

2025-2026 FAFSA Information



By completing the FAFSA each year, you are applying for the following:

1. Federal Grants
2. Federal Work-study
3. Federal Student Loans

The student and contributor(s) will need to sign up for FSA ID's before beginning the FAFSA.

- If you/your contributor* DO NOT have an FSA ID, follow instructions on pages 3 through 6.
- If you/your contributor* already have FSA ID's, go directly to the FAFSA instructions on page 7.

**Contributors may include the student's parents, the spouse of the student's parent or the student's spouse.*

Gathering the Documents Needed for the 2025–26 FAFSA® Form

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the 2025–26 FAFSA form:

- Your SSN*
- Your parents' SSNs* if you're a [dependent student](#)
- 2023 Federal Tax return
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farm
- Student and parent will need to enter separate email and phone number for each person's FSA ID. Student, **DO NOT use your K12 email address. *The MTC Financial Aid Office communicates through the student's email address that is listed on the FAFSA.**

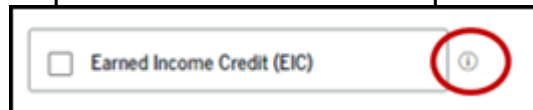
IMPORTANT: Avoid delays by triple-checking the information you entered.


When you and your parent create your separate FSA ID's for your FAFSA, make sure to enter the Name, Social Security Number (SSN) and Date of Birth exactly as they appear on your Social Security cards.

- Your FSA ID information will be matched to the Social Security Administration database and discrepancies could cause processing delays.
- **If you enter a different name, SSN, and/or date of birth on the FAFSA form, you will receive an error message and may need to correct your FSA ID and/or your FAFSA with the correct information.**

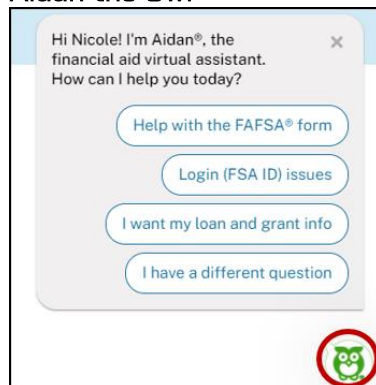
FAFSA Help Options

Help "bubbles" on each FAFSA question




Earned Income Credit (EIC) 

Aidan the Owl



Hi Nicole! I'm Aidan®, the financial aid virtual assistant. How can I help you today?

- Help with the FAFSA® form
- Login (FSA ID) issues
- I want my loan and grant info
- I have a different question



FAFSA Help page

studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help

Call

Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243

Note: You can save the FAFSA form and return to the application at a later time/date.

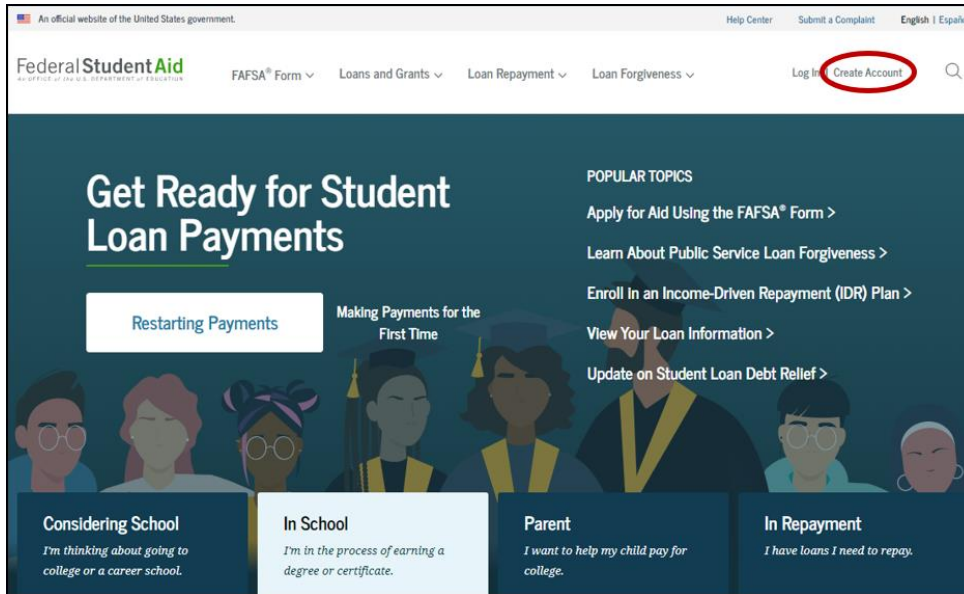
Creating an FSA ID

The FSA ID allows the student and contributors to:

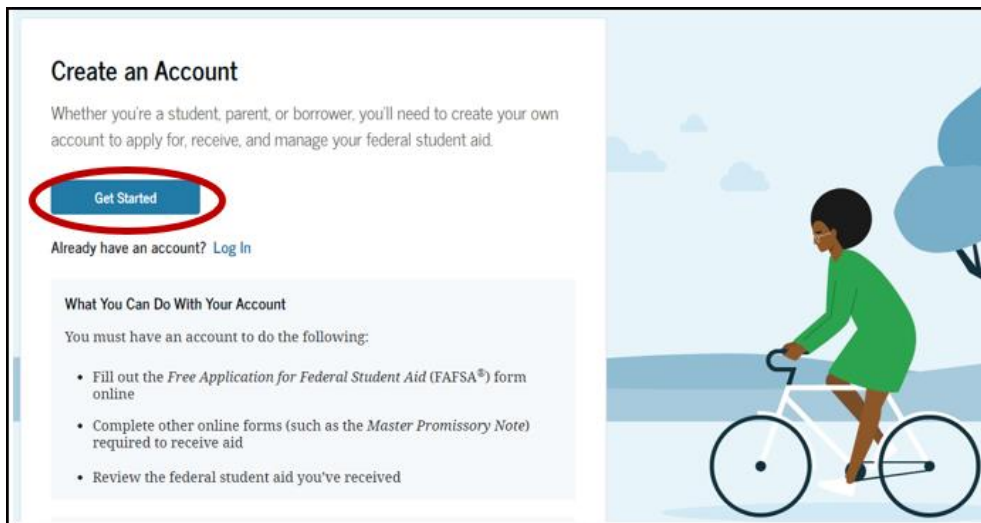
- Complete their sections of the student’s FAFSA.
- Provide consent and approval to transfer their federal tax data from the IRS directly to the student’s FAFSA.
- Sign the FAFSA.

