

MASFA

Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid

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Who Should Complete the MASFA?

- Students not eligible to file a FAFSA, may complete the Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA).
- Student must live in Massachusetts and meet the “High School Completer” status requirements under the MA Tuition Equity Law.
- If the student is a U.S. citizen, an eligible non-citizen, or an international student who is in the United States with a valid visa, they should **NOT** complete the MASFA.

High School Completer Status

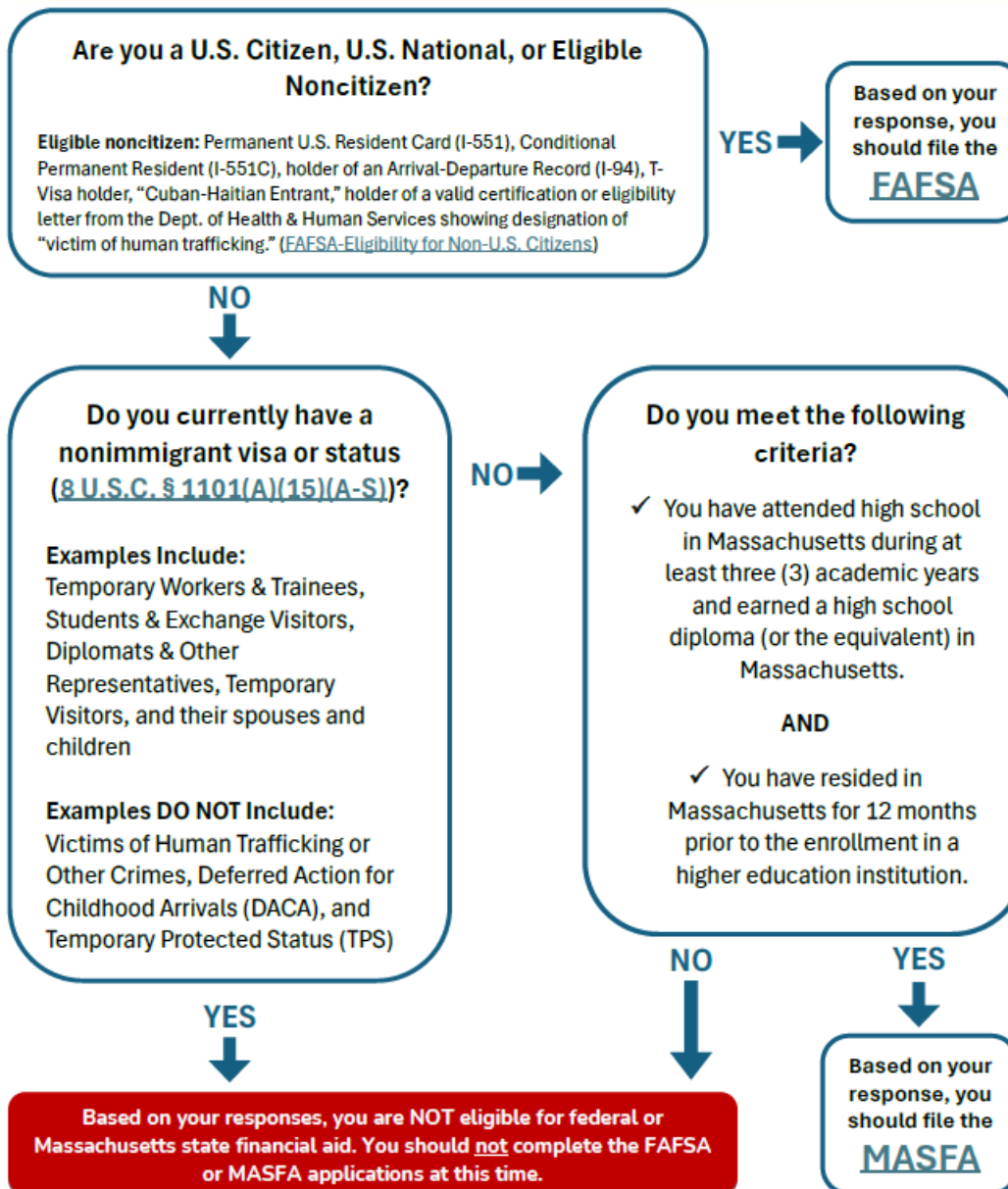
The Massachusetts “High School Completers” Tuition Equity Law carves a pathway to **in-state tuition rates** and **state financial aid** for certain non-US citizen students.

Student must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

1. **Attended** a Massachusetts High School for **at least three (3) years**
2. **Graduated** from a **MA High School** or have received the equivalent of a high school diploma (i.e., GED/HiSet) in MA
3. Can't have an ineligible non-immigrant status
 - Eligible statuses include Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Victims of Human Trafficking or other Crimes
4. Be admitted to a public or private institution of higher education within the Massachusetts system of public higher education.
5. Physically reside in Massachusetts

WHO SHOULD FILE THE MASFA?

To be eligible for most types of financial aid, students must complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA). If you are unsure which form to complete, please answer the questions below.



MASFA Application

- The MASFA is only available electronically. Paper applications are not available.
- The MASFA application(s) is available via the [Student Experience Portal](#).
- Students should complete the application on a computer/laptop.
- Completing application on a **mobile phone is NOT recommended.**
- The application collects information to help determine student eligibility for state and institutional financial aid programs.
- It is important that the student read each question carefully, before providing answers.
 - Certain questions may qualify the student to skip other sections on the form. [i.e., Special Circumstances, Parental Information]

MASFA Application

- At the end of the application, the form will require the student (*and parent, if student is a dependent*) to review and sign the application.
- Selecting the **[Electronic] 'E-Signature'** is the **PREFERRED** option in order for the form to automatically calculate the student's Student Aid Index (SAI). ****Faster processing time. School(s) receive student's MASFA data quicker.****
- Selecting 'Paper-Signature' will require students to download application, sign it, and upload the signed application to the portal. This option will require a manual review of the form by the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance before an SAI can be calculated. ****Extra processing time before school(s) receives the data.****

MASFA Applications

- **2024-2025 Application:** currently open
 - For students **currently enrolled** in college, Fall 2024/Spring 2025
 - Application deadline: June 30, 2025
- **2025-2026 Application:** will open in December 2024
 - For students who will enroll in college, during Fall 2025 and/or Spring 2026 semester(s).
 - Application deadline: June 30, 2026
- School(s) listed on student's application will be able to view ISIR data and package state financial aid

What Information Needs To Be Provided?

