

2026-2027 FAFSA Information



Complete the 2026-2027 FAFSA
for free at studentaid.gov

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.*

Contributors to the FAFSA Form

Parents or Spouses

Your answers on the FAFSA® form will determine if any contributors (your spouse, your biological or adoptive parent[s], or your parent’s spouse) need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but they won't be financially responsible for your education.

How To Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) account username and password to provide their information. To invite a contributor to a FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their email address.

Go to page 32 of this packet for information on “Which parent is considered a contributor?”

Gathering the Documents Needed for the 2026–27 FAFSA® Form

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the 2026–27 FAFSA form:

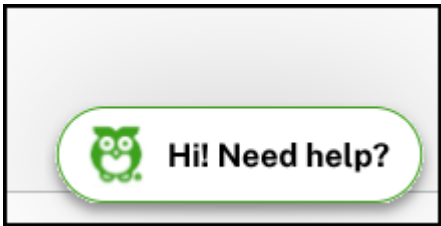
- Your Social Security Number (SSN)
- Your or parent or spouse contributor’s email address
- 2024 Federal Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farm
- Student and parent will need to enter 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, and you lose access to your K12 email after graduating from high school.*

FAFSA Help Options

Help “bubbles” on each FAFSA question



Aidan the Owl



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 & approval to transfer federal tax data from the IRS directly to the student's FAFSA.
- Sign the FAFSA.

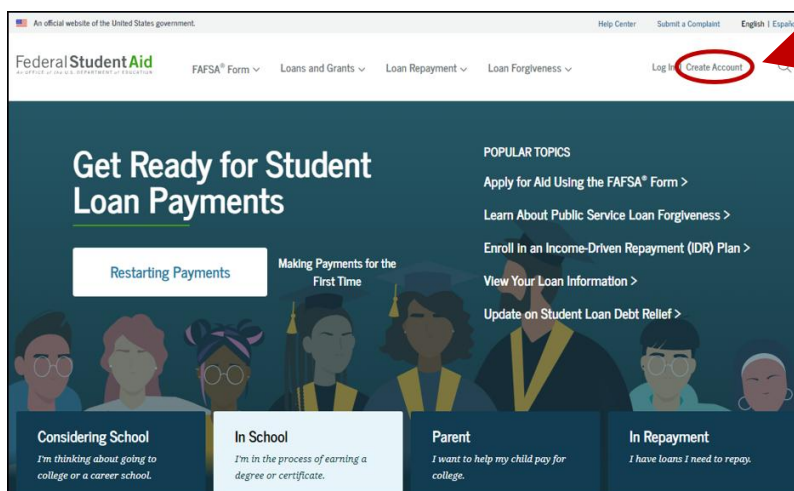
IMPORTANT: Avoid delays by double-checking the information you enter

When creating your FSA ID, make sure to enter the Name, Social Security Number (SSN) and Date of Birth exactly as they appear on your Social Security card.

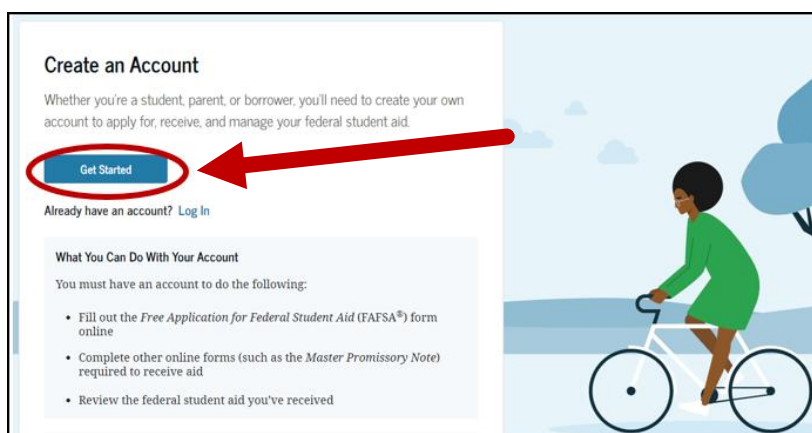
Your FSA ID information will be matched to the Social Security Administration database and discrepancies could cause processing delays.

⌚ **Begin at** studentaid.gov **Homepage**

⌚ **Choose** **Create Account**



⌚ **Choose** **Get Started**



Ⓜ 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.

Cancel

Continue

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

Show Password

☒ Uppercase

☒ Lowercase

☒ Number

☒ 8+ characters

Confirm Password

Show Password

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Continue

Create an Account

Step 3 of 7

Contact Information

Mailing Address

Address

City

State

Type Response

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)

Add Alternate Phone Number

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Ⓢ Provide Communication Preferences & Challenge Questions

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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

Select

Answer

Show Answer

Challenge Question 2

Question

Select

⌚ 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.

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⌚ 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](#)

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⌚ 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.

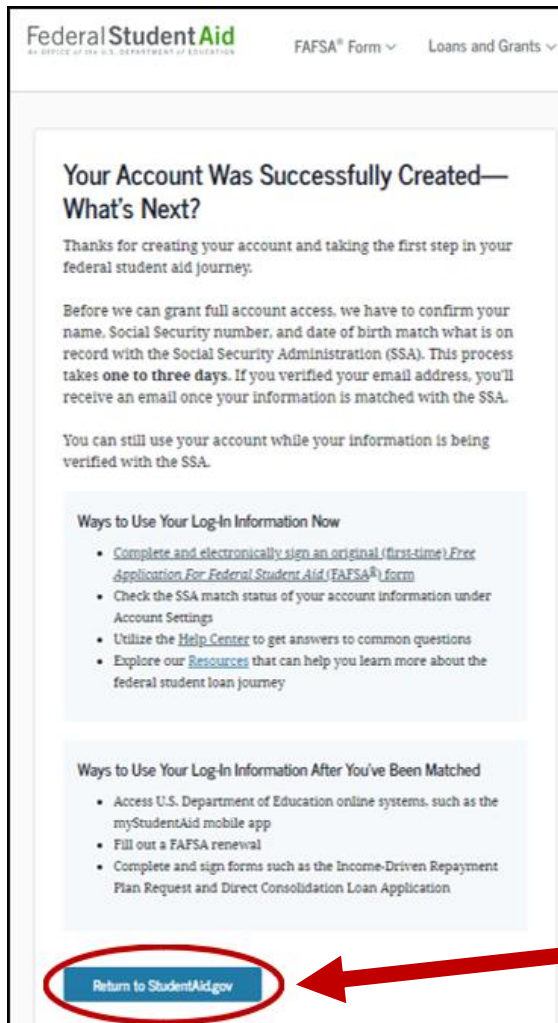
Your Backup Code is:

H8ULPN1BMNCP

☒ I have stored this backup code somewhere safe.

