Financial Aid Night

Academic Year 2024-2025



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FAFSA 2024-25

• For the 24-25 Academic Year, the FAFSA is going through a "Simplification" process.

- •Due to this overhaul, the FAFSA will not be available until December 2023.
- Will go back to Oct 1 in following years.



Getting started Step 1 – Create an Account (FSA ID)

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to complete federal student aid tasks.

What You Can Use Your Account For:

- Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form
- Signing you Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool

Items Needed to Create an Account:

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

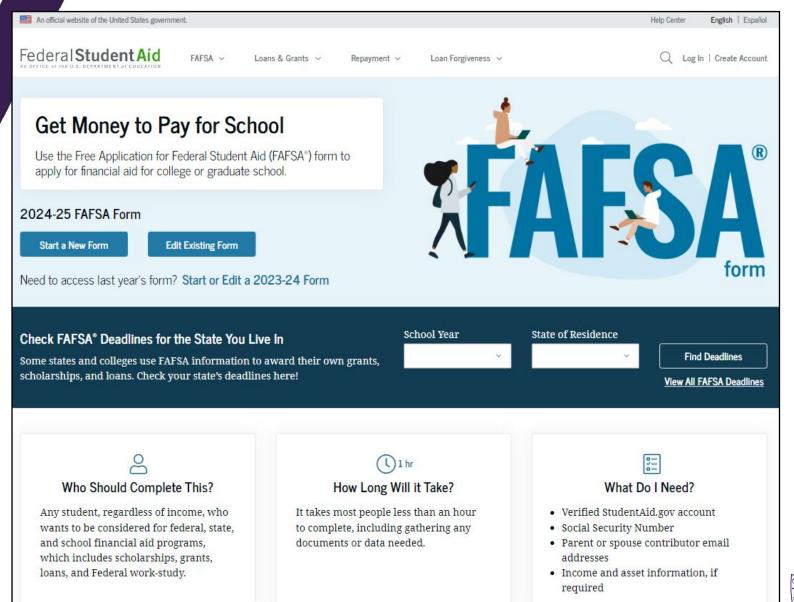


Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Driving factor in determining eligibility for aid other than merit scholarships
- The 2024-2025 application will be open sometime in December 2023 and based upon 2022 taxes
- Recommend that you complete as soon as possible once it opens

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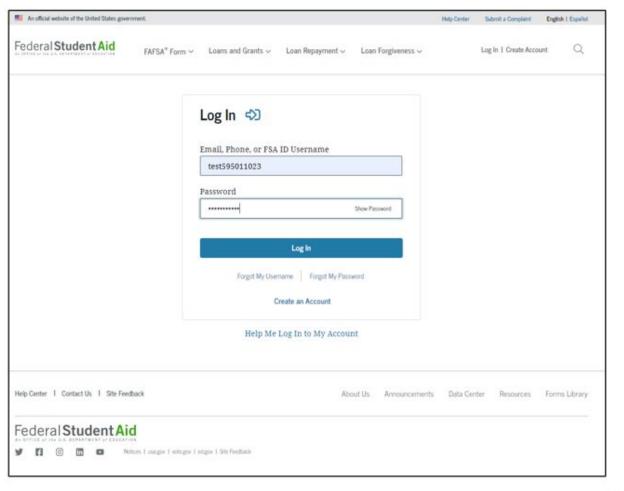






Dependent Student Log In

If the student selects "Start a New Form" from the FAFSA® landing page and they are not logged in to StudentAid.gov, they are taken to the "Log In" page to enter their login credentials. To access the FAFSA form. all students are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the student doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account."



Dependent Student Roles

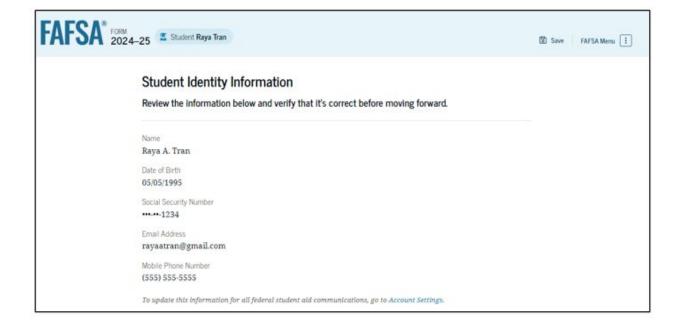
After logging in, the student can select the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA® form: "Student," or "Parent." The student selects "Student."





