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**FAFSA**

**Federal Student Aid**

**A better FAFSA<sup>®</sup> process  
means a better future  
for everyone.**

**AWARD  
YEAR  
2024-2025**


**Full implementation is  
right around the corner.**

An illustration featuring two hands holding a large, rounded orange sign with a white border. The sign contains the text 'FAFSA CHANGES' in white, bold, uppercase letters. The hands are brown and are holding the sign from the sides. Below the hands, two blue and dark blue striped sleeves are visible. The background is a solid light green color.

**FAFSA  
CHANGES**

# FAFSA Changes



1. The FAFSA will be much shorter, 49 questions instead of 108!
  2. Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is now referred to as the Student Aid Index (SAI).
  3. New Pell Grant eligibility will be determined by a new formula.
  4. No more discount for having multiple children in college at the same time.
  5. Updated definition of the Parent on the FAFSA.
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# 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.



# EFC to SAI Crosswalk

- EFC = Parent's Contribution from Income & Assets divided by Number in College  
+ Student's Contribution from Income  
+ Student's Contribution from Assets

- SAI = Parents' Contribution from Income & Assets  
+ Student's Contribution from Income  
+ Student's Contribution from Assets



# HOW TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT USERNAME AND PASSWORD (FSA ID)



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LOG IN

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

# THE FSA ID



It allows students and parents to identify themselves electronically when accessing our websites.



It consists of a username and password that you create. It's not assigned to you.

**1 email address to 1 SSN**



Having an FSA ID is the fastest way to sign and submit your FAFSA® form online.



It's also required for exit/entrance counseling, checking your student loan balances, and applying for an income-driven repayment plan.



If you don't already have an FSA ID, you can create one at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)



# FSA ID

*noun.*

An FSA ID is simply a username and password combination, which can be used to securely log in to U.S. Department of Education websites like [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). If you plan to fill out the FAFSA when it becomes available in October, you (and your parent if you're a dependent student) should create an FSA ID ASAP.

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## Key Change – FSA ID Requirement

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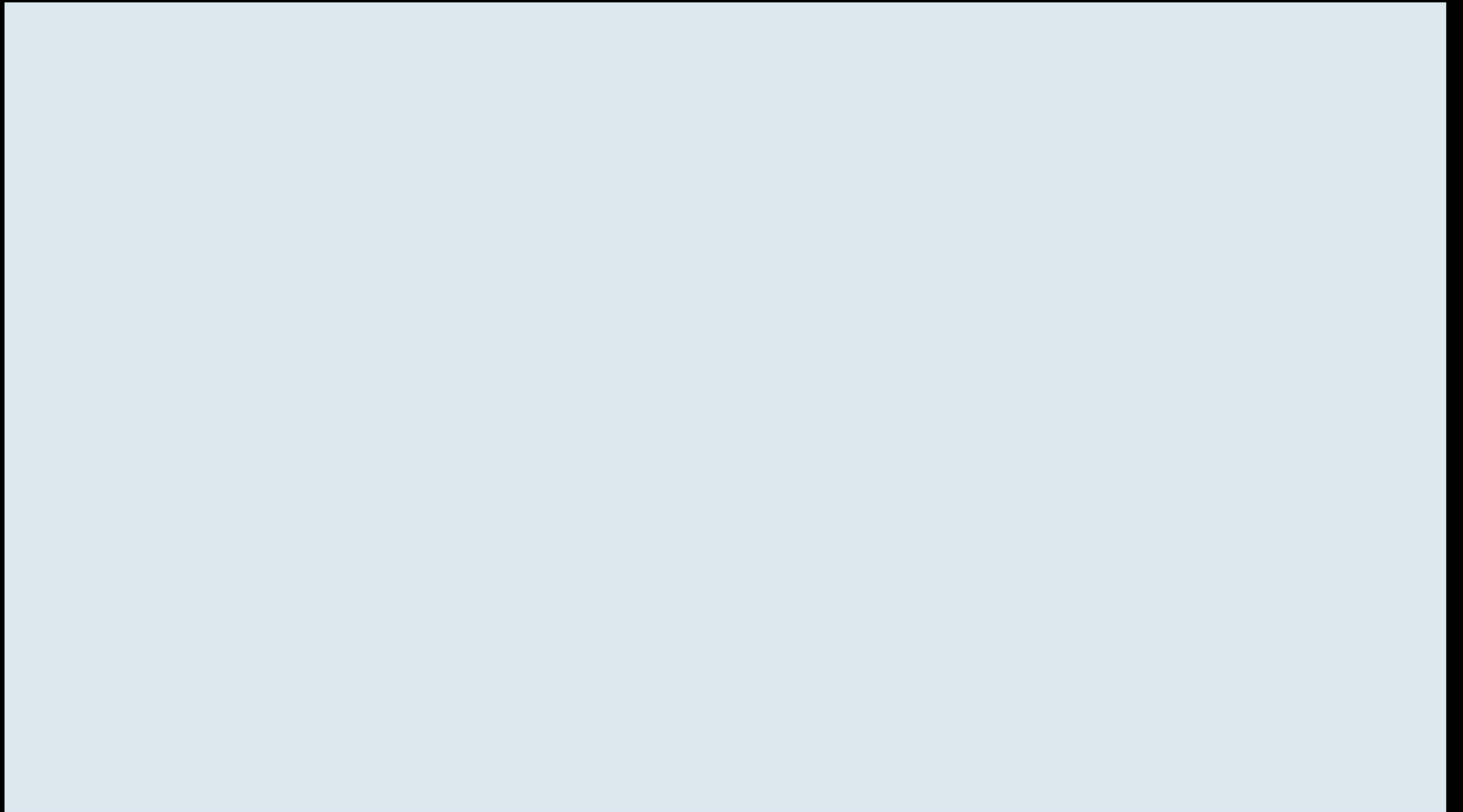
All students and contributors must create a StudentAid.gov account to complete the FAFSA® form online.

