided an invitation link and invitation code that can be shared directly with the parent.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges **Contributor Invite** Signature

Parent Contributor

Once your parent accepts the invitation, they can complete the parent section of this FAFSA form.

They may be asked to invite their spouse as a contributor too. You can check the status of contributor invitations from the "My Activity" page.

Parent

599887939test@testcod.edu

Invite Sent

Other Ways to Send the Invite

Copy and Send the Invite Link

www.fafsa.gov/invite/7NDNUKA Copy Link

You can also have them go to www.fafsa.gov/invite and enter code:

7NDNUKA

Cancel Invite

Dependent Student: Review Page

The review page displays the responses that the student has provided in the FAFSA® form. The student can view all responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the student can select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page.

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Continue To Sign Your Form

Here's a summary of the information you provided on the FAFSA® form. Continue once you're ready to submit.

Scroll To Continue
After reviewing your answers, scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Continue." Then, sign your section of the FAFSA form.

Student Sections Expand All

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

Contributor Section

This Section is Shared with 1 Contributor(s) Manage Contributor Information

Contributor(s)	Role	Invite Code	Status
599887939test@testcod.edu	Parent	7NDNLKA	Invite Sent

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Dependent Student: Signature

On this page, the student reviews the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and what they'll agree to when the student signs the form.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Signature page for Student Alex Tran. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges, Contributor Invite, and Signature (the current step, marked with a '6'). The main heading is "Sign and Complete Your Section". Below this is a green-bordered box titled "Summary" containing 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." and "The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your StudentAid.gov 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, a paragraph states: "By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you". This is followed by a bulleted list of five conditions: "will use federal and/or state student 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", and "will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time." At the bottom, a final paragraph states: "By signing this application electronically using your StudentAid.gov 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".

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges Contributor Invite **6 Signature**

Sign and Complete Your Section ①

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 StudentAid.gov 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 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 StudentAid.gov 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

Note: If you do not submit your application and do not log into the application for 45 days all the data will be deleted.

Dependent Student: Signature (Continued)

This is a continuation of the student signature page. After agreeing to the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and digitally signing, the student is able to submit their sections of the FAFSA form. Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed yet.

By signing this application electronically using your StudentAid.gov 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.

Additionally, by signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, you authorize the U.S. Department of Education to disclose all information provided on this application, as required under Section 483(a)(2)(D)(i) of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, to the institutions you have identified herein, state higher education agencies (in your state of residence and the states in which the institutions identified herein are located), and designated scholarship organizations to assist with the application, award, and administration of federal, state, or institutional financial aid programs and designated scholarship programs. Notwithstanding this authorization, the name of an institution that you select to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.

Sign Your FAFSA® Form

☒ I, Alex Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.

Previous Sign

Dependent Student: Section Complete

Upon digitally signing the student section, the student is presented with the "Pending Submission" page. The student is reminded that their FAFSA® form is not completed and can't be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it. This page also displays next steps the student can take, including tracking and managing their form.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a dependent student named Alex Tran. The progress bar indicates the 'Student Section' is complete (marked with a checkmark) and the 'Parent Section' is the next step (marked with a '2'). The main heading is 'Pending Submission' with a sub-header 'Check With Your Contributor'. Below this, a section titled 'Parent Contributors' contains a box with 'Requirements for Dependent Students' explaining that the form cannot be submitted until the contributor(s) fill out and sign their section. A table lists the contributor(s) with columns for Contributor(s), Role, Invite Code, and Status. One contributor is listed: 599887939test@testcod.edu, Parent, 7NDNUKA, with a status of 'Invite Sent'. A 'Manage Invitations' button is located below the table. At the bottom, a dark blue footer contains the text 'Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form and Contributors' and a 'View Status' button.

Contributor(s)	Role	Invite Code	Status
599887939test@testcod.edu	Parent	7NDNUKA	Invite Sent

[Manage Invitations](#)

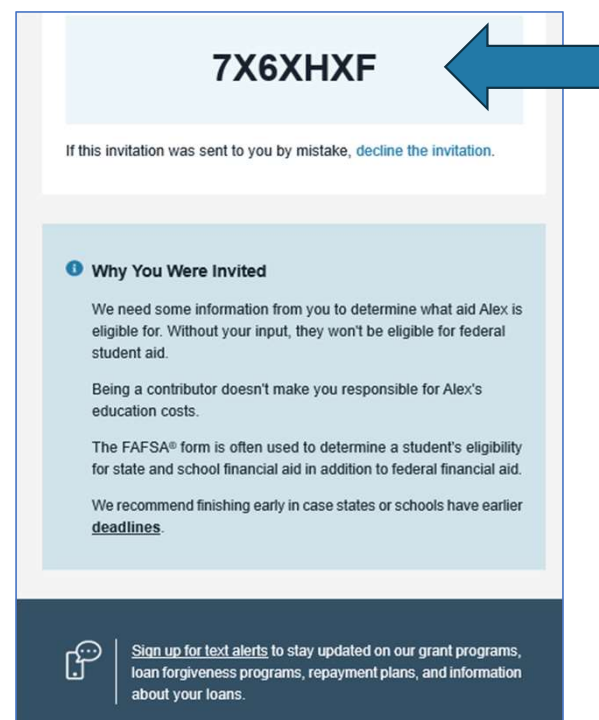
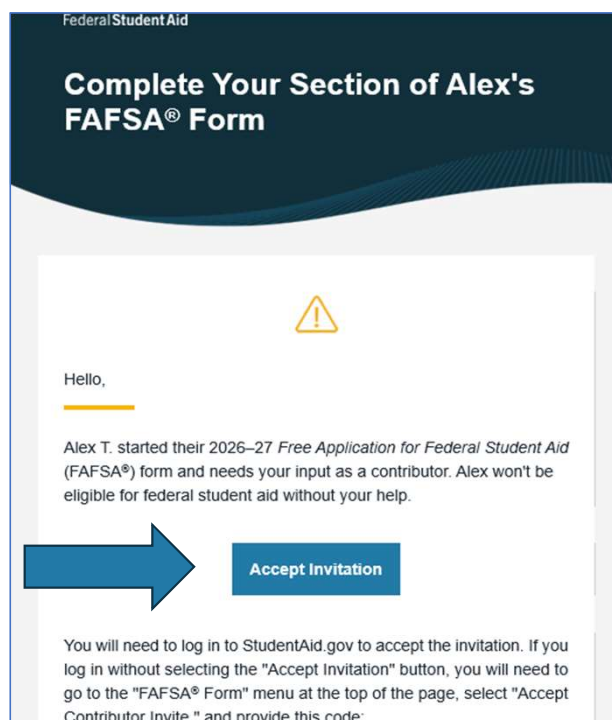
Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form and Contributors
Your application has been added to the "My Activity" page in your StudentAid.gov account. Visit this page to keep track of your FAFSA status; review, edit, or delete information on your form; and monitor the status of your contributor(s).

