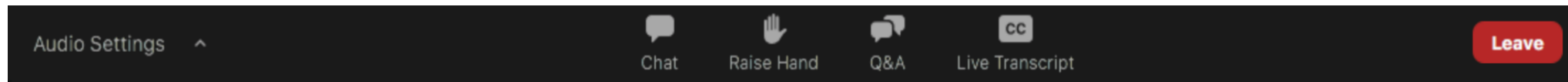


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About MEFA

State authority created by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1982, helping families plan, save, and pay for college



About the FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- FREE form at **fafsa.gov**
- Required by all colleges/universities for federal & state (& some institutional) aid
- Must be completed each year (one for every child in college)
- May have other financial aid applications required

Completing the FAFSA

- Contributor: Anyone who needs to provide information
- Each contributor has a section for that person to complete
- All income questions will pull answers from your federal tax return with your consent
- You must provide consent to pull your tax data for the student to receive federal financial aid
- Online skip logic removes questions not applicable
- Must answer all questions in order
- Tip: If an answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0
- Incomplete FAFSAs are deleted after 45 days; reminders are sent every 7 days

Items & Info Needed to Complete the FAFSA

Student and parent(s)

- Social Security number
- Date of birth
- Current bank statements
- Current business, farm, and investment records

Certain families may need

- 2023 federal income tax return for student and/or parent

FAFSA Customer Service

Phone: (800) 4-Fed-Aid (433-3243)

Email Form: Located at studentaid.gov/help-center/contact

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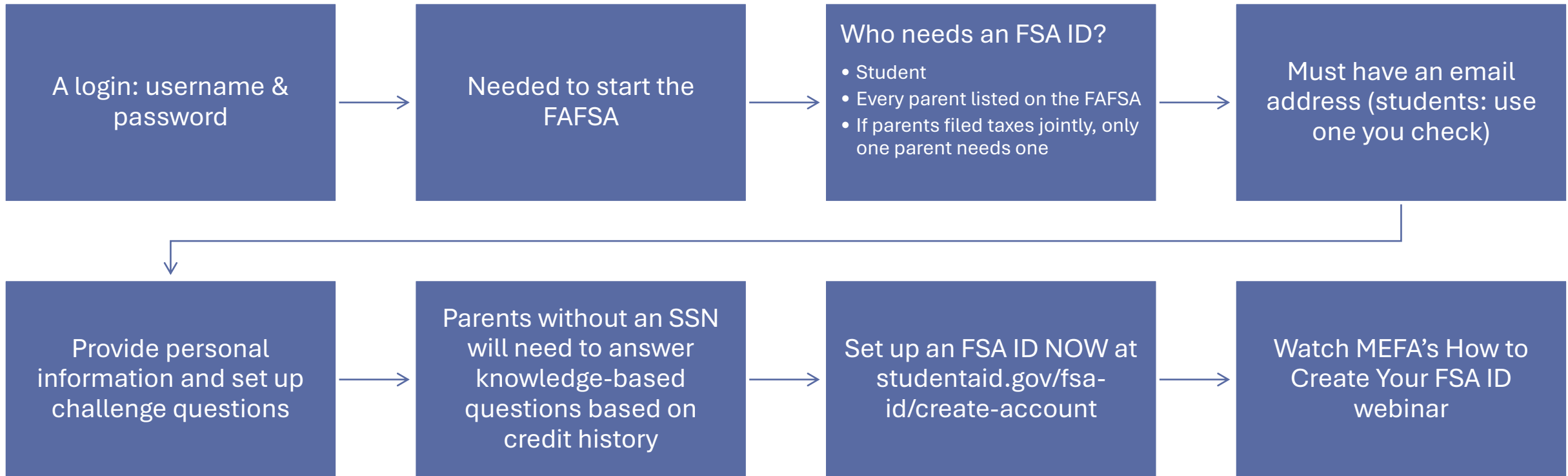
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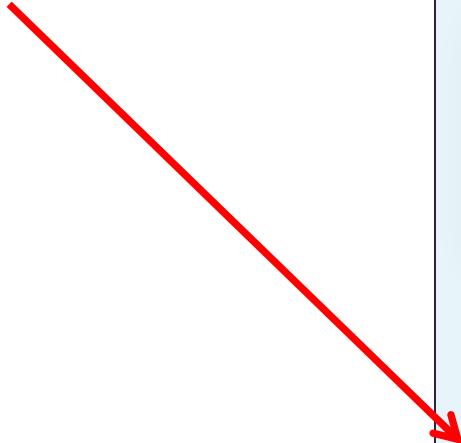
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Role


Choose student or parent role

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to the FAFSA[®] Form

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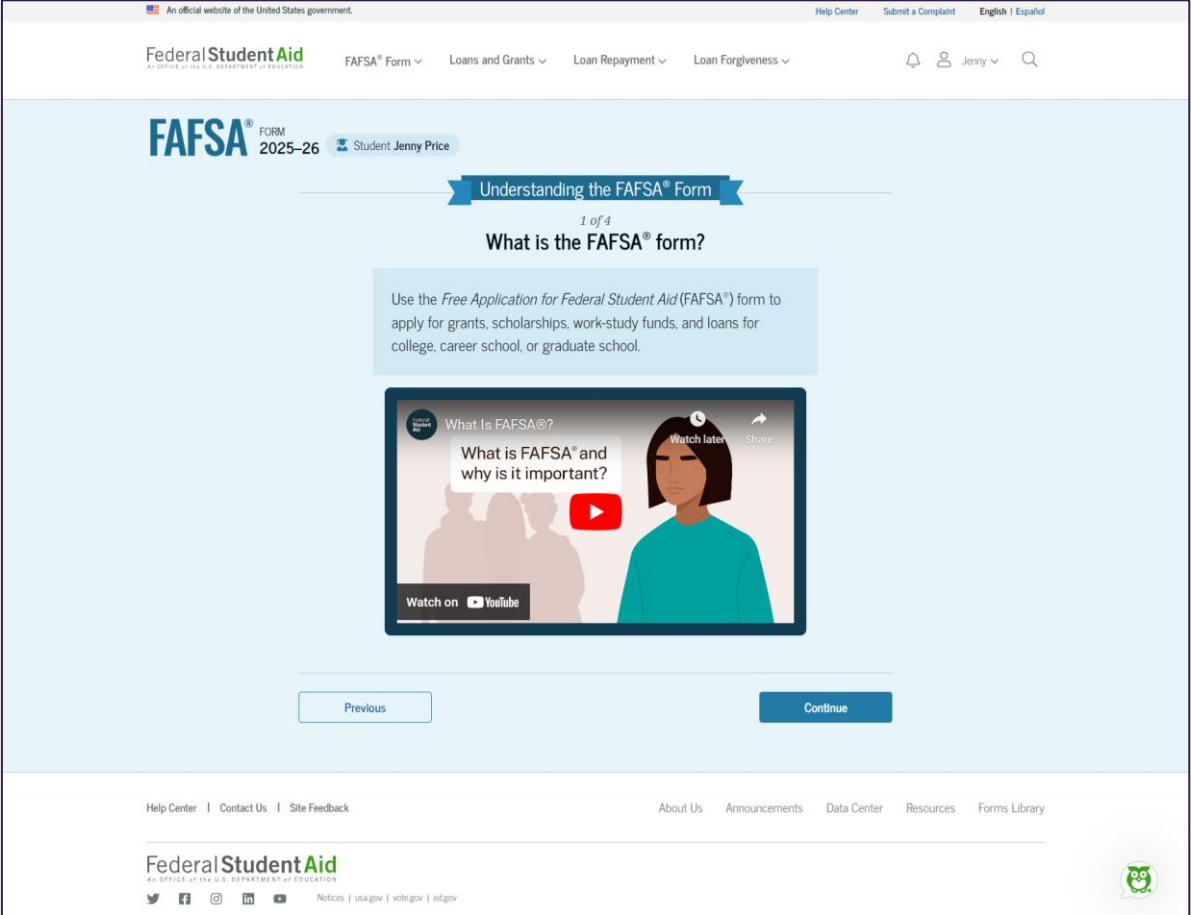
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Overview Video

First of four onboarding slides



Defining Contributors

- Explains concept of contributor
- How to invite contributors
- Information you may need to complete the FAFSA

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Contributors to the FAFSA[®] Form

Who Is a Contributor on the 2024-25 FAFSA[®] form?