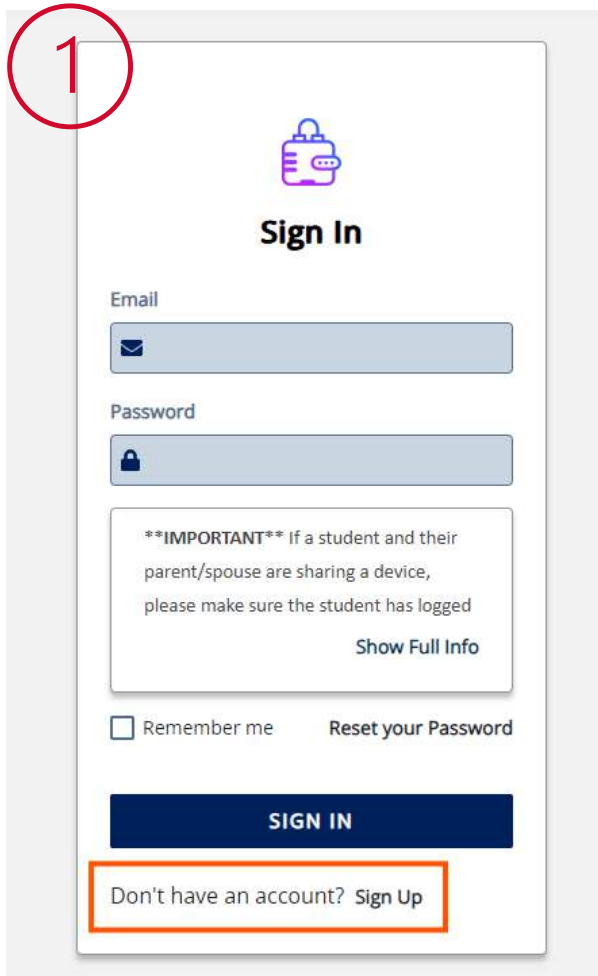
Students will need to provide the following information on the MASFA application:


- Date of birth, mailing address, phone number, personal email address
 - Student should use a personal email address that they have access to. Do not use a high school email address [firewall security issues; some students don't have access to HS email address after graduation]
 - Dependents (students under the age of 24) will also need to provide their parent's date of birth, address, email address
- Social Security (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
 - Dependent students will also be asked to provide parent's SSN information.
 - If student and/or parent does not have an SSN or ITIN, student can still complete the application
- High School information (school name, city, state, dates of attendance)
- Tax return and/or other income information from two years prior
 - **2025-2026 Application** – Income earned / tax information from **2023**
 - If student is married, spouse's information will also be required
 - If student is under the age of 24, they must provide your parent's information on the MASFA application, even if they will not contribute to student's college expenses.
 - **Professional Judgement:** If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent student from providing parent information, they will be asked to provide additional information to their college and/or MA Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) to determine if they are eligible to be considered as an 'independent' student. Parents not willing to provide information is not considered an extenuating circumstance.

Creating an Account

STEP 1: Students will sign up for an account via the [Student Experience Portal](#)

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Sign In

Email

Password

****IMPORTANT**** If a student and their parent/spouse are sharing a device, please make sure the student has logged

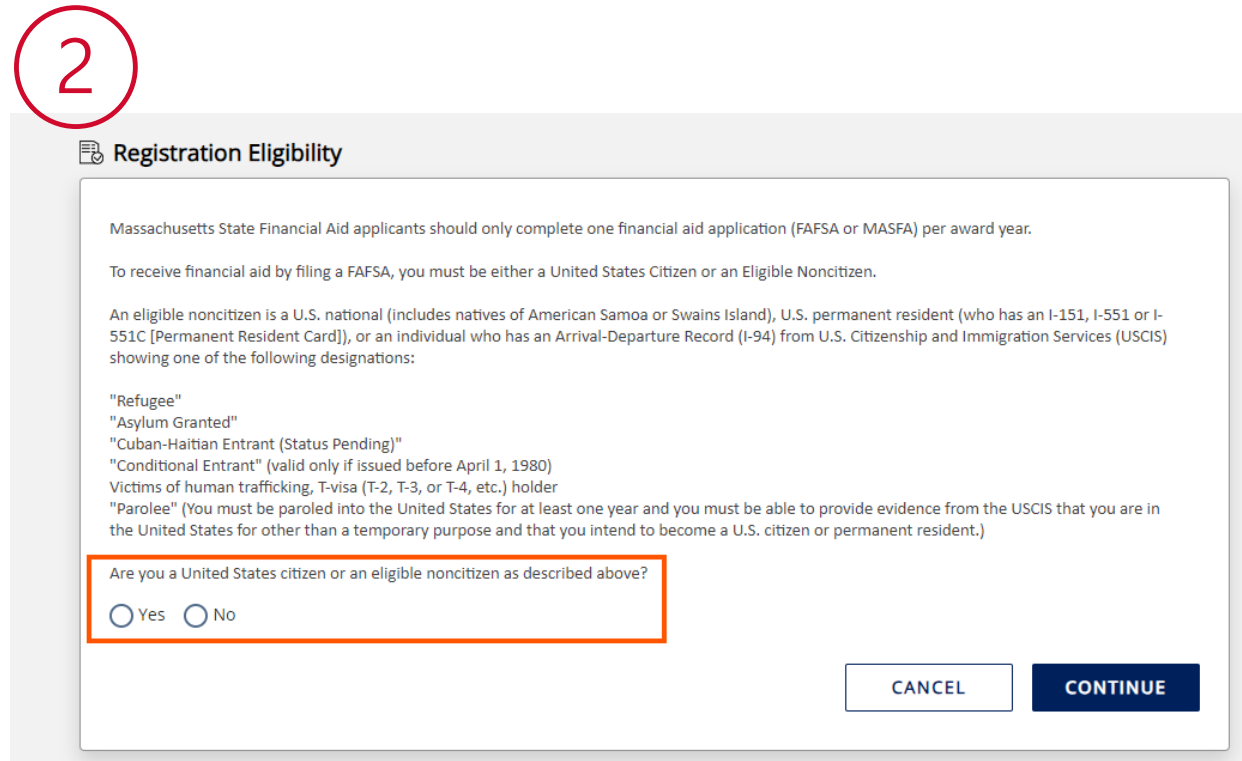
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Remember me [Reset your Password](#)

SIGN IN

Don't have an account? [Sign Up](#)

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 **Registration Eligibility**

Massachusetts State Financial Aid applicants should only complete one financial aid application (FAFSA or MASFA) per award year.