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🕒 FSA ID Created Successfully



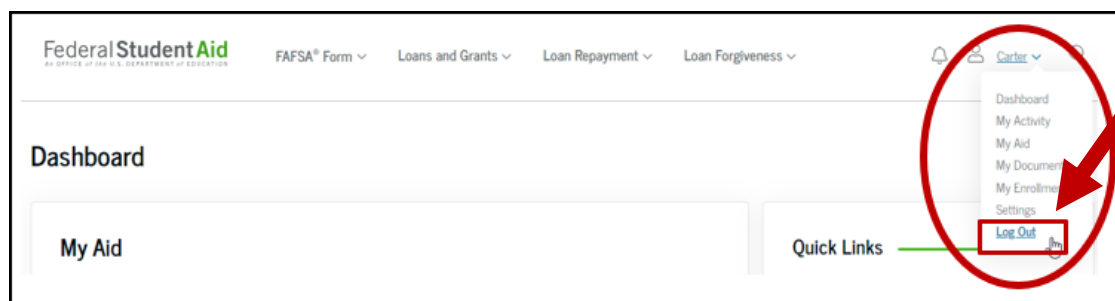
IMPORTANT:

Save your FSA ID username & password in a safe place for future use.

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

If the parent needs to create their separate FSA ID:

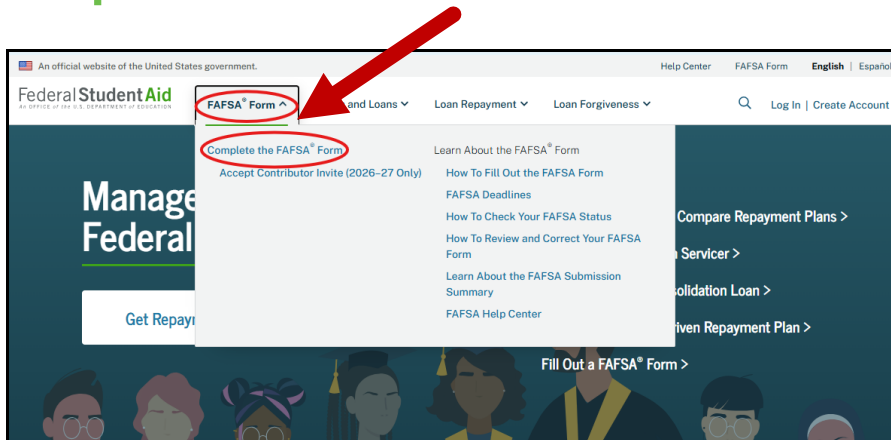
1. Student will **Log Out** of website and
2. Parent will go back to page 2 for instructions. **Once the student and parent have their FSA IDs, the STUDENT will log into studentaid.gov to complete their FAFSA.**



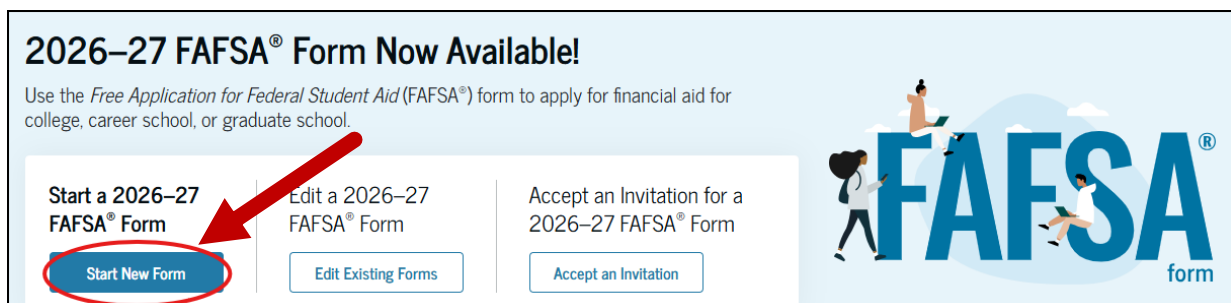
Completing the FAFSA

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 the studentaid.gov homepage and choose **FAFSA Form** > **Complete the FAFSA Form****



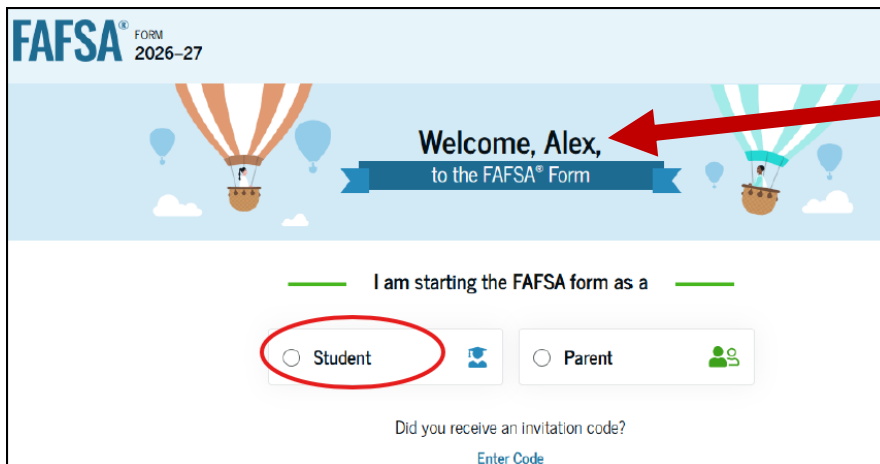
- ⌚ **Choose **Start New Form****



- ⌚ **The **STUDENT** logs in with their 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.

