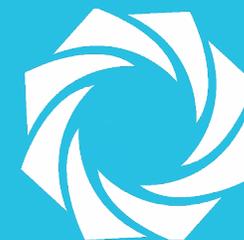


2024 FAFSA Deep Dive Training





2024 FAFSA Boot Camp: Deep Dive



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Other Training

1. StudentAid.Gov Account Creation
2. Practice: 2025-26 FAFSA Case Studies
 - Register for an upcoming date!

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Agenda

1. Review the basics of federal financial aid
2. Training on the 2025-26 FAFSA form:
 - Learn how to prepare students and parents completing the FAFSA.
 - Discuss possible conversations to have with families.
 - Review FAFSA troubleshooting options.
3. Review the FAFSA Submission Summary

Financial Aid Basics

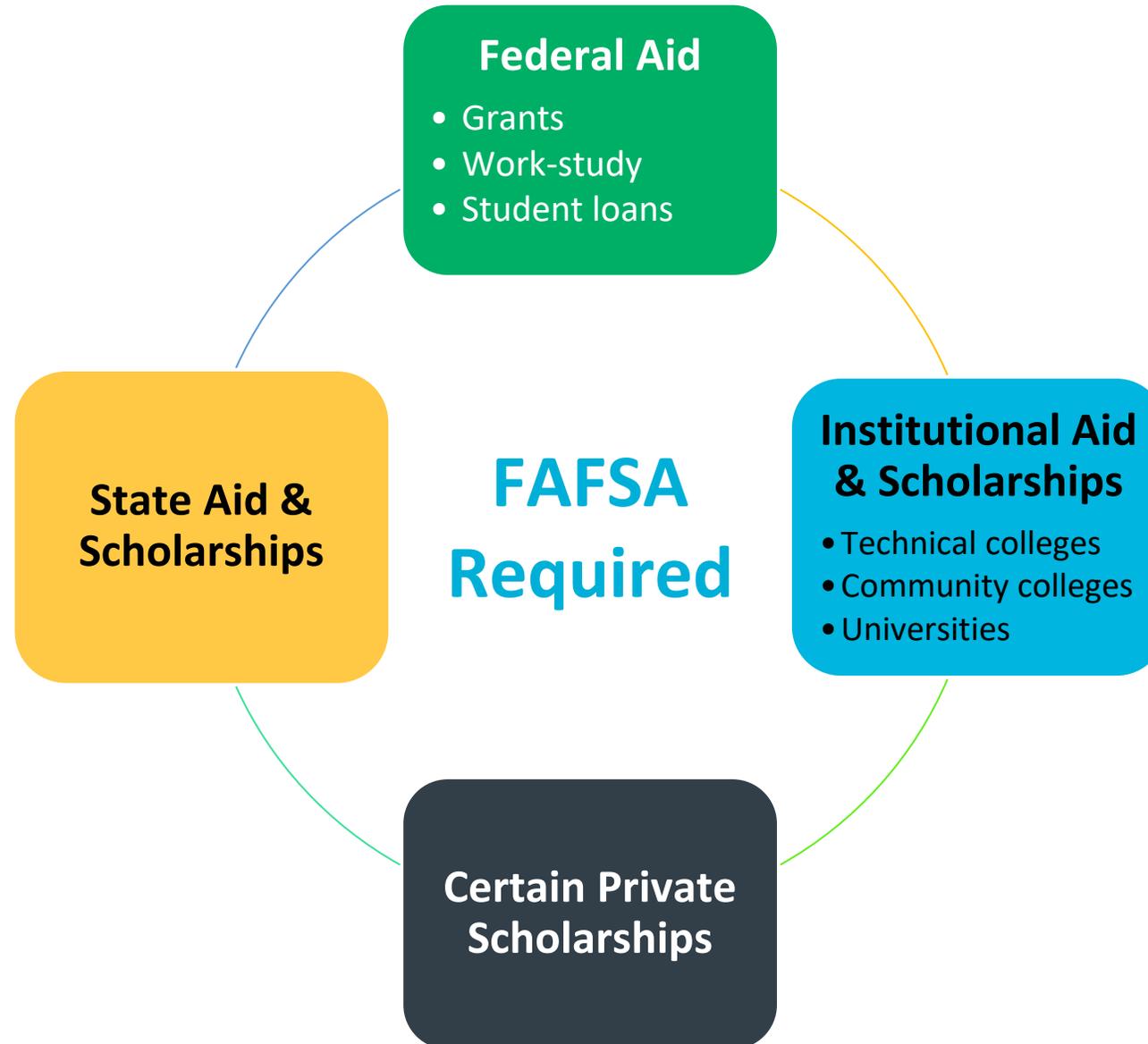
Learning outcome: Understand why a high school senior should file the FAFSA

What is the FAFSA?

- FAFSA stands for **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid
- It is the **gateway** to financial aid and many scholarship opportunities
- High school students should start to apply **October 1st** of their senior year **AND** every year of college
- Go to **studentaid.gov** to apply!



Why complete the FAFSA?



Title IV Federal Financial Aid

Grants

- Most common is the Pell Grant
- Maximum Pell amount is currently \$7,395/year (subject to annual change)

Work-Study

- Students will see the full amount on an offer letter but will receive that money through work
- Earned as a paycheck; mostly on-campus jobs

Federal Student Loans

What are subsidized vs. unsubsidized loans?	What are dependent vs. independent students?	How much aid is offered?
Interest on subsidized loans doesn't accrue as long as the student is enrolled at least half-time. Subsidized loans are based on financial need.	Dependent students must report parent information on FAFSA.	Dependent students can borrow up to \$5,500 in their first academic year. Independent students have a max of up to \$9,500 for their first academic year. No more than \$3,500 can be subsidized.

FAFSA Customer Service

- You may encounter students, parents, and possibly colleagues who have a negative perception of the FAFSA.
 - This often stems from adverse experiences, particularly related to loans.
- You may also encounter families who feel frustrated, exhausted, and stressed from applying for financial aid.

Your Role:

- You may be the primary resource for many families in your school community.
- When discussing the FAFSA with students, families, and other professionals, strive to maintain a positive outlook. Keep in mind that many people are exposed to negative stories from the news and elsewhere.

Best Practices:

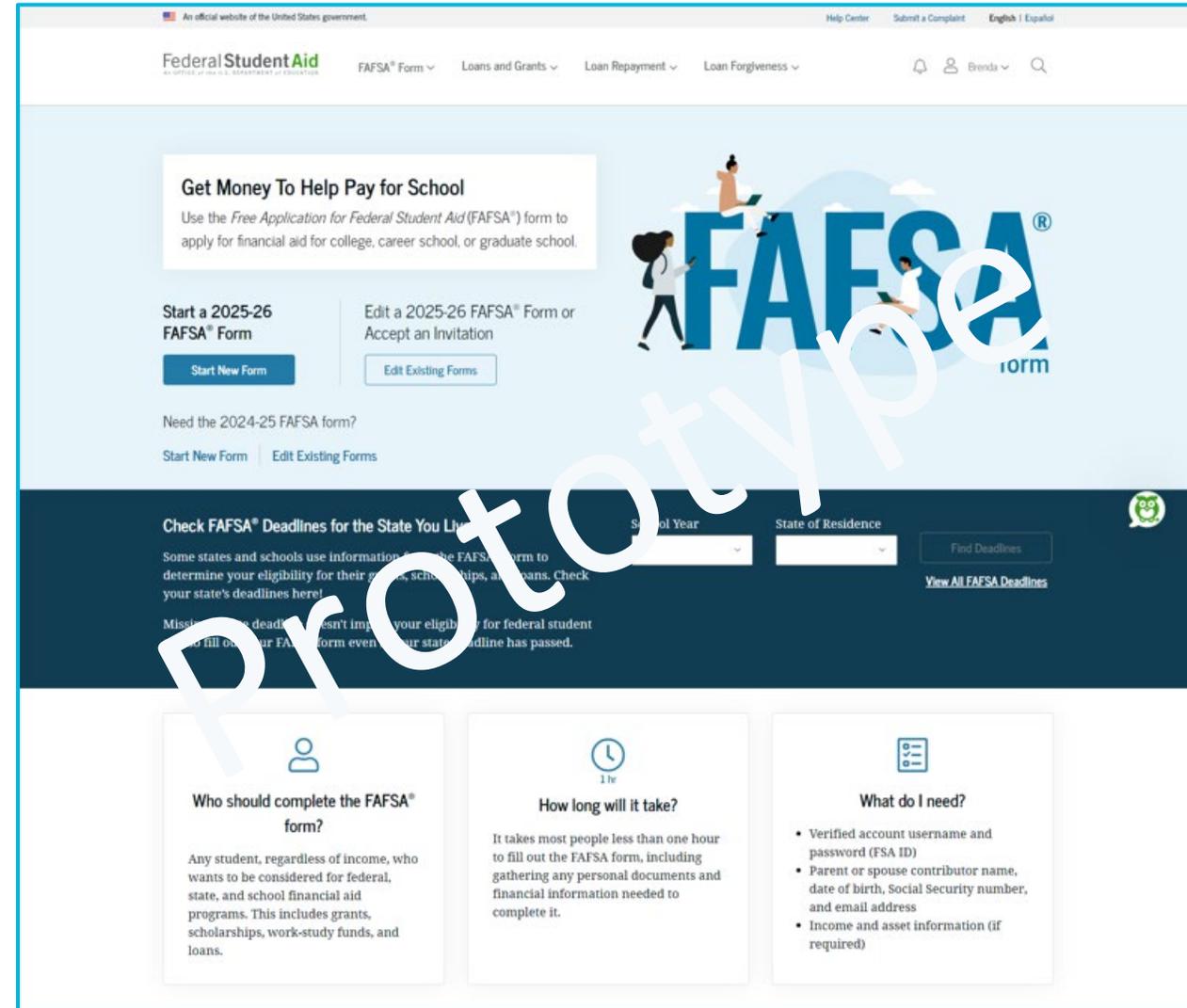
- Validate their experiences and emotions
- Tailor your approach to their level of understanding
- Strive to provide the support they need
- **Remember:** Most students and families benefit from personalized, one-on-one assistance

The 2025-26 FAFSA FAQs: Introduction and Consent

Learning outcomes: Explore how to navigate the beginning of a FAFSA and understand the importance of consent

Warning

- Please note that the following screenshots are from the 2025-26 prototype produced by FAFSA and may change when the form goes live in December.



