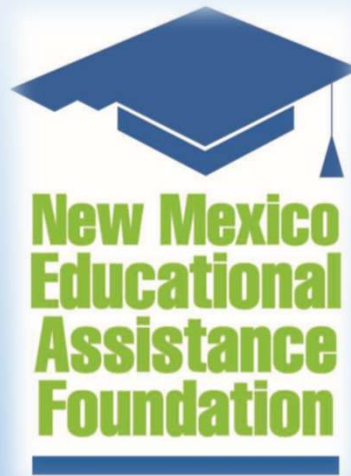




# Welcome, Class of 2026!



NMEAF Outreach Presentation

**Rise Up**  
To Your  
**Potential**



- Researching Schools & Careers
- Federal and State Financial Aid?
- Federal Student Aid Identification (**FSA ID**)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA<sup>®</sup>**)
- Register for NMEAF \$500 FAFSA Scholarships
- FAFSA FACE-OFF Challenge

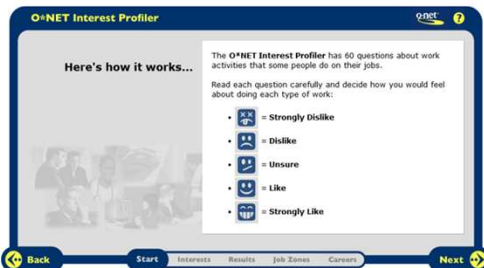


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## Know your interest



### — MY NEXT MOVE



<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

Interest inventories are questionnaires that ask you to rate your interest in a wide variety of activities.



## Researching Careers



U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Get the CareerInfo app for the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH).

Scan with your device



OCUPATION JOB SUMMARY ENTRY-LEVEL EDUCATION 2022 MEDIAN PAY

OCUPATION	JOB SUMMARY	ENTRY-LEVEL EDUCATION	2022 MEDIAN PAY
Computer Support Specialists	Computer support specialists maintain computer networks and provide technical help to computer users.	Some short-term training	\$18,980
Computer Systems Analysts	Computer systems analysts study an organization's current computer systems and design ways to improve efficiency.	Bachelor's degree	\$103,240
Database Administrators and Architects	Database administrators and architects create or improve systems to store and secure data.	Bachelor's degree	\$103,240
Information Security Analysts	Information security analysts plan and carry out security measures to protect an organization's computer networks and systems.	Bachelor's degree	\$103,240
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	Network and computer systems administrators install, configure, and maintain organizational computer networks and systems.	Bachelor's degree	\$103,240
Software Developers, Quality Assurance Analysts, and Testers	Software developers design computer applications or programs, software quality assurance analysts and testers identify problems with applications or programs and report details.	Bachelor's degree	\$103,240
Web Developers and Digital Designers	Web developers create and maintain websites. Digital designers develop, create, and test website or internet-based, functions, and navigation for usability.	Bachelor's degree	\$103,240

**Computer Systems Analysts**

**Summary**

Quick Facts: Computer Systems Analysts

2022 Median Pay	\$103,240 per year
Typical Entry-Level Education	Bachelor's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	None
Number of Jobs, 2022	131,400
Job Outlook, 2022-32	20% (Much faster than average)
Employment Change, 2022-32	51,200

**What Computer Systems Analysts Do**

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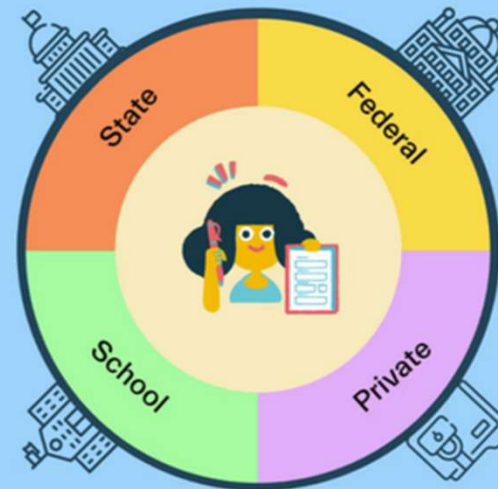
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# What is Financial Aid

## What is Financial Aid?

Money to help you pay for college, provided through the federal government, state, school, or a private business or organization.