⌚ Select student



FAFSA[®] FORM 2026-27

Welcome, Alex,
to the FAFSA[®] Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

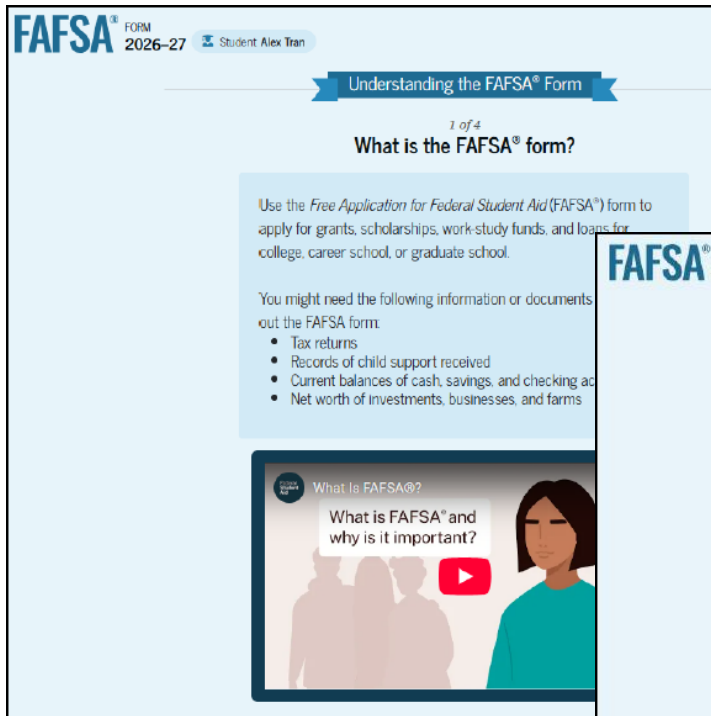
☒ Student ☐ Parent

Did you receive an invitation code?
[Enter Code](#)



If you don't see the student's name here, stop and log out. Then have the STUDENT login into studentaid.gov and repeat the instructions on the previous page.

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



FAFSA[®] FORM 2026-27 Student Alex Tran

Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

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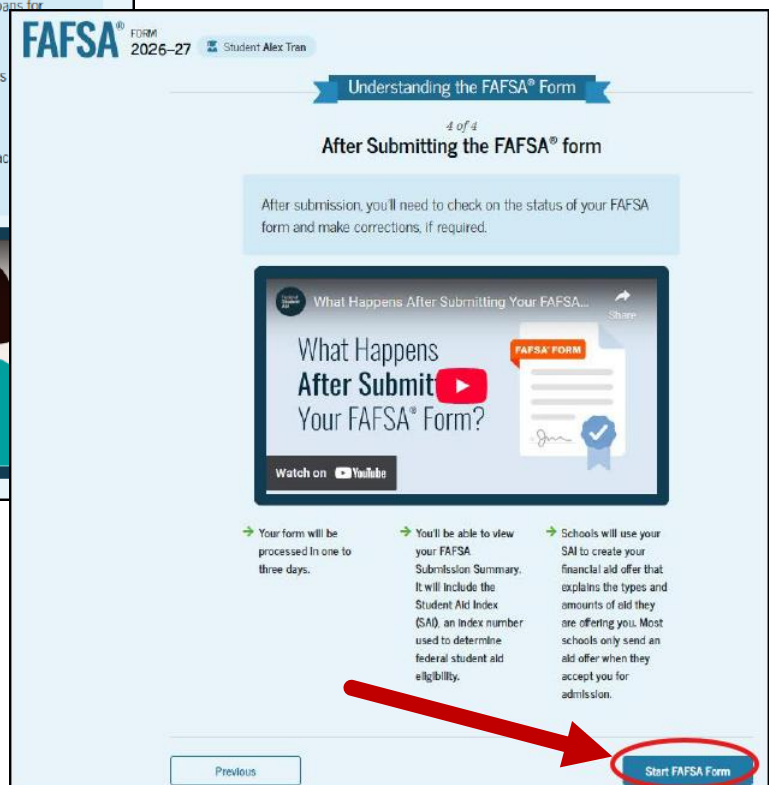
What is the FAFSA[®] form?

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.

You might need the following information or documents about the FAFSA form:

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

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



FAFSA[®] FORM 2026-27 Student Alex Tran

Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

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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?

Watch on [YouTube](#)

- 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.

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⌚ Review your information & make any necessary corrections

FAFSA® Form 2026-27 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
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.

To update any of the personal information, the student must access their account settings on [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

⌚ 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 ⓘ

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⌚ 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 2024 tax return information for the 2026-27 FAFSA form.
- ➔ Federal tax information is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.
- ➔ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I agree to:

- the receipt of my federal tax information
- the disclosure of my federal tax information to the 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 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.

Do not leave this page while your information is being imported into your application.

[Loading...](#)



We're securely importing your information.

✓ **Success! We've confirmed your information with the IRS.**

Select "Continue" to proceed. You will still have to answer some questions in the Financials section.

⌚ Enter Student's Martial Status

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Personal Circumstances

Student Marital Status

☒ Single (Never Married)

☐ Married (not Separated)

☐ Remarried

☐ Separated

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

⌚ Enter Student's College or Career School Plans

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Personal Circumstances

Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2026–27 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 2026–27 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 or "None of these 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, 2026, and June 30, 2027. ⓘ

☐ 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, 2025, 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

① Student Dependency Status & Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only 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

Answer "no" here if you (the student) wants to be considered for Federal Pell Grant and most other types of federal student aid.

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

What is the student's sex? ⓘ

☒ Male

☐ Female

Student Race and Ethnicity ⓘ

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- be used in any aid calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's race and/or ethnicity?

Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below.