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Parents or Spouses

Your answers on the FAFSA[®] form will determine if any contributors need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but they will not be financially responsible for the student's education.

How To Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide their information. To invite a contributor to a FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number (if they have one), and email address.

Information or Documents You May Need

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What To Expect

How long will this take? 1 hour

Every contributor must provide consent and approval for you to be eligible for federal student aid. With your consent and approval, we can obtain your federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA® form.

You can save the form and return to it later if you need more time.

Learn about how we use the information that we collect on your FAFSA form.

What Does It Mean To Provide Consent and Approval on the 2024-25 FAFSA® Form?

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After the FAFSA

Click *Start FAFSA form* to begin

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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?

- Your form will be processed in one to three days.
- You'll receive a 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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Student Identity Info

- Student info from the FSA ID for review
- Any changes to info must be made under *Account Settings* on StudentAid.gov

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Student Identity Information page. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2025-26), the student's name (Jenny Price), and options to save or view the FAFSA menu. The main heading is "Student Identity Information" with a sub-heading "Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward." The form fields are as follows:

Name	Jenny E Price
Date of Birth	12/20/2005
Social Security Number	***-**-8061
Email Address	599888061test@testcod.edu
Mobile Phone Number	(555) 557-6022
<i>To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to Account Settings.</i>	
Permanent Mailing Address <i>Include apartment number.</i>	123 fake street
City	city
State	GA
Zip Code	30024
Country	United States (US)

A "Continue" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

State of Legal Residence

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Student State of Legal Residence

State ⓘ
Georgia (GA)

Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of Georgia (GA)

Month Year ⓘ
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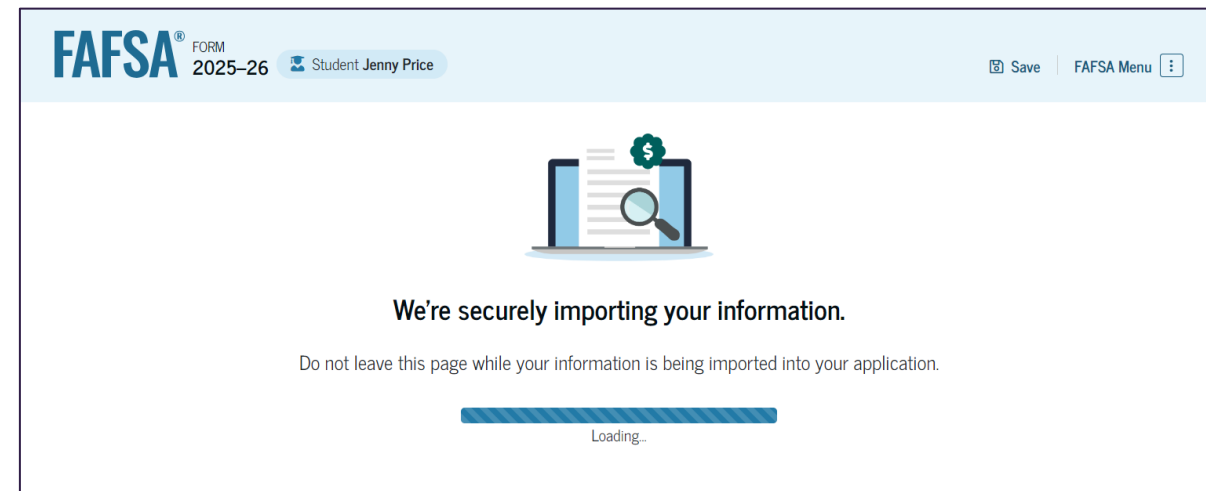
Throughout the application, click the question mark icon for more details on answering each question

Providing Consent

- By providing consent, the contributor allows the FAFSA to pull federal tax data directly into the FAFSA from the IRS
- Every contributor **MUST** provide consent in order for the student to receive need-based federal aid
- Select *Approve* to provide consent