➡ **Begin at studentaid.gov Homepage**

➡ **Choose [Create Account](#)**



➡ **Choose [Get Started](#)**



④ Provide Personal, Account, & Contact Information

Create an Account

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Social Security Number

I don't have a Social Security number.

Create an Account

Step 2 of 7

Account Information

Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can't create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must each create their own accounts.

Username

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Password

- Uppercase
- Lowercase
- Number
- 8+ characters

Confirm Password

Create an Account

Step 3 of 7

Contact Information

Mailing Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Mobile Phone Account Access

We strongly recommend setting up your mobile phone for account access. This option helps you gain access to your account if you are locked out and allows your mobile phone to be used for two-step verification.

Mobile Phone

Confirm Mobile Phone

Yes, I agree to use my mobile phone for account access.

Alternate Phone Number (Optional)

④ Provide Communication Preferences & Challenge Questions

Create an Account

Step 4 of 7

Communication Preferences

Required Communications

There are certain types of communications the U.S. Department of Education and our servicers are required to provide to you in writing. This includes communications such as student loan disclosures and student loan interest statements. You can choose whether you would like to receive these by email or postal mail.

Email *Recommended*

Postal mail

Optional Communications

We want you to feel confident about the financial aid and federal student loan process. To help with this, we sometimes send information about available grants, student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment options, and more. You can choose whether you would like to receive these by email and/or text message.

Create an Account

Step 5 of 7

Challenge Questions

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them, and also to unlock your account.

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

Challenge Question 1

Question

Answer


Challenge Question 2

Question

🔍 Confirm & verify your information

Confirm & Verify

Verify the information you provided for your account below. If there is an error, click "Edit" on the section where the error exists to correct the information.

Personal Information Edit 

NAME

I agree to FSA's terms and conditions.

Previous Continue

🔍 Enable Two-Step Verification


Create an Account


Step 7 of 7


Enable Two-Step Verification

Protect Your Account with Two-Step Verification

Whenever you sign in, we'll send a secure code to make sure it's really you. To keep your account protected, make sure your phone number and email are verified. We also suggest setting up verification using a secure authenticator app.


 **SMS Verification** ⚠ Not Verified Verify

 **Email Verification** ⚠ Not Verified Verify

 **Use an Authenticator App (Most Secure Option)**

Use an authenticator app that you've downloaded from a mobile app store to view in-app secure codes—visible only to you—that can confirm your identity when you log in.

What is an authenticator app?

 [Set Up an Authenticator App](#)


Previous Continue

🔍 Save your Backup Code in a safe place

Create an Account

Step 7 of 7

Enable Two-Step Verification: Backup Code

 We recommend storing your backup code in a safe place.

Your backup code is a special code that lets you access your account in the event that you cannot use any other two-step verification method.

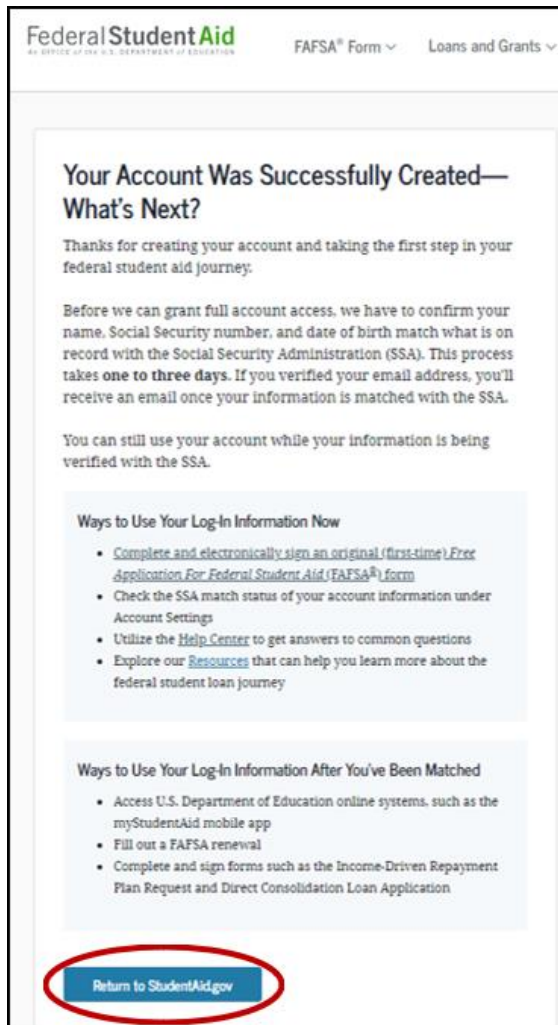
Your Backup Code is:

H8ULPN1BMNCP

I have stored this backup code somewhere safe.