③ Student Citizenship Status 2 Demographics

Student Citizenship Status

☒ U.S. citizen or national

☐ Eligible noncitizen

☐ Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

④ 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

⌚ 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 2026-27 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 2024 Tax Return Information

3
Financials

Student 2024 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2024 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 ⓘ

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

Students typically answer this question with a zero because most scholarships and grants, including Federal Pell Grants, are not considered taxable income. If the student is married, include the amount their spouse reported. If the response is other than zero, the amount is typically not the same as the amount reported on IRS Form 1098-T (Box 5) or the adjusted gross income reported on the tax return.

\$.00 ⓘ

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: Line 8d

\$.00 ⓘ

Click on the icons for definitions of these tax questions.

Student Assets 3 Financials

Student Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

\$

800

.00



Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

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

\$

0

.00



Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms

Enter the net worth of the student's businesses and income-producing farms. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

\$

0

.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

South Dakota (SD)

City - optional

Mitchell

School Name - optional

Mitchell Technical College

Mitchell Technical College
 Mitchell, South Dakota (SD)

Federal School Code
 008284

 Selected

🕒 Invite the Parent(s) to the FAFSA Form 5 Contributor Invite

Invite a Parent as a Contributor

A contributor is anyone who's required to provide information on your FAFSA form. You must invite a legal parent—a biological or adoptive parent as determined by the state.

Stepparents and other types of guardians do not count unless they have legally adopted the student.

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?



Invite Your Parent to This FAFSA® Form

To determine your federal student aid eligibility, we need more information on your household financial situation. You'll need to invite a contributor to provide this information.

As a dependent student, you need to invite a legal parent as a contributor. You only need to invite one parent.

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?

Parent

Invite a Parent Contributor

Email

[Send Invite](#)

Invite Your Parent to This FAFSA® Form

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Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?

Parent

Send Invite to 599887939test@testcod.edu?

We'll send an invitation link and an access code to this email address.

[Go Back](#) [Send Invite](#)

This page confirms the student's parent will receive an email inviting them to the student's FAFSA® form. The parent can access the form by accepting the invitation in the email.

On this page, the student is also provided an invitation link and invitation code that can be shared directly with the parent.

Parent Contributor

Once your parent accepts the invitation, they can complete the parent section of this FAFSA form.

They may be asked to invite their spouse as a contributor too. You can check the status of contributor invitations from the "My Activity" page.

Parent

599887939test@testcod.edu

[Invite Sent](#)

[Other Ways to Send the Invite](#)

Copy and Send the Invite Link

www.fafsa.gov/invite/7NDNUKA [Copy Link](#)

You can also have them go to www.fafsa.gov/invite and enter code: **7NDNUKA**

[Cancel Invite](#)

🕒 Dependent Student Review Page

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

✓ Section 1
Personal Circumstances

✓ Section 2
Demographics

✓ Section 3
Financials

✓ Section 4
Colleges

Contributor Section

✓ This Section Is Shared With One Contributor

Manage Contributor Information

Contributor(s)	Role	Invite Code	Status
 adbc@email.com	Parent	7BR4U7T	 Invite Sent

Click [Expand All](#) to review all your answers. If you need to change any of your FAFSA responses, select the question to return to that page.

If everything is accurate, click [Continue](#).

Signature

Sign and Complete Your Section ①

Summary

This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form. You have 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, you 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 StudentAid.gov 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.

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)(K)(i) 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 designated scholarship 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.

Sign Your FAFSA® Form

☒ I, Alex Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.

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Sign

Dependent Student Section Complete

Pending Submission
Check With Your Contributor

Parent Contributors

Requirements for Dependent Students
Your FAFSA® form can't be submitted until your contributor(s) fill out their section of the form and sign it. The last contributor to sign will be able to submit the form for processing.

Contributor(s)	Role	Invite Code	Status
599887939test@testcod.edu	Parent	7NDNUKA	Invite Sent

[Manage Invitations](#)

Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form and Contributors
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).

[View Status](#)

Here's What You Can Do Next

Check Your Email

You'll receive an email version of this page at the following email address: 599887938test@testcod.edu.

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](#)

Dependent Student Logs Out

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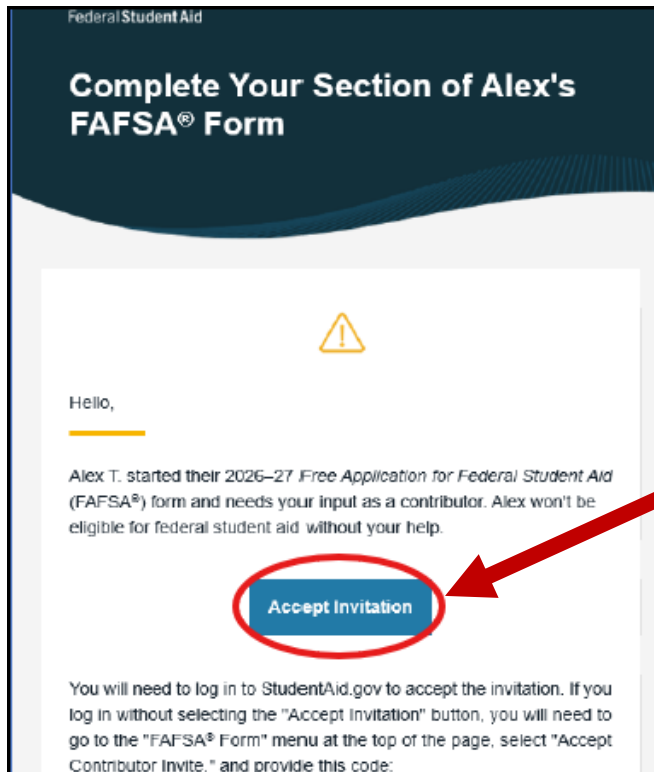
My Aid

