



Get Ready to File the FAFSA

2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid



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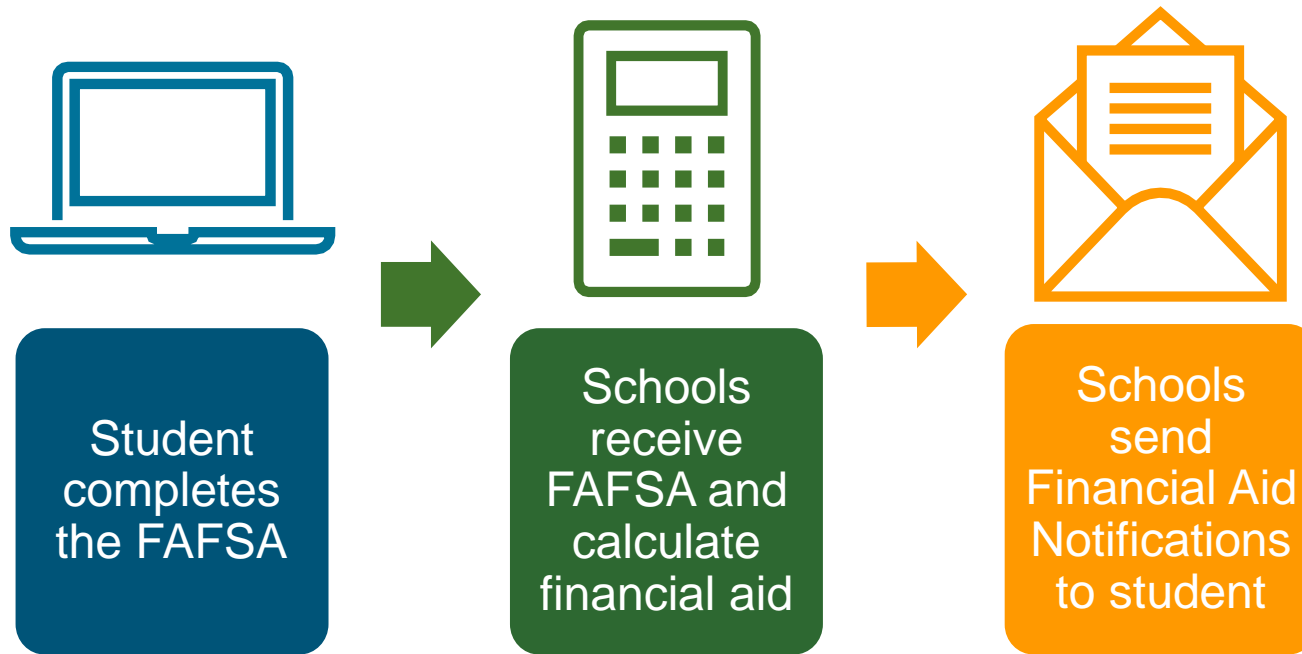
How to Begin to Apply

The FAFSA is a federal form used to determine student eligibility for the following:

- Federal programs
- State programs
- School programs

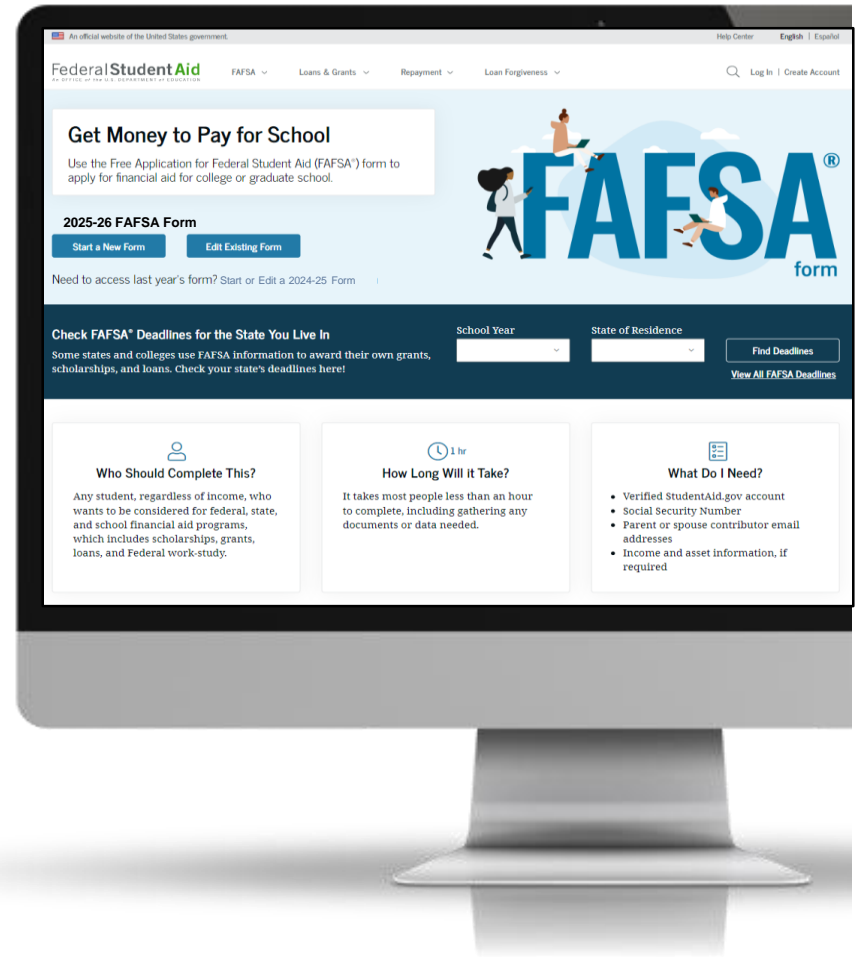


What happens after I file the FAFSA?



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- The FAFSA is the primary federal form for financial assistance to attend postsecondary school.
- While filing the FAFSA online is preferred at **StudentAid.gov**, a printable PDF version will also be available at **StudentAid.gov**.
- The FAFSA is available online in English and Spanish.
- www.studentaid.gov/fafsa





Availability of the FAFSA

- The availability was delayed for the 2025-26 FAFSA
- FAFSA will be available by December 1st .
- Next year, October 1, 2025

Deadlines Are Crucial



- Make sure you know the priority FAFSA filing deadlines for the schools you are researching.
- File your FAFSA prior to the earliest deadline of your school possibilities.
- Students do not have to be accepted for admission to list any schools on the FAFSA.