Previous Continue

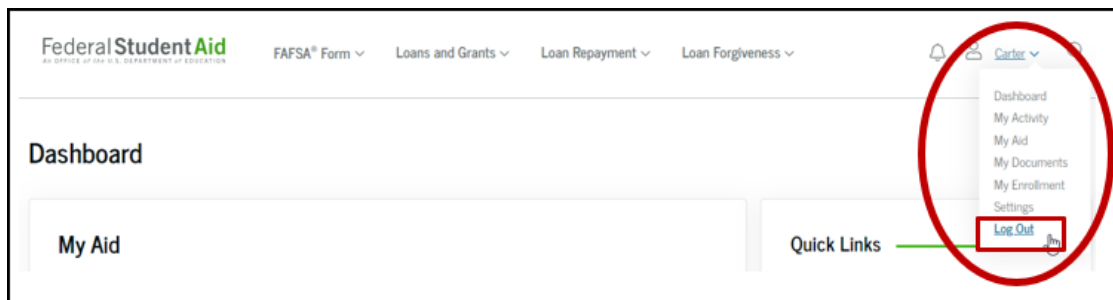
⌂ FSA ID Created Successfully



⌂ Student proceeds to completing the FAFSA once parent has their separate FSA ID created.

If the parent needs to create their separate FSA ID:

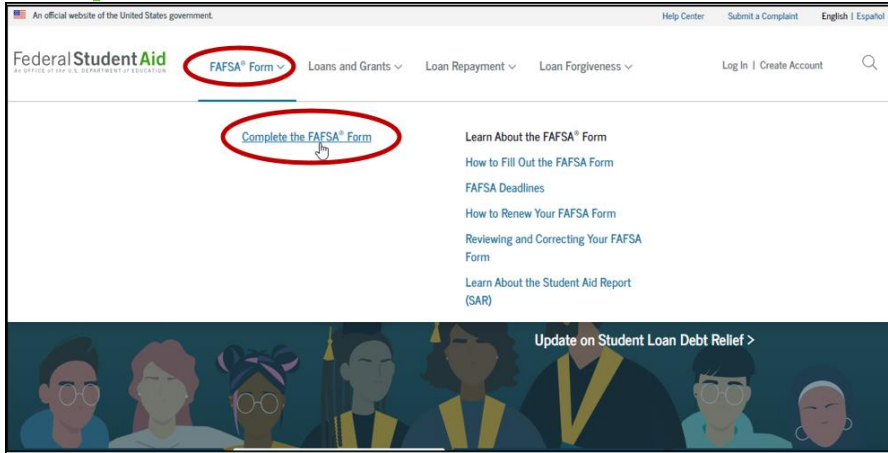
1. Student will **Log Out** of website and
2. Parent will go back to page 2 for instructions



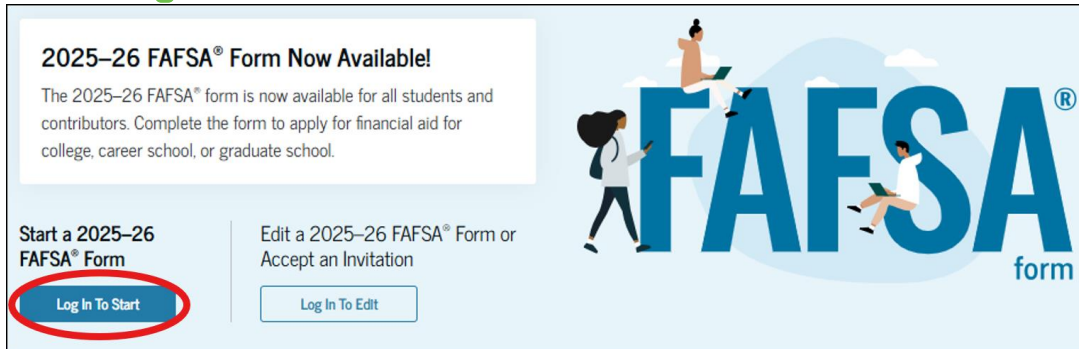
Completing the FAFSA

Even though the student or the parent can start the FAFSA application **we suggest the student starts the application** for a smoother process.

- ⌚ **Begin at studentaid.gov homepage and choose **FAFSA Form** > **Complete the FAFSA Form****



- ⌚ **Choose **Log In to Start****

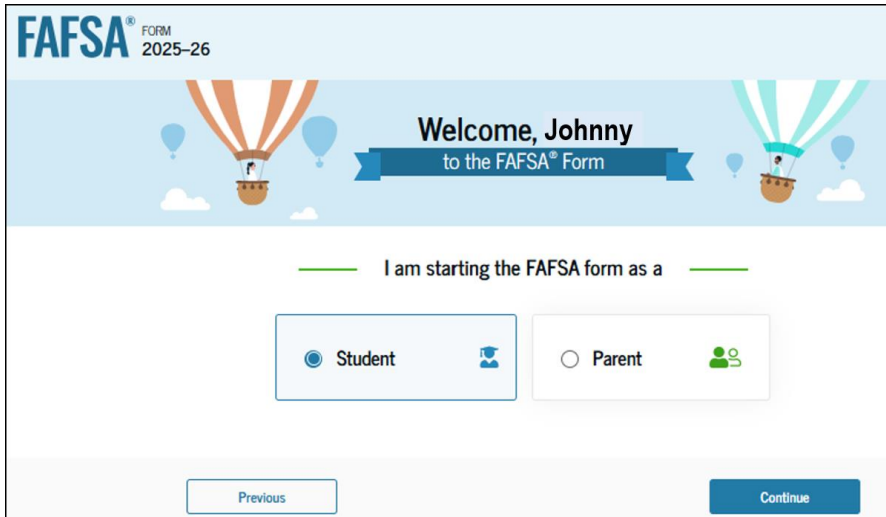


- ⌚ **The Student logs in with the FSA ID account. (if the student isn't logged in already)**

During login, you will be prompted for Two-Step Verification and to confirm your information.