To receive financial aid by filing a FAFSA, you must be either a United States Citizen or an Eligible Noncitizen.

An eligible noncitizen is a U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swains Island), U.S. permanent resident (who has an I-151, I-551 or I-551C [Permanent Resident Card]), or an individual who has an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following designations:

- "Refugee"
- "Asylum Granted"
- "Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)"
- "Conditional Entrant" (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
- Victims of human trafficking, T-visa (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.) holder
- "Parolee" (You must be paroled into the United States for at least one year and you must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and that you intend to become a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.)

Are you a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen as described above?

Yes No

[CANCEL](#) [CONTINUE](#)

STEP 2: Answer a preliminary question to determine eligibility prior to the creation of an account.

Registration: Account Creation / Email Authentication

Registration Step 1 of 3: Account Creation



Sign Up

Please fill out the form below to create your account.

All the information you provide is confidential. Once you complete the information, your account will be created and you will be able to access the Student Experience Portal.

Email

Please ensure that this is a valid, permanent email address that you check regularly.

Confirm Email

Password

New passwords must be at least 8 characters and meet the following:

- 1 upper case (A-Z) characters
- 1 lower case (a-z) characters
- 1 numeric characters (0-9)
- 1 special characters (e.g. !@#%&*)
- Not exceed 2 sequential numbers (e.g. 12, 456, 789)
- Not exceed 2 repeating characters or numbers (e.g. AA, bb, 77, &&)
- Do not include common words or names.

Confirm Password

Please show you are not a robot

I'm not a robot



reCAPTCHA

Privacy / Terms

CANCEL

CONTINUE

Registration Step 2 of 3: Email Authentication

Please validate your email

We sent you a confirmation email with a link to activate your account.

Access your email account and click on the link provided in the confirmation email.

Click [here](#) to send a new confirmation email to [\[redacted\]](#)



Verify your email for madhestudentxqa Inbox x



noreply@

to [redacted]

Hello,

Follow this link to verify your email address.

[https://](#)

If you didn't ask to verify this address, you can ignore this email.

Thanks,

Reply

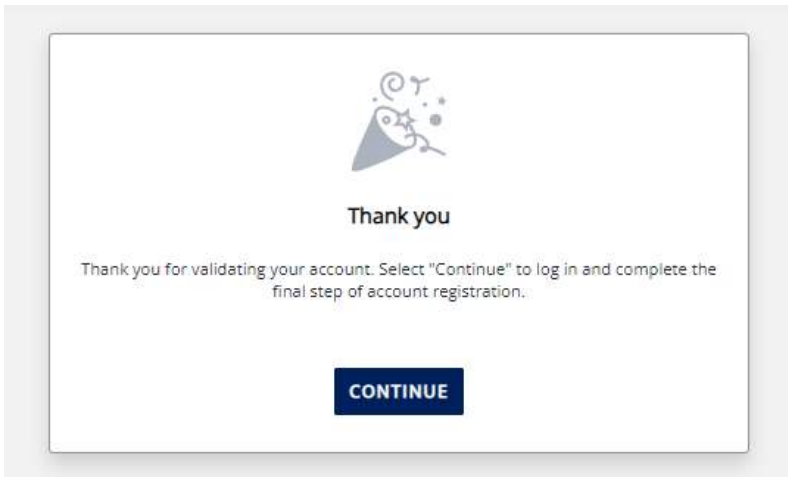
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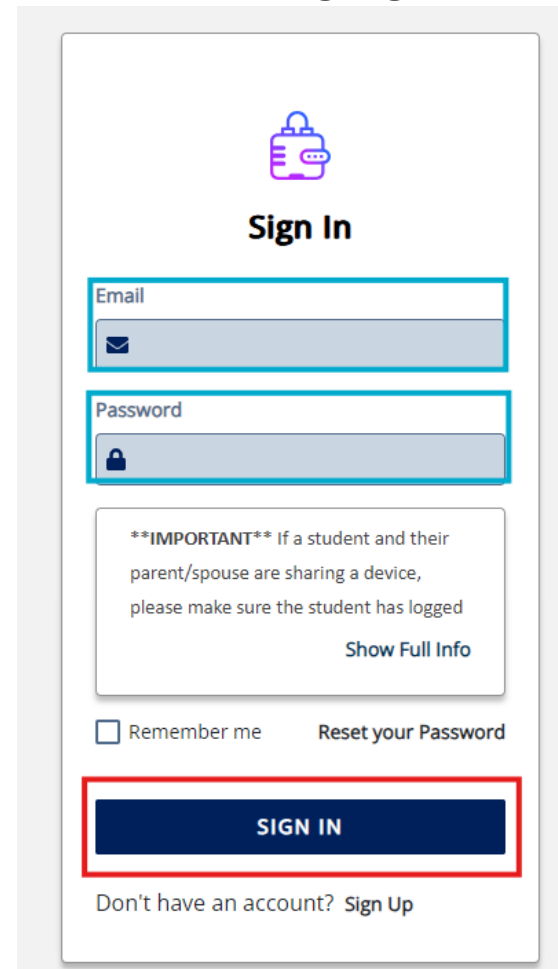


Email Authentication/ Sign-In

After verifying email address, redirected to the student portal page. Click 'Continue'.




Enter the email address and password created during sign up

A screenshot of a "Sign In" form. At the top center is a purple icon of a smartphone with a lock. Below it, the text reads "Sign In" in bold. There are two input fields: "Email" with an envelope icon and "Password" with a lock icon. Below these fields is a warning box with the text: "**IMPORTANT** If a student and their parent/spouse are sharing a device, please make sure the student has logged" and a "Show Full Info" link. At the bottom left is a checkbox labeled "Remember me" and a link "Reset your Password". At the bottom center is a dark blue button with "SIGN IN" in white capital letters, highlighted with a red border. At the bottom right is a link "Don't have an account? Sign Up".

Student Account Validation

IMPORTANT: Enter first and last name as it appears on your official government issued document [such as your Social Security Card, Social Security Card, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), USCIS Employment Authorization, or Passport]



Registration Step 3 of 3: Student Account Validation





Financial Aid Account

Please complete the following registration form.