Dependent Student Identity Information

This is the first page within the student section. The student can verify that their personal information is correct. To update any of the personal information, the student must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov. For fields related to the student's mailing address, the student can edit them directly on this page.



Dependent Student Provides Consent

This page informs the student about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Student Financials section. The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.



Which parent to report?

If the parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support, even if the student does not live with them. If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.



Which parent to report?

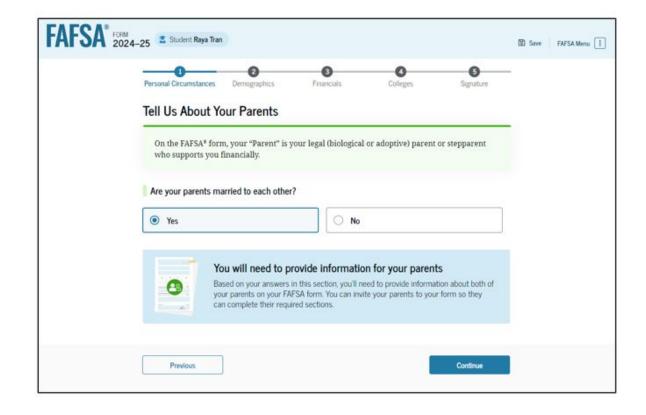
- 1. The parent of record is the parent who provided the greater portion of the student's financial support during the 12 months immediately prior to filing the FAFSA.
- 2.If neither parent provided support in the 12-month period in #1, the parent of record is the parent who provided the greater portion of support during the most recent year that the student received financial support from a parent.
- 3.If both parents claim an equal amount of support, then the parent of record is the parent with the greater amount of income or assets. Examples of support could include child support paid, federal/state benefits, health insurance dependent, etc.





Dependent Student: Tell Us About Your Parents

As the student is considered dependent, they are asked to provide information about their parents. The FAFSA® form considers their "Parent" to be their legal (biological or adoptive) parent. The student is asked if their parents are married. The student selects "Yes" and is required to invite their parents to their FAFSA form to complete the required parent sections.



Dependent Student Invites Parents to FAFSA® Form

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.

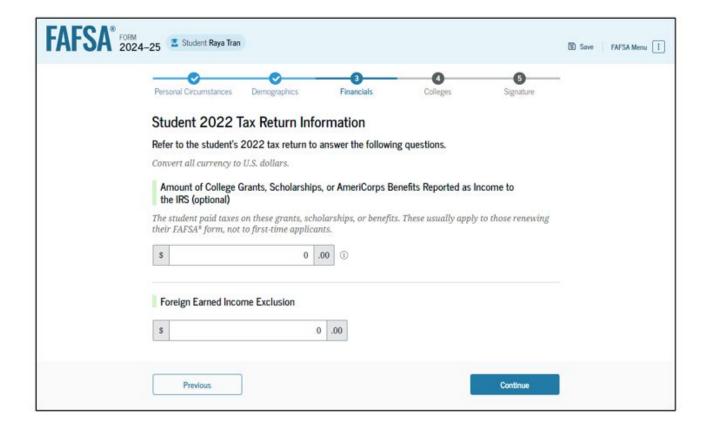


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Dependent Student Tax Return Information

The student is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The student enters a response in each entry field.





Dependent Student Assets

The student is asked about their assets.

The student enters a response in each entry field.



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Assets

Net worth means the current value, as of today, of investments, businesses, and/or investment farms, minus debts related to those same investments, businesses, and/or investment farms. When calculating net worth, use 0 for investments or properties with a negative value.

Investments include real estate (do not include the home in which you live), rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

Investments also include qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts and, if the student is not the beneficiary, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans). Parents of dependent students should not report the value of educational savings accounts for other children. For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and/or the student's spouse) are reported as student investments in question 22. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments in question 40, including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.

