



Getting Ready for the Better FAFSA

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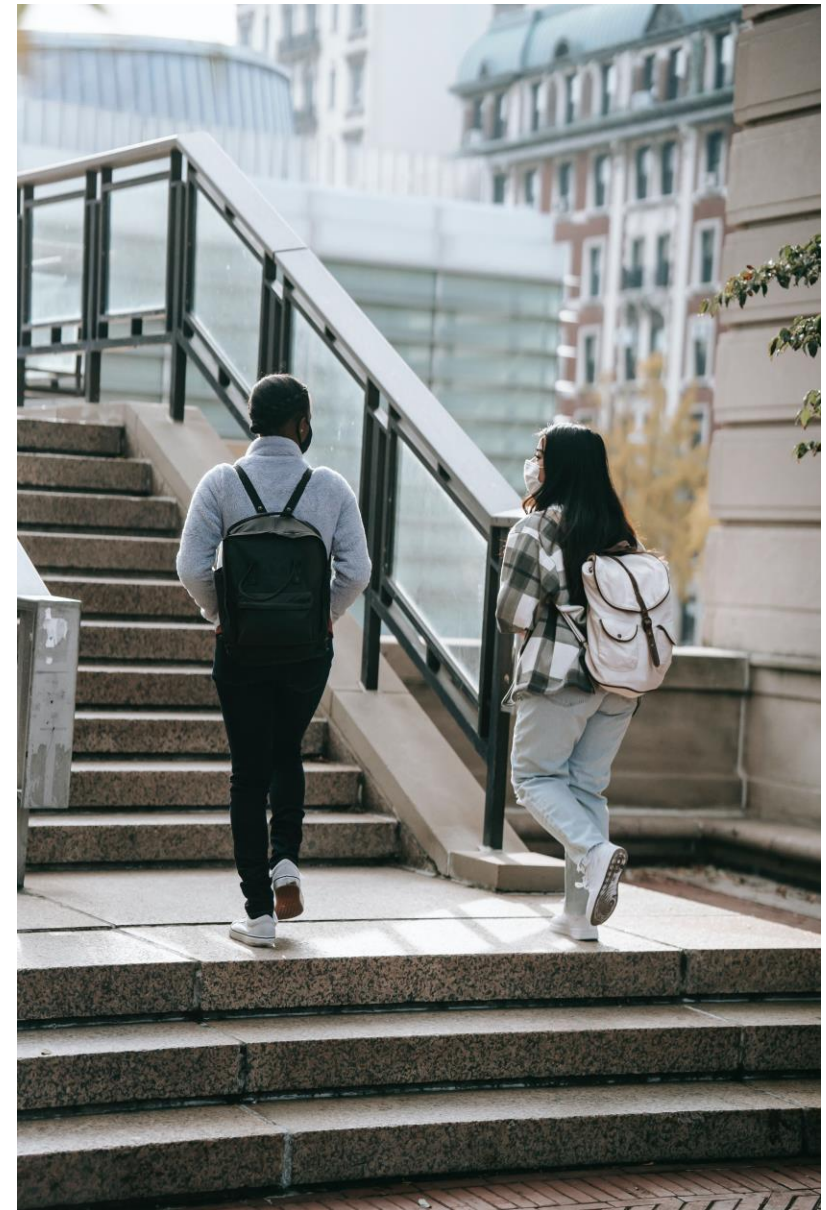
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Our Approach to Sharing this Info

- We will be sharing the pathway a dependent student will see when filling out the FAFSA
- We will refer to and briefly discuss other pathways students and other contributors may see
- Most slides and screenshots are from the FAFSA Preview Deck provided by Federal Student Aid (FSA)
- There are several screenshots unavailable – if they become available, we will add them into later editions of this slide deck
- This slide deck and the deck provided by FSA will be available in the FAFSA toolkit on NCAN's website



Major Changes for the Better FAFSA

The 24-25 FAFSA will open in December 2023

FAFSA look and feel has changed

New terminology to learn

The FSA ID will be required to start

Students will need to invite other contributors to complete their section on the FAFSA

Role-based completion is required

Contributors will have to consent to the IRS sharing their federal tax information with the FAFSA for the student to be eligible for federal aid

Student Aid Index (SAI) is replacing Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

What we are still waiting to learn

- FSA ID process for parents without a social security number
- What the manual income and tax information entry process will look like
- If specific questions on the FAFSA will change based on feedback from the open comment period
- How to advise on assessing the net worth of family farms and small businesses
- How the Better FAFSA will impact verification selection
- The latest draft FAFSA was released in September. We encourage you to review the draft and use it for training purposes.



These screenshots are not final and could change by the time the FAFSA is released in December 2023

What Contributors Need to Complete the FAFSA

- FSA ID
- Tax Returns
- Amount of child support received in the past year
- Asset Information
 - Value of cash, savings & checking
 - Net worth of investments
 - Net worth of any business/farms
- List of any federal benefits received
- List of colleges



Resource: Check out the FAFSA checklist that will help the students and parents you work with to gather the right information

FSA ID

FSA ID: Changes to the Process

FOR MANY STUDENTS AND PARENTS, THE FSA ID CREATION PROCESS WILL NOT BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT IS TODAY

Key Changes

- A verified email address will be required
- In two parent households, both parents will need FSA IDs if they do not file taxes as married-filing jointly
- FSA IDs will need to be authenticated with social security (takes approximately 3 days) to be fully functional during FAFSA completion
- Parents without SSNs will need to create FSA IDs

Who will need to create an FSA ID?

Students

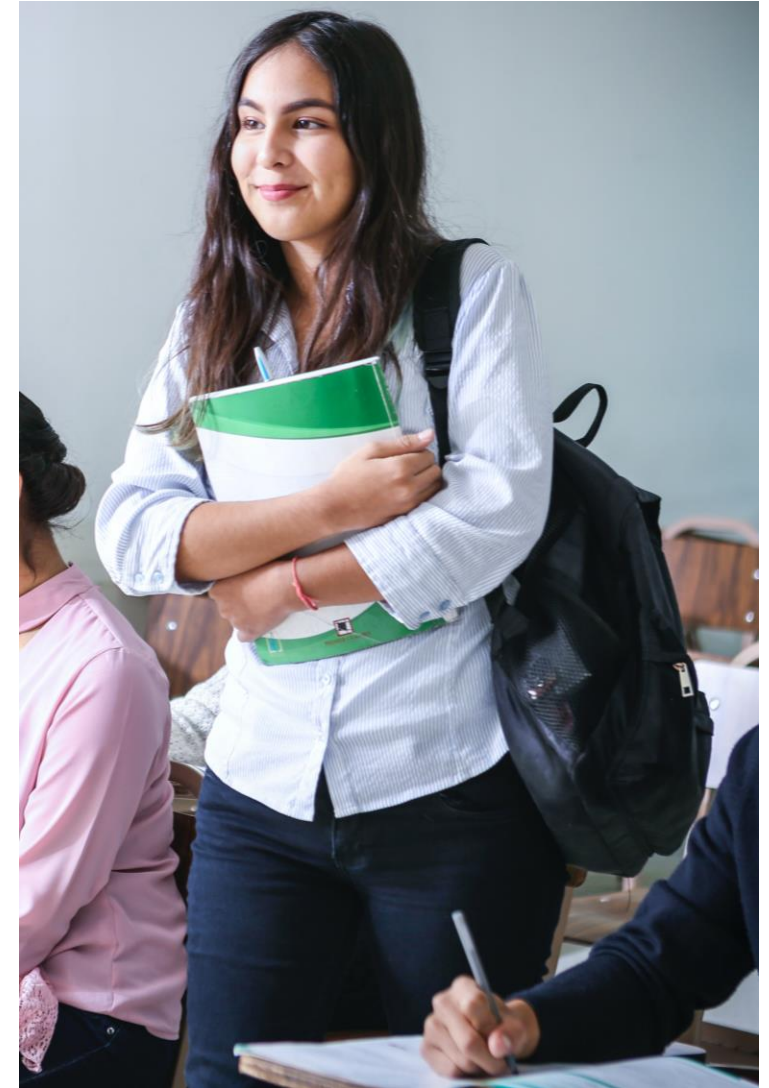
- All students who are filing the FAFSA will need an FSA ID

For married students:

- Student Spouse
 - Only if the student and their spouse do not file taxes together

For dependent students:

- For parents and/or stepparents who are required to be listed on the FAFSA
 - If they file taxes together only one parent/stepparent will need an FSA ID
 - If they do not file taxes together (including if they are non-filers) both parents/stepparents will need FSA IDs



Screenshot of account creation page

Create an Account

Step 1 of 7

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 who 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 may be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth
Month: Day: Year:

Social Security Number

I don't have a Social Security number.

FSA ID: Parent(s) without SSNs*

What we know right now:

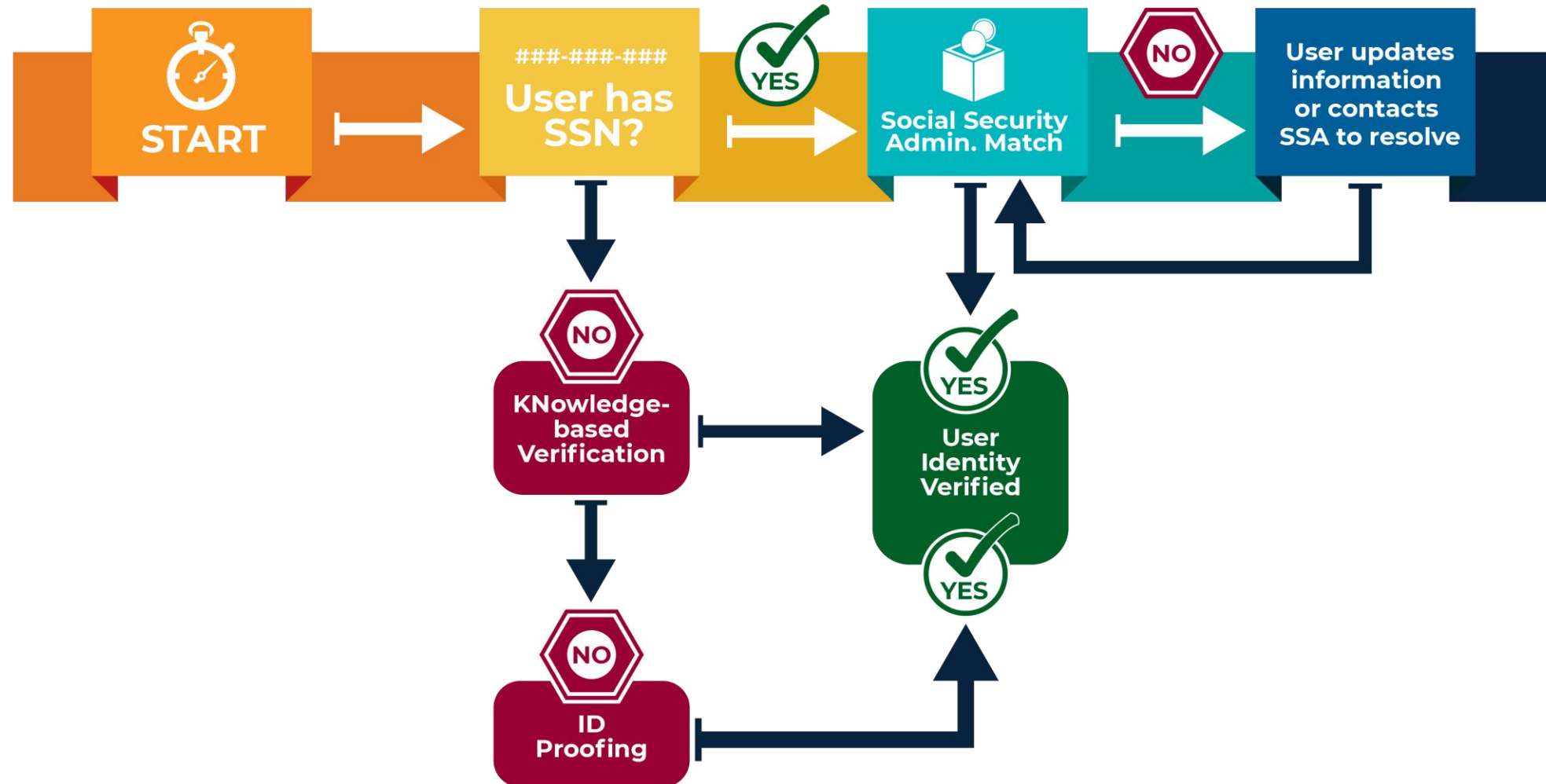
- Every contributor will be required to create an FSA ID
- Identity verification will be used for:
 - Students who are from Freely Associated States
 - Parents without SSNs
- Users without SSNs they will have the option to answer “knowledge-based identity” questions
 - If successful – FSA ID is authenticated and available to use immediately
- A manual documentation process will be available for those who can’t pass “knowledge-based identity” questions

What information we’re waiting for:

- What these processes will look like
- The types of knowledge-based questions that will be asked
- The documents FSA will request to confirm identity
- *Students from freely associated states will also need to go through this process to create FSA IDs



Id match & verification flow



STARTING THE FAFSA: DEPENDENT STUDENT

Dependent Student FAFSA® Form Landing Page

**THIS IS THE MAIN FAFSA®
FORM LANDING PAGE.**

On this page, students are directed to "Start a New Form" or "Edit Existing Form." For the purpose of this presentation, the student is beginning a new application.