[View Status](#)

Dependent Student Parent Section

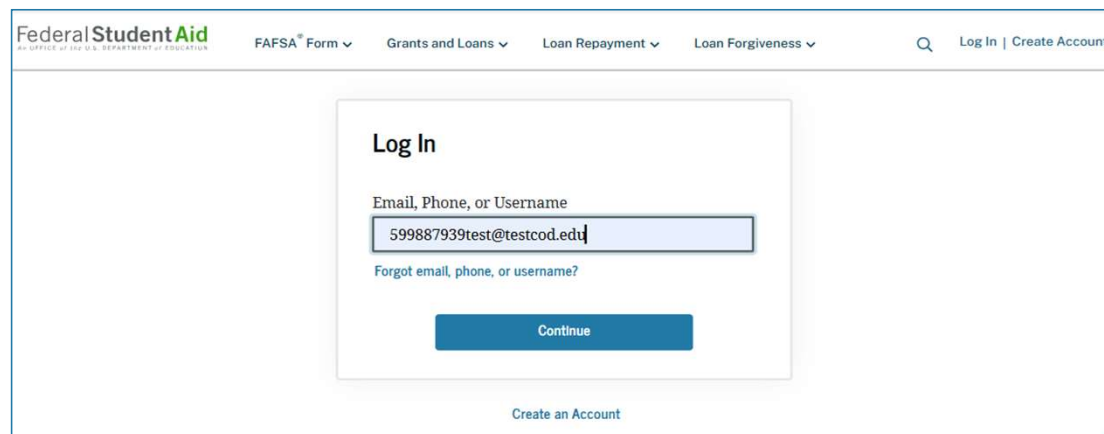
Dependent Student: Parent Email

This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov or the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects "Accept Invitation" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.



Dependent Student: Parent Log-in

The parent is taken from their email to the "Log In" page to enter their credentials. To access the FAFSA® form, all users are required to have a StudentAid.gov account username and password. If the parent doesn't have a username and password, they can select "Create an Account."



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Log In

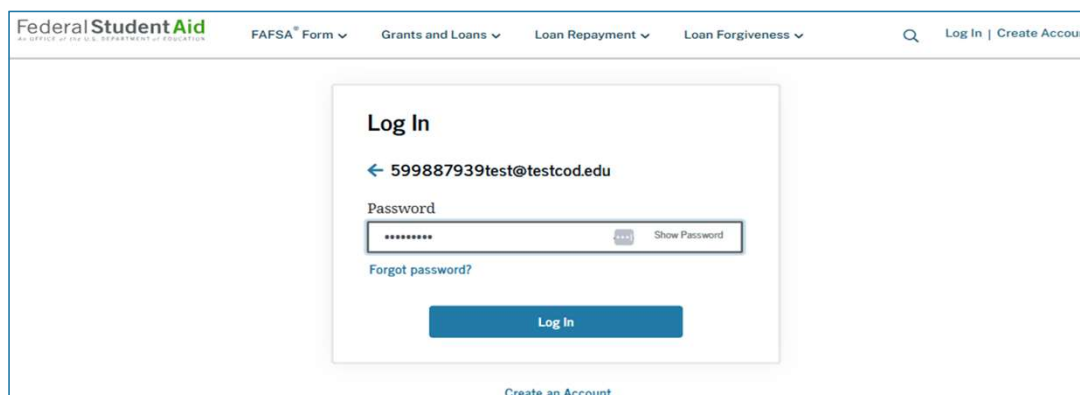
Email, Phone, or Username

599887939test@testcod.edu

[Forgot email, phone, or username?](#)

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Log In

← 599887939test@testcod.edu

Password

***** Show Password

[Forgot password?](#)

Log In

[Create an Account](#)

Dependent Student: Parent Accepts Invitation

After logging in, the parent is taken to the "Accept 2026–27 FAFSA® Invitation" page. The invitation code from the parent's email automatically fills in the text box if the parent used the link from the email.

← FAFSA Home Page

Accept 2026–27 FAFSA® Invitation

Enter the code you received for the FAFSA form.

Invitation Code

Submit

Need to accept an Invitation for a different year?

Go to [My Activity](#) where you can find any existing invitations for an earlier year FAFSA form.

Don't have an Invitation code?

Speak with the person who invited you to the form and ensure they have sent it to your email. Check your inbox for your invitation code.

Dependent Student: Parent Accepts Invitation (Continued)

When the parent selects "Submit," a pop-up window appears, confirming the student's name and reminding the parent that their personal information is needed to fill out the student's FAFSA® form. The parent selects "Accept" to agree to sharing their information and enters the FAFSA form.

← FAFSA Home Page

Accept 2026–27 FAFSA® Invitation

Enter the code you received for the FAFSA form.

Invitation Code

7NDNUKA

Submit

By Accepting This Invitation to Alex T's FAFSA Form You Agree To Share Your Information

We will need to use some personal information we already have on file about you in order to fill out the necessary steps in this FAFSA® form.

Decline Accept

Need to accept for a different year? Go to "My Account" to view invitations for other years.

code? We have invited you. We have sent you an email with the code to your inbox for your reference.

Dependent Student: Parent Onboarding (1 of 4)

When the parent enters a 2026–27 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. The first onboarding page provides an introduction of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video.

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What is the FAFSA® form?

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college, career school, or graduate school.

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

What is FAFSA®?

What is FAFSA® and why is it important?

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The second FAFSA® onboarding page provides information and a video about contributors that may be required to participate on the student's FAFSA form. This page also provides information on how the parent will invite contributors to the FAFSA form.

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Contributors to the FAFSA® Form

Who is a contributor on the FAFSA® form?

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Parents or Spouses

Answers on the FAFSA form will determine if you and your spouse are identified as contributors. As a contributor, you'll complete your own sections of the form and need to provide your personal and financial information. Being a contributor doesn't make you financially responsible for the student's education.

How To Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own StudentAid.gov account username and password to provide their information. To invite the student to a FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address. To invite your spouse to a FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their email address.

Which parent is considered a contributor? ▼

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Dependent Student: Parent Onboarding (3 of 4)

The third FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about what the parent can expect when completing the student's FAFSA form. This includes information about consent and approval, a time estimate to complete the form, and a note that the parent can save the form and return later if needed, along with an accompanying video.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Parent Onboarding page for the parent of Alex Tran. The page is titled "Understanding the FAFSA® Form" and is the 3 of 4 steps. The section is "What To Expect" with a time estimate of 30 minutes. The text explains that every contributor must provide consent and approval for the student to be eligible for federal student aid, and that the parent's consent and approval can be used to obtain federal tax information automatically from the IRS. It also notes that the form can be saved and returned to later. A video player is embedded, showing a man in a red hoodie with a question mark, and a text overlay asks "What Does It Mean To Provide Consent and Approval on the FAFSA® form?". At the bottom, there is a link to learn about how information is collected on the FAFSA form, and "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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What To Expect
How long will this take? 30 minutes

Every contributor must provide consent and approval for the student to be eligible for federal student aid. With your consent and approval, we can obtain your federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA® form.