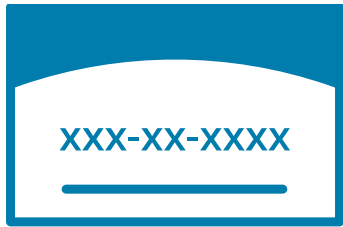
PA State Grant Deadlines

- **May 1** – If you plan to enroll in a degree program or a college transferable program at a junior college or other college or university (excludes community colleges)
- **August 1** – If you plan to enroll in a community college; a business, trade, or technical school; a hospital school of nursing; or a 2-year program that is not transferable to another institution

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

2025-2026 FAFSA Prep

Information Needed for FAFSA



Social Security Numbers



Email Addresses (Not high school email address)



2023 Federal Tax Returns and W-2's



Current bank statements and records of other investment accounts (as of the FAFSA filing date including farm value and value of small business)



Student & Contributor(s) StudentAid.gov Accounts



Current Records of any stocks, bonds and other investments, including 529 for student for whom the FAFSA is being completed



Total child support from the most recently complete calendar year

City
W-2
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Tax



FAFSA and the IRS

1040

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Who Fills Out FAFSA?



Who is a Contributor?



A contributor is anyone who is asked to provide information on an applicant's FAFSA.

A contributor would be:

- Student
- Student spouse (if applicable)
- A biological or adoptive parent; or
- The spouse of the remarried parent who is on the FAFSA - stepparent

Independent vs. Dependent

- If you're a dependent student, you will need a parent(s) to contribute information.
- If you're an independent student and married, your spouse will need to contribute information.



Student Personal Circumstances

Will be 24 by January 1st
of award year

Are married

Are working on a
master's or doctorate

Serve in the U.S. armed
forces or are a veteran

Since age 13 - had no living
parent, were in foster care, or
were a ward of the court

Are an emancipated
minor

Have a court-ordered
legal guardian

*Have children or dependents
who live with them and receive
more than half their support
from them*

Are an unaccompanied
youth who is homeless

For Dependent Students, Who Reports Info on the 2025-26 FAFSA?

YES

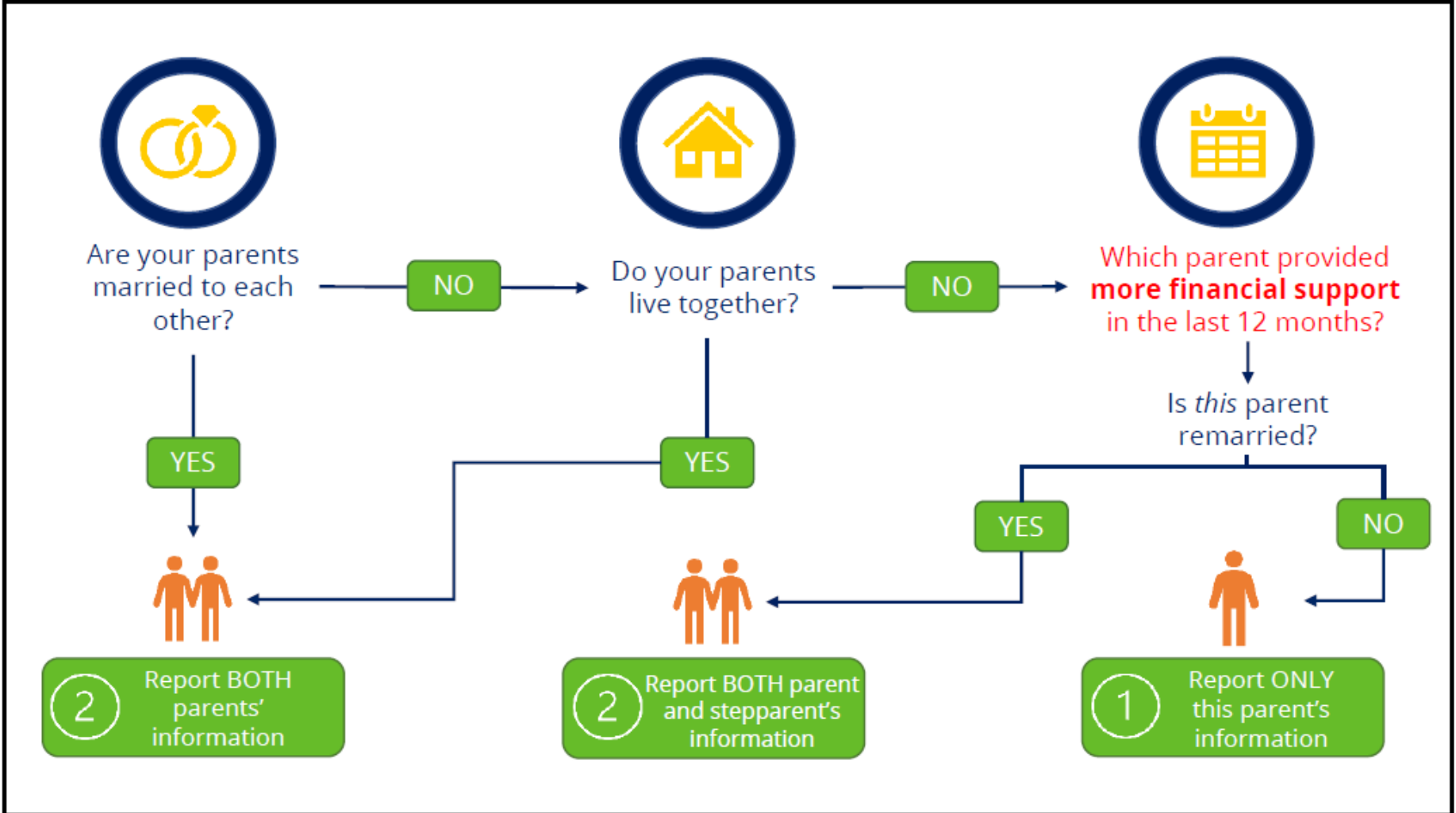
- Married parents living together
- Biological parents living together
- Divorced or separated parents:
 - The parent that provided the most financial support to student over the past 12 months
 - If equal, then student would invite the parent with the higher income and assets
- Stepparent – If part of the student’s household
- Adoptive parents

NO

- Foster Parents
- Legal Guardians
 - By court order
- Anyone else the student is living with



Parent Contributors



Dependent Students- Who Reports Info on the 2025-26 FAFSA®?

On the FAFSA®, the legal parent is the student's:

- Biological or adoptive parent
 - Regardless of gender
 - Or as determined by state (listed on birth certificate)
- Dependent students can use the new Who's my FAFSA Parent? wizard to determine which parent(s) will be a required contributor on the FAFSA.
- Scan QR code or visit website listed below to access the Parent Wizard



<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents>

Create Your StudentAid.gov Account

- The student applying for aid and all contributors providing information on the FAFSA need to create a StudentAid.gov Account at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account>.
- Create at **least 4 days prior** to completing the FAFSA.
- Legal signature for student and contributors.
- Users without an SSN will be able to acquire a StudentAid.gov Account.

