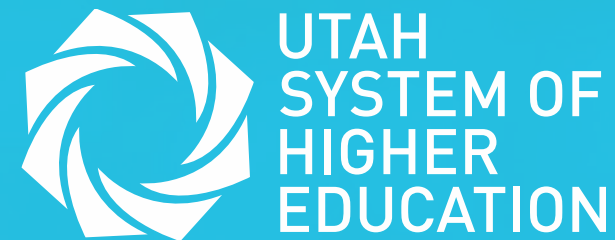


FAFSA Boot Camp Part II: The New FAFSA

October-December 2023



Today's Goals

- Review past training and upcoming training
- Deep dive into the new FAFSA
 - Explore details to prepare students and parents to complete the form
 - Discuss possible conversations to have with families
 - Engage in reviews for learning
- For those who stay at the end we will have a drawing for a Amazon gift card

**Many of the following slides came from the National College Attainment Network (NCAN). Text and pictures have been adapted to fit the template provided by the USHE office.*

Upcoming Training

Review FAFSA Training: <https://ushe.edu/k-12-outreach/ed-insights-k12/>

Review recordings: <https://www.youtube.com/@utahcollegeaccess>

Upcoming events to register for:

Dates	Events
Dec. 6 th and 8 th	How to Host a FAFSA Night 6 th : Advice for New FAFSA Night Planners 8 th : Discussion with FAFSA Night Experts
Jan. 3 rd – 12 th	FAFSA Boot Camp Part III: FAFSA Demo Practice with Case Studies
Jan. – Mar.	Webinars: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting Students with Disabilities• Supporting Undocumented Students• Supporting Students Facing Housing Insecurity

Highlights—

FAFSA Boot Camp Part I: FSA ID Walkthrough

1. Students and parents can create their Federal Student Aid account, or FSA ID, **now** (which is recommended)
2. Parents without a Social Security Number will be able to create an FSA ID and electronically sign the FAFSA. However, this feature won't be available until the updated FAFSA is released.
3. Identity match requirement: It will take 1-3 business days to process a student's or parent's identity after creating an FSA ID—a necessary step to successfully transfer tax information to the new FAFSA

US Citizen and Resident Students with Undocumented Parents

These students **can and should** complete the FAFSA

There are 3 important changes compared to the old FAFSA for undocumented parents:

- They will soon be able to create an FSA ID (option for those without an SSN)
- If they file taxes and have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), they'll be able to transfer their tax information over from the IRS
- They will be able to sign the FAFSA electronically

US Citizen Students with Undocumented Parents – Best Practices

- What do you do if a parent is hesitant about revealing their undocumented status on the FAFSA?
 - Reassure them that the Department of Education does not share information with immigration or customs enforcement agencies
 - If they have an ITIN, then the IRS already has most of their information already
 - If they do not want to create an FSA ID and electronically insert their information, they can submit a paper FAFSA

Paper FAFSA is back!

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



More information to come on these items:

- FSA ID process for parents without a Social Security Number
- What the process will look like for manually inserting income and tax information on the electronic FAFSA
- If specific questions on the FAFSA will change based on feedback from the open comment period
- How to advise assessing the net worth of family farms and other small businesses
- How the new FAFSA will impact verification selection



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

The New FAFSA: Prototype Self-Guide

FAFSA Prototype

The 2024–25 FAFSA Prototype URL:

<http://fsapartners.ed.gov/fafsa-prototype/2425>

Password: **prototype2425**

The New FAFSA: Introduction and Consent

There are 3 parts to the new FAFSA

1. Identification or Account (AKA FSA ID)



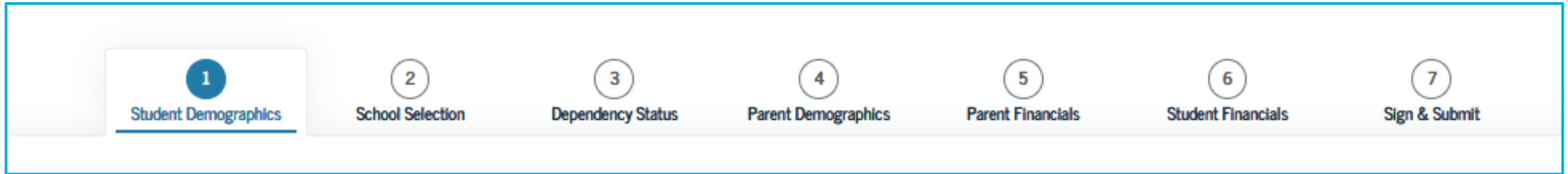
2. The FAFSA Form



3. The FAFSA Submission Summary

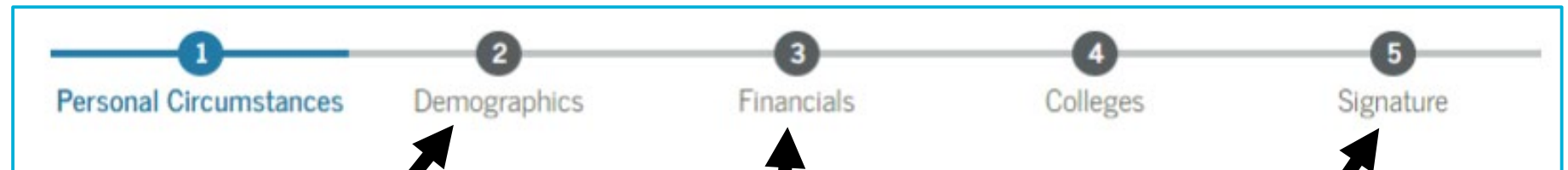


Old FAFSA Sections

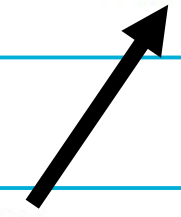
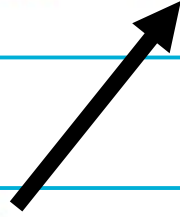
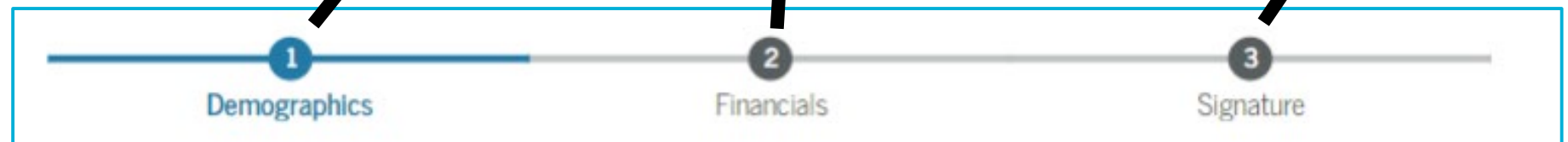


New FAFSA Sections

Student –



Parent(s) –



FAFSA Landing Page

- Key features: this will automatically let students file the 2024-25 FAFSA Form
- If a student needs to complete the old FAFSA, they will have access to do that

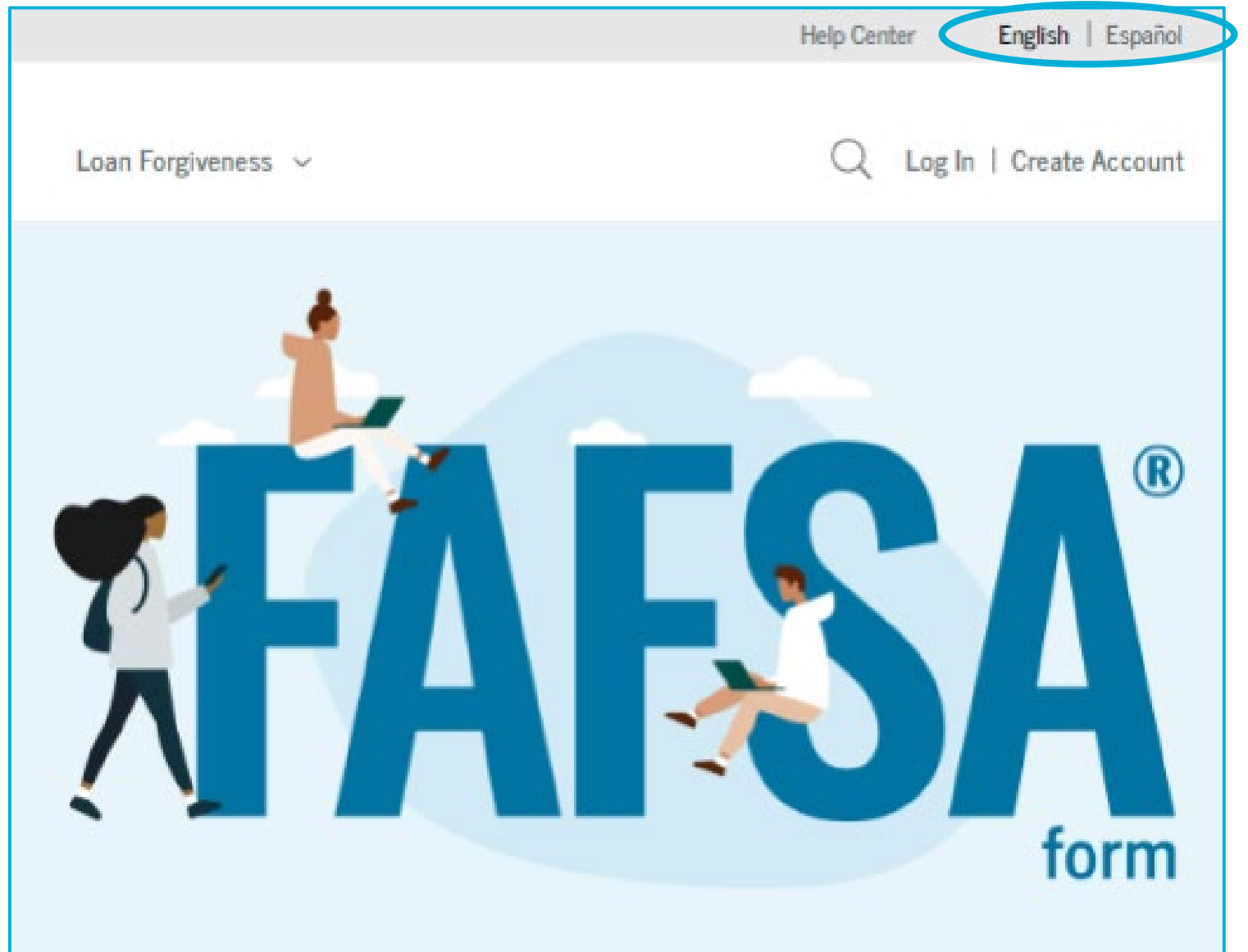
The screenshot shows the FAFSA landing page with several key elements highlighted by circles:

- 2024-25 FAFSA Form**: A blue circle highlights the text "2024-25 FAFSA Form" in the main header.
- Start a New Form**: A blue circle highlights the "Start a New Form" button.
- Edit Existing Form**: A blue circle highlights the "Edit Existing Form" button.
- Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form**: A yellow circle highlights the link "Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form" in the text "Need to access last year's form? Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form".

The page content includes:

- Header: "An official website of the United States government", "Federal Student Aid", "AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION", navigation menus for "FAFSA", "Loans & Grants", "Repayment", "Loan Forgiveness", "Help Center", "English", "Español", "Log In", "Create Account".
- Main Content: "Get Money to Pay for School", "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.", "2024-25 FAFSA Form", "Start a New Form", "Edit Existing Form", "Need to access last year's form? Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form", "FAFSA form" with an illustration of students.
- Deadlines Section: "Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In", "Some states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!", "School Year" dropdown, "State of Residence" dropdown, "Find Deadlines" button, "View All FAFSA Deadlines" link.
- FAQ Section: Three cards with icons and titles: "Who Should Complete This?", "How Long Will it Take?", "What Do I Need?".

Spanish Option



Roles

- If the student or parent tries to start the FAFSA without logging in, the FAFSA will require them to log in with their FSA ID
- Any parent wishing to work on the electronic FAFSA form will be required to log in with an FSA ID

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Welcome, Raya,
to the FAFSA[®] Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

Student 

Parent 


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Log In

- If the person is not logged in, it will take them to this page
- If they don't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account"

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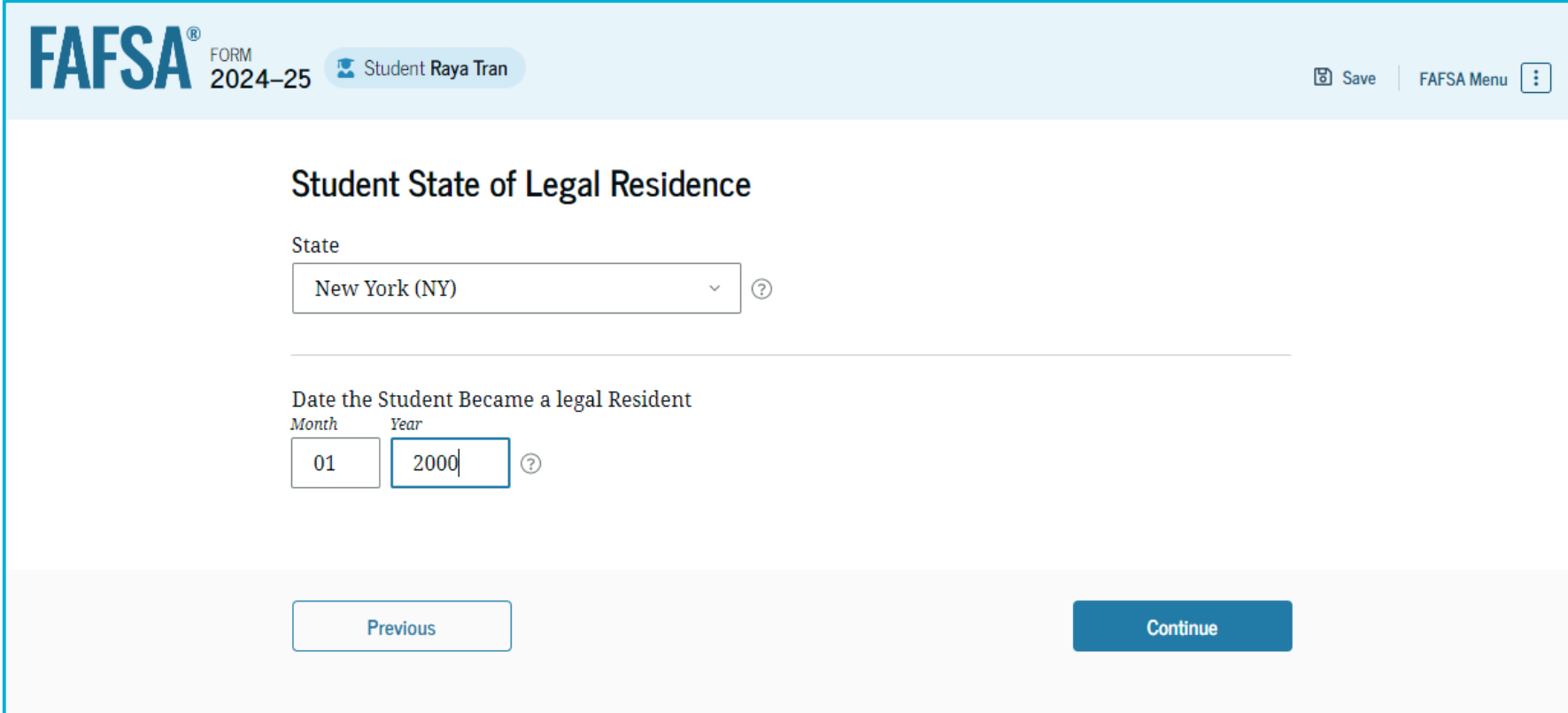
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Student State of Legal Residence

- In Utah, to be a legal resident, you must live in the state for 12 consecutive months.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 form for Student Raya Tran. The page title is "Student State of Legal Residence". The form includes a dropdown menu for "State" with "New York (NY)" selected. Below this is a section for "Date the Student Became a legal Resident" with input fields for "Month" (01) and "Year" (2000). At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Student State of Legal Residence

State
New York (NY) ?

Date the Student Became a legal Resident

Month	Year
01	2000 ?

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Parent State of Legal Residence

- The parent will also be asked about their state of legal residence. This does not affect the student's aid eligibility.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 form for the 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 "Parent State of Legal Residence". The form includes a "State" dropdown menu with "New York (NY)" selected, and a "Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident" section with "Month" set to "01" and "Year" set to "1985". There are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons at the bottom.

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Parent State of Legal Residence

State
New York (NY) ?

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

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Student, Parent, and Other Parent Provides Consent

- This page informs the student and parent(s) about consent and their federal tax information
- By providing consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA form from the IRS to help complete the Student Financials section
- That direct transfer is called the **Direct Data Exchange (DDX)**

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Provide Consent or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

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

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

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

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

Student, Parent, and Other Parent Provides Consent

- This page informs the student and parent(s) about consent and their federal tax information
- By providing consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA form from the IRS to help complete the Student Financials section
- That direct transfer is called the **Direct Data Exchange (DDX)**
- The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page
- This consent agreement is nearly the same for the student as the parent

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

— Frequently Asked Questions —

Who should provide consent? ⌵

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


What happens after I provide consent? ⌵

What happens if I revoke consent? ⌵

What happens if I decline consent? ⌵

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

Previous Decline Approve



Consent is REQUIRED

Consent is required from all contributors, no matter the personal situation, to be eligible for federal 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)

Items not covered in this section:

- The student identity information
 - Reviews the name, DOB, SSN, email, phone number, and address of the student
 - To adjust identity information, the student will need to go through their account settings on studentaid.gov (NOT on the FAFSA Form)

What happens if a student or parent declines or refuses to provide consent?