You can save the form and return to it later if you need more time.

What Does It Mean To Provide Consent and Approval on the FAFSA® form?

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Learn about [how we use the information we collect](#) on the FAFSA form.

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Dependent Student: Parent Onboarding (4 of 4)

The last onboarding page provides information and a video about what to expect once the FAFSA® form is completed, submitted, and processed. On this page, the parent selects "Start FAFSA Form" to begin the parent section.

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After Submitting the FAFSA® form

Once the student's FAFSA form is submitted, the student will need to check on its status and make corrections, if required.

What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA...

What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA® Form?

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- The student's form will be processed in one to three days.
- The student will be able to view their FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include their Student Aid Index (SAI), an index number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.
- Schools will use the student's SAI to create their financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering to the student. Most schools only send an aid offer when they accept a student for admission.

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Dependent Student: Parent Identity Information

This is the first page within the parent section. The parent can verify that the personal information is correct. They can change their address on this screen but to update any of the other personal information, the parent must access their account settings on StudentAid.gov.

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Form 2026–27
 Parent of Raya Tran

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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
 123@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.

123 Sesame Street

City
 New York

State
 New York (NY)

Zip Code
 54321

Country
 United States

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Dependent Student: Parent Provides Consent and Approval

This page informs the parent about consent, approval, and the use of their federal tax information. Once the parent provides consent and approval, their federal tax information is transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA® form to help complete the "Parent Finances" section.

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Provide Consent and Approval or You Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

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

→ Get your 2024 tax return information for the 2026-27 FAFSA form.

→ Federal tax information is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

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

By accepting below, I consent to the receipt and use of my federal tax information for the purposes described herein.

By accepting below, I consent to the following:

- ED may disclose my Social Security number, date of birth, unique identifier, and the date and time of my consent to the Department of Education, the IRS shall then disclose my federal tax information to ED pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(1)(3)(E)) for the purpose of determining eligibility for federal student aid under 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, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
- I am providing my written consent for the redisclosure of my federal tax information to, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors, members participating in the FAFSA form, Office of Inspector General (13)(D), and with my further express written consent obtained from ED, the redisclosure of FAFSA information pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1098h(c).
- Any federal tax information received from the IRS at a later date than the date I entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
- ED may request updated federal tax information from the IRS if the federal tax information has changed (e.g., any revised information), then eligibility for and amounts of federal student aid may change.
- If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid. If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid.

4. ED may redisclose my federal tax information to another FAFSA applicant's FAFSA form(s) for which I elect to participate. By accepting an invitation and affirmation to participate in another individual's FAFSA form, my federal tax information will be redisclosed to the additional application. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my federal tax information to that FAFSA form.

By consenting and providing my affirmative approval, I further understand the following:

- My consent and affirmative approval are required, as a condition of my eligibility or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form, for federal student aid under 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, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
- I am providing my written consent for the redisclosure of my federal tax information to, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors, members participating in the FAFSA form, Office of Inspector General (13)(D), and with my further express written consent obtained from ED, the redisclosure of FAFSA information pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1098h(c).
- Any federal tax information received from the IRS at a later date than the date I entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
- ED may request updated federal tax information from the IRS if the federal tax information has changed (e.g., any revised information), then eligibility for and amounts of federal student aid may change.
- If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid. If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid.

By accepting below, I consent electronically to the use of my StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID) as my signature and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Privacy Act of 1974, subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(1)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA form, my execution (including date and time) of consent and approval will be logged in ED's Person Authentication Service System of Record (18-11-12).

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent and approval?

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

What happens after I provide consent and approval?

What happens if I decline consent and approval?

Select "Approve" to provide consent and approval for the use of your federal tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

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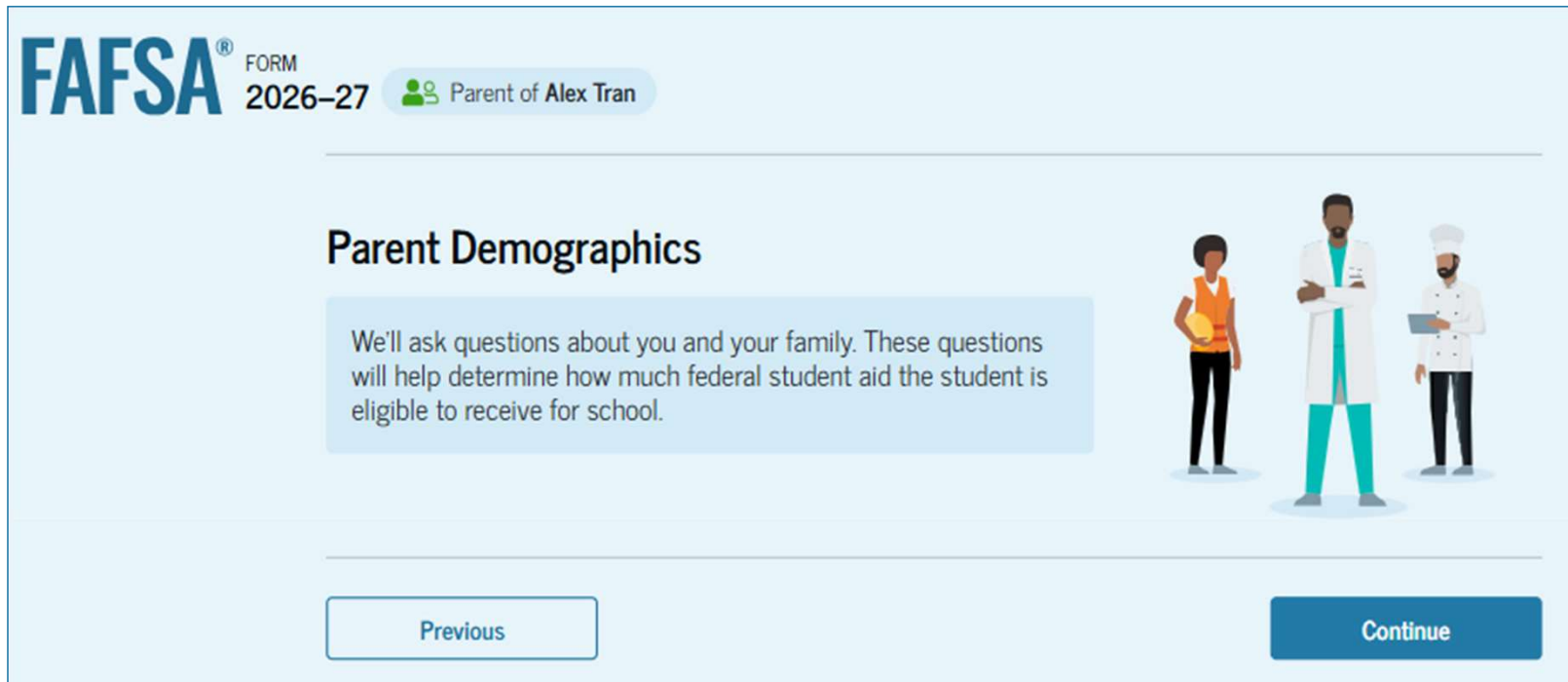
Decline