Assets

Investments do not include the home you live in, the value of life insurance, ABLE accounts, 529 college savings plans if the student is the beneficiary, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.), or cash, savings, and checking accounts reported in the previous question.

Investments also do not include UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.



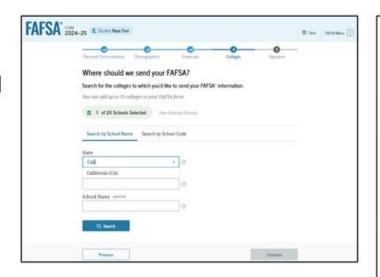
Dependent Student College Search

The student is asked to search for the colleges and/or career schools they would like to receive their FAFSA® information.

The student searches for a school by entering a state, city, and/or school name.

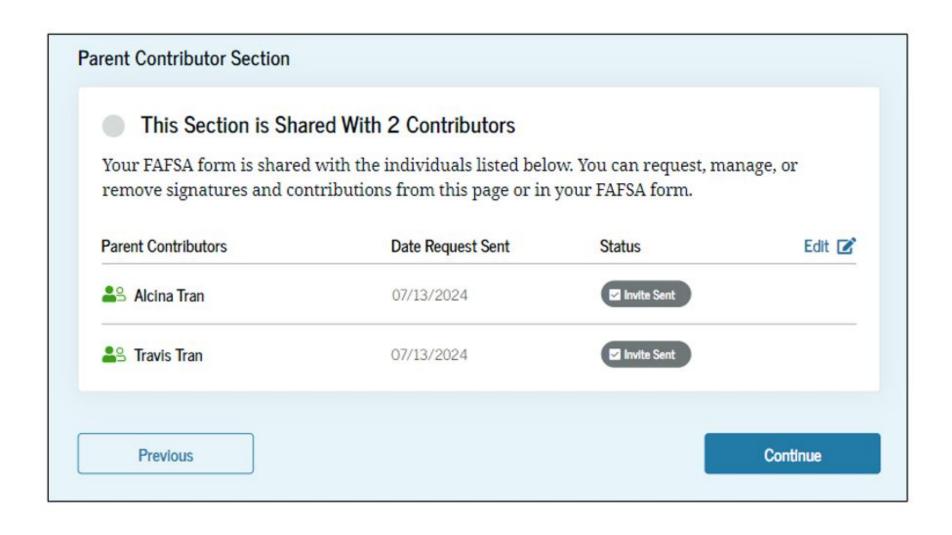
After selecting "Search," they select the correct school from the search results.

Students can select to send their FAFSA information to a maximum of 20 schools.



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Wellesley College Springfield, California (CA)	Federal School Code F09983	✓Selected
Macalester College Madison, California (CA)	Federal School Code 038412	+ Select
Smith College Lexington, California (CA)	Federal School Code 692383	+ Select
Rhodes College Centerville, California (CA)	Federal School Code E89235	+ Select
Rice University Burlington, California (CA)	Federal School Code B09773	+ Select

Dependent Student Review Page (Continued)



Dependent Student Signature

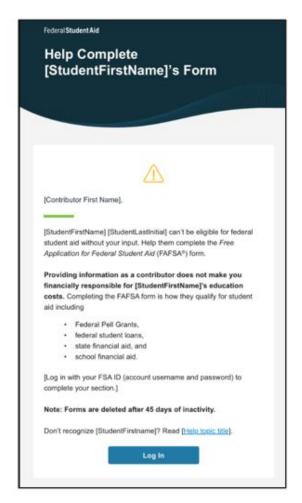
On this page, the student acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and signs their section. After agreeing and signing, the student is able to submit their section of the FAFSA form. Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed yet.





Dependent Student's Parent Email

This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects "Log In" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.