Quick Links

- Dashboard
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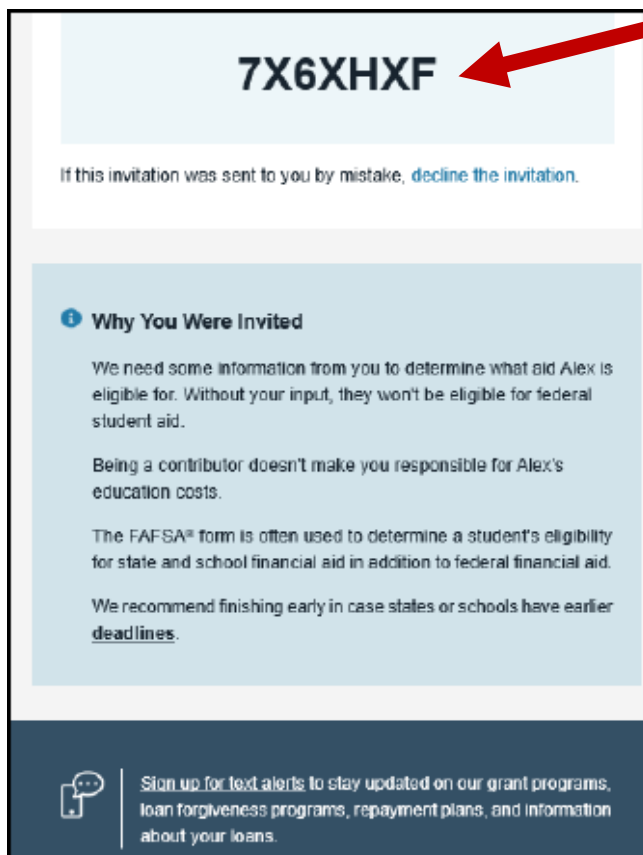
Ⓜ Dependent Student's Parent Email

This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email.



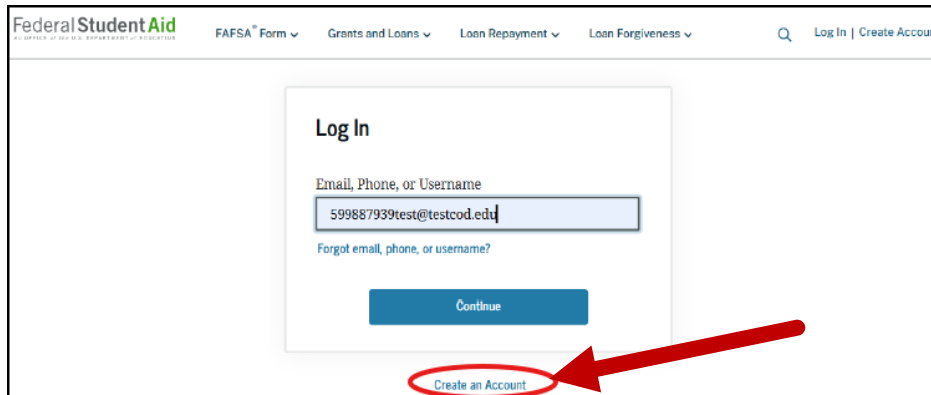
The parent selects "Accept Invitation" and is taken to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

Once the parent is logged into the [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) website, they will provide the unique code linking them to the student's FAFSA application.



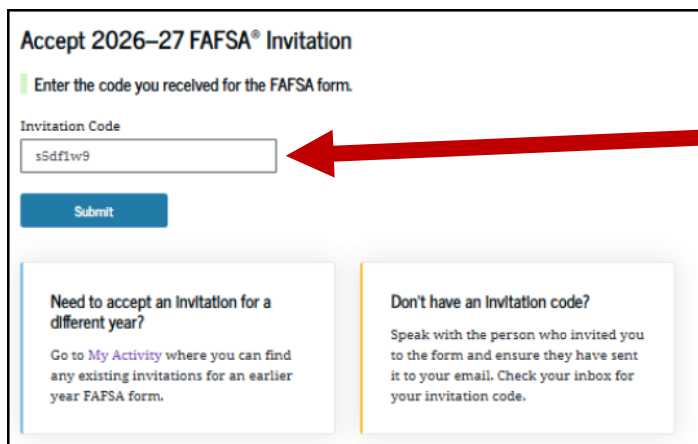
⌚ Dependent Student's Parent Log In

The parent is taken from their email to the "Log In" page to enter their credentials. To access the FAFSA® form, all users are required to have a [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) account username and password. If the parent doesn't have a username and password, they can select "Create an Account."



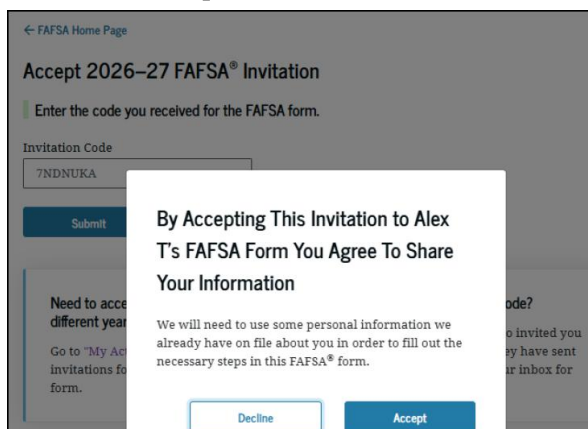
During login, you will be prompted for Two-Step Verification and to confirm your information.

⌚ Parent Accepts Invitation

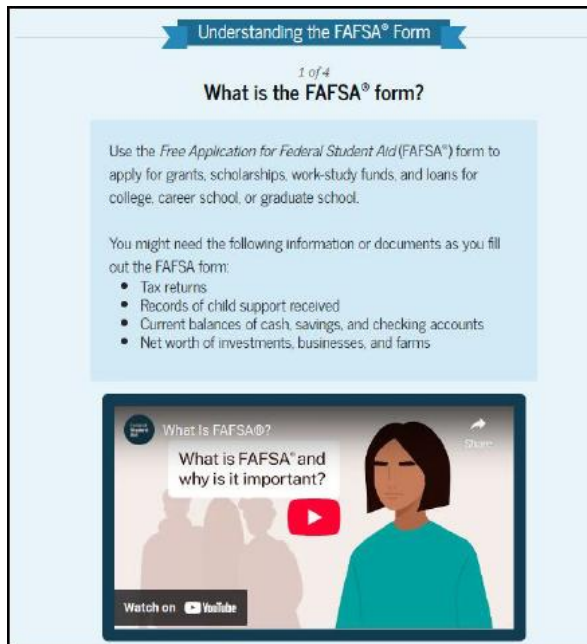


Parent enters the unique code (that they received in the email invite).