Approve

Introduction: Dependent Student's Parent Demographics

Federal Student Aid
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

This is the first page in the "Parent Demographics" section. It provides an overview of the section.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA[®] FORM 2026-27". To the right of this is a user identifier "Parent of Alex Tran" with a green person icon. The main heading is "Parent Demographics". Below this heading is a light blue box containing the text: "We'll ask questions about you and your family. These questions will help determine how much federal student aid the student is eligible to receive for school." To the right of this text is an illustration of three people: a woman in an orange vest holding a yellow hard hat, a man in a white lab coat with his arms crossed, and a man in a white chef's uniform holding a tablet. At the bottom of the page are two buttons: "Previous" on the left and "Continue" on the right.

Dependent Student: Parent Current Marital Status

The parent is asked about their current marital status.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for a parent of Alex Tran. The form is titled "Parent Current Marital Status" and includes a progress bar at the top with three steps: 1. Demographics, 2. Financials, and 3. Signature. The "Demographics" step is currently active. The form contains seven radio button options for marital status: "Single (never married)", "Unmarried and both legal parents living together", "Married (not separated)" (which is selected), "Remarried", "Separated", "Divorced", and "Widowed". At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

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Parent Current Marital Status ①

☐ Single (never married)

☐ Unmarried and both legal parents living together

☒ Married (not separated)

☐ Remarried

☐ Separated

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

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Dependent Student: Parent State of Residence

The parent is asked about their state of residence. The parent selects the state from a drop-down box and provides the month and year when the parent became a resident.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for the 'Parent of Alex Tran'. The form is titled 'Parent State of Residence' and is part of a three-step process: 1. Demographics, 2. Financials, and 3. Signature. The first step, 'Demographics', is currently active. The form asks for the 'State' where the parent lives, with a dropdown menu showing 'Tennessee (TN)'. Below this, it asks for the 'Date the Parent Became a Resident of Tennessee (TN)', with fields for 'Month' (01) and 'Year' (2006). The form includes a 'Previous' button and a 'Continue' button. The page number 88 is visible in the bottom right corner.

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Parent State of Residence

State

Usually, this is the state where the parent lives.

Tennessee (TN)

Date the Parent Became a Resident of Tennessee (TN)

If the parent was born in Tennessee (TN) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the parent moved to Tennessee (TN).

Month Year

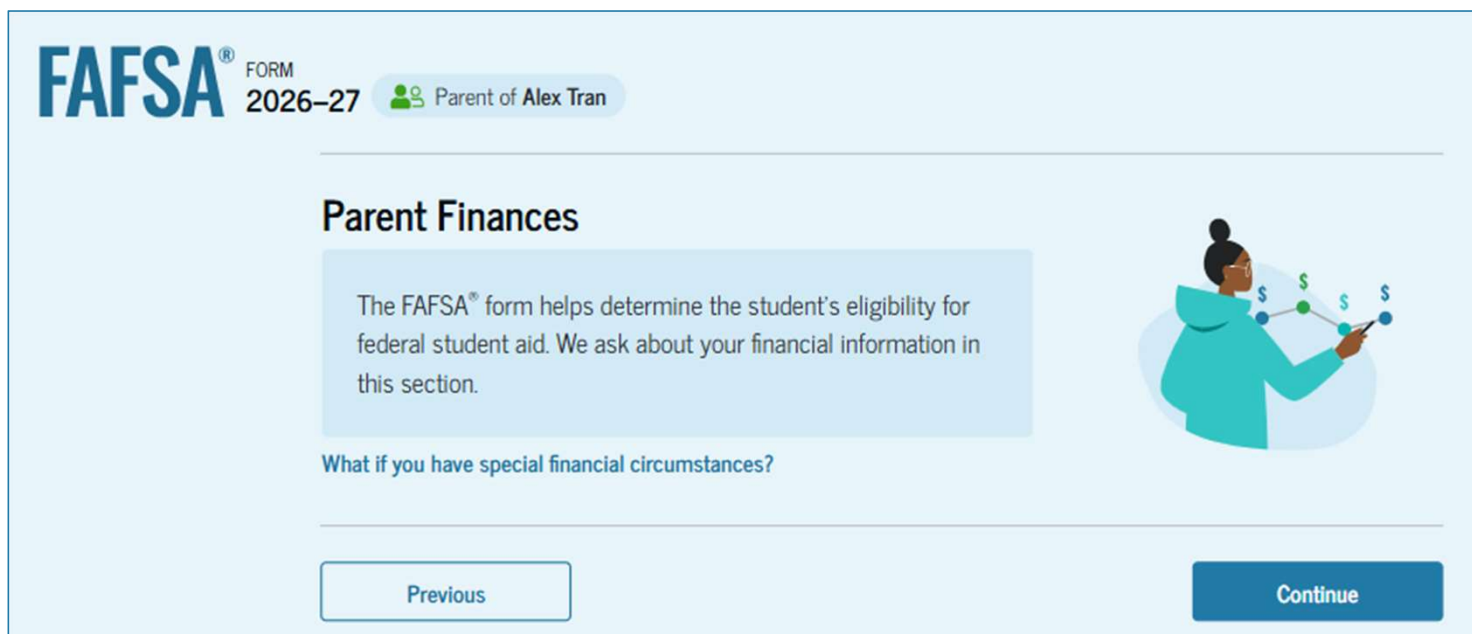
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Introduction: Dependent Student's Parent Finances

This is the first page within the "Parent Finances" section. It provides an overview of the section. The parent can select the hyperlink to learn about special financial circumstances.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA[®] FORM 2026-27". To the right of this, there is a user profile icon and the text "Parent of Alex Tran". Below this header, the section is titled "Parent Finances". A light blue box contains the text: "The FAFSA[®] form helps determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. We ask about your financial information in this section." To the right of this box is an illustration of a person in a teal hoodie looking at a smartphone, with several dollar signs floating around them. Below the text box, there is a link that says "What if you have special financial circumstances?". At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Previous" on the left and "Continue" on the right.

Dependent Student: Parent Federal Benefits Received

This page asks the parent if the parent or anyone in the parent's family has received federal benefits.

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Federal Benefits Received

Responses Won't Reduce Federal Student Aid Eligibility
Answering these questions won't reduce the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these programs.