Social Security Number

Username

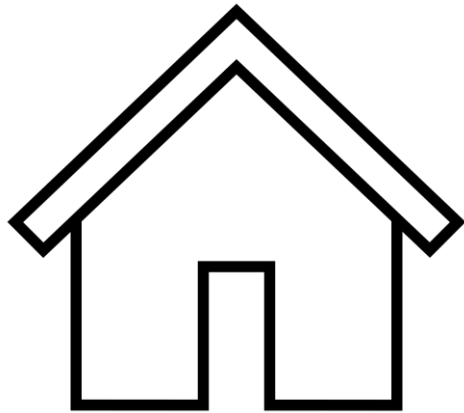
Email Address

Password

Mobile Phone

Security Questions

Enable Two-Step Verification



When Does Each Parent Within the Household Need a Studentaid.gov Account?

- If parents or parent/step-parent filed separate 2023 federal tax returns.
- If neither parent filed a 2023 federal tax return.
- If one parent filed a 2023 federal tax return but the other did not.



How do I begin the FAFSA



FAFSA Sections



Student Section

- Personal circumstances
- Demographics
- Financials
- Colleges
- Signature



Parent Section

- Demographics
- Financials
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Student and Parent(s) must log in separately with their StudentAid.gov Account to complete their respective sections.

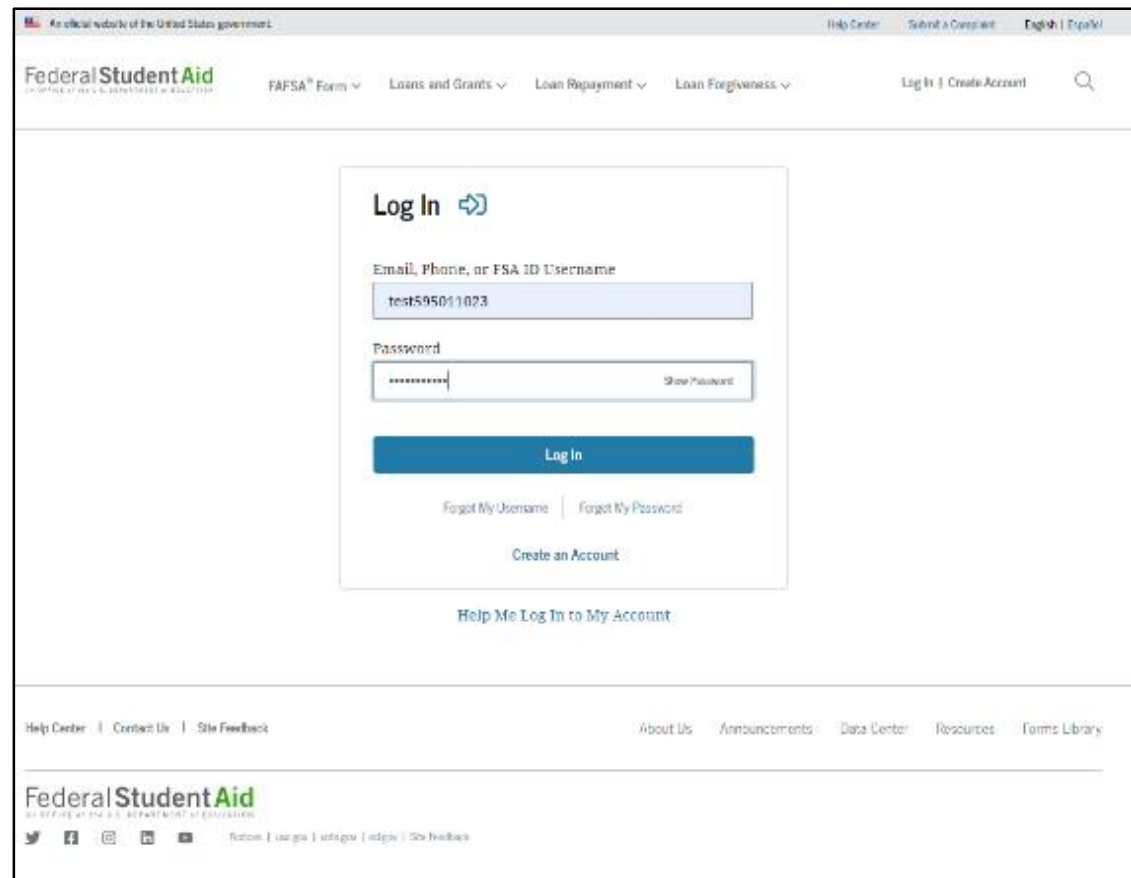
Student Section



- Recommended that the student completes this section first to save time and prevent errors.
- Questions in this section determine dependency status and if anyone else, such as a parent(s) needs to contribute information on the FAFSA.

Student logging in using StudentAid.gov Account

- Student will log in using their StudentAid.gov Account – username and password
- If the student does not have it, they would select “Create an Account”



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's login interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Federal Student Aid logo, a search icon, and links for 'Log In' and 'Create Account'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a 'Log In' section with a blue arrow icon. This section contains two input fields: 'Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username' with the text 'test595011023' and 'Password' with masked characters. A 'Show Password' link is located to the right of the password field. Below the input fields is a prominent blue 'Log In' button. Underneath the button are two links: 'Forgot My Username' and 'Forgot My Password'. At the bottom of the login section is a link for 'Create an Account'. Below the login section is a link that says 'Help Me Log In to My Account'. The footer of the page includes a 'Help Center' link, social media icons, and a 'Site Feedback' link.

Select New Form, Edit a Form, or Accept an Invitation

Get Money To Help Pay for School

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

Start a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form

Edit a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form or Accept an Invitation

Start New Form

Edit Existing Forms



Need the 2024–25 FAFSA form?

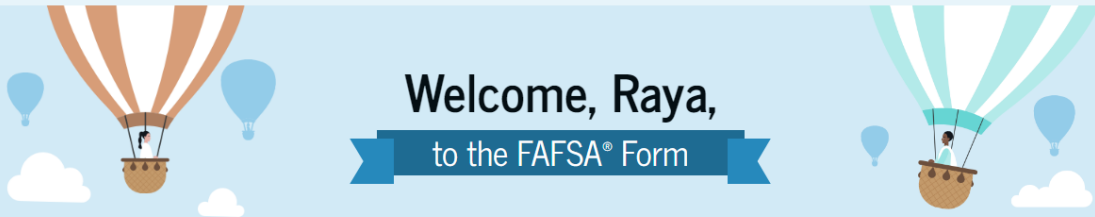
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Select Student



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I am starting the FAFSA form as a



Student

Parent

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What is the FAFSA[®] form?