Three Parts to the FAFSA



StudentAid.Gov Account Creation

- Available year-round



The FAFSA Form

- Available for high school seniors and college students in the fall



The FAFSA Submission Summary + Corrections

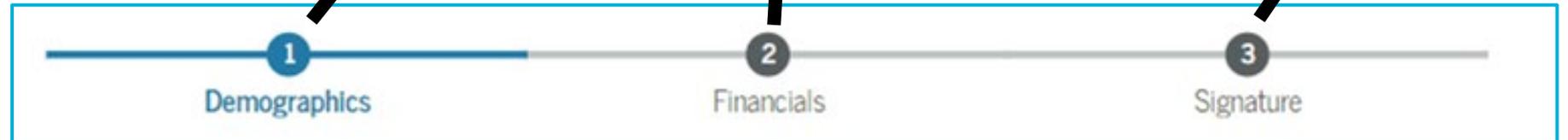
- Available after the student's FAFSA has been processed

FAFSA Sections

Student



Parent(s)



FAFSA Tracks

Dependent student starts



Contributing parent(s) invited



All submit the FAFSA

Contributing parent(s) starts



Dependent student invited



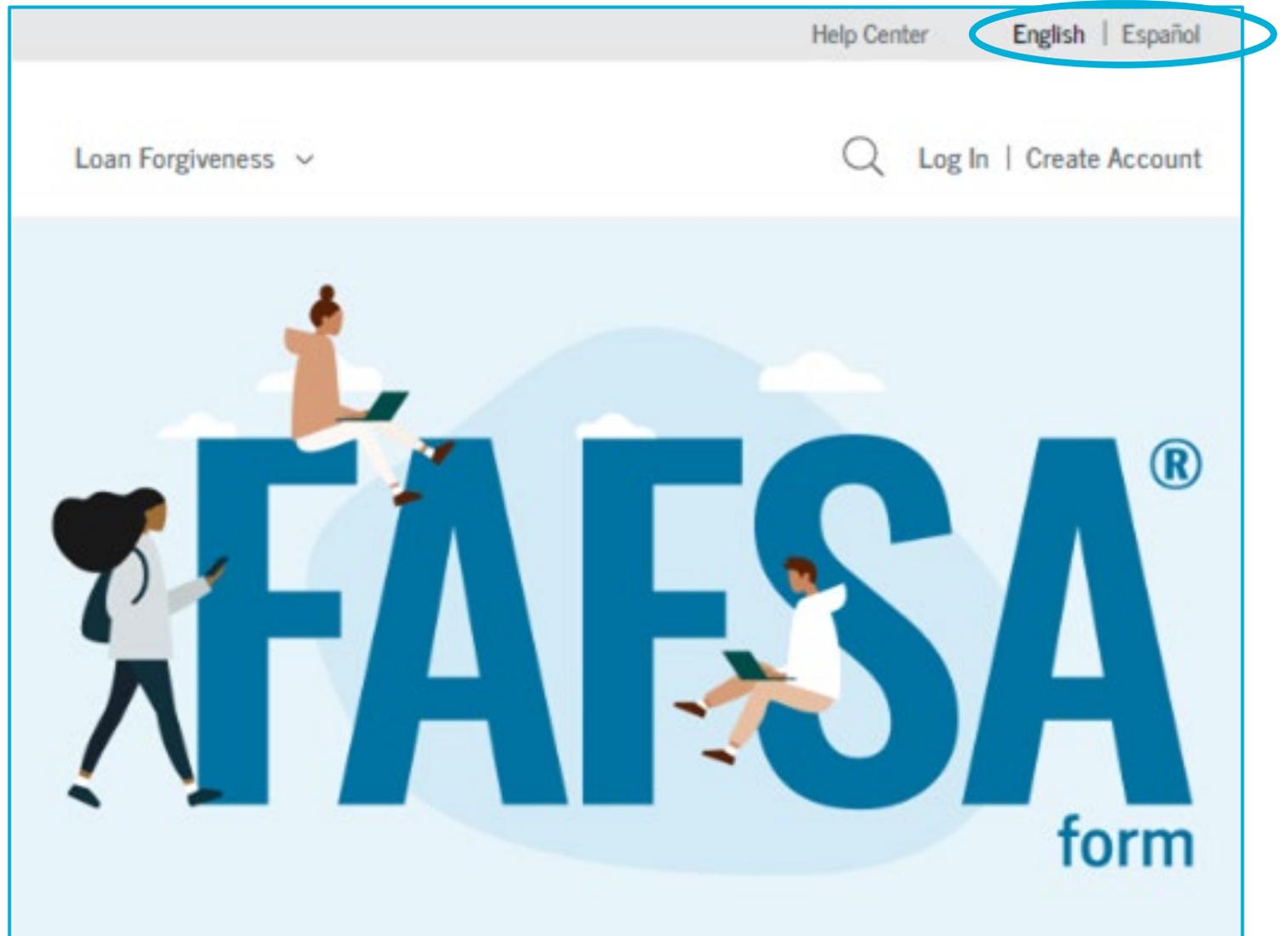
All submit the FAFSA

Independent student starts



Student submits the FAFSA

Spanish Option



Roles

- Any student or parent wishing to work on the electronic FAFSA form must first log in with their StudentAid.Gov account.
- If a student or parent selects the wrong option here, they will encounter errors (this is uncommon).

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Federal Student Aid logo, menu items for FAFSA, Loans & Grants, Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness, and a user profile for 'Raya'. Below the navigation bar, the page features a large banner with the text 'Welcome, Raya, to the FAFSA Form' and illustrations of hot air balloons. Underneath the banner, there is a section titled 'I am starting the FAFSA form as a' with two radio button options: 'Student' (with a graduation cap icon) and 'Parent' (with a family icon). At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

Log In

- If the student or parent is not logged in, they will be directed to this page.
- If they don't have an account, they should select **Create an Account**.

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Student Identity Information

- Confirm basic information at the top (name, DOB, SSN, email, and phone number) – update errors in Account Settings if necessary.
- Enter Permanent Mailing Address

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Student Identity Information

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

Name
Raya A. Tran

Date of Birth
5/5/2003

Social Security Number
•••••-1234

Email Address
raya.tran@email.com

Mobile Phone Number
(555) 555-5555

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

Permanent Mailing Address
Include apartment number.

123 Sesame Street

City
New York

State
New York (NY)

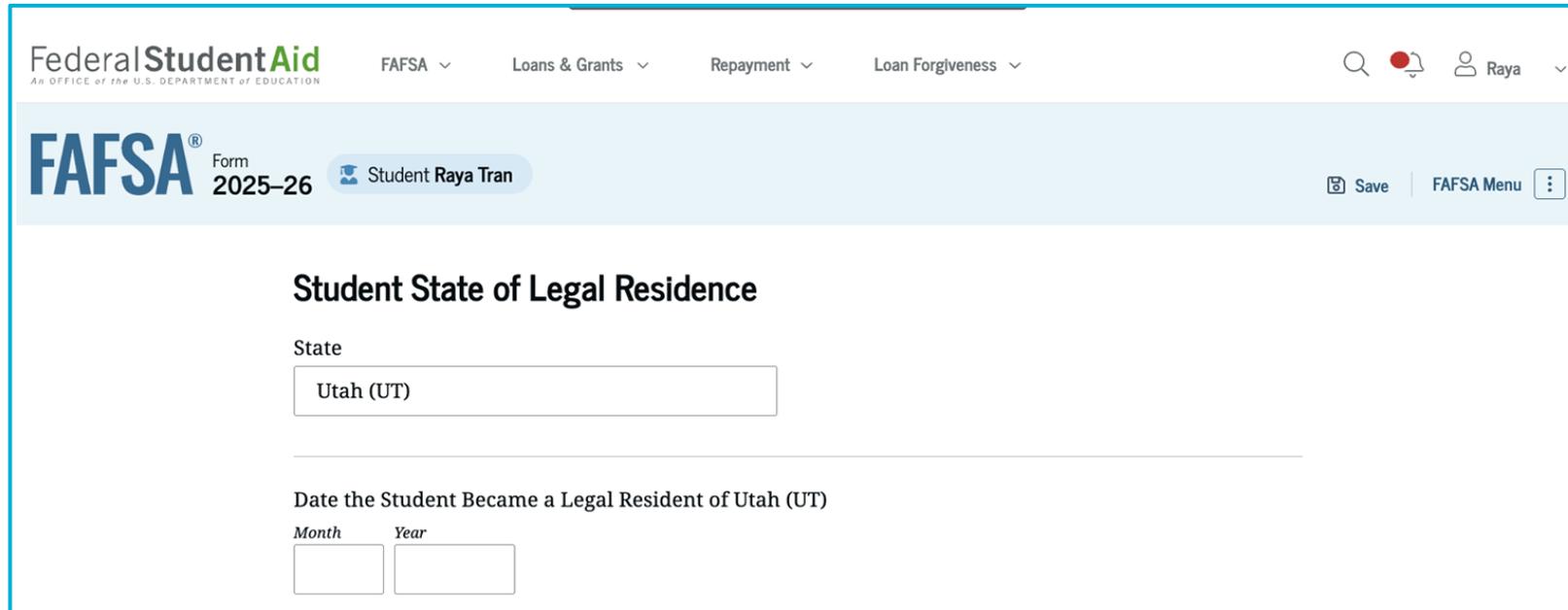
Zip Code
54321

Country
United States

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Student State of Legal Residence

- In Utah, individuals must live in the state for 12 consecutive months to qualify as legal residents and for in-state tuition.
- The student should insert the date they moved to Utah or their birthdate if born and raised there.
- If a student has recently moved to Utah, they should enter the state where they currently hold residency until they establish residency in Utah.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 form interface. At the top, the Federal Student Aid logo is visible, along with navigation links for FAFSA, Loans & Grants, Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. The user's name, Raya, is displayed in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, the FAFSA logo and the text 'Form 2025-26' are shown, along with the student's name, 'Student Raya Tran'. The main section of the form is titled 'Student State of Legal Residence'. Under this title, there is a 'State' label followed by a dropdown menu that currently displays 'Utah (UT)'. Below this, there is a section for 'Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of Utah (UT)', which includes two input fields for 'Month' and 'Year'.

Student, Parent, and Other Parent Consent Form

- This page explains consent and the use of federal tax information.
- By giving consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly from the IRS to the FAFSA form, simplifying the completion of the Student Financials section. This process is known as the Direct Data Exchange (DDX).
- The student clicks **Approve** to provide consent and moves to the next page. The consent agreement is nearly the same for both the student and parent(s).

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



Demo Prototype

Selecting "Approve" demonstrates importing Federal Tax Information (FTI).

Selecting "Decline" demonstrates when FTI isn't imported, tax information must be entered manually, and assumes tax filing status as Single.

Both scenarios make these assumptions:

- Filed U.S. taxes and did not participate in a federal benefits program.
- Must provide information on assets, IRA rollover, and pension rollover.

Summary

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

→ Get your 2023 tax return information for the 2025-26 FAFSA form.

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

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

By accepting below, I consent to the disclosure of information about me, as described below, and further affirmatively approve of the receipt and use of my federal tax information and to the U.S. Department of Education (ED)'s redisclosure of my federal tax information, as described below. By accepting below, I consent to and affirmatively approve of, as applicable, the following:

1. ED may disclose my Social Security number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, last name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which federal tax information is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my federal tax information in determining eligibility by ED for which approval is provided to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). I understand that in response to such a request from ED, the IRS shall then disclose my federal tax information to "authorized persons" (i.e., specifically designated officers and employees of ED and its contractors [as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(E)]) for the purpose of determining eligibility for and the amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, for myself or an applicant for federal student aid who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

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5. If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information to institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, and their respective contractors, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form.

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent and approval? 

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

What happens after I provide consent and approval? 

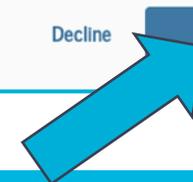
What happens if I decline consent and approval? 

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

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Decline

Approve



Consent is **REQUIRED**

Consent is required from all contributors, no matter the personal situation, **to be eligible for all aid:**

- Tax filers
- Non-tax filers
- Foreign tax filers

Contributors:

- Student
- Student's spouse
- Dependent student's parent (biological/adoptive)
- Dependent student's other parent (biological/adoptive/stepparent)

*The student selecting **Decline** will nullify the entire FAFSA

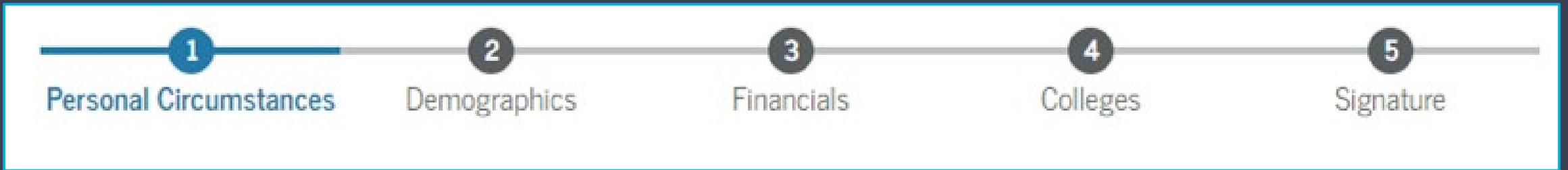
*The student's parent(s) selecting "Decline" will nullify all aid except unsubsidized student loans

Introduction and Consent Quiz



Student Personal Circumstances: Dependency

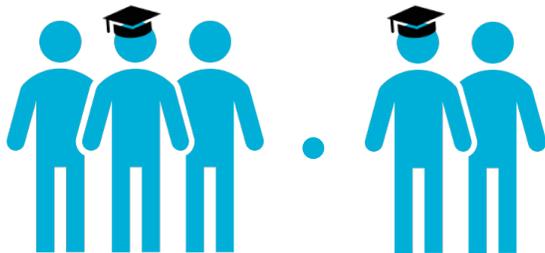
Learning outcome: Understand the difference between dependent and independent students.