First Name

  If you have a Social Security, DACA, or ITIN Card, your first/last name should match that document. If you don't have a Social Security, DACA, or ITIN Card, your first/last name should match the name you provided to your college(s).

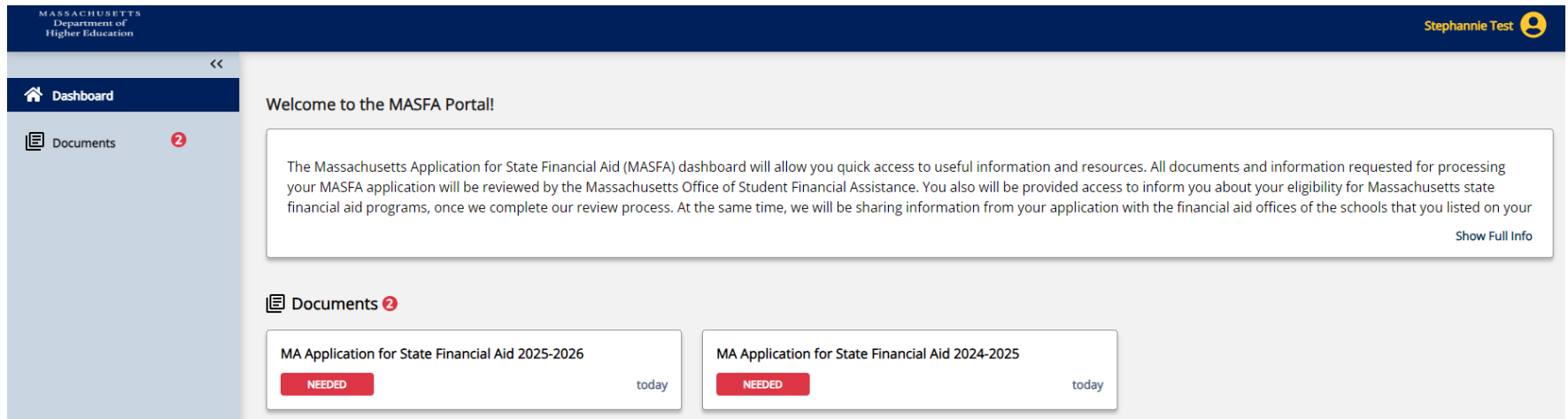
Last Name

  If you have a Social Security, DACA, or ITIN Card, your first/last name should match that document. If you don't have a Social Security, DACA, or ITIN Card, your first/last name should match the name you provided to your college(s).

[LOGOUT](#) [DONE](#)

Student Dashboard

Once account registration is complete, student will be redirected to the MASFA Portal/Dashboard.



The screenshot displays the Student MASFA Portal Dashboard. At the top, the header includes the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education logo on the left and the user name 'Stephannie Test' with a profile icon on the right. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the MASFA Portal!' and contains a large informational box with text explaining the dashboard's purpose and a 'Show Full Info' link. Below this, a 'Documents' section shows two items: 'MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026' and 'MA Application for State Financial Aid 2024-2025', both marked as 'NEEDED' and dated 'today'. A left sidebar contains navigation options for 'Dashboard' and 'Documents' (with a red notification badge).

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Dashboard

Documents 2

Welcome to the MASFA Portal!

The Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA) dashboard will allow you quick access to useful information and resources. All documents and information requested for processing your MASFA application will be reviewed by the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance. You also will be provided access to inform you about your eligibility for Massachusetts state financial aid programs, once we complete our review process. At the same time, we will be sharing information from your application with the financial aid offices of the schools that you listed on your

Show Full Info

Documents 2

MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026
NEEDED today

MA Application for State Financial Aid 2024-2025
NEEDED today

Documents Tab

Another view of Application/Status

The screenshot displays the 'Documents' tab in the Student MASFA Portal. The top navigation bar includes the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education logo and the user name 'Stephanie Test'. A status filter shows 2 'Needed' items, 0 'Submitted', 0 'Satisfied', and 0 'Unsatisfied'. A 'Show All Documents' button is present. The main content area features a 'Documents' header, a 'MASFA Application Status' section with a welcome message, and a 'My Documents' section listing two applications for the 2025-2026 and 2024-2025 Federal Award Years, both marked as 'NOT STARTED' with a 'Review and Update' link.

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Dashboard Documents

Status: Needed (2) Submitted (0) Satisfied (0) Unsatisfied (0) Show All Documents

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MASFA Application Status

Welcome Student! Thank you for taking the time to complete the Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid. All form(s) and information requested for processing your MASFA application should be submitted to the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA). To check the status of your pending MASFA application, please contact us at MASFA@dhe.mass.edu.

My Documents

MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026
2025-2026 Federal Award Year **NOT STARTED**
Status as of 12/16/2024 [Review and Update](#)

MA Application for State Financial Aid 2024-2025
2024-2025 Federal Award Year **NOT STARTED**
Status as of 12/16/2024 [Review and Update](#)

Application – Review and Update

Click “Review and Update” to Start the application

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2025-2026 Federal Award Year

NOT STARTED

Status as of 12/16/2024

Review and Update

My Documents

MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026

2025-2026 Federal Award Year

NOT STARTED

Status as of 12/16/2024

Instructions

Complete the 2025-26 MA DHE Financial Aid Application if you are planning on being enrolled in college (as a new student or continuing student) 2025-26 Academic Year

START, EDIT OR COMPLETE A FORM

Close

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- **E-Signature**

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Student Identity Information

Información de identidad del estudiante

Provide the student's first name, middle name, and last name exactly as it appears on the student's Social Security, DACA, or ITIN card, and provide the student's date of birth. If the student does not have a Social Security, DACA, or ITIN card, the student's first/last name should match the name provided to the student's college(s).

Proporcione el nombre, segundo nombre y apellido del estudiante exactamente como aparecen en la tarjeta del Seguro Social, DACA o ITIN del estudiante, y proporcione la fecha de nacimiento del estudiante. Si el estudiante no tiene una tarjeta de Seguro Social, DACA o ITIN, el nombre/apellido del estudiante debe coincidir con el nombre proporcionado a la(s) universidad(es) del estudiante.