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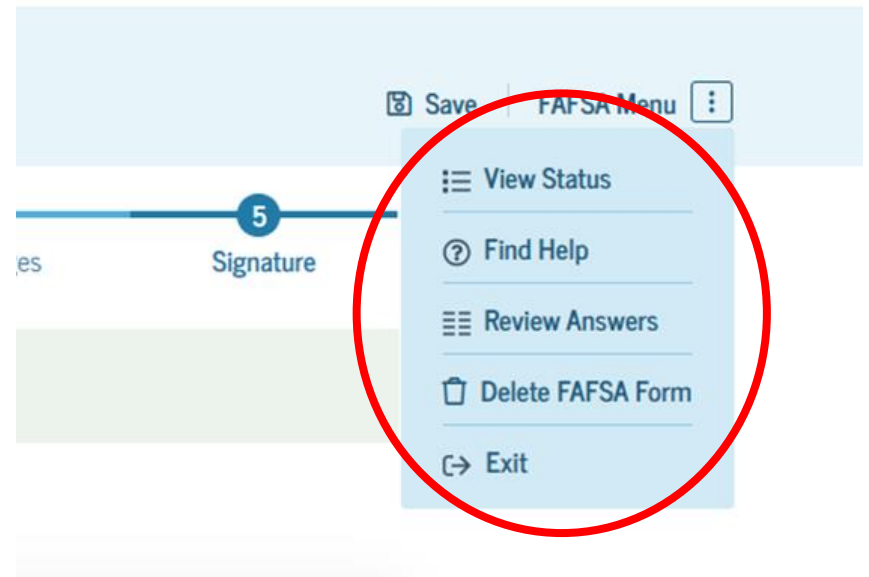
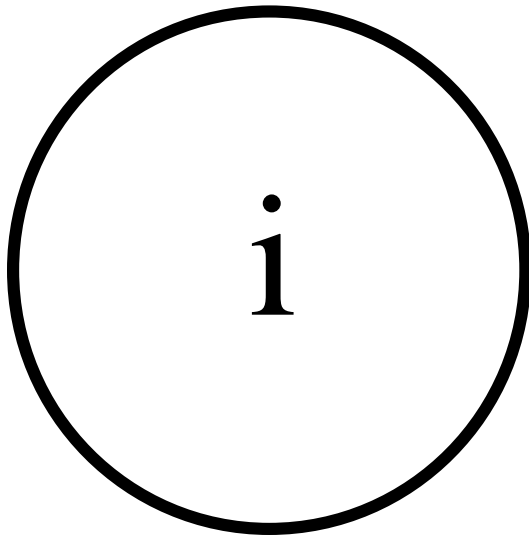


FAFSA – Five Student Sections

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the FAFSA 2024-25 form. On the left, it displays the FAFSA logo, the text 'FORM 2024-25', and the student's name 'Student Raya Tran'. On the right, there are 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' buttons. Below this is a progress bar with five numbered steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted in blue), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature.

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

FAFSA Online Help



Review Student Identity Information

Student Identity Information

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

Name

Raya A. Tran

Date of Birth

5/5/2003

Social Security Number

•••••1234

Email Address

raya.tran@email.com

Mobile Phone Number

(555) 555-5555

To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to [Account Settings](#).



Permanent Mailing Address

Include apartment number.

123 Sesame Street

City

New York

State

New York (NY)

Zip Code

54321

Country

United States

State of Legal Residence

- View Status
- Find Help
- Review Answers
- Delete FAFSA Form
- Exit

Student State of Legal Residence

State

Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of Pennsylvania (PA)

Month

Year

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

Read this section and click
"Approve"



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

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

Both scenarios make these assumptions:

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

Summary

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

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

→ Tax return information is required to complete FAFSA form.

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent and approval?

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

What happens after I provide consent and approval?

What happens if I decline consent and approval?

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

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Decline

Approve

Scroll all the way
down the page

After Providing Consent and Approval



Welcome, **Lucina**,

I am starting the FAFSA form as a **Parent**

We're securely importing your information.


Success!
We have confirmed your information with the IRS, but you may have to answer additional questions in the Finances section. Select "Continue" to proceed.

Student Parent


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No Federal Tax Information Available

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We're securely importing your information.

 **Data Not Received**
We were unable to retrieve your financial information, so you may have to enter it yourself in the Finances section. Select "Continue" to proceed.

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Student Personal Circumstances

Your Personal Circumstances

We'll ask you questions that help us determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This information can affect the types of federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

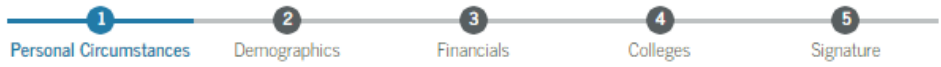
→ Sometimes we need to collect information from other people after we review your answers. We'll let you know if this is the case.



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Student Current Marital Status



Student Current Marital Status

- Single (never married)
- Married (not separated)
- Remarried
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

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Student College or Career School Plans

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Student College or Career School Plans

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

- First year (freshman)
- Second year (sophomore)
- Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)
- Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

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

- Yes
- No

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Personal Circumstances



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, 2024 and June 30, 2025.
- 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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- A series of questions are asked to determine if the student is independent or dependent.
- If the student can say yes, to one of these questions, they are independent and will not provide parental information on the FAFSA.

Homelessness

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Student Homelessness

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

Yes No

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Unusual Circumstances

Student Unusual Circumstances

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

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

A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they

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

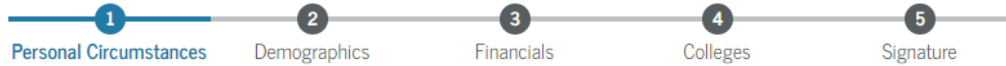
If the student's circumstances resulted in not having a safe and stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.

Yes

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Your Dependency Status



Dependent Student

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

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA[®] form?

This response must be "No" for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid.

Yes No



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Student's Parents

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Tell Us About the Student's Parents

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

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes

No

Do the parents live together?

Yes

No

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

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

Yes

No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

Yes

No

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Parent Contributor Invitation Process

Enter information about your parent(s) identified on the prior page, and we'll send an email on your behalf.

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

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

Use the email address that is most likely to reach your contributor. Unlike the other information provided, the email address doesn't need to match the email associated with their StudentAid.gov account.



Parent

First Name

Last Name


Date of Birth
Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN)
 Hide

My parent doesn't have an SSN. Checking this box when your parent does have an SSN may delay processing of your FAFSA form.

Email Address

Confirm Email Address



Parent Spouse or Partner

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN)
 Hide


My parent doesn't have an SSN. Checking this box when your parent does have an SSN may delay processing of the FAFSA form.

Email Address

Confirm Email Address


- Depending on which or if both parents are determined to contribute their information, the student will need to invite them to complete their portion of the FAFSA.
- To do so, the student will need to enter the information shown on this slide:
First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Social Security Number, E-mail Address
- FSA will e-mail the parent(s).