The student will only qualify for an unsubsidized student loan

0%

The student can still qualify for aid from the FAFSA

0%

The student will be ineligible for any aid on the FAFSA including loans

0%

Student Personal Circumstances

1

Personal Circumstances

2

Demographics

3

Financials

4

Colleges

5

Signature

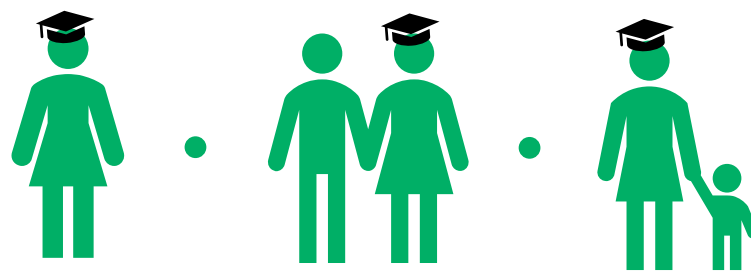
Dependency Status

- The following questions will determine if the student is considered “Dependent” or “Independent”
- **Dependent student:** MUST report information about their parent(s)
- **Independent student:** will only report information about themselves and NOT their parent(s)

Dependent student



Independent student



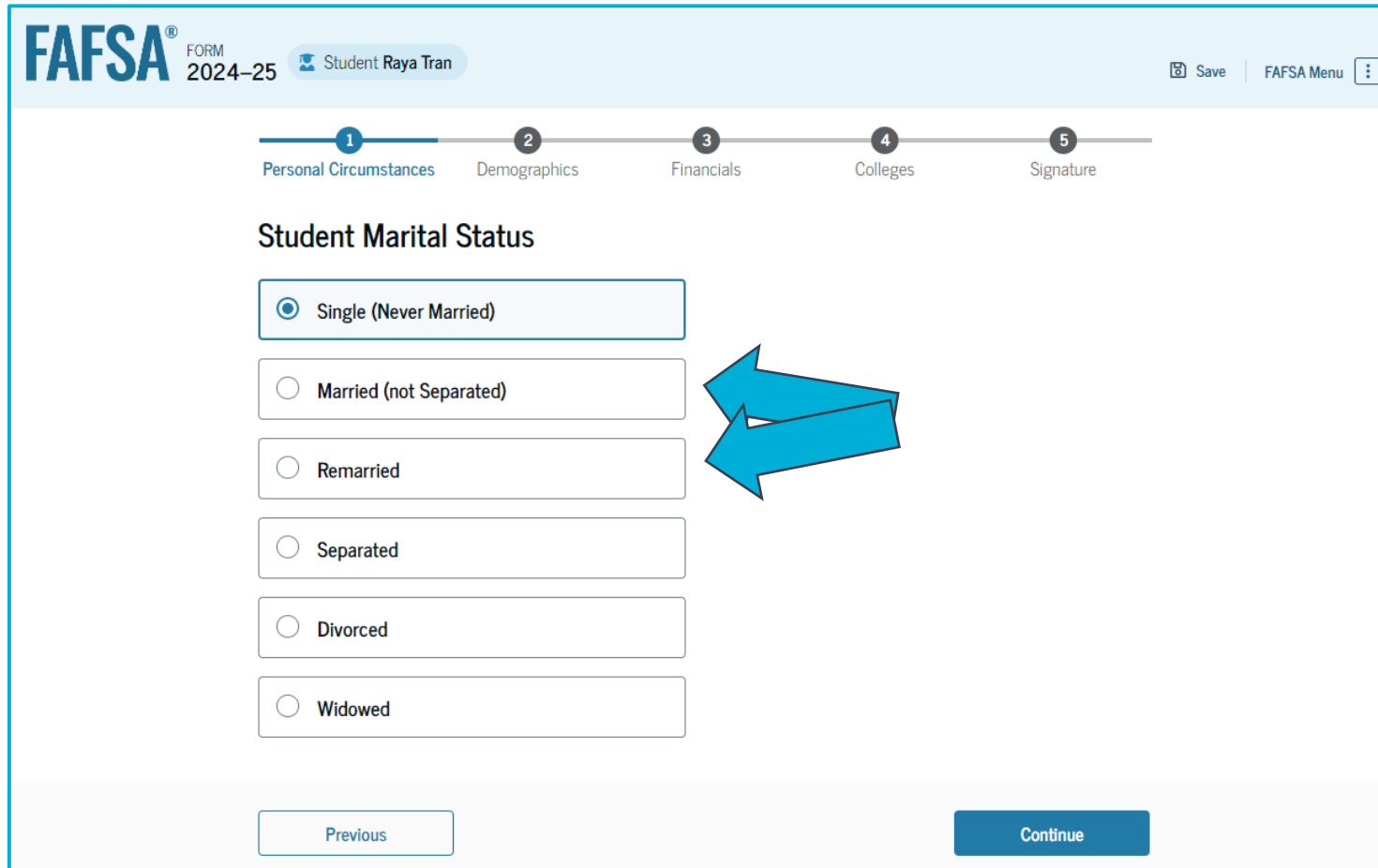
Dependency Question #1

- This question is not listed on the FAFSA because it alludes to the Date of Birth of the student
- Is the student 24 or older as of January 2024?
- Students 24 or older are considered independent

Student Marital Status

Dependency question #2

- Students who are married/remarried are considered independent



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates the user is on step 1, Personal Circumstances. The question is titled "Student Marital Status" and offers six radio button options: "Single (Never Married)", "Married (not Separated)", "Remarried", "Separated", "Divorced", and "Widowed". Two blue arrows point to the "Married (not Separated)" and "Remarried" options. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Student Marital Status

Single (Never Married)

Married (not Separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

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Parent Marital Status

- Similar question is asked to the parents

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 form for a parent of Raya Tran. The form is titled "Parent Current Marital Status" and is part of a three-step process: 1. Demographics, 2. Financials, and 3. Signature. The "Married (not Separated)" option is selected.

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Parent Current Marital Status

Single (Never Married)

Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Married (not Separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

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Student College or Career Plans

- The student is asked about their college grade level for the 2024–25 school year and if they will have their first bachelor’s degree
- All high school students, regardless of if they took Concurrent Enrollment or Dual Enrollment, will select “First Year” and “No” to the 1st bachelor’s degree
- Dependency questions #3&4
 - If the student selects “College graduate...” or “Yes” to completing a 1st bachelor’s degree, they will be considered independent

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Student College or Career School Plans

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

First Year (freshman) ←

Second Year (sophomore)

Other undergraduate (junior or senior)

College graduate, professional, or beyond (MBA, M.D., Ph.D., etc.) ←

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

Yes ← No ←

Previous Continue

Student Personal Circumstances

- Dependency questions #5-12
 - If the student checks any of these boxes, they will be considered as independent
- If none of these options 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, 20XX and June 30, 20XX.

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

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

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

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

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

None of these apply

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Student Other Circumstances

Dependency question number 13

At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student **unaccompanied AND either**

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Raya Tran. A progress bar at the top indicates five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (active), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The main heading is 'Student Other Circumstances'. The question text is: 'At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?'. Below the question are two radio button options: 'Yes' (unselected) and 'No' (selected). At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Student Other Circumstances

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

Yes No

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Student Unusual Circumstances

- Financial dependency question
- The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting their parent(s). The student selects “Yes.”
- Examples include...

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (active), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The main heading is 'Student Unusual Circumstances'. A green box contains the text: 'This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.' Below this is the question: 'Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?'. A sub-heading reads: 'A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they'. This is followed by a bulleted list: 'left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;', 'are abandoned by or estranged from their parents and have not been adopted;', 'have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;', 'are a victim of human trafficking;', 'are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or', and 'are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents and have not been adopted.' Below the list is a note: '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.' At the bottom, there are two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are also visible.

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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 and have not been adopted;
- have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- are a victim of human trafficking;
- are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or
- are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents and have not been adopted.

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

Yes No

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

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- are abandoned by or estranged from their parents and have not been adopted;
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- are a victim of human trafficking;
- are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or
- are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents and have not been adopted.

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

Student Unusual Circumstances

- Unusual circumstances will be followed up by the college
- The FAFSA can be signed and submitted
- Students will receive a **provisional** SAI
- SAI will be provisional until circumstances are verified (AKA verification)

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



Dependency Results

- Based on the answers provided by the student, the FAFSA will notify them whether they are considered a dependent or independent student
- The student is asked if they want a financial aid administrator to determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only
 - **This is an option if the student's parents are unwilling to provide information**
- Multiple pop-up warnings will appear if the student selects "Yes"

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Student Dependency Status

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

Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

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

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

Yes No

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Impact of Provisionally Independent Status

- If the student answers “Yes” to any of the dependency questions, this will be the screen they will see
- These students will be considered a **provisionally independent student** and are **not required to provide parent information**
- The student is able to sign and submit their FAFSA form, but **they will need to contact their college to see what supporting documentation they need to submit (aka Verification)**
- A financial aid administrator at the college will review and make a determination regarding a dependency override
- Until the student’s circumstances are verified, Federal Student Aid will only provide the student an estimate of their federal student aid eligibility