# What is State Aid




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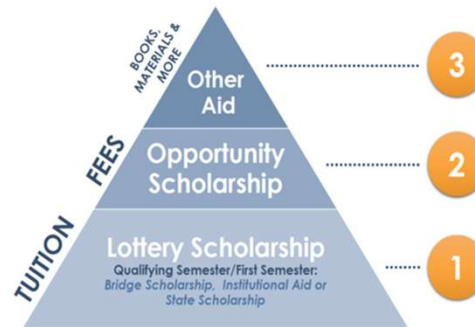
New Mexico's  
most inclusive scholarship for  
degrees and workforce training!

[ReachHigherNM.com](http://ReachHigherNM.com)

## How do I qualify for the Lottery Scholarship?

To qualify for the Lottery Scholarship, you will need to:

- Enroll full-time at a New Mexico public college or university within 16 months of high school graduation or completion of a high school equivalency or home school certificate. Full-time means:
  - 15 credit hours at a four-year university
  - 12 credit hours at a community college
- Achieve and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
- Maintain full-time enrollment every fall and spring semesters.




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LOTTERY  
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The country's first tuition-free  
college scholarship program!

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# What is a FSA ID?

## Create your Account (FSA ID)

The **Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID** is a **username** and **password** that is required to log in and access all Federal Student Aid websites, including the **FAFSA**.

### Create an Account

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

[Get Started](#)

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

#### What You Can Use Your Account For

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

#### What You'll Need

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





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# What is the FAFSA?

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

FAFSA® Form ▾ Grants and Loans ▾ Loan Repayment ▾ Loan Forgiveness ▾

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## Get Money To Help Pay for School

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

Start a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form  
[Start New Form](#)

Edit a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form  
[Edit Existing Forms](#)

Accept an Invitation for a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form  
[Accept an Invitation](#)



Need the 2025–26 FAFSA Form?

[Start New Form](#) | [Edit Existing Forms or Accept an Invitation](#)

### Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in

Some states and schools use information from the FAFSA® form to determine your eligibility for their grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!


Missing a state deadline doesn't impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed.

School Year

State of Residence


[Find Deadlines](#)

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)



#### Who should complete the FAFSA® form?


Any student, regardless of income, who



30 minutes

#### How long will it take?

It takes most people 30 minutes to fill out the FAFSA form, including



#### What do I need?

- Verified account username and password (FSA ID)



# Contributor Information – Invite

FAFSA<sup>®</sup> FORM 2026–27 Student: Alex Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges Contributor Invite Signature

### Invite Your Parent to This FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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

Federal Student Aid

### Complete Your Section of Alex's FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

Hello,

Alex T. started their 2026–27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA<sup>®</sup>) form and needs your input as a contributor. Alex won't be eligible for federal student aid without your help.

