Federal Student Aid

A better FAFSA® process means a better future for everyone.

AWARD YEAR 2024-2025

Full implementation is right around the corner.
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.
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)
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
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. 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.
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.
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WORDS YOU SHOULD KNOW
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.
2024-2025 FAFSA

STUDENT

1. Personal Circumstances
2. Demographics
3. Financials
4. Colleges
5. Signature

PARENT

1. Demographics
2. Financials
3. Signature
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!

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
Welcome, Raya, to the FAFSA® Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

[ ] Student  
[ ] Parent

[ ] Previous  [ ] Continue
What is the FAFSA® form?

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college or graduate school.
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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Continue
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® form. You can save the form and return to it later if you need more time.
After submitting the FAFSA® Form

After submission, you’ll need to check on the status of your FAFSA® 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.
Student Identity Information

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

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)
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.
Beginning with 24/25 students who are separated will no longer be considered married and should not indicate they are married on the FAFSA.
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
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
- [x] 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
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
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.
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® 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.
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.

First Name
Last Name
Date of Birth

Parent

Parent Spouse

Social Security Number (SSN)

Email Address
Confirm Email Address

My parent doesn't have a SSN

Invite Parent

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Continue
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.
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
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
- Prefer not to answer
Student State of Legal Residence

State
New York (NY)

Date the Student Became a legal Resident
Month
01
Year
2001

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Continue
Parent Education Status

Did either of the student’s parents attend college?

- Yes
- No
- Don’t know
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
- [x] No
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
High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State: New York (NY)
City: Brooklyn

High School Name (optional):
Brown High School
Confirm Your High School

Take a look to verify that your high school information below is correct. Once you’re ready, select “Continue” and well add this high school to your FAFSA.

High School Name
Buena Vista High School

City
Lakewood

State
California

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Continue
### 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.

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

- None of these apply.
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 estate, or other assets.
Student 2022 Tax Return Information

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

Convert all currency to U.S. dollars.

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

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

  **$0.00**

- **Foreign Earned Income Exclusion:**

  **$0.00**
Student Assets

- **Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts**
  *Don’t include student financial aid*
  
  $500.00

- **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.*
  
  $0.00

- **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.*
  
  $0.00
College Selections
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.
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

Search by School Name - optional

Select Schools

Search and Select Schools

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Selected

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

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

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

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

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

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 school’s name.

School list guidelines for Connecticut residents

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

12 of 20 Schools Selected

Showing 1 to 10 of 12

1. University of California, Northridge, CA
2. University of California, Northridge, CA
3. University of California, Northridge, CA
4. University of California, Northridge, CA
5. University of California, Northridge, CA
6. University of California, Northridge, CA
7. University of California, Northridge, CA
8. University of California, Northridge, CA
9. University of California, Northridge, CA
10. University of California, Northridge, CA

Search and Select Schools
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.

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(b)(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(b)(13)(B)(ii), which includes:
  o institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
  o state higher education agencies; and
  o scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 15, 2019, by the Secretary of Education.

• The use of my FTI for the application, award, and administration of student aid awards 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.

The Applicant will not be eligible for federal student aid until all required contributors provide consent.
By approving and consenting, I further understand:

- My approval and consent are a condition of my eligibility or of others for which I have participated and shared my FTI for federal student aid, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
- FTI received from the U.S. Department of Treasury will supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
- The U.S. Department of Education may request updated tax information from the U.S. Department of Treasury once consent is provided. If FTI has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised FTI) then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.
- If I do not approve and consent to the disclosure of my FTI, the U.S. Department of Education will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of others who have requested that I share my FTI on their FAFSA form.
- I am permitted to revoke my approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my FTI as outlined herein. However, by revoking such approval and consent, neither I nor other applicants for which I participated and shared my FTI will be eligible for future federal student aid and/or other financial aid program that used FTI to make determinations for eligibility of aid awarded by an institution of higher education, state higher education agency, or other designated scholarship organization.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent?

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

What happens after I provide consent?

What happens if I revoke consent?

What happens if I decline consent?
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

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

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

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.

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<tr>
<td>Travis Tran</td>
<td>07/13/2024</td>
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Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors
This application has been added to My Activity in your StudentAid.gov account. Go there to:

- Review, edit, or cancel any FAFSA application information.
- Revise your household size, contact your schools.
- Start your state application to apply for state-based financial aid.
Here's What You Can Do Next

Check Your Email
You will receive an email version of this page at the following email address: rayaatrangen@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.

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

Provide Parent Information Manually >
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].

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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].

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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, 20202, 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 form. For more information about financial aid, visit StudentAid.gov.
Log In

Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username

test595011623

Password

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Log In

Forgot My Username | Forgot My Password

Create an Account

Help Me Log In to My Account
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

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® 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.

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.
What is the FAFSA® form?

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

Contributors to the FAFSA® 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® form. You can save the form and return to it later if you need more time.
After Submitting the FAFSA® Form

Once the student’s FAFSA® 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.
Parent Identity Information

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

Name
Alcina Tran

Date of Birth
05/05/1973

Social Security Number
••••••1234

Email Address
alcinatran@school.edu

Mobile Phone Number
(555) 555-5555

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

Previous  Continue
Parent State of Legal Residence

State: New York (NY)

Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident:
Month: 01  Year: 1985
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.

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

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

The parent’s family size is 3

- Parent: 1
- Other Parent: 1
- Student: 1
- Parent’s Children and Other Dependents: 1

Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025?

Do not include the student applicant.

1
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.

1
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.
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.
Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?

- Yes
- No
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
- [x] No
- [ ] Don’t know

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

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

- $ 0.00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

- $ 0.00
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

Needed to Sign the FAFSA

Student & Parent Need One

Your Electronic Signator
Take a moment to review before signing

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

Parent Contributor Sections

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

Previous Continue
Provide Consent or the Student Will 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 your section of the student’s FAFSA form. If you don’t provide consent, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn’t file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.

➔ Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024-25 FAFSA form.
➔ FTI is used to determine the student’s eligibility for federal student aid.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID login 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(x)(2)(B)) 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(x)(13)(D)(vii), 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.
By approving and consenting, I further understand:

- My approval and consent are a condition of my eligibility or of others for which I have participated and shared my FTI for federal student aid, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.

- FTI received from the U.S. Department of Treasury will supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.

- The U.S. Department of Education may request updated tax information from the U.S. Department of Treasury once consent is provided. If FTI has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised FTI), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.

- If I do not approve and consent to the disclosure of my FTI, the U.S. Department of Education will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of others who have requested that I share my FTI on their FAFSA form.

- I am permitted to revoke my approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my FTI as outlined herein. At StudentAid.gov. However, by revoking such approval and consent, neither I nor other applicants for which I participated and shared my FTI will be eligible for future federal student aid 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.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

**Who should provide consent?**

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

**What happens after I provide consent?**

**What happens if I revoke consent?**

**What happens if I decline consent?**

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

Email Address
travistran@gmail.com

Confirm Email Address
travistran@gmail.com

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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
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.
Estimated Federal Student Aid

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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.

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Learn more about financial aid

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Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

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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.

Student Sections

- Introduction
  - Personal Identifiers

- Section 1
  - Personal Circumstances

- Section 2
  - Demographics

- Section 3
  - Financials

- Section 4
  - Colleges

- Section 5
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## 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**

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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.

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Unusual and Special Circumstances
Unusual uncovered medical/dental expenses
Extraordinary dependent care
Parent or spouse death
Loss of employment or income
Divorce
Secondary school tuition
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.”
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.”
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.
QUESTIONS?
We can help!