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Your Dependency Status

Provisionally Independent Student

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

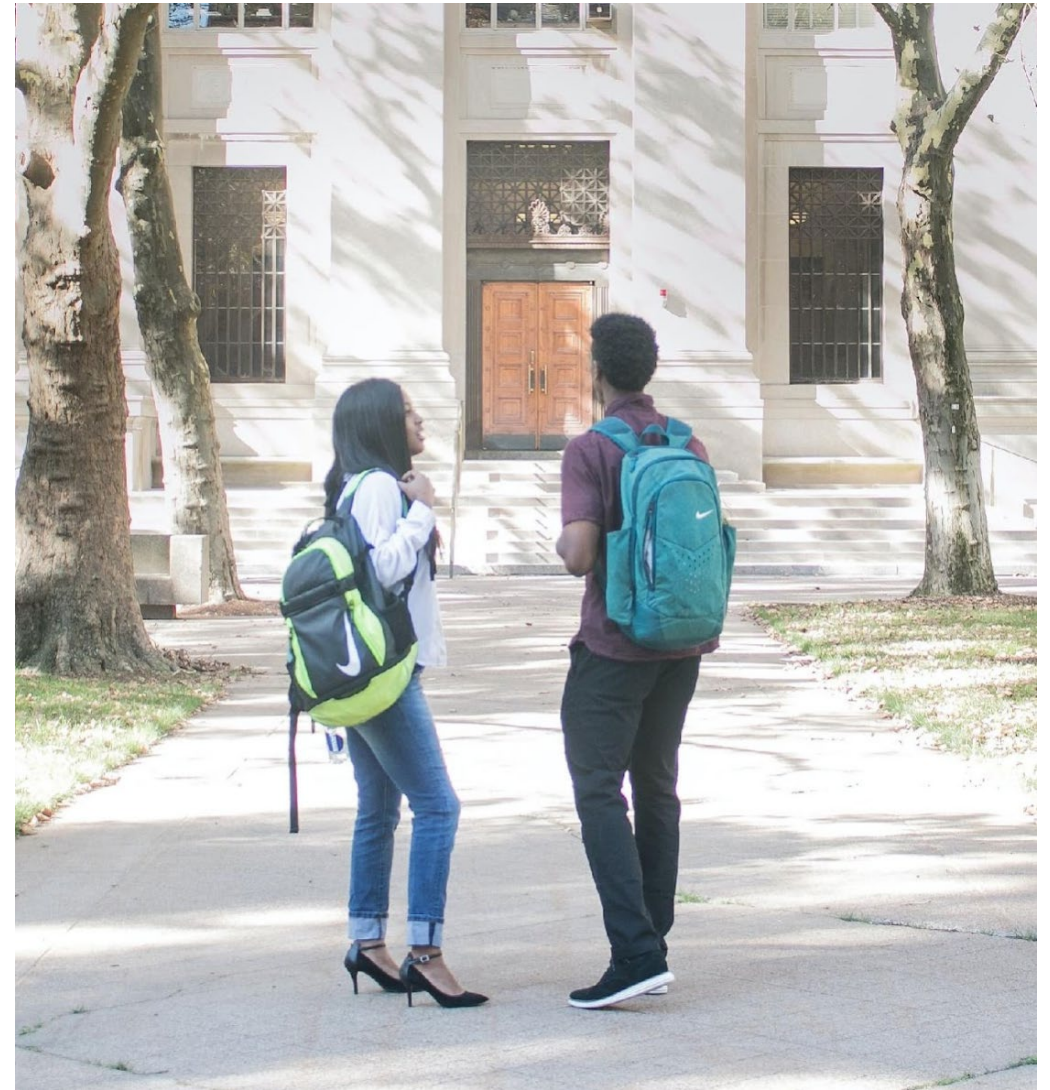
To complete your application, you'll need to contact your school's financial aid office and provide documentation to verify your circumstances.

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

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Independent Student Differences

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



Jake has been in the foster care system until he turned 14 when he was adopted by his current parents. Is Jake dependent or independent?

Dependent

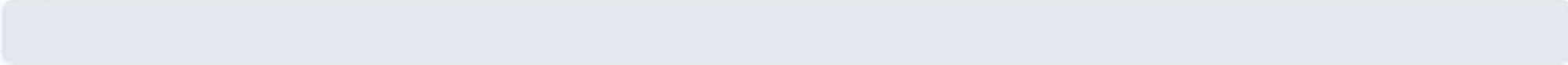
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Independent

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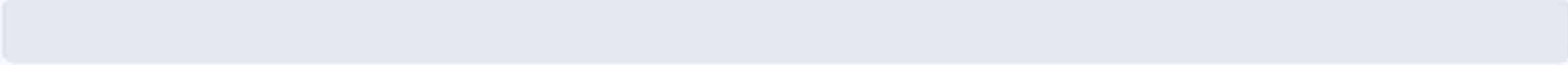
Jane has grown up with her grandparents due to her parents being in and out of prison and having no contact with her parents. Is Jane considered dependent or independent

Dependent



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Independent



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We need more information about the adoptive state of the grandparents



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Parent Questions: Dependent Students Only

Parent Information

- Dependent students are asked to provide information about their parents
- The FAFSA Form considers their “Parent” to be their legal **(biological or adoptive)** parent
- The student is **required to invite their parent(s)** to their FAFSA form to complete the required parent sections
- Who is **NOT** considered a “contributor” or “parent” on the FAFSA?
 - Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, brothers or sisters, and aunts or uncles, even if they helped provide for or raise the student

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2024-25 form interface for Student Raya Tran. At the top, the FAFSA logo and form year are visible, along with the student's name and a 'Save' button. A progress bar indicates the current step is 'Personal Circumstances' (1), with other steps being 'Demographics' (2), 'Financials' (3), 'Colleges' (4), and 'Signature' (5). The main heading is 'Tell Us About Your Parents'. A green box explains that a 'Parent' is a legal or adoptive parent or stepparent who supports the student financially. Below this, a question asks 'Are your parents married to each other?' with radio button options for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. A blue box with an icon of a document and people states: 'You will need to provide information for your parents. Based on your answers in this section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your parents to your form so they can complete their required sections.' At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Parent Wizard Questions

Are the parents married to each other?

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

Do the parents live together?

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

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

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

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

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

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes No

Do the parents live together?

Yes No

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


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

Yes No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

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

Yes No



Provide Information for This Parent Only


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

Dependent Student Invites Parents

- To 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 there is more than one parent involved, the student is only required to insert one of the parents' information to move forward

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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>																
<p>First Name</p> <input type="text" value="Alcina"/>	<p>First Name</p> <input type="text"/>																
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- Only one parent's info is needed to progress through the form; the 2nd parent can be invited by 1st parent contributor if needed

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

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KEY GUIDANCE: Inviting Parents

- Parent invite must match
 - legal name
 - date of birth
 - SSN (if they have one) or mailing address (if they don't have an SSN)
- Email address provided for contributors does not need to match the one used for the FSA ID
- Inviting matching issues need to be fixed by the student

RECOMMENDATION: Talk through parent wizard questions before starting the FAFSA

Who is considered a contributor?

Granparents



Aunts or Uncles



Adoptive parents



Legal Guardians



Student Demographics

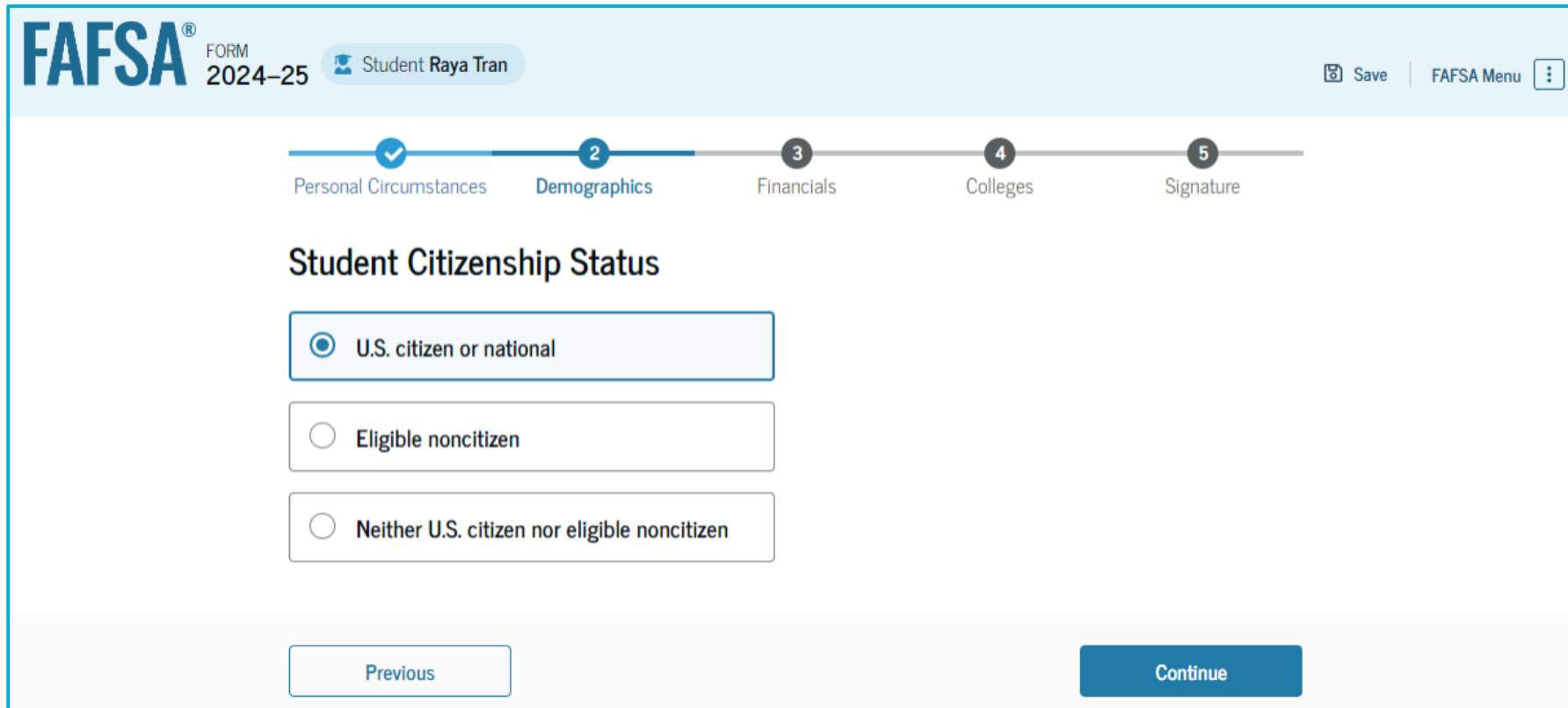


Items not covered in this section:

- Student's Gender, Race, and Ethnicity questions
 - All questions do not affect aid, will not be shared to the colleges, and have a "prefer not to answer" selection
 - If students start the FAFSA, parents will not see the student's answers
- Parent education status question, this is to help determine first-generation students
- Parent killed in line of duty
- Student's high school completion status

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 Alien Registration Number



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Raya Tran. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2024-25), the student's name, and options to Save or view the FAFSA Menu. A progress indicator shows five steps: Personal Circumstances (completed), Demographics (current), Financials, Colleges, and Signature. The main section is titled "Student Citizenship Status" and contains three radio button options: "U.S. citizen or national" (selected), "Eligible noncitizen", and "Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Student Citizenship Status

U.S. citizen or national

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FAFSA Citizenship Terminology

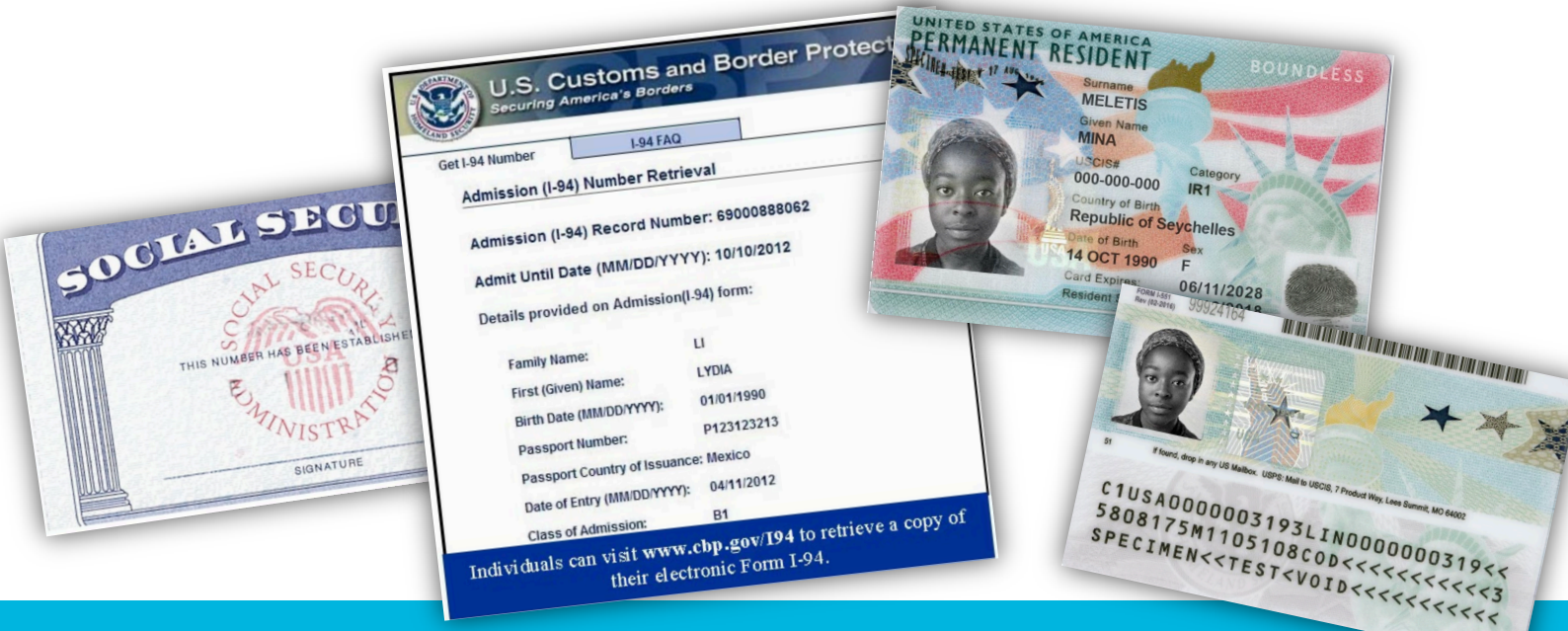
- **U.S. Citizens**
 - Naturalized and born citizens



- **Social Security Card required on the FSA ID**

FAFSA Citizenship Terminology

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- **Social Security Card required on the FSA ID**
- **Will need to provide their Alien Registration Number (A#) from an I-94 form or Green Card**

FAFSA FAQs: Eligible Non-Citizens

Question:

- How would I know if a student is considered an “eligible non-citizen”?
- Can a student complete the FAFSA if they are an “eligible non-citizen”?

Answer:

- **Yes.** Eligible non-citizens should complete the FAFSA, they will need to provide their “Alien Registration Number” and Social Security Number on the form.
- **Example categories include: U.S. permanent residents (Green Card), refugees, or asylum grantees**
- Please review documentation that Federal Student Aid stipulates as “eligible” on the following website:
 - <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens>

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

FAFSA FAQs: Ineligible Students

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 always an option.
- If a student needs to complete the FAFSA to qualify for a scholarship, work with their college's financial aid office or Dream Centers.
- In-state tuition may also be an option – have the student ask their college or university if they qualify under House Bill 144.

Legislation

House Bill (HB) 144

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

- Attended a Utah high school for at least 3 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 (HB) 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 (HB) 102

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



Scholarship Lists and Databases for Ineligible Students

- **University of Utah Dream Center:**
dream.utah.edu
- **Salt Lake Community College Dream Center:**
slcc.edu/dreamcenter/
- **Utah State University:** usu.edu/financial-support/undocumented-student-resources
- **Weber State University:**
weber.edu/undocumented/scholarships.html
- **Utah Tech University:**
scholarships.utahtech.edu/non-resident-freshman-scholarships-2/
- **Southern Utah University:**
suu.edu/diversity/undocumented-daca-resources.html
- **Davis Technical College:**
davistech.edu/scholarships
- **Utah Valley University:**
uvu.edu/studentaffairs/initiatives/



Tips for Assisting Families During FAFSA and Scholarship Events:

- Use Universal language
- Include instruction about undocumented students when discussing the FAFSA and/or scholarships in meetings, in instruction, and for advertising events
- Inform families early
- For those hosting events, have a place set up to have these conversations away from the main group, but don't draw attention to them by leaving the room
- Maybe have information packets or some type of resource available for the family to know where to go.

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Student High School Information

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High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State
New York (NY) ?

City
Brooklyn ?

High School Name - optional
Brown Hi ?
Brown High School
Search

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High School Name - optional
Brown High School ?

Brown High School
Brooklyn, New York (NY)

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How would you help an undocumented student who is unable to complete the FAFSA?

Inform them and their parent early in the school year of their inability to file the FAFSA, and provide alternative information

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Use universal language to teach all students FAFSA limitations (we cannot ask about citizenship status)

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Get them connected with a Dream Center or the undocumented resource website for their college

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Guide them on HB 144 and private scholarships that do not require citizenship

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5-minute break
Return at 1:29pm

Student Financials

(Reminder, we are still waiting to hear more)



Student Tax Return Information

- If the student filed taxes, their IRS tax information should automatically be completed as long as they:
 - Created their FSA ID and had their identity processed – which takes 1-3 business days to process after successfully creating an FSA ID
 - Approved their consent
- If the student filed taxes but did not create an FSA ID in time, they will have to manually insert their tax information from their tax forms
 - After they have submitted the FAFSA and their FSA ID identity has been checked, the FAFSA will automatically transfer the IRS tax information and replace the inserted 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 but is considered dependent under their parents' taxes, they will not need to worry about answering the tax questions
- Student and/or parent will never see any federal tax info that is shared via **Direct Data Exchange (DDX)**
 - Won't be on form
 - Won't be on the FAFSA submission summary
- The 2024-25 FAFSA will use 2022 tax information

Student Tax Return Information

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

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Student 2022 Tax Return Information

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

IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan

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Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan

\$.00

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

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

\$.00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00

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Student Assets

- This is 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

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Student Assets

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

529s and the FAFSA



Student Owner: If the student owns the 529 (not a beneficiary but owner), you will insert the amount in the student's assets – not common for HS



Parent Owner: If the parent owns the 529 and any other sibling 529s, you will insert all the amounts onto the parent's assets



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



Custodial plans: If the student owns a custodial 529, in which a custodian acts on behalf of the minor until the minor is of legal age, we will insert that 529 on the parent's assets if the parent is the custodian

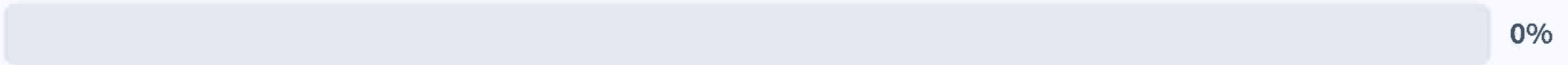
- If the student has other siblings that have custodial plans and the parent is the custodian, we do not need to insert the other sibling plans

True or False: The net worth of family farms and small family businesses must be reported on the FAFSA as an asset.