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

Federal Student Aid FAFSA Loans & Grants Repayment Loan Forgiveness Log In Create Account

Get Money to Pay for School

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

2024-25 FAFSA Form

[Start a New Form](#) [Edit Existing Form](#)

Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form](#)

Check FAFSA* Deadlines for the State You Live In

Some states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

School Year State of Residence [Find Deadlines](#)

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)

Who Should Complete This?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs, which includes scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal work-study.

How Long Will it Take?

It takes most people less than an hour to complete, including gathering any documents or data needed.

What Do I Need?

- Verified StudentAid.gov account
- Social Security Number
- Parent or spouse contributor email addresses
- Income and asset information, if required

Dependent Student Log-In

If the student selects "Start a 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 log-in credentials. To access the FAFSA form, all students are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the student doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account."

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's log-in interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", and "English | Español". Below this, the main header includes the "Federal Student Aid" logo, "AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION", and several menu items: "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". On the right side of the header, there are links for "Log In | Create Account" and a search icon.

The central focus is the "Log In" form, which is titled "Log In" with a right-pointing arrow icon. It contains the following elements:

- A label "Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username" above a text input field containing the value "test595011023".
- A label "Password" above a password input field with masked characters "*****" and a "Show Password" link to its right.
- A prominent blue "Log In" button.
- Two links: "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password".
- A link "Create an Account" centered below the other options.
- A link "Help Me Log In to My Account" centered at the bottom of the form area.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for "Help Center", "Contact Us", and "Site Feedback" on the left, and "About Us", "Announcements", "Data Center", "Resources", and "Forms Library" on the right. The footer also includes the Federal Student Aid logo, social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube, and additional links for "Notices", "usa.gov", "vote.gov", "ed.gov", and "Site Feedback".

Dependent Student Roles

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

FAFSA®
FORM
2024-25

Welcome, Raya,
to the FAFSA® Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

Student



Parent



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Student Onboarding (1 of 4)

When the student starts the 2024–25 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. The first onboarding page provides an overview of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video.

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Understanding the FAFSA® Form

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What is the FAFSA® form?

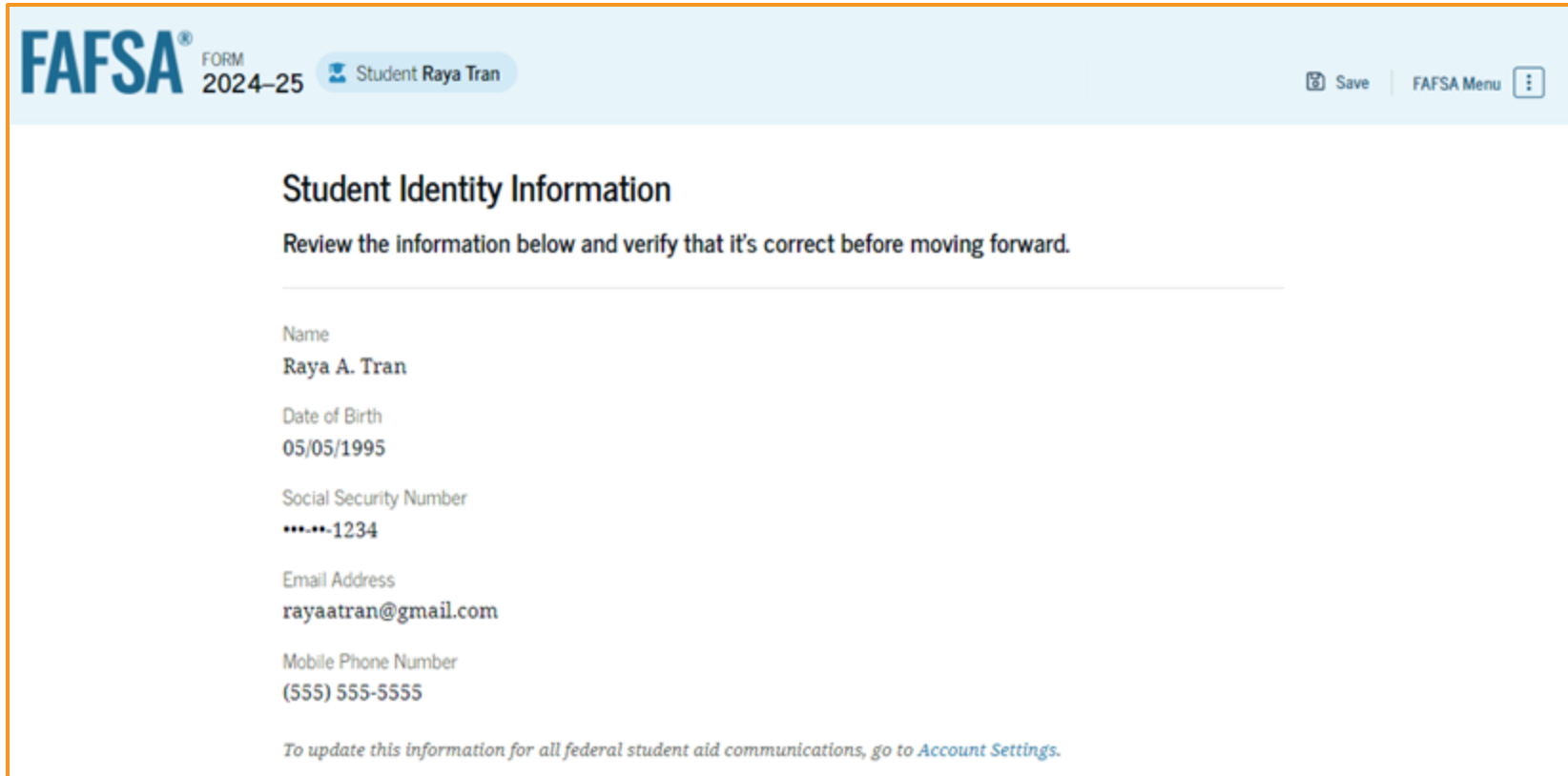
Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college or graduate school.

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Dependent Student Identity Information



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a student named Raya Tran. The page title is "Student Identity Information" and it includes a review instruction: "Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward." The displayed information is as follows:

Name	Raya A. Tran
Date of Birth	05/05/1995
Social Security Number	***-**-1234
Email Address	rayaatran@gmail.com
Mobile Phone Number	(555) 555-5555

To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to [Account Settings](#).

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

To update any of the personal information, the student must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov.

For fields related to the student's mailing address, the student can edit them directly on this page.

Dependent Student Identity Information (Continued)

Permanent Mailing Address

Include apartment number.

12345 Sesame Street

City

New York

State

New York (NY) ▾

Zip Code

67891

Country

United States of America (US) ▾

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Dependent Student State of Legal Residence

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Student State of Legal Residence

State
New York (NY) ?

Date the Student Became a legal Resident

Month	Year
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The student is asked about their state of legal residence. The student selects the state from a dropdown box and provides the month and year when they became a legal resident.

Dependent Student Provides Consent

This page informs the student about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Student Financials section. The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.

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Provide Consent or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

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

- Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024-25 FAFSA form.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.
- FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

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

- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under subpart 1 of Part A, Part C, or Part D of Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended.
- The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(13)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended.
- The U.S. Department of Education to redisclose my FTI received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6103(d)(13)(D)(iii), which includes:
 - institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended;
 - state higher education agencies; and
 - scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education.
- The use of my FTI for the application, award, and administration of student aid awarded by the federal government, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, and designated scholarship organizations.
- The redisclosure of my FTI to any future 2024-25 FAFSA forms for which I elect to participate (e.g., if I elect to participate in my child's FAFSA form or to complete my own FAFSA form after participating in another FAFSA form). My FTI will be redisclosed to these additional applications upon my affirmation to participate. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my FTI to that FAFSA form.

Dependent Student Provides Consent (Continued)

student aid and/ or other financial aid program that used FTI to make determinations for eligibility of aid awarded by an institution of higher education, state higher education agency, or other designated scholarship organization.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent?



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



What happens after I provide consent?



What happens if I revoke consent?



What happens if I decline consent?



Select "Approve" to consent to using your tax information to determine 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 Personal Circumstances

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Your Personal Circumstances

Tell us about your marital status; your financial dependencies; your plans for college; and any other special circumstances that may impact your aid eligibility (including if you've been homeless or at risk of becoming so).

- This information can affect how much aid you're eligible to receive.
- Based on your answers, we may need to collect additional information from other people.

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

Dependent Student Marital Status

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for Student Raya Tran. At the top, there is a progress bar with five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. Below the progress bar, the title "Student Marital Status" is displayed. There are six radio button options: "Single (Never Married)" (selected), "Married (not Separated)", "Remarried", "Separated", "Divorced", and "Widowed". At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

The student is asked about their marital status.
The student selects the "Single (Never Married)" option.

Dependent Student College or Career School Plans

The student is asked about their college grade level for the 2024–25 school year and if they will have their first bachelor's degree. The student selects that they will be a "First Year (freshman)" and that they will not have their first bachelor's degree.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates the user is on step 4, 'Colleges', out of 5 steps: 1. Personal Circumstances, 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The current section is titled 'Student College or Career School Plans'. The first question is 'When the student begins the 2024–25 school year, what will their college grade level be?'. The options are: 'First Year (freshman)' (selected), 'Second Year (sophomore)', 'Other undergraduate (junior or senior)', and 'College graduate, professional, or beyond (MBA, M.D., Ph.D., etc.)'. The second question is 'When the student begins the 2024–25 school year, will they have their first bachelor's degree?'. The options are 'Yes' and 'No' (selected). 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 to them. The student selects the "None of these apply" option.

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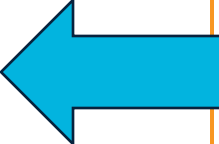
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Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply:

- The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.
- The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.
- The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 20XX and June 30, 20XX.
- 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

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Dependent Student Other Circumstances

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Student Other Circumstances

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

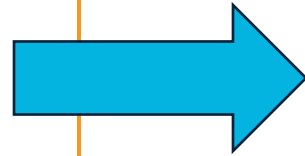
Yes No

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The student is asked if they were homeless or at risk of being homeless. The student selects "No."

Dependent Student Unusual Circumstances

The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting their parent(s). The student selects "No."



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Student Unusual Circumstances

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

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

A person experiencing unusual circumstances may have:

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

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

Yes No

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Student Dependency Status: Dependent Student

Based on the answers provided by the student, they are considered a dependent student. The student is asked if they want a financial aid administrator to determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only. This is an option if the student's parents are unwilling to provide information. The student selects "No."

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Student Dependency Status

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

Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

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

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

Yes No

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For Independent Students

INDEPENDENT STUDENT SECTIONS:

- Personal Circumstances
 - Demographics
 - Financials
 - Colleges
 - Sign & Submit
- If married and they don't file taxes with spouse, they will need to invite them to be a contributor on the FAFSA
 - Spouse will need to provide identity information, consent, and financial information



KEY GUIDANCE:

Dependency Section

- To adjust identity information the student will need to go through their account settings on studentaid.gov
- Consent is required no matter the personal situation to be eligible for federal aid:
 - Tax filers
 - Non-tax filers
 - Foreign tax filers
- Skip logic is limited in the dependency section due to legislation



INVITING PARENT(S)

DEPENDENT STUDENT: Tell Us About Your Parents

As the student is considered dependent, they are asked to provide information about their parents. The FAFSA® form considers their “Parent” to be their legal (biological or adoptive) parent. The student is asked if their parents are married. The student selects “Yes” and is required to invite their parents to their FAFSA form to complete the required parent sections.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a student named Raya Tran. At the top, there is a progress bar with five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. Below the progress bar, the title 'Tell Us About Your Parents' is displayed. A green box contains the text: 'On the FAFSA® form, your “Parent” is your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent who supports you financially.' Below this, a question asks 'Are your parents married to each other?' with two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. A blue box below the question states: 'You will need to provide information for your parents. Based on your answers in this section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your parents to your form so they can complete their required sections.' At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Parent Wizard Questions

ARE YOUR PARENTS MARRIED TO EACH OTHER?

- If yes, provide information about both parents
- If no, next question

DO THE PARENTS LIVE TOGETHER?

- If yes, provide information about both parents
- If no, next question

DID ONE PARENT PROVIDE MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAN THE OTHER OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS?

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

HAS THE PARENT YOU IDENTIFIED IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION REMARRIED?

- If yes, provide information for the parent and stepparent
- If no, provide information about this parent only

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes No

Do the parents live together?

Yes No

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


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

Yes No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

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

Yes No

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

Dependent Student Invites Parents to FAFSA® Form

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.

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Invite Parents to your FAFSA® Form

You will need to provide information for your parents
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your family members to your form to help you complete all required sections.

Enter names of parents, identified on the prior page, and we'll send electronic requests on your behalf.
Please make sure to provide information that your parents would use to login to StudentAid.gov.

Parent
First Name: Alcina
Last Name: Tran
Date of Birth: 05/05/1973

Parent Spouse
First Name:
Last Name:
Date of Birth: / /

Social Security Number (SSN) SHOW ⓘ
 My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address: alcinatran@school.edu
Confirm Email Address: alcinatran@school.edu

Invite Parent

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KEY GUIDANCE: Inviting Parents

- Parent invite must match legal name, date of birth, and SSN (if they have one) or mailing address (if they don't have an SSN)
- Email address provided for contributors does not need to match the one used for the FSA ID
- Only one parents info is needed to progress through form, 2nd parent can be invited by 1st parent contributor if needed
- Issues with match need to fixed by student

RECOMMENDATION: Talk through parent wizard questions before starting the FAFSA



Federal Student Aid has released a “Which Parent Is A Contributor?” infographic

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Dependent Student Demographic

The student is asked about their gender identity. The student selects the response for the question.