The login form has a title 'Log In' with a refresh icon. It contains two input fields: 'Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a 'Show Password' link. A large blue 'Log In' button is positioned below the input fields. At the bottom of the form, there are links for 'Forgot My Username', 'Forgot My Password', and 'Create an Account'.


🔙 Select student




FAFSA[®] FORM 2025-26

Welcome, Johnny
to the FAFSA[®] Form

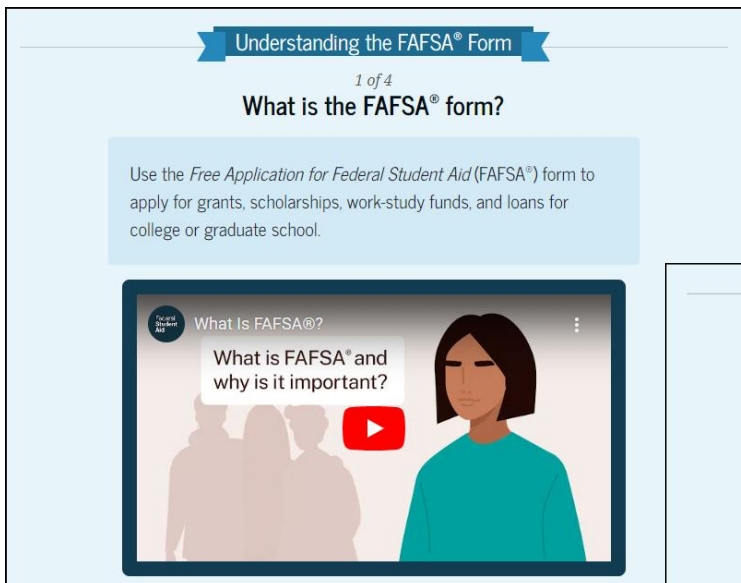
I am starting the FAFSA form as a

Student 

Parent 

Previous Continue

🔙 View the videos/read information on the next few screens. Then select **Start FAFSA Form**.



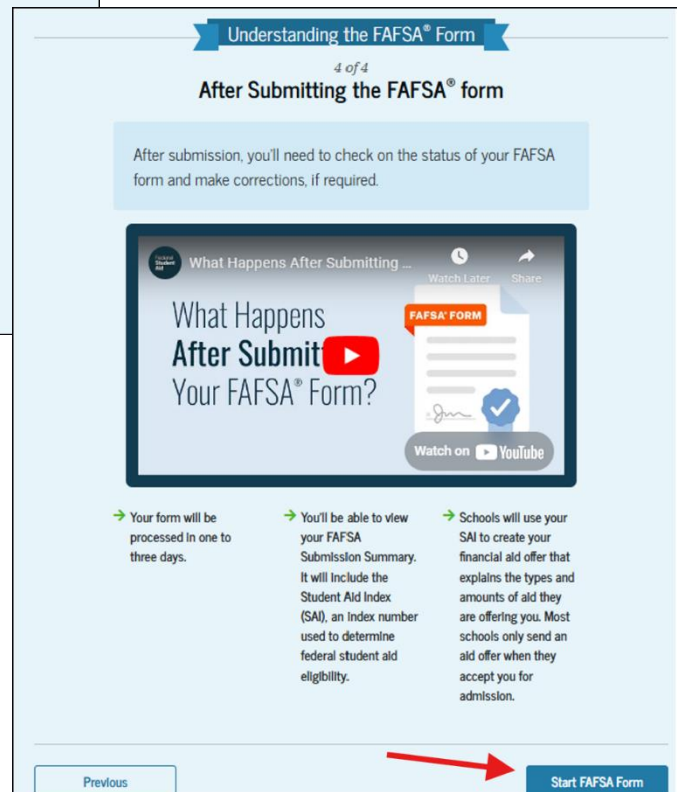
Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

1 of 4

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.

What Is FAFSA?
What is FAFSA[®] and why is it important?



Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

4 of 4

After Submitting the FAFSA[®] form

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

What Happens After Submitting ...
What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA[®] Form?

- Your form will be processed in one to three days.
- You'll be able to view your FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include the Student Aid Index (SAI), an index 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 only send an aid offer when they accept you for admission.

Previous Start FAFSA Form

⌚ Review your information & make any necessary corrections

FAFSA[®] FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

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
rayaatron@gmail.com

Mobile Phone Number
(555) 555-5555

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

⌚ Enter your state of legal residence

Student State of Legal Residence

State ⓘ
South Dakota (SD)

Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of South Dakota (SD)

Month Year ⓘ
12 2006 ⓘ

Previous Continue

⌚ Provide Consent to retrieve and disclose your federal tax information

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

Summary
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 the FAFSA[®] form. If you don't provide consent and approval, you 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.

→ Get your 2023 tax return information for the 2025-26 FAFSA form. → Federal tax information is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

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.

Previous Decline Approve

We're securely importing your information.

Success! Select "Continue" To Proceed

We have confirmed your information with the IRS. You will still have to answer some questions in the Finances section.

Previous Continue

Enter Student's Martial Status

1
Personal Circumstances

Student Marital Status

Single (Never Married)

Married (not Separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

Enter Student's College or Career School Plans

1
Personal Circumstances

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 MA, MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

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

Yes

No

Enter Student's Personal Circumstances

1
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. ⓘ

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.

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

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

No

Student Dependency Status 1 Personal Circumstances

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

Enter information about your Parents & Invite the Parent(s) to the FAFSA Form 1 Personal Circumstances

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



Provide Information for the Parent and Stepparent
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about the parent and stepparent on the FAFSA® form. You can invite the parent and stepparent to the form so they can complete their required sections.

Invite Parent(s) to This FAFSA® Form



We Need Information for Your Parents Now
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA® form. This doesn't make them financially responsible for your education. You can invite one or both of your parents to your form now and have them complete their required sections.