At any time during 2024 or 2025, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? ⓘ
Family includes the parent's spouse, children, and other dependents. Select all that apply or "None of these apply."

- ☐ Earned Income Credit (EIC) ⓘ
- ☐ Federal Housing Assistance ⓘ
- ☐ Free or Reduced Price School Lunch ⓘ
- ☐ Medicaid ⓘ
- ☐ Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) or Health Insurance Subsidy ⓘ
- ☐ 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.

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Dependent Student: Parent Tax Filing Status

This page asks the parent about their tax filing status.

Remember, if parents are married but filed separately, then both parents will need to be contributors to the student's FAFSA.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a parent of Alex Tran. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2026-27), the parent's name, and links for Save and FAFSA Menu. A progress bar at the top indicates three steps: 1. Demographics (completed), 2. Financials (current step), and 3. Signature. The main heading is "Parent Tax Filing Status". There are two questions, each with "Yes" and "No" radio button options. The first question is "Did or will the parent file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?" with "Yes" selected. The second question is "Did or will the parent file a 2024 joint tax return with their current spouse?" with "Yes" selected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

☒ Yes ☐ No

Did or will the parent file a 2024 joint tax return with their current spouse? ⓘ

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Dependent Student: Parent Family Size

This page displays the family size for the student. The parent has the option to 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, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

Family Size

Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2024 tax return?

Family size includes the parent, their spouse, children, and other dependents in the home. Dependents are people who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from them between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027. This includes dependent children even if they live apart because of enrollment at a college or career school. Examples of family size changing include the birth of a child and a child independently supporting themselves such that they are no longer a dependent.

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

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Family Size

Based on answers to previous questions, we've made some assumptions about the parent's family. The student and the student's parent (and parent's spouse, if married) are always included in the family size. The box below shows the parent's family size based on our assumptions and the number of children or other dependents you report.

The parent's family size is 5.

Parent: 1
 Parent Spouse or Partner: 1
 Student: 1
 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 2

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, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

Include dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment.
Do not include the student applicant.

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Dependent Student: Parent Number in College

This page asks the parent how many people in the family will be in college between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027. This information will not be used in the SAI calculation.

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Number in College

Out of the 5 people in the parent's family, how many will be in college between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027?

Never include the student's parent(s). Always include the student applicant. Also include the parent's other children or dependents if they will also be in college during this time.

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Dependent Student: Parent Tax Return Information

The parent is asked questions about their 2024 tax return. The parent enters a response in each entry field. If the parent has nothing to report, the parent enters the numeral zero.

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Parent 2024 Tax Return Information

Refer to the parent's 2024 tax return to answer the following questions.
If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

1 Report Combined Taxes
Report the combined tax information for the parent and their spouse.

Where to find this information on the tax form

Filing Status

☐ Single

☐ Head of household

☒ Married filing jointly

☐ Married filing separately

☐ Qualifying surviving spouse

Income Earned From Work
IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): Line 1z + Schedule 1: Lines 3 + 6. If a tax form line's value is negative, treat it as zero in your calculation.

\$ 40,000 .00

Tax Exempt Interest Income
IRS Form 1040: Line 2a

\$ 1,000 .00

Education Credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit)
IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3: Line 3 + IRS Form 1040: Line 29

\$ 0 .00

Did the parent file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2024 IRS Form 1040?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't know

Net Profit or Loss From IRS Form 1040 Schedule C
IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: Line 31

\$ 0 .00

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorp Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS
People typically answer this question with a zero because most scholarships and grants, including Federal Pell Grants, are not considered taxable income. If the parent is married, include the amount their spouse reported. If the response is other than zero, the amount is typically not the same as the amount reported on IRS Form 1098-T (Box 5) or the adjusted gross income reported on the tax return.

\$ 0 .00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion
IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: Line 8d

\$ 0 .00

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Dependent Student: Parent Assets

The parent is asked about their assets.

The parent enters a response in each entry field. If the parent has nothing to report, the parent enters the numeral zero.

Note: If a parent has a 529 college fund for their students, they no longer have to report the total of all funds for each student. They only have to report the amount of the 529 for the student they are filling the FAFSA out for.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a parent of Alex Tran. The progress bar indicates three steps: Demographics (completed), Financials (current), and Signature. The 'Financials' section is titled 'Annual Child Support Received' and 'Parent Assets'. The 'Annual Child Support Received' section asks for the total amount of child support received for the last complete calendar year, with a text input field showing \$0.00. The 'Parent Assets' section includes three sub-sections: 'Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts', 'Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate', and 'Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms'. Each sub-section has a text input field showing \$0.00. The 'Continue' button is visible at the bottom right.

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Parent Assets

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

\$ 0 .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.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms
Enter the net worth of the parent's businesses and income-producing farms. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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Dependent Student: Other Parent Information

The parent is asked to provide information about their spouse or partner. In this example, the other parent does not need to contribute to the student's FAFSA® form because the parents filed taxes jointly. After providing the other parent's date of birth, all required parent information will be complete.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a parent of Alex Tran. The progress bar indicates three steps: Demographics (completed), Financials (current), and Signature. The 'Parent Spouse Information' section asks for the spouse's date of birth, stating it's needed to determine eligibility for federal student aid. The date of birth is entered as 05/04/1982. 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons are at the bottom.

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Parent Spouse Information

Based on your responses, we need to know your spouse's date of birth.
We need to know their age to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

