



# Completing the FAFSA Step by Step

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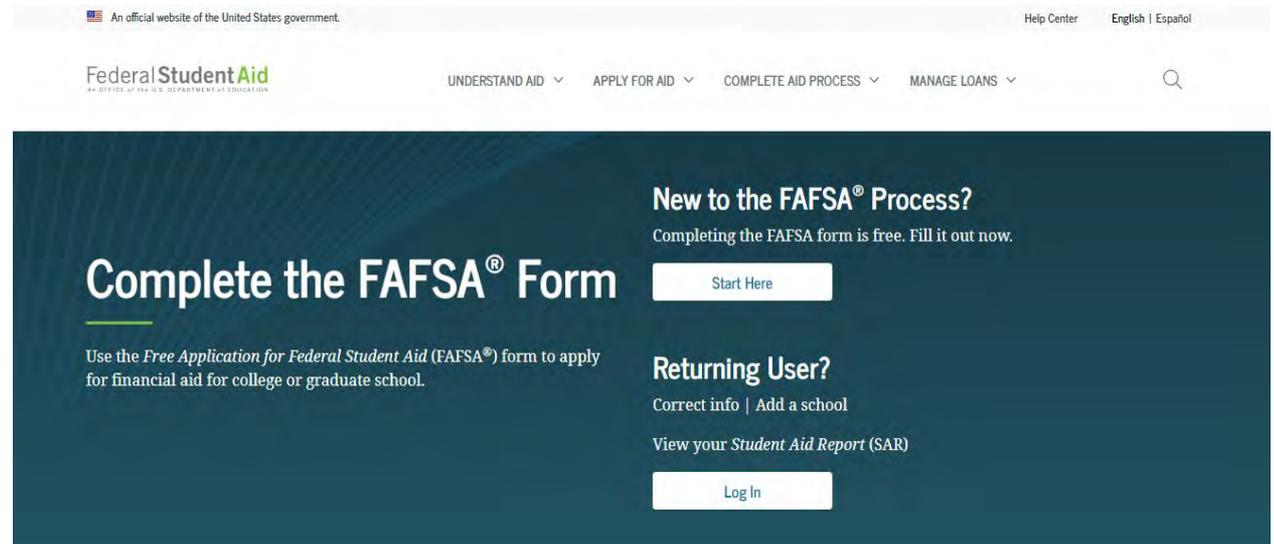
# Free Application for Federal Student Aid

## What is a FAFSA?

- It is the first step in the financial aid process.
- The FAFSA is used to apply for federal student financial aid such as the Pell grant, direct student loans, and work-study.
- The FAFSA is used to apply for the Illinois MAP grant.
- Postsecondary schools use it to award non-federal financial aid (i.e. institutional aid).
- There is *no fee* to apply.

FAFSA on the Web

[www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)



The screenshot shows the top portion of the FAFSA website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "An official website of the United States government." on the left, "Help Center" and "English | Español" on the right. Below this is the "Federal Student Aid" logo, with "AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION" underneath. To the right of the logo are four menu items: "UNDERSTAND AID", "APPLY FOR AID", "COMPLETE AID PROCESS", and "MANAGE LOANS", each with a downward arrow. A search icon is also present. The main content area has a dark blue background. On the left, it says "Complete the FAFSA® Form" in large white text, followed by a sub-headline: "Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." On the right, there are two sections: "New to the FAFSA® Process?" with the text "Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now." and a "Start Here" button; and "Returning User?" with the text "Correct info | Add a school" and "View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)", followed by a "Log In" button.

# Snapshot as of Today

Determines student's ability to pay for his/her education

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is calculated based on information entered on the FAFSA
- Use your 2021 federal tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned in 2021



# Completing the FAFSA

What information is needed?

- Social Security Number.** Be sure that it is correct!
- Records of income,** such as income earned from work and business, child support paid or received, and any other untaxed income. If available, refer to the W-2 Forms and the Federal Income Tax Return IRS 1040.
- Information about assets,** such as savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs, and investment real estate, business, and farm.
- Driver's license number,** if the student has one.
- Alien Registration Number,** if student is not a U.S. citizen.
- List of Colleges**

# Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)

- The FSA ID is your electronic signature for the FAFSA
- Students and parents have their own unique FSA ID
- You can use the FSA ID the day it is created; otherwise, it must be created at least 3 business days prior to completing the FAFSA
  - Takes 3 days to authenticate info provided when FSA ID was created
- **Note:** Parents who do not have an SSN cannot obtain an FSA ID but can print a signature page instead

## FSA ID Requirements

- Username
- Password
  - Uppercase letters
  - Lowercase letters
  - Numbers
- Challenge questions

# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- First-time users will click on “Start Here” in “New to the FAFSA Process” section
- Returning users will click on “Log In”
  - In subsequent years, students can “renew” their FAFSA which will result in the demographic information from the prior FAFSA being transferred to a new FAFSA

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# Starting the FAFSA

- A student can begin a FAFSA by using their FSA ID
- Create an FSA ID if they don't have one
- Can use student's personal identifies
  - Student name must be entered as it appears on Social Security Card
  - Make sure that the Social Security Number is correct
  - Correcting SSN is the hardest thing to correct

## Welcome to the FAFSA® Form

Tell us about yourself.

[? Help](#)

[↪ Exit FAFSA Form](#)

I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form.



Log In to Continue

Create an FSA ID



or



Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form.