Student Demographics

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Student Demographics

We'll ask questions about your background and the education levels of 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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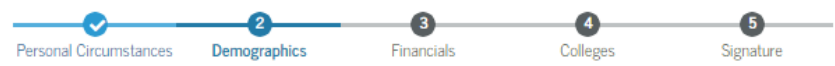
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Student Demographic Information

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

What is the student's gender?

Male

Female

Nonbinary

Prefer not to answer

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Student Demographics Continued

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 aid calculations, or
- 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

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Citizenship

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Student Citizenship Status

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

If you indicate eligible noncitizen, you need to provide your Alien Registration Number

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Parent Education Status



Parent Education Status

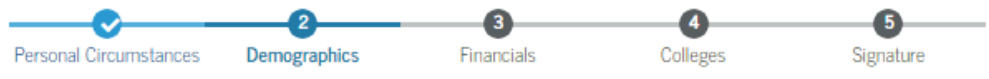
Did either of the student's parents attend college or complete college?

- Neither parent attended college
- One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college
- One or both parents completed college
- Don't know

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Parent Killed in Line of Duty



Parent Killed in Line of Duty

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?

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

Yes

No

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Student High School Completion Status

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Student High School Completion Status

What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year?

- High school diploma
- State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)
- Homeschooled
- None of the above

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Student High School Information



Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate?

State

City

High School Name - optional

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Confirm High School

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Confirm Your High School

Verify that your high school information below is correct. Once you're ready, select "Continue" and we'll add it to your FAFSA[®] form.

High School Name Edit
North Gwinnett High School


City
Suwanee

State
GA

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Student Finances

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Your Finances

The FAFSA[®] form helps determine your ability to pay for school. We ask about your financial information in this section.

What if you have special financial circumstances?



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Student Tax Filing Status

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

Yes

No

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Student 2023 Tax Return Information

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

[Where to find this information on the tax form](#)

Filing Status

Single

Head of household

Married filing jointly

Married filing separately

Qualifying surviving spouse

Income Earned From Work

\$.00

Tax Exempt Interest Income

\$.00

Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions

\$.00

Untaxed Portions of Pensions

\$ 0 .00

Adjusted Gross Income

\$ 500 .00

Income Tax Paid

\$ 50 .00

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

\$ 0 .00

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

\$ 0 .00

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

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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Student Financials Section

- The student is asked questions about their 2023 tax return.

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Student 2023 Tax Return Information

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

IRA Rollover Into Another IRA or Qualified Plan

\$.00

Pension Rollover Into an IRA or Other Qualified Plan

\$.00

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\$.00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00

Student Financials - Asset Information

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Student Assets

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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

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What Assets Need to be Reported on the FAFSA?

- Cash
- Savings
- Stocks
- Bonds
- CDs
- Bitcoin
- Value of other real estate
- 529 College Savings Plans
- Net worth of business or farm

Don't report the following:

- IRA, Pension, 401k, 403B
- Family home
- Value of 529 College Savings plans listing others as beneficiary
- Insurance Policies

Colleges and Career Schools

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Student **Raya Tran**

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Select Colleges and Career Schools

Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA[®] form.



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Colleges and Career Schools




Where should we send the FAFSA® information?

Search and select colleges and career schools.

If you can't find your school when searching by school name or state, try searching by School Code.

You must add at least one college or career school to the FAFSA® form. You can add up to 20 schools. Make sure to list all the schools you're considering, even if you're not certain you'll apply to all of them. You can add or delete schools on your FAFSA form later. Find tips for searching for colleges or career schools.

 0 out of 20 schools selected [View Selected Schools](#)

[Search by School Name](#) [Search by School Code](#)

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Colleges and Career Schools


Selected Colleges and Career Schools

These are the colleges and career schools that you've selected to receive the FAFSA® form.


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

School List Guidelines for Pennsylvania Residents

State grant aid awards will be made for the first college listed on the FAFSA form. Pennsylvania will make aid awards for students to attend eligible colleges in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Delaware, Vermont, and the District of Columbia. If you update your school choice later, follow the instructions on the [Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency website](#) to make changes.

 1 out of 20 schools selected

Showing 1 to 1 of 1

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Review Student Information

Review Your FAFSA® Responses

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



Student Sections

[Expand All](#) ▾

- ✓ Introduction
Personal Identifiers ▾
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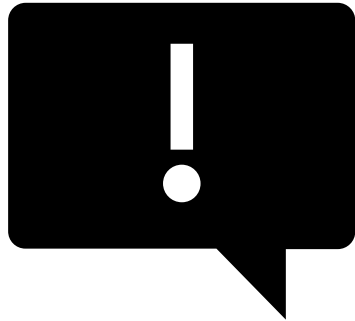
Contributor Section

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

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

Contributors	Role	Date Added	Status
juanita smi	Parent	10/8/2024	Invite Sent

Click the box and click the blue “sign” box!



Sign and Complete Your Section

Summary

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

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

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

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

By signing this application electronically using your account username and password, 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

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

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

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

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

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

Cancel

Sign

Student section is complete

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You're Almost There!

The student section is complete!