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	Parent Spouse or Partner <small>Optional</small>
First Name ⓘ	First Name ⓘ
Last Name ⓘ	Last Name ⓘ
Date of Birth ⓘ	Date of Birth ⓘ
Month Day Year	Month Day Year
Social Security Number (SSN) ⓘ	Social Security Number (SSN) ⓘ
<input type="checkbox"/> My parent doesn't have an SSN. Checking this box when your parent does have an SSN may delay processing of your FAFSA form.	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 ⓘ	Email Address ⓘ
Confirm Email Address ⓘ	Confirm Email Address ⓘ
<input type="button" value="Send Invite"/>	<input type="button" value="Send Invite"/>

2 Student Demographic Information

2
Demographics

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 aid calculations, and
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's gender? ⓘ

Male

Female

Nonbinary

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 aid 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

2 Student Citizenship Status

2
Demographics

Student Citizenship Status

U.S. citizen or national

Eligible noncitizen

Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

2 Questions about Parents

2
Demographics

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

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

2 Student High School Questions

2
Demographics

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

Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State

South Dakota (SD)

City

Mitchell

High School Name - optional

Mitchell High School - 01

Mitchell High School - 01
Mitchell, South Dakota (SD)



Student 2023 Tax Return Information & Filing Status

Questions for student who filed a 2023 tax return:

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.

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.

\$.00 ⓘ

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00 ⓘ

Questions for student who did not file a 2023 tax return:

Student Tax Filing Status

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

Yes

No

Did the student earn income in a foreign country in 2023, were they employed by an international organization, but not required to report their income on any tax return, or did they file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory? ⓘ

If the student filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory, select "Yes."

Examples of international organizations include the United Nations, World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund.

Yes

No

Student Assets

Student Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid.

\$.00 ⓘ

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

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

\$.00 ⓘ

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

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

\$.00 ⓘ

Click on these icons for definitions of asset questions. The definitions are also provided at the end of this packet.

Select Colleges 4 Colleges

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 can add up to 20 colleges and career schools to the FAFSA® form.

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

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

State

City - optional


School Name - optional

Mitchell Technical College Federal School Code: 008284 ✓ Selected
Mitchell, South Dakota (SD)

Dependent Student Review Page

Take a moment to review before signing

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




Student Sections Expand All

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

Parent Contributor Section

This Section is Shared With 1 Contributor

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

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status	Edit
 Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	Invite Sent	

Sign and Complete Your Section ①

Summary
This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form 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, we will not share it with anyone.

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

- 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.

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

- 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 Your FAFSA Form

I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above

[Previous](#) [Sign](#)

Dependent Student Section Complete

FAFSA® FORM 2025-26 Student Raya Tran Save

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.

Contributor	Role	Date Added	Status
Alcina Tran	Parent	11/26/2024	Invite Sent

Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form and Contributors [View Status](#)

Your application has been added to the "My Activity" page in your StudentAid.gov account. Visit this page to keep track of your FAFSA status; review, edit, or delete information on your form; and monitor the status of your contributor(s).

Here's What You Can Do Next

- Check Your Email**
You'll receive an email version of this page at the following email address: rayaatran@gmail.com.
- Your FAFSA® Form Still Needs Contributor Information**
The contributor(s) you selected will receive an email invitation to join your form.

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 The FAFSA® Process?

Visit the "FAFSA Help" page for more information.

[Get Help](#)

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

[Provide Parent Information Manually](#)

Ⓜ Dependent Student's Parent Email

This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects “Log In” and is taken to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

Federal Student Aid

Help Complete [StudentFirstName]'s Form

[Contributor First Name],

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

Providing information as a contributor does not make you financially responsible for Carter'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.

Create an account or log in with an existing FSA ID (account username and password) to access and complete your section of the form. Creating a new FSA ID takes 10-15 minutes, but it can take up to three days for approval.

Note: Forms are deleted after 45 days of inactivity.

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

Get Started

Why You Were Invited

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

Reasons To Finish Early

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

- States and schools have different deadlines for student aid. Check the ["FAFSA® Deadlines"](#) page for more information.
- You may need extra time to make corrections after you submit.

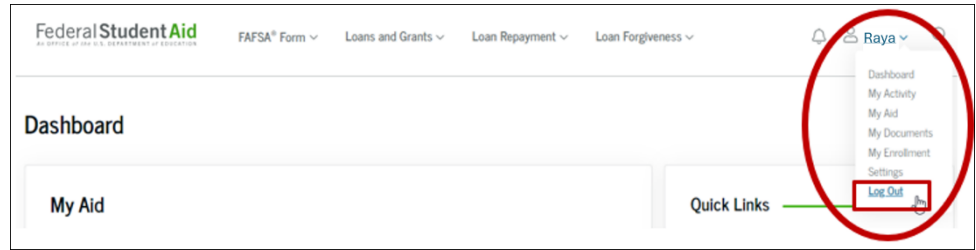
Can't find [StudentFirstname]'s Form?

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

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

⊖ Dependent Student's Parent Log In

NOTE: If the student is still logged into the [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) website, they will need to log out so the parent can log in.



⊖ The Parent begins at the studentaid.gov homepage and chooses

⊖ Choose **Log In**

* If the parent has not created an FSA ID, click on create account and follow the screen prompts. After the parent has the FSA ID, follow these remaining steps.