I am a parent filling out a FAFSA form for a student.



I am a preparer helping a student fill out his or her FAFSA form.



# Starting the FAFSA

- Parent can begin a FAFSA for their student using the student's personal identifiers
- Make sure to enter the student's information and **not** the parent's
  - Double check info entered
- Accept agreement

## Please Read Before Continuing

You are accessing a U.S. federal government computer system intended to be solely accessed by individual users expressly authorized to access the system by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Usage may be monitored, recorded, and/or subject to audit. For security purposes and in order to ensure that the system remains available to all expressly authorized users, ED monitors the system to identify unauthorized users. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and recording. Unauthorized use of this information system is prohibited and subject to criminal and civil penalties. Except as expressly authorized by ED, unauthorized attempts to access, obtain, upload, modify, change, and/or delete information on this system are strictly prohibited and are subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1030, and other applicable statutes, which may result in fines and imprisonment. For purposes of this system, unauthorized access includes, but is not limited to:

- any access by an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, who is not the individual user, for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain (regardless of whether the commercial entity or third party is providing a service to an authorized user of the system) and
- any access in furtherance of any criminal or tortious act in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or any state.

If system monitoring reveals information indicating possible criminal activity, such evidence may be provided to law enforcement personnel.

## Welcome to the FAFSA® Form

Tell us about yourself.

[Help](#) [Exit FAFSA Form](#)

I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form.



I am a parent filling out a FAFSA form for a student.



Enter the **student's** personal identifiers.

Enter the student's information below to link you to the FAFSA form. [Get help for parents](#)

Student's First Name

Student's Full Last Name

Student's Date of Birth

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

Student's Social Security Number

*If the student does not have a Social Security number because he or she is a citizen of a trust territory and this is his or her first time filling out the FAFSA form, enter 666 in this field.*

*If the student is a returning trust territory student who has previously submitted the FAFSA form, enter the entire 666 number we previously assigned to him or her.*

# Starting the FAFSA

- Always select the year that the student will be in college
- 2023 HS grads will complete the 2023 – 2024 FAFSA

## Fill out your FAFSA form!

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA form every school year. Let's get started.

For which school year are you applying for financial aid?

If you are applying for a summer session or just don't know which application to complete, check with the college you are planning to attend.

Which school year should I choose?

Start 2023–24 FAFSA Form

or

Start 2022–23 FAFSA Form

**Create a save key.**

The save key is for temporary use for you or your parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA form.

Create a Save Key

Show ?

Reenter Save Key

Show ?

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- Save Key will enable student and/or parent to return to the same iteration of the FAFSA that was last saved.
- Eliminates need to start a new FAFSA.

## Introduction - 2023–24 FAFSA® Form

Let's get started!

Review the resources below to help complete your FAFSA form.

[+ Expand All](#)

How can I get help completing my FAFSA® form?



How many steps does it take to complete my FAFSA® form?



How long will it take to complete my FAFSA® form?



Can I save my FAFSA® form if I can't finish it?



What documents do I need to complete the FAFSA® form?



How do I sign the FAFSA® form?



What is FAFSA web's security and privacy?



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- Helpful information will be available throughout the form
- Always use the “Continue” and “Previous” buttons.
- Do NOT use the browser’s back and forward buttons.

# Student Demographics

- If student uses their FSA ID to start the FAFSA, information will be prepopulated
- “You” always refers to the student
- Make sure name is exactly as it appears on the Social Security card.
- If last name won’t fit, enter as much of it as possible **without** abbreviating.
- If there is a hyphen in the last name as it appears on the Social Security Card, include the hyphen
- Double check date of birth

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Personal Information for Student



Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

Your Social Security Number

\*\*\*-\*\*-0010 ⓘ

Your First Name

Demoirs ⓘ

Your Middle Initial

ⓘ

Your Last Name

John ⓘ

Your Date of Birth

Month Day Year  
04 19 2003 ⓘ

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# Student Demographics: Contact Information

1 Student Demographics

2 School Selection

3 Dependency Status

4 Parent Demographics

5 Parent Financials

6 Student Financials

7 Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Email and Phone

Your Email Address

Your Telephone Number

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- Email address should be professional/appropriate, since it will be seen by the college(s).
- Email should not expire at the end of the school year.
- Email should be one that the student checks consistently, since it's the most common form of communication for many colleges

# Student Demographics: State Residency

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STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Address

Your Permanent Mailing Address (include apt. number)

 ?

Your City (and country, if not U.S.)

 ?

Your State

 ?

Your ZIP Code

 ?

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➤ Address and where one lives can help determine eligibility for the MAP grant.

# Student Demographics: Citizenship

- **DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)** – should complete Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid to be considered for MAP, since DACA students are **not** eligible for **federal** student aid
- Student must be US citizen or eligible noncitizen (e.g., US permanent resident, etc.) to be eligible for federal aid; status of parents does not matter

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**STUDENT INFORMATION**  
**Student Residency and Eligibility**

Have you lived in Illinois for at least 5 years? ⓘ

Yes

No

Are you a U.S. citizen? ⓘ

Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national). ⓘ

Select

Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national).

No, but I am an eligible noncitizen.

No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen.