⌚ Parent Accepts Invitation continued



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



- ⌚ **Parent reviews their information & makes any necessary corrections**

FAFSA® Form 2026-27 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
5/5/1973

Social Security Number
...-1234

Email Address
alcina.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.

To update any of the personal information, the parent must access their account settings on [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

⌚ Parent Provides Consent and Approval

Provide Consent and Approval or the Student Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid ①

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 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.

→ Get your 2024 tax return information for the 2026-27 FAFSA form.

→ Tax return information is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

By accepting below, I consent and approve for the use of 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.

- the receipt and use of your federal tax information
- the disclosure of your federal tax information

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 for the use of 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

We're securely importing your information.

Do not leave this page while your information is being imported into your application.

Loading...

⌚ Parent's Demographics

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Demographics

Parent Current Marital Status ①

☐ Single (never married)

☐ Unmarried and both legal parents living together

☐ Married (not separated)

☐ Remarried

☐ Separated

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

Parent State of Legal Residence

State ①

South Dakota (SD)

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

Month Year

01 1980 ①

⌚ Parent's Finances

2
Financials

Federal Benefits Received

Responses Won't Reduce Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Answering these questions won't reduce the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these programs.

At any time during 2024 or 2025, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs?

Family includes the parent's spouse, children, and other dependents. Select all that apply or "None of these 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) or Health Insurance Subsidy

☐ 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 2024 Tax Filing Status

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Financials

Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

☒ Yes

☐ No

Did or will the parent file a 2024 joint tax return with their current spouse? ⓘ

☒ Yes

☐ No

⌚ Parent's Family Size 2 Financials

Family Size

Based on answers to previous questions, we've made some assumptions about the parent's 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 the parent's family size based on our assumptions and the number of children or other dependents you report.



The parent's family size is 5.

Parent: 1 Parent Spouse or Partner: 1 Student: 1 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 2

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, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

Include dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment.

Do not include the student applicant.



⌚ Parent's Number in College 2 Financials

Number in College

Out of the 5 people in the parent's family, how many will be in college between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027?

Never include the student's parent(s). Always include the student applicant. Also include the parent's other children or dependents if they will also be in college during this time.



⌚ Parent's 2024 Tax Return 2 Financials

Parent 2024 Tax Return Information

Refer to the parent's 2024 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

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

People typically answer this question with a zero because most scholarships and grants, including Federal Pell Grants, are not considered taxable income. If the parent is married, include the amount their spouse reported. If the response is other than zero, the amount is typically not the same as the amount reported on IRS Form 1098-T (Box 5) or the adjusted gross income reported on the tax return.

\$.00

Click on the icons for definitions of these tax questions.

⌂ Parent's Child Support Received & Assets

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Financials

Annual Child Support Received
Enter the total amount of child support the parent received for the last complete calendar year.

\$ (i)

Parent Assets

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

\$ (i)

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.

\$ (i)

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms
Enter the net worth of the parent's businesses and income-producing farms. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

\$ (i)

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

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Financials

Parent Spouse Information

Based on your responses, we need to know your spouse's date of birth.

We need to know their age to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

Month: Day: Year:

⌂ Parent's Review Page

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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 and select "Continue." Then, sign your section of the FAFSA form.

Parent Sections

- Introduction
- Personal Identifiers

[Expand All](#)

Click [Expand All](#) to review all your answers. If you need to change any of your FAFSA responses, select the question to return to that page.

If everything is accurate, click [Continue](#).

⌚ Parent's Signature

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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, THE PARENT, certify that all of the information you provided is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide

- information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form;
- 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!

FAFSA® FORM 2026-27  Parent of Alex Tran Exit FAFSA Menu

Congratulations, the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!

 Alex Tran

Completion Date
07/17/2025

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.

Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form

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

View Status

Once the parent sees this page, they can log out of the studentaid.gov website.

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

Federal Student Aid

We Received Your FAFSA® Form



We received your 2026–27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. We'll process your form in one to three business days and notify you when it's done.

You can also track your status on your "My Activity" page.

Preview of Your Results

This is a preview of your results. The exact amounts may change once your FAFSA® form has finished processing.

Estimated Pell Grant Eligibility

Based on the [eligibility criteria](#), you may be eligible for a [Federal Pell Grant](#) of up to \$740. You may also be eligible for other federal, state, or institutional grants; scholarships; and/or work-study programs.

Estimated Federal Aid Eligibility

Your student aid eligibility will be calculated by your college or career school based on your FAFSA form information.

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
Your selected schools will receive your FAFSA® information and will reach out to you if they need additional details. They will also contact you with your financial aid offers. Once received, you can contact the schools' financial aid offices directly to ask questions about the offers.

Submission Information

You may need this information if you talk to the financial aid administrator at your college or career school.

Date Received: October 15, 2025
Data Release Number (DRN):

You may need to provide your DRN to your school's financial aid administrator if you want them to make changes to your FAFSA form on your behalf.

Treat your DRN as private information like you would the PIN number for your debit card.

Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI)
Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility. The SAI is not a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college.