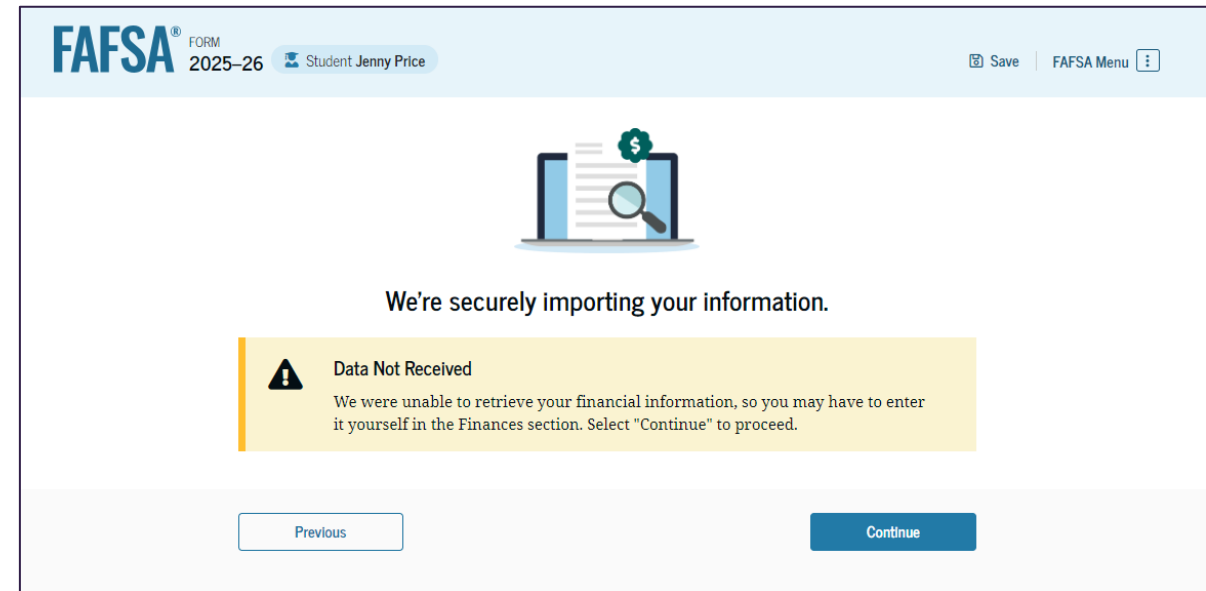
IRS Importing Tax Data

A screen will show when IRS information is being imported to the FAFSA



No Tax Data Found

Non-tax filers will receive a (correct) message that no IRS tax data was found



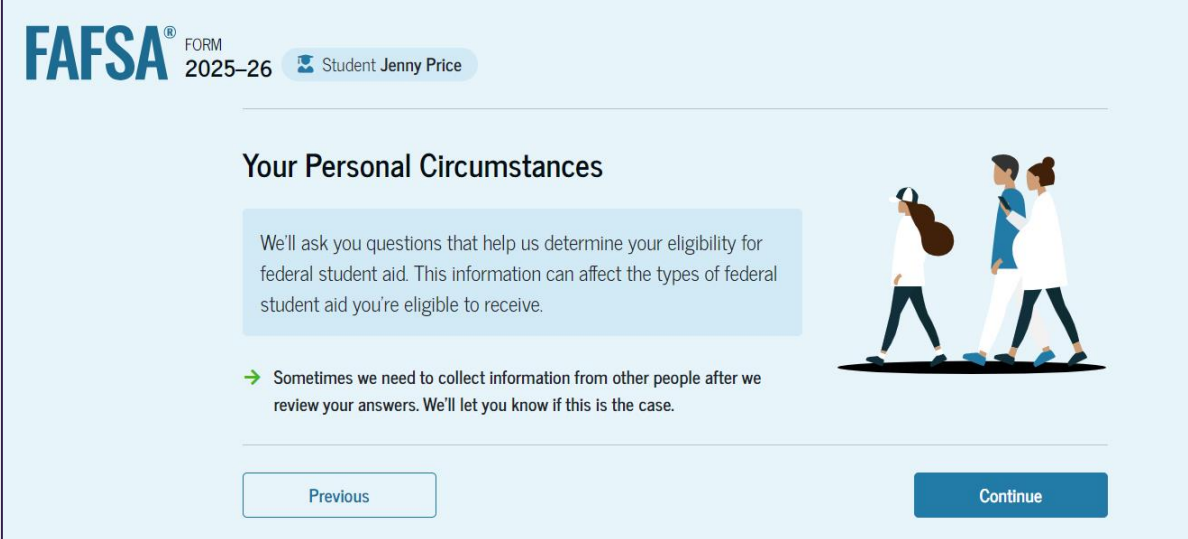
Personal Circumstances

Questions to determine if student is:

- dependent (needs to report parent information on the FAFSA)

OR

- independent (does not need parent data)



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Your Personal Circumstances

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

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

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Marital Status

- Married students are independent
- Separated students are not considered independent

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2025-26 application form for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar at the top indicates the current step is 'Personal Circumstances' (1), with other steps being 'Demographics' (2), 'Financials' (3), 'Colleges' (4), and 'Signature' (5). The 'Student Current Marital Status' section is active, showing a list of radio button options: 'Single (never married)' (selected), 'Married (not separated)', 'Remarried', 'Separated', 'Divorced', and 'Widowed'. 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons are visible at the bottom of the form.

College Plans

- Entering college students should select *First Year (freshman)*
- Students should make sure to select *No* when asked if they have a bachelor's degree
- Grad students are independent

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 application form for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar at the top indicates the current step is 'Colleges' (step 4), with previous steps being 'Personal Circumstances', 'Demographics', 'Financials', and 'Signature'. The main section is titled 'Student College or Career School Plans' and contains two questions:

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

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

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

- Yes
- No

Other Personal Circumstances

- Other factors that qualify a student as independent:
 - Older than 23
 - Has dependents who receive support
 - Active-duty military or Veteran
 - If since turned 13: orphan, foster care, or ward of the court
 - Emancipated minor
 - In legal guardianship

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a student named Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the current step is 'Personal Circumstances' (1), with other steps being 'Demographics' (2), 'Financials' (3), 'Colleges' (4), and 'Signature' (5). The section is titled 'Student Personal Circumstances' and asks the user to 'Select all that apply'. There are eight checkboxes with corresponding text and help icons:

- 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, 2025, and June 30, 2026.
- 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.

The 'None of these apply.' checkbox is selected. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Question on Homelessness

- Students who are homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless are independent

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the user is on step 2, Demographics. The current question is 'Student Homelessness', which asks: '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?'. The 'No' option is selected. The 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons are visible at the bottom.

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Student Homelessness

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

Yes No

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Unusual Circumstances

- The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting their parent(s).
- Answering yes will allow them to submit the FAFSA without parent information as a Provisional Independent Student
- Colleges will follow up if they require more information or documentation

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Student Unusual Circumstances

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

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

A 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

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Dependency Status

- Student will be told if considered a dependent student
- Option to apply for Federal Unsubsidized Loan only if parents are unwilling to provide information
 - If the student selects *Yes*, a pop-up appears to warn them about missing out on other potential federal student aid

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Jenny Price. At the top, there is a progress bar with five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. Below the progress bar, the section is titled "Your Dependency Status". It features a blue box with an icon of a person and a parent, titled "Dependent Student". The text inside the box states: "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." Below this, there is a section titled "Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only" with a question: "Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA® form?" with a help icon. A note below the question reads: "This response must be 'No' for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid." There are two radio button options: "Yes" (unselected) and "No" (selected). At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Parent Wizard

Questions help student understand which parents need to report info on the FAFSA

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Tell Us About the Student's Parents

On the FAFSA[®] form, the “parent” is the student's legal (biological or adoptive) parent.

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes No

Provide Information for Both Parents
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both parents on the FAFSA[®] form. You can invite the parents to the form and have them complete their required sections.

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What Parents Are on the FAFSA?

- Biological or adoptive parent(s)
- Include both parents if parents are married or are not married but live together
- Married parents include same-sex couples
- If separated but living together, select “Married”
- In the case of divorce/separation, use the parent that provided more financial support in the last 12 months, and the step-parent if that parent is remarried
 - If financial support was equal, select the parent with the higher income and assets
 - If no financial support was given to the student in the past 12 months, select the parent who provided the most support in the year when the student last received support from a parent

Student Invites Parents to the FAFSA

- Student enters personal information about parents to send them an invite to the FAFSA
- Parent email address does not have to match parent's FSA ID email address

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Invite Parent(s) to This FAFSA[®] Form

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

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

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

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

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

Parent	Parent Spouse or Other Contributor
<p>Date of Birth ⓘ</p> <p>Month: 01 Day: 01 Year: 1980</p> <p>Social Security Number (SSN) ⓘ</p> <p>***-**-8744 SHOW SSN</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My parent doesn't have an SSN. Checking this box when your parent does have an SSN may delay processing of your FAFSA form.</p> <p>Email Address ⓘ</p> <p>brianprice@gmail.com</p> <p>Confirm Email Address ⓘ</p> <p>brianprice@gmail.com</p> <p>Send Invite</p>	<p>Date of Birth ⓘ</p> <p>Month: Day: Year:</p> <p>Social Security Number (SSN) ⓘ</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My parent doesn't have an SSN. Checking this box when your parent does have an SSN may delay processing of your FAFSA form.</p> <p>Email Address ⓘ</p> <p>Confirm Email Address ⓘ</p> <p>Send Invite</p>

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Student Demographics: Gender

- Optional question
- Does not affect aid eligibility
- Is not shared with colleges
- Can select Prefer not to answer

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Student Demographic Information

Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's gender? ⓘ

Male

Female

Nonbinary

Prefer not to answer

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Student Race and Ethnicity

- Optional question
- Does not affect aid eligibility
- Is not shared with colleges
- Can select Prefer not to answer

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Student Race and Ethnicity ⓘ

Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

Is the student of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
Select all that apply.

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Prefer not to answer

Student Citizenship Status

Who is eligible for federal student aid?

- U.S. citizens
- Eligible non-citizens, including:
 - U.S. Nationals
 - Permanent Residents
 - Carriers of Arrival-Departure Records (I-94)
 - Holders (student or parent) of a T-visa
 - “Battered immigrant-qualified aliens”
 - Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau

Citizenship status will be verified by:

- The Social Security Administration (citizens)
- The Department of Homeland Security (eligible non-citizens)

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates that the 'Personal Circumstances' section is complete, and the 'Demographics' section is currently active. The 'Student Citizenship Status' section is displayed with three radio button options: 'U.S. citizen or national' (selected), 'Eligible noncitizen', and 'Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen'. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are visible at the bottom of the form.