Dependency Status

- The questions on the following slides will determine whether the student is considered Dependent or Independent
- **Dependent students:** MUST report information about their parent(s)
- **Independent students:** Will only report information about themselves and NOT their parent(s)

Dependent student



Independent student



Dependency Question #1

- This question is not listed on the FAFSA because it relates to the student's date of birth.
- Is the student 24 or older as of January 2025?
- Students who are 24 or older are considered independent.

Student Marital Status

Dependency question 2

- Students who are married/remarried are considered independent.

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Student Current Marital Status

Single (never married)

Married (not separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

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Student College or Career Plans

Students are asked to indicate their college grade level for the 2025-26 school year and whether they already have a bachelor's degree.

- All high school students, including those in dual or concurrent enrollment, should select **First Year** and **No** to the question about earning a bachelor's degree.
- For dependency questions three and four, if students select **College graduate...** or answer **Yes** to the bachelor's degree question, they will be considered independent.

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Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2025-26 school year, what will their college grade level be?

First year (freshman)

Second year (sophomore)

Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)

Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

When the student begins the 2025-26 school year, will they have their first bachelor's degree?

Yes

No

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Student Personal Circumstances

- Dependency questions 5 through 12
 - If any of these options apply to students, they will be considered independent.
- If none apply, dependent students should select **None of these apply.**

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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, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

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

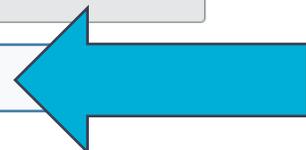
At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.

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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Currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces

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

A veteran of the U.S. armed forces

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

Has children or dependents

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, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

At age 13 or older, the student was:

- An orphan
- A ward of the court
- In foster care

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.

Legally emancipated

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

In a legal guardianship (determined by the court)

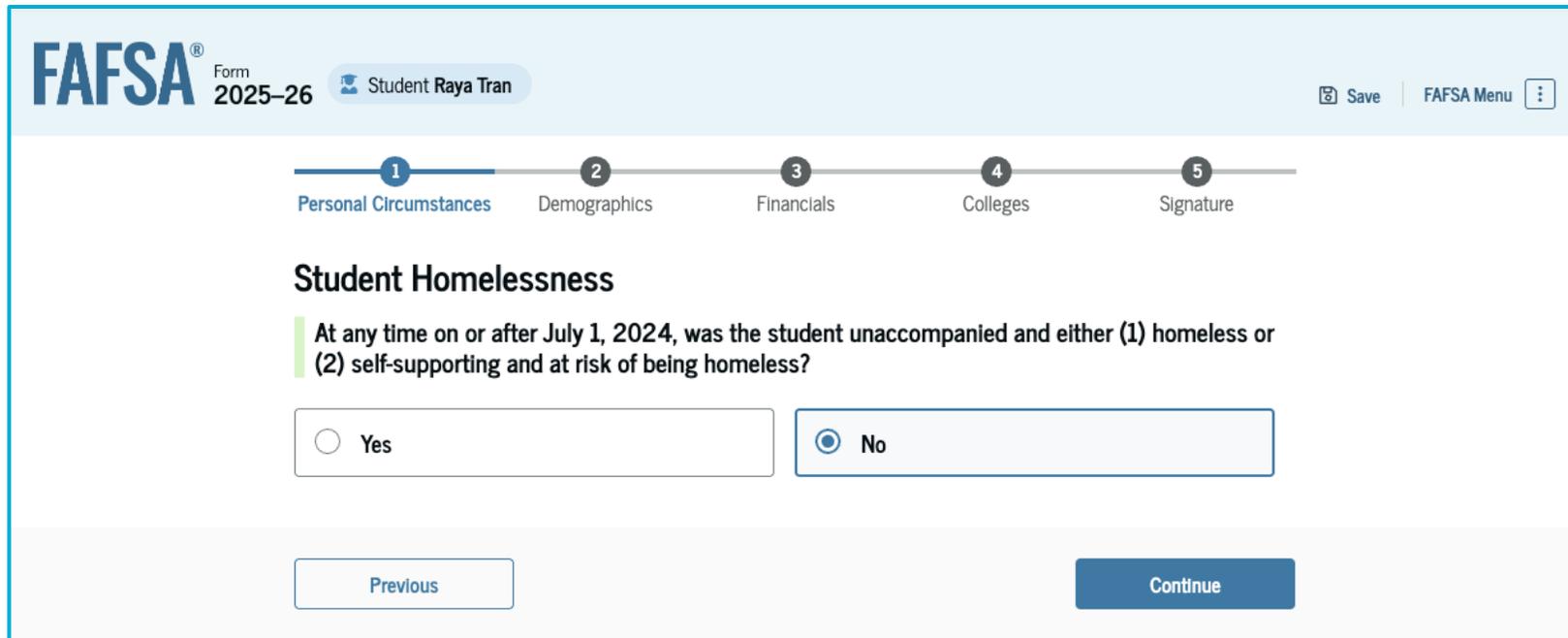
The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.

Student Other Circumstances

Dependency question 13

At any time on or after July 1, 2024, was the student **unaccompanied AND either**

1. Homeless?
2. Self-supporting AND at risk of being homeless?



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 form for Student Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates the user is on the 'Personal Circumstances' step (1 of 5). The question is: 'At any time on or after July 1, 2024, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?'. The 'No' option is selected.

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Student Homelessness

At any time on or after July 1, 2024, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Yes No

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Student Unusual Circumstances

- Financial dependency question
- Students are asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting their parent(s).
- Examples include...

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Student Unusual Circumstances

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

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

A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they

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

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

Yes No

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

A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they

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

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

Student Unusual Circumstances

- Colleges will follow up with students about unusual circumstances
- The FAFSA can be signed and submitted
- Students will receive a **provisional** SAI
- The SAI will be provisional until circumstances are verified
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Encourage students to follow up with their colleges to confirm any additional documentation they need to provide regarding their unusual circumstances.



Dependency Results

- Based on students' answers, the FAFSA will indicate whether they are considered dependent or independent
- Students are asked if they want a financial aid administrator to determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only
- **This option is for students whose parents are unwilling to provide information**
- **No** is automatically selected. Multiple pop-up warnings will appear if the student selects **Yes**

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Your Dependency Status

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

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA[®] form?
This response must be "No" for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid.

Yes No

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Impact of Provisionally Independent Status

- If the student answers **Yes** to any dependency question, they will see this screen
- These students will be considered **provisionally independent** and will not need to provide parental information
- Students can sign and submit their FAFSA form, but **they need to contact their college to find out what supporting documentation they need to submit (Verification)**

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Your Dependency Status

 **Provisionally Independent or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth**
You Can Proceed without Parent Information

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

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

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

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

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

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Dependency Quiz



Parent Questions: Dependent Students Only

Learning outcomes: Understand who should and should not be invited to fill out the student's FAFSA and learn how to troubleshoot the invitation process

Parent Information

- Dependent students are asked to provide information about their parents
- The FAFSA considers a parent to be the student's legal (**biological or adoptive**) parent
- For this question, married but separated does not mean married. Please select **No**.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 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. The current section is titled "Tell Us About the Student's Parents". A green callout box explains that the "parent" is the student's legal (biological or adoptive) parent. Below this, a question asks "Are the parents married to each other?". There are two radio button options: "Yes" (selected) and "No". A blue callout box titled "Provide Information for Both Parents" states that based on the previous answers, information about both parents is required, and parents can be invited to complete their sections. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Tell Us About the Student's Parents

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

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes No

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

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Parent Wizard Questions

Are the parents married to each other?

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

Do the parents live together?

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

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

- If both parents provided an exactly equal amount of financial support or if they both don't financially support the student, select **No** and refer to the parent with the greater income or assets in the next question
- If yes or no, proceed with the next question

Has the parent 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 and 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 invite the parent, the student must have the following information
 - First and Last Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Social Security Number (if applicable)
 - Email Address
- If both parents are involved, the student only needs to provide information for one parent to proceed
- However, to avoid future issues, we recommend inserting both. **Especially for parents without SSNs**

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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	Parent Spouse <i>optional</i>																
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<p>Last Name</p> <input type="text" value="Tran"/>	<p>Last Name</p> <input type="text"/>																
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Dependent Student Invites Parents

- To invite the parent, the student must have the following information
 - First and Last Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Social Security Number (if applicable)
 - Email Address
- If both parents are involved, the student only needs to provide information for one parent to proceed
- However, to avoid future issues, we recommend inserting both. **Especially for parents without SSNs**

Parent

First Name
Alcina

Last Name
Tran

Date of Birth
Month Day Year
05 05 1973 ?

Social Security Number (SSN)
[Redacted] SHOW ⓘ

My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address
alcinatran@school.edu

Confirm Email Address
alcinatran@school.edu

Invite Parent

Parent Spouse optional

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
Month Day Year
? ? ? ?

Social Security Number (SSN)
[Redacted] HIDE ⓘ

My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Invite Parent

Previous Continue

Inviting Parents - Troubleshooting

- Parent invite **MUST** match (this is where families need the most help)
 - Legal Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Social security number if they have one, or the mailing address if they don't have an SSN
- The email address provided for contributors does not need to match the email used in the StudentAid.Gov account
- The student must fix invitation matching issues if they arise

Inviting Parents – Troubleshooting Solutions

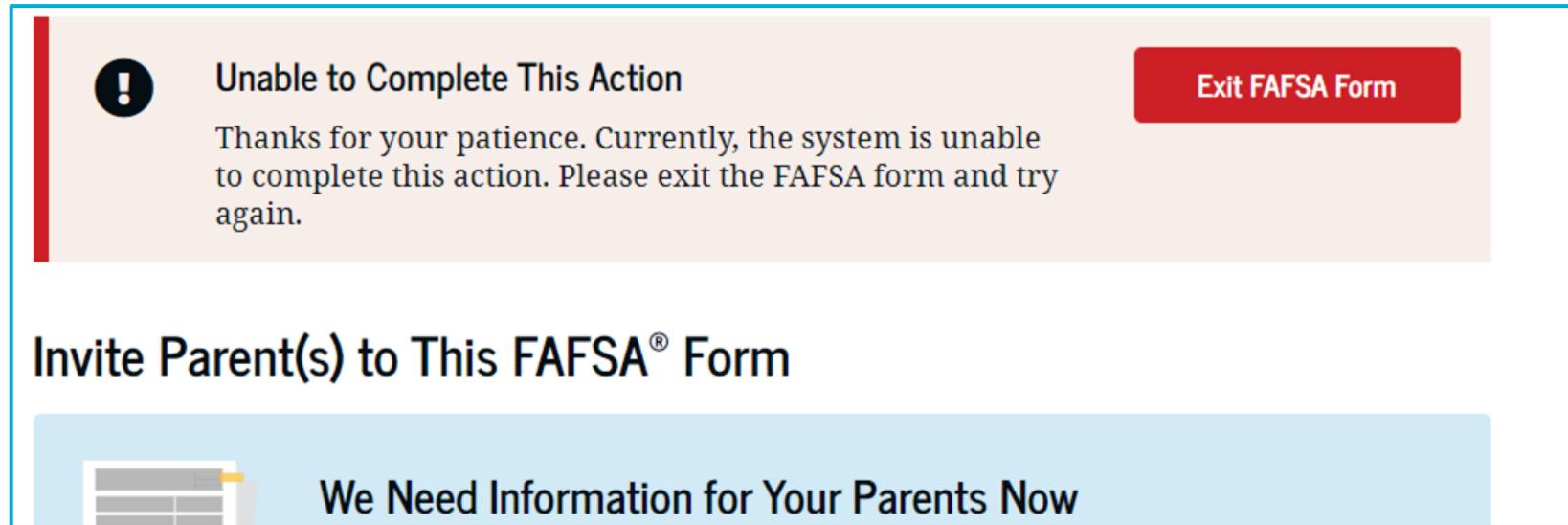
The issue could be a number of items:

- An extra space at the end of a name
- A digit accidentally swapped on a date (01/01/1975 vs. 01/10/1975)
- Last name issues, for example:
 - Remarried parents may have a different last name on their account from a previous marriage
 - Parents with multiple last names may have only used one of their last names on their StudentAid.Gov Account, or perhaps they added or omitted a hyphen

RECOMMENDATION:

- If the invitation is not working, have the student log in to their FAFSA and get another device for the parent to log in to StudentAid.Gov
- Then have the parent click the dropdown menu by their name in the top right corner, select **Settings**, find **Personal Information**, and make sure everything matches **EXACTLY**

Inviting Parents – Troubleshooting Solutions 2



The screenshot shows a light orange error banner at the top with a black exclamation mark icon on the left. The text in the banner reads: "Unable to Complete This Action" followed by "Thanks for your patience. Currently, the system is unable to complete this action. Please exit the FAFSA form and try again." In the top right corner of the banner is a red button with white text that says "Exit FAFSA Form". Below the banner, the heading "Invite Parent(s) to This FAFSA® Form" is displayed. Underneath this heading is a light blue bar containing a small icon of a document with a yellow tab on the left and the text "We Need Information for Your Parents Now" on the right.