First name *

Nombre

STEPHANNIE

Middle name

Segundo nombre

Last name *

Apellido

TEST

Suffix

Sufijo

Date of birth *

Fecha de nacimiento

This field is required

Student Information

- Student's First and Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number
 - if student does not have one, they will leave the field **BLANK**
- Mobile Number
- Email Address (will already be pre-populated)
- Mailing Address
- Student's Marital Status
- High School Completion Status as of 2025-26 school year
- State of Residence (what state does student reside in)
- Month and year student became a full-time resident of the state indicated.
- Demographic Information – race, gender, ethnicity (Optional)

Student College or Career School Plans

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Student College or Career School Plans

Planes de estudios universitarios o escuelas profesionales para estudiantes

When the student begins the 2025-2026 school year, what will their college grade level be? *

Cuando el estudiante comience el año escolar 2025-2026, ¿cuál será su nivel de grado universitario?

Select...

This field is required

When the student begins the 2025-2026 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree? *

Cuando el estudiante comience el año escolar 2025-2026, ¿ya tendrá su primera titulación universitaria?

Yes

No

This field is required

Will the student be pursuing an initial teaching certification at the elementary or secondary level? *

¿El estudiante buscará una certificación docente inicial en el nivel primario o secundario?

Yes

No

This field is required

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Student Personal Circumstances

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Student Personal Circumstances Circunstancias personales del estudiante

Select all that apply.

Seleccione todas las que correspondan

- The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.
El estudiante se encuentra actualmente en servicio activo en las fuerzas armadas de los EE. UU. con fines distintos al entrenamiento.
- The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.
El estudiante es un veterano de las fuerzas armadas de los EE. UU.
- The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with the student and will receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.
El estudiante tiene hijos u otras personas (excluyendo a su cónyuge) que viven con el estudiante y recibirán más de la mitad de su manutención del estudiante ahora y entre el 1 de julio, 2025 y el 30 de junio, 2026.
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent.)
En cualquier momento desde que el estudiante cumplió 13 años, era huérfano (sin padre biológico o adoptivo vivo).
- At any time since the student turned age 13, they were a ward of the court.
En cualquier momento desde que el estudiante cumplió 13 años, estuvo bajo tutela del tribunal.
- At any time since the student turned age 13, they were in foster care.
En cualquier momento desde que el estudiante cumplió 13 años, estuvo en cuidado de crianza.
- 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.
El estudiante está o estuvo bajo la tutela legal de alguien que no sea su padre o padrastro, según lo determine un tribunal en su estado de residencia.
- The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.

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Student Homelessness

Estudiantes sin hogar

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? *

En cualquier momento a partir del 1 de julio de 2024, ¿estuvo el estudiante solo y (1) sin hogar o (2) autosuficiente y en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar?

Yes: Sí

No

This field is required

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Student Unusual Circumstances

Circunstancias inusuales del estudiante

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

¿Circunstancias inusuales impiden que el estudiante se comunique con sus padres o contactar a sus padres representaría un riesgo para el estudiante?

Yes; Sí

No

This field is required

i This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.
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, and have not been adopted.

If the student does not have a safe, stable place to live because of such circumstances, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the question on the previous page about being unaccompanied and homeless.

Esta información nos ayudará a evaluar la capacidad del estudiante para pagar la escuela.

Un estudiante puede estar experimentando circunstancias inusuales si:

- Se fue de casa debido a un ambiente abusivo o amenazante;
- Están abandonados o separados de sus padres, y no han sido adoptados;
- Tienen estatus de refugiado o asilado y están separados de sus padres, o sus padres están desplazados a un país extranjero;
- Es víctima de trata de personas;
- Está encarcelado, o sus padres están encarcelados, y el contacto con los padres representaría un riesgo para el estudiante; o
- De otra manera no pueden contactar o localizar a sus padres y no han sido adoptados.

Si el estudiante no tiene un lugar seguro y estable para vivir debido a tales circunstancias, se le puede considerar un joven sin hogar y debe revisar la respuesta a la pregunta de la página anterior sobre no estar acompañado y sin hogar.

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Student Family Information Información de la familia del estudiante

Did either of the student's parents attend or complete college?
¿Alguno de los padres del estudiante asistió o completó la universidad?

Select...

*

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

¿El padre o tutor del estudiante murió en el cumplimiento de su deber mientras (1) prestaba servicio activo como miembro de las fuerzas armadas el 11 de septiembre de 2001 o después, o (2) desempeñaba funciones oficiales como oficial de seguridad pública?

Yes; Sí

No

This field is required

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

Los agentes de seguridad pública incluyen agentes del orden público, bomberos y trabajadores de servicios de emergencia.

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Student Tax Filing Status

Estado civil de declaración de impuestos del estudiante

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

¿Presentó o presentará el estudiante un formulario 2023 del IRS 1040 o 1040-NR?

Yes; Sí

No

This field is required

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? *

¿El estudiante [cónyuge] obtuvo ingresos en un país extranjero en 2023, fue empleado de una organización internacional pero no estaba obligado a declarar sus ingresos en ninguna declaración de impuestos, o presentó una declaración de impuestos en Puerto Rico u otro territorio de los EE. UU.?

Yes; Sí

No

This field is required

i If the student filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory, select 'yes'. International organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.

Si el estudiante presentó o presentará una declaración de impuestos en Puerto Rico u otro territorio de los EE. UU., seleccione "sí". Las organizaciones internacionales incluyen, por ejemplo, las Naciones Unidas, el Banco Mundial y el Fondo Monetario Internacional.

Indicate the student's income tax filing status for 2023. *

Indique el estado de presentación de la declaración de impuestos del estudiante para 2023.

Select...

This field is required

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Student Assets Exit

Bienes del estudiante

If the student is married, enter the combined amounts held by the student and their spouse. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

Si el estudiante está casado, ingrese las cantidades combinadas que poseen el estudiante y su cónyuge. Si la respuesta es cero o la pregunta no aplica, ingrese 0.

Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts *
Total actual de efectivo, cuentas de ahorro y cuenta de cheques

This field is required

! Don't include student financial aid.
No incluya la ayuda financiera para estudiantes.

Current net worth of investments, including real estate *
Valor neto actual de las inversiones, incluidos los bienes raíces

This field is required

! Don't include the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.
No incluya la casa en la que vive el estudiante. El patrimonio neto es el valor de las inversiones menos las deudas que se tengan contra ellas.