Note: The latest draft version of the FAFSA has removed the transgender question.

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Student Demographic Information

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

Your answers will not

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

What is the student's gender?

Male

Female

Nonbinary or another gender

Prefer not to answer

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Dependent Student Race and Ethnicity

The student is asked if they are of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin. They are also asked about their race. The student selects checkboxes to answer both questions.

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Student Race and Ethnicity

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

Your answers will not

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

Is the student of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Select all that apply.

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Prefer not to answer

Dependent Student Race and Ethnicity (Continued)

What is the student's race?

Select all that apply.

White

Black or African American

Asian

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Prefer not to answer

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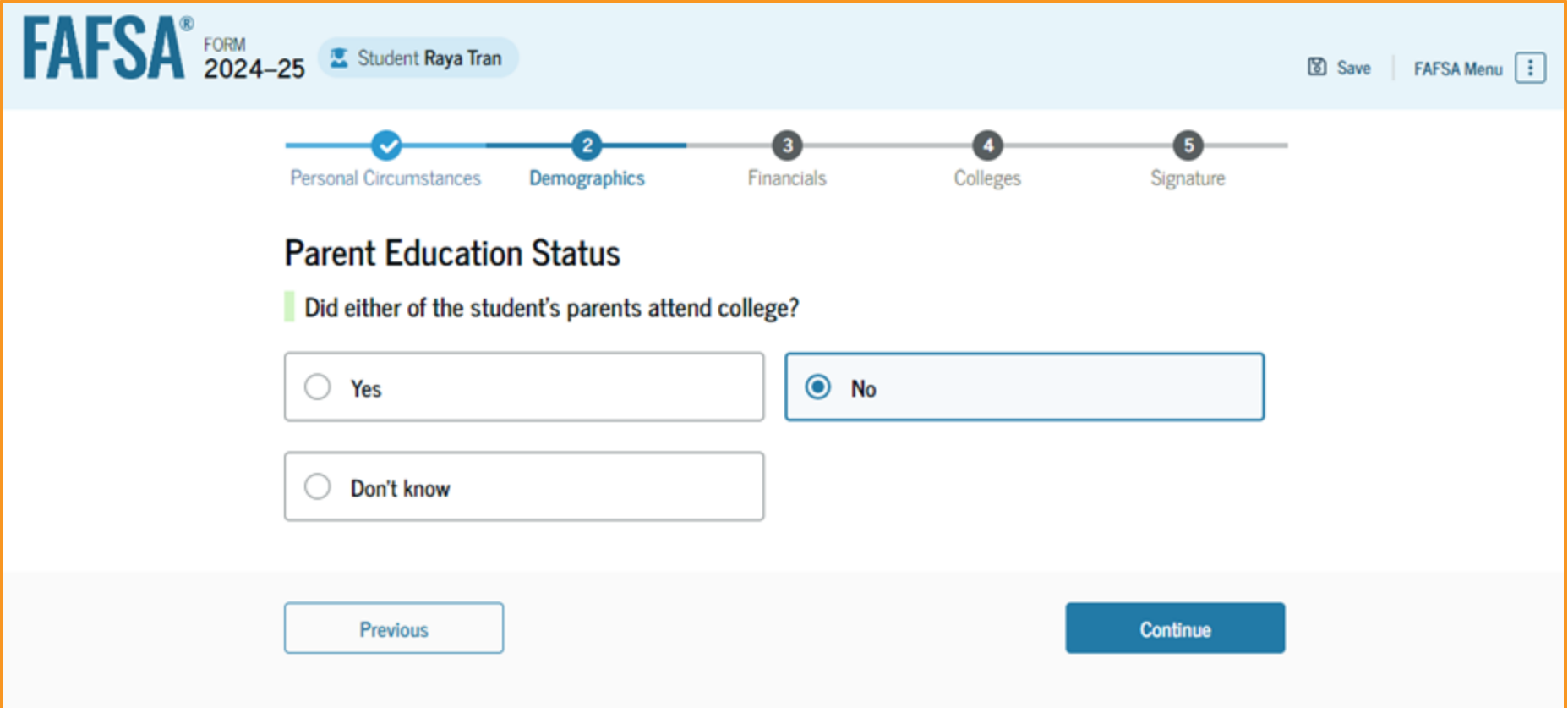
Dependent Student Citizenship Status

The student is asked about their citizenship status. The student selects the "U.S. citizen or national" option.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for Student Raya Tran. At the top, the FAFSA logo and form year are visible, along with a 'Save' button and a 'FAFSA Menu' icon. A progress bar indicates the current step is 'Demographics' (step 2), with previous steps 'Personal Circumstances' (step 1) and 'Financials' (step 3) completed, and 'Colleges' (step 4) and 'Signature' (step 5) yet to be completed. The main section is titled 'Student Citizenship Status' and contains three radio button options: 'U.S. citizen or national' (selected), 'Eligible noncitizen', and 'Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Dependent Student's Parent Education Status

The student is asked about their parents' education status. The student selects the "No" option.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for Student Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates the user is on step 2, Demographics. The current question is "Parent Education Status" with the sub-question "Did either of the student's parents attend college?". There are three radio button options: "Yes", "No", and "Don't know". The "No" option is selected. Navigation buttons for "Previous" and "Continue" are visible at the bottom.



Note: This question has been modified for more detail.

Dependent Student's Parent Killed in Line of Duty

The student is asked if their parent was killed in the line of duty. The student selects the “No” option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for Student Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The question is: "Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while (1) serving on active duty as a member of the Armed forces on or after September 11, 2001 or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?" Below the question is a note: "Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers." There are two radio button options: "Yes" (unselected) and "No" (selected). At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Dependent Student High School Completion Status

The student is asked about what their high school completion status will be when they start the 2024–25 school year. The student selects the "High school diploma" option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for Student Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates that the 'Personal Circumstances' step is completed, and the 'Demographics' step is currently active. The question asks: 'What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2024–25 school year?'. Four radio button options are provided: 'High school diploma' (selected), 'State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)', 'Homeschooled', and 'None of the above'. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are visible at the bottom.

Dependent Student High School Information

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

FAFSA[®] FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Personal Circumstances 2 Demographics 3 Financials 4 Colleges 5 Signature

High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State
New York (NY)

City
Brooklyn

High School Name - optional
Brown Hi

Brown High School

Search

Previous Continue

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Personal Circumstances 2 Demographics 3 Financials 4 Colleges 5 Signature

High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State
New York (NY)

City
Brooklyn

High School Name - optional
Brown High School

Brown High School
Brooklyn, New York (NY)

Search Again

Previous Continue

Dependent Student Confirms High School

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Raya Tran. At the top, there is a progress bar with five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (checked), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. Below the progress bar, the heading "Confirm Your High School" is displayed, followed by the instruction: "Take a look to verify that your high school information below is correct. Once you're ready, select 'Continue' and we'll add this high school to your FAFSA." The form fields are: High School Name (Buena Vista High School) with an "Edit" link, City (Lakewood), and State (California). At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

KEY GUIDANCE:

Student Demographics

GENDER AND RACE AND ETHNICITY QUESTIONS

- “Prefer not to answer” available for all questions
- Responses will not be shared with colleges
- Parents cannot see these answers when they are provided by the student
- **Eligible non-citizens will need to report their alien registration number**
- **Correct high school selection will help increase accuracy of FAFSA completion data**
 - State & city required
 - Type ahead option to select high school



STUDENT FINANCIALS

Dependent Student Tax Return Information

The student is asked questions about their 2022 tax return.

The student enters a response in each entry field.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics **Financials** Colleges Signature

Student 2022 Tax Return Information

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

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

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

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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00

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Dependent Student Assets

The student is asked about their assets. The student enters a response in each entry field.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges Signature

Student Assets

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

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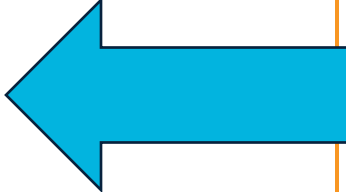
Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms
Enter the net worth of the student's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

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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.

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Previous Continue



KEY GUIDANCE:

Student Financials

- **For student tax-filers only two tax form questions will be asked**
 - Taxable grants/scholarships
 - Foreign earned income exclusion
- **Earnings from work will not be asked - this includes non-tax filers**
- **Student and/or parent will never see any federal tax info that is shared via Direct Data Exchange (DDX)**
 - Won't be on form
 - Won't be on FAFSA submission summary
- **If FSA ID is not authenticated yet – manual response to tax related questions will be required**



QUESTIONS?

SELECTING COLLEGES, REVIEWING, AND SIGNING

Dependent Student College Search

The student is asked to search for the colleges and/or career schools they would like to receive their FAFSA® information. The student searches for a school by entering a state, city, and/or school name. After selecting "Search," they select the correct school from the search results. Students can select to send their FAFSA information to a maximum of 20 schools.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials **Colleges** Signature

Where should we send your FAFSA?
Search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA® information.
You can add up to 20 colleges to your FAFSA form.

0 of 20 Schools Selected View Selected Schools

Search by School Name Search by School Code

State
Cal
California (CA)

School Name - optional

Search

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Rice University Federal School Code B09773 + Select
Burlington, California (CA)

Rhodes College Federal School Code E89235 + Select
Centerville, California (CA)

Smith College Federal School Code G92383 + Select
Lexington, California (CA)

Macalester College Federal School Code 038412 + Select
Madison, California (CA)

Wellesley College Federal School Code F09983 ✓ Selected
Springfield, California (CA)

Search and Select Schools

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✓ 4 of 20 schools have been selected Search and Select Schools

Dependent Student-Selected Colleges

The student can view which colleges and/or career schools they have selected. If the student has not selected 20 schools, they have the option to search and select more schools, and **for students in some states, they have the option to change the position of their selected schools.** When the student selects "Continue," they will have completed entering the required student information for their section and can proceed to review and sign their form.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials **Colleges** Signature

Selected Colleges

These are the colleges you want to receive your FAFSA information.

To change the position of a school in your list, use the up and down arrow buttons to the left of the school's name.

School list guidelines for Connecticut residents

To be eligible for state grant aid in Connecticut, you must list an eligible in-state college within the first 2 positions. If you update your school choices later, please notify your state agency by sending an email to sfa@ctdobe.org.

12 of 20 Schools Selected

Showing 1 to 10 of 12

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

4	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove	View Info
5	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove	View Info
6	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove	View Info
7	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove	View Info
8	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove	View Info
9	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove	View Info
10	University of California Northridge, CA	Federal School Code G03453	Remove	View Info

Search and Select Schools

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Dependent Student Review Page

The review page displays the responses that the student has provided in the FAFSA® form. The student can view all their responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the student can select the question's hyperlink and will be taken to the corresponding page. Additionally, since the student invited their parent into the form, they see the parent contributor section and the status of their parent's invite.

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Save | FAFSA Menu

Take a moment to review before signing

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

Student Sections Expand All



- Introduction Personal Identifiers
- Section 1 Personal Circumstances
- Section 2 Demographics
- Section 3 Financials
- Section 4 Colleges
- Section 5 Signature

Dependent Student Review Page (Continued)

Parent Contributor Section

This Section is Shared With 2 Contributors

Your FAFSA form is shared with the individuals listed below. You can request, manage, or remove signatures and contributions from this page or in your FAFSA form.

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status	Edit 
 Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent	
 Travis Tran	07/13/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent	

Previous

Continue

Dependent Student Signature

On this page, the student acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and signs their section. After agreeing and signing, the student is able to submit their section of the FAFSA form. **Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed yet.**

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Raya Tran. At the top, the FAFSA logo and 'FORM 2024-25' are visible, along with the student's name and a 'Save' button. A progress bar indicates five steps: Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges, and Signature (the current step, marked with a '5'). The main heading is 'Sign and Complete Your Part'. Below this is a green-bordered box containing a 'Summary' section with the following text: 'This page confirms you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA form, and that you have filled it out accurately to the best of your ability.' and 'The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your FSA ID. Because this is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.' Below the box, a paragraph states: 'By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you'. A bulleted list follows, containing five items: 'will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,', 'are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,', 'do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,', 'will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and', and 'will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time.'

Dependent Student Signature (Continued)

You also certify that you understand that the secretary of education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

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 purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Sign Your FAFSA Form

I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above

Cancel

Submit

Dependent Student Section Complete

Upon signing the student section, the student is presented the student section complete page. This page displays information for the student about next steps, including tracking their FAFSA® form. The student is reminded that their form is not completed and can't be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it. Next, in this scenario, the student's invited parent will enter the FAFSA form and complete the parent section.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 Student Section Complete page for Student Raya Tran. The page features a banner that reads "You're Almost There! The Student Section is complete!" and a section for "Parent Contributors". A message states: "Requirements for Dependent Students: Your FAFSA form is not complete until your parents complete the contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, your FAFSA form will be submitted for processing." Below this is a table with two rows of parent contributors: Alcina Tran and Travis Tran, both with a date request sent of 07/13/2024 and a status of "Invite Sent". At the bottom, there is a section titled "Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors" with a "View Status" button and a list of instructions: "Review, edit, or cancel any FAFSA application information.", "Revise your household size, contact your schools.", and "Start your state application to apply for state-based financial aid".