⊖ Parent provides their login information

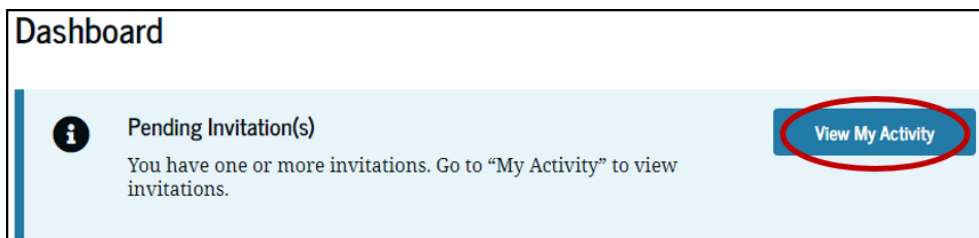
The login form has the following elements:

- Header: Log In with a right-pointing arrow icon.
- Input field: Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username.
- Input field: Password, with a 'Show Password' link to its right.
- Button: A blue 'Log In' button.
- Links: 'Forgot My Username' and 'Forgot My Password' links.
- Link: 'Create an Account' link at the bottom.

During login, you will be prompted for Two-Step Verification and to confirm your information.

⊖ Parent selects **View My Activity**

After logging in, the parent is taken to their *Dashboard* page. [Click on View My Activity](#)



⌚ Parent selects **Accept Invitation**

My Activity

Raya Tran Wants Your Help on the 2025–26 FAFSA® Form

Raya Tran 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 Carter's educational costs or any federal student loans they decide to accept.

Visit the [FAFSA Help Center](#)

Accept Invitation Decline Invitation

By accepting this invitation, you agree to share your personal and contact information from your StudentAid.gov account on the student's FAFSA form. Once you accept, your information will be linked to this form.

⌚ Parent views the videos/read information on the next few screens. Then select **Start FAFSA Form**.

Understanding the FAFSA® Form

1 of 4

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.

After Submitting the FAFSA® form

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

What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA® Form?

- Your form will be processed in one to three days.
- You'll be able to view your FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include the Student Aid Index (SAI), an Index 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 only send an aid offer when they accept you for admission.

Previous **Start FAFSA Form**

⌂ Parent reviews their information & makes any necessary corrections

FAFSA FORM 2025-26 Parent of Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

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.

⌂ Parent Provides Consent

Provide Consent and Approval or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid ⓘ

Summary

Your consent and approval is 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 or any tax return at all.

- Get your 2023 tax return information for the 2025-26 FAFSA form.
- FTI is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

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

1. ED may disclose my Social Security number (SSN)/ Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which federal tax information is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my federal tax information in determining eligibility by ED for which approval is provided to the U.S. Department of Education, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). I understand that in response to such a request, the IRS shall then disclose my federal tax information to "authorized persons," specifically designated officers and employees of ED and its contractors (as defined in § 6103(i)(13)(E)) for the purpose of determining eligibility for, and the amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, for myself or an applicant for federal student aid who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.

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 consent and approve to using your federal 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.

Previous Decline **Approve**

Parent's Demographics

1
Demographics

Parent Current Marital Status ⓘ

Single (never married)

Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Married (not separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

Parent State of Legal Residence

State ⓘ

South Dakota (SD)

Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident of South Dakota (SD)

Month Year

01 1980 ⓘ

Parent's Finances

2
Financials

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 parent 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.

Parent's Tax Filing Status 2 Financials

Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2023 joint tax return with their current spouse? ⓘ

Yes No

Parent's Family Information 2 Financials

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

Number in College

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

Do not include parent(s).

ⓘ

Parent's 2023 Tax Return 2 Financials

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.

i Report Combined Taxes
Report the combined tax information for the parent and their spouse.

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorp 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.

\$.00 ⓘ

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00 ⓘ

Parent's Child Support Received & Assets

2

Financials

i Report Combined Assets and Child Support Received
Report the combined assets and child support received for both parents.

Annual Child Support Received

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

\$.00 ⓘ

Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid.

\$.00 ⓘ

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

Don't include the home the parent 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 parent's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

\$.00 ⓘ

Click on these icons for definitions of asset questions. The definitions are also provided at the end of this packet.

Parent Spouse's or Partner's Information

2

Financials

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

 Parent Spouse or Partner

First Name ⓘ

Last Name ⓘ

Date of Birth ⓘ
Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN) ⓘ

The parent spouse or partner doesn't have an SSN. Checking this box when the spouse does have an SSN may delay processing of the FAFSA form.

Email Address ⓘ

Confirm Email Address ⓘ

Parent's Review Page

FAFSA[®] FORM 2025-26 Parent of Raya Tran Save

Continue To Sign Your Form

Here's a summary of the information you provided on the FAFSA[®] form. Continue once you're ready to submit.

Scroll To Continue
After reviewing your answers, scroll to the bottom of the page to continue. You must continue past this page to sign and submit your section of the FAFSA form.

Parent Sections Collapse All ^

- Introduction
- Personal Identifiers

First Name →

Middle Name →

Last Name →

Parent's Signature

3
Signature

Sign and Complete Your Section

Summary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cancel Sign and Submit

🏠 FAFSA Confirmation

Congratulations, the FAFSA Form is Complete!

Once the parent see's this page, they can log out of the studentaid.gov website.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA confirmation page for the 2025-26 form. The page is titled "Congratulations, The FAFSA® Form Is Complete!" and is for the parent of Raya Tran. The completion date is 11/27/2024. The page is divided into three main sections: "What Happens Next", "Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form", and a "View Status" button.

FAFSA FORM 2025-26 Parent of Raya Tran Exit FAFSA Menu

Congratulations, The FAFSA® Form Is Complete!

Raya Tran

Completion Date
11/27/2024

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'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.

Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form View Status

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

📧 Student receives email from U.S. Department of Education

The image shows two parts of an email from the U.S. Department of Education regarding FAFSA processing. The left part is the main email body, and the right part is a summary of the next steps.

Federal Student Aid
Here's What's Next

Student,

We received your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form.