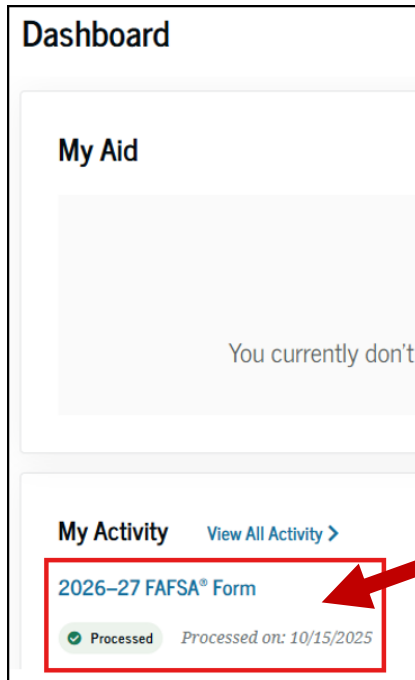
Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) =

In one to three days, the Student's FAFSA should be processed.

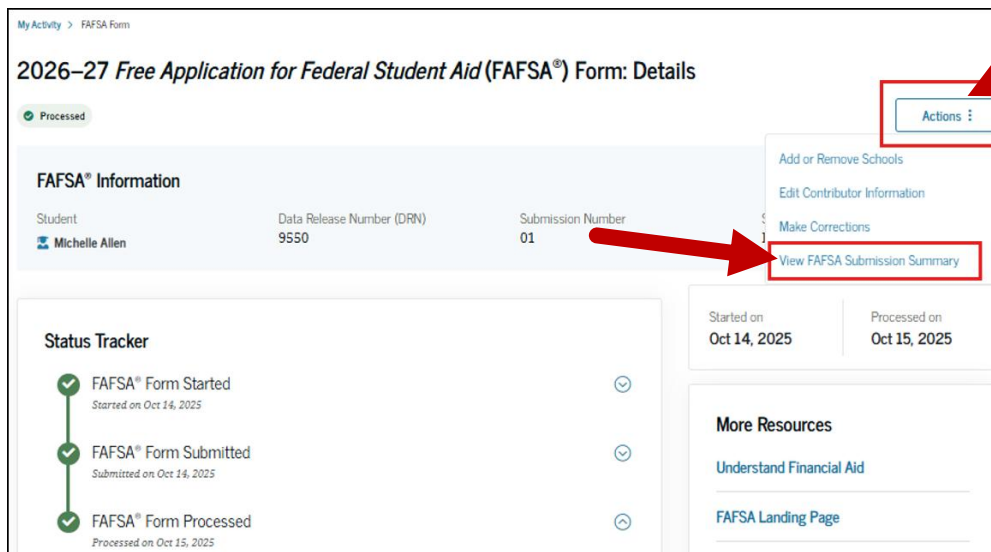
After three days, the **STUDENT** should log back into studentaid.gov to view their **FAFSA Submission Summary** (see next page for instructions to view the summary.)

Viewing your (the Student's) FAFSA Submission Summary

1. The **STUDENT** logs into studentaid.gov
2. On your Dashboard, go to the *My Activity section* and click on [2026-27 FAFSA Form](#)

