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Introducing the New 2024 - 2025 FAFSA Form

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What is FAFSA?

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- ▶ A student may qualify for:
 - Federal Pell grant
 - Work-study funds
 - Direct Loans
- ▶ Most scholarships require a FAFSA to be on file.

Presentation Introduction

- ▶ Our goals are designed to:
 - Walk you through the FAFSA form
 - Provide step-by-step directions through every section
 - Give time between each section to review it
 - Q&A

Creating An Account

- ▶ **New Students & Parents: Create FSA Account**
 - It may take up to 24 hours for FSA to verify your account
- ▶ **Parents & Contributors who do not have an SSN can create an FSA Account**
- ▶ **Returning Students & Parents: Log in to your existing FSA account**
 - If you have ever set up an FSA account, the system will ask you to log in using either security questions or the email address associated with your account

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I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.

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I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.

Parent

I want to help my child pay for college.

In Repayment

I have loans I need to repay.

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Create an Account



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Personal Information

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

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

First Name



Middle Initial



Last Name



Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year



Social Security Number



What if I don't have a Social Security number?

Cancel

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Report as stated on SSN Card (if applicable)

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Section 5: Acceptable Identification Documents

All acceptable documents submitted for verification or proof of identity must be valid (current and unexpired). The name of the individual and address on the utility bill must match the information provided on this form. Only one (1) document is required from Group A or two (2) documents from Group B.

Group A

- U.S. State/Territory Driver's License
- U.S. State or City Identification Card
- Foreign Passport

Group B: Utility Bill ^[1] plus one (1) of the following:

- Municipal identification card
- Community ID
- Consular identification card

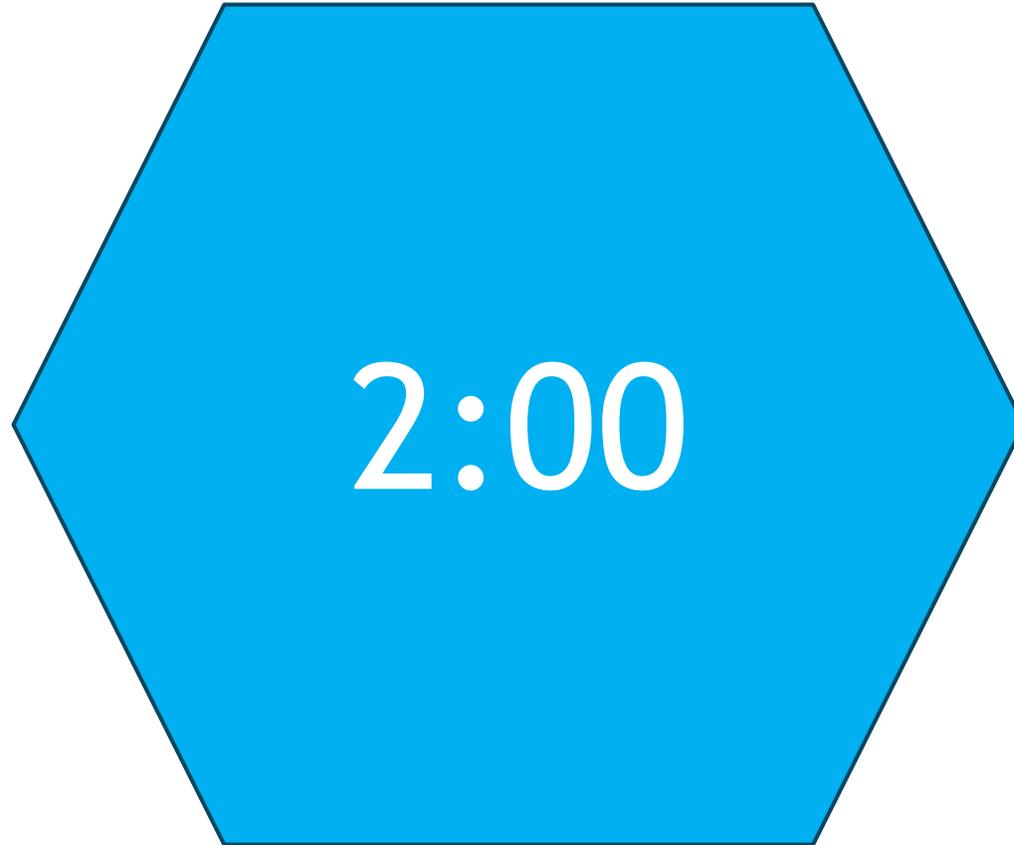
¹A utility bill is generally defined as a monthly statement that details an amount owed by an individual(s) of a household for basic services that keep a residence operable. Such as: electricity, water/sewer, gas, trash/ recycling, television, internet, or phone bill.