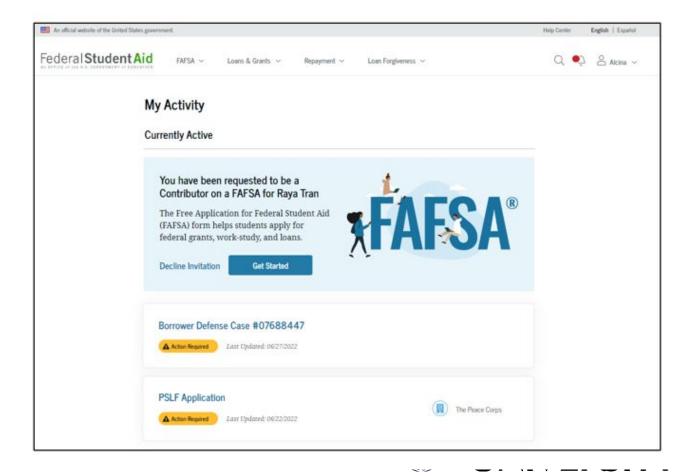






Parent Status Center – My Activity

After successfully logging in, the parent is taken to their "My Activity" page. The parent sees an invitation to be a contributor on the student's FAFSA® form.





Dependent Student's Parent Provides Consent

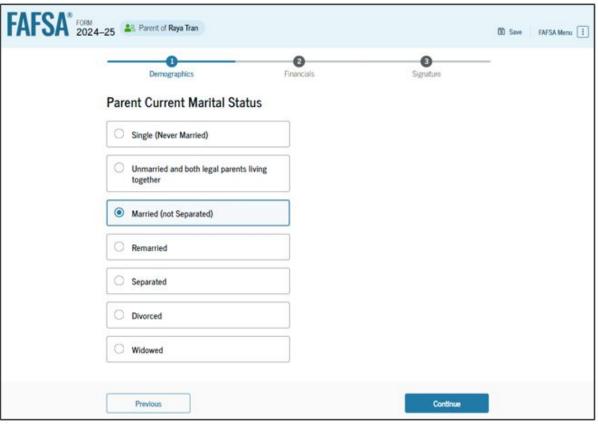
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Dependent Student's Parent Current Marital Status

The parent is asked about their current marital status. They select the "Married (not Separated)" option.





Dependent Student's Parent Federal Benefits Received

This page asks the parent if they or anyone in their family has received federal benefits.

The parent selects "None of these apply."

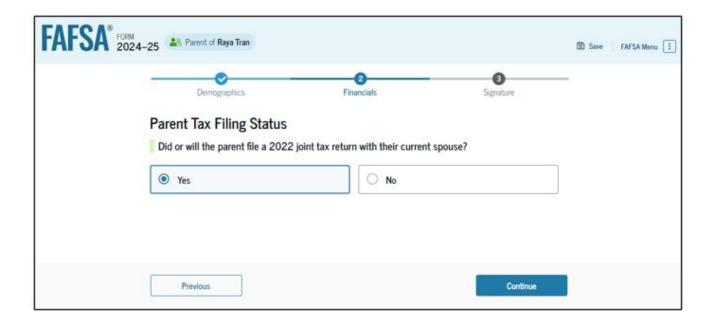






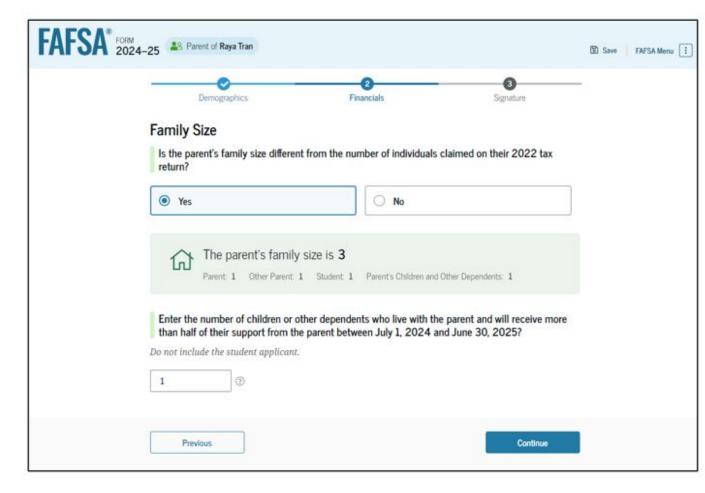
Dependent Student's Parent Tax Filing Status

This page asks the parent about their tax filing status. The parent selects "Yes" to "Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?"