Parent Education Status

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Jenny Price. At the top, the FAFSA logo and form year are displayed. A progress bar indicates the current step is 'Demographics' (step 2), with previous steps 'Personal Circumstances' (step 1) and 'Financials' (step 3) completed, and 'Colleges' (step 4) and 'Signature' (step 5) remaining. The main heading is 'Parent Education Status'. Below it is the question: 'Did either of the student's parents attend college or complete college?'. There are four radio button options: 'Neither parent attended college' (selected), 'One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college', 'One or both parents completed college', and 'Don't know'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Parent Education Status

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

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

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Parent Killed in Line of Duty

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Parent Killed in Line of Duty

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

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

Yes No

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Student High School Completion Status

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar at the top indicates that the 'Personal Circumstances' step is complete, while 'Demographics', 'Financials', 'Colleges', and 'Signature' are pending. The current section is titled 'Student High School Completion Status' and asks, 'What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year?'. Four radio button options are provided: 'High school diploma' (selected), 'State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)', 'Homeschooled', and 'None of the above'. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are located at the bottom of the form.

Student High School Information

- If students selects High school diploma, will need to report the high school
- The student enters the school's city and state and selects the school from the search results

The image displays two screenshots of the FAFSA 2025-26 Student Jenny Price form, specifically the 'Student High School Information' section. The top screenshot shows the search input field with 'north gwinnett high scho' and a dropdown menu with 'North Gwinnett High School' selected. The bottom screenshot shows the search results with 'North Gwinnett High School, Suwanee, Georgia (GA)' selected.

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Student High School Information

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

State
Georgia (GA)

City
Suwanee

High School Name – optional
north gwinnett high scho x

North Gwinnett High School

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Student High School Information

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

State
Georgia (GA)

City
Suwanee

High School Name – optional
North Gwinnett High School

North Gwinnett High School
Suwanee, Georgia (GA)

Search Again

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Student Tax Return Info

- Questions about the 2023 federal tax return
- Any grant, scholarship, or AmeriCorps benefit reported as income to IRS
- Any foreign earned income exclusion
- All other tax return data will be pulled in automatically

The screenshot shows a section of the FAFSA form with two input fields. The first field is titled "Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS" and contains the value "0 .00". The second field is titled "Foreign Earned Income Exclusion" and also contains the value "0 .00". Below the fields are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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

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

\$ ⓘ

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$ ⓘ

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Student Assets

- Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net value of any investments
- Net value of any business or farm

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Student Assets

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

\$.00 ⓘ

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

\$.00 ⓘ

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

\$.00 ⓘ

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College Search

- Select up to 20 schools
- Search by entering a state, city, and/or school name

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 'Colleges' step. The progress bar indicates that steps 1 through 3 are complete, step 4 is the current step, and step 5 is pending. The main heading is 'Where should we send the FAFSA® information?' with the instruction 'Search and select colleges and career schools.' Below this, there is a search interface with a 'State' dropdown menu set to 'cal' and a 'Search' button. A list of schools is displayed on the right, each with a '+ Select' button. The schools listed are:

School Name	Federal School Code	Status
Concorde Career Institute San Diego, California (CA)	007930	+ Select
Point Loma Nazarene University San Diego, California (CA)	001262	+ Select
Pacific College of Oriental Med San Diego, California (CA)	030277	+ Select
Thomas Jefferson School of Law San Diego, California (CA)	013780	+ Select
National University San Diego, California (CA)	011460	Selected
Design Institute of San Diego San Diego, California (CA)	016233	Selected

At the bottom of the screen, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons, and a progress indicator showing '1' of 3 steps completed.

Selected Colleges

Student can re-order schools if school's state requires it be higher on the list

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials **Colleges** Signature

Selected Colleges and Career Schools

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

Review this list of schools and confirm your selection(s).

School List Guidelines for Georgia Residents

To be eligible for state grant aid in Georgia, you must list an eligible in-state college. The order of schools in your college list will not impact your eligibility for state aid programs.

2 out of 20 schools selected

Showing 1 to 2 of 2

Design Institute of San Diego San Diego, California (CA)	Federal School Code 016233	Remove	View Information
National University San Diego, California (CA)	Federal School Code 011460	Remove	View Information

Student Review Page

- Can expand all or expand each section
- To edit a response, select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page
- Data transferred from the IRS will not display on this 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 to continue. You must continue past this page to sign and submit your section of the FAFSA form.

Student Sections Expand All

- Introduction Personal Identifiers
- Section 1 Personal Circumstances
- Section 2 Demographics
- Section 3 Financials

Contributor Details

- Student sees any contributors who have been invited and the invitation status

Contributor Section

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

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

Contributor(s)	Role	Date Added	Status
Mark Price	Parent	8/28/2024	Invite Sent

Parent Sections Expand All

- Introduction
Personal Identifiers
- Section 1
Demographics
- Section 2
Financials

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Student Signature

- Student agrees to terms and conditions and can submit the student section
- The FAFSA is not considered complete nor processed until all sections are sent

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges **5** 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 this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

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

Student Section Complete

- Lists next steps and how to track FAFSA status
- Reminds student all contributors must complete and sign their sections
- Shows status of contributors' sections

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You're Almost There!
The student section is complete!

Parent Contributors

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

Contributor(s)	Role	Date Added	Status
Mark Price	Parent	8/28/2024	Invite Sent

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:
599888061test@testcod.edu.
- Action Still Needed**
The contributor(s) you selected will receive an email invitation to join your form.

Things You Should Know

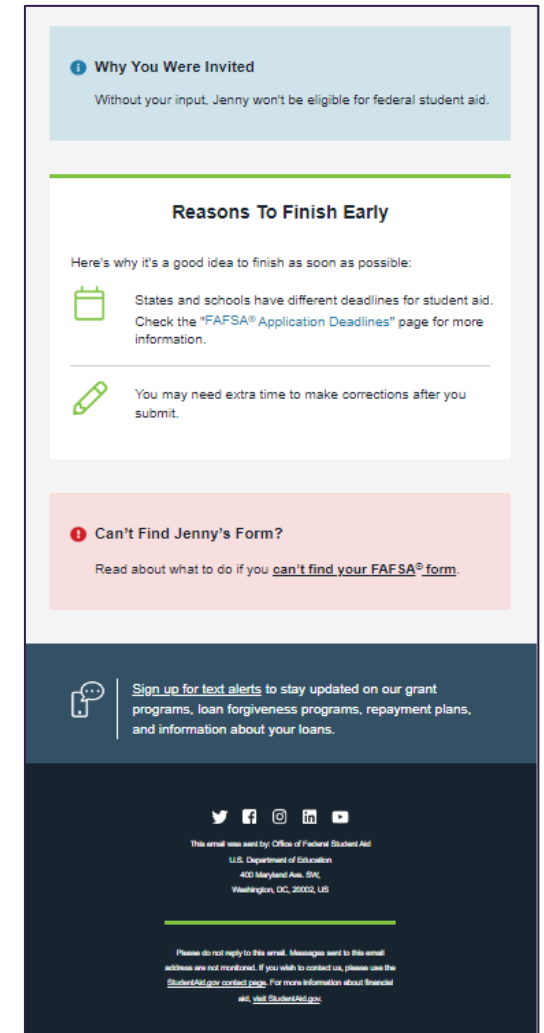
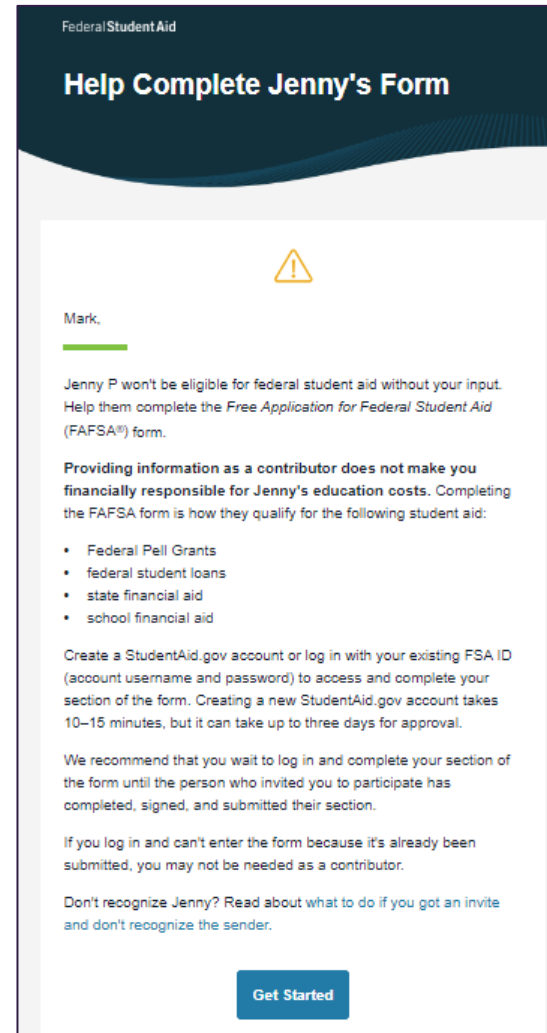
- View Your FAFSA® Submission Summary**
Once your application is complete and submitted, you can view your FAFSA Submission Summary, a summary of the information you provided on your FAFSA form. You'll be able to access the FAFSA Submission Summary one to three days after you submit your application by logging back in with your account username and password (FSA ID).
- Questions About The FAFSA® Process?**
Visit the "FAFSA Help" page for more information.
[Get Help](#)