have an SSN.

Cancel

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A Better 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024–25 FAFSA form is now available. We've started sending submitted applications to colleges and states. [Learn more about 2024–25 FAFSA updates.](#)

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Start New Form

Access Existing Form



Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023–24 FAFSA Form](#)



Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In

Some states and colleges use information from the FAFSA form to determine your eligibility for their grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines [here!](#)

Missing a state deadline does not impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed.

School Year

State of Residence

Find Deadlines

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Student
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first

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Student



Parent



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Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

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What is the FAFSA[®] form?

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA[®]) form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college or graduate school.



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Personal Information: Dependent/Independent

Student Identity Information

Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.

Name

Date of Birth

Social Security Number

Email Address

Mobile Phone Number

To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to Account Settings.

Permanent Mailing Address
Include apartment number.

City
KEY WEST

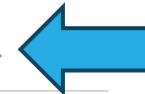
State
FL

Zip Code
33040

Country ?

United States (US)

If information is incorrect, please update in account settings



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Student State of Legal Residence

State ⓘ

Florida (FL)

Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of Florida

Month

Year



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State of Legal Residence

The state where your permanent address is located. Each state determines legal residency differently.

Select your current state.

If you moved into a state for the sole purpose of attending a school, don't count that state as your permanent address.

You should contact your college's or career school's financial aid office for assistance with permanent address questions.

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Date of Legal Residency

Enter the month and year when you became a legal resident in the state you reported as your state of legal residence. If you were born in this state, enter the month and year you were born.

Enter or select the month in the "Month" field. Use the "mm" format if typing. For example, August should be entered as "08."

Enter the year in the "Year" field in "yyyy" format. For example, enter "2015" instead of "15."

Your state of legal residence will use this information to determine if you meet its criteria for state financial aid.

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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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Student Current Marital Status [ⓘ]

Single (never married)

Married (not separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

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Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2024-25 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 2024-25 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree? ⓘ

- Yes
- No

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Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply.

- The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training. ⓘ
- The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces. ⓘ
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent). ⓘ
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court. ⓘ
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care. ⓘ
- The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence. ⓘ
- The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence. ⓘ
- None of these apply.

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Student Other Circumstances

At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ⓘ

Yes

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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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Your Dependency Status



Independent Student

Based on your answers, you're an independent student. This means you don't need to answer questions about your parents to complete your FAFSA® form.

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The next few slides are for Dependent students

Your Dependency Status



Dependent Student

Based on your answers, you are a dependent student. This means you must provide parent information on your FAFSA[®] form. This information helps determine how much federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents' information? ⓘ

Select "No" if the student wants a financial aid administrator at their school to determine eligibility for ALL types of financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study funds. The student's parent(s) will be required to provide their information on the FAFSA form.

Yes

No

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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

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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

Do the parents live together?

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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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 does not make them financially responsible for your education. Right now, you can invite one or both of your parents to your form and have them complete their required sections.

Enter information about your parents 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 (SSN), you may encounter an issue that impacts your ability to add them to your form. If you receive this error, review [this guidance](#) and recommended workaround and try again.