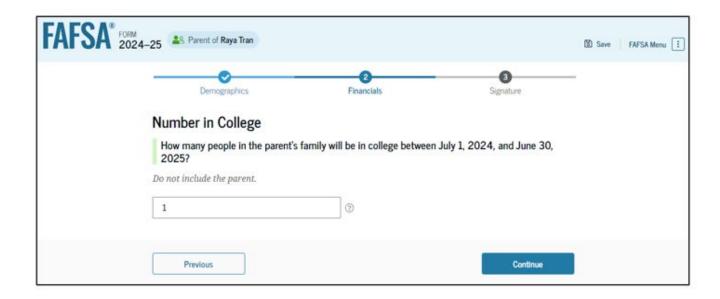
Dependent Student's Parent Family Size

This page asks the parent if their family size has changed. The parent selects the "Yes" option.



Dependent Student's Parent Number in College

This page asks the parent how many people in the family will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. The parent enters a response into the entry field.



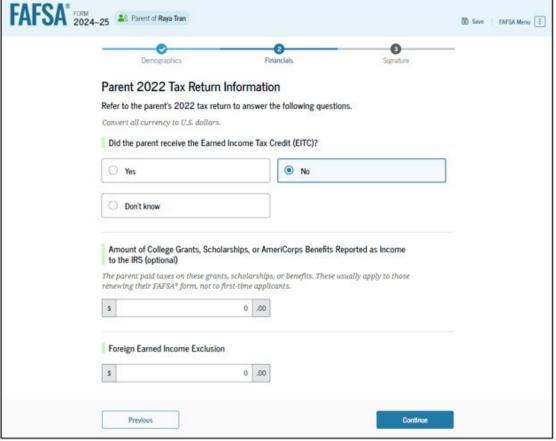
No longer used in SAI calculations, but schools can still use for aid consideration.





Dependent Student's Parent Tax Return Information

The parent is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The parent enters a response in each entry field.





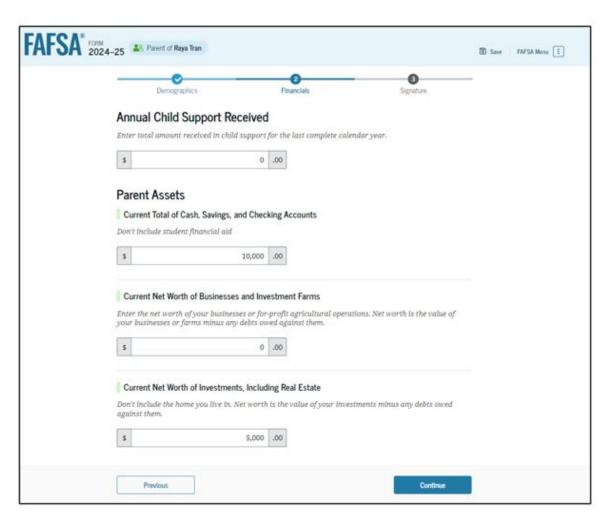


Dependent Student's Parent Assets

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The parent enters a response in each entry field.

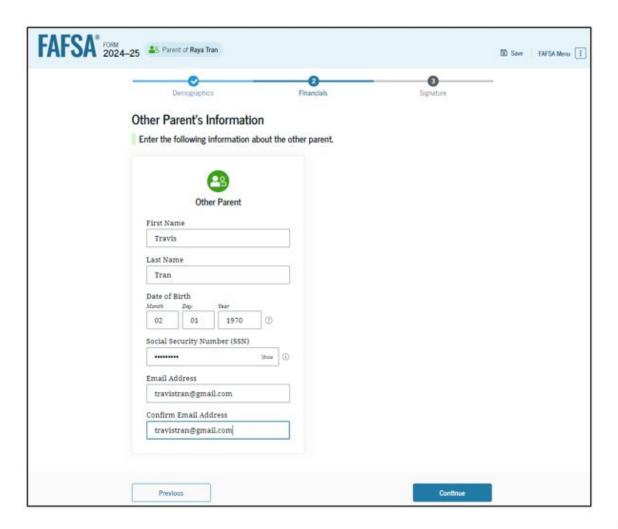
Child Support received – use amount received for the last complete calendar year (as of the date filing the FAFSA).