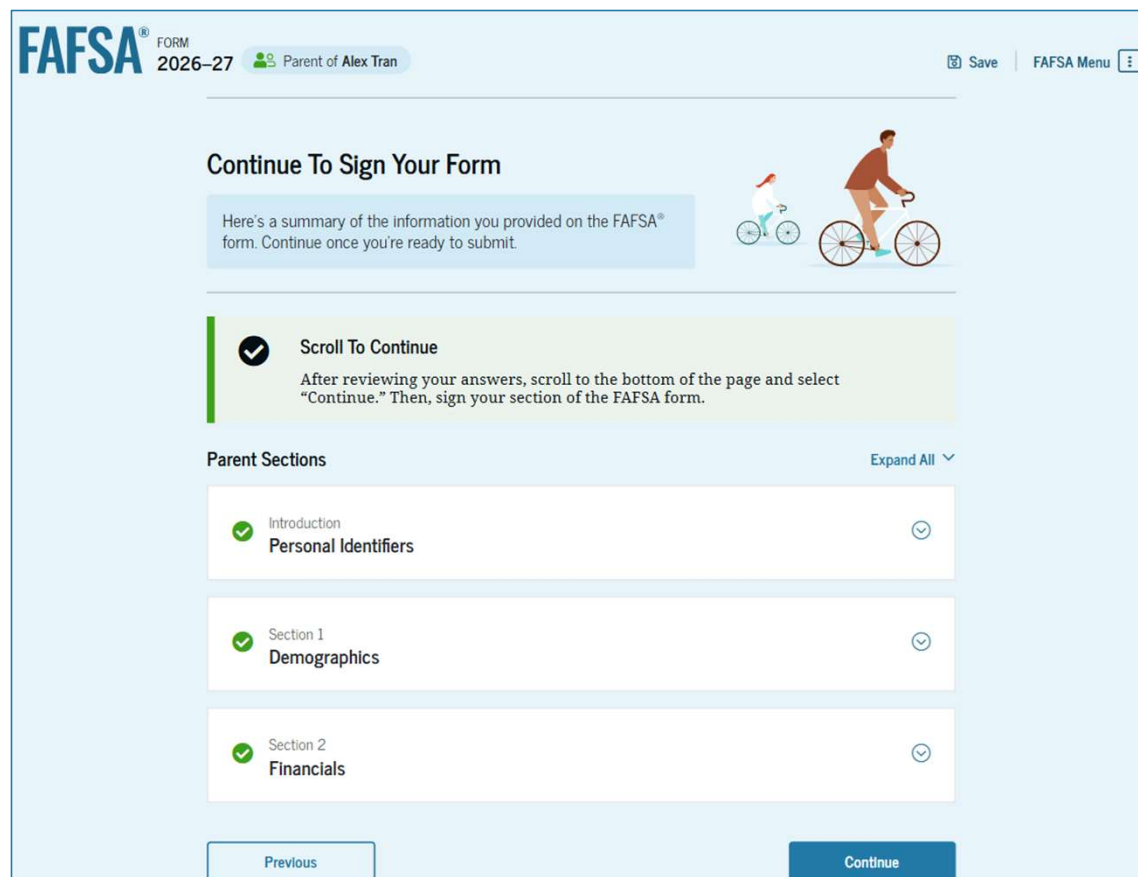
Month Day Year

05 04 1982

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Dependent Student: Parent Review Page

The review page displays the responses that the parent has provided in the FAFSA® form. The parent can view responses only within the parent section of the student's FAFSA form. The parent can view all the responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the parent can select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page.



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Continue To Sign Your Form

Here's a summary of the information you provided on the FAFSA® form. Continue once you're ready to submit.

Scroll To Continue
After reviewing your answers, scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Continue." Then, sign your section of the FAFSA form.

Parent Sections Expand All

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Dependent Student: Parent Signature

On this page, the parent acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and digitally signs the parent section. Since all required sections are complete, the parent can both sign and submit the student's FAFSA form.

Note: If you do not submit your application and do not log into the application for 45 days all the data will be deleted.

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Demographics Financials **Signature**

Sign and Submit the FAFSA® Form

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 StudentAid.gov 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 StudentAid.gov 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

- 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.

Additionally, by signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, you authorize the U.S. Department of Education to disclose all information you provided on this application, as required under Section 483(a)(2)(D)(i) of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, to the institutions identified herein, state higher education agencies (in the student's state of residence and the states in which the institutions identified herein are located), and designated scholarship organizations to assist with the application, award, and administration of federal, state, or institutional financial aid programs and designated scholarship programs. Notwithstanding this authorization, the name of an institution the student selected to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.

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

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

Dependent Student: Parent Confirmation

Upon submitting the student's FAFSA® form, the parent is presented an abbreviated confirmation page. This page displays information about tracking the student's FAFSA form and next steps. The student will receive an email with the full, detailed confirmation. With the student and parent sections completed and signed, the FAFSA form is now considered complete and submitted for processing.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Parent Confirmation page. At the top, it says "FAFSA FORM 2026-27" and "Parent of Alex Tran". There are links for "Exit" and "FAFSA Menu". The main heading is "Congratulations, the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!". Below this, it says "Alex Tran" and "Completion Date 07/17/2025". The page is divided into two main sections: "What Happens Next" and "Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form".

What Happens Next

- Email Sent**
Confirm that the student received an email version of this page.
- The Student Can Track the Status of Their Form**
In one to three days, the student's FAFSA form will be processed and made available to their 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.

Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form
You can check the status of the student's application in the "My Activity" section of your account Dashboard. We will let you know if we need anything more from you.

[View Status](#)

ABBREVIATED CONFIRMATION PAGE

The abbreviated version of the confirmation form that does not have the Estimated Student Aid Index and Pell eligibility. The student will get an email copy of that information no matter who submits the application.

Parent View



The Parent View confirmation page for the FAFSA 2024-25 form. It features a light blue background with a hot air balloon illustration on the left. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2024-25), and the user role (Parent of Raya Tran). A central banner reads "Congratulations, the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!". Below this, the student's name (Raya Tran) and the completion date (10/12/2024) are displayed. The page also includes a "Save" button and a "FAFSA Menu" icon in the top right corner.

FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 Parent of Raya Tran

Save FAFSA Menu

Congratulations,
the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!

Raya Tran

Completion Date
10/12/2024

Student View



The Student View confirmation page for the FAFSA 2024-25 form. It features a light blue background with a hot air balloon illustration on the left. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2024-25), and the user role (Student Raya Tran). A central banner reads "Congratulations, the FAFSA® form is complete!". Below this, the student's name (Raya Tran) is displayed. At the bottom, three fields are shown: Completion Date (10/12/2024), Date Release Number (2572), and Estimated Student Aid Index (000,000,000). The page also includes a "FAFSA Menu" icon in the top right corner.

FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran

FAFSA Menu

Congratulations,
the FAFSA® form is complete!

Raya Tran

Completion Date
10/12/2024

Date Release Number
2572

Estimated Student Aid Index
000,000,000

OTHER FAFSA SCENARIOS

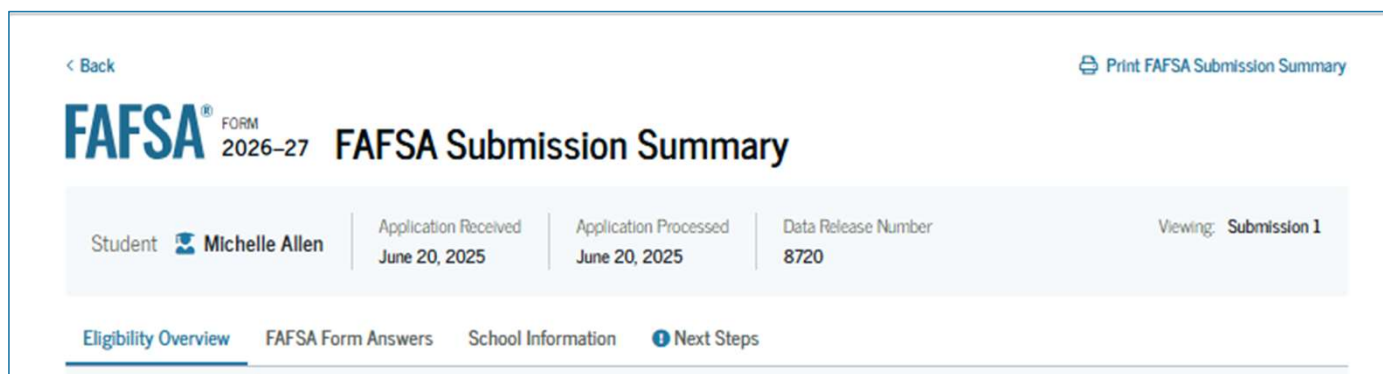
- Independent students will only complete the student section of the form-may need to invite spouse to complete a section based on 2024 tax filing status
- Provisionally independent students will only complete the student section of the form
- Parents can start the form and invite the student to complete their section. This often works when the invitation to the parent contributor(s) is not matching.
- Paper FAFSAs will be available-not recommended if online version can be accomplished
- Prior to any portion of the form being submitted, the FAFSA can be deleted and started again