If you encounter this common error, **do not exit** the FAFSA form and try again—this won't resolve the issue. The error typically means that the parent information entered doesn't match what's in the system.

To fix this, return to the previous page and continue to the invitation page. From here, reinsert the information exactly as shown on the parent's account.

Inviting Parents Quiz



Student Demographics

Learning outcome: Understand who is eligible to complete a FAFSA



Optional Demographic Questions

- Students are asked to provide gender, race, ethnicity
- Questions are optional (students can choose prefer not to answer)

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

Student Citizenship Status

- Who qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid and can file the FAFSA?
 - U.S. citizen or national
 - Eligible noncitizens – will need to provide an Alien Registration Number



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Raya Tran. At the top, the FAFSA logo and form year are displayed. A progress bar indicates the current step is 'Demographics' (step 2), with 'Personal Circumstances' (step 1) completed and 'Financials' (step 3), 'Colleges' (step 4), and 'Signature' (step 5) remaining. The 'Student Citizenship Status' section contains three radio button options: 'U.S. citizen or national' (selected), 'Eligible noncitizen', and 'Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen'. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are located at the bottom of the form.

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Student Citizenship Status

U.S. citizen or national

Eligible noncitizen

Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

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FAFSA Citizenship Terminology

- **U.S. Citizens:**
 - Includes naturalized citizens and those born as citizens
 - U.S. Citizen students are eligible for federal aid from the FAFSA



**A Social Security Number is required
on the StudentAid.Gov account**

FAFSA Eligibility Tip

- Since we can't directly ask about citizenship, here's a resource to help you navigate these conversations:
 - studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens

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- Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers "eligible" for federal aid
- Examples include Permanent Residents (Green Card holders), Refugees, Asylum Grantees, etc.

- **Neither U.S. Citizens Nor Eligible Non-Citizens:**

- Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers "ineligible" for federal aid, or those without documentation
- Examples include students without a Social Security Number (SSN), DACA recipients, TPS recipients, DED recipients, etc.

- **DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**
- **TPS: Temporary Protected Status**
- **DED: Deferred Enforced Departure**
- **Asylum seeking students**

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- **International Students:**
 - Foreign students attending or planning to attend college in the United States
 - International students are ineligible for federal aid through the FAFSA

Funding Alternatives for Students who are Neither U.S. Citizens nor Eligible Non-citizens

Question:

- If a student is **ineligible** for federal student aid (grants, work-study, student loans), what options do they have to pay for college?

Answer:

- Private scholarships are an option
- If a student needs to complete the FAFSA to qualify for a scholarship, work with their college's financial aid office, Dream Centers, or International Student Office
- In-state tuition may also be an option – students should ask their college or university if they qualify under HB 144 or 118

Legislation

House Bill 144

Utah law allows students to pay in-state tuition if the student:

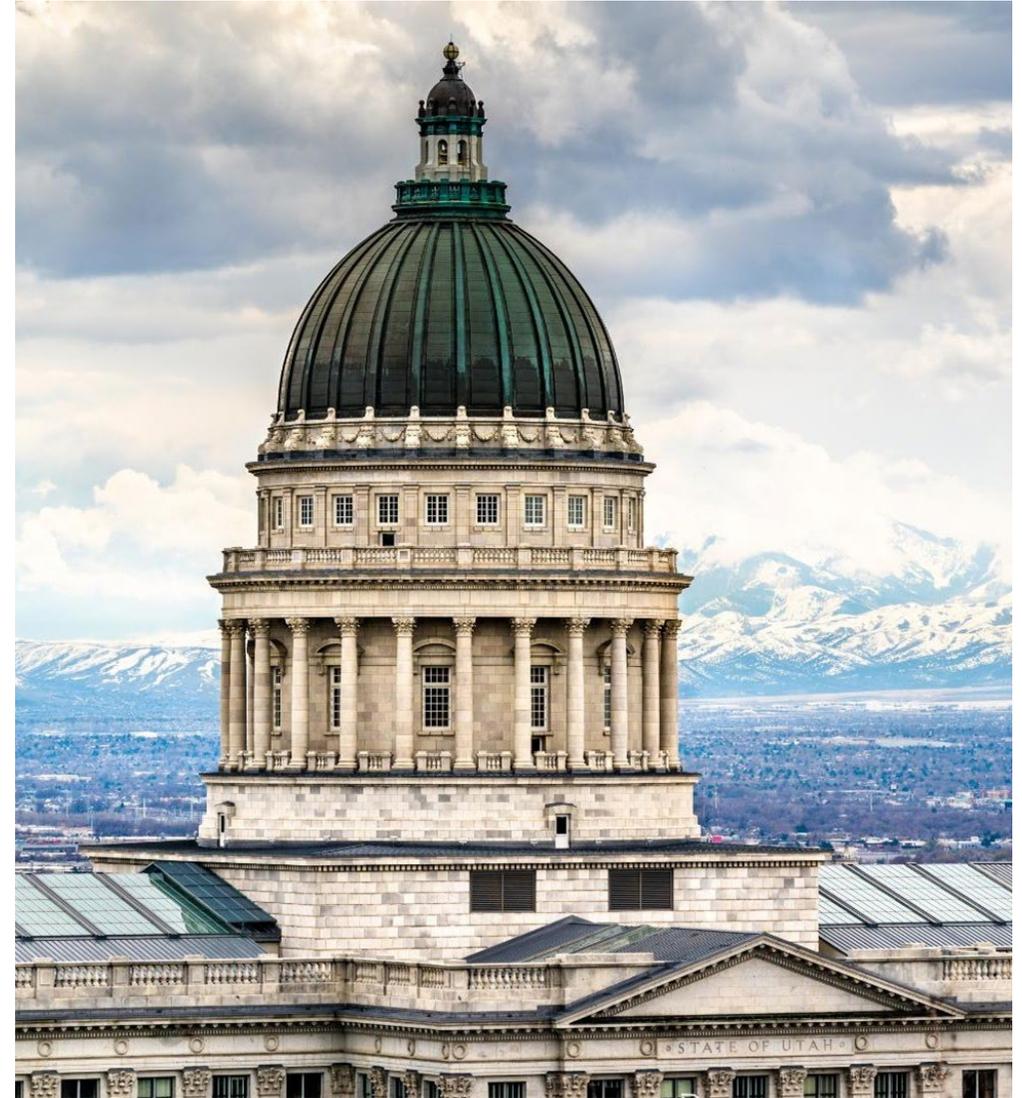
- Attended a Utah high school for at least three years
- Has a Utah high school diploma or Utah GED
 - Submit a high school transcript with graduation date listed
- Signs and submits an HB 144 affidavit

House Bill 118

- For students who are foreign nationals or legally admitted into the United States with F-1, H-4, or J-1 visas

House Bill 102

- Provides earlier access to in-state tuition depending on the student's immigration status



Tips to Assist Students and Families During FAFSA and Scholarship Events

Use Universal language:

1. When discussing the FAFSA and/or scholarships in meetings, instruction, and advertising events, include instruction for students who may be ineligible
2. Inform families before events and early in the school year
3. For those hosting the event, set up a private area to have these conversations
4. Make information packets, handouts, or other resources available to inform the family where they can go for help

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Student High School Information

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Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State
Utah (UT) ×

City
Bassett ×

High School Name - optional
Bassett Hi ×
Bassett High

Search

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Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State
Utah (UT) ×

City
Bassett ×

High School Name - optional
Bassett High ×

Search

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

Search Results 1 to 1 of 1

SORT BY: MOST RELEVANT A-Z

Bassett High
Bassett, UT

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

- If your school is new, it may not show up. Please manually insert the correct state, city, and school name for it to get registered

FAFSA Eligibility Quiz



Student Finances

Learning outcome: Understand how to assist students in answering tax and asset questions



Student Tax Return Information

- **If the student filed taxes and has a verified StudentAid.Gov account (takes 1-3 business days):**
 - Tax questions should automatically transfer from the IRS, and no tax questions will show up
- **If the student filed taxes but has not created an account:**
 - They will have to manually answer the tax questions from their tax forms (unless they wait 1-3 business days)
 - After the student submits their FAFSA and their account is verified, the FAFSA will automatically transfer the IRS tax information and replace the manually entered information
- **If the student filed taxes but does not consent to the FAFSA agreement shown earlier:**
 - They will not qualify for any aid

Student Tax Return Information

- **If the student did not file taxes and is considered dependent under their parents' taxes:**
 - The student does not need to answer any tax questions
- Students and/or parents will never see any federal tax information that is transferred from the IRS (the questions won't show up on the form)
- The 2025-26 FAFSA will use 2023 tax information

Dependent Student Tax Filing Status

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Student Tax Filing Status

Did or will the student file a 2023 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

Yes No

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Manually Inserting Student Tax Return Info

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Personal Circumstances Demographics **Financials** Colleges Signature

Student 2023 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2023 tax return to answer the following questions.
If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

Where to find this information on the tax form

Filing Status

Single

Head of household

Married filing jointly

Married filing separately

Qualifying surviving spouse

Income Earned From Work

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Tax Exempt Interest Income

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Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions

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Untaxed Portions of Pensions

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Adjusted Gross Income

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Income Tax Paid

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IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-Employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans

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Education Credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit)

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

The student paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those completing their FAFSA[®] form again, not to first-time applicants. If married, include the amount the student's spouse received.

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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

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Manually Inserting Tax Records

Where To Find My 2023 Tax Information (2025–26)

If you are a U.S. tax filer, you may be asked to manually enter financial information from your 2023 tax return. The information we request will vary based on your responses.

The list shows information you may be asked to provide, and where to find it on the 2023 IRS Form 1040.

1. Filing Status
2. Income Earned from Work (Line 1z plus Schedule 1: Lines 3 + 6)
3. Tax Exempt Interest Income (Line 2a)
4. Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions (Line 4a minus 4b)
5. Untaxed Portions of Pensions (Line 5a minus 5b)
6. Adjusted Gross Income (Line 11)
7. Income Tax Paid (Line 24)
8. Deductible Payments to IRA/Keogh/other (Schedule 1, total of Lines 16 + 20)
9. Education Credits (Schedule 3, Line 3 + 1040 Line 29)
10. Net Profit or Loss From Schedule C (Schedule C: Line 31)
11. Foreign earned income exclusion (Schedule 1: Line 8d)

Note: You will also be asked to indicate if your 1040 shows that you were eligible for the Earned Income Credit (or Earned Income Tax Credit), or if you filed IRS Schedules A, B, D, E, F, or H.