Current net worth of businesses and investment farms *
Patrimonio neto actual de empresas y granjas de inversión

This field is required

! Enter the net worth of the student's businesses and for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them.
Ingrese el valor neto de los negocios y operaciones agrícolas con fines de lucro del estudiante. El patrimonio neto es el valor de las empresas o granjas menos las deudas contra ellas.

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School List

Lista de instituciones educativas

Select the schools to receive a copy of the student's application **Select at least one school and up to twenty schools to receive the student's information.**

Seleccione las escuelas para recibir una copia de la solicitud del estudiante. Seleccione al menos una escuela y hasta veinte escuelas para recibir la información del estudiante.

School 1 *
Escuela 1

This field is required

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Parent Information (Dependent Student)

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Parent Information

Parent Financial Information

Parent Identity Information Información de identidad del padre

Provide the parent's first name, middle name, and last name exactly as it appears on their Social Security, DACA, or ITIN card, if applicable, and provide their date of birth.

Proporcione el nombre, segundo nombre y apellido del padre exactamente como aparecen en su Seguro Social, DACA o tarjeta ITIN, si corresponde, y proporcione su fecha de nacimiento.

Parent's first name *
Nombre del padre

This field is required

Parent's middle name
Segundo nombre del padre

Parent's last name *
Apellido del padre

This field is required

Suffix
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Parent's date of birth *
Fecha de nacimiento del padre

This field is required

Parent's Social Security number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number
Número de Seguro Social (SSN) de los padres, Número de identificación individual del contribuyente (ITIN) o número de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA) *

Parent Information

- Parent's First and Last Name
- Parent's Date of Birth
- Parent's Social Security number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
 - If they don't have one, they will enter **9 zeros** in the field (000000000)
- Contact Information
 - Email Address
 - Mobile Phone Number
 - Mailing Address
- Marital Status
- State of Residence (what state does parent reside in)
- Month and year parent became a full-time resident of the state indicated
- How many people in the parent's family
- How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026?
- Federal Benefits Received (if any)
- Parent Tax Filing Status

Parent Information

- Parent's First and Last Name
- Parent's Date of Birth
- Parent's Social Security number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
 - If they don't have one, they will enter **nine zeros** in the field (**000000000**)
- Contact Information
 - Email Address
 - Mobile Phone Number
 - Mailing Address
- Marital Status
- State of Residence (what state does parent reside in)
- Month and year student became a full-time resident of the state indicated
- How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026?
- Federal Benefits Received (if any)

■ Parent Tax Filing Status

Parent Tax Filing Status

Estado civil de la declaración de impuestos del padre

Did or will the parent file a 2023 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? *

Yes; Sí

No

This field is required

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

Yes; Sí

No

This field is required

Indicate the parent's income tax filing status for 2023. *

Select...

This field is required

If answer is **YES** to parent filed a tax return, it will prompt to enter information on their tax return.

If answer is **NO**, it will prompt additional questions regarding why a tax return was not filed (i.e., no income earned, etc.)

Parent Financial Information

Exit

Child Support

Manutención de los hijos menores

Annual Child Support Received *
Manutención de los hijos menores anual recibida

This field is required

- Enter the total amount the parent (and spouse, if married) received in child support for the last complete calendar year. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.
Ingrese el monto total que el padre (y su cónyuge, si está casado) recibió en concepto de manutención de los hijos menores durante el último año calendario completo. Si la respuesta es cero o la pregunta no aplica, ingrese 0.

Parent's Assets

Bienes del padre

If the parent is married or both legal parents live together, enter the combined amounts held by the parent and their spouse/partner. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.
Si el padre está casado o ambos padres legales viven juntos, ingrese las cantidades combinadas que poseen el padre y su cónyuge/pareja. Si la respuesta es cero o la pregunta no aplica, ingrese 0.

Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts *
Total actual de efectivo, cuentas de ahorro y cuenta de cheques

This field is required

- Don't include student financial aid.
No incluya la ayuda financiera para estudiantes.

Current net worth of investments, including real estate *
Valor neto actual de las inversiones, incluidos los bienes raíces

This field is required

- Don't include the home the parent lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.
No incluya el hogar en el que vive el padre. El patrimonio neto es el valor de las inversiones menos las deudas que se tengan contra ellas.

Current net worth of businesses and investment farms *
Patrimonio neto actual de empresas y granjas de inversión.

This field is required

Parent Spouse or Parent Information

- ✓ Student Information
- ✓ Student College or Career School Plans
- ✓ Student Circumstances
- ✓ Student Family Information
- ✓ Student Financial Information
- ✓ Student School List
- ✓ Parent Information
- ✓ Parent Financial Information
- ☞ Parent Spouse or Partner Information**

Parent Spouse or Partner Identity Information

Información de identidad del cónyuge o pareja del padre

Provide the parent spouse or partner's first name, middle name, and last name exactly as it appears on their Social Security, DACA, or ITIN card, if applicable, and provide their date of birth.

Proporcione el nombre, segundo nombre y apellido del cónyuge o pareja del padre exactamente como aparece en su tarjeta de Seguro Social, DACA o ITIN, si corresponde, y proporcione su fecha de nacimiento.

Parent spouse or partner's first name *
Nombre del cónyuge o pareja del padre

This field is required

Parent spouse or partner's middle name
Segundo nombre del cónyuge o pareja del padre

Parent spouse or partner's last name *
Apellido del cónyuge o pareja del padre

This field is required

Suffix
Sufijo

Parent spouse or partner's date of birth *
Fecha de nacimiento del cónyuge o pareja del padre

This field is required

Parent spouse or partner's Social Security number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) number *
Número de Seguro Social (SSN) del cónyuge o pareja del padre, Número de identificación individual del contribuyente (ITIN) o número de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA)

E-Signature

- Once application has been completed, final step is the **E-Signature**

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Exit

✓ Student Information

✓ Student College or Career School Plans

✓ Student Circumstances

✓ Student Family Information

✓ Student Financial Information

✓ Student School List

✓ Parent Information

✓ Parent Financial Information

✓ Parent Spouse or Partner Information

📄 E-Signature

Step 1: Signature Options

Great work! You've completed all the required steps for the MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026. Now it's time to review the MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026, sign the form and submit the form for processing. Please select one of the signature options below to sign and submit the MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026.

Select the **Electronically Sign Forms** option for the **fastest option for processing financial aid forms**. You will have the option to review all information prior to submitting it. You will also be able to print copies of all forms signed electronically. If you want to sign your form with an electronic signature, please select this option below.