True



False



Student Colleges



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

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

0 of 20 Schools Selected View Selected Schools

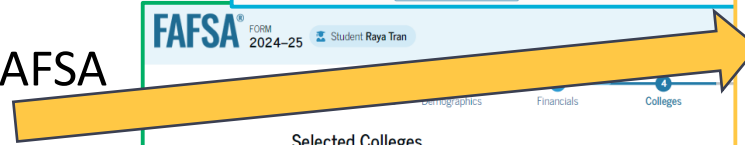
Search by School Name Search by School Code

State
Calif
California (CA)

School Name - optional

Search

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Demographics Financials **Colleges**

Selected Colleges
These are the colleges you want to receive your FAFSA information
To change the position of a school in your list, use the up and down arrow buttons to the school's name.

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

12 of 20 Schools Selected

Showing 1 to 10 of 12

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

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

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

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

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

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

Search and Select Schools

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4 of 20 schools have been selected Search and Select Schools

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Personal Circumstances



Demographics



Financials



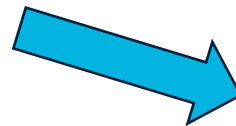
Colleges



Signature

Student Review Page


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



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Take a moment to review before signing

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



Student Sections




Expand All ▾

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

Parent Contributor Section

This Section is Shared With 2 Contributors

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

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

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Student Signature

- On this page, the student acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA form and signs their section.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges **5** Signature

Sign and Complete Your Part

Summary

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

The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your FSA ID. Because this is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

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

Student Signature

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

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

If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Sign Your FAFSA Form

I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above

Cancel

Submit

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 Student Section Complete page for Student Raya Tran. The page features a light blue background with hot air balloon illustrations. A central banner reads "You're Almost There! The Student Section is complete!". Below this, a section titled "Parent Contributors" contains a message: "Requirements for Dependent Students: Your FAFSA form is not complete until your parents complete the contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, your FAFSA form will be submitted for processing." A table lists two parent contributors: Alcina Tran and Travis Tran, both with a request sent date of 07/13/2024 and a status of "Invite Sent". Each row includes an "Edit" link. At the bottom, a dark blue footer contains the text "Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors" and a "View Status" button. Below this, a message states: "This application has been added to My Activity in your StudentAid.gov account. Go there to:" followed by a bulleted list of actions: "Review, edit, or cancel any FAFSA application information.", "Revise your household size, contact your schools.", and "Start your state application to apply for state-based financial aid".

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You're Almost There!
The Student Section is complete!

Parent Contributors

Requirements for Dependent Students
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Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status
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Travis Tran	07/13/2024	Invite Sent Edit

Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors View Status

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

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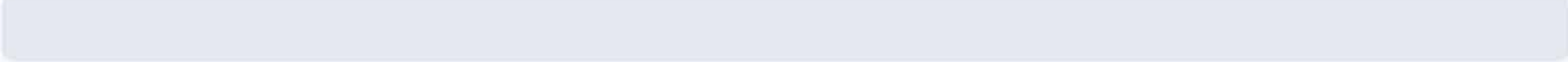
How long does it take for an inactive and incomplete FAFSA to be deleted?

45 days



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4 weeks



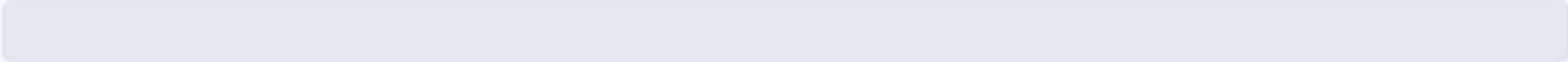
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4 months



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45 minutes




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Dependent Student Parent(s) Communications

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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Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username

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Alcina

My Activity

Currently Active

You have been requested to be a Contributor on a FAFSA for Raya Tran

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form helps students apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans.


[Decline Invitation](#) [Get Started](#)

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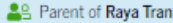
Action Required Last Updated: 06/27/2022

PSLF Application

Action Required Last Updated: 06/22/2022

 The Peace Corps

This page provides information about being a contributor on a FAFSA form:

FAFSA[®] FORM 2024–25  Parent of Raya Tran

Parent Contributing to the FAFSA[®] Form

You have entered Raya Tran's FAFSA[®] form!

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

Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What kind of information will I be asked to provide?

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

What happens after I complete my sections?

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

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Troubleshooting Parent Communications

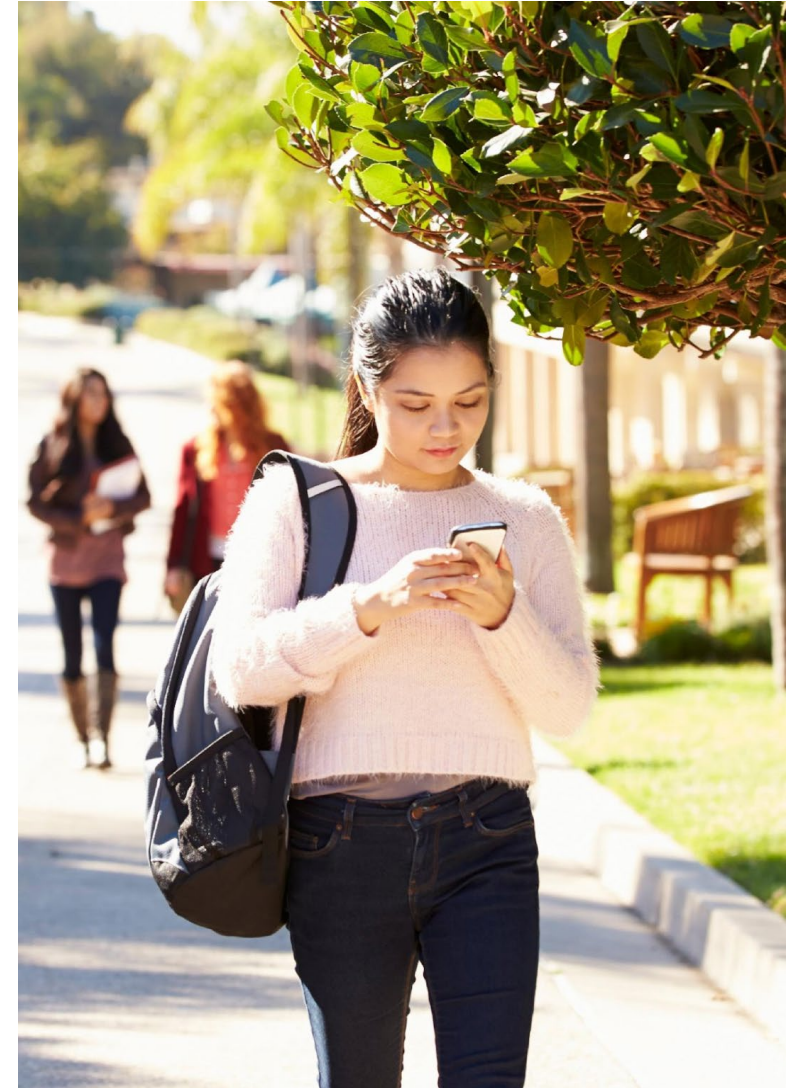
- If the parent logs into studentaid.gov and does not see the FAFSA contribution option – the student will need to check the name, date of birth, and SSN or mailing address provided
- Parent doesn't need an email invitation to log in and see the FAFSA contribution option if the name, date of birth, and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

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



Parent Starts the FAFSA

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



Dependent Student Parent(s) Financials Section

(Reminder, we are still waiting to hear more)



Parent Federal Benefits Received

Answers include:

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Federal Housing Assistance
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Medicaid
- Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

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Federal Benefits Received

Questions Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

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

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

Select all that apply:

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

Parent Tax Filing Status

- If the parent filed taxes, verified their identity (FSA ID), and approved consent, then the tax information should automatically pull from the IRS

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates that the 'Demographics' step is complete, and the 'Financials' step is currently active. The 'Parent Tax Filing Status' section asks, 'Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?'. The 'Yes' option is selected with a radio button. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Parent Tax Filing Status

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

Yes No

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Do you need to file taxes in order 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 6

No

- If the family's income is **lower** than the threshold set by the [IRS Publication 17](#) – Page 6

Table 1-1. 2022 Filing Requirements for Most Taxpayers

IF your filing status is...	AND at the end of 2022 you were...*	THEN file a return if your gross income was at least...**
Single	under 65	\$12,950
	65 or older	\$14,700
Married filing jointly***	under 65 (both spouses)	\$25,900
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$27,300
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$28,700
Married filing separately	any age	\$5
Head of household	under 65	\$19,400
	65 or older	\$21,150
Qualifying surviving spouse	under 65	\$25,900
	65 or older	\$27,300

What if the student's parents are undocumented 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.”
- Regarding the FAFSA, the student won't qualify for any aid from the FAFSA until their parents file their taxes, regardless of their immigration status (for those parents who have an income higher than the IRS threshold). Those 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 the U.S. Dollar and manually answer the foreign income questions.

Parent Family Size

- The family size will be automatically answered if the DDX was successful in transferring their tax information
- By selecting “Yes,” the parent can see what the family size is according to their taxes

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface for a user named 'Parent of Raya Tran'. The progress bar indicates that the 'Demographics' step is complete, and the user is currently on the 'Financials' step. The 'Family Size' section asks, 'Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2022 tax return?'. The 'Yes' radio button is selected. Below this, a green box displays the calculated family size: 'The parent's family size is 3', with a breakdown: 'Parent: 1', 'Other Parent: 1', 'Student: 1', and 'Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 1'. The next question asks, 'Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025? Do not include the student applicant.' The number '1' is entered in the provided text box. 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 2022 tax return?