# Student Demographics: HS & College Status

- Current high school students select HS diploma or GED for high school completion status
- Only individuals pursuing their first undergraduate degree are eligible for MAP and PELL
- Never attended college (i.e. not previously been in a degree seeking program in college)
- Work-study may be limited at certain colleges. If student selects, “Don’t Know,” the student will most likely **not** be offered work-study.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Education

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2023–24 school year?

High school diploma

What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2023–24 school year?

1st bachelor's degree

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2023–24 school year? ?

Yes

No

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2023–24 school year?

Never attended college/1st yr.

Are you interested in being considered for work-study? ?

Yes

No

Don't know

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# Student Demographics: Driver's License

STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Driver's License

Your Driver's License Number (if you have one)

 ⓘ

Your Driver's License State

 ⓘ

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- Listing driver's license is optional, but enter it if possible
- Will help with proof of Illinois residency for MAP eligibility

# Student Demographics: Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion

The screenshot shows a progress bar at the top with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the form is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion'. It contains the following questions and options:

Are you a foster youth or were you in the foster care system at any time? <sup>?</sup>

Yes

No

What's the highest school completed by Parent 1? <sup>?</sup>

High school

What's the highest school completed by Parent 2? <sup>?</sup>

College or beyond

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

- Youth-in care (i.e. foster care) students are eligible for additional benefits/programs
- Educational attainment of parents is optional; may be used by schools for consideration for any first-generation programs/awards

# Student Demographics: Searching for your High School

- Enter the state (Illinois)
- Can search a variety of ways
  - Use city to search if town has few high schools
  - Use school name if city has lots of high schools
- Select your school from dropdown list

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Add Your High School

**i** Because the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

**i** To add your high school to your application, select it from the list of results below and then select "Continue."

State / Province / Territory

Illinois  My country is not listed.

City - optional

Aurora

High School Name - optional

Search

Search Results 1 to 10 of 19

SORT BY: Best Match A-Z

Aurora Central Catholic High School  
Aurora, IL

Aurora Christian Schools  
Aurora, IL

Aurora Education Center  
North Aurora, IL

Charisma Christian Ministries-Academy  
Aurora, IL

Covenant Christian School

# Student Demographics: College Selection

- Can select up to 10 colleges to receive FAFSA information
  - Colleges will **not** know order in which they are listed
  - If entering more than 10, FAFSA must be processed first and then colleges are swapped out with the additional ones & FAFSA is resubmitted

- Can search for college(s) by Federal School Code or state; can narrow search city and/or name

- Select college(s) by checking box

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### College Search

**i** Demois, based on the information you provided, we've determined that you may qualify for federal student aid. Continue through the application for us to determine how much aid you can receive.

**i** Here's where you'll search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> information. You can add up to 10 colleges at a time to your FAFSA form. [Learn what to do if you're applying to more than 10 colleges.](#)

**Make sure you add ALL colleges you're interested in, even if you haven't applied or been accepted yet.**

**i** Complete the fields below to search for a college to add to your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form. Need help refining your search? [Try these search tips.](#)

Search by School Name, City, State      Search by Federal School Code

State  
Illinois

City - optional

School Name - optional  
Illinois

Search

Search Results 1 to 10 of 19

SORT BY: Best Match    A-Z

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Eastern Illinois University</b> Federal School Code: 001674   Charleston, IL   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Illinois Central College</b> Federal School Code: 006753   East Peoria, IL   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Illinois College</b> Federal School Code: 001888   Jacksonville, IL   <a href="#">View College Info</a>

# Student Demographics: College Selection

- Can view specific college information by clicking on “View College Info”
- Need to indicate desired type of housing for respective college
- Can remove colleges by clicking “Remove”
- Click on “Add More Schools” as needed

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Selected Colleges and Housing Info



You may change the positioning of any school in this list. To do so, use the UP and DOWN arrow buttons to move the school one position up or one position down. The “Remove” button in the bottom right will delete the school from your list.

For federal student aid purposes, it does not matter in what order you list your selected schools. **However, the order in which you list schools may affect your eligibility for state aid.** Find more information on your state’s preferences for listing schools.

The screenshot displays a list of selected colleges with their respective housing plans. The first entry is the University of Illinois at Chicago (Federal School Code: 001776) with a housing plan of 'On Campus'. The second entry is the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Federal School Code: 001775) with a housing plan dropdown menu open, showing options: 'Select Housing Plan', 'On Campus', 'With Parent', and 'Off Campus'. The 'Remove' button for the second entry is also visible. At the bottom, the '+ Add More Schools' button is highlighted with a red circle.

# Student Demographics: Dependency Questions

- Asking marital status of the **student**
- If “yes” is selected at any time, the subsequent questions will **not** appear, and the student will be deemed independent for purposes of the FAFSA (i.e. parental information will not be required).
- If “yes” is selected with the dependency questions, the college will most likely select the student for verification (i.e. student will need to provide documentation to the college)
- If student has or will have a child for whom he/she will provide more than half of the financial support, student may be asked to provide proof of **student** income for rent, bills, food, clothes, etc.

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Marital Status

**i** Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, “you” and “your” always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

What is your marital status as of today?

Single ?

Select

Single

Married/Remarried

Separated

Divorced or Widowed

Continue

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Does the student have dependents?

#### Dependent Children

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024? ?

Yes

No

#### Other Dependents

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024? ?

Yes

No

# Student Demographics: Dependency Questions

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Additional Dependency Questions

Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form. Select all that apply or "None of the above." [?](#)

- Military service: Must be active service for other than training purposes.
- Age 13 is key for certain students
- A copy of court decision will most likely be requested by college if student indicates that they are in legal guardianship or an emancipated minor.

Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?

Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?

At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

None of the above

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# Student Demographics: Dependency Questions

STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Homelessness Filter Question

On or after July 1, 2021, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ⓘ

Yes

No

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- If “yes” is selected, subsequent question will be asked to gather further details
- A third party must attest that the student is not in the presence of a parent **and** homeless or at the risk of being homeless.

At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did you receive a determination from any of the entities listed below that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Select all that apply or "None of the above." ⓘ

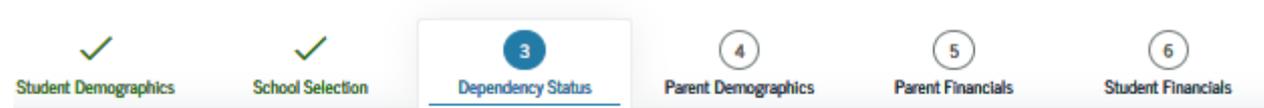
Your high school or school district homeless liaison

The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program

None of the above

# Student Demographics: Dependency Questions



- If student cannot answer “yes” to any of the preceding questions, parental information will be required.
- If student is unable to provide parental information, student will **only** be eligible for unsubsidized student loans.
  - Student will need to contact the college to explain any extenuating circumstances

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Dependent Student Status

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, you are considered a “**dependent**” student. This means you must provide **parental** information. Select the “I will provide information about my parent(s)” option and “Continue” to continue filling out your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form.

**If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information** under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form without parental information. Select the “I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)” option and “Continue” for additional information. [?](#)

- I will provide information about my parent(s).
- I am unable to provide information about my parent(s).

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# What if You Can't Get Parent Information?

**Under very limited circumstances, a dependent student can submit a FAFSA without parental information**

Unacceptable Reasons to Not Provide Parental Information:

- Your parents do not want to provide their information
- Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses
- Your parents do not claim you as a dependent on their income taxes

Acceptable Reasons to Not Provide Parental Information:

- Parents are incarcerated
- Have left home due to an abusive family environment
- Are unable to contact parents and do not know where they are

# Parent Information

➤ For purposes of the FAFSA, there are only three types of parents:

- Biological
- Adoptive
- Stepparents, if remarried

No one else should provide parental information on the FAFSA

➤ If parents are separated/divorced:

- Parent with whom the student lived the longest in the last 12 months; if equal then . . .
- Parent who provided the most financial support in the last 12 months

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Whose Information Should I Provide?

**i** For additional assistance determining what parent information to report on the FAFSA® form, refer to *Who's my Parent When Filling Out the FAFSA form?* fact sheet.

Since you have been identified as a dependent student, you will need to provide information about your parent(s). You must identify and report information about your parent(s) even if you don't live with him or her. Use the following criteria to determine whose information you should report in the "Parent Demographics" and "Parent Financials" sections of the FAFSA® form:

My parents live together (married or unmarried).	⌵
My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with one parent more than the other.	⌵
My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with both parents equally.	⌵
I was legally adopted.	⌵

# Parent Info: Marital Status

➤ If both parents are living together and not married, select unmarried & both legal parents living together.

➤ If parents are separated/divorced, answer the info for the respective parent.

- Parent with whom the student lived the longest in the last twelve months
- If time spent with each parent is equal, then it's the parent who provided the most parental support
- It does **NOT** matter which parent claims the student on their tax return

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Marital Status



Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

As of today, what is the marital status of your parents?

Married or remarried

When did your parents get married or remarried?

Month

Year

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# Parent Demographic Information

- SSN, name, and date of birth of parent **must** match info in FSA ID for electronic signature to work.
- If a parent does not have a Social Security Number, all zeroes must be entered (i.e. “000-00-000”). If all zeroes are entered, the form may ask a couple of times if the info is correct, but eventually it will allow the user to proceed to the next page.
- ITINs (Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers) **cannot** be used. An ITIN will begin with the number “9.”
- Will be prompted for “first” parent and then for the “other” parent.

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Enter Information for Your First Parent (father/mother/stepparent)

Your Parent's Social Security Number

.....-6789      SHOW SSN ⓘ

Your Parent's Last Name

Smith ⓘ

Your Parent's First Initial

J ⓘ

Your Parent's Date of Birth

Month	Day	Year
10	01	1980

 ⓘ

Your Parents' Email Address

CoolDad@email.com ⓘ

Reenter Your Parents' Email Address

CoolDad@email.com ⓘ

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# Parent Information: State Residency

- “Legal residence” refers to where the parent live and considers their permanent domicile; it’s not referencing immigration status.
- If parents haven’t lived for 5 years in Illinois, indicate when parent(s) moved to Illinois

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent State of Legal Residence

Have your parents lived in Illinois for at least 5 years? 

Yes

No

What is your parents' state of legal residence?

Illinois 

Did your parents become legal residents of their state before January 1, 2017? 

Yes

No

When did your parents become legal residents? Enter the date for your parent who has lived in the state the longest.

Month: 01 Year: 2018 

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# Parent Information: Household

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Enter Information for Your Parents' Dependents



Do not include yourself (the student).

- Include in household size:
  - Other children that they support
  - Other children that cannot say “yes” to any of the dependency questions
  - Don’t include yourself here

How many other dependent children do your parents have?