Parent Contributor

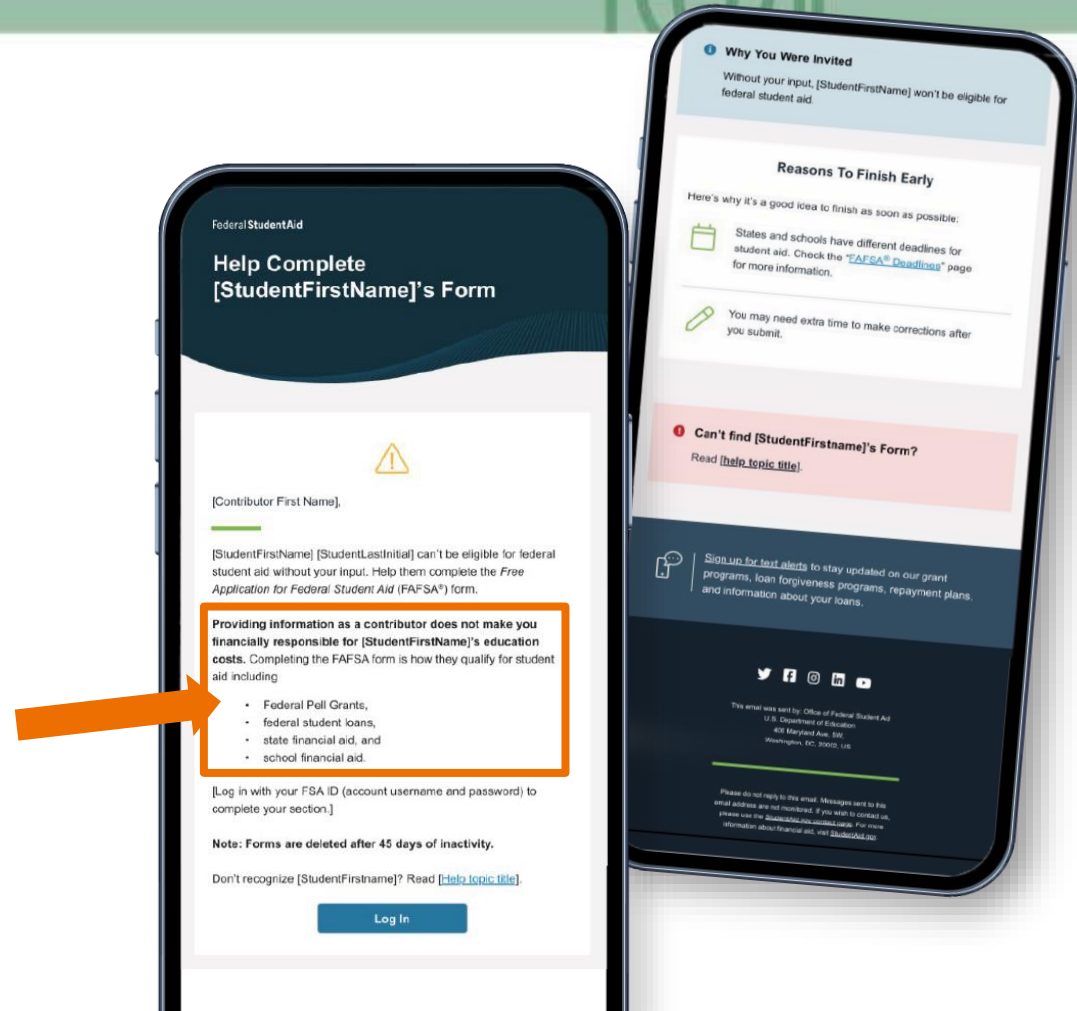
Requirements for Dependent Students
Your FAFSA® form is not complete until your parent(s) fill in the contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, your FAFSA form will be submitted for processing.

[Manage Contributor Information](#)

Contributor	Role	Date Added	Status
juanita smi	Parent	10/8/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent

Parent Contributors Invite

- Parent Contributors receive the e-mail FSA has sent inviting them to log into studentaid.gov to act as a contributor.
- The e-mail clearly advises the parent that they are not obligated to borrowing loans by contributing information to the FAFSA.

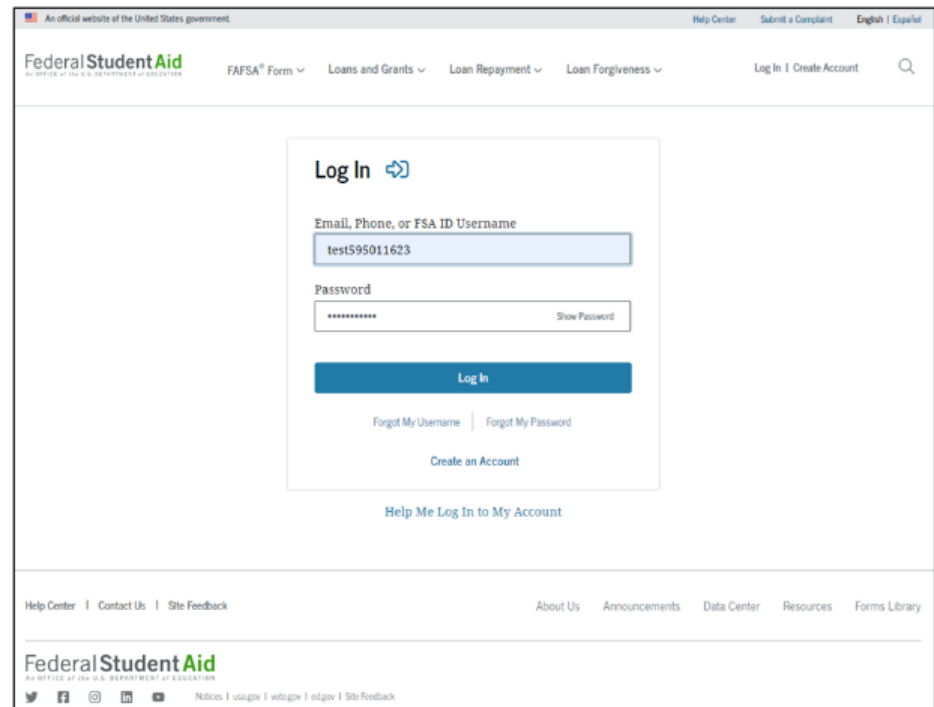


Parent Log in

Parent can log in from:

- Email invite
- Studentaid.gov

If the parent doesn't have a StudentAid.gov Account created, they can select to create an account. However, they should create it **4 days** in advance of completing this section.



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "An official website of the United States government" on the left, and "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", and "English | Español" on the right. Below this is the "Federal Student Aid" logo and a series of dropdown menus: "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". On the far right of the navigation bar are the links "Log In | Create Account" and a search icon. The main content area features a "Log In" heading with a refresh icon. Below the heading are two input fields: "Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username" containing the text "test595011623", and "Password" containing a series of asterisks. To the right of the password field is a "Show Password" link. Below the input fields is a blue "Log In" button. Underneath the button are two links: "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password". At the bottom of the login form is a link that says "Create an Account". Below the login form is a link that says "Help Me Log In to My Account". The footer of the page contains "Help Center | Contact Us | Site Feedback" on the left, and "About Us | Announcements | Data Center | Resources | Forms Library" on the right. At the very bottom is the "Federal Student Aid" logo again, with "An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION" below it, and a row of social media icons (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube) and the text "Notices | usa.gov | vts.gov | nd.gov | Site Feedback".

Parent Status Center – My Activity

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My Activity

Jenny Price Wants Your Help on a FAFSA® Form

Jenny Price has identified you as a parent on their 2025-26 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

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

[Visit the FAFSA Help Center](#)

[Accept Invitation](#) [Decline Invitation](#)



FAFSA® form

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My Activity

Jenny Price View Form

Jenny Price has been invited to complete their 2025-26 FAFSA form. Visit the Student Aid (FAFSA) form to learn more.

Parents are responsible for providing accurate and complete information on the FAFSA form. The parent(s) listed on the FAFSA form is/are responsible for providing accurate and complete information for federal student aid purposes.

Visit the FAFSA Home Page

By Accepting This Invitation You Agree To Share Your Information

We will need to use some personal information we already have on file about you in order to fill out the necessary steps in this FAFSA® form. Additionally, by accepting this invitation, you approve of the use and disclosure of any federal tax information for which you previously provided consent and approval to the U.S. Department of Education for the 2025-26 FAFSA cycle for purposes of completing this FAFSA form, to which you've been invited to participate.