Yes No

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

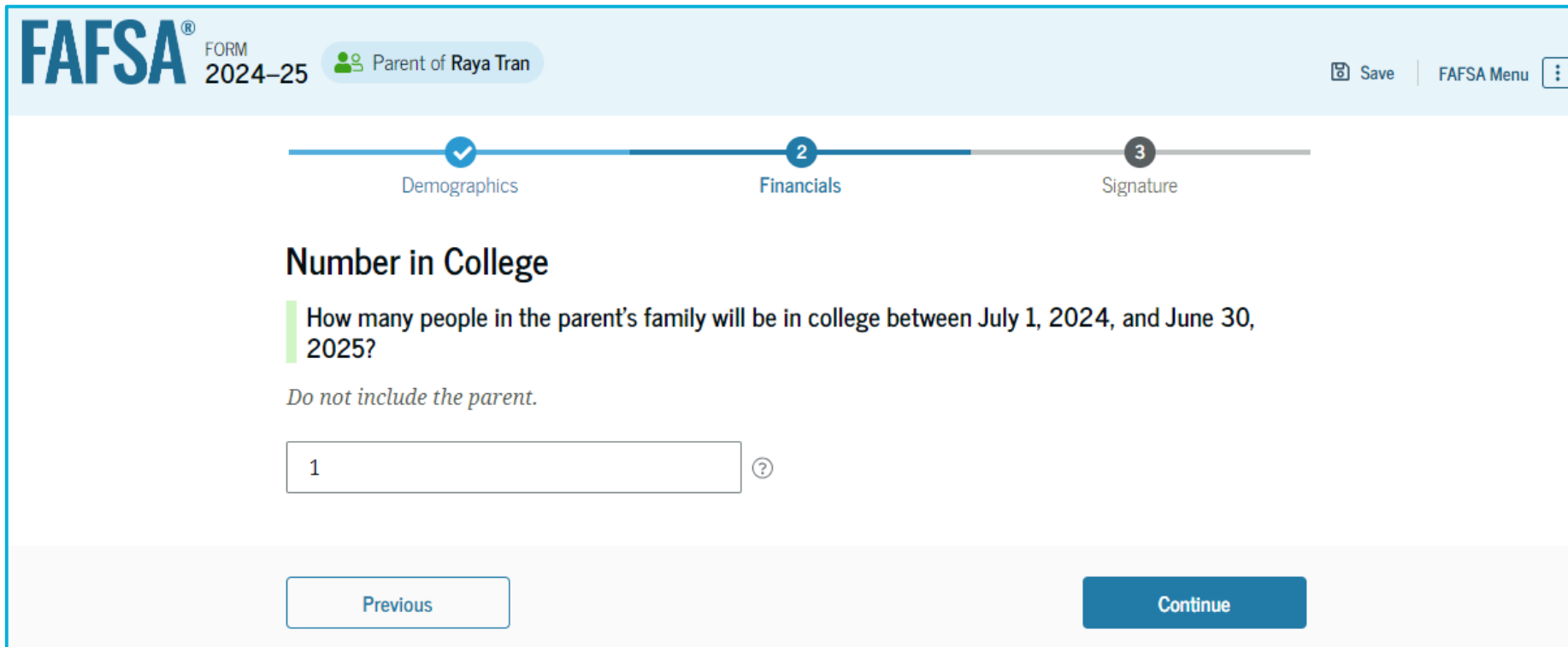
Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025?
Do not include the student applicant.

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Parent Number in College

- Although this question exists, it will no longer influence the student's Student Aid Index (SAI)
- Colleges can use it for a Professional Judgement (PJ) and for institutional aid



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates that the 'Demographics' section is completed, 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, 2024, and June 30, 2025, excluding the parent. The user has entered '1' in the input field. The 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons are visible at the bottom.

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Number in College

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

Do not include the parent.

 ?

Tax Return Information

- Even with consenting to DDX, tax filers will see a few tax questions on the form – including EITC, taxable grants/scholarships, foreign earned income exclusion
- Manual path will be presented for separated/divorced parents whose tax filing status is not an accurate reflection of marital status, those who experienced identify theft at the IRS, and undocumented individuals who do not file

Demographics **2** Financials Signature

Parent 2022 Tax Return Information

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

IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan

\$.00

Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan

\$.00

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

Yes No Don't know

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

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

\$.00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00

Parent Assets

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

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Annual Child Support Received

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

\$ 0 .00

Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid

\$ 10,000 .00

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

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

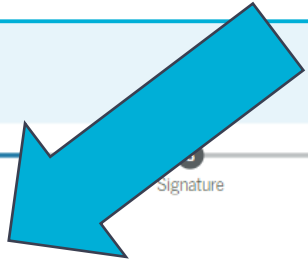
\$ 0 .00

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

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

\$ 5,000 .00

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What's the name of the IRS document that shows the tax threshold to help me know whether or not a student or parent is required to file taxes?

IRS 1040 Form

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IRS Publication 6

0%

W-2

0%

IRS Publication 17

0%

Other Parent, Review, and Signature

Other Parent Information


- The initial parent to log in will then provide the information about their spouse or partner to invite them to the form for consent if it is needed
- For married parents who filed taxes as “Married Filed Jointly,” only one parent’s FSA ID and consent is required

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Other Parent's Information

Enter the following information about the other parent.


Other Parent

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN)
 Show

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

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Parent Review Page

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA Parent Review interface. At the top left, it shows the FAFSA logo and 'FORM 2024-25'. The user is identified as 'Parent of Raya Tran'. In the top right corner, there are 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' options. The main heading reads 'Take a moment to review before signing', followed by a sub-heading: 'Expand the sections below to review and edit the information you've entered before you sign your portion of the form.' An illustration of a family riding bicycles is positioned to the right of this text. Below this is a section titled 'Parent Contributor Sections' with an 'Expand All' dropdown menu. The sections listed are: 'Introduction Personal Identifiers' (checked), 'Section 1 Demographics' (checked), 'Section 2 Financials' (checked), and 'Section 3 Signature' (unchecked). At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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 needed to sign with “submit” the FAFSA form

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Demographics Financials **3** 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 the student's application electronically using your account username and password, YOU, THE PARENT, certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide

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

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

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

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

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

Cancel Sign and Submit

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 2024-25 Parent of Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Congratulations,
the FAFSA[®] Form Is Complete!

Raya Tran

Completion Date
10/12/2024

What Happens Next

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

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

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

Differences in Confirmation Page

If parent submits FAFSA

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


If student submits FAFSA

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




FAFSA Submission Summary


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, the student will see information about when their form was received and processed
 - They also have the option to print their FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.

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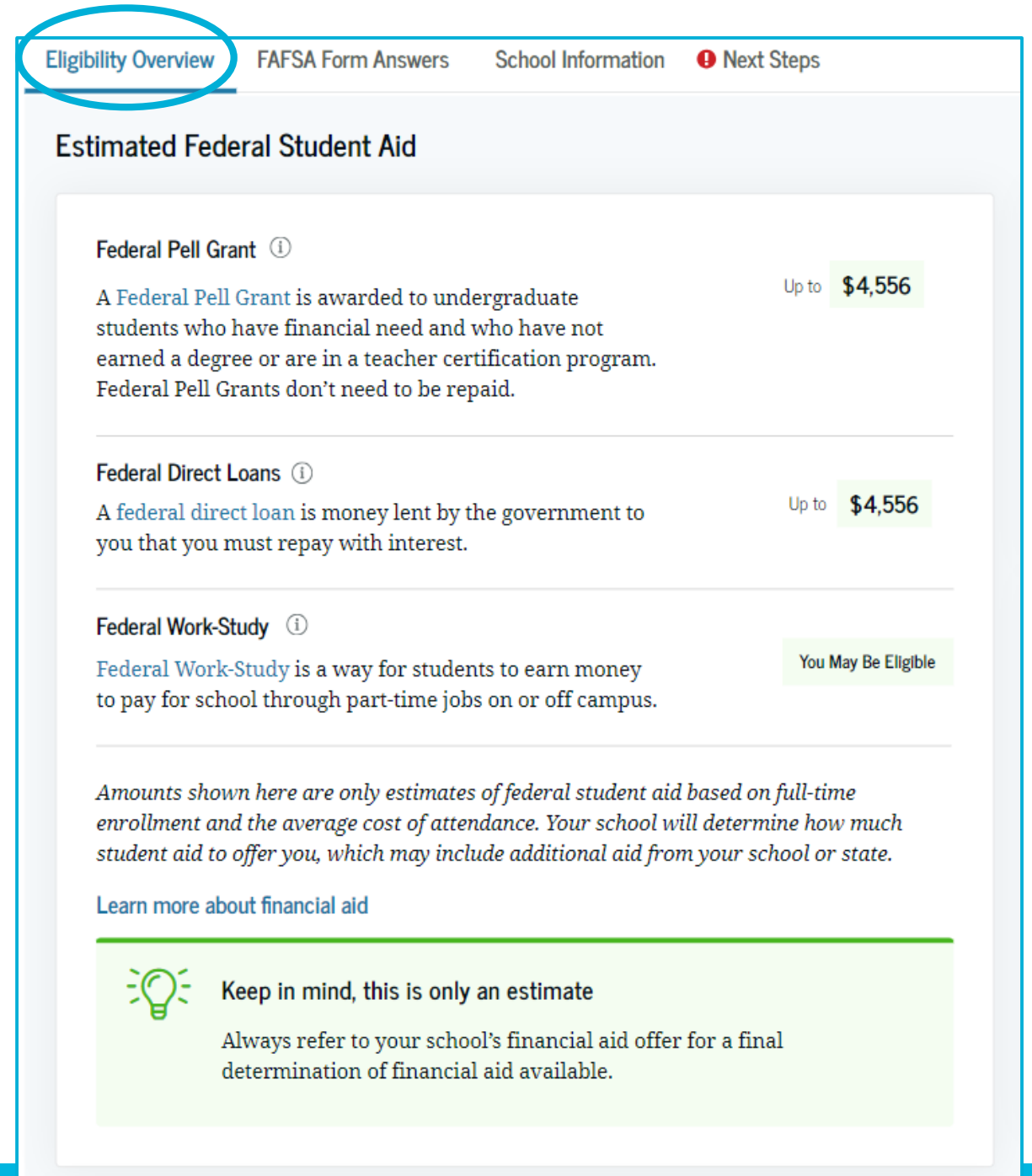
FAFSA[®] FORM 2024-25 **FAFSA Submission Summary**

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

Eligibility Overview

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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.