Include the other dependent children of your parents if they

- will rely on your parents for more than half of their [financial support](#) between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024;
- or
- can answer “no” to every [dependency status](#) question on the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form.



How many other dependents do your parents have?

Include your parents' other dependents if they

- now live with your parents,
- currently receive more than half of their support from your parents,
- and
- will continue to receive more than half of their financial support from your parents between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.



# Parent Information: Number in College

➤ Provides summary of household size

➤ Include yourself in number in college

➤ **Exclude** parents from the number in college

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Household Information

 Your household size is 5.

You:	Your Parents:	Other Dependent Children of Your Parent(s):
1	2	2

### Number in College

Out of the 3 dependents in your parents' household (as shown above), how many will be college students between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024? **DO NOT include your parents, but DO include yourself** and other members of the household.

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# Parent Information: Income Information

Who's required to file federal tax return?

- Single parent under 65 years--\$12,550 gross income
- Married parents under 65 years--\$25,100 gross income
- Must indicate filing status. If married, cannot file as Head of Household; that will cause issues.
- If parents are required to file and do not file a tax return, the student will **not** be able to complete the verification process and will **not** receive financial aid.
- For certain individuals, a link to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool will appear

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Tax Filing Status

For 2021, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed

What type of income tax return did your parents file for 2021?

IRS Form 1040

For 2021, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?

Married--filed joint return



RECOMMENDED

### IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Applying is faster and easier if your parents transfer their tax return information into this FAFSA® form with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)!

🔒 For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS website or on the FAFSA® form.

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Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually

Proceed to the IRS >

# Parent Info: IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Only individuals eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be able to link to IRS
- Allows you to transfer your tax data onto the FAFSA
- Can indicate which parent is attempting to link to the IRS
- Must have an FSA ID to use IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- If IRS DRT is not used, income and tax information must be entered manually

PARENT INFORMATION

## Parent Log In to IRS Data Retrieval Tool

**i** To use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT), have the parent listed in the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form enter his or her credentials below. Otherwise, skip the IRS DRT. If you have any questions or problems using this tool, view [more information about the IRS DRT](#).

Provide parent FSA ID credentials.

Which parent are you? 

J. Smith (Parent 1)

L. smith (Parent 2)

FSA ID Username, Email Address, or Mobile Number 

[Forgot Username](#) | [Create an FSA ID](#)

FSA ID Password 

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[Forgot Password](#)

[Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually](#) [Continue](#)

# IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Information should be entered in pop up box as listed on tax return
- Will not be able to see data transferred; it will read “transferred from IRS”
- If unable to use the IRS DRT, income & tax info will need to be entered manually

The screenshot shows the IRS website's 'Get My Federal Income Tax Information' page. It features a header with the IRS logo and navigation links. The main heading is 'Get My Federal Income Tax Information' with a sub-heading 'See our Privacy Notice regarding our request for your personal information.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Enter the following information from your 2020 Federal Income Tax Return.' with a note that all fields are required unless marked otherwise. The form includes input fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Social Security Number', 'Date of Birth', 'Filing Status', 'Street Address', and 'P.O. Box'.

Look up tax data

The screenshot shows the IRS website's '2020 Federal Income Tax Information' page. It features a header with the IRS logo and navigation links. The main heading is '2020 Federal Income Tax Information' with a sub-heading 'Get Data'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Based on the information you provided, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) located your income tax return. With your permission below, the IRS will securely transfer your tax information to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to populate any applicable FAFSA questions.' This is followed by a table of tax information and a 'TRANSFER NOW' button circled in red. Below the table, there is a section titled 'Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA Form' with a 'DO NOT TRANSFER' button.

Tax Year	Type of Return Filed	Unisex Portion of IRA Distributions & Pensions/Annuities
Names(s)	Adjusted Gross Income	Tax-exempt Interest Income
Social Security Number	Income Earned from Work	IRA Distributions and Payments
Filing Status	Income Tax	Status of Amended Returns Received
IRS Exemptions	Education Credits	Schedule 1 Evaluation

Transfer to FAFSA

# Parent Information: Income Information

PARENT INFORMATION

## Parent IRS Info

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2021?

*This amount is found on IRS Form 1040—line 11.*

\$	35,000	.00	?
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- FAFSA will indicate where on the IRS Tax Return the information can be found
- If parents are divorced/separated, but filed jointly in 2021 list only adjusted gross income from parent whose information is being reported on the FAFSA

# Parent Information: Income Information

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Income From Work

How much did your Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2021?

*This amount is your Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) portion of IRS Form 1040—line 1 + Schedule 1, lines 3 + 6 + Box 14 (Code A) of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065).*

\$ 25,000 .00 ⓘ

How much did your Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2021?

*This amount is your Parent 2 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) portion of IRS Form 1040—line 1 + Schedule 1, lines 3 + 6 + Box 14 (Code A) of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065).*

\$ 10,000 .00 ⓘ

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- Income earned from working must be reported even if a tax return was not filed

# Parent Information: Schedule 1 & Dislocated Workers

- IRS DRT will automatically populate the Schedule 1 question
- Answer “no” if you did not file a Schedule 1 or if you did file one but **only** for the following reasons:
  - Unemployment Compensation (line 7)
  - Alaska Permanent Fund dividend (line 8f)
  - Educator Expenses (line 11)
  - IRA Deduction (line 20)
  - Student loan interest deduction (line 21)
- Dislocated worker: losing a job, being a displaced homemaker, etc.