Only the email address does not need to match the email associated with their StudentAid.gov account. Please use the email address that you know is most likely to reach your contributor.



Parent

First Name ⓘ



Parent Spouse or Partner

Optional

First Name ⓘ



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FSA accounts should be created before sending the invite

Parent

First Name ⓘ

Last Name ⓘ

Date of Birth ⓘ

Month	Day	Year
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Social Security Number (SSN) ⓘ

My parent doesn't have an SSN. Checking this box when your parent does have an SSN may delay processing of your FAFSA form.

Email Address ⓘ

Confirm Email Address ⓘ

Send Invite

Parent Spouse or Partner

Optional

First Name ⓘ

Last Name ⓘ

Date of Birth ⓘ

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Social Security Number (SSN) ⓘ

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Email Address ⓘ

Confirm Email Address ⓘ

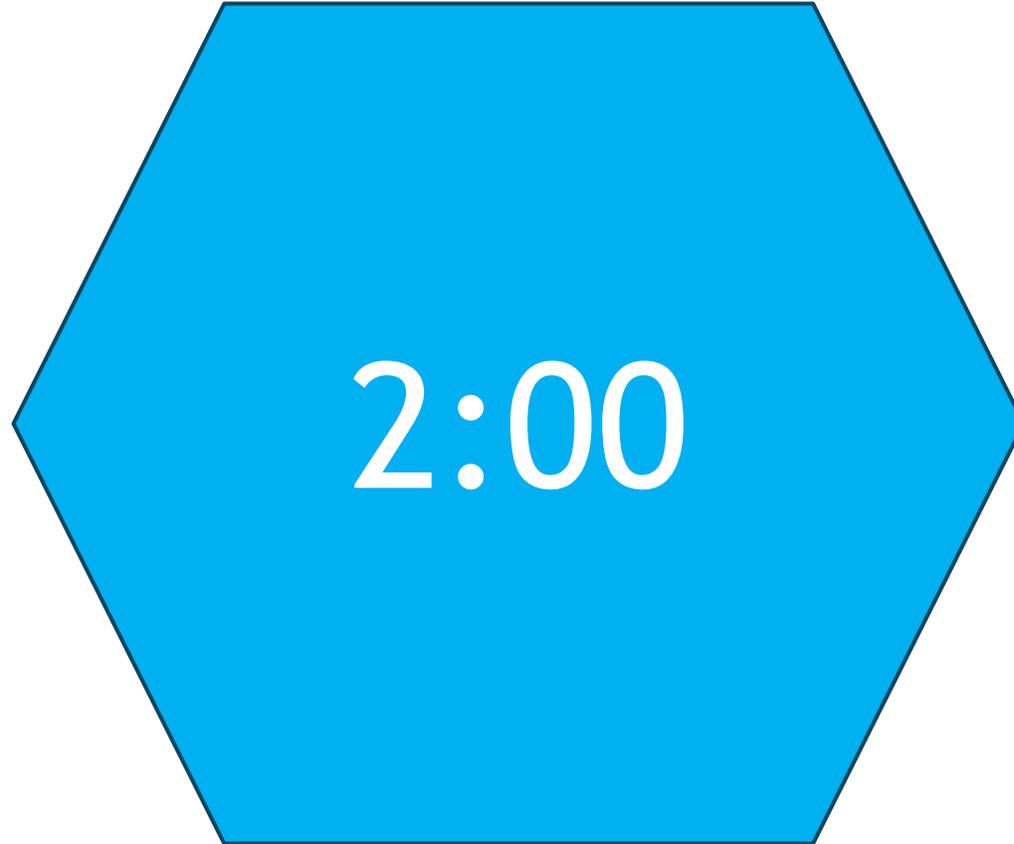
Send Invite

If both parents are living together, we recommend inviting both

If the parent has an SSN, it must be provided



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Personal Demographics: Dependent/Independent

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Student Demographics

We'll ask questions about you and your parent(s). Some of these questions will help determine how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive for school.