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Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

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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, career school, or graduate school.




Parental Consent

- Once the parent(s) accept the invitation, they are asked to provide consent for their tax information to be retrieved from the IRS.
- Failure to consent will make the student ineligible for Federal Aid.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Federal Student Aid' and 'AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'. Below this, there are links for 'FAFSA', 'Loans & Grants', 'Repayment', and 'Loan Forgiveness'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a search icon, a notification bell, and a user profile for 'Travis'. Below the navigation bar, the main header reads 'FAFSA Form 2025-26' and 'Parent Spouse or Partner of Raya Tran'. There are also 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' options. The main content area has a heading: 'Provide Consent and Approval or the Student Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid'. Below this is a 'Summary' section with the following text: 'Your consent and approval are needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information. With your consent and approval, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA® form. If you don't provide consent and approval, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent and approval even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return.' There are two bullet points: '→ Get your 2023 tax return information for the 2025-26 FAFSA form.' and '→ Federal tax information is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.' To the right of these bullet points, there is a note: '→ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.'

After Providing Consent and Approval



Welcome, **Lucina**,

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

We're securely importing your information.

Student Parent

Success!
We have confirmed your information with the IRS, but you may have to answer additional questions in the Finances section. Select "Continue" to proceed.

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Parent Demographics

Parent Demographics

We'll ask questions about you and your family. These questions will help determine how much federal student aid the student is eligible to receive for school.



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Parent Demographics



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Parent Current Marital Status

Single (never married)

Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Married (not separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

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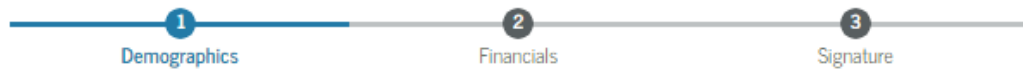
- The Parent has 3 sections to complete:
 - Parent Demographics
 - Parent Financials
 - Signature

Parent State of Legal Residence

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Parent State of Legal Residence

State

Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident of Pennsylvania (PA)


Month	Year
03	2003

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Parent Finances

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Parent Finances

The FAFSA[®] form helps determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. We ask about your financial information in this section.



What if you have special financial circumstances?

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Federal Benefits Received



Federal Benefits Received

Responses Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility
Your answers to these questions will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these federal benefits.

At any time during 2023 or 2024, did the student or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs?

Select all that apply:

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

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Parent Financials – Family Size



Family Size

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

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

Yes

No

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Family Size - Say "Yes"



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Yes No

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

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

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

Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

Do not include the student applicant.

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Number in College



Number in College

Out of the 5 people in the parent's family, how many will be in college between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026?

Do not include parent(s).

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Parent Financials

The parent is asked questions about their 2023 tax return. They enter a response in each entry field.

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Parent 2023 Tax Return Information

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

IRA Rollover Into Another IRA or Qualified Plan

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Pension Rollover Into an IRA or Other Qualified Plan

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

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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

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Parent Financials



Annual Child Support Received

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

Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student aid.

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

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

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

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

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Other Parent Information – Spouse or Partner

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Parent Spouse's or Partner's Information

Enter the following information about the parent spouse or partner.

If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account. Only the email address doesn't need to match.

We highly recommend you provide the necessary information on this page, and select either "Continue" or "Save" before exiting the form.

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

Parent Spouse or Partner

First Name [ⓘ]
Ally

Last Name [ⓘ]
Price

Date of Birth [ⓘ]
Month Day Year
02 13 1981

Social Security Number (SSN) [ⓘ]
***-**-6263 SHOW SSN

The parent spouse or partner doesn't have an SSN.

Email Address [ⓘ]
allyp@gmail.com

Confirm Email Address [ⓘ]
allyp@gmail.com


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Review Parent Section

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Review Your FAFSA[®] Responses

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



Parent Sections Expand All

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- Demographics** ⌵
- Section 2 ⌵
- Financials** ⌵

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Parent Signature

- Parent(s) are asked to sign and complete their section of the FAFSA

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Parent Signature section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Federal Student Aid logo and menu items for FAFSA, Loans & Grants, Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. A search bar and a user profile for 'Raya' are also visible. Below the navigation bar, the FAFSA logo and 'Form 2025-26' are displayed, along with the user's role 'Parent of Sam Clark'. A progress indicator shows three steps: Demographics, Financials, and Signature, with the Signature step currently active and highlighted with a blue circle and the number 3. The main content area is titled 'Sign and Complete Your Section' and contains a green-bordered box with a 'Summary' section. The summary text states: 'This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability. The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.' Below the summary box, there is a paragraph of text: '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'. This is followed by a bulleted list: '• information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and' and '• U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.'

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Demographics Financials **3** Signature

Sign and Complete Your Section

Summary

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

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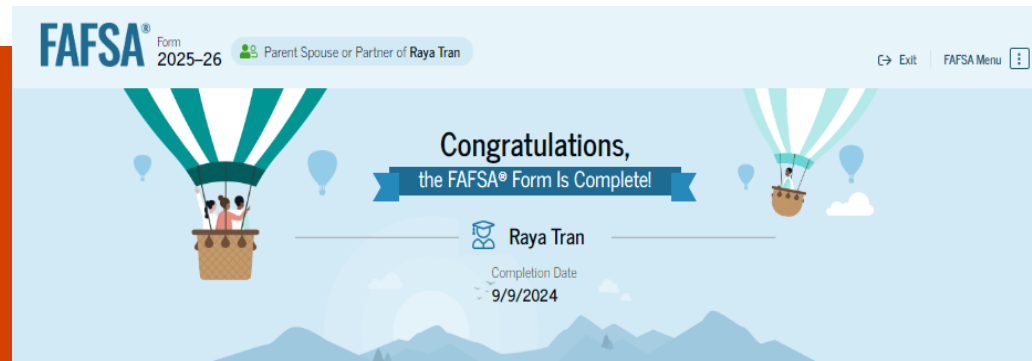
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- U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

Confirmation Page When Parent Submits the FAFSA




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Confirmation page will be emailed and is available if the student logs into StudentAid.gov



Applicants should allow or enable pop-ups from StudentAid.gov prior to completing the FAFSA, to ensure they are able to view all beneficial information.

What Happens Next

-  **Email Sent**
Confirm that the student received an email version of this page.
-  **The Student Can Track the Status of Their Form**
In one to three days, the student's FAFSA form will be processed and made available to their 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.

Apply for a PA State Grant

- Complete the FAFSA. Next, an email will be sent to you requesting you set up a PHEAA account within our PA State Grant System.
- An email to activate your account will come from PHEAA and will be sent to the email address you provided on the FAFSA.