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Simplified Path Determination

You indicated that your parents filed an IRS Form 1040. Did your parents file a Schedule 1? Select **No** if your parents did not file a Schedule 1 or **only filed** a Schedule 1 to report: unemployment compensation, educator expenses, IRA deduction, student loan interest deduction, or Alaska Permanent Fund dividend. [Learn more about Schedule 1.](#) ?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

As of today, are either of your parents a **dislocated worker**? ?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

# Federal Benefits Programs

- If prompted, select if **anyone** in the parent's household received any of the benefits listed in the last **two** years (2021 & 2022)
- Answering these questions will not reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs.
- Check all that apply.
- You may not be able to update this at a later time.

In 2021 or 2022, did you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below?

Select all that apply or "None of the above." If, at the time you are completing the FAFSA form, you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household did NOT receive any of these benefits during 2021 or 2022, but do receive any of them on or before Dec. 31, 2022, you must return to the FAFSA form and update your response.

Answering these questions will not reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs. ⓘ

<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) <a href="#">Learn about SNAP</a> ↗
<input type="checkbox"/> Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) <a href="#">Learn about TANF</a> ↗
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) <a href="#">Learn about WIC</a> ↗
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above

# Parent Information: Tax Filing

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Additional IRS Info

Enter the amount of your parents' income tax for 2021.

*This is the total amount of IRS Form 1040—line 22 minus Schedule 2—line 2. If negative, enter a zero here.*

\$		.00	?
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- Income tax paid is **not** the same as tax withheld on W-2
- IRS Form 1040-line 22 minus Schedule 2-line 2 (if negative, enter zero)
  - If there's no schedule 2, then it's just line 22 from the 1040 form
- Will be populated automatically by IRS DRT

# Parent Information: Exclusions & Untaxed Income

- Education credits – additional benefits for certain families
  - Amounts entered will help reduce amount of income used in calculating the EFC
  - Parents may receive tax credit for children in college for which they pay qualified educational expenses
- Make sure to exclude any retirement or pension plan rollover in amount reported

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Questions for Tax Filers Only

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Combat pay or special combat pay. **This should be zero for enlisted persons and warrant officers** (including commissioned warrant officers) because combat pay is entirely nontaxable. Only enter **taxable combat pay** included in your parents' adjusted gross income.

\$	0	.00	?
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Student college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your parents' income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.

\$	0	.00	?
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Education credits (American Opportunity tax credit or Lifetime Learning tax credit) from 1040 Schedule 3—line 3.

\$	0	.00	?
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Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from Form 1040—(lines 4a minus 4b; if negative, use zero) plus (line 5a minus 5b; if negative, use zero). **Exclude rollovers.**

\$	0	.00	?
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IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans from IRS form 1040 Schedule 1—total of lines 16+20.

\$	0	.00	?
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Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a.

\$	0	.00	?
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# Parent Information: Exclusions

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Additional Financial Info

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support your parents **paid** because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your parents' household.

\$	0	.00	?
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Earnings from work under a Cooperative Education Program offered by a college.

\$	0	.00	?
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Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.

\$	0	.00	?
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- These items are money that is either leaving the household or money that will be excluded from the total income when calculating ability of family to pay for college

# Parent Untaxed Income

Untaxed money coming into the household and other untaxed income will need to be reported.

- Include payments to tax-deferred plans retirement plans – box 12a to 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, & S.
- Include pre-tax *contributions* to health savings accounts, flexible spending accounts, etc.
  - Do not report value of plan

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Untaxed Income

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support **received** for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.

\$  .00 ⓘ

Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.

\$  .00 ⓘ

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S. **Don't include** amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits).

\$  .00 ⓘ

Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability; Death Pension; or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.

\$  .00 ⓘ

Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, etc.

\$  .00 ⓘ

# Parent Information: Assets

## Include:

- Value of all 529 plans owned by parent(s) whose information is being reported on the FAFSA

## Exclude:

- Home in which the family lives
- Value of IRA, 401K, or pension plans
- Value of family-owned business with 100 or fewer full-time equivalent employees

### PARENT INFORMATION

#### Parent Assets

As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?

  ⓘ

As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate (not your parents' home)?

  ⓘ

As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? **Don't include** a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.

  ⓘ

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# Student Information: Tax Filing

STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Tax Filing Status



### Attention!

You must provide financial information from your **2021 tax return** on the following pages.



Because the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form belongs to the student, “you” and “your” always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

For 2021, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed

What income tax return did you file for 2021?

IRS Form 1040

For 2021, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Single



RECOMMENDED

### IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)!

*For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS website or on the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form.*

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Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually

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- Make sure that you enter **student** information and **not** parent income
- Students that file an IRS tax return will be able to link to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

# Student Information: IRS DRT

- Student will need an FSA ID to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- If eligible but chooses not to use IRS DRT, a message will remind you that completing the FAFSA is faster and easier with IRS DRT

## Student Eligible for IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

Applying is faster and easier with the IRS DRT!

Based on your responses, we recommend that you transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA form. The IRS DRT allows you to link to the IRS website and securely transfer original IRS tax return information into your FAFSA form.

If you use the IRS DRT, you may not have to provide additional IRS documentation later to qualify for federal student aid.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Student Log In to IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

**i** If you are the student, enter the information below and select "Continue" to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. Otherwise, select "Skip IRS DRT and Fill Manually." If you have any questions or problems using this tool, [view more information about the IRS DRT.](#)

Provide student FSA ID credentials.