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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 [ⓘ]

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

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

Help with the FAFSA® form

Login (FSA ID) issues

I want my loan and grant info

I have a different question



What is the student's race?

Select all that apply.

White

Black or African American

Asian

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Prefer not to answer

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Student Citizenship Status ^①

U.S. citizen or national

Eligible noncitizen

Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

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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

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.

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High School Completion Status When the Student Begins the 2024–25 School Year

Select the answer that describes the student's high school completion status.

- **"High school diploma"** means the student has received or will receive a U.S. high school diploma or a foreign school diploma that's equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma before the first date of their enrollment in a college or career school.
- **"State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)"** means the student has received or will receive a General Educational Development (GED) certificate or state authorized high school equivalent certificate, such as the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) or the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), before the first date of their enrollment in a college or career school. A state authorized high school equivalent certificate is a certificate that the issuing state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma in that state. Note: A high school certificate of attendance and/or a certificate of completion are NOT the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- **"Homeschooled"** means the student completed home schooling at the secondary level regulated by their state.
- **"None of the above"** means the student doesn't have a high school diploma or state-recognized high school equivalent and didn't complete secondary school in a home school setting.

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Student High School Information

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

State

City

High School Name *- optional*

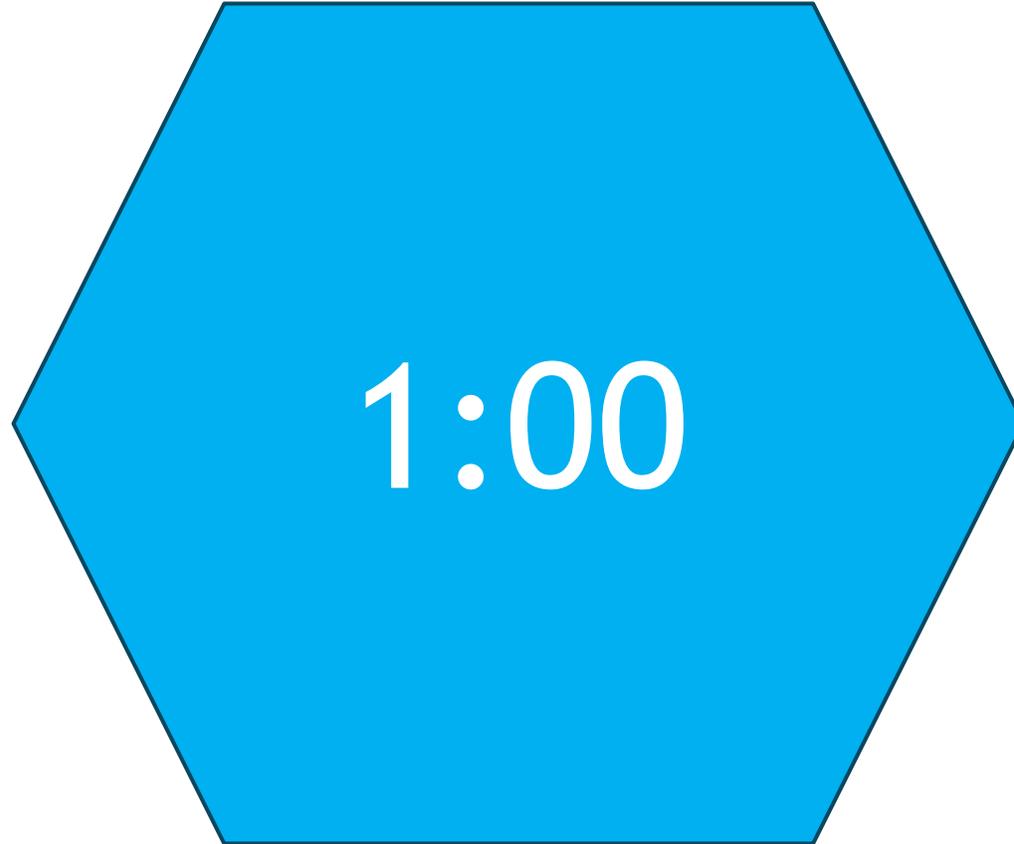
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Your Finances

The FAFSA[®] form helps determine your ability to pay for school. In this section, we ask about your financial information.