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.





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# Account Username and Password (FSA ID)

- Username and password used to log in to all Federal Student Aid products and tools on StudentAid.gov

# 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)

# Primary or Custodial Parent

- For a dependent student whose parents are divorced or separated, the primary or custodial parent is the parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support and is required to provide their information (and if applicable their spouse's information) on the FAFSA form.



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# 2024-2025 FAFSA

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## Get Money to Pay for School

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



### 2024-25 FAFSA Form

Start a New Form

Edit Existing Form

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

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

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

School Year

State of Residence

Find Deadlines

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)



#### Who Should Complete This?

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



#### How Long Will it Take?

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



#### What Do I Need?

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



## Log In

Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username

Password

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Welcome, Raya,

to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form



I am starting the FAFSA form as a

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### What is the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form?

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




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Contributors to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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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### What To Expect

How long will this take?  **1 hour**

Every contributor must provide consent for you to be eligible for federal student aid. With your consent, we can obtain your federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form. You can save the form and return to it later if you need more time.

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### After Submitting the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

After submission, you'll need to check on the status of your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form and make corrections, if required.

- Your form will be processed in 1–3 days.
- You'll 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 your SAI to create your financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering you. Most schools will wait to send you an aid offer only after they accept you for admission.

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## Student Identity Information

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

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Name

Raya A. Tran

Date of Birth

05/05/1995

Social Security Number

•••••-1234

Email Address

rayaatran@gmail.com

Mobile Phone Number

(555) 555-5555

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

## Permanent Mailing Address


*Include apartment number.*

12345 Sesame Street

City

New York


State

New York (NY) 

Zip Code

67891

Country

United States of America (US) 

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# Student Personal Circumstances

## Your Personal Circumstances

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

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



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## Student Marital Status

- Single (Never Married)
- Married (not Separated)
- Remarried
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

Beginning with 24/25 students who are separated will no long be considered married and should not indicate they are married on the FAFSA

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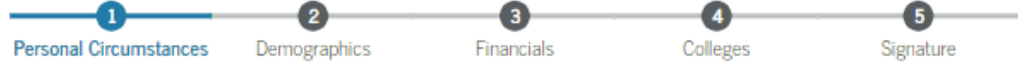
## Student College or Career School Plans

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?

