

2024-2025 FAFSA

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“ CONGRESS PASSES
LEGISLATION TO OVERHAUL
THE FAFSA PROCESS ”

CALLED FAFSA “SIMPLIFICATION “ (HAHAHAHAHAHA)



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BETTER FUTURE

1. For this year only, FAFSA start up will be in December.

-In 2025-26, start up date goes back to October 1st.

-Email will go out when startup is ready – but only if you filed a 2023-2024 FAFSA – so won't help seniors this year.

2. A New Formula to determine Pell Grant eligibility.

-Determined by family size and AGI as compared to the poverty level for your state of residence.

3. Several questions removed by Congress – any question that does not play a part of determining eligibility was removed.

-49 Questions instead of 108

-Selective Service question; Drug Conviction question; Housing Plan question.



INCLUDES SOME NEW ITEMS ON THE FAFSA...

Added 3 questions:

- Sex, Race, and Ethnicity
 - Has no bearing on eligibility
 - Will be used for statistical purposes by Dept of ED.
 - Schools will not be able to see the answers.

5 SECTIONS:

1. Personal Circumstances –

Student information (Name, DOB, SSN, Email, and determination of who needs to include information on the FAFSA)

Students enter personal information about parents so an invite can be sent – “The Contributors”

2. Demographics –

Gender, transgender, ethnicity, and race questions

3. Financials

4. Colleges

5. Signature

**WORDS
YOU
SHOULD
KNOW**

SAI – STUDENT AID INDEX

-REPLACES EFC

DDX – DIRECT DATA EXCHANGE

-REPLACES DRT (DATA RETRIEVAL TRANSFER)

FTI – FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

CONTRIBUTOR – ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE APPLICANT WHO MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE FAFSA



NEW TERM: “StudentAid.gov Account”

Key Change – FSA ID Requirement

All students and contributors must create a StudentAid.gov account to complete the FAFSA® form online.

To log in to their accounts, students and contributors will use their FSA IDs (account username and password).

Even if a contributor doesn’t have a Social Security number, they can still get an FSA ID to fill out their portion of the student’s FAFSA form online.

NOTE: A student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen to be eligible for federal student aid.



WHO IS MY PARENT ON THE FAFSA?

- ▶ **Currently**, the parent responsible for completing the FAFSA is the parent with whom the student lived the most during the 12 months ending on the date the FAFSA is filed. If the student lives equally with both parents, then it is based on whichever parent provides more financial support. If that doesn't distinguish the parents, then it is the parent with the greater income.
- ▶ **Now**, due to better alignment of the FAFSA with federal income tax returns, the parent responsible for completing the FAFSA will be the parent who provides more financial support to the student. After all, the FAFSA is a financial form, so it makes sense to follow the money.
- ▶ The FAFSA will also now contain a “parent wizard” aimed at helping dependent students filing a FAFSA to identify who is the correct person they should be inviting to complete the parent/guardian financial section. The “wizard” consists of a series of questions with skip logic built in to quickly identify the student’s parent or guardian for FAFSA filing purposes.



FAMILY SIZE:

- ▶ New determination of family size: it is equal to the number of tax exemptions and comes over as part of the DDX.
 - ▶ It can be changed, though, if that number is wrong.

NUMBER IN COLLEGE:

- ▶ Although number in college is still a question on the FAFSA, it is no longer used in the calculation to determine eligibility.

NO LONGER HAVE TO REPORT CHILD SUPPORT PAID.

WHO IS A CONTRIBUTOR?

Any individual required to provide signature and consent on the FAFSA form, including the student; the student's spouse; a biological or adoptive parent; or the parent's spouse (stepparent)

****Contributors can only update or correct their sections of the FAFSA.**

The Applicant enters an email address for those who will be CONTRIBUTORS.

The Contributor then goes to the email address and accepts the invitation to enter information on the FAFSA.

THIS COULD CAUSE MAJOR DELAYS IF THE CONTRIBUTORS DO NOT ENTER DATA IN A TIMELY MANNER!

Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

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Contributors to the FAFSA[®] Form



Parents or Spouses

Your answers on the FAFSA form will determine if any contributors need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but will not become financially responsible for your education.



How to Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide their information. To invite a contributor to your FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address.

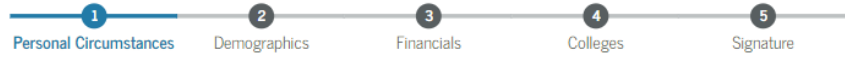
Information or Documents You May Need

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

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

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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 <small>optional</small>
First Name Alcina	First Name
Last Name Tran	Last Name
Date of Birth Month: 05 Day: 05 Year: 1973	Date of Birth Month: Day: Year:

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

Email Address
alcinatran@school.edu

Confirm Email Address
alcinatran@school.edu

Invite Parent

Social Security Number (SSN)
[] HIDE ⓘ
 My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address
[]

Confirm Email Address
[]

Invite Parent

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APPLICANT AND CONTRIBUTORS MUST GIVE CONSENT TO THE USE OF FTI ON THE FAFSA

- Students no longer leave the FAFSA and go to the IRS and get their income tax information.
- Consent is provided and the transfer happens behind the scenes.
- Smoother, seamless process
- Should see fewer issues of not being able to find the tax payer.
- If the applicant or contributor enter income and tax data manually, the FAFSA will be REJECTED and the applicant shown as not eligible for federal aid until ALL contributors provide consent.
 - THERE IS NO MORE SELF-REPORTING OF ANY INCOME NOW!
 - Non-tax filers must also give consent.

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(i)(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(i)(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.

Applicants and ALL other contributors must consent to the use of their Federal Tax Information (FTI) on that FAFSA.

Once all required data is provided and all sections have been signed, any contributor can submit the FAFSA!

Giving Consent to:

- retrieve and disclose FTI;
- check eligibility for federal student aid; and
- be eligible to receive an SAI.

The Applicant will not be eligible for federal student aid until all required contributors provide consent.



Untaxed Income is mostly not reported now.

Only the untaxed income shown on the tax return is included:

- deductions and payments to Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, or KEOGH; tax exempt interest income; untaxed portions of pensions and IRAs, excluding all Rollovers; and Foreign Earned Income Exclusion.

ASSETS: A Few Changes



1. Child Support received in the last complete calendar year is now an asset. Depending on when the FAFSA is completed will depend what year is reported.
2. Net worth of business must now be reported regardless of number of employees.
3. Net worth of farm now includes family farm, minus worth of primary residence.
4. Education Savings Account is now reported under parent assets ONLY if it is designated for the applicant completing the FAFSA.


PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY:

- Now based on SAI (Student Aid Index) – calculated by information on FAFSA.
- This is a number between -1500 and 9999999, with -1500 being eligible for the maximum amount of Pell.
- 3 Categories of a Pell Grant amount:
 1. Automatic maximum Pell Grant (non-tax filers and if AGI + HH size is below poverty level chart for state of residence).
 2. SAI minus calculated Pell Grant – subtract SAI from max Pell and round to the nearest \$5.
 3. Minimum Pell Grant amount.

Pell max and min are determined by Congress. We do not yet know these amounts for 2024-2025.

2024-2025 FAFSA PROTOTYPE

https://mkfkz9.axshare.com/?&p=fafsa_preview_landing&c=1&code=fcef31d78eb2e603867688036472e143&id=i42fu5



NEW FAFSA TOOL: FIN AID ESTIMATOR

<https://www.Studentaid.gov>

-Enter basic information and get an estimate of Federal Financial Aid eligibility (Pell Grant, Federal Student Loans, and Federal Work-Study)

-Should be live in the next week