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

[Provide Parent Information Manually](#)

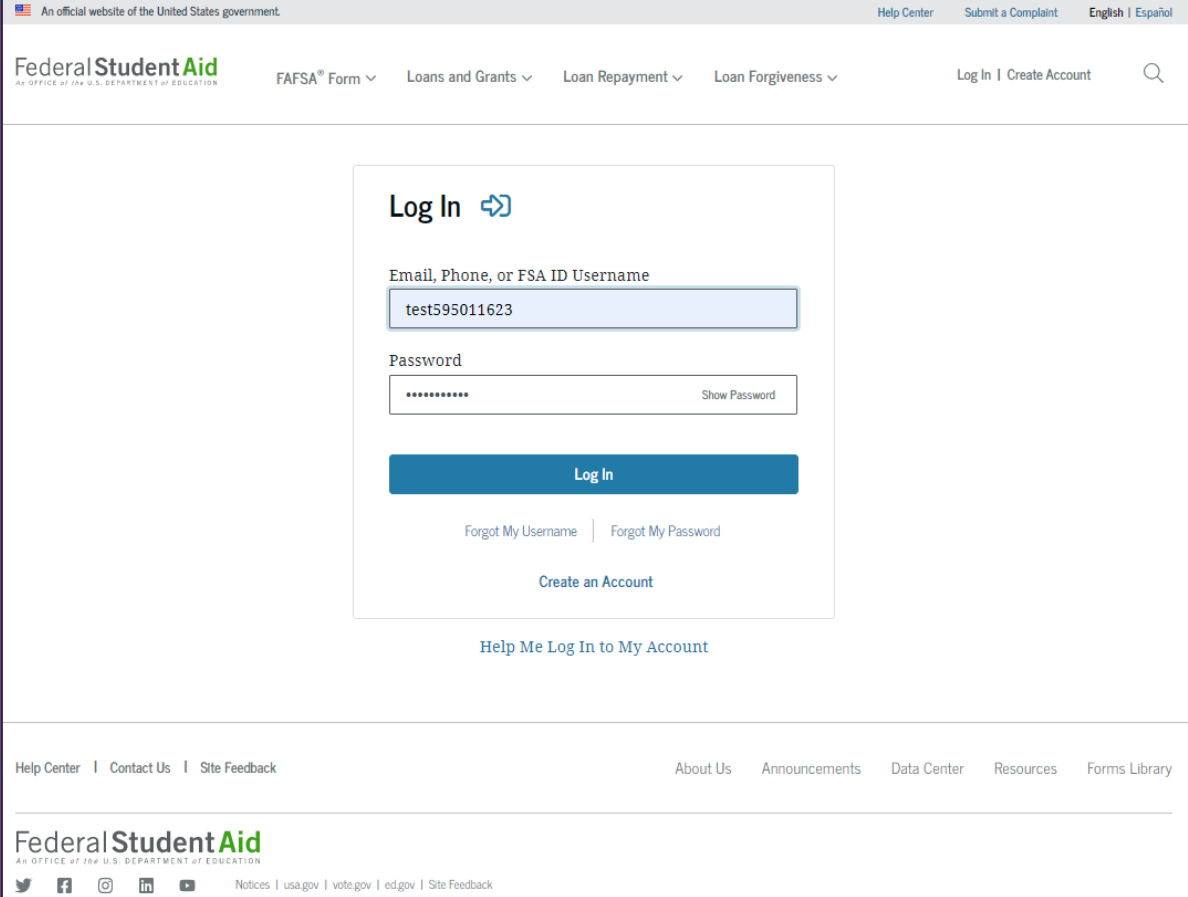
Parent Email Invitation

- Parent will get email invitation to do FAFSA
- Parent clicks Log In to get to FAFSA login
- Text stresses completing the FAFSA does not make the parent financially responsible
- Parent can start the FAFSA before the student; will review that process at the end



Parent Login Page

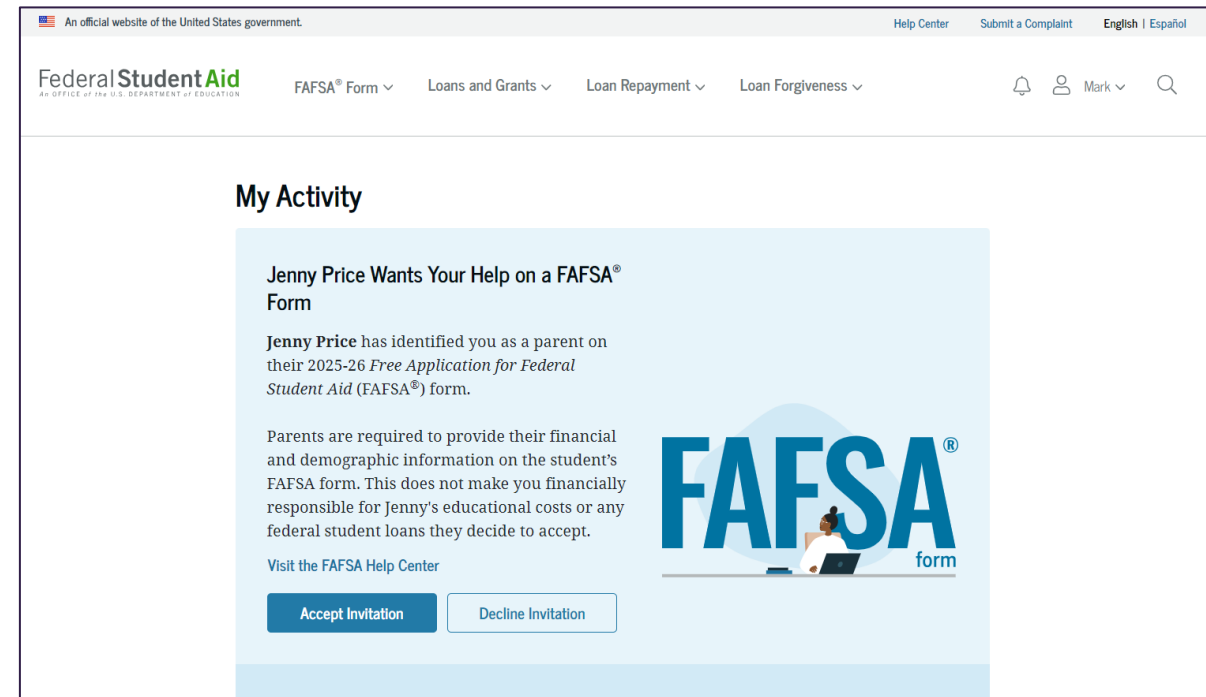
- Parent enters FSA ID
- If parent does not yet have an FSA ID, parent should click *Create an Account*



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid Parent Login Page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", and "English | Español". Below this, the "Federal Student Aid" logo is displayed, along with navigation links for "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". A "Log In | Create Account" link is also present. The main content area features a "Log In" section with a blue "Log In" button. Below the button are links for "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password". At the bottom of the login section is a link for "Create an Account". A "Help Me Log In to My Account" link is located below the login section. The footer contains links for "Help Center", "Contact Us", and "Site Feedback", along with "About Us", "Announcements", "Data Center", "Resources", and "Forms Library". The Federal Student Aid logo and social media icons are also present in the footer.