Selecting **Or choose another option** is not an electronic signature option and requires that you print your completed forms, review them for accuracy, and then provide a wet signature and upload or send your form. This process is manual and may result in delays in processing your financial aid forms and receiving your financial aid funds. If you do not want to electronically sign your forms, please select this option below.

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E-SIGN DOCUMENT

OR CHOOSE ANOTHER OPTION

View My Forms

Exit

Step 2: View My Forms

Please **click on the download icon** next to the document name to **view the completed form**. You should **review the information** carefully and if you need to make changes, please select the appropriate section to the left and make the necessary updates.

If your forms are complete and accurate and no changes are necessary, please check the acknowledgment box below and proceed to the next page.

Forms

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I acknowledge that all information provided on my MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026 is true and correct.

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Consent and Disclosures

Enter your First and Last Name exactly as it appears on the application and confirm your account password. Click "Sign"

Exit

Step 3: Consent & Disclosures

You have elected to electronically sign the MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026. Please note that your electronic signature is still valid if errors exist on your form. If you need to make corrections to the form before signing, please go to the appropriate section on the left navigation bar and make your changes. If you need to make corrections to your form after you electronically sign, please contact the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

Please provide the information below to complete the electronic signature process. Your information must match exactly with what we have on file for your account, including any special characters that were used.

First name (Stephannie) *

Enter your first name as provided to your school.

Last name (Test) *

Enter your last name as provided to your school.

Password *

Enter the Password used when you created your account.

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

MINIMUM ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE HARDWARE & SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

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BACK SIGN

- ✓ Student Information
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- ✓ Parent Financial Information
- ✓ Parent Spouse or Partner Information
- E-Signature

MASFA Application

- Students receive a confirmation email when their application has been submitted.
 - **Subject Line:** MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026 Submitted
 - **Message:** Dear 'Student Name': You have successfully completed and e-signed your section of the MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026. Your next steps are to invite your parent to complete and e-sign the parent section of the document.
- Once the e-signature process is complete, student will be redirected to "Documents" page.
- "Independent" Students – application is complete once they complete the e-signature process.
- "Dependent" Students – application **requires a parent signature** in order for application to be processed.

Request Parent Signature

Dependent Students will be required to “Request Parent Signature”

The screenshot shows the MASFA application status page for dependent students. The page is divided into several sections:

- Dashboard:** A sidebar on the left with a 'Documents' tab highlighted with a red notification badge.
- Status:** A top bar showing application status: **Needed (2)**, **Submitted (0)**, **Satisfied (0)**, and **Unsatisfied (0)**. A 'Show All Documents' button is also present.
- MASFA Application Status:** A message: "Welcome Student! Thank you for taking the time to complete the Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid. All form(s) and information requested for processing your MASFA application should be submitted to the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA). To check the status of your pending MASFA application, please contact us at MASFA@dhe.mass.edu."
- My Documents:** A list of documents. The first document is "MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026" (2025-2026 Federal Award Year). It has a red "REQUEST PARENT SIGNATURE" button and a "Review and Update" link. A blue box highlights the "REQUEST PARENT SIGNATURE" button, and a red arrow points to the "Review and Update" link.
- My Documents (Detailed View):** A detailed view of the "MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026" document. It includes instructions and attachments. A red "REQUEST PARENT SIGNATURE" button is visible in the top right corner. A blue box highlights the "REQUEST PARENT SIGNATURE" button, and a red arrow points to the "Review and Update" link.
- Attachments:** A list of attachments, including "MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026.pdf" (333 KB).
- Footer:** A blue button with a white plus sign and the text "REQUEST PARENT SIGNATURE" is highlighted with a red box. A "Close" button is located in the bottom right corner.

Request Parent Signature

Student will click “Request Parent Signature” button, and a prompt will populate with parent(s) name(s).

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Please choose parent to sign:

GRACE TEST

ROBERTO Test

And enter his/her e-mail for invitation.

Email

The email address will pre-populate when parent’s name is selected. Click “Send Invitation”.

MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026

Please choose parent to sign:

GRACE TEST

ROBERTO Test

And enter his/her e-mail for invitation.

Email

MASFA Application - Dependent


Parent will receive an **email invitation** with a link to create a parent account in order to complete the e-signature process. Once the parent completes the e-signature process, the student will receive a confirmation email that the parent has signed the application.

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a dark grey background. At the top left, there is a header 'My Documents'. Below it, a document titled 'MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026' is displayed, with the subtitle '2025-2026 Federal Award Year'. Underneath the document title, there are sections for 'Instructions' and 'Attachments'. The 'Instructions' section contains the text 'Complete the 2025-26 MA DHE Financial Aid Application if yo'. The 'Attachments' section lists 'MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026.pdf' with a size of '333 KB'. A white notification box with a dark blue border is overlaid on the right side of the document. The notification text reads: 'Parent Invitation has been sent. Please follow-up with your parent to ensure that this document is reviewed and signed.' Below the text is a dark blue button with the text 'OK, GOT IT' in white. A small 'x' icon is in the top right corner of the notification box.

Parent Account Creation

- Once parent clicks link in email, it will bring them to their account creation page. It is very similar to student account creation page.
[Note: URL has 'parent' in it]
- Parent email address will be pre-populated on this screen
- Parent should create a password for their account

Registration Step 1 of 3: Account Creation



Sign Up

Please fill out the form below to create your account.

All the information you provide will be kept in strictest confidence. Once you complete setting up your account, you will gain access to the Student Portal.

Email

i Please ensure that this is a valid, permanent email address that you check regularly.

Confirm Email


Password

i New passwords must be at least 8 characters and meet the following:

- 1 upper case (A-Z) characters
- 1 lower case (a-z) characters
- 1 numeric characters (0-9)
- 1 special characters (e.g. !@#\$%^&*)
- Not exceed 2 sequential numbers (e.g. 12, 456, 789)
- Not exceed 2 repeating characters or numbers (e.g. AA, bb, 77, &&)
- Do not include common words or names.

Confirm Password

Please show you are not a robot

 I'm not a robot 
reCAPTCHA
Privacy Terms

CANCEL

CONTINUE

Email Authentication

Registration Step 2 of 3: Email Authentication

Please validate your email

We sent you a confirmation email with a link to activate your account.

Access your email account and click on the link provided in the confirmation email.

Click [here](#) to send a new confirmation email to @gmail.com.