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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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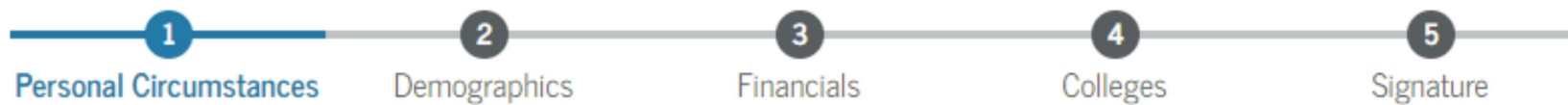
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Students may be eligible to request a Dependency Override when a student is unable to contact their parents or when contact poses a risk to the student.

Cases include but are not limited to:

- Human Trafficking
- Legally Granted Refugee
- Asylum Status
- Parental Abandonment
- Estrangement
- Incarceration





## 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

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

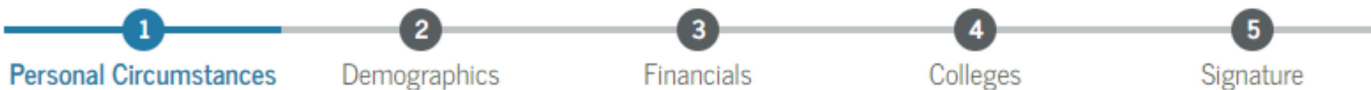
**Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?**

*A person experiencing unusual circumstances may have:*

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

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

 Yes No[Previous](#)[Continue](#)



## 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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## Family Size

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

Yes

No

If Dependent – FAFSA will skip this question here and ask it later with the Parent Information section.

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## Number in College

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

*Include the student applicant in this number.*

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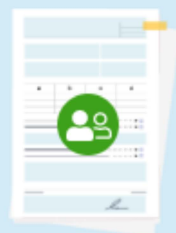
## Tell Us About Your Parents

On the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form, your “Parent” is your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent who supports you financially.

Are your parents married to each other?

Yes

No

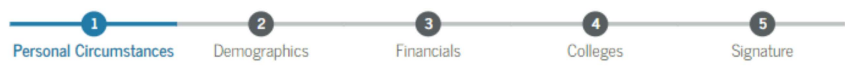


### You will need to provide information for your parents

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.

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### Invite Parents to your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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