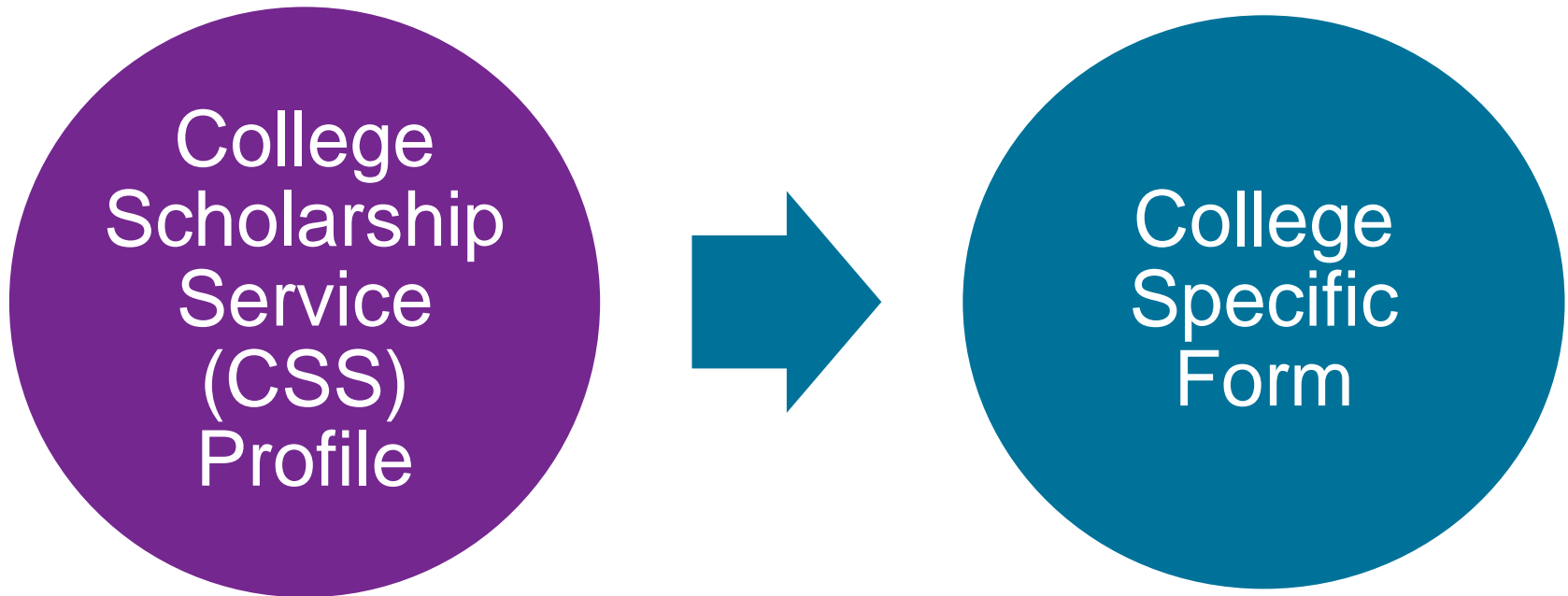
PA State Grant Form (SGF)

- Students able to complete SGF **after** PHEAA receives FAFSA information
 - SGF cannot be completed prior to completing FAFSA
- A student account will need to be set up to complete SGF
 - Email to activate an account will come from noreply@grantus.pheaa.org
 - Student will invite parent to create an account if parental data is required to determine eligibility

The screenshot displays a web form titled "STUDENT INFORMATION". The form is organized into a list of expandable sections, each with a right-pointing chevron and a horizontal line below it. The sections are: "Student Contact Information", "Military and Domicile Information", "Current Status", "Parent Information", "Student Living Situation", and "High School". To the right of the main form is a "JUMP TO" sidebar menu with a hamburger icon. This menu lists the same sections as the main form, with "Military and Domicile Information" highlighted by a blue vertical bar on its left side.

Other Forms You May Need to Complete

✓ Check with your school



Financial Aid Notification

- Official notification from school about financial aid, terms and conditions
- Lists the type and amount of aid to be received
- Describes what must be done to accept or reject any aid
- Discloses students' rights, responsibilities and academic requirements

Special Circumstances



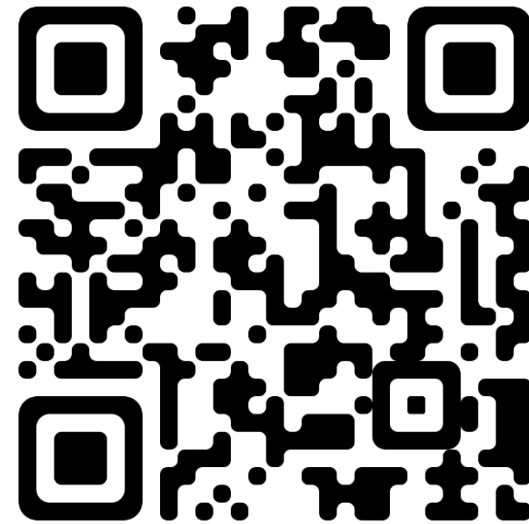
If things change....

- Divorced or separated parents
- Stepparents
- Adoptive parents
- Foster parents
- Legal guardians
- Living with others
- Recent death or disability
- Reduced income

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Would you like to learn more about funding you or your student's higher education dreams? Sign up to get emails from PHEAA and we will send you information about loans, grants, and more!



Scan the QR to sign up!

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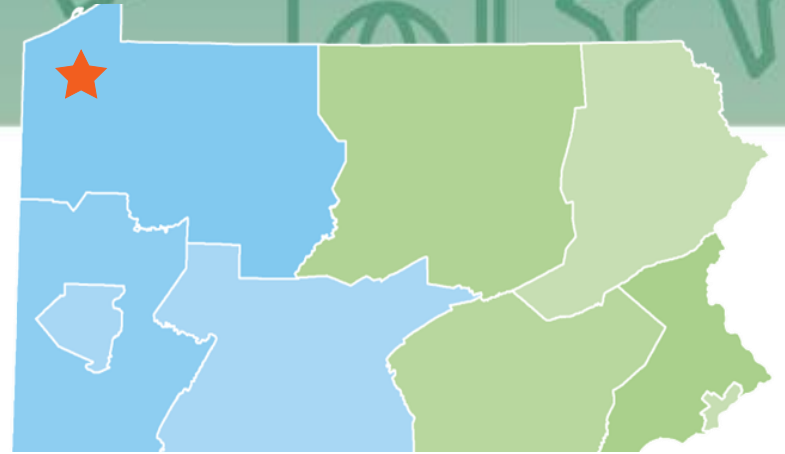
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Your Presenter



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