Accept Invitation

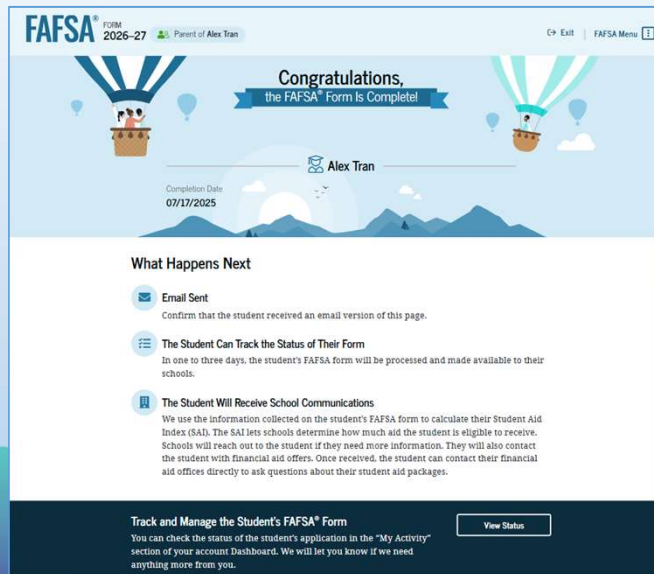
You will need to log in to StudentAid.gov to accept the invitation. If you log in without selecting the "Accept invitation" button, you will need to go to the "FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form" menu at the top of the page, select "Accept Contributor Invite," and provide this code:

**To invite a contributor to your FAFSA form,  
you'll need their email address.**





# Form is completed!






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**Congratulations,**  
the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form Is Complete!