Form **1040** Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service **2023** U.S. Individual Income Tax Return OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

For the year Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2023, or other tax year beginning _____, 2023, ending _____, 20_____ See separate instructions.

Your first name and middle initial _____ Last name _____ Your social security number _____

If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial _____ Last name _____ Spouse's social security number _____

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. _____ Apt. no. _____ Presidential Election Campaign
Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund.
 You Spouse

City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Foreign country name _____ Foreign province/state/county _____ Foreign postal code _____

Filing Status Single Married filing jointly (even if only one had income) Head of household (HOH)
Check only one box. Married filing separately (MFS) Qualifying surviving spouse (QSS)
If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QSS box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent: _____

Digital Assets At any time during 2023, did you: (a) receive (as a reward, award, or payment for property or services); or (b) sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of a digital asset (or a financial interest in a digital asset)? (See instructions.) Yes No

Standard Deduction Someone can claim: You as a dependent Your spouse as a dependent
 Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness You: Were born before January 2, 1959 Are blind **Spouse:** Was born before January 2, 1959 Is blind

Dependents (see instructions):

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) Check the box if qualifies for (see instructions):	Child tax credit	Credit for other dependents
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If more than four dependents, see instructions and check here

Income

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Forms W-2G and 1099-R if tax was withheld. If you did not get a Form W-2, see instructions.	1a Total amount from Form(s) W-2, box 1 (see instructions)	1a
	b Household employee wages not reported on Form(s) W-2	1b
	c Tip income not reported on line 1a (see instructions)	1c
	d Medicaid waiver payments not reported on Form(s) W-2 (see instructions)	1d
	e Taxable dependent care benefits from Form 2441, line 26	1e
	f Employer-provided adoption benefits from Form 8839, line 29	1f
	g Wages from Form 8919, line 6	1g
	h Other earned income (see instructions)	1h
	i Nontaxable combat pay election (see instructions)	1i
	z Add lines 1a through 1h	1z

Attach Sch. B if required.

2a Tax-exempt interest	2a	b Taxable interest	2b
3a Qualified dividends	3a	b Ordinary dividends	3b
4a IRA distributions	4a	b Taxable amount	4b
5a Pensions and annuities	5a	b Taxable amount	5b
6a Social security benefits	6a	b Taxable amount	6b
c If you elect to use the lump-sum election method, check here (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
7 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	
8 Additional income from Schedule 1, line 10		8	
9 Add lines 1z, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your total income		9	
0 Adjustments to income from Schedule 1, line 26		10	
11 Subtract line 10 from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income		11	
12 Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A)		12	
13 Qualified business income deduction from Form 8995 or Form 8995-A		13	
14 Add lines 12 and 13		14	
15 Subtract line 14 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-. This is your taxable income		15	

Standard Deduction for

- Single or Married filing separately, \$13,850
- Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse, \$27,700
- Head of household, \$20,800
- If you checked any box under Standard Deduction, see instructions.

For Disclosure, Privacy Act, and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions. Cat. No. 11320B Form **1040** (2023)

Student Tax Return Information

- For student tax filers only two tax form questions will be asked
 - Taxable grants/scholarships
 - Foreign earned income exclusion
- This question usually applies to those renewing their FAFSA form, not to first-time applicants.

Personal Circumstances ✓ Demographics ✓ **3** Financials 4 Colleges 5 Signature

Student 2023 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2023 tax return to answer the following questions.
If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS
The student paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those completing their FAFSA® form again, not to first-time applicants. If married, include the amount the student's spouse received.

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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

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Student Assets

- This includes any cash on hand or at home, savings accounts, or checking accounts that belong to the student
- **Current Net Worth...**
 - Don't include the home the student lives in
 - Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them
- **Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms**
 - Enter the net worth of the student's business or for-profit agricultural operation
 - Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them



Progress bar: 1 Personal Circumstances (checked), 2 Demographics (checked), 3 Financials (active), 4 Colleges, 5 Signature

Student Assets

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

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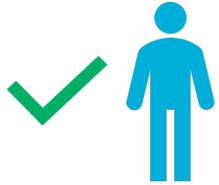
Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate
Don't include the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

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

\$.00

529s and the FAFSA



Student Owner: If the student owns the 529 (not a beneficiary but an owner), insert the amount in the student's assets. This is uncommon for high school students



Parent Owner or Custodial Plans: Only report the account for the student under the parent's assets; no other sibling will be reported. FSA states, "529s will exclude education accounts for other siblings in the household, only the student reporting."



Other Owner: If someone other than the parent or student owns the 529 but the student is the beneficiary, do not insert that information on the FAFSA

Student Colleges

Learning outcome: Explore how to search for and add colleges on the FAFSA



Student College Search

- The student will be asked to search for the colleges and/or career schools they would like to receive their FAFSA information
- Students can select to send their FAFSA information to a maximum of 20 schools
- The order in which the schools are listed does not affect aid in Utah's public colleges but might affect aid in private colleges or colleges outside of Utah

The screenshot displays the FAFSA college search interface. At the top, a progress bar shows steps: Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges (current), and Signature. The main heading is "Where should we send the FAFSA® information?" with instructions to search and select colleges and career schools. A note states: "If you can't find your school when searching by school name or state, try searching by School Code. You must add at least one college or career school to the FAFSA® form. You can add up to 20 schools. Make sure to list all the schools you're considering, even if you're not certain you'll apply to all of them. You can add or delete schools on your FAFSA form later. Find tips for searching for colleges or career schools." Below this, a status bar shows "0 out of 20 schools selected" and a "View Selected Schools" link. Search filters include "Search by School Name" and "Search by School Code". The "State" dropdown is set to "Utah (UT)". There are input fields for "City - optional" and "School Name - optional", and a "Search" button. A list of search results is shown, with the following schools and their Federal School Codes:

School Name	Location	Federal School Code	Status
Rice University	Burlington, California (CA)	B09773	+ Select
Rhodes College	Centerville, California (CA)	E89235	+ Select
Smith College	Lexington, California (CA)	G92383	+ Select
Macalester College	Madison, California (CA)	038412	+ Select
Wellesley College	Springfield, California (CA)	F09983	✓ Selected

At the bottom, a "Search and Select Schools" button is visible. A green arrow points to the search filters, a yellow arrow points to the search results list, and a green arrow points to the search button. A green banner at the bottom of the interface states "4 of 20 schools have been selected" and "Search and Select Schools".

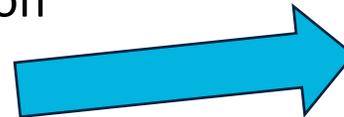
Student Signature

Learning outcome: Understand how to navigate the end of the FAFSA form



Student Review Page

- The review page displays the responses that the student has provided in the FAFSA form in drop down boxes
- To edit a response, the student can select the question's hyperlink and will be taken to the corresponding page
- Students must click continue to move to the signature page
- Since the student invited their parent into the form, they see the parent contributor section and the status of their parent's invite



Review Your FAFSA® Responses

If you need to change any of your FAFSA responses, select the question to return to that page.



Student Sections Expand All ▾

- Introduction
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- Section 1
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- Section 2
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- Section 3
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- Section 4
Colleges [↻](#)

Contributor Section

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

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

Contributors	Role	Date Added	Status
 test test	Parent	10/16/2024	Invite Sent

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Student Signature

- On this page, the student will acknowledge the terms and conditions of the FAFSA form and sign their section

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Raya Tran. At the top, the FAFSA logo and form year are on the left, the student's name is in the center, and 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' options are on the right. A progress bar below the header shows five steps: Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges, and Signature. The first four steps are marked with checkmarks, and the fifth step, 'Signature', is marked with a '5' and is the current active step. Below the progress bar, the heading 'Sign and Complete Your Section' is displayed. A green-bordered box contains a 'Summary' section with two paragraphs of text. Below this box, a paragraph states that by signing electronically, the student certifies that they will use federal and/or state student aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education, are not in default on a federal student loan, do not owe money back on a federal student grant, will notify their school if they default on a federal student loan, and will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time. A bulleted list of five items follows, detailing these certifications.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges **5** Signature

Sign and Complete Your Section

Summary

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

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

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

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

Student Signature

- Students review the terms and conditions, check the agreement box, and then submit their portion
- The parent's portion is still required before it is fully submitted
- A common glitch is the submit button not appearing
 - Try saving your progress, exiting the form, and re-entering
 - Switch to a different internet browser or device
 - As a last resort, delete the FAFSA and start over

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

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

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

You must sign your FAFSA® form now and then your contributor can submit your form when complete.

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

Cancel

Sign

Student Section Complete

- 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 and signs their section of the form**
- Next, in this scenario, the student's invited parent will enter the FAFSA form and complete the parent section.
- Students will see the status of contributor invitations – **FSA will automatically resend 7 and 14 days after**
- **Incomplete FAFSA only stays in the system for 45 days - after that, it is deleted**

FAFSA[®] Form 2025-26 Student Raya Tran

Exit | FAFSA Menu

You're Almost There!

The student section is complete!

Parent Contributors

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

[Manage Contributor Information](#)

Contributors	Role	Date Added	Status
Alcina Tran	Parent	10/16/2024	Invite Sent
Travis Tran	Parent Spouse or Partner	10/16/2024	Invite Sent

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

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

Dependent Student Parent(s) Communications

Learning outcome: Explore what a parent will see once invited to a student's FAFSA

Dependent Student's Invited Parent Email Example

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.



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U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, DC, 20002, US

Dependent Student's Parent Log In

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My Activity

Raya Tran Wants Your Help on a FAFSA® Form

Raya Tran has identified you as a parent on their 2025–26 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

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

[Visit the FAFSA Help Center](#)

By accepting this invitation, you agree to share your personal and contact information from your StudentAid.gov account on the student's FAFSA form. Once you accept, your information will be linked to this form.

An illustration showing a woman thinking, a man holding a book, and a family of three, symbolizing education and family support.

Troubleshooting Parent Communications

- If the parent logs in to StudentAid.Gov but does not see the FAFSA contribution option – the student will need to check the name, date of birth, and SSN or mailing address provided
- The parent doesn't need an email invitation to log in and see the FAFSA contribution option if the name, date of birth, and SSN match their StudentAid.Gov account

RECOMMENDATION: Parents should create their StudentAid.Gov account prior to students starting their FAFSA form.



Dependent Student Parent(s) Demographics and Financials Sections

Learning outcome: Understand how to assist a parent answer tax and asset questions



Other Parent Information or Invitation

- The parent who logs in first will need to provide information about their spouse or partner to invite them to the form for consent if required
- For married parents who filed taxes as Married Filing Jointly, only one parent's StudentAid.Gov account and consent is required

FAFSA® Form 2025-26 Parent of Raya Tran

1 Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Invite the Parent Spouse or Partner to This FAFSA® Form

We Need Information About the Parent Spouse or Partner

The parent spouse's or partner's information is needed for the student to receive federal student aid, including grants and loans. This doesn't make them financially responsible for the student's education. Invite the parent spouse or partner to the FAFSA form now and have them complete their required section.

Enter the following information about the parent spouse or partner.

If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account.

IMPORTANT: If your contributor doesn't have a Social Security number, you may encounter an issue that impacts your ability to add them to your form. If you receive this error, review the [guidance and recommended workaround](#) and try again.

Provide the parent spouse's or partner's full legal name as it appears on their Social Security card. Their email doesn't have to match their StudentAid.gov account.

 Parent Spouse or Partner

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN)

Hide

Other Parent Troubleshooting Solutions

Common Glitch: If a parent doesn't have an SSN and was not invited by the student, they will not be able to proceed. The student must resolve this issue by properly inviting their parent

- The parent may have to delete their portion of the FAFSA and restart once the student has fixed the invitation
- Another solution is for the parent to start the FAFSA instead of the student



Unable to Complete This Action

Exit FAFSA Form

Thanks for your patience. Currently, the system is unable to complete this action. Please exit the FAFSA form and try again.