Parent Activity Page

- After logging in, parent is brought to *My Activity* page
- Parent will see an invitation to be a contributor on the student's FAFSA
- After accepting, parent gets details about the contributor role
- Parent will see the same onboarding slides the student viewed



Parent Identity Information

- Parent info from the FSA ID for review
- Any changes to info must be made under *Account Settings* on StudentAid.gov

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a parent of Jenny Price. The page title is "Parent Identity Information" and it includes a review instruction: "Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward." The displayed information is as follows:

Name	Mark P Price
Date of Birth	02/15/2006
Social Security Number	***-**-8046
Email Address	599888046test@testcod.edu
Mobile Phone Number (555)	557-6007

At the bottom, there is a link: "To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to [Account Settings](#)."

Parent Provides Consent

- By providing consent, the contributor allows the FAFSA to pull federal tax data directly into the FAFSA from the IRS
- Every contributor **MUST** provide consent in order for the student to receive need-based federal aid
- Select *Approve* to provide consent

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Provide Consent and Approval or the Student 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 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.

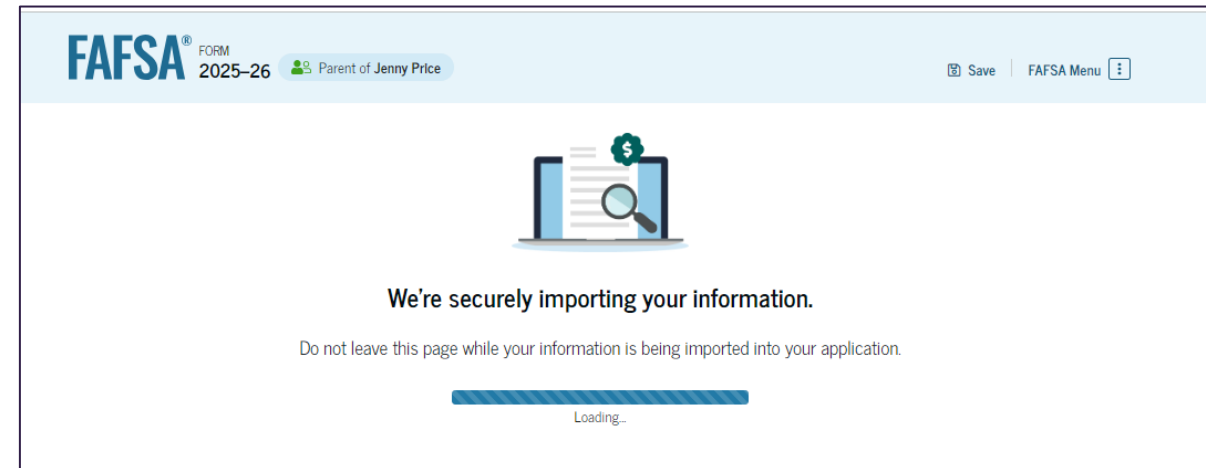
- Get your 2023 tax return information for the 2025-26 FAFSA form.
- Federal tax information is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

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

1. ED may disclose my Social Security number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, last name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which federal tax information is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my federal tax information in determining eligibility by ED for which approval is provided to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). I understand that in response to such a request from ED, the IRS shall then disclose my federal tax information to "authorized persons" (i.e., specifically designated officers and employees of ED and its contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(13)(E))) for the purpose of determining eligibility for and the amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, for myself or an applicant for federal student aid who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA[®]) form.
2. Authorized persons at ED and its contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(13)(E)) may use my federal tax information for the purpose of determining the eligibility for and amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, for myself or a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on the FAFSA form.
3. ED may redisclose my federal tax information received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
 - o Institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended

IRS Importing Tax Data

A screen will show when IRS information is being imported to the FAFSA



Parent Marital Status

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a parent of Jenny Price. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2025-26), the user's name, and options to save or view the FAFSA menu. A progress indicator shows three steps: 1. Demographics, 2. Financials (checked), and 3. Signature. The main content area is titled "Parent Current Marital Status" and contains seven radio button options: "Single (never married)", "Unmarried and both legal parents living together", "Married (not separated)" (which is selected), "Remarried", "Separated", "Divorced", and "Widowed". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Parent Federal Benefits Received

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Federal Benefits Received

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

At any time during 2023 or 2024, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? ⓘ
Select all that apply:

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

Previous Continue

Parent Tax Filing Status

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Parent Tax Filing Status

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Previous Continue

Family Size

- FAFSA will automatically assume family size based on number of individuals claimed on tax return
- Parents will likely not see this number
- Parents can manually report a number if desired
- Include any dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their financial support from parents 7/1/25-6/30/26

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Family Size

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

The parent's family size is **4**.
Parent: 1 Parent Spouse or Partner: 1 Student: 1 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 1

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

Include dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment.
Do not include the student applicant.

Previous Continue

Number in College

- Report how many people will be in college between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026
- Do not include parents
- Will not be used in calculation of federal aid
- Colleges can choose to use this info to award institutional (college) funds

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a parent of Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates that the 'Demographics' section is complete, and the 'Financials' section is currently active. The 'Number in College' question asks: 'Out of the 4 people in the parent's family, how many will be in college between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026?' A note specifies 'Do not include parent(s)'. The user has entered '1' in the text box. The 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons are visible at the bottom.

Parent Tax Return Information

Parents asked to report any:

- Earned Income Credit
- Grants, scholarships, or AmeriCorps benefits reported as income
- Foreign earned income exclusion

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Parent 2023 Tax Return Information form. The form is titled "Parent 2023 Tax Return Information" and includes a progress bar at the top with steps: Demographics, Financials, and Signature. The form is for "Parent of Jenny Rice" and is for the "2025-26" year. The form asks for information from the parent's 2023 tax return. The form is divided into two columns. The left column contains the following sections: "Report Combined Taxes" (with a note to report combined tax information for the parent and their spouse), "Where to find this information on the tax form", "Filing Status" (with radio buttons for Single, Head of household, Married filing jointly (selected), Married filing separately, and Qualifying surviving spouse), "Income Earned From Work" (with a text input field showing 3,000.00), "Tax Exempt Interest Income" (with a text input field showing 0.00), "Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions" (with a text input field showing 0.00), "Untaxed Portions of Pensions" (with a text input field showing 0.00), and "Adjusted Gross Income" (with a text input field showing 3,000.00). The right column contains the following sections: "Income Tax Paid" (with a text input field showing 1,000.00), "IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-Employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans" (with a text input field showing 0.00), "Education Credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit)" (with a text input field showing 0.00), "Did the parent file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2023 IRS Form 1040?" (with radio buttons for Yes, No (selected), and Don't know), "Net Profit or Loss From IRS Form 1040 Schedule C" (with a text input field showing 0.00), "Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorp Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS" (with a text input field showing 0.00 and a note that the parent paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits), and "Foreign Earned Income Exclusion" (with a text input field showing 0.00). At the bottom of the form are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Parent Assets

- Annual child support received
- Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net value of investments
 - Real estate
 - Mutual funds, stocks, bonds
 - 529 college savings accounts (only for the student)
 - Exclude: primary home, life insurance, retirement accounts
- Net value of all businesses and farms value (in the past some were excluded)
- If parent income <\$60,000, no asset questions will be asked

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

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Parent Assets

Total Amount of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts on the Date the FAFSA Form Was First Submitted
Don't include student aid.