Confirm Email Address

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

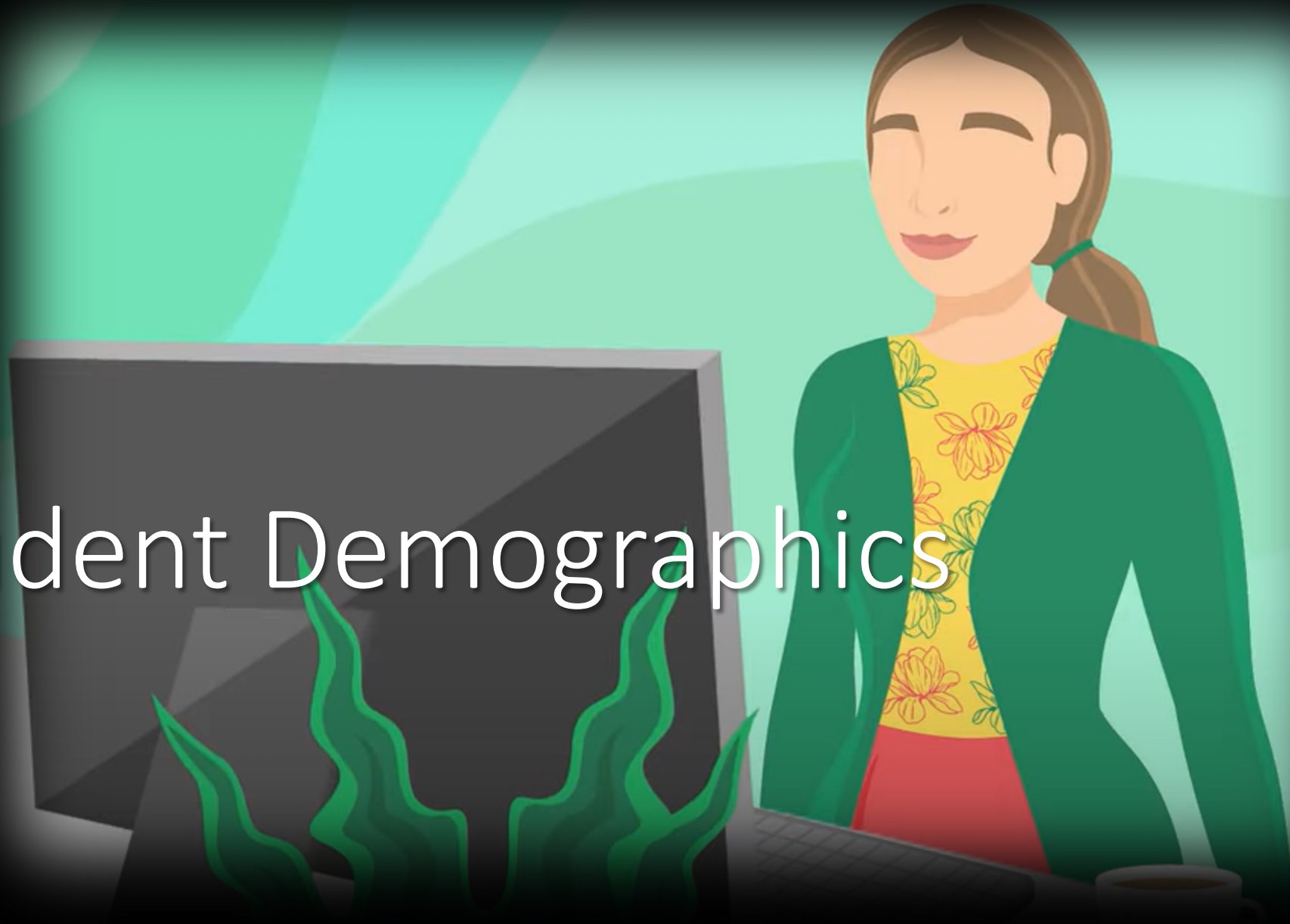
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# Student Demographics





## Student Demographics

We'll ask questions about you and your parent(s). Some of these questions will help determine how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive for school.



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## Student Demographic Information

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

Your answers will not

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

What is the student's gender?

Male

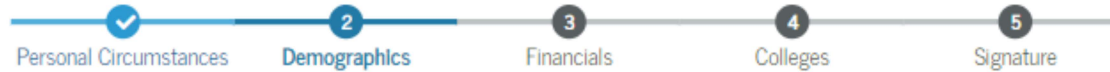
Female

Nonbinary or another gender

Prefer not to answer

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## Student Race and Ethnicity

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

Your answers will not

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

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

Select all that apply.

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Prefer not to answer

What is the student's race?

*Select all that apply.*

White

Black or African American

Asian

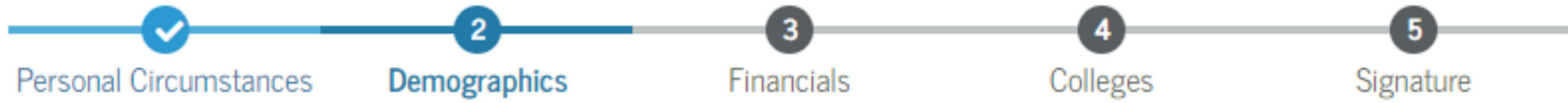
American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

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## Student Citizenship Status

- U.S. citizen or national
- Eligible noncitizen
- Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

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## Student State of Legal Residence

State

Date the Student Became a legal Resident

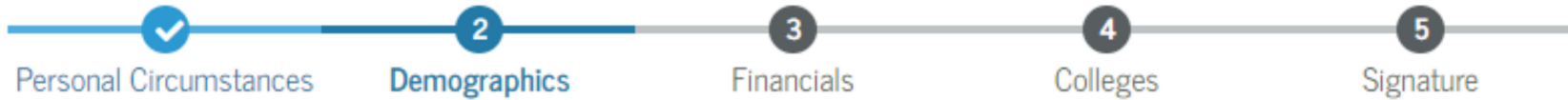
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## Parent Education Status

Did either of the student's parents attend college?