Dependent Student's Other Parent Information

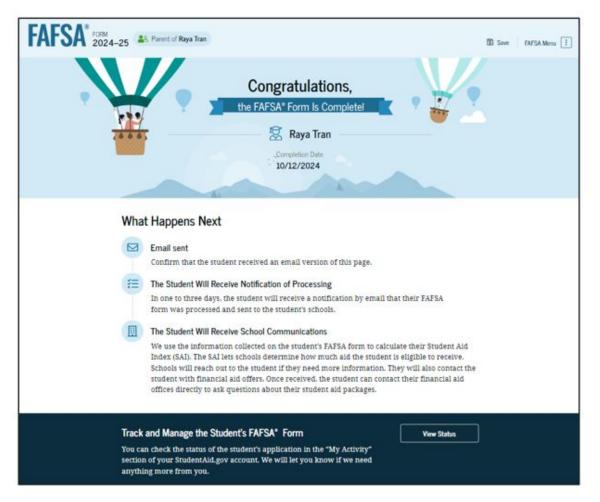
The parent is asked to provide information about their spouse or partner.





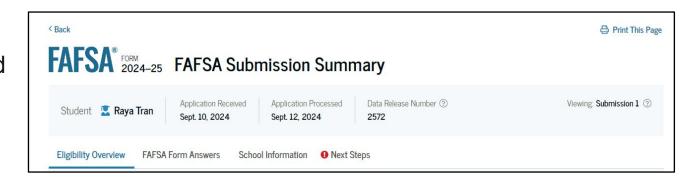
Dependent Student FAFSA® Confirmation

Upon submitting the student's FAFSA® form, the parent is presented an abbreviated confirmation page. This page displays information about tracking the student's FAFSA form and next steps. The student will receive an email with the full, detailed confirmation. With the student and parent sections completed and signed, the FAFSA form is now considered complete and submitted for processing.



FAFSA Submission Summary Landing Student Aid Page

he student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary for their processed FAFSA® form and any subsequent corrections that they submit. The FAFSA Submission Summary is broken into four tabs: Eligibility Overview, FAFSA Form Answers, School Information, and Next Steps. At the top, the student will see information about when their form was received and processed. They also have the option to print their FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.

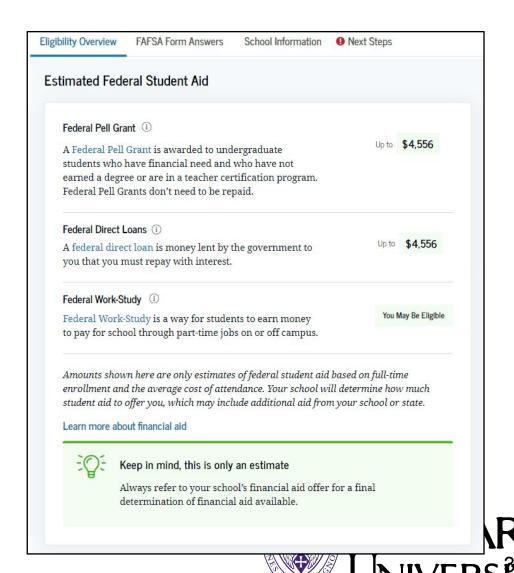






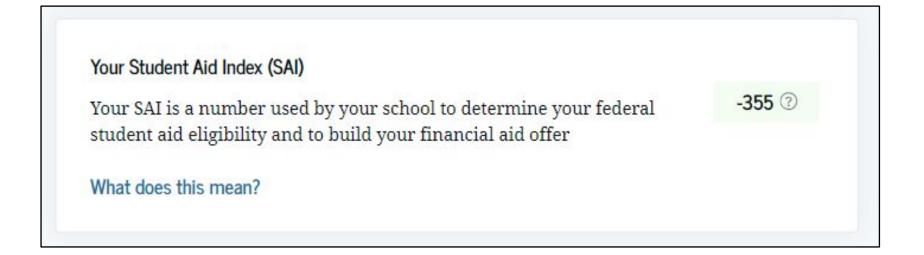
Eligibility Overview

On the Eligibility Overview tab, the student sees information about what federal student aid they may be eligible for, such as a Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans. They are also able to view the Student Aid Index. Any amounts of financial aid that display on this tab are estimates and are not guaranteed. Final determination of the student's financial aid eligibility is provided by their school's financial aid office.