Submission date: **November 25, 2024**

Date Release Number (DRN): **8652**

Note: Keep your DRN private. [Read about the Data Release Number](#) for more information.

Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) = 2429

The SAI is **not** a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility.

Based on the [eligibility criteria](#), you may be eligible for a [Federal Pell Grant](#) of up to \$4,965. You may also be eligible for other federal, state, or institutional grants; scholarships; and/or work-study programs.

What Happens Next

- Receive Notification of Processing**
We will process your FAFSA® form within one to three days. You can view the status of your FAFSA form online.
- Watch for School Communications**
We use the information collected on your FAFSA® form to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI lets schools determine the aid you're eligible to receive. Your schools will reach out to you if they need more information. They will also contact you with your financial aid offers. Once received, you can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their financial aid offers.
- Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form**
You can check the status of your form in the "My Activity" section of your StudentAid.gov account. We will let you know if we need anything more from you.

[View Status](#)

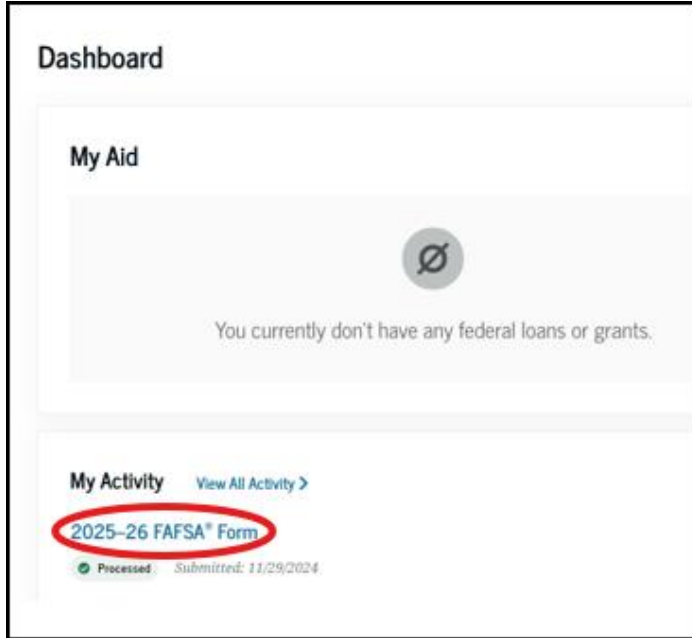
Next Steps

1. In one to three days, your FAFSA should be processed. Then you should log back into studentaid.gov to view your [FAFSA Submission Summary](#) (see next page for instructions to view your summary.) Review your information and make any necessary corrections to the FAFSA.
2. Schools listed on the FAFSA will also receive the FAFSA Submission Summary & will communicate* any additional instructions if the student's FAFSA is flagged for issues or verification (review).
3. Colleges will send out* award notifications to students who have finalized their financial aid and been accepted for enrollment. The award notification lists the types and amounts of financial aid for which the student is qualified.
4. Compare award notifications against the cost of attending.
5. Follow instructions from college to accept/decline aid and complete any additional steps such as completing Loan Entrance Counseling, Master Promissory Note, and reviewing work-study information.

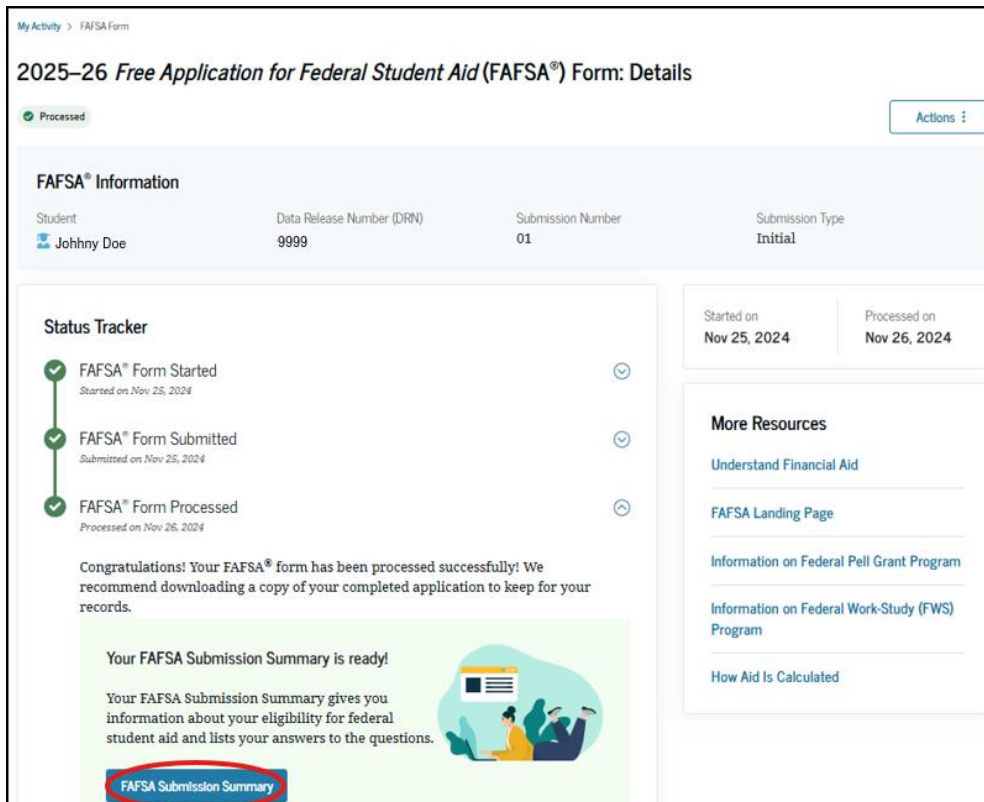
* The MTC Financial Aid Office MTC communicates through the student's email address that is listed on their FAFSA.