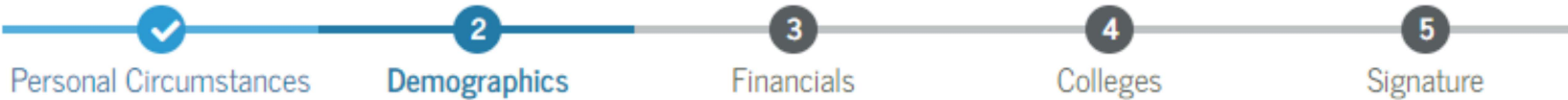
Yes

No

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## Parent Killed in Line of Duty

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while (1) serving on active duty as a member of the Armed forces on or after September 11, 2001 or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?

*Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers.*

Yes

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## Student High School Completion Status

What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2024–25 school year?

High school diploma

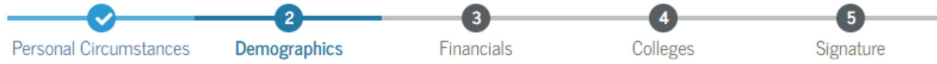
State-recognized high school equivalent  
(e.g., GED certificate)

Homeschooled

None of the above

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## High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State

City

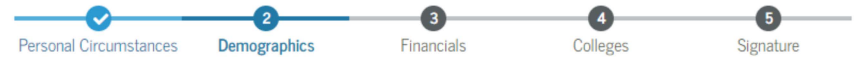
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## High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State

City

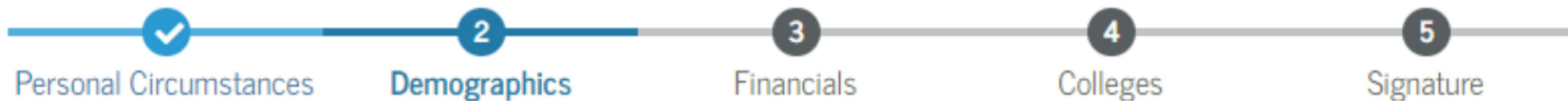
High School Name - optional

- Brown High School  
Brooklyn, New York (NY)

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## Confirm Your High School

Take a look to verify that your high school information below is correct. Once you're ready, select "Continue" and we'll add this high school to your FAFSA.

High School Name

Buena Vista High School

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Lakewood

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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.

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# Student Financials

## Your Finances

The FAFSA form helps schools determine your ability to pay for college without financial aid, so we ask in this section if you receive any federal or state entitlement benefits and if you have any investments, real estates, or other assets.



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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.*

### 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<sup>®</sup> form, not to first-time applicants.*

\$   ⓘ

### Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

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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 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

### 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

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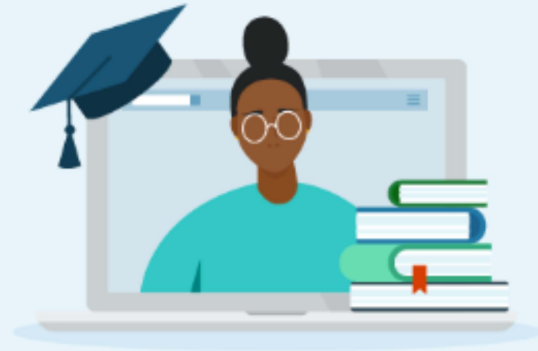


# College Selections



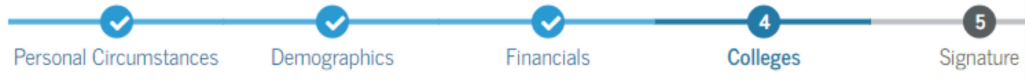
## Your Colleges

In this section, you'll search for and select schools you're considering so they will automatically receive an electronic copy of your FAFSA form. You don't need to worry if you don't end up applying to them - there is nothing else you need to do.