Student's FSA ID Username, Email Address, or Mobile Number

[Forgot Username](#)

FSA ID Password

[Forgot Password](#)

[Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually](#)

[Continue](#)

# Student Information: AGI & Money Earned

- The **student's** adjusted gross income (AGI) can be found on 1040-line 11

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student IRS Info

What was your adjusted gross income for 2021?

*This amount is found on IRS Form 1040—line 11.*

\$	<input type="text"/>	.00	?
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[Calculate with Income Estimator](#)

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Income from Work

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2021?

*This amount is the total of IRS Form 1040—line 1 + Schedule 1, lines 3 + 6 + Box 14 (Code A) of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065).*

\$	<input type="text"/>	.00	?
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# Student Information: Tax Filing

STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Additional IRS Info

Enter the amount of your income tax for 2021.

*This is the total amount of IRS Form 1040—line 22 minus Schedule 2—line 2. If negative, enter a zero here.*

\$	0	.00	?
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- Income tax paid is **not** the same as tax withholding on W-2
- IRS Form 1040-line 22 minus Schedule 2-line 2
- For most students it will be zero

# Student Information: Tax Filers Only

- For students who filed a tax return
- For most high school students, these questions will not be applicable

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Questions for Tax Filers Only

Did you have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Combat pay or special combat pay. **This should be zero for enlisted persons and warrant officers** (including commissioned warrant officers) because combat pay is entirely nontaxable. Only enter **taxable combat pay** included in your (and, if married, your spouse's) adjusted gross income.

\$  .00 ⓘ

Student college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.

\$  .00 ⓘ

Education credits (American Opportunity tax credit or Lifetime Learning tax credit) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3—line 3.

\$  .00 ⓘ

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from Form 1040—(lines 4a minus 4b; if negative, use zero) plus (line 5a minus 5b; if negative, use zero). **Exclude rollovers.**

\$  .00 ⓘ

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1—total of lines 16+20.

\$  .00 ⓘ

Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 2a.

\$  .00 ⓘ

# Student Information: Exclusions

Money leaving the household or money to be excluded from calculating an EFC

- Students doing a co-op in college will report earnings in subsequent FAFSA
- Following year make sure to report any **taxable** work-study money

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Additional Financial Info

Did you have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support you **paid** because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your household.

\$   ?

Earnings from work under a Cooperative Education Program offered by a college.

\$   ?

Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.

\$   ?

# Student Information: Untaxed Income

- Money received by the student or paid on the student's behalf in 2021 by someone other than the parent whose information is being used to complete FAFSA.
- When student receives a 529 distribution by someone other than the parent whose info is in the FAFSA, it will be reported here for the specific year it was received

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Untaxed Income

Did you have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support **received** for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.

 ⓘ

Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.

 ⓘ

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S. **Don't include** amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits).

 ⓘ

Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability; Death Pension; or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.

 ⓘ

Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, etc.

 ⓘ

Money received or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a parent or other person whose financial information is not reported on this form and that is not part of a legal child support agreement.

 ⓘ

# Student Assets

- Following year, don't include any money from work-study or student loans that is in a checking or savings account
- Assets owned by the student or assets of which they will be the owner (e.g., UGMA, UTMA, trust fund, etc.) are reported as student assets.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Assets

As of today, what is your total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?

  ⓘ

As of today, what is the net worth of your investments, including real estate (not your home)?

  ⓘ

As of today, what is the net worth of your current businesses and/or investment farms? **Don't include** a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.

  ⓘ

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# Checking for Errors

- FOTW will bring to your attention any potential errors.
- Make corrections if needed.
- Click “Check for Errors” if everything is correct (e.g., meant to enter all zeroes for parent’s SSN)

## Verification Required

 The following error(s) has occurred:

You reported that the parents' Social Security numbers are blank or all zeroes (000-00-0000) and that they filed or will file a U.S. tax return. If this is correct because the parents completed their tax return using a Taxpayer Identification Number, select “Continue.”

 Review the answers to the questions on this page and make corrections or updates as needed. Once you are done, select “Check for Errors” to continue.

Your Father's Social Security Number

\*\*\*-\*\*-0000 SHOW SSN 

Your Mother's Social Security Number

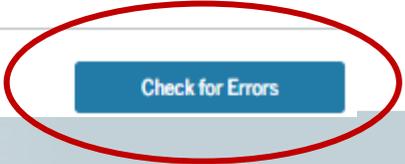
\*\*\*-\*\*-0000 SHOW SSN 

For 2020, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed 

What type of income tax return did your parents file for 2020?

IRS Form 1040 

  
**Check for Errors**

# FAFSA Summary

- Prior to submitting a summary will appear.
  - Sections are collapsible
- Good idea to review summary to make sure everything is correct
- Can print summary

SIGN AND SUBMIT

## FAFSA® Summary



You're not done yet!

You still need to submit your FAFSA® form. After you print this page, select "Continue" to sign your FAFSA form.