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status
Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	Invite Sent
Travis Tran	07/13/2024	Invite Sent

Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors

This application has been added to My Activity in your StudentAid.gov account. Go there to:

- Review, edit, or cancel any FAFSA application information.
- Revise your household size, contact your schools.
- Start your state application to apply for state-based financial aid

Dependent Student Section Complete (Continued)

Here's What You Can Do Next



Check Your Email

You will receive an email version of this page at the following email address:
rayaatran@gmail.com.



Your FAFSA® Form Still Needs Contributor Information

The contributor(s) you selected will receive an email invitation to join your form every seven days until the application is complete.

Things You Should Know



View Your FAFSA® Submission Summary

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



Questions About Your Eligibility For Aid?

Visit the "FAFSA Help" page for more information.

[Get Help >](#)

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

[Provide Parent Information Manually >](#)

KEY GUIDANCE:

Colleges, Reviewing, and Signing

- Reordering colleges will only be an option for students that live in states where the order matters
- The housing plan question is no longer asked on the FAFSA
- Students will see status of contributor invitations – FSA will automatically resend 7 and 14 days after
- Dependent students can sign but can't submit until all contributors have completed their section
- Incomplete FAFSA only stays in system for 45 days - after that it is deleted




DEPENDENT STUDENT'S PARENT(S) COMMUNICATIONS

Dependent Student's Parent Email

This is **NOT** a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects "Log In" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.

Federal Student Aid

Help Complete [StudentFirstName]'s Form



[Contributor First Name],

[StudentFirstName] [StudentLastInitial] can't be eligible for federal student aid without your input. Help them complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form.

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

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

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

Note: Forms are deleted after 45 days of inactivity.

Don't recognize [StudentFirstname]? Read [\[help topic title\]](#).

[Log In](#)

Why You Were Invited

Without your input, [StudentFirstName] won't be eligible for federal student aid.

Reasons To Finish Early

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



States and schools have different deadlines for student aid. Check the ["FAFSA® Deadlines"](#) page for more information.



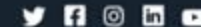
You may need extra time to make corrections after you submit.

Can't find [StudentFirstname]'s Form?

Read [\[help topic title\]](#).



[Sign up for text alerts](#) to stay updated on our grant programs, loan forgiveness programs, repayment plans, and information about your loans.



This email was sent by: Office of Federal Student Aid
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20002, US

Please do not reply to this email. Messages sent to this email address are not monitored. If you wish to contact us, please use the [StudentAid.gov contact page](#). For more information about financial aid, visit [StudentAid.gov](#).

Dependent Student's Parent Log In

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

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's login interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", and "English | Español". Below this is the "Federal Student Aid" logo and a menu with options: "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for "Log In | Create Account" and a search icon. The main content area features a "Log In" section with a blue header and a right-pointing arrow. Below the header are two input fields: "Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username" containing the text "test595011623" and "Password" containing a series of asterisks. A "Show Password" link is located to the right of the password field. A prominent blue "Log In" button is positioned below the input fields. Underneath the button are two links: "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password". At the bottom of the login section is a link for "Create an Account". Below the login section is a link that says "Help Me Log In to My Account". The footer of the page includes links for "Help Center", "Contact Us", and "Site Feedback" on the left, and "About Us", "Announcements", "Data Center", "Resources", and "Forms Library" on the right. The Federal Student Aid logo and "An OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION" are also present in the footer, along with social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube, and a "Site Feedback" link.

Parent Status Center – My Activity

After successfully logging in, the parent is taken to their “My Activity” page. The parent sees an invitation to be a contributor on the student’s FAFSA® form.

The screenshot shows the 'My Activity' page on the Federal Student Aid website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'Federal Student Aid' logo and links for 'FAFSA', 'Loans & Grants', 'Repayment', and 'Loan Forgiveness'. A search icon and a user profile icon labeled 'Alcina' are also present. The main heading is 'My Activity', followed by a sub-heading 'Currently Active'. The primary content is a light blue banner with the text: 'You have been requested to be a Contributor on a FAFSA for Raya Tran'. Below this, it states: 'The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form helps students apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans.' To the right of the text is a large 'FAFSA' logo with a registered trademark symbol, featuring stylized figures of students. At the bottom of the banner are two buttons: 'Decline Invitation' and 'Get Started'. Below the banner are two white boxes with yellow warning icons and the text 'Action Required'. The first box is for 'Borrower Defense Case #07688447' with a 'Last Updated: 06/27/2022' timestamp. The second box is for 'PSLF Application' with a 'Last Updated: 06/22/2022' timestamp and a 'The Peace Corps' logo.

Dependent Student's Parent Contributing to the FAFSA® Form

This page provides information about being a contributor on a FAFSA® form.



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Parent Contributing to the FAFSA® Form

You have entered Raya Tran's FAFSA® form!

- This FAFSA form can't be submitted for processing until you provide some required personal and financial information.
- You can save this form and come back to it later.

Frequently Asked Questions

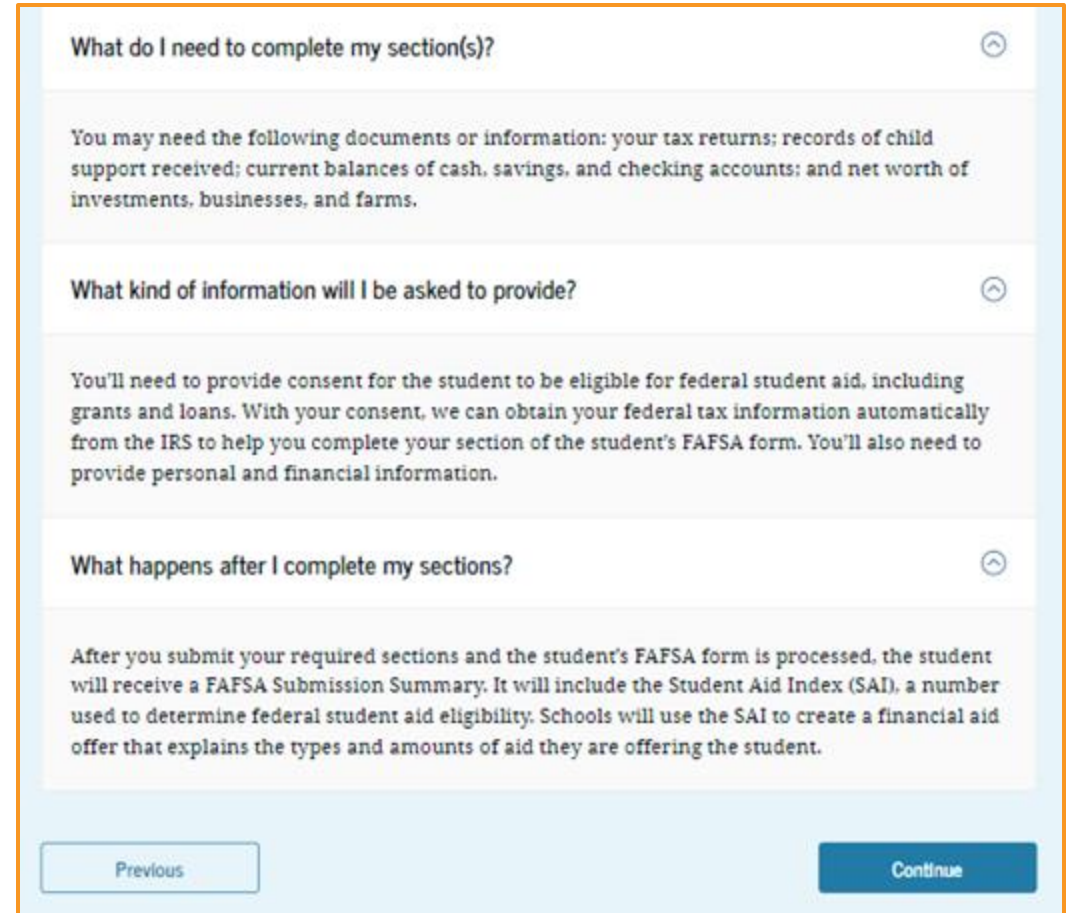
Why have I been invited to contribute to this FAFSA® form?

You have been invited to the student's form to provide personal and financial information that will help determine their eligibility for federal student aid.

Answers on the student's FAFSA form have indicated that you will need to provide additional information as a contributor to help determine their eligibility for federal student aid.

Does contributing to the form mean I'm responsible to pay for college?

No! Providing your consent and personal and financial information doesn't make you financially responsible for the student's education costs.



What do I need to complete my section(s)?

You may need the following documents or information: your tax returns; records of child support received; current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts; and net worth of investments, businesses, and farms.

What kind of information will I be asked to provide?

You'll need to provide consent for the student to be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. With your consent, we can obtain your federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA form. You'll also need to provide personal and financial information.

What happens after I complete my sections?

After you submit your required sections and the student's FAFSA form is processed, the student will receive a FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include the Student Aid Index (SAI), a number used to determine federal student aid eligibility. Schools will use the SAI to create a financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering the student.

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KEY GUIDANCE:

Parent Communications

- If parent logs into studentaid.gov and does not see FAFSA contribution option – the student will need to check the name, date of birth, and SSN or mailing address provided
- Parent doesn't need an email invitation to log in and see FAFSA contribution option if name, date of birth, and SSN match their FSA ID

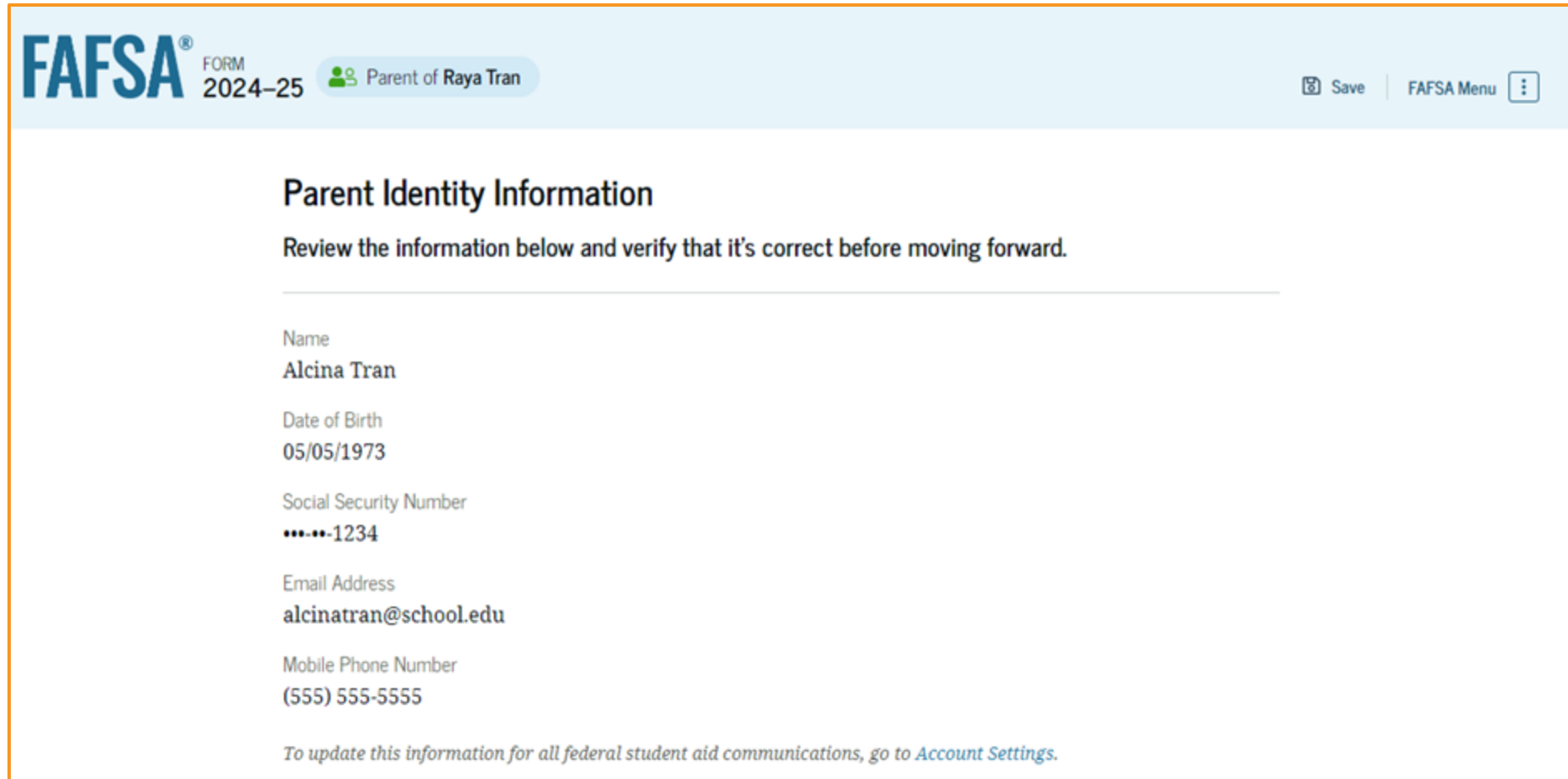
RECOMMENDATION: Parents should create FSA IDs in the fall prior to students starting FAFSA.



DEPENDENT STUDENT'S PARENT STARTING THEIR SECTION

Dependent Student's Parent Identity Information

This is the first page within the parent section. The parent can verify that their personal information is correct. To update any of the personal information, the parent must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov. For fields related to the parent's mailing address, the parent can edit them directly on this page.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA Form 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The page title is "Parent Identity Information" and it includes a instruction to review and verify the information. The form fields are as follows:

Name	Alcina Tran
Date of Birth	05/05/1973
Social Security Number	••••-1234
Email Address	alcinatran@school.edu
Mobile Phone Number	(555) 555-5555

To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to Account Settings.