What if you have special financial circumstances?



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Federal Benefits Received

Responses Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers to these questions will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these federal benefits.

At any time during 2022 or 2023, did the student 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.



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Student 2022 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2022 tax return to answer the following questions.

If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

Did the student receive the Earned Income Credit (EIC)? ⓘ

Yes

No

Don't know

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 renewing their FAFSA® form, not to first-time applicants. If married, include amount student's spouse received.

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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

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You may see this if you haven't filed taxes



Student Tax Filing Status

Did or will the student file a 2022 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

Yes

No

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Family Size

Is the student's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2022 tax return? ⓘ

Family size includes: The student (and their spouse), other people, if they now live with the student and the student will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. This includes dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment.

Yes

No

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Number in College

How many people in the student's family, including the student, will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025?

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Select Colleges

Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA[®] form.



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Where should we send the FAFSA[®] information?

Search and select colleges and career schools.

If you can't find your school when searching by School Name or State, try searching by School Code.

You can add up to 20 colleges and career schools to the FAFSA[®] form. Make sure to list all the schools you're considering, even if you're not certain you'll apply to all of them.

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Scroll to review
your information
from each
section

Select "Continue" To Sign Your Form

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



Student Sections

Collapse All ^

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Personal Identifiers

First Name	→	[Redacted]
Middle Name	→	[Redacted]
Last Name	→	[Redacted]
Suffix	→	[Redacted]
Date of Birth	→	[Redacted]
Social Security Number	→	[Redacted]
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	→	[Redacted]
Mobile Phone Number	→	[Redacted]
Email	→	[Redacted]
Permanent Mailing Address	→	[Redacted]
City	→	[Redacted]
State	→	Florida (FL)
Zip Code	→	33040

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Signature: Dependent/Independent



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 this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

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

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

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

Sign and Submit Your FAFSA Form

I, _____ agree to the terms outlined above.

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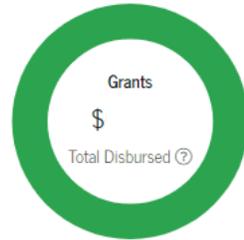
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✓ FAFSA® Form Started
Started on .

The student should complete most of the form themselves, including their personal and financial information. You must fill out the section assigned to you. Once all required sections are complete, everyone must sign and submit.

2 FAFSA® Form Submitted

The student's application was received and is being processed now. It may take one to three days to finalize the form and make it available to the student's schools.

FAFSA form received.

3 FAFSA® Form Processed

Quick Links

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FAFSA takes 1 to 2 days to be processed by FSA

Parent Section: For Dependent Students

Parents can access invitations through a link in their email or by logging into their account

Review:
Personal
Information

**Section
1:** Demographics

Section 2:
Financials

Section 3 :
Signature

You're Almost There!

The parent section is complete!

Requirements for FAFSA® Submission

This FAFSA® form is not complete until all required contributors fill in their sections of the form and sign it. Once completed, the FAFSA form will be submitted for processing.

Contributor(s)	Role	Date Added	Status
 [Redacted]	Parent	4/30/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Complete
 [Redacted]	Parent Spouse or Partner	4/30/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent



External links to simplify the FAFSA process

1. To fill out the FAFSA Form please visit: <https://studentaid.gov/>
2. To access the **Filling Out the FAFSA® Form** outline please visit: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>



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Thank you! Q/A