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### Where should we send your FAFSA?

Search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> information.

You can add up to 20 colleges to your FAFSA form.

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State

- California (CA)

School Name - optional

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<b>Rice University</b> Burlington, California (CA)	Federal School Code B09773	<a href="#">+ Select</a>
<b>Rhodes College</b> Centerville, California (CA)	Federal School Code E89235	<a href="#">+ Select</a>
<b>Smith College</b> Lexington, California (CA)	Federal School Code G92383	<a href="#">+ Select</a>
<b>Macalester College</b> Madison, California (CA)	Federal School Code 038412	<a href="#">+ Select</a>
<b>Wellesley College</b> Springfield, California (CA)	Federal School Code F09983	<a href="#">✓ Selected</a>

Search and Select Schools

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4 of 20 schools have been selected   [Search and Select Schools](#)



### Selected Colleges

These are the colleges you want to receive your FAFSA information

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

**School list guidelines for Connecticut residents**

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

12 of 20 Schools Selected

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

→ FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

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

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

By approving and consenting, I further understand:

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What happens if I revoke consent?



What happens if I decline consent?



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

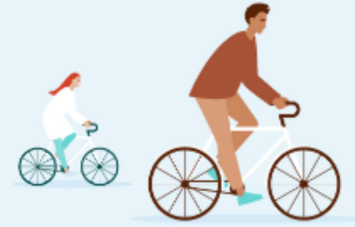
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# Student Signature







## 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.

By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you 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 state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

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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.

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### Sign Your FAFSA Form

I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above

Cancel

Submit



## You're Almost There!

The Student Section is complete!

### Parent Contributors

#### 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.

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

### Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors

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

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

## Here's What You Can Do Next



### Check Your Email

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



### Your FAFSA® Form Still Needs Contributor Information

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

## Things You Should Know



### View Your FAFSA® Submission Summary

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



### Questions About Your Eligibility For Aid?

Visit the "FAFSA Help" page for more information.

[Get Help >](#)

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

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# Parent Section



# Help Complete [StudentFirstName]'s Form



[Contributor First Name],

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

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

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

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

**Note: Forms are deleted after 45 days of inactivity.**

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

Log In

## Why You Were Invited

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

## Reasons To Finish Early

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



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



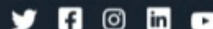
You may need extra time to make corrections after you submit.

## Can't find [StudentFirstname]'s Form?

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



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



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

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



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Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username

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## 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.



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### Borrower Defense Case #07688447

Action Required

Last Updated: 06/27/2022

### PSLF Application

Action Required

Last Updated: 06/22/2022

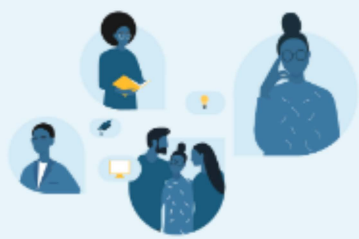


The Peace Corps



## Parent Contributing to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

You have entered Raya Tran's FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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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### What is the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form?

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




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Contributors to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form Parents or Spouses

Answers to 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 the student's education.

 How to Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide their information. To invite a contributor to a 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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### What to Expect

How long will this take?  **1 hour**

Every contributor must provide consent for the student to be eligible for federal student aid. 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<sup>®</sup> form. You can save the form and return to it later if you need more time.

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### After Submitting the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

Once the student's FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form is submitted, the student will need to check on its status and make corrections, if required.

- The student's form will be processed in 1–3 days.
- The student will receive a FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include their Student Aid Index (SAI), a number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.
- Schools will use the student's SAI to create their financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering to the student. Most schools will wait to send the student an aid offer only after they are accepted for admission.