Dependent Student's Parent Identity Information (Continued)

Permanent Mailing Address
Include apartment number.

12345 Sesame Street

City

New York

State

New York (NY) ▾

Zip Code

67891

Country

United States of America (US) ▾

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Dependent Student's Parent Provides Consent

This page informs the parent about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the parent's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Parent Financials section. The parent selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The page title is "Provide Consent or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid". A green summary box contains the following text: "Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA® form. If you don't provide consent, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all." Below this are three bullet points: "Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024-25 FAFSA form.", "Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.", and "FTI is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid." The main body of the page contains a certification statement and a list of consent items, including: "The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under subpart 1 of Part A, Part C, or Part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended." A blue arrow points to the "Approve" button at the bottom right of the page.

Dependent Student's Parent Provides Consent (Continued)

- I am permitted to revoke my approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my FTI, as outlined herein, at StudentAid.gov. However, by revoking such approval and consent, neither I nor other applicants for which I participated and shared my FTI will be eligible for future federal student aid and/ or other financial aid program that used FTI to make determinations for eligibility of aid awarded by an institution of higher education, state higher education agency, or other designated scholarship organization.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent?



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



What happens after I provide consent?



What happens if I revoke consent?



What happens if I decline consent?



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

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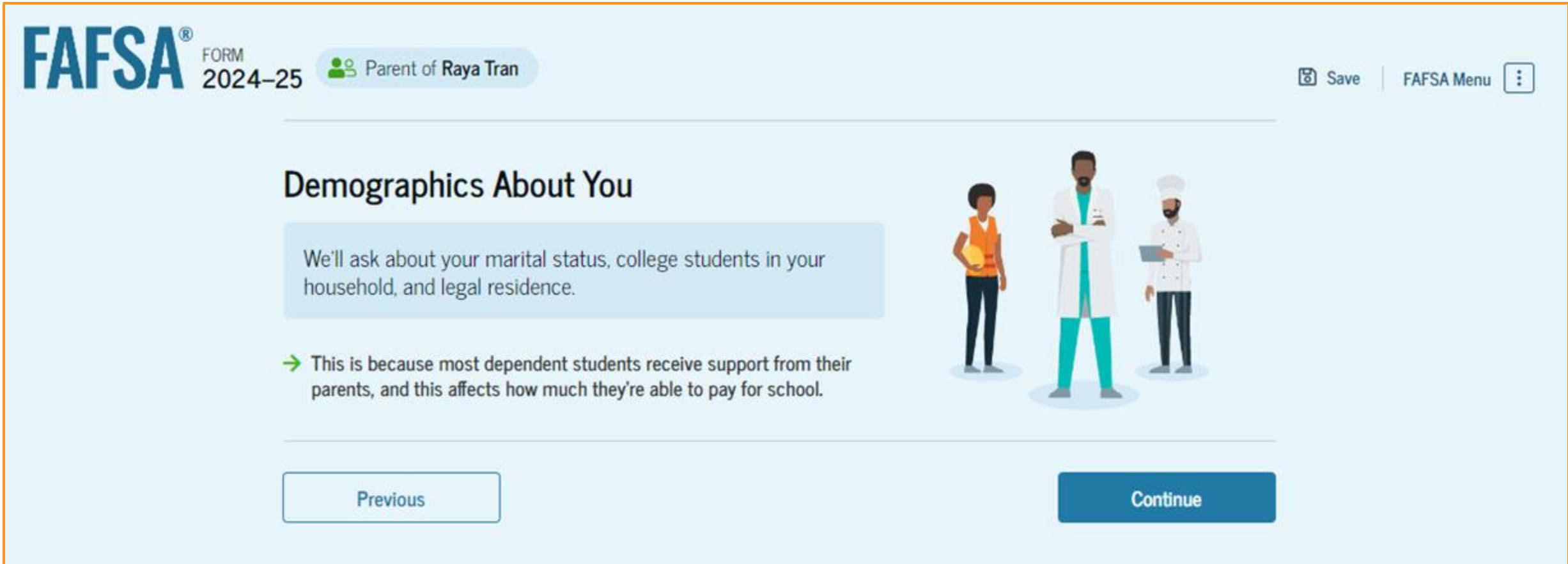
Decline

Approve



INTRODUCTION: Dependent Student's Parent Demographics

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



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The page title is "Demographics About You". A text box explains that the section will ask about marital status, college students in the household, and legal residence. A note with a right-pointing arrow states that this is because most dependent students receive support from their parents, affecting their ability to pay for school. The page includes a "Previous" button on the left and a "Continue" button on the right. An illustration of three diverse professionals (a woman in a vest, a doctor, and a chef) is positioned on the right side of the page.

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Demographics About You

We'll ask about your marital status, college students in your household, and legal residence.

→ This is because most dependent students receive support from their parents, and this affects how much they're able to pay for school.

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Dependent Student's Parent Current Marital Status

The parent is asked about their current marital status. They select the "Married (not Separated)" option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates three steps: 1. Demographics (active), 2. Financials, and 3. Signature. The current screen is titled "Parent Current Marital Status" and features seven radio button options. The "Married (not Separated)" option is selected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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1 Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Parent Current Marital Status

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

Previous Continue

Dependent Student's Parent State of Legal Residence

The parent is asked about their state of legal residence. The parent selects the state from a dropdown box and provides the month and year when they became a legal resident.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The form is divided into three steps: 1. Demographics, 2. Financials, and 3. Signature. The current step is 'Parent State of Legal Residence'. The 'State' dropdown menu is set to 'New York (NY)'. Below this, the 'Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident' is entered as '01' for the month and '1985' for the year. There are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons at the bottom of the form.

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1 Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Parent State of Legal Residence

State
New York (NY) ?

Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident
Month Year
01 1985 ?

Previous Continue

KEY GUIDANCE:

Parent Identify Info & Demographics

- If any identity information is incorrect, the parent will need to correct it under their account. It cannot be edited directly on the FAFSA
- You can modify your address inside the FAFSA
- Parent needs to consent for the student to be eligible for federal aid, no matter their tax filing or citizenship status



PARENT FINANCIALS

Dependent Student's Parent Federal Benefits Received

This page asks the parent if they or anyone in their family has received federal benefits. The parent selects "None of these apply."

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Demographics Financials Signature

Federal Benefits Received

Questions Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility
Your answers to these questions will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these federal benefits.

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

Select all that apply:

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Federal Housing Assistance
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Medicaid
- Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ⓘ
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) ⓘ
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) ⓘ
- None of these apply.

Previous Continue

Dependent Student's Parent Tax Filing Status

This page asks the parent about their tax filing status. The parent selects "Yes" to "Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?"

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates three steps: Demographics (completed), Financials (current), and Signature. The current question is "Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?". The "Yes" radio button is selected. There are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons at the bottom.

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Demographics Financials Signature

Parent Tax Filing Status

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

Yes No

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Dependent Student's Parent Family Size

This page asks the parent if their family size has changed. The parent selects the “Yes” option.

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Demographics Financials Signature

Family Size

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

Yes No

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

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

1 ?

Previous Continue

Dependent Student's Parent Number in College

This page asks the parent how many people in the family will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. The parent enters a response into the entry field.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a user named 'Parent of Raya Tran'. At the top, there is a progress bar with three steps: 'Demographics' (completed, marked with a checkmark), 'Financials' (current step, marked with a '2'), and 'Signature' (marked with a '3'). Below the progress bar, the section title is 'Number in College'. The question asks: 'How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025?'. A note below the question states: 'Do not include the parent.' There is a text input field containing the number '1' and a help icon (question mark in a circle). At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

Dependent Student's Parent Tax Return Information

The parent is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The parent enters a response in each entry field.

FAFSA FORM 2024-25 Parent of Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Parent 2022 Tax Return Information

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

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

Yes No Don't know

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS (optional)
The parent paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those renewing their FAFSA form, not to first-time applicants.

\$ 0 .00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$ 0 .00

Previous Continue

Dependent Student's Parent Assets

The parent is asked about their assets. The parent enters a response in each entry field.

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Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Annual Child Support Received

Enter total amount received in child support for the last complete calendar year.

\$ 0 .00

Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid

\$ 10,000 .00

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

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

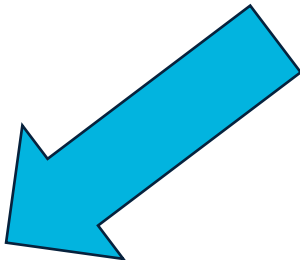
\$ 0 .00

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

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

\$ 5,000 .00

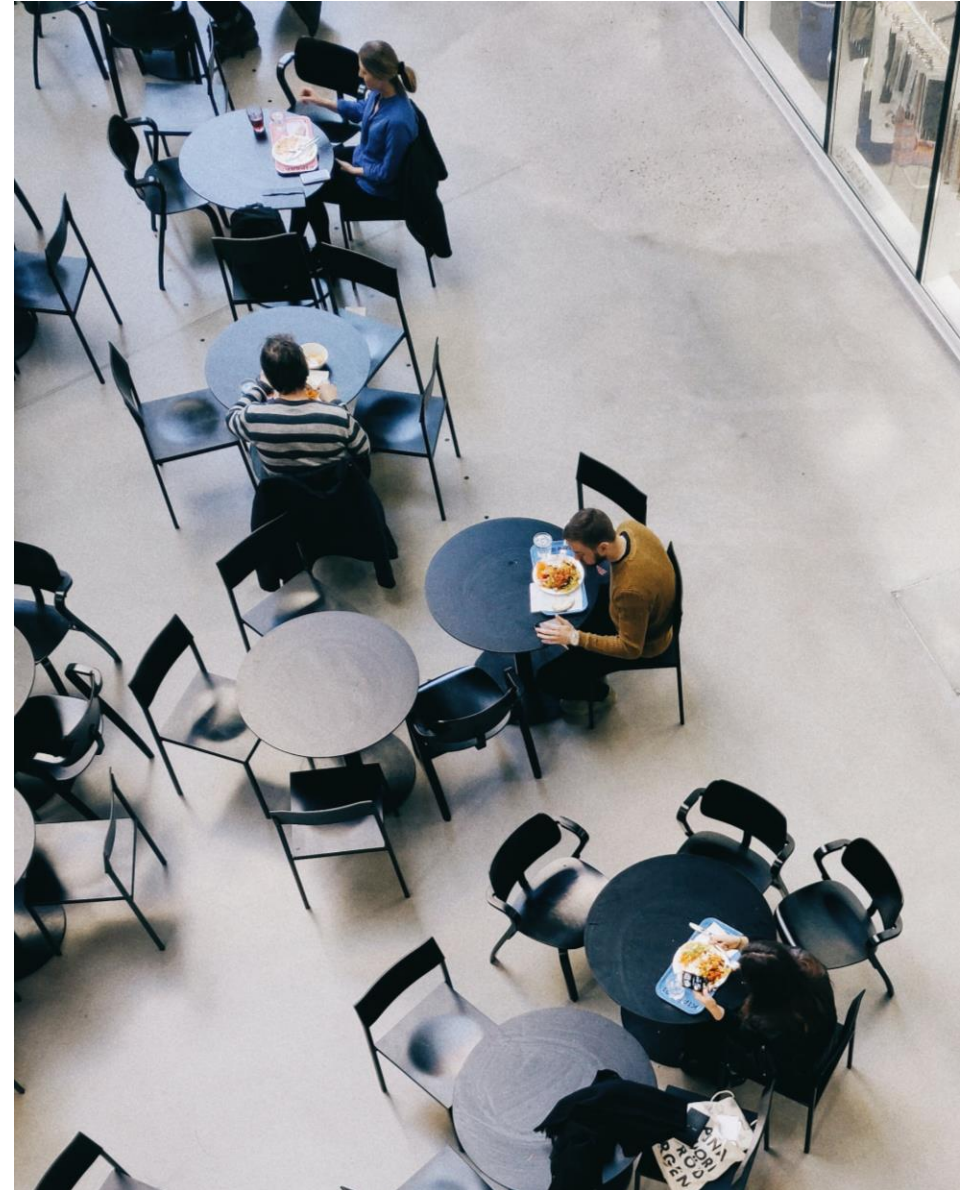
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KEY GUIDANCE:

Parent Financials

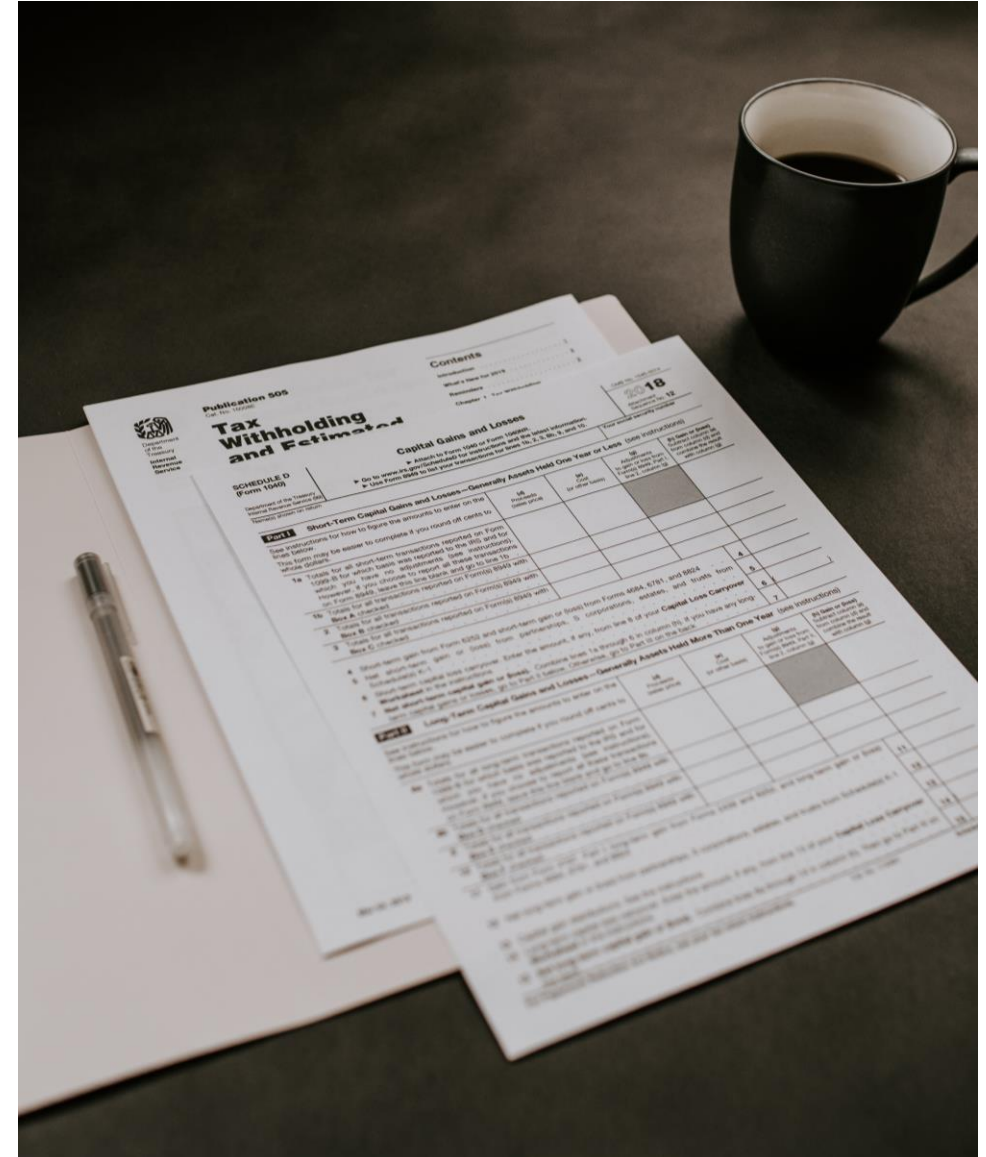
- Adjusting family size
 - If any uncertainty – adjust the family size number
 - Will not result in automatic verification
 - Number in college will be asked but will not impact SAI – colleges can use it for a Professional Judgement (PJ) and for institutional aid
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- **RECOMMENDATION:** In districts/states that offer 100% free or reduced-price lunch, families should select they receive that benefit. This will make them exempt from reporting assets if they received the benefit in 2022 or 2023.



KEY GUIDANCE:

Parent Financials

- Even with consenting to DDX tax filers will see a few tax questions on the form – including EITC, taxable grants/scholarships, foreign earned income exclusion
- Manual path will be presented for separated/divorced parents whose tax filing status is not an accurate reflection of marital status, those who experienced identity theft at the IRS, and undocumented individuals who do not file
- Small business and family farm net worth needs to be reported if assets are required
- Child support received will only need to be reported if required to report assets



OTHER PARENT, REVIEW, AND SIGNING

Dependent Student's Other Parent Information


The parent is asked to provide information about their spouse or partner.

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Demographics Financials Signature

Other Parent's Information

Enter the following information about the other parent.

 Other Parent

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
Month: Day: Year:

Social Security Number (SSN)
 Show

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Previous Continue

Dependent Student's Parent Review Page

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 Parent Review Page for the parent of Raya Tran. The page features a header with the FAFSA logo, the form year (2024-25), and the user's name. A navigation bar includes a 'Save' button and a 'FAFSA Menu' dropdown. The main content area is titled 'Take a moment to review before signing' and includes a message: 'Expand the sections below to review and edit the information you've entered before you sign your portion of the form.' An illustration of a family riding bicycles is shown to the right. Below this, the 'Parent Contributor Sections' are listed, each with a status indicator (green checkmark for completed, grey circle for pending) and a dropdown arrow. The sections are: Introduction Personal Identifiers, Section 1 Demographics, Section 2 Financials, and Section 3 Signature. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Take a moment to review before signing

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

Parent Contributor Sections Expand All

- Introduction Personal Identifiers
- Section 1 Demographics
- Section 2 Financials
- Section 3 Signature

Previous Continue

Dependent Student's Parent Signature

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates that the Demographics and Financials sections are complete, and the parent is currently on the Signature section (step 3). The main heading is "Sign and Complete Your Section". Below this is a "Summary" box with the following text: "This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability. The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone." Below the summary, there is a certification statement: "By signing the student's application electronically using your account username and password, YOU, THE PARENT, certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide" followed by a bulleted list: "• information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and" and "• U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file." Below this, another certification statement reads: "You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application." A third certification statement follows: "If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both." At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled "I, Alcina Tran, agree to the terms outlined above." which is checked. Below the checkbox are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Sign and Submit". A large blue arrow points to the "Sign and Submit" button.

Dependent Student FAFSA® 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.

FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 Parent of Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Congratulations,
the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!

Raya Tran
Completion Date
10/12/2024

What Happens Next

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

Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form [View Status](#)

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

KEY GUIDANCE: Signing & Submitting

- Other parent information will be required, but tax filing status will determine whether they need to be a contributor with their own FSA ID
 - If married and NOT filing married-filing jointly both parents will need FSA IDs
- The last contributor to provide information will have the opportunity to submit the FAFSA

If **parent** submits FAFSA

- Parent will see a congratulations page with very limited information
- Student will receive email confirmation page with estimated SAI and federal aid eligibility

If **student** submits FAFSA

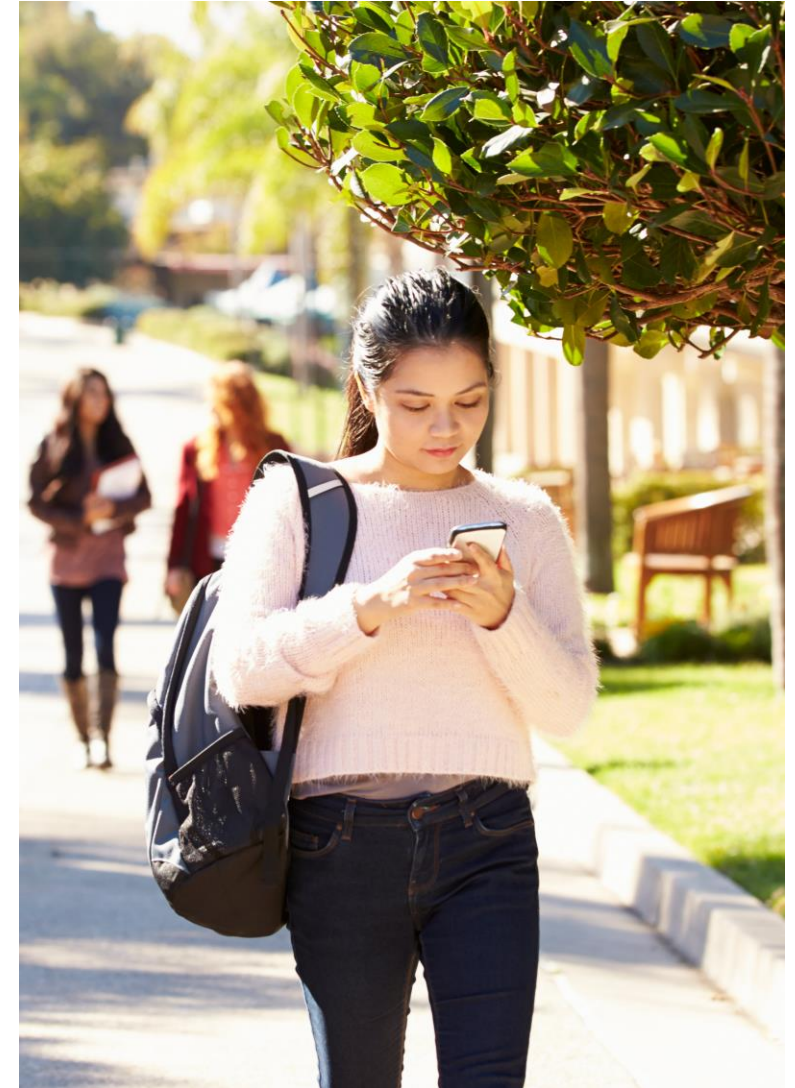
- Student will see full confirmation page on submission with SAI and estimated federal financial aid eligibility

QUESTIONS?

OTHER FAFSA SCENARIOS

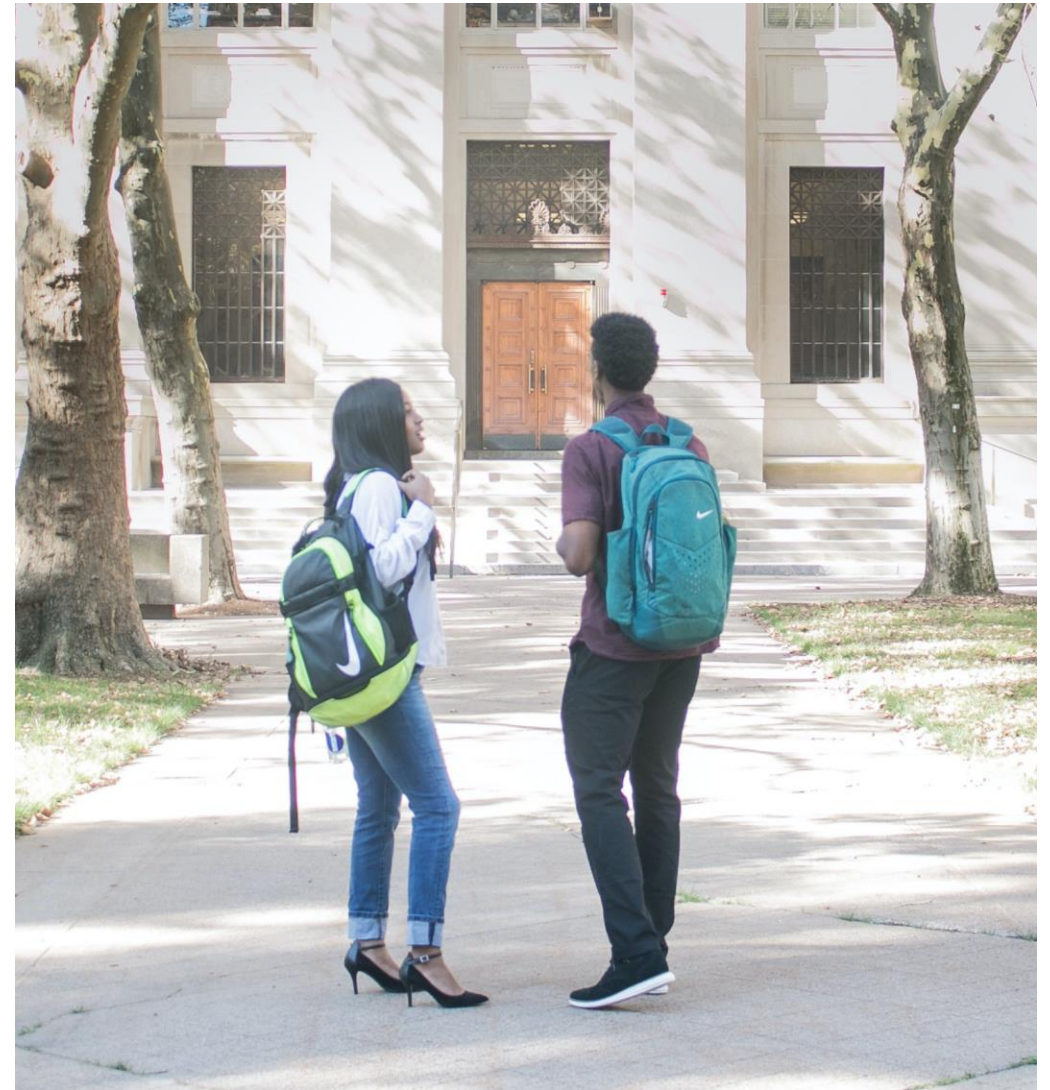
Parent Starts the FAFSA

- Parent can start the FAFSA and provide majority of student information
 - Every section can be answered except for consent and signature
 - Parent will need to manually provide student tax information
- Parent will need to invite student to contribute – like parent invite when student starts the form
- Student will need to create an FSA ID, sign in, consent, and submit the FAFSA to be eligible for federal financial aid
- Students consent to direct data exchange (DDX) will replace manually provided tax information



Independent Student

- Will see all questions dependent student sees
- Will need to answer the following questions in the independent student financial section
 - Family size (Yes/No)
 - Number in college
- If married:
 - student will need to invite spouse to contribute if they did not file taxes together
 - if they file taxes together student will just need to provide general identifying information



Student Unusual Circumstances

The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting their parent(s). The student selects "Yes."

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1 Personal Circumstances 2 Demographics 3 Financials 4 Colleges 5 Signature

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 and have not been adopted;
- 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 and have not been adopted.