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Parent Spouse or Partner

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
Month Day Year

Parent State of Legal Residence

- The parent will be asked about their state of legal residence. This does not affect the student's aid eligibility
- The term “legal residence” can be confusing. For parents without SSNs, enter the date they moved to Utah (or whichever state they currently reside)

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 form for a parent of Raya Tran. The form is titled "Parent State of Legal Residence" and is part of a three-step process: 1. Demographics, 2. Financials, and 3. Signature. The current step is "Demographics". The form asks for the "State" (Utah (UT)) and the "Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident of Utah (UT)", with the month set to 01 and the year set to 1985. There are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons at the bottom.

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1 Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Parent State of Legal Residence

State
Utah (UT)

Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident of Utah (UT)

Month Year
01 1985

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Tax Return Information

- Even after consenting to the IRS tax information transfer, tax filers will still encounter a few tax-related questions on the form, such as those about Federal Benefits Received, EITC, taxable grants/scholarships, and foreign earned income exclusion

Federal Benefits Received

Responses 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 2023 or 2024, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs?

Select all that apply.

Earned Income Credit (EIC)

Federal Housing Assistance

Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

Medicaid

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

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

Parent Tax Filing Status

- If the parent filed taxes, verified their identity (StudentAid.Gov account), and approved consent, then the tax information should automatically be added from the IRS

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a parent of Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates that the 'Demographics' step is complete, and the 'Financials' step is currently active. The 'Parent Tax Filing Status' section contains two questions, both with 'Yes' selected as the answer.

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1 Demographics 2 **Financials** 3 Signature

Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2023 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

Yes No

Did or will the parent file a 2023 joint tax return with their current spouse? ⓘ

Yes No

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Do you need to file taxes to qualify for aid from the FAFSA?

Yes

- If the family has an income **higher** than the threshold set by the [IRS Publication 17](#) – Page 7

No

- If the family's income is **lower** than the threshold set by the [IRS Publication 17](#) – Page 7

Table 1-1. 2023 Filing Requirements for Most Taxpayers

IF your filing status is...	AND at the end of 2023 you were...*	THEN file a return if your gross income was at least...**
Single	under 65	\$13,850
	65 or older	\$15,700
Married filing jointly***	under 65 (both spouses)	\$27,700
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$29,200
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$30,700
Married filing separately	any age	\$5
Head of household	under 65	\$20,800
	65 or older	\$22,650
Qualifying surviving spouse	under 65	\$27,700
	65 or older	\$29,200

What if the student's parents do not have SSNs and do not pay taxes?

- According to the [National Immigration Law Center](#) (NILC):
“All wage earners—regardless of their immigration status—are required to pay federal taxes. The IRS provides ITINs to people who are ineligible for an SSN so that they can comply with tax laws.”
- Students won't qualify for any FAFSA aid until their parents file their taxes, regardless of their immigration status, if their income exceeds the IRS threshold. Parents without an SSN will be given an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

What if the student's parents live in a foreign country?

- They will need to convert their currency to U.S. Dollar and manually answer the foreign income questions.

Parent Family Size

- **Common Question:** Many parents get confused about the Family Size question. If they select **Yes**, more clarifying details will appear.
- After clarification, edit as needed

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar at the top shows three steps: Demographics (completed), Financials (current step), and Signature. The main heading is "Family Size". The question is: "Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2023 tax return?". Below the question is a detailed definition: "Family size includes the parent (and their spouse), the student, and other people, if they now live with the parent and the parent will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. This includes dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment." There are two radio button options: "Yes" and "No". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Family Size

Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2023 tax return?

Family size includes the parent (and their spouse), the student, and other people, if they now live with the parent and the parent will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. This includes dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment.

Yes No

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Parent Family Size

- **Common Question:** Many parents get confused about the Family Size question. If they select **Yes**, more clarifying details will appear.
- After clarification, edit as needed

Family Size

Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2023 tax return?

Family size includes the parent (and their spouse), the student, and other people, if they now live with the parent and the parent will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. This includes independent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment.

Yes

No

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



The parent's family size is **3**.

Parent: 1 Parent Spouse or Partner: 1 Student: 1 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 0

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, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

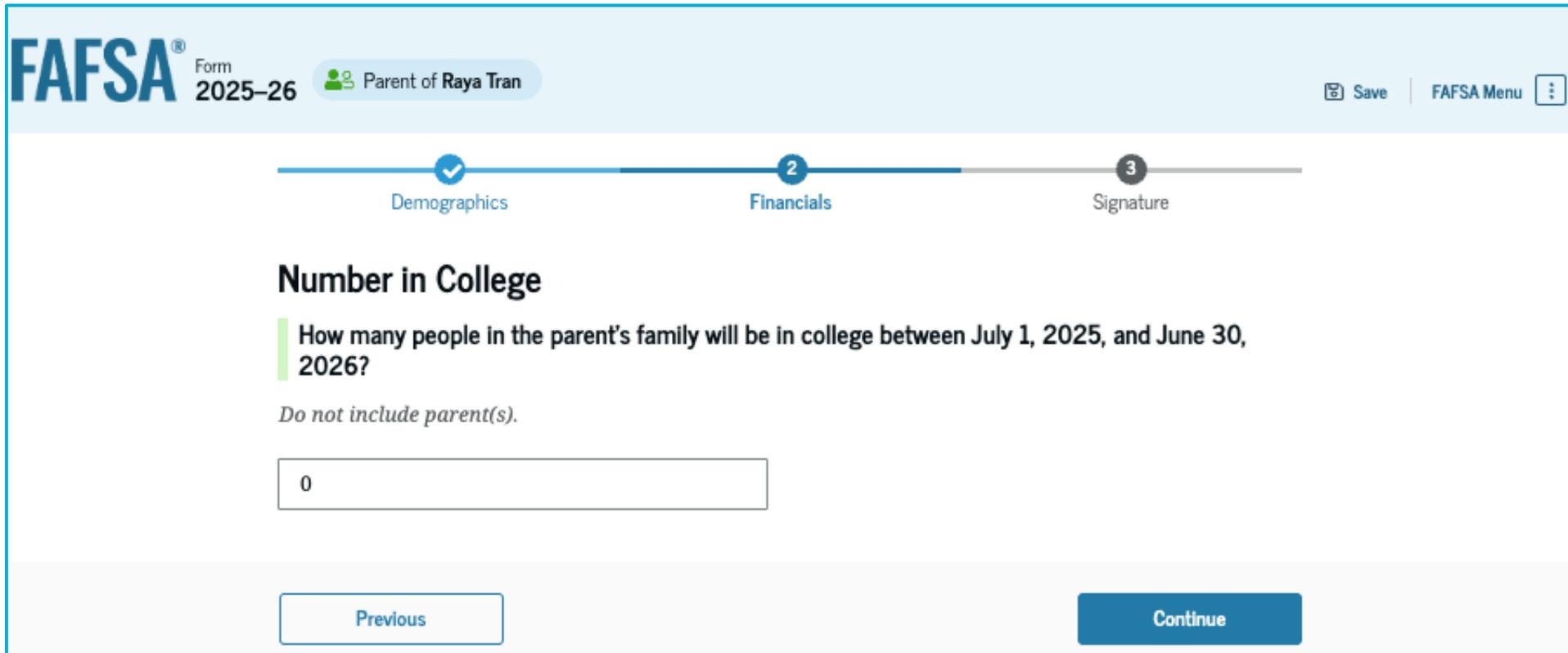
Do not include the student applicant.

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Continue

Parent Number in College

- Do not include the parent(s) on the Number in College question
- Make sure to write at least 1 to include the student filing the FAFSA



The screenshot shows the FAFSA Form 2025-26 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates that the 'Demographics' section is complete, and the user is currently on the 'Financials' section. The 'Number in College' question asks for the number of people in the parent's family who will be in college between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. A note specifies that parents should not be included. The input field contains the number '0'. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are visible at the bottom.

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Demographics Financials Signature

Number in College

How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026?

Do not include parent(s).

Previous Continue

Manually Inserting Tax Return Info

- The parents will be asked to insert information about their 2023 taxes if they were unable to transfer data from the IRS.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Parent 2023 Tax Return Information form. The form is titled "Parent 2023 Tax Return Information" and includes a progress bar at the top with three steps: Demographics, Financials, and Signature. The current step is Financials. The form contains the following sections:

- Parent 2023 Tax Return Information**
 - Refer to the parent's 2023 tax return to answer the following questions.
 - If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.
- Report Combined Taxes**
 - Report the combined tax information for the parent and their spouse.
- Where to find this information on the tax form**
- Filing Status**
 - Single
 - Head of household
 - Married filing jointly
 - Married filing separately
 - Qualifying surviving spouse
- Income Earned From Work**
 - \$ 5,000 .00
- Tax Exempt Interest Income**
 - \$ 000 .00
- Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions**
 - \$ 0 .00
- Untaxed Portions of Pensions**
 - \$ 0 .00
- Adjusted Gross Income**
 - \$ 3,000 .00

Manually Inserting Tax Return Info

- The parents will be asked to insert information about their 2023 taxes if they were unable to transfer data from the IRS.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2023-24 application form with the following sections and input fields:

- Income Tax Paid**: Input field showing \$ 1,000 .00
- IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-Employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans**: Input field showing \$ 0 .00
- Education Credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit)**: Input field showing \$ 0 .00
- Did the parent file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2023 IRS Form 1040?**: Radio button options: Yes, No (selected), Don't know
- Net Profit or Loss From IRS Form 1040 Schedule C**: Input field showing \$ 0 .00
- Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorp Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS**: Input field showing \$ 0 .00. Below the field is a note: "The parent paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those completing their FAFSA form again, not to first-time applicants. If married, include amount parent's spouse/partner received."
- Foreign Earned Income Exclusion**: Input field showing \$ 0 .00

Navigation buttons: Previous (disabled), Continue (active)

Manually Inserting Tax Return Info

- The parents will be asked to insert information about their 2023 taxes if they were unable to transfer data from the IRS.

FAFSA[®] Form 2025-26 Parent of Jimmy Price

Demographics Financials Signature

Parent 2023 Tax Return Information

Refer to the parent's 2023 tax return to answer the following questions.
(If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.)

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

Where to find this information on the tax form

Filing status

Single

Head of household

Married filing jointly

Married filing separately

Qualifying surviving spouse

Income Earned From Work

Manually Inserting Tax Records

Where To Find My 2023 Tax Information (2025–26)

If you are a U.S. tax filer, you may be asked to manually enter financial information from your 2023 tax return. The information we request will vary based on your responses.

The list shows information you may be asked to provide, and where to find it on the 2023 IRS Form 1040.

1. Filing Status
2. Income Earned from Work (Line 1z plus Schedule 1: Lines 3 + 6)
3. Tax Exempt Interest Income (Line 2a)
4. Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions (Line 4a minus 4b)
5. Untaxed Portions of Pensions (Line 5a minus 5b)
6. Adjusted Gross Income (Line 11)
7. Income Tax Paid (Line 24)
8. Deductible Payments to IRA/Keogh/other (Schedule 1, total of Lines 16 + 20)
9. Education Credits (Schedule 3, Line 3 + 1040 Line 29)
10. Net Profit or Loss From Schedule C (Schedule C: Line 31)
11. Foreign earned income exclusion (Schedule 1: Line 8d)

Note: You will also be asked to indicate if your 1040 shows that you were eligible for the Earned Income Credit (or Earned Income Tax Credit), or if you filed IRS Schedules A, B, D, E, F, or H.

Form **1040** Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service **2023** U.S. Individual Income Tax Return OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

For the year Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2023, or other tax year beginning _____, 2023, ending _____, 20_____ See separate instructions.