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## Parent Identity Information

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

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Name

Alcina Tran

Date of Birth

05/05/1973

Social Security Number

•••••-1234

Email Address

alcinatan@school.edu

Mobile Phone Number

(555) 555-5555

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

## Permanent Mailing Address


*Include apartment number.*

12345 Sesame Street

City

New York


State

New York (NY) 

Zip Code

67891

Country

United States of America (US) 

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# Parent Demographics





## Demographics About You

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

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



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## Parent Current Marital Status

Single (Never Married)

Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Married (not Separated)

Remarried

Separated

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## Parent State of Legal Residence

State

New York (NY)  

Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident

Month

Year

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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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The definition of family size has changed to align with the number of individuals reported as dependents on the applicant's or applicant's parents U.S. Tax Return.

You can update family size IF it changes after filing the tax return.



## 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.*

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# Parent Financials

## Your Finances

The FAFSA form helps schools determine the student's ability to pay for college without financial aid, so we ask in this section if you receive any federal or state entitlement benefits and if you have any investments, real estates, or other assets.



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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.

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## Parent Tax Filing Status

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

Yes

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## Parent 2022 Tax Return Information

Refer to the parent's 2022 tax return to answer the following questions.

*Convert all currency to U.S. dollars.*

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

 Yes No Don't know

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

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

\$ 0 .00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$ 0 .00

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## Annual Child Support Received

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

## Parent Assets

### Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid

### 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.

### 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.

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- Assets now include the annual amount of child support received
- Applicants will be asked to report the net worth of all businesses, regardless of the size of the business
- Net worth of a farm now includes the value of a family farm (to include: the fair market value of land, buildings, livestock, unharvested crops, and machinery actively used; MINUS any debts held against those assets
- EXCLUDING any proceeds or losses from a sale of farm or business assets resulting from a foreclosure, forfeiture, bankruptcy or liquidation
- Adjustment of assets to consider additional costs incurred by the student because of a disability of the student

Parent Signature






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

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- information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
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Sign for yourself and submit the application for Raya Tran (Student).

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

Cancel

Sign and Submit



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## Other Parent's Information

Enter the following information about the other parent.



### Other Parent

First Name

Travis

Last Name

Tran

Date of Birth

Month

02

Day

01

Year

1970



Social Security Number (SSN)

\*\*\*\*\*

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Email Address


travistran@gmail.com

Confirm Email Address

travistran@gmail.com

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## Congratulations, the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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

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# FAFSA<sup>®</sup> FORM 2024-25 FAFSA Submission Summary

Student  **Raya Tran**Application Received  
Sept. 10, 2024Application Processed  
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## Estimated Federal Student Aid

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[Learn more about financial aid](#)**Keep in mind, this is only an estimate**

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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?](#)

## Your FAFSA® Form Answers

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.

[Make a Correction](#)

### Student Sections

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Introduction

**Personal Identifiers**



Section 1

**Personal Circumstances**



Section 2

**Demographics**



Section 3

**Financials**



Section 4

**Colleges**



Section 5


**Signature**







## 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

- 1 Correct any errors on your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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](#)



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### View All of Your Federal Student Aid in One Place

View detailed information about your federal loan and grant aid, including your enrollment history, payment history, and subsidized usage.

[Visit Aid Summary](#)

### Find the Right College or Career School

Use the College Scorecard to compare schools by size, location, graduation rate, and more.

[Visit College Scorecard](#) ↗



An illustration of three diverse women standing side-by-side. The woman on the left has dark skin and black hair in a ponytail, wearing a yellow top and red-and-white striped pants. The woman in the middle has light skin and curly brown hair with pink streaks, wearing a blue dress over a white top. The woman on the right has light skin and is wearing a green headscarf, a yellow cardigan over a white top, and light blue pants. They are all looking forward with neutral expressions. The background is a dark blue gradient with a bright blue glow behind the women.

# Unusual and Special Circumstances

Unusual uncovered  
medical/dental  
expenses

Extraordinary  
dependent care

Secondary  
school tuition

Parent  
or  
spouse  
death

Loss of  
employment  
or income

Divorce



# Student Other Circumstances

The student is asked if they were homeless or at risk of being homeless. The student selects “Yes.” Next, the student is asked who determined that they are homeless or at risk of being homeless. They select “None of these apply.”