Thank you

Thank you for validating your account. Select "Continue" to log in and complete the final step of account registration.

CONTINUE

Parent Account

Sign-In / Account Validation



Sign In

Email

Password

****IMPORTANT**** If a student and their parent/spouse are sharing a device, please make sure the student has logged

[Show Full Info](#)

Remember me [Reset your Password](#)

SIGN IN

Don't have an account? [Sign Up](#)

Registration Step 3 of 3: Parent Account Validation



Financial Aid Account

Please complete the following registration form using your name as it is listed in the email invitation you received.

First Name

Last Name

Last 4 digits of your Social Security, DACA, or ITIN number

i If you do not have a SSN, DACA, or ITIN, enter four zeros (0000).

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):


SSN/ITIN
and Date of
Birth **MUST**
match as it
was entered
on application

LOGOUT

DONE

Parent Account – Documents Page

- Parent can download application to view what was entered
- Has the option to Sign Form and Edit Form (if necessary)

 Documents

MASFA Application Status

Welcome Parents! Thank you for taking the time to complete the Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid with your student. We are not collecting documents at this time. All form(s) and information requested for processing your students MASFA application should be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid at their designated institution. Please contact the financial aid office to check the status of their MASFA application.


My Documents


MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026
2025-2026 Federal Award Year


PENDING PARENT SIGNATURE
Status as of 12/16/2024

Instructions
Complete the 2025-26 MA DHE Financial Aid Application if you are planning on being enrolled in college (as a new student or continuing student) 2025-26 Academic Year

Attachments

MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026.pdf
333 KB 

 **SIGN FORM**

 **START, EDIT OR COMPLETE A FORM**

Close

E-Signature

MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026

✓ Student Information

✓ Student College or Career School Plans

✓ Student Circumstances

✓ Student Family Information

✓ Student Financial Information

✓ Student School List

✓ Parent Information

✓ Parent Financial Information

✓ Parent Spouse or Partner Information

📄 E-Signature

Exit

Step 1: Signature Options

You have been **selected by Stephannie Test** to sign the MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026. You will be **required to review the MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026, sign the form** and submit the form for processing. Please select one of the signature options below to sign and submit the MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026.

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E-SIGN DOCUMENT

OR CHOOSE ANOTHER OPTION

View My Forms

Download application, check the acknowledgment box and click "Next"


Exit

Step 2: View My Forms

Please **click on the download icon** next to the document name to view the completed form. You should **review the information carefully** and if you need to make changes, please select the appropriate section to the left and make the necessary updates.

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MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026 

I acknowledge that all information provided on my MA Application for State Financial Aid 2025-2026 is true and correct.

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- ✓ Parent Financial Information
- ✓ Parent Spouse or Partner Information
- 🔒 E-Signature

Consent and Disclosures

Parent should enter First and Last Name, Account Password, and Click "Sign"

✓ Student Information

✓ Student College or Career School Plans

✓ Student Circumstances

✓ Student Family Information

✓ Student Financial Information

✓ Student School List

✓ Parent Information

✓ Parent Financial Information

✓ Parent Spouse or Partner Information

🔒 E-Signature

Exit

Step 3: Consent & Disclosures

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Please provide the information below to complete the electronic signature process. Your information must match exactly with what we have on file for your account, including any special characters that were used.

First name (GRACE) *

i Enter your first name as you entered it when you created your account (may have been either full name or just first initial).

Last name (TEST) *

i Enter the last name used when you created your account.

Password *

i Enter the Password used when you created your account.

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

MINIMUM ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE HARDWARE & SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

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SIGN

Parent Account

After signing, parent is redirected to Documents page

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GRACE TEST

Documents

Filter By:

Status: Needed (0) Submitted (0) Satisfied (1) Unsatisfied (0) [Show All Documents](#)

Documents

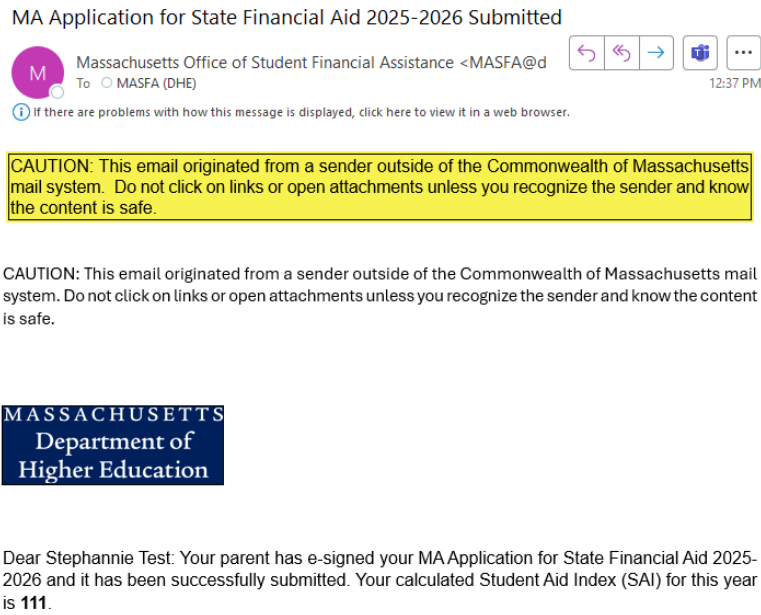
MASFA Application Status

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My Documents
You're all caught up on Required Documents!

MASFA Application – Next Steps

Student with a completed application will receive an email that their application has been successfully submitted.



Student MASFA Status Portal

- Students with a completed application will also receive a separate email from our office inviting them to log in to a **different portal** to view their application status, Student Aid Index (SAI), and tentative MASSGrant award.
- If a student has any ineligible reasons they may need to correct (i.e., state of residency, high school information), information/instructions will be provided via this portal.

MASFA Application – Next Steps

- Verification Process: the MA Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has suspended verification for the 2024-2025 **AND** 2025-2026 applications
 - We are not collecting any additional tax documents at this time.
 - Students should make sure they are providing accurate income/tax information on their applications.
- Once the student's application is complete, it will be processed by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), and the ISIR data will be shared with the school(s) listed on the student's application.
- The school the student enrolls in will use the MASFA data to assess the student's eligibility for in-state tuition and need-based state financial aid.
- **Students should contact the financial aid office of the college they are planning to attend for more information on their financial aid eligibility/options and next steps.**

Contacts

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