Your first name and middle initial _____ Last name _____ Your social security number _____

If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial _____ Last name _____ Spouse's social security number _____

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. _____ Apt. no. _____ Presidential Election Campaign
Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund. You Spouse

City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Foreign country name _____ Foreign province/state/county _____ Foreign postal code _____

Filing Status Single Married filing jointly (even if only one had income) Head of household (HOH)
 Married filing separately (MFS) Qualifying surviving spouse (QSS)
 Check only one box. If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QSS box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent: _____

Digital Assets At any time during 2023, did you: (a) receive (as a reward, award, or payment for property or services); or (b) sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of a digital asset (or a financial interest in a digital asset)? (See instructions.) Yes No

Standard Deduction Someone can claim: You as a dependent Your spouse as a dependent
 Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness You: Were born before January 2, 1959 Are blind **Spouse:** Was born before January 2, 1959 Is blind

Dependents (see instructions):

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) Check the box if qualifies for (see instructions):	Child tax credit	Credit for other dependents
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If more than four dependents, see instructions and check here

Income

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Forms W-2G and 1099-R if tax was withheld. If you did not get a Form W-2, see instructions.	1a Total amount from Form(s) W-2, box 1 (see instructions)	1a
	b Household employee wages not reported on Form(s) W-2	1b
	c Tip income not reported on line 1a (see instructions)	1c
	d Medicaid waiver payments not reported on Form(s) W-2 (see instructions)	1d
	e Taxable dependent care benefits from Form 2441, line 26	1e
	f Employer-provided adoption benefits from Form 8839, line 29	1f
	g Wages from Form 8919, line 6	1g
	h Other earned income (see instructions)	1h
	i Nontaxable combat pay election (see instructions)	1i
	z Add lines 1a through 1h	1z

Attach Sch. B if required.

2a Tax-exempt interest	2a	b Taxable interest	2b
3a Qualified dividends	3a	b Ordinary dividends	3b
4a IRA distributions	4a	b Taxable amount	4b
5a Pensions and annuities	5a	b Taxable amount	5b
6a Social security benefits	6a	b Taxable amount	6b
c If you elect to use the lump-sum election method, check here (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
7 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>		7
8 Additional income from Schedule 1, line 10			8
9 Add lines 1z, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your total income			9
10 Adjustments to income from Schedule 1, line 26			10
11 Subtract line 10 from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income			11
12 Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A)			12
13 Qualified business income deduction from Form 8995 or Form 8995-A			13
14 Add lines 12 and 13			14
15 Subtract line 14 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-. This is your taxable income			15

Standard Deduction for

- Single or Married filing separately, \$13,850
- Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse, \$27,700
- Head of household, \$20,800
- If you checked any box under Standard Deduction, see instructions.

For Disclosure, Privacy Act, and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions. Cat. No. 11320B Form **1040** (2023)

Parent Assets

- Child support received will only need to be reported if parents are required to report assets
- Small business and family farm net worth needs to be reported if assets are required

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Demographics 2 Financials Signature

Annual Child Support Received

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

\$.00

Parent Assets

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

\$.00

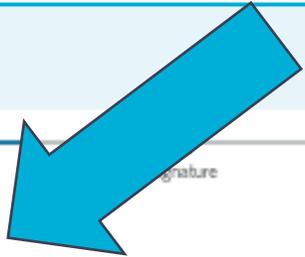
Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate
Don't include the home the parent lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

\$.00

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

\$.00

Previous Continue



Parent Taxes and Assets Quiz



Other Parent, Review, and Signature

Learning outcome: Explore how to guide the student's other parent in completing the FAFSA (if applicable)

Parent Review Page

- Each section includes a dropdown menu showing all questions and their answers. If a parent notices any incorrect responses, they can click on the question to be taken to a link where they can update their answer
- Parents need to click **Continue** to sign and submit.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Parent Review Page for the 2025-26 form year. The user is identified as the parent of Raya Tran. The page title is "Review Your FAFSA® Responses". A message states: "If you need to change any of your FAFSA responses, select the question to return to that page." Below this, there are two main sections: "Parent Sections" and "Contributor Section".

Parent Sections (Expand All):

- Introduction **Personal Identifiers**
- Section 1 **Demographics**
- Section 2 **Financials**

Contributor Section

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

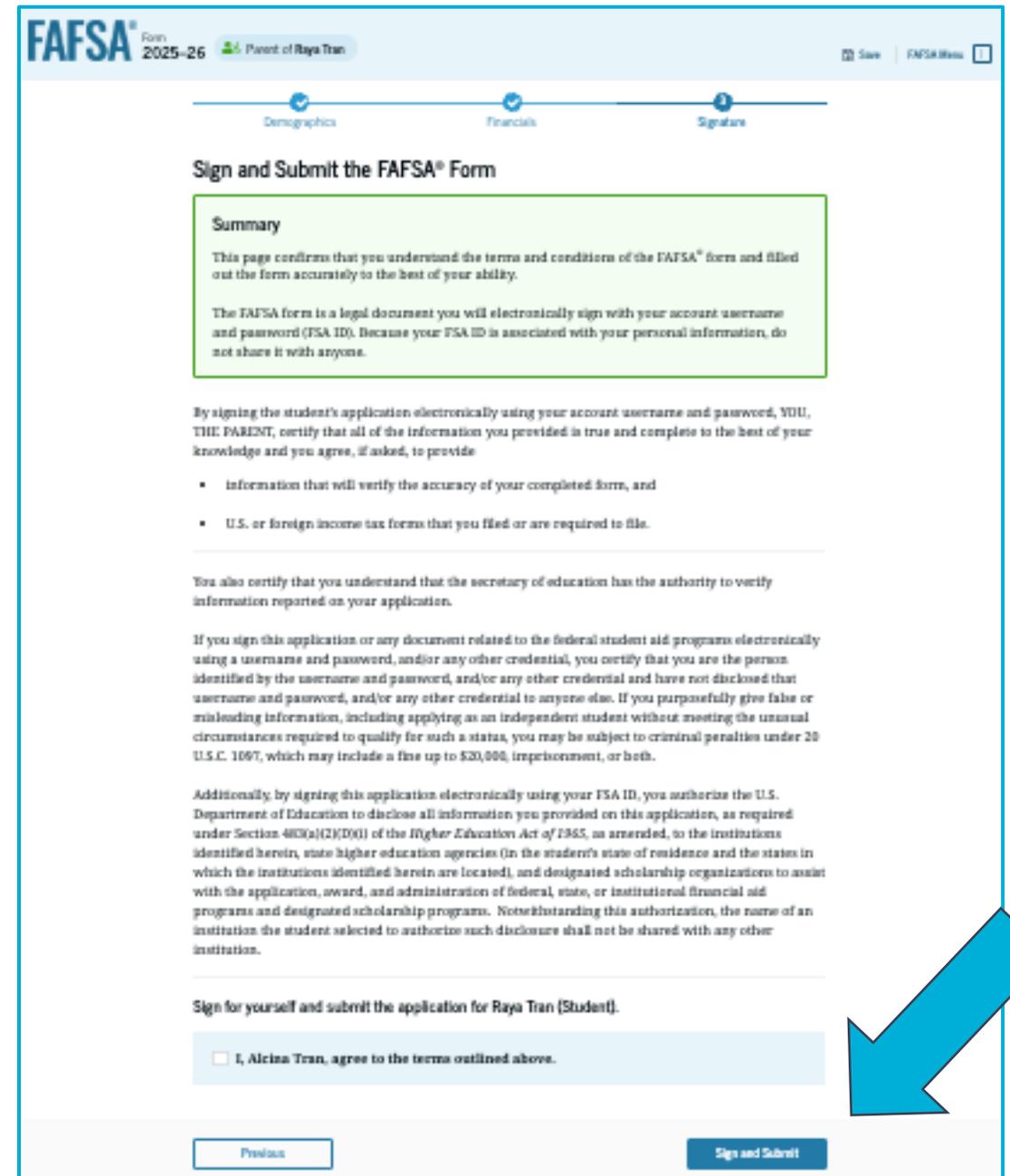
This FAFSA® form is shared with the individual listed below. View who you invited and the status of their section.

Contributor	Role	Date Added	Status
Travis Tran	Parent Spouse or Partner	10/16/2024	Invite Sent

Buttons: Previous, Continue

Other 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
- Whoever is the last person required to sign will submit the FAFSA form



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface for the 2025-26 form year. The user is logged in as 'Parent of Raya Tran'. The navigation bar includes 'Demographics', 'Financials', and 'Signature' steps. The main heading is 'Sign and Submit the FAFSA® Form'. A green-bordered box contains a 'Summary' section with the following text: 'This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability. 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 this, there is a paragraph stating that by signing electronically, the parent certifies the information is true and complete. A bulleted list follows: 'information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.' Further down, there is a paragraph about the secretary of education's authority to verify information. Another paragraph explains that signing electronically certifies the user is the person identified by the username and password and has not disclosed it to anyone else. A final paragraph states that signing electronically authorizes the U.S. Department of Education to disclose information to various institutions and scholarship organizations. At the bottom, there is a section for the parent to sign for themselves and submit the application for Raya Tran (Student). A checkbox is present with the text 'I, Alicia Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.' Below this are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Sign and Submit'. A large blue arrow points to the 'Sign and Submit' button.

FAFSA Confirmation

- Upon submitting the student's FAFSA form, the parent is presented with 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 2025-26 Parent of Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Congratulations,
the FAFSA[®] Form Is Complete!

Raya Tran
Completion Date
10/12/2025

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.

Differences in Confirmation Page

If the parent submits FAFSA

- The parent will see a congratulations page with minimal information
- The student will receive an email confirmation page with estimated SAI and federal aid eligibility

If the student submits FAFSA

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

FAFSA Submission Summary

Learning outcome: Become familiar with the FAFSA Submission Summary to better follow up with students who have completed their FAFSA but may need additional help.

FAFSA Submission Summary Landing Page

Upon completion, the student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary.

The FAFSA Submission Summary is broken into four tabs:

- **Eligibility Overview, FAFSA Form Answers, School Information, and Next Steps**
- At the top of the page, the student will see information on when their form was received and processed

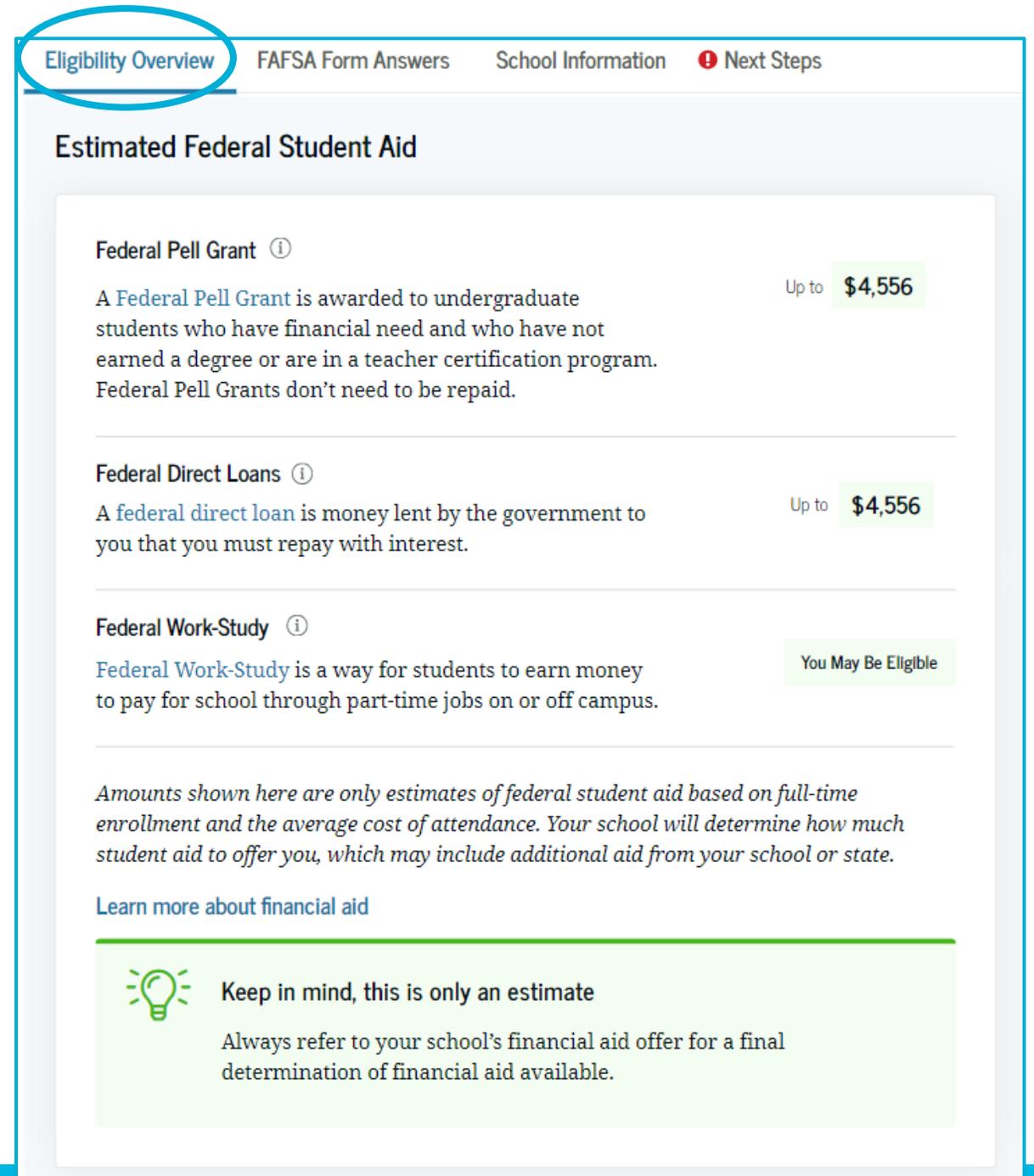
The screenshot shows the FAFSA Submission Summary landing page. At the top left is the FAFSA logo with 'FORM 2025-26' and the title 'FAFSA Submission Summary'. Below this is a light blue header bar containing student information and application dates. At the bottom is a navigation bar with four tabs: 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (which has a red exclamation mark icon).