Eligibility Overview (Continued)

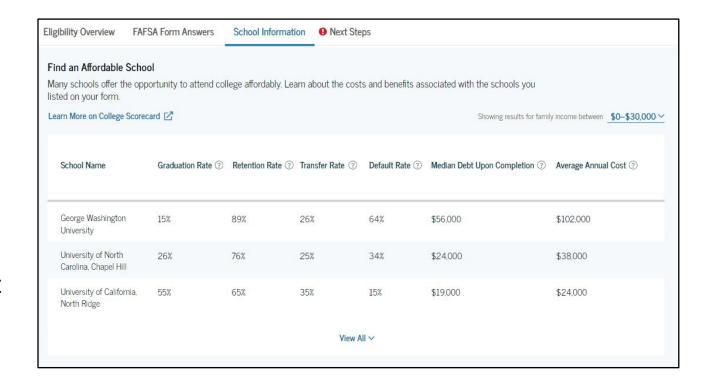






School Information

On the School Information tab, the student sees information about the college(s) and/or career school(s) that they selected to send their FAFSA® information. The student can compare the graduation rate, retention rate, transfer rate, default rate, median debt upon completion, and average annual cost of their selected schools.







After the FAFSA submission

Each school will receive the FAFSA electronically within 3-5 business days.

You will see a range of when offer letters are sent out – January-April.



What is Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Direct and indirect costs combined into cost of attendance
- Varies widely from college to college



What is the Student Aid Index (SAI)

- Amount family can reasonably be expected to contribute
- Stays the same regardless of college
- Two components
 - Parent contribution
 - Student contribution
- Calculated using data from a federal application form and a federal formula



What is Financial Need

Cost of Attendance

- Student Aid Index
- = Financial Need



Types of Financial Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans
- Employment



Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal government
- States
- Colleges/Universities
- Private sources
- Civic organizations and churches
- Employers



Federal Government

- Largest source of financial aid
- Aid awarded primarily on the basis of financial need
- Must apply every year using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



Common Federal Aid Programs

- Federal Pell Grant
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH)
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Federal Work-Study
- Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans
- PLUS Loans



State Aid Programs

- Residency requirements
- Award aid on the basis of both merit and need
- Use information from the FAFSA
- Deadlines vary by state; check paper FAFSA or FAFSA on the Web site

NYS: Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Academic Excellence, Excelsior, etc.



Private Sources/Employers

- Foundations, businesses, charitable organizations
- Deadlines and application procedures vary widely
- Begin researching private aid sources early
- Companies may have scholarships available to the children of employees
- Companies may have educational benefits for their employees



Special Conditions/Appeals

 If income or situation has changed since 2022 – contact school. May be able to perform a Professional Judgement.

 Even if nothing has changed, you can still ask the school for additional funds.





Financial Aid Award Letter Worksheet

Use the information from your financial aid offer letters to determine the net cost to you and your parent(s).

	SCHOOL 1	SCHOOL 2	SCHOOL 3	SCHOOL 4
College or University Name				
Direct Charges Tuition and Fees Room and Board				
Grants and Scholarships				
Federal Pell Grant				
State Grant				
Other Grants and Scholarships				
Total Grants and Scholarships				3
Work-Study Program*				
Loans				
Federal Direct				
Total Loans				
Total Financial Aid Award Total Grants and Scholarships + Work-Study + Total Loans =				
otal Direct Charges	\$	\$\$	\$	\$
Total Financial Aid	\$	\$\$	\$	\$

*Although work-study is part of your financial aid package, it must be earned by working at a job while you are in school.



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