\$ 500 .00 ⓘ

Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate, on the Date the FAFSA Form Was First Submitted
Don't include the home the parent lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms on the Date the FAFSA Form Was First Submitted
Enter the net worth of the parent's businesses and for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them.

Other Parent Information

Parent provides information about other parent (if married or living together) or current spouse

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a parent of Jerry Price. The page is titled "Parent Spouse's or Partner's Information" and includes instructions for entering information about a spouse or partner. It features a progress bar with three steps: 1. Demographics, 2. Financials, and 3. Signature. The current step is "Parent Spouse's or Partner's Information".

Instructions on the page:

- Enter the following information about the parent spouse or partner.
- If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account. Only the email address doesn't need to match.
- We highly recommend you provide the necessary information on this page, and select either "Continue" or "Save" before exiting the form.
- IMPORTANT:** If your contributor doesn't have a Social Security number, you may encounter an issue that impacts your ability to add them to your form. If you receive this error, review the [guidance and recommended workaround](#) and try again.

The form fields are as follows:

- Parent Spouse or Partner:** Indicated by a green icon with a plus sign.
- First Name:** Ally
- Last Name:** Price
- Date of Birth:** Month: 02, Day: 13, Year: 1981
- Social Security Number (SSN):** ***-**-6263 (with a "SHOW SSN" link)
- The parent spouse or partner doesn't have an SSN.
- Email Address:** allyp@gmail.com
- Confirm Email Address:** allyp@gmail.com

Navigation buttons at the bottom: "Previous" and "Continue".

Parent Review Page

- Can expand all or expand each section
- To edit a response, select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page
- Data transferred from the IRS will not display on this page

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Parent Review Page for Jenny Price. The page is titled "Continue To Sign Your Form" and includes a summary of the information provided. A green checkmark indicates that the user has completed the "Scroll To Continue" step. Below this, there is a list of "Parent Sections" that have been completed, including "Introduction Personal Identifiers", "Section 1 Demographics", and "Section 2 Financials". The page also features "Previous" and "Continue" buttons at the bottom.

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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 to continue. You must continue past this page to sign and submit your section of the FAFSA form.

Parent Sections Expand All

- Introduction Personal Identifiers
- Section 1 Demographics
- Section 2 Financials

Previous Continue

Parent Signature

- Parent agrees to terms and conditions and can submit the parent section
- The FAFSA is not considered complete nor processed until all sections are sent

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Demographics Financials **Signature**

Sign and Submit the FAFSA[®] Form

Summary

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additionally, by signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, you authorize the U.S. Department of Education to disclose all information you provided on this application, as required under Section 483(a)(2)(D)(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, to the institutions identified herein, state higher education agencies (in the student's 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 the student selected to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.

Sign for yourself and submit the application for Jenny Price (Student).

I, Mark Price, agree to the terms outlined above.

Previous Sign and Submit

FAFSA Confirmation

- If parent completed the last required section, the FAFSA will be submitted for processing
- Page provides info on tracking the FAFSA and next steps
- Student will receive an email with detailed confirmation info

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 confirmation page for Jenny Price. The page features a celebratory banner with hot air balloons and the text "Congratulations, The FAFSA® Form Is Complete!". Below the banner, the user's name "Jenny Price" and the completion date "08/28/2024" are displayed. The main section is titled "What Happens Next" and contains three items:

- 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.

At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form" and "View Status".

Parent Starting the FAFSA First

If parent wants to start FAFSA before the student, clicks *Start New Form* on FAFSA homepage
fafsa.gov

The screenshot shows the FAFSA homepage with the following elements:

- Header: "An official website of the United States government." and "Help Center | Submit a Complaint | English | Español".
- Navigation: "FederalStudentAid" logo, "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", "Loan Forgiveness", and a search icon.
- Main Content:
 - "Get Money To Help Pay for School" section with a description of the FAFSA form.
 - Buttons for "Start a 2025-26 FAFSA® Form" (with "Start New Form" sub-button) and "Edit a 2025-26 FAFSA® Form or Accept an Invitation" (with "Edit Existing Forms" sub-button).
 - Section for "Need the 2024-25 FAFSA form?" with "Start New Form" and "Edit Existing Forms" links.
 - "Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In" section with dropdowns for "School Year" and "State of Residence", a "Find Deadlines" button, and a link to "View All FAFSA Deadlines".
- FAQ Section:
 - "Who should complete the FAFSA® form?" - Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs.
 - "How long will it take?" - It takes most people less than one hour to fill out the FAFSA form, including gathering any personal documents and financial information needed to complete it.
 - "What do I need?" - Verified account username and password (FSA ID), Parent or spouse contributor name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address, and Income and asset information (if required).

Parent Login

Parent should log in with FSA ID or click *Create an Account* to get an FSA ID

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's parent login interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Federal Student Aid logo, a search icon, and links for 'Log In' and 'Create Account'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a 'Log In' section with a blue header and a right-pointing arrow. The login form includes two input fields: 'Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username' with the value 'test595011023' and 'Password' with masked characters and a 'Show Password' link. A prominent blue 'Log In' button is centered below the fields. Underneath the button are links for 'Forgot My Username' and 'Forgot My Password', followed by a 'Create an Account' link. At the bottom of the login section is a link that says 'Help Me Log In to My Account'. The footer of the page contains additional navigation links like 'Help Center', 'Contact Us', 'Site Feedback', 'About Us', 'Announcements', 'Data Center', 'Resources', and 'Forms Library', along with social media icons and a 'Site Feedback' link.

Parent Role

Parents selects “I am starting the FAFSA form as a Parent”

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 login interface. At the top left, it says 'FAFSA FORM 2025-26'. The main header area features a light blue background with illustrations of hot air balloons and a banner that reads 'Welcome, Mark, to the FAFSA Form'. Below this, a progress indicator shows 'I am starting the FAFSA form as a'. Two selection options are presented: 'Student' with an unselected radio button and a graduation cap icon, and 'Parent' with a selected radio button and a family icon. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Student Information

- Parent provides student information
- Since student has not started a FAFSA, student will receive an email with notification that a FAFSA has been started on the student's behalf
- Student can then log in, provide consent for IRS data transfer, and sign the FAFSA
- The parent can answer the student questions
- If student hasn't yet provided consent, parent can manually enter student's tax return info

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Student Information form. The form is titled "Student Information" and includes instructions: "Enter the student's information below to start a FAFSA® form on their behalf. They will receive an email inviting them to this FAFSA form." and "If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account. Only the email address does not need to match." The form fields are: First Name (Jenny), Last Name (Price), Date of Birth (Month: 01, Day: 01, Year: 2005), Social Security Number (SSN) (***-**-5184, SHOW SSN), Email Address (jennyp@gmail.com), and Confirm Email Address (jennyp@gmail.com). There are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons at the bottom.

FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)

- Summary of FAFSA information
- Lists when FAFSA was received and processed
- Links to aid summary and College Scorecard
- 4 tabs
 - Eligibility Overview
 - FAFSA Form Answers
 - School Information
 - Next Steps
- FSS should arrive 1-3 days after FAFSA submission

The screenshot shows the top portion of the FAFSA Submission Summary page. It includes a navigation bar with a back arrow and a 'Print FAFSA Submission Summary' link. The main title is 'FAFSA FORM 2025-26 FAFSA Submission Summary'. Below this, a table displays key information: Student (Raya Tran), Application Received (Aug. 29, 2024), Application Processed (Aug. 29, 2024), and Data Release Number (4110). The page is currently viewing 'Submission 2'. A navigation menu at the bottom includes 'Eligibility Overview' (highlighted), 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps'.

The screenshot displays the 'Estimated Federal Student Aid' section. It features three main aid categories: Federal Pell Grant (up to \$7,395), Federal Direct Loans (up to \$5,500), and Federal Work-Study (labeled 'You May Be Eligible'). A disclaimer notes that these are estimates based on full-time enrollment. A 'Keep in mind, this is only an estimate' warning box is present. On the right, there are two call-to-action boxes: 'View All of Your Federal Student Aid in One Place' with a 'Visit My Aid' button, and 'Find the Right College or Career School' with a 'Visit College Scorecard' button. An illustration of a student looking at a phone is at the bottom right.

Eligibility Overview

- Lists federal aid student may receive, including Pell Grant and Direct Loans (these are only estimates)
- List the Student Aid Index (SAI)

Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

Your SAI is a number used by your school to determine your federal student aid eligibility and to build your financial aid offer. Your SAI may change due to verification or if you update or correct your FAFSA information.

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[What does this mean?](#)


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Estimated Federal Student Aid

Federal Pell Grant A Federal Pell Grant is awarded to undergraduate students who have financial need and who have not earned a degree or are in a teacher certification program. Federal Pell Grants don't need to be repaid.	Up to \$7,395
Federal Direct Loans A federal direct loan is money lent by the government to you that you must repay with interest.	Up to \$5,500
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.

[Learn more about financial aid](#)

**Keep in mind, this is only an estimate**
Always refer to your school's financial aid offer for a final determination of financial aid available.

FAFSA Form Answers

- Students sees answers provided by all contributors
- Here the student can start a correction
- Data transferred from the IRS will not display on this page

The screenshot displays the 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers' page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers' (which is selected), 'School Information', and 'Next Steps'. Below the tabs, the heading 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers' is followed by a sub-heading 'Personal Identifiers'. A 'Make a Correction' button is visible in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'Student Sections' and includes an 'Expand All' dropdown menu. The 'Personal Identifiers' section is expanded, showing a list of fields with their corresponding values:

First Name	→ Raya
Middle Name	→ A
Last Name	→ Tran
Suffix	→
Date of Birth	→ 5/5/2003
Social Security Number	→1234
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	→
Mobile Phone Number	→ (555) 555-5555
Email	→ raya.tran@email.com

School Information

Student sees the following information for each school selected:

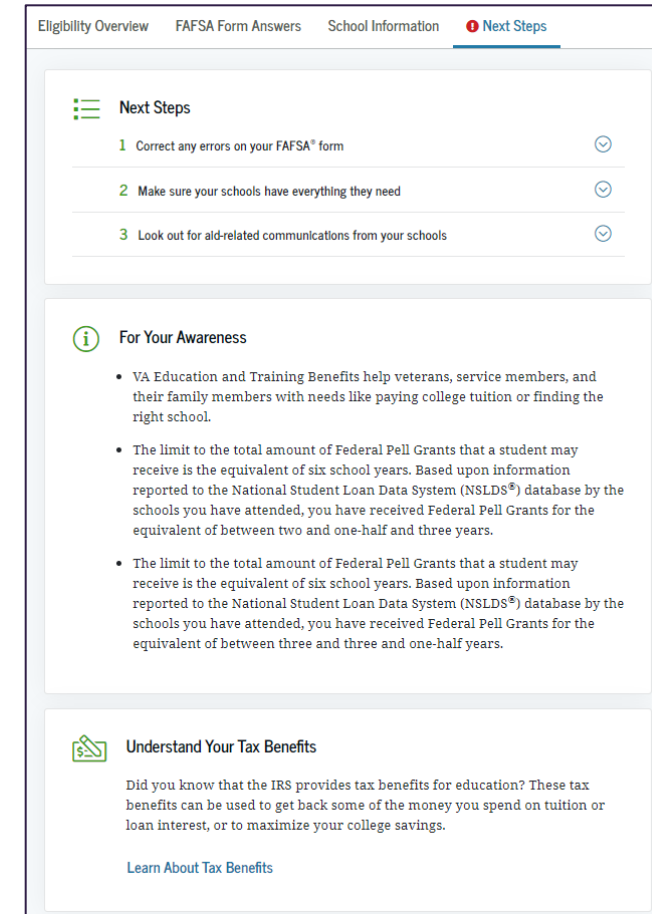
- Graduation rate
- Retention rate
- Transfer rate
- Default rate
- Median debt upon completion
- Average annual cost

The screenshot shows the 'School Information' tab selected in a navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'Find an Affordable School' with a sub-header 'Many schools offer the opportunity to attend college affordably. Learn about the costs and benefits associated with the schools you listed on your form.' A link 'Learn More on College Scorecard' is present. To the right, it says 'Showing results for family income between \$0-\$30,000'. Below this is a table with the following data:

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Default Rate	Median Debt Upon Completion	Average Annual Cost
Allen School - Brooklyn	77.49%	66.41%	N/A	3.1%	\$9,500	\$22,666
Genesee Community College	30.95%	54.17%	29.86%	5.2%	\$11,622	\$4,060
Suny at Purchase	65.93%	78.57%	22.95%	2.9%	\$21,067	\$14,327

Next Steps

- Comments displayed based on student's FAFSA
- Some may require student to make a correction or send documentation to schools



The screenshot shows the 'Next Steps' section of the FAFSA portal. It includes a navigation bar with 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (highlighted). The 'Next Steps' section contains three numbered items: 1. Correct any errors on your FAFSA® form, 2. Make sure your schools have everything they need, and 3. Look out for aid-related communications from your schools. Below this is a 'For Your Awareness' section with three bullet points regarding VA Education and Training Benefits and the limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants. At the bottom is an 'Understand Your Tax Benefits' section with a link to 'Learn About Tax Benefits'.

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Next Steps

- 1 Correct any errors on your FAFSA® form
- 2 Make sure your schools have everything they need
- 3 Look out for aid-related communications from your schools

For Your Awareness

- VA Education and Training Benefits help veterans, service members, and their family members with needs like paying college tuition or finding the right school.
- The limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive is the equivalent of six school years. Based upon information reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) database by the schools you have attended, you have received Federal Pell Grants for the equivalent of between two and one-half and three years.
- The limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive is the equivalent of six school years. Based upon information reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) database by the schools you have attended, you have received Federal Pell Grants for the equivalent of between three and three and one-half years.

Understand Your Tax Benefits

Did you know that the IRS provides tax benefits for education? These tax benefits can be used to get back some of the money you spend on tuition or loan interest, or to maximize your college savings.

[Learn About Tax Benefits](#)

What Happens After You Submit the FAFSA

- Colleges and the state receive the data electronically
- Colleges may request additional documentation or additional information through a process called Verification
 - You must comply with Verification to receive federal financial aid
- Colleges send out financial aid offers (typically Mar-April)

National and Community Resources



- Free assistance completing the FAFSA
- Events Oct-Feb
- More information at FAFSADay.org



Educational Opportunity Centers

- Free financial aid help
- MassEdCO.org

Things To Do

01

Register for other MEFA webinars at mefa.org/webinars

02

Get an FSA ID for the student and parent(s)

03

Research deadlines and required applications

- Schools may require applications in addition to the FAFSA







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Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible, along with other financial aid applications

Connect with MEFA

Scan the QR code to sign up for MEFA emails on relevant college planning topics.



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