FAFSA Submission Summary


FAFSA Submission Summary Landing Page

The student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary for their processed FAFSA® form and any subsequent corrections that the student submits. The FAFSA Submission Summary is divided into four tabs: "Eligibility Overview," "FAFSA Form Answers," "School Information," and "Next Steps." At the top, the student will see when the FAFSA form was received and processed. The student also has the option to print the FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.



< Back Print FAFSA Submission Summary

FAFSA® FORM 2026-27 **FAFSA Submission Summary**

Student  Michelle Allen	Application Received June 20, 2025	Application Processed June 20, 2025	Data Release Number 8720	Viewing: Submission 1
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[Eligibility Overview](#) [FAFSA Form Answers](#) [School Information](#) [Next Steps](#)

Eligibility Overview

On the "Eligibility Overview" tab, the student sees information about the federal student aid for which they may be eligible, such as a Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans. Any amounts of financial aid that display on this tab are estimates and are not guaranteed. The school's financial aid office provides final determination of the student's financial aid eligibility.


[Eligibility Overview](#)
[FAFSA Form Answers](#)
[School Information](#)
[Next Steps](#)

Your Estimated Federal Student Aid

Federal Pell Grant You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, but you may be eligible for other aid.	N/A
Federal Direct Loans A federal direct loan is money lent to you by the government that you must repay with interest.	Up to \$9,500
Federal Work-Study Federal Work-Study is a way for students to earn money to pay for school through part-time jobs on or off campus.	You May Be Eligible

Amounts shown here are only estimates of federal student aid based on full-time enrollment and the average cost of attendance. Your school will determine how much student aid to offer you, which may include additional aid from your school or state.

[Learn more about financial aid](#)



Keep In mind, this is only an estimate
 Always refer to your school's financial aid offer for a final determination of financial aid available.

Need to make a correction?
 Start a correction to revise your form if you need to update or change information (such as adding an additional school).

Visit the [FAFSA Form Answers](#) tab to review your responses and make sure all the information you provided is correct.

[Make a Correction](#)

View All of Your Federal Student Aid In One Place
 View detailed information about your federal student loan and grant aid, including your enrollment history, payment history, and subsidized usage.

[Visit My Aid](#)

Eligibility Overview (Continued)

This is a continuation of the "Eligibility Overview" tab of the FAFSA Submission Summary. The student can view their Student Aid Index. The school's financial aid office provides final determination of the student's financial aid eligibility.

Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

Your SAI is an index number calculated using information provided on your FAFSA form. Your school uses your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility and to build your financial aid offer. Your SAI may change if you update or correct your FAFSA information or after verification (if your FAFSA form was selected for review). Once your updated FAFSA form is complete and fully processed, you'll receive a new FAFSA Submission Summary, which may include changes to your SAI and estimated federal student aid.

[What does this mean?](#)

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FAFSA® Form Answers

On the "FAFSA Form Answers" tab, the student sees the answers provided on their FAFSA® form. If any of the provided answers are incorrect, the student can choose "Make a Correction."

The screenshot displays the 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers' page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers' (which is selected), 'School Information', and 'Next Steps'. Below the tabs, the title 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers' is followed by a brief instruction: 'Review your responses carefully and make sure all the information you provided is correct. Start a correction to fix any errors and ensure that your form is processed correctly.'

The main content area is titled 'Student Sections' and includes a 'Collapse All' link. Under this section, there is an 'Introduction' link and a 'Personal Identifiers' section. The 'Personal Identifiers' section contains a list of fields with their corresponding values:

First Name	→ Michelle
Middle Name	→ N
Last Name	→ Allen
Suffix	→
Date of Birth	→ 01/01/2002
Social Security Number	→ ----8526
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	→
Mobile Phone Number	→ (555) 557-6487
Email	→ 599888526test@testcon.edu
Permanent Mailing Address	→ 123 test
City	→ city
State	→ Military—Pacific (AP)
Zip Code	→ 30202
Country	→ United States (US)
State of Legal Residence	→ Alabama (AL)
Legal Residence Date	→ 01/2005

On the right side of the page, there are three informational boxes:

- Need to make a correction?**: This box explains that a correction is needed to revise the form if information needs to be updated or changed (e.g., adding a school). It includes a 'Make a Correction' button.
- View All of Your Federal Student Aid In One Place**: This box encourages users to view detailed information about their federal student loan and grant aid, including enrollment history, payment history, and subsidized usage. It includes a 'Visit My Aid' button.
- Find the Right College or Career School**: This box promotes the College Scorecard, which helps users compare schools by size, location, graduation rate, and more. It includes a 'Visit College Scorecard' button and an illustration of a student looking at a phone.

FAFSA® Form Answers (Continued)

This is a continuation of the "FAFSA Form Answers" tab, where the student sees the answers provided on their FAFSA® form.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA Form Answers page. At the top right is a "Visit My Aid" button. Below it is a section titled "Find the Right College or Career School" with the text "Use College Scorecard to compare schools by size, location, graduation rate, and more." and a "Visit College Scorecard" button with an external link icon. An illustration of a student looking at a phone is also present. The main content area lists personal information in a table-like format:

Mobile Phone Number	→ (555) 557-6487
Email	→ 599888526test@testcon.edu
Permanent Mailing Address	→ 123 test
City	→ city
State	→ Military—Pacific (AP)
Zip Code	→ 30202
Country	→ United States (US)
State of Legal Residence	→ Alabama (AL)
Legal Residence Date	→ 01/2005

Below the table are five expandable sections, each with a dropdown arrow:

- Section 1: **Personal Circumstances**
- Section 2: **Demographics**
- Section 3: **Financials**
- Section 4: **Colleges**
- Section 5: **Signature**

FAFSA[®] Form Answers Contributors

This is a continuation of the "FAFSA Form Answers" tab. If applicable, the student sees the answers their contributor(s) provided on the FAFSA[®] form.