Student	Application Received	Application Processed	Data Release Number	Viewing
Raya Tran	Oct. 17, 2024	Jan. 16th, 2024	1234	Submission 1

Eligibility Overview FAFSA Form Answers School Information Next Steps

Eligibility Overview

- On the Eligibility Overview tab, the student sees information on what federal student aid they may be eligible for, such as a Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans
- Any amounts of financial aid displayed 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



The screenshot shows the 'Eligibility Overview' tab selected in a navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Estimated Federal Student Aid'. The content is organized into three sections, each with a title, a description, and an estimated amount or eligibility status.

Aid Type	Estimated Amount / Eligibility
Federal Pell Grant	Up to \$4,556
Federal Direct Loans	Up to \$4,556
Federal Work-Study	You May Be Eligible

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

[Learn more about financial aid](#)



Keep in mind, this is only an estimate

Always refer to your school's financial aid offer for a final determination of financial aid available.

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- Here, they can also view the Student Aid Index

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 ⓘ

A federal direct loan is money lent by the government to you that you must repay with interest.

Up to **\$4,556**

Federal Work-Study ⓘ

Federal Work-Study is a way for students to earn money to pay for school through part-time jobs on or off campus.

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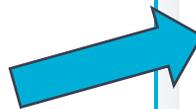
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Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

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

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[What does this mean?](#)



FAFSA Form Answers

- The **FAFSA Form Answers** tab shows the student's answers, as well as their contributor's if applicable, 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' (circled in blue), 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (with a red notification icon). Below the tabs, the main heading is 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers', 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.' A blue button labeled 'Make a Correction' is circled in blue. 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.

School Information

- The **School Information** tab has information about the college(s) and/or career school(s) that students selected to send their FAFSA information
- Here, students 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.

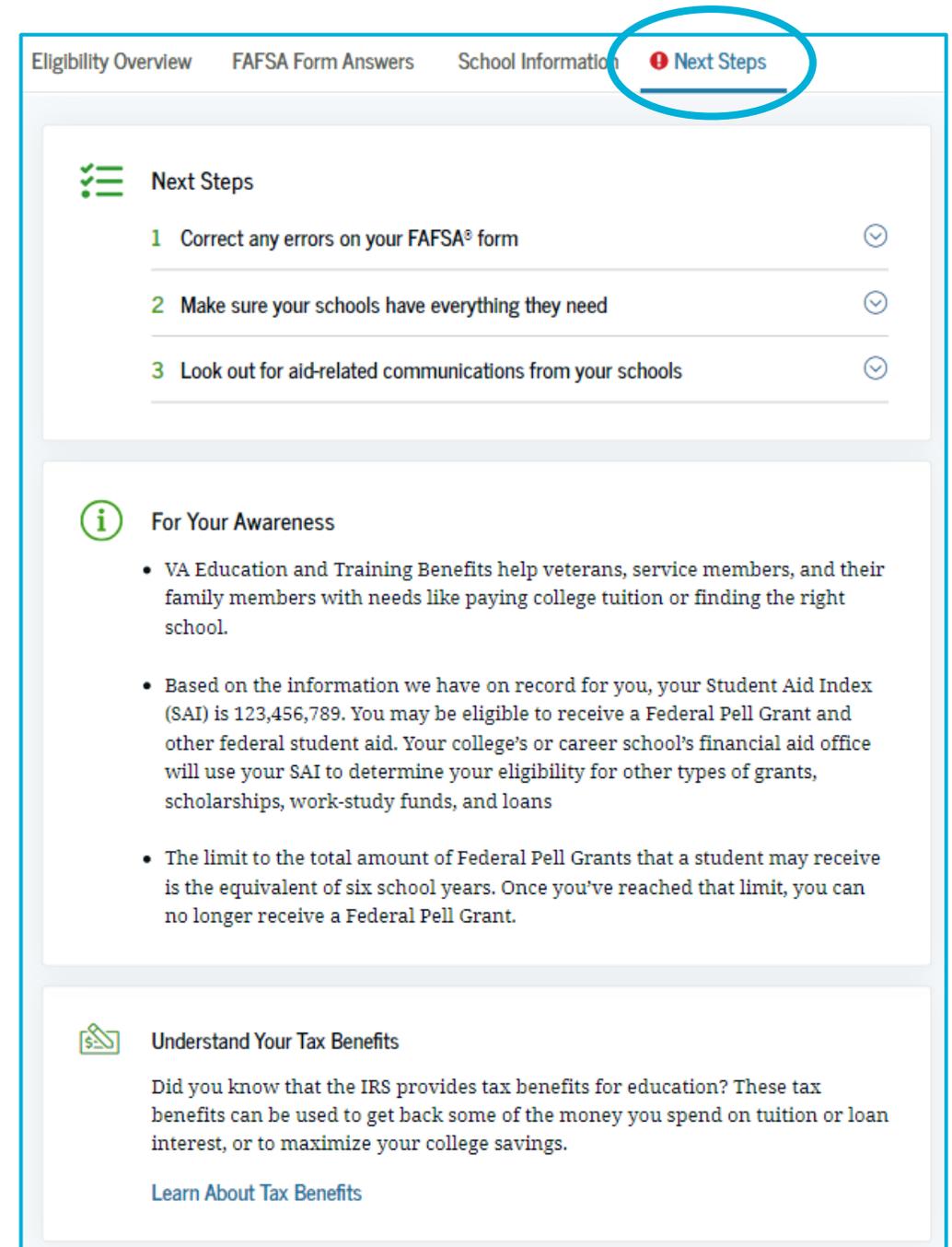
[Learn More on College Scorecard](#) Showing results for family income between **\$0-\$30,000**

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

- The **Next Steps** tab shows comments about the student's FAFSA form
- Some comments may require the student to make a correction or submit additional documentation to their school
- Other comments are informational and do not require further action



The screenshot shows the 'Next Steps' tab selected in a navigation bar. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Next Steps', 'For Your Awareness', and 'Understand Your Tax Benefits'. The 'Next Steps' section contains a list of three items, each with a dropdown arrow. The 'For Your Awareness' section contains three bullet points providing information about VA benefits, Student Aid Index (SAI), and Federal Pell Grants. The 'Understand Your Tax Benefits' section contains a paragraph of text and a link to 'Learn About Tax Benefits'.

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

Next Steps

- 1 Correct any errors on your FAFSA® form
- 2 Make sure your schools have everything they need
- 3 Look out for aid-related communications from your schools

For Your Awareness

- 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.

Understand Your Tax Benefits

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](#)

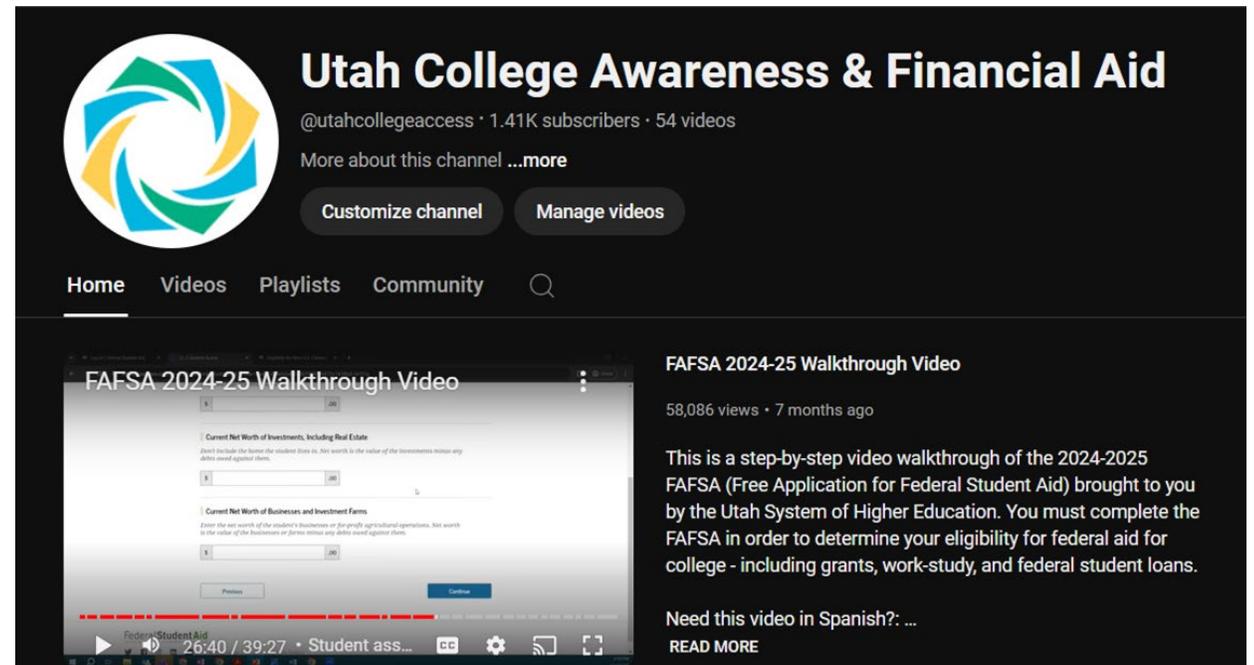
Key Guidance: FAFSA Submission Summary

- Verification status could show up next to SAI or the Next Steps sections
- Explain negative SAI to students and parents
 - A negative SAI is the same as zero when receiving a Pell Grant
- Making a correction is available within the FAFSA Submission Summary
- Sections that need attention will be labeled with a red exclamation point



Resources

- UCAW and FAFSA webpage for professionals: ushe.edu/utah-college-application-week/
- YouTube Channel: youtube.com/@utahcollegeaccess
- Apply for College webpage: ushe.edu/college/
- FAFSA Help Utah webpage: ushe.edu/fafsa/
- FAFSA Scholarship

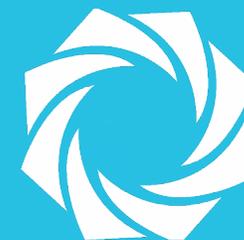


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