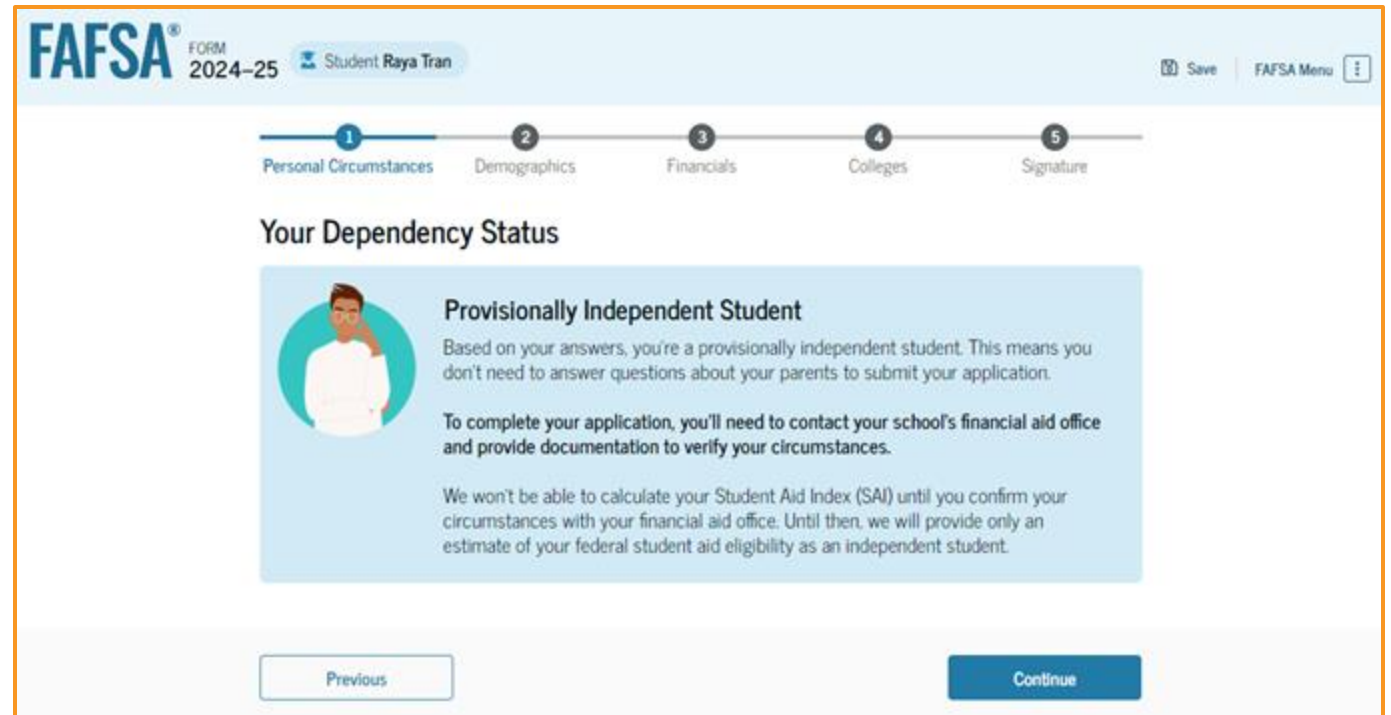
If the student's circumstances resulted in not having a safe and stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.

Yes No

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Impact of Provisionally Independent Status

Based on the answers provided by the student, they are considered a provisionally independent student and are not required to provide parent information. The student is able to sign and submit their FAFSA® form, but they 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 regarding a dependency override. **Until the student's circumstances are verified, Federal Student Aid will only provide the student an estimate of their federal student aid eligibility.**



The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for Student Raya Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The main content area is titled 'Your Dependency Status' and features a light blue box with a circular profile picture of a student. The text within this box reads: 'Provisionally Independent Student. Based on your answers, you're a provisionally independent student. This means you don't need to answer questions about your parents to submit your application. To complete your application, you'll need to contact your school's financial aid office and provide documentation to verify your circumstances. We won't be able to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI) until you confirm your circumstances with your financial aid office. Until then, we will provide only an estimate of your federal student aid eligibility as an independent student.' At the bottom of the page, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Student Unusual Circumstances

- Unusual circumstances will need to be followed up on by the college
 - The FAFSA can be signed and submitted
 - Students will receive a provisional SAI
- SAI will be provisional until circumstances are verified

RECOMMENDATION: Have students follow up with the colleges to see what documentation they will need to confirm their unusual circumstance



The Paper FAFSA is back

- The paper FAFSA will be available to print and mail in for certain students
- Paper FAFSA filers may include
 - Users who are having issues creating an FSA ID
 - Users who have contributors having issues creating an FSA ID
 - Incarcerated individuals with limited access to the internet
- Processing time for the paper FAFSA will be slower than those filed on studentaid.gov
- Even if paper FAFSA has a wet signature they will still need to confirm identity
 - How identity will be confirmed is still unknown



FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY

Eligibility Overview

On the Eligibility Overview tab, the student sees information about what federal student aid they may be eligible for, such as a Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans. They are also able to view the Student Aid Index. Any amounts of financial aid that display on this tab are estimates and are not guaranteed. Final determination of the student's financial aid eligibility is provided by their school's financial aid office.


Eligibility Overview FAFSA Form Answers School Information **Next Steps**

Estimated Federal Student Aid

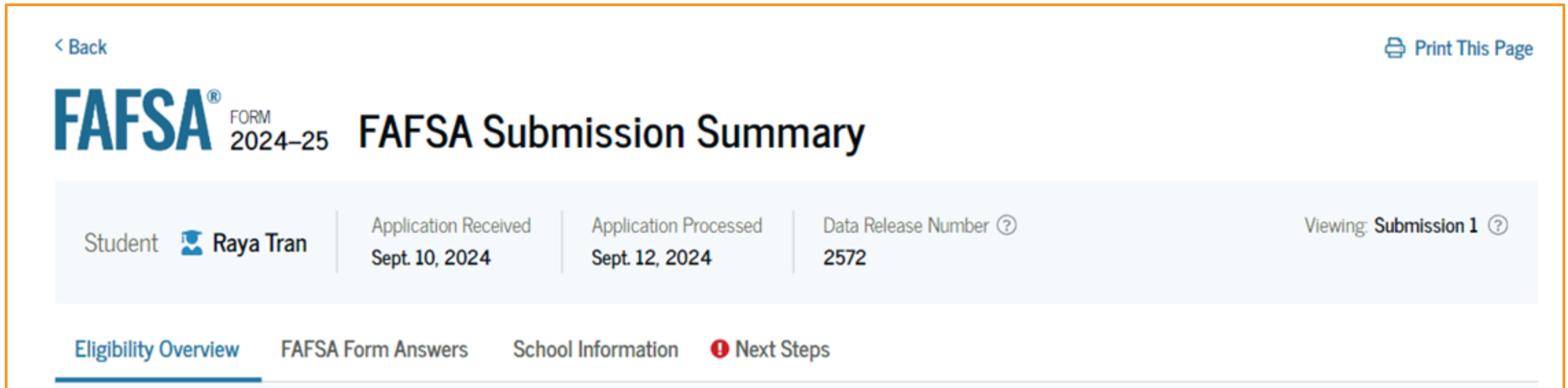
Federal Pell Grant ⓘ	Up to \$4,556
A Federal Pell Grant is awarded to undergraduate students who have financial need and who have not earned a degree or are in a teacher certification program. Federal Pell Grants don't need to be repaid.	
Federal Direct Loans ⓘ	Up to \$4,556
A federal direct loan is money lent by the government to you that you must repay with interest.	
Federal Work-Study ⓘ	You May Be Eligible
Federal Work-Study is a way for students to earn money to pay for school through part-time jobs on or off campus.	

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.

FAFSA Submission Summary Landing Page



The screenshot shows the FAFSA Submission Summary landing page. At the top left is a '< Back' link, and at the top right is a 'Print This Page' button. The main heading is 'FAFSA[®] FORM 2024-25 FAFSA Submission Summary'. Below this is a summary table with four columns: Student (Raya Tran), Application Received (Sept. 10, 2024), Application Processed (Sept. 12, 2024), and Data Release Number (2572). To the right of the table is 'Viewing: Submission 1'. At the bottom, there are four tabs: 'Eligibility Overview' (underlined), 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (with a red exclamation mark icon).

Student  Raya Tran	Application Received Sept. 10, 2024	Application Processed Sept. 12, 2024	Data Release Number  2572	Viewing: Submission 1 
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[Eligibility Overview](#) | [FAFSA Form Answers](#) | [School Information](#) |  [Next Steps](#)

The student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary for their processed FAFSA[®] form and any subsequent corrections that they submit. The FAFSA Submission Summary is broken into four tabs: Eligibility Overview, FAFSA Form Answers, School Information, and Next Steps. At the top, the student will see information about when their form was received and processed. They also have the option to print their FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.

Eligibility Overview (Continued)

Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

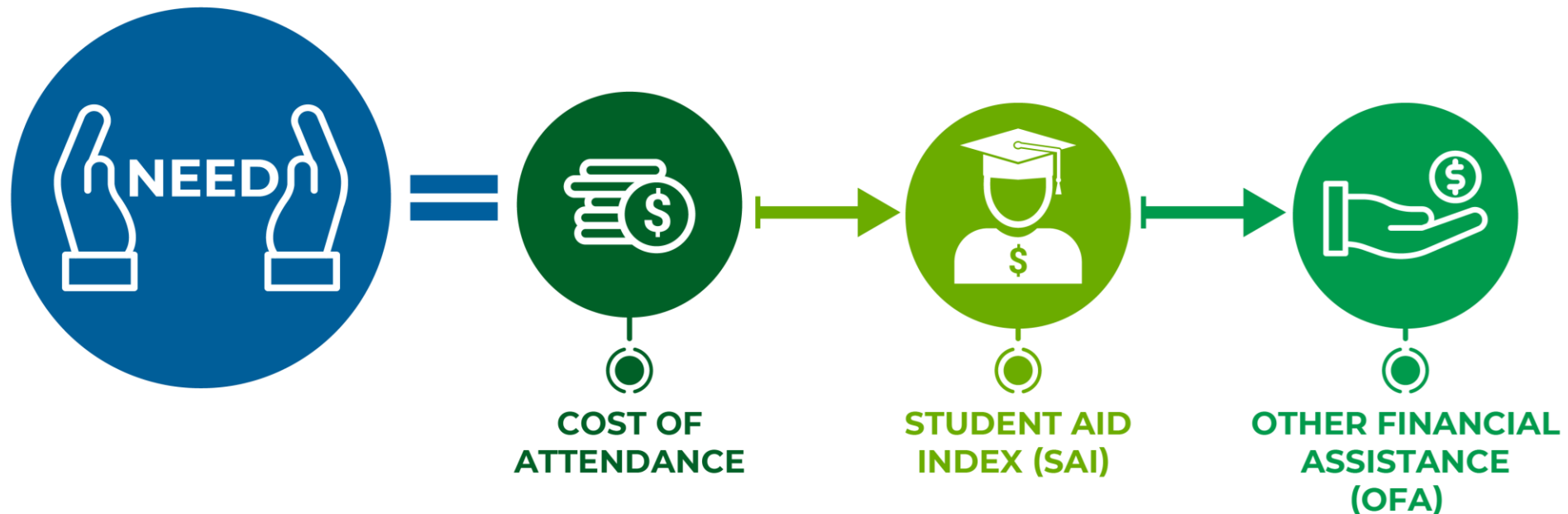
Your SAI is a number used by your school to determine your federal student aid eligibility and to build your financial aid offer

-355 ?

What does this mean?

What you need to know about SAI

- Determined by family size, federal tax information, and assets reported on the FAFSA
 - Number in college does not impact SAI
- Can be as low as -1,500
- Students with SAI at 0 or below will be eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant



Financial Aid Estimator

- Tool recently updated to contain questions related to 2024-2025 FAFSA
- Provides estimated SAI
- Provides estimated federal aid
- Link: <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>
- Note: Tool does not provide exact same guidance as on the 2024-2025 FAFSA about which parent(s) to include

Financial Aid Estimator Results

Estimated Federal Student Aid
\$14,876

Federal student aid from the U.S. Department of Education helps cover expenses such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, food, housing, and travel—but it is not the only source of funding for the students' college costs. Scroll down to the "Other Factors To Consider" section to see some additional options that may help students lower their college costs.

Estimated Federal Pell Grant
\$7,395

Maximum Available Direct Loans
\$5,500

Average Work-Study Funds
\$1,981

These estimates are all approximate calculations.

[More information about these numbers](#) ▾

Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI)

SAI is an eligibility index number that the college's financial aid office uses to determine how much federal student aid the student would receive if the student attended their school. Taking into consideration the student's or parent's income and assets, a need-based analysis generates an estimated SAI value.

Estimated SAI
-1500

FAFSA Form Answers

On the FAFSA Form Answers tab, the student sees the answers that they and, if applicable, their contributor(s) provided on their FAFSA® form. If any of the provided answers are incorrect, the student can choose to start a correction.

The screenshot shows 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' with a red notification icon. Below the tabs, the heading 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers' is followed by a paragraph: '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.' To the right of this text is a blue button labeled 'Make a Correction'. Below this is a section titled 'Student Sections' with an 'Expand All' dropdown arrow. The sections listed are: 'Introduction Personal Identifiers', 'Section 1 Personal Circumstances', 'Section 2 Demographics', 'Section 3 Financials', 'Section 4 Colleges', and 'Section 5 Signature'. Each section has a dropdown arrow on the right side.