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 Parent form interface. At the top, it says 'FAFSA FORM 2024-25' and 'Parent'. A progress bar at the top indicates five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The main heading is 'Student Other Circumstances'. The first question 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 this question are two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. The second question is: 'Did any of the following determine the student was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?'. Below this question is the instruction 'Select all that apply.' and a list of five checkboxes: 'Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness', 'The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee', 'Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant', 'Financial aid administrator (FAA)', and 'None of these apply.' (checked). At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

# Professional Judgement

- **Special Circumstances:** special or extenuating situation (such as the loss of a job) that impact a student's financial condition and support a financial aid administrator adjusting data elements in the COA or in the SAI calculation on a case-by-case basis
- **Unusual Circumstances:** conditions that justify a financial aid administrator making and adjustment to a student's dependency status, commonly referred to as a dependency override, based on an unusual situation (e.g., human trafficking or parental abandonment).

# Student Unusual Circumstances

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

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### 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.

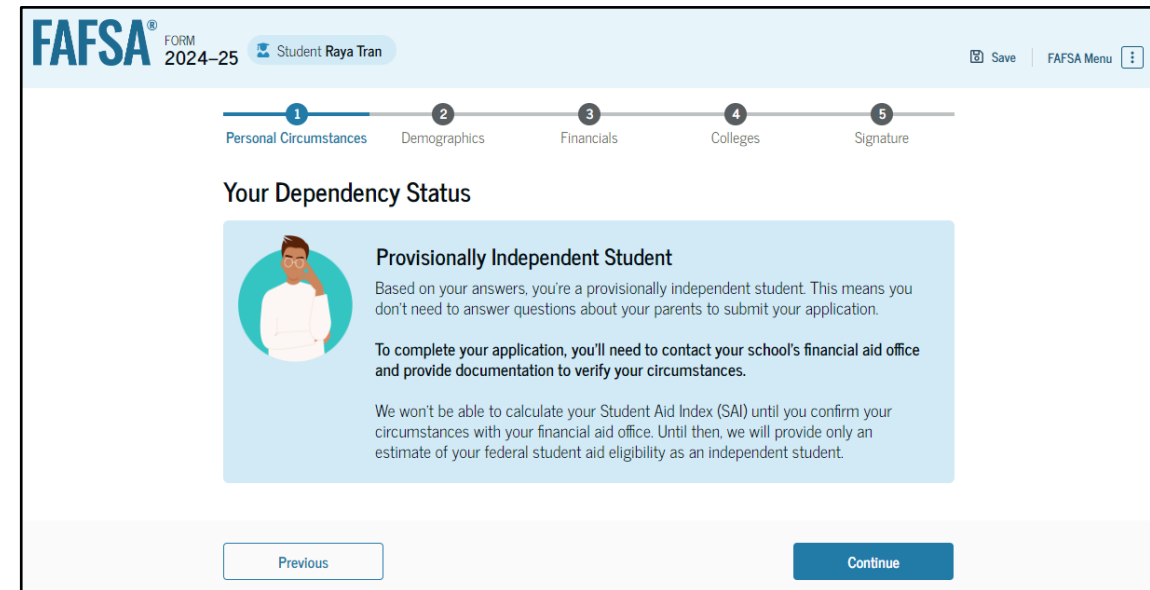
If the student's circumstances resulted in not having a safe and stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.

Yes  No

Previous Continue

# Impact of Provisionally Independent Status

Based on the answers provided by the student, they are considered a provisionally independent student and are not required to provide parent information. The student is able to sign and submit their FAFSA® form, but they will need to contact their school to see what supporting documentation they need to submit. A financial aid administrator at the school will review and make a determination regarding a dependency override. **Until the student's circumstances are verified, Federal Student Aid will only provide the student an estimate of their federal student aid eligibility.**



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

QUESTIONS?

We can help!