Parent Sections
Expand All

Introduction
Personal Identifiers

First Name	→ Alcina
Middle Name	→
Last Name	→ Tran
Suffix	→
Date of Birth	→ 5/5/1973
Social Security Number	→ -----1234
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	→
Mobile Phone Number	→ (555) 555-5555
Email	→ alcina.tran@email.com

Permanent Mailing Address	→ 123 Sesame Street
City	→ New York
State	→ New York (NY)
Zip Code	→ 54321
Country	→ United States

Section 1
Demographics

Section 2
Financials

Section 3
Signature

School Information

On the "School Information" tab, the student sees information about the college(s), career school(s), and/or trade school(s) they selected to receive their FAFSA® information. The student can view graduation rate, retention rate, transfer rate, default rate, median debt upon completion, and average annual cost of the selected school(s).

Eligibility Overview

FAFSA Form Answers

School Information

Next Steps

Find an Affordable School

Many schools offer the opportunity to attend college affordably. Learn about the costs and benefits associated with the schools you listed on your form.

Learn About College Scorecard

Showing results for family income between \$0-\$30,000

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Default Rate	Median Debt Upon Completion	Average Annual Cost
Ventura Adult and Continuing Education	75.89%	96.88%	N/A	0%	\$3,920	\$10,358
Tri-Community Adult Education	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Coast Barber College	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Next Steps

On the "Next Steps" tab, the student sees comments that pertain to their FAFSA® form. Some comments may require the student to make a correction or send additional documentation to their school. Other comments may be informational and require no action from the student.

The screenshot shows the 'Next Steps' tab in the Federal Student Aid portal. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (which is highlighted). The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Next Steps:** A list of three items, each with a checkmark icon:
 - 1 Correct Any Errors on Your FAFSA® Form
 - 2 Make Sure Your Schools Have Everything They Need
 - 3 Look Out for Aid-Related Communications From Your Schools
- For Your Awareness:** A section with an information icon and a list of bullet points:
 - VA Education and Training Benefits help veterans, service members, and their family members with needs like paying college tuition or finding the right school.
 - The limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive is the equivalent of six school years. Once you've reached that limit, you can no longer receive a Federal Pell Grant.
 - Based on the information we have on record for you, your Student Aid Index (SAI) is -1500. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your college's or career school's financial aid office will use your SAI to determine your eligibility for other types of grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.
 - Based on information you provided on your FAFSA form, you may be eligible for other federal benefits not awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. Visit [StudentAid.gov/help/means-tested-benefits](https://studentaid.gov/help/means-tested-benefits) for more information on federal benefits.
- Understand Your Tax Benefits:** A section with a tax icon and text:

Did you know that the IRS provides tax benefits for education? These tax benefits can be used to get back some of the money you spend on tuition or loan interest, or to maximize your college savings.

[Learn About Tax Benefits](#)
- Need to make a correction?:** A section with text:

Start a correction to revise your form if you need to update or change information (such as adding an additional school).

Visit the [FAFSA Form Answers](#) tab to review your responses and make sure all the information you provided is correct.

[Make a Correction](#)
- View All of Your Federal Student Aid In One Place:** A section with text:

View detailed information about your federal student loan and grant aid, including your enrollment history, payment history, and subsidized usage.

[Visit My Aid](#)
- Find the Right College or Career School:** A section with text:

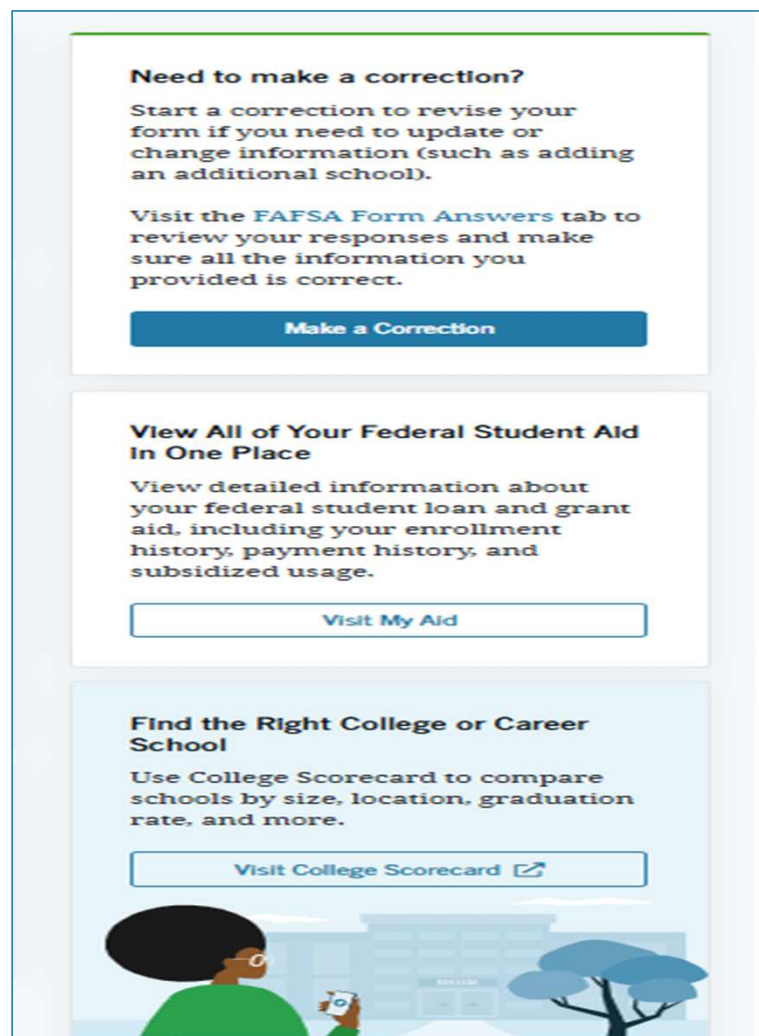
Use College Scorecard to compare schools by size, location, graduation rate, and more.

[Visit College Scorecard](#)

At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a student looking at a laptop screen.

More Resources

Lastly, along the right side of the FAFSA Submission Summary, the student can access additional resources, including links to "My Aid" or College Scorecard.



The image is a screenshot of a sidebar from the Federal Student Aid website. It contains three distinct sections, each with a title, a brief description, and a button. The first section is titled 'Need to make a correction?' and includes a button labeled 'Make a Correction'. The second section is titled 'View All of Your Federal Student Aid In One Place' and includes a button labeled 'Visit My Aid'. The third section is titled 'Find the Right College or Career School' and includes a button labeled 'Visit College Scorecard' with an external link icon. At the bottom of the sidebar is an illustration of a person with dark skin and a large afro hairstyle looking at a computer screen, with a small cartoon dog sitting next to them. The background of the illustration shows a stylized building and trees.

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