Viewing your FAFSA Submission Summary

1. Student logs into studentaid.gov
2. On your Dashboard, go to the *My Activity section* and click on [2025-26 FAFSA Form](#)



3. Click on FAFSA Submission Summary



Viewing your FAFSA Submission Summary, continued

4. View your Estimated Aid – This is only an ESTIMATE. The student will receive an official financial aid offer from the college(s).

The screenshot displays the 'FAFSA Submission Summary' for the 2025-26 academic year. At the top, it identifies the student as Johnny Doe, with application received on Nov. 25, 2024, and processed on Nov. 26, 2024. The data release number is 9999. The navigation menu includes 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps'. The main section is titled 'Your Estimated Federal Student Aid' and lists three types of aid: Federal Pell Grant (up to \$4,965), Federal Direct Loans (up to \$9,500), and Federal Work-Study (You May Be Eligible). A disclaimer states that these amounts are estimates based on full-time enrollment and average cost of attendance. A green callout box at the bottom says 'Keep in mind, this is only an estimate' and advises referring to the school's financial aid offer for a final determination.

5. Review your *FAFSA Form Answers* and **Make Corrections** (if necessary). If everything looks accurate, you can log out and wait for your school(s) to send you communications about your financial aid offer.

This screenshot shows the 'Your FAFSA Form Answers' page. The navigation menu has 'FAFSA Form Answers' circled in red. Below the title, there is a 'Make a Correction' button, also circled in red. The 'Student Sections' are listed, with 'Personal Identifiers' expanded to show input fields for First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Suffix, and Date of Birth.

Federal Student Aid's Definitions for Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Add the account balances of your (and if married, your spouse's) cash, savings, and checking accounts **as of the day you submit the FAFSA form**. Enter the total of all accounts as the total current balance. If the total balance is \$10 million or more, enter 9999999. If the total balance is negative or zero, enter 0 as the total current balance.

Don't include student financial aid or retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) in your account balances.

Round to the nearest dollar. Don't include commas or decimal points.

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

The net worth of your (and if married, your spouse's) current investments is the amount left over after deducting the debt from the value of each investment. See example 1.

A negative value of one property can't be used to reduce the value of other investment properties. It should instead be calculated as a value of zero when adding the values of all investment properties. See example 2.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of the day you submit your FAFSA form. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Round to the nearest dollar. Don't include commas or decimal points.

Investments Include

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • real estate (don't include the home in which you live) • rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member) • vacation homes • trust funds • Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) and Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA) accounts • money market funds • mutual funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certificates of deposit • stocks • stock options • bonds • securities • installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held) • tax shelters • accounts designated for the student's benefit, (including qualified education benefits, or education savings accounts such as Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans, and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans).
---	---

Note: Qualified education benefits or education savings accounts must be reported as an asset of the parent if the student is considered a dependent on the FAFSA® form. If the student is considered an independent student on the FAFSA form, the education benefit or savings account is reported as an asset of the student. UGMA and UTMA accounts are considered the student's assets and must be reported as an asset of the student on the FAFSA form, regardless of the student's dependency status.

Investments don't include

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the home in which you (and if married, your spouse) live • cash, savings and checking accounts • ABLE accounts • the value of life insurance and retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGMA/UTMA accounts for which the student is the custodian but not the owner • the value of qualified education benefits or education savings accounts that are for the benefit of the parent's other children (not the student).
---	---



Federal Student Aid’s Definitions for Assets continued

Examples of Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

Example 1:

You own (and if married, your spouse owns) an investment property valued at \$100,000; however, \$75,000 in debt is owed on the property. The net worth of the investment is \$25,000 (\$100,000 - \$75,000 = \$25,000).

If you own (and if married, your spouse owns) multiple investments, total the net worth amounts and report them as a lump sum.

Example 2:

You own (and if married, your spouse owns) two investment properties.

The first investment property is valued at \$100,000. The debt that is owed on the property is \$110,000. To calculate the net worth, perform the following calculation:

(Value of Property) minus (Debt Owed on Property) = net worth

\$100,000 - \$110,000 = -\$10,000

The net worth of this first investment property is considered \$0, not negative value of \$10,000.

The second investment property is valued at \$200,000. The debt that is owed on the property is \$100,000. To calculate the net worth, perform the following calculation:

(Value of Property) minus (Debt Owed on Property) = net worth

\$200,000 - \$100,000 = \$100,000

The net worth of this second investment property is \$100,000.

If the net worth of the first investment property is \$0 and the net worth of the second investment property is \$100,000, then the amount to be reported for both properties is \$100,000.

If your (and if married, your spouse’s) net worth as of the day you submit your FAFSA form is [Enter](#)

Ten million or more	9999999
Zero or less than zero	0

For more information about reporting investments, go to studentaid.gov/help-center/contact

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus (subtracting) any debts owed against them. If the total net value is negative or zero, enter 0 as the total net worth.

Include

- businesses (including a small or family-run business); and
- income-producing farms that you own (including the fair market value of land, buildings, livestock, unharvested crops, and machinery actively used in investment farms, agricultural or commercial activities).

Don’t include

- the value of crops that are grown solely for consumption by the student and their family;
- personal money in cash, savings, and checking accounts;
- the home in which you live;
- *Uniform Gifts to Minors Act* (UGMA) and *Uniform Transfer to Minors Act* (UTMA) accounts;
- the value of life insurance;
- ABLE accounts;
- retirement plans (401(k) plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.); or
- other investments, such as real estate (other than the home in which you live), stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

Note: If the home in which you live is also located on a farm that you own, do not include the net value of that principal residence in the net value of all farm assets. The principal residence may include the home, structures, and land that are adjacent to the home that are not being used, stored, or sold for farming or other commercial activities.