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

Estimated Federal Student Aid

Federal Pell Grant ⓘ

A [Federal Pell Grant](#) is awarded to undergraduate students who have financial need and who have not earned a degree or are in a teacher certification program. Federal Pell Grants don't need to be repaid.

Up to **\$4,556**

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.

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](#)

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Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

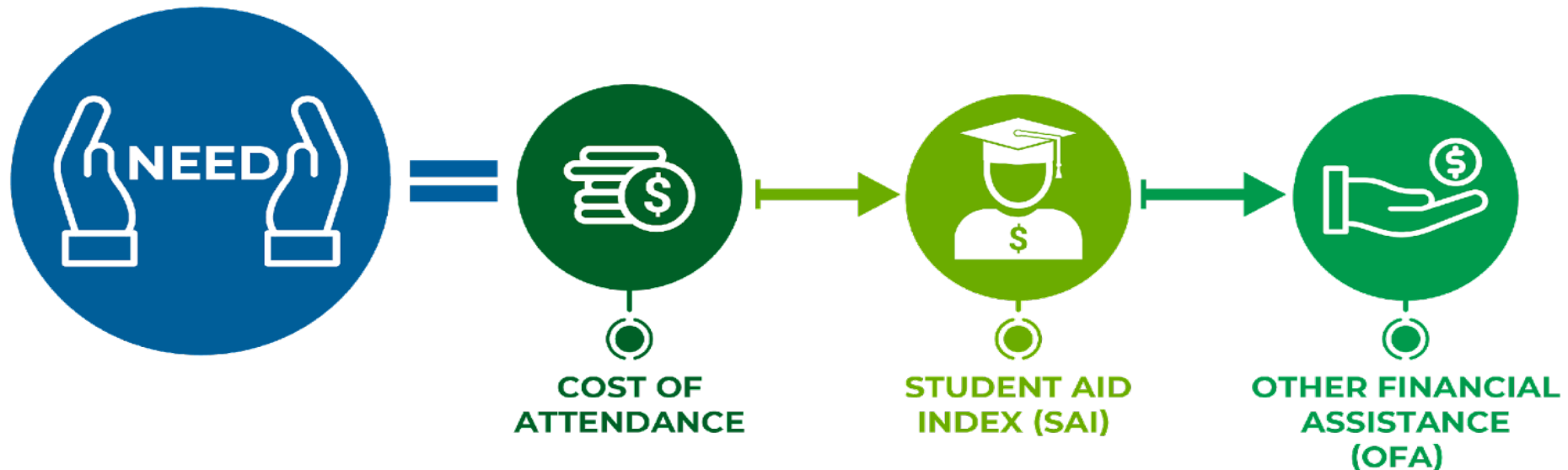
Your SAI is a number used by your school to determine your federal student aid eligibility and to build your financial aid offer

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[What does this mean?](#)

What you need to know about SAI

- Determined by family size, federal tax information, and assets reported on the FAFSA – Number in college does not impact SAI
- Can be as low as -1,500
- Students with SAI at 0 or below will be eligible for a full Federal Pell Grant; those with an SAI of 1 or above may have access to partial Pell
- Pell eligibility will be based on the SAI or the Federal Poverty Table – whichever is lower



FAFSA Form Answers

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Form Answers page. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers' (circled in blue), 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (with a red error icon). Below the tabs, the heading is 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers'. A paragraph of text reads: 'Review your responses carefully and make sure all the information you provided is correct. Start a correction to fix any errors and ensure that your form is processed correctly.' To the right of this text is a blue button labeled 'Make a Correction' (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 side.

School Information

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

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

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

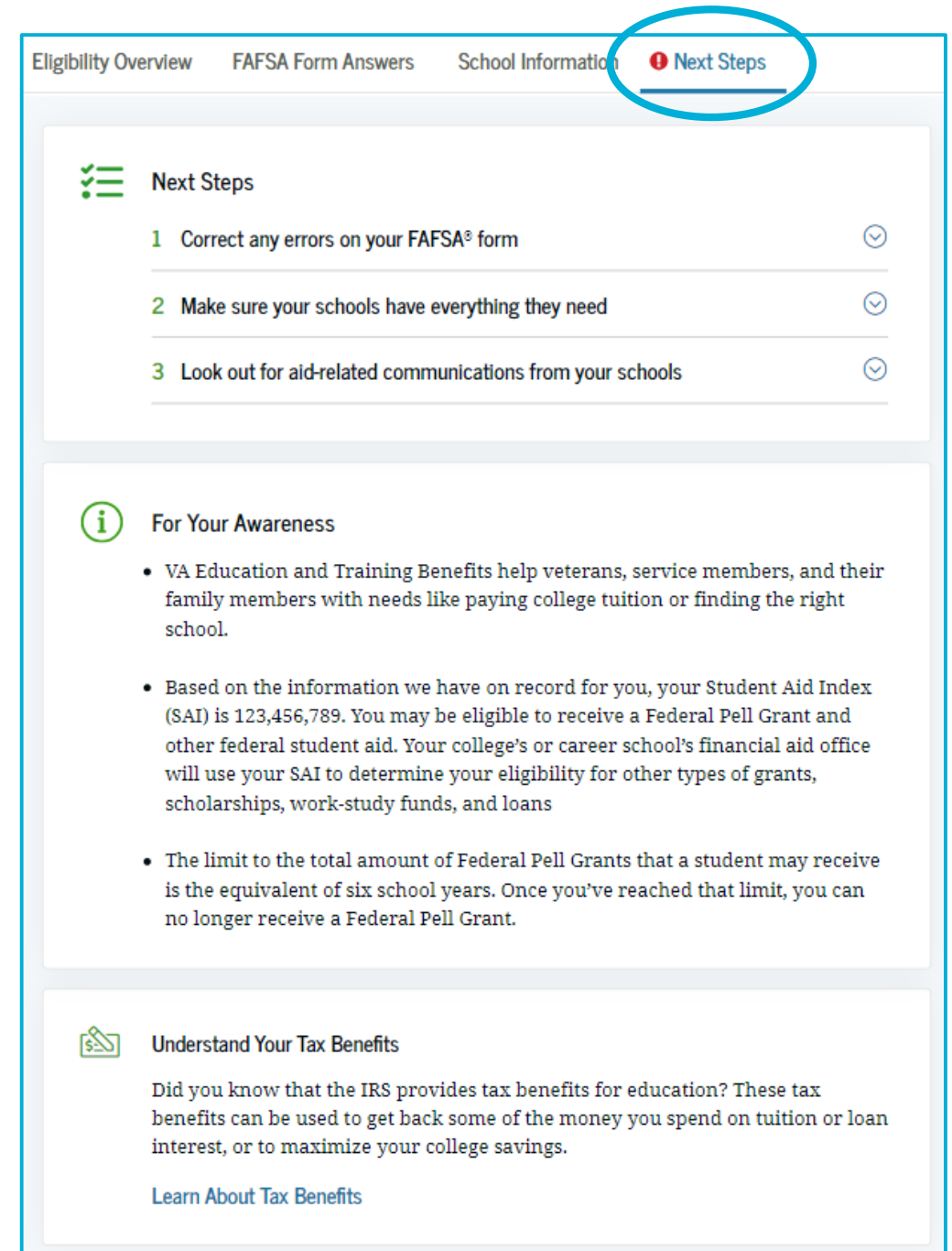
[Learn More on College Scorecard](#) Showing results for family income between **\$0-\$30,000**

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




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Next Steps

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

A screenshot of the FAFSA website's 'Next Steps' tab. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (which is circled in red). The main content area is divided into three sections: 1. 'Next Steps' with a checklist icon, containing three numbered items: '1 Correct any errors on your FAFSA® form', '2 Make sure your schools have everything they need', and '3 Look out for aid-related communications from your schools'. 2. 'For Your Awareness' with an information icon, containing three bullet points about VA benefits, Student Aid Index (SAI), and the limit on Federal Pell Grants. 3. 'Understand Your Tax Benefits' with a calculator icon, containing a paragraph about tax benefits and a link 'Learn About Tax Benefits'.

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

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



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