School Information

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

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.

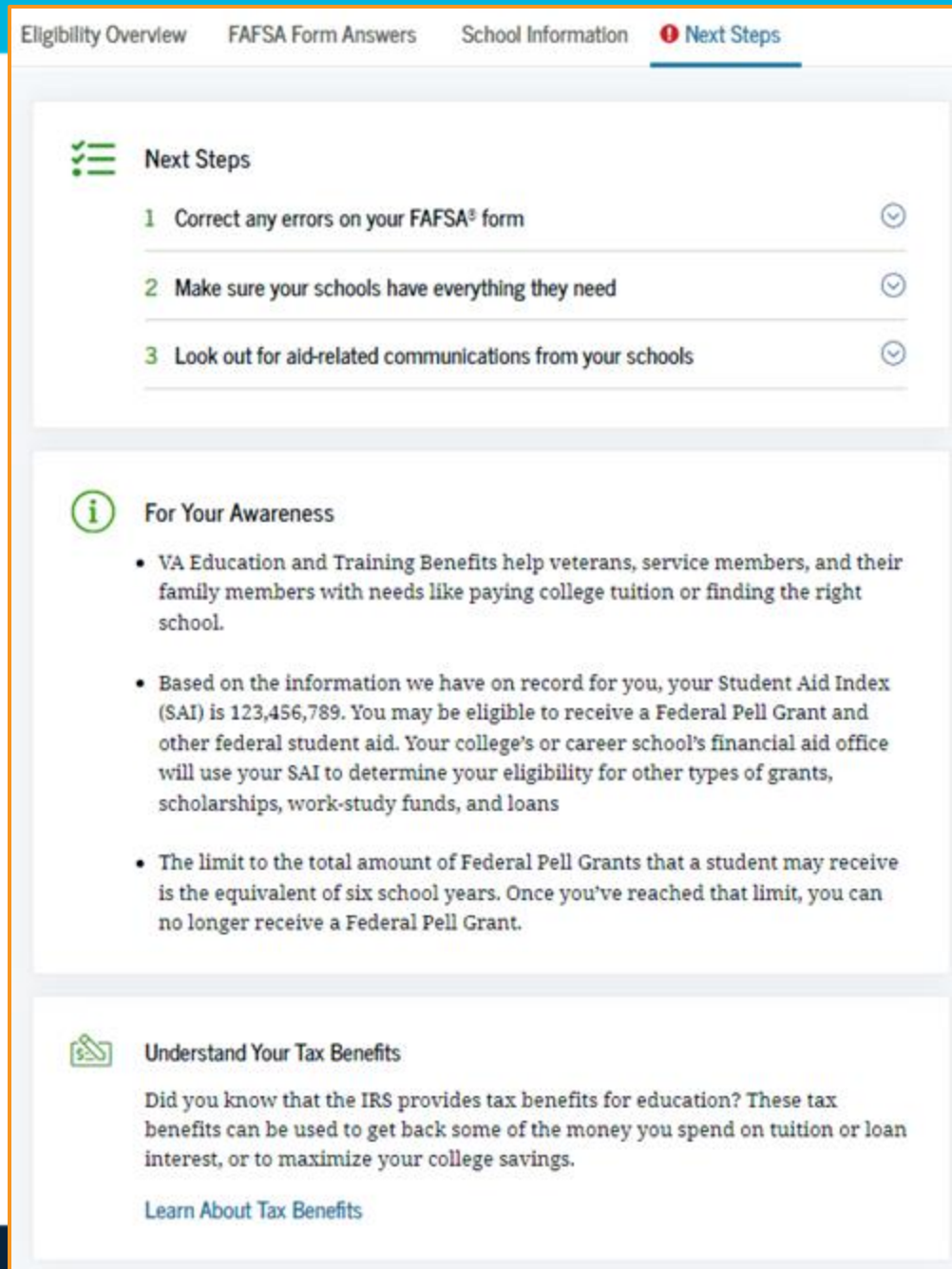
[Learn More on College Scorecard](#) Showing results for family income between **\$0-\$30,000**

School Name	Graduation Rate [?]	Retention Rate [?]	Transfer Rate [?]	Default Rate [?]	Median Debt Upon Completion [?]	Average Annual Cost [?]
George Washington University	15%	89%	26%	64%	\$56,000	\$102,000
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	26%	76%	25%	34%	\$24,000	\$38,000
University of California, North Ridge	55%	65%	35%	15%	\$19,000	\$24,000

[View All](#)

Next Steps

On the Next Steps tab, the student sees comments that pertain to their FAFSA® form. Some comments may require the student to start a correction or send additional documentation to their school. Other comments may be informational and do not require any further action from the student.



The screenshot shows the 'Next Steps' tab in the FAFSA application interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (which is highlighted with a red dot). Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Next Steps' with a list of three items, each with a dropdown arrow on the right:

- 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

Below this list is a section titled 'For Your Awareness' with an information icon (i) on the left. It contains three 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.
- Based on the information we have on record for you, your Student Aid Index (SAI) is 123,456,789. 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
- 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.

Below this is a section titled 'Understand Your Tax Benefits' with a tax icon on the left. It contains a paragraph of text and a link:

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](#)

KEY GUIDANCE:

FAFSA Submission Summary

- Unclear where verification will show up – could show up next to SAI or Next Steps
- May need to explain negative SAI to students and parents
 - Negative SAI is same as 0 when receiving Pell
- Make a correction is available within FAFSA Submission Summary
- Sections that need attention will be labeled with red exclamation point
- Complete print out will be available

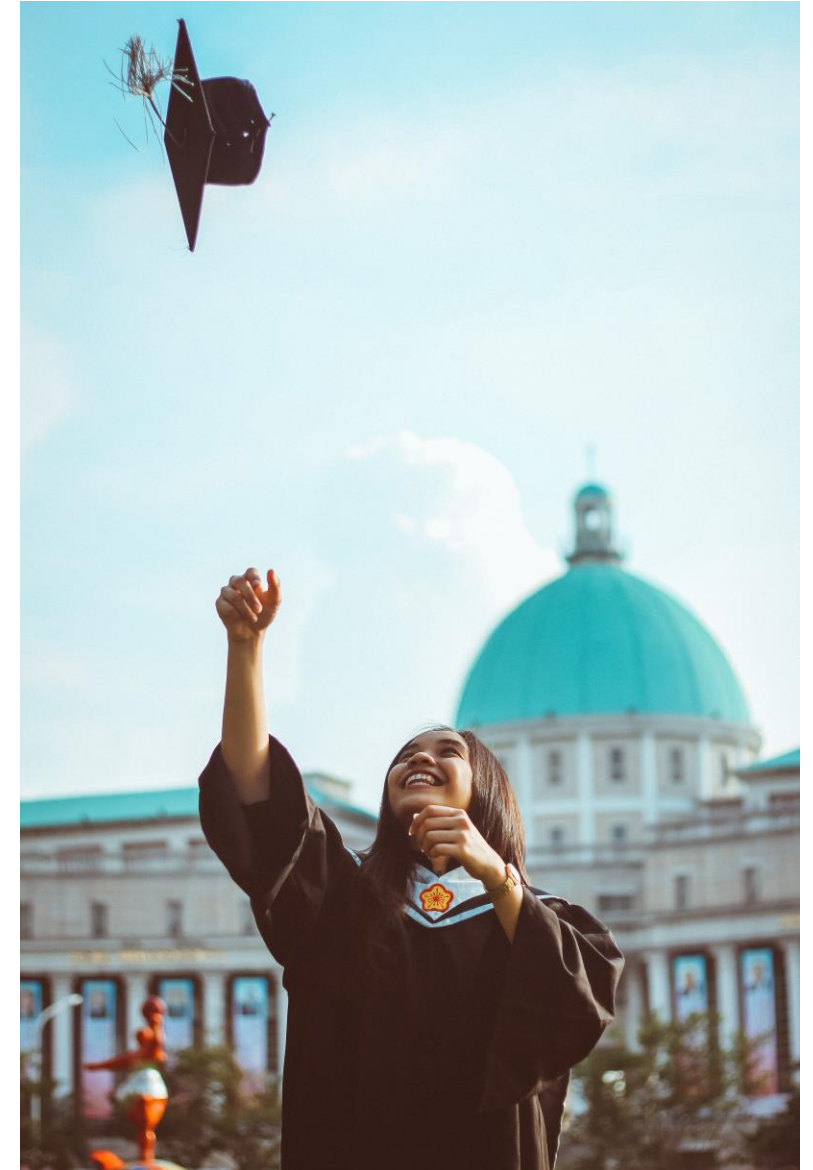




WHAT'S NEXT?

NCAN Recommendations

- Use this training deck or any others in the NCAN Better FAFSA Training Toolkit to develop a presentation that works for your audience
- Trainers should review all suggested reading documents in the Practitioner Tools/Resource section of the Better FAFSA Training Toolkit before offering training
- When possible, provide those being trained with a copy of the paper FAFSA pdf for reference purposes
- Modify training presentations by inserting slides with specifics related to your state aid process or your organization/institution guidelines
- Remember that there are still many unanswered questions and we will learn more as we get closer to December



What we are still waiting to learn

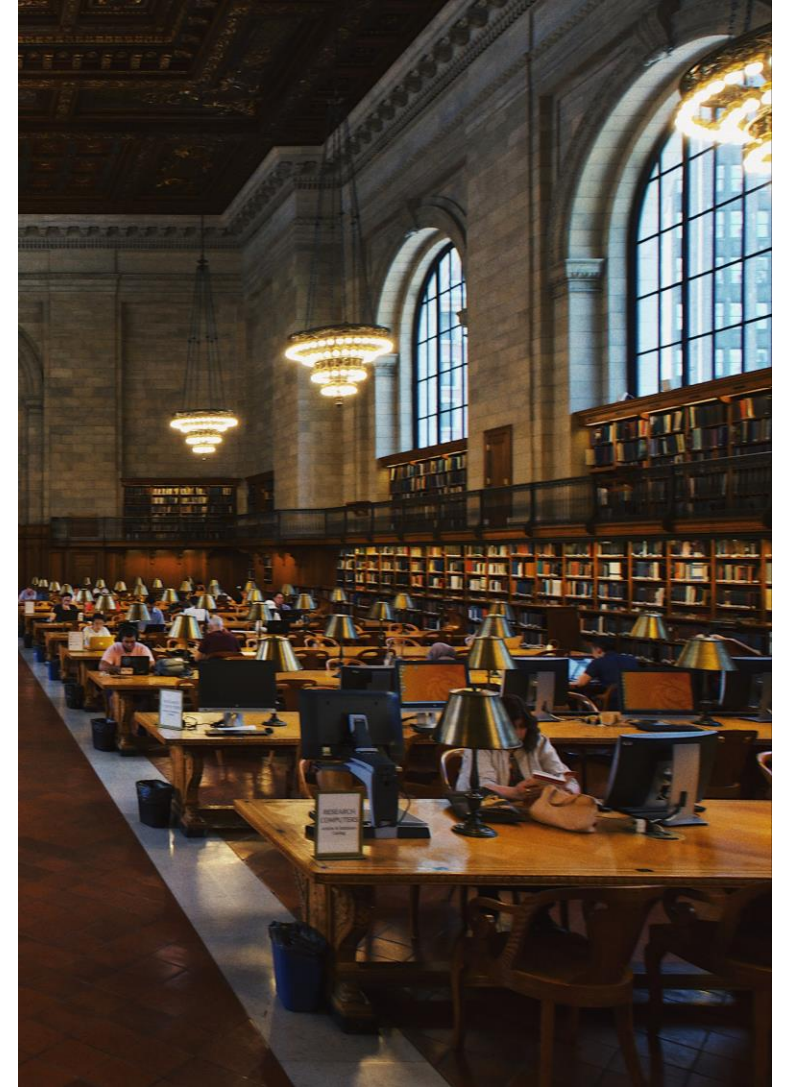
- FSA ID process for parents without a social security number
- What the manual income and tax information entry process will look like
- If specific questions on the FAFSA will change based on feedback from the open comment period
- How to advise on assessing the net worth of family farms and small businesses
- How the Better FAFSA will impact verification selection



These screenshots are not final and could change by the time the FAFSA is released in December 2023

What can we do this fall before the FAFSA comes out?

- Support students and families in creating FSA IDs
 - Run FSA ID creation events
 - Provide resources
 - Incorporate into financial aid nights
- Elevate other financial aid forms students may need to complete
 - CSS Profile (if applicable)
 - Institutional forms
- Start identifying any special or unusual circumstances
 - Get a head start on identifying students who may need help navigating certain processes
- Encourage scholarship applications
 - Leverage the FAFSA delay to encourage students to start applying to scholarships



TOOLS & RESOURCES

FAFSA Toolkit & FSA Resources

- NCAN's Better FAFSA Website: <https://www.ncan.org/page/better-FAFSA>
 - Contains a variety of toolkits to use for FAFSA training, state policy, partner communications and student/parent awareness
- uAspire Resources: <https://www.uaspire.org/For-Students>
 - Student resources will continue to be updated to reflect the 24-25 FAFSA. Check back regularly for updates
- FSA FAFSA Simplification Website: <https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/announcement-detail.jsp?id=better-fafsa-better-future>
- FAFSA Prototype: <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic-announcements/2023-09-29/announcing-2024-25-fafsa-prototype>
- FSA Financial Aid Toolkit: <https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources.jsp>
- NCAN Future FAFSA Training Webinars: <https://www.ncan.org/page/better-FAFSA-webinar-series>

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