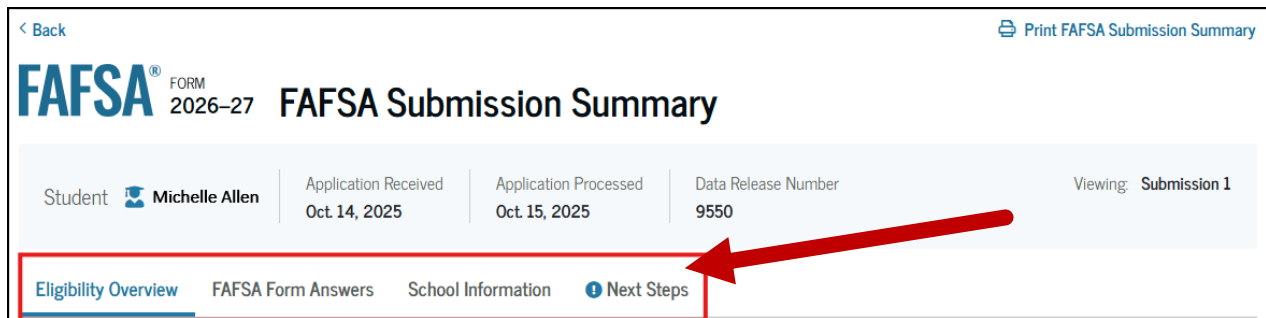


3. Click on [Actions](#), and select [FAFSA Submission Summary](#)



Viewing your FAFSA Submission Summary, continued

4. There are tabs across the top:



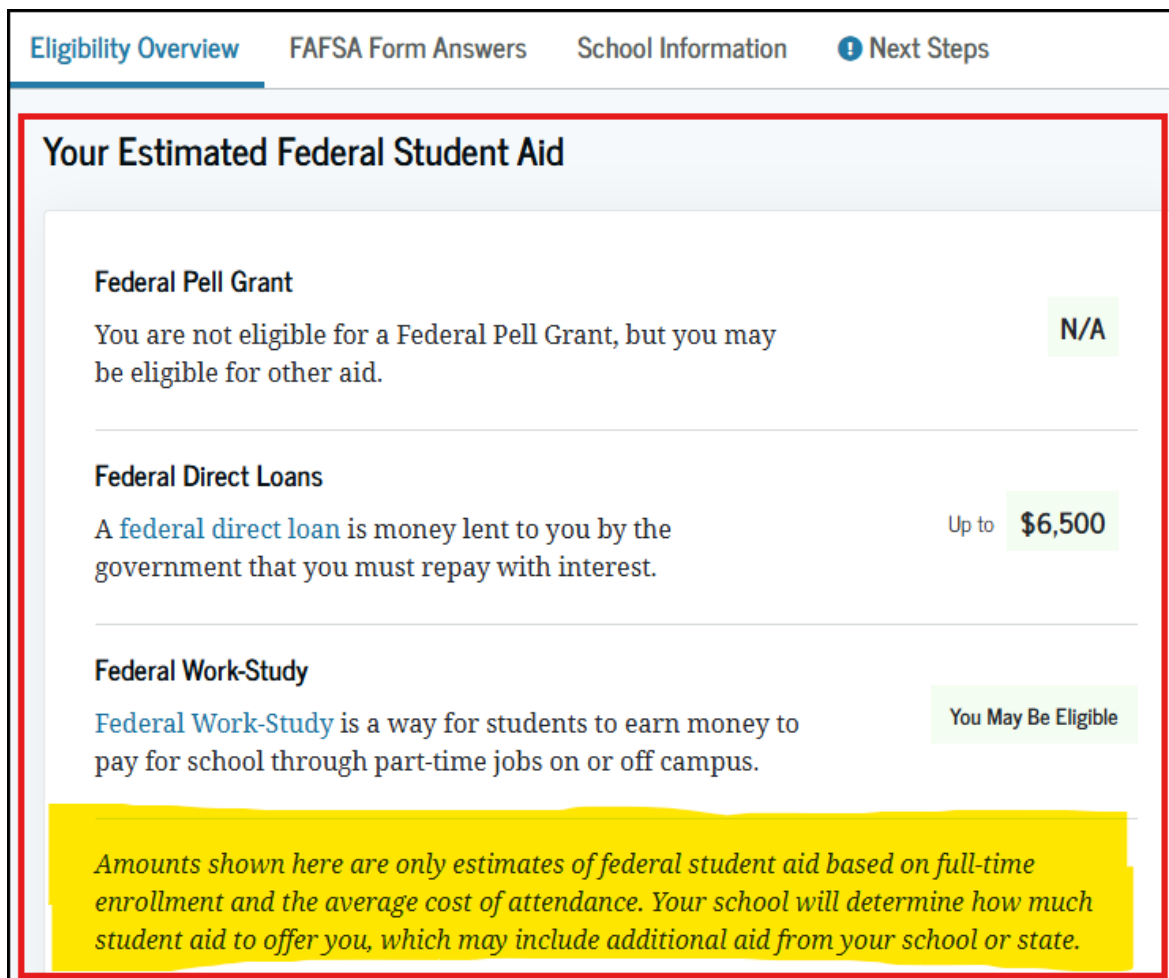
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FAFSA FORM 2026-27 **FAFSA Submission Summary**

Student Michelle Allen Application Received Oct. 14, 2025 Application Processed Oct. 15, 2025 Data Release Number 9550 Viewing: Submission 1

[Eligibility Overview](#) [FAFSA Form Answers](#) [School Information](#) [Next Steps](#)

5. The "[Eligibility Overview](#)" tab, shows your Estimated Aid – This is only an ESTIMATE. The student will receive an official financial aid offer from the college(s) they listed on their FAFSA.



[Eligibility Overview](#) [FAFSA Form Answers](#) [School Information](#) [Next Steps](#)

Your Estimated Federal Student Aid

Federal Pell Grant

You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, but you may be eligible for other aid. **N/A**

Federal Direct Loans

A federal direct loan is money lent to you by the government that you must repay with interest. Up to **\$6,500**

Federal Work-Study

Federal Work-Study is a way for students to earn money to pay for school through part-time jobs on or off campus. **You May Be Eligible**

Amounts shown here are only estimates of federal student aid based on full-time enrollment and the average cost of attendance. Your school will determine how much student aid to offer you, which may include additional aid from your school or state.

Viewing your FAFSA Submission Summary, continued

6. 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.

The screenshot shows the 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers' section of the FAFSA Submission Summary. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers' (highlighted with a red box and an arrow), 'School Information', and 'Next Steps'. Below the tabs, the main heading is 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers', followed by a subheading 'Review your responses carefully and make sure all the information you provided is correct. Start a correction to fix any errors and ensure that your form is processed correctly.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Student Sections' with a list of sections: 'Introduction', 'Personal Identifiers', 'Section 1', and 'Personal Circumstances'. Each section has a dropdown arrow next to it. A red arrow points from the 'FAFSA Form Answers' tab to the 'Personal Identifiers' section. To the right of the 'Student Sections' list, there is a red-bordered box titled 'Need to make a correction?'. Inside this box, it says: 'Start a correction to revise your form if you need to update or change information (such as adding an additional school). Visit the [FAFSA Form Answers](#) tab to review your responses and make sure all the information you provided is correct.' Below this text is a blue button labeled 'Make a Correction'.

Next Steps

1. Review your FAFSA information on the [FAFSA Submission Summary](#) 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 the 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 communicates through the student's email address that is listed on their FAFSA.

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 subtracting 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

• real estate (don’t include the home in which you live, or real estate owned by a business that was reported under the Current Net Worth of Business and Farms question) • 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	• 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).
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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 & must be reported as an asset of the student on the FAFSA form, regardless of the student’s dependency status.

Federal Student Aid's Definitions for Assets continued

Investments don't include

- 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.]	- 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). - the value of a business, farm, or commercial fishing operation
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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



Federal Student Aid's Definitions for Assets continued

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms

The following definitions are applicable with the 2026-2027. Previous years may follow different definitions

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

- a business that has more than 100 full-time (or full-time equivalent) employees and that is owned and controlled by the family, including a small or family-run business, and the fair market value of real estate owned by the 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).
Do not include a family farm on which the family resides.

Don't include

- a business with 100 or fewer full-time (or full-time equivalent) employees;
- the value of crops that are grown solely for consumption by the student and their family;
- a commercial fishing business and related expenses, including fishing vessels and permits owned and controlled by the 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
- real estate not owned by the business; or
- other investments, such as stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

Note: A fishing business is the trade or business of fishing in which the fish harvested, either in whole or in part, are intended to enter commerce or enter commerce through sale, barter, or trade.

Federal Student Aid's Definitions for Parents

Which parent is considered a contributor?

- If your parents are married (not separated) and filed taxes jointly, only one parent is required to be a contributor.
- If your parents are married (not separated) and didn't file taxes jointly, both of your parents are contributors.
- If your parents aren't married to each other and live together, both of your parents are contributors.
- If your parents are divorced, separated, or never married, and don't live together, the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months is the contributor.
- If your parents are divorced, separated, or never married; don't live together; and provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support you financially, the parent with the greater income and assets is the contributor.
- If this parent is now married and didn't file taxes jointly with their current spouse, their spouse is also a contributor.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office for further assistance.

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