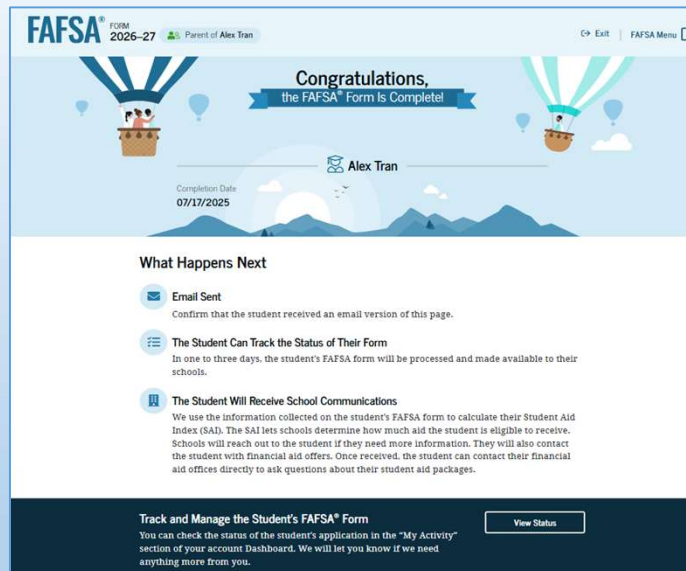
Alex Tran

Completion Date  
07/17/2025

**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**  
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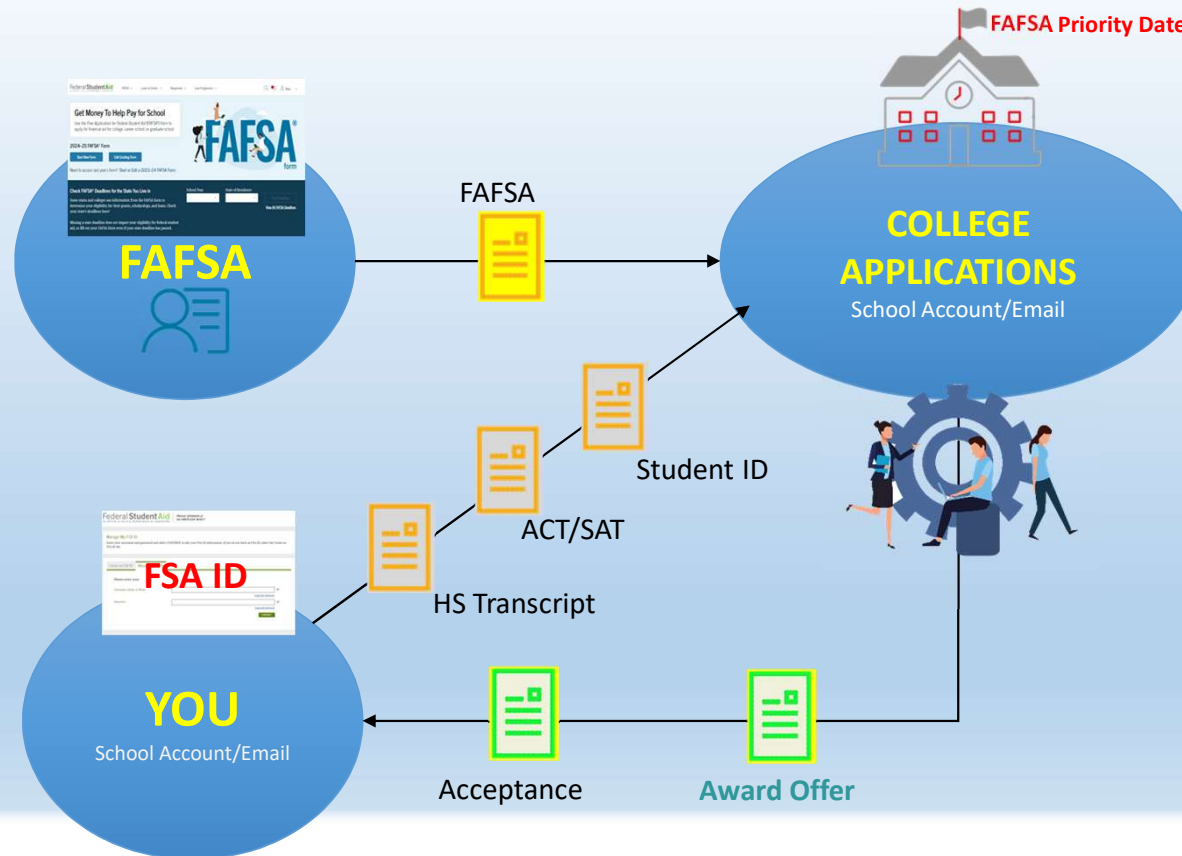
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Financial aid award offers outline the details of the financial aid package you are being offered.





# Scholarships



**Tip - Never pay to apply!**  
Eligibility and Deadlines!

Local businesses, banks, **non-profit organizations** & churches, tribal, employers, etc.

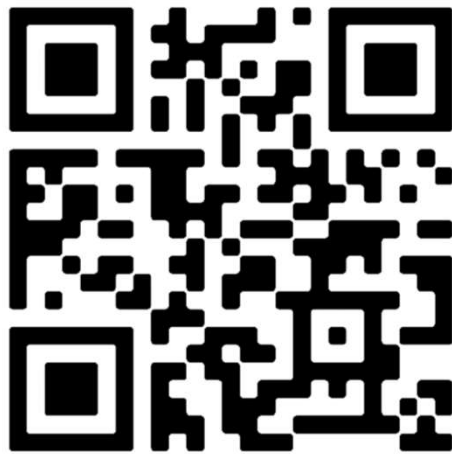


Your **high school counselor** is one of your best resources for scholarships searches.



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High school seniors *can register* to  
win \$500 Scholarships



<https://www.nmeaf.org/FAFSA-Scholarship>

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# FAFSA Money Mondays

**NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA?**  
Students/ Parents can attend virtual sessions for **FREE HELP** from professionals who know the FAFSA.

October	October	October	November
6	20	27	3
3pm to 6pm			
November	November	December	December
10	17	1	8
December	January	January	February
15	12	26	2
February	February	March	March
9	23	2	9
March	March	March	April
16	23	30	13
April	April	May	May
20	27	4	11

Join our virtual sessions by scanning the QR Code or go to:  
<https://qrco.de/bgEgdj>

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The process is free and easy. Every Monday from 3-6PM, students and/or parents can log in to our virtual help session, Money Mondays. At Money Mondays, we have professionals from the local universities and other volunteers there to help you complete the FAFSA or simply answer questions about continuing your education.



<https://qrco.de/bf9082>

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# Thank you!



Questions by email: [Outreach@nmeaf.org](mailto:Outreach@nmeaf.org)

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