FAFSA Summary: 2023-24

Student ID: \*\*\*-\*\*-6789 MA

EXPAND ALL

SECTION 1 Student Demographics

SECTION 2 School Selection

SECTION 3 Dependency Status

SECTION 4 Parent Demographics

SECTION 5 Parent Financials

SECTION 6 Student Financials

SECTION 7 Sign and Submit

Print This Page

# Demographic Questions

➤ Questions have no bearing on financial aid eligibility; test run for the 24-25 FAFSA cycle

➤ Can select “decline to answer” if you do not wish to answer

SIGN AND SUBMIT

Before you sign and submit, please answer a few questions about the student.



These questions don't affect aid eligibility.

Your answers to questions in this survey will not affect your eligibility for federal student aid and will not be used in any aid calculations.

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary
- Decline to answer

Are you transgender?

- Yes
- No
- Decline to answer

What is your ethnicity? *Choose all that apply.*

- Not Hispanic nor Latino origin
- Cuban descent
- Mexican, Mexican-American, or Chicano descent
- Puerto Rican descent
- Other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin
- Decline to answer

# Parent Signature

- A parent must sign if parental information was provided.
- Signing electronically will expedite the processing of the FAFSA.
- If a parent has multiple children in college, the same FSA ID can be used to sign each FAFSA.
- If error is generated when signing with parent FSA ID, check parent demographics (name, SSN, DOB) to make sure it matches what was submitted when creating an FSA ID

SIGN & SUBMIT

Which parent are you?

  
**Parent 1**  
**Unsigned**

Last Name:  
Smith

Date of Birth: 10/01/1980      Social Security Number: -----6789

[Provide Parent Signature](#)

  
**Parent 2**  
**Unsigned**

Last Name:  
Smith

Date of Birth: 10/21/1987      Social Security Number: -----3445

[Provide Parent Signature](#)

# Parent Signature

SIGN & SUBMIT

## Read Before Proceeding

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, 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

1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
2. U.S. or state 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 with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

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 purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

I, J Smith, agree to the terms outlined above.

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- Parent will need agree to terms
- Parent will be prompted to sign with FSA ID
- If parent doesn't have an FSA ID, there other options to sign

SIGN & SUBMIT

## Signature Options

Parent Signature for: Smith

Date of Birth

09/01/1980

Social Security Number

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### Enter the parent's FSA ID.

Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the parent.

Parent's FSA ID Username, Email Address, or Mobile Number

[Forgot Username](#) | [Create an FSA ID](#)

Parent's FSA ID Password

[Show](#) | [Forgot Password](#)

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[Other Options to Sign and Submit](#)

# Signing the FAFSA

- Parent can use signature page to sign FAFSA, if they do not have an FSA ID
- If printing a parent signature page, mail to the address listed on the signature page
- If can take 2-6 weeks for it to get match up
  - check with college to see if the financial aid office will accept it

## SIGN & SUBMIT

### Signature Options

Parent Signature for: Smith

Date of Birth 09/01/1980 Social Security Number \*\*\*\*-6789

### Other Options to Sign and Submit ⓘ

We recommend signing electronically with an FSA ID so you don't have to print and mail a signature page or return later to sign this FAFSA form. If you are unable to sign electronically, select another option:

Sign electronically with my FSA ID  
This is the fastest option. Selecting this option will return you to the "What is your (the parent's) FSA ID?" question.

Print a signature page  
This option requires that you print and mail your signature page.

Submit without signatures  
This option allows you to submit this FAFSA form now without your signature, but you will need to return later to sign.

[Return to Signature Status](#)

# Student Signature

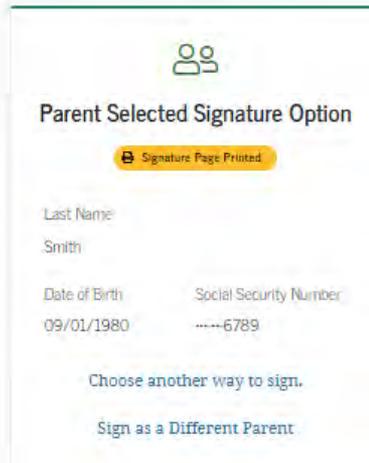
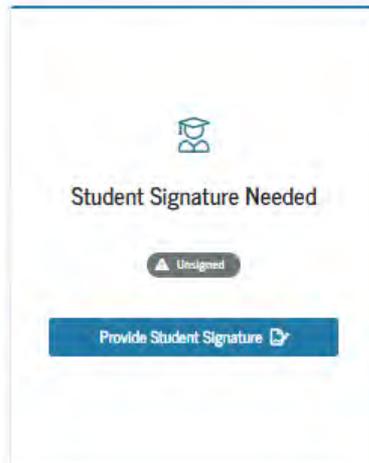
- Student must also agree to the conditions listed.
- If student used FSA ID to start FAFSA, student will not be prompted to re-enter it. They will just be asked to click button.
- Signing with FSA ID will expedite the processing of the FAFSA.

SIGN & SUBMIT

## Signature Status

**i** You must sign your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form. Select "Provide Student Signature" to sign your FAFSA form.

Note: If you aren't the student and the student isn't present, select "Save FAFSA Form" and then "Exit FAFSA Form." The student should log in to the FAFSA form with his or her FSA ID and the save key to sign and submit the FAFSA form.



SIGN & SUBMIT

## Read Before Proceeding

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

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

By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked to provide

1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
2. U.S. or state 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 with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

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 purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

I, Lastname John, agree to the terms outlined above.

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# Confirmation Page

➤ Data Release Number (DRN) can be used by colleges to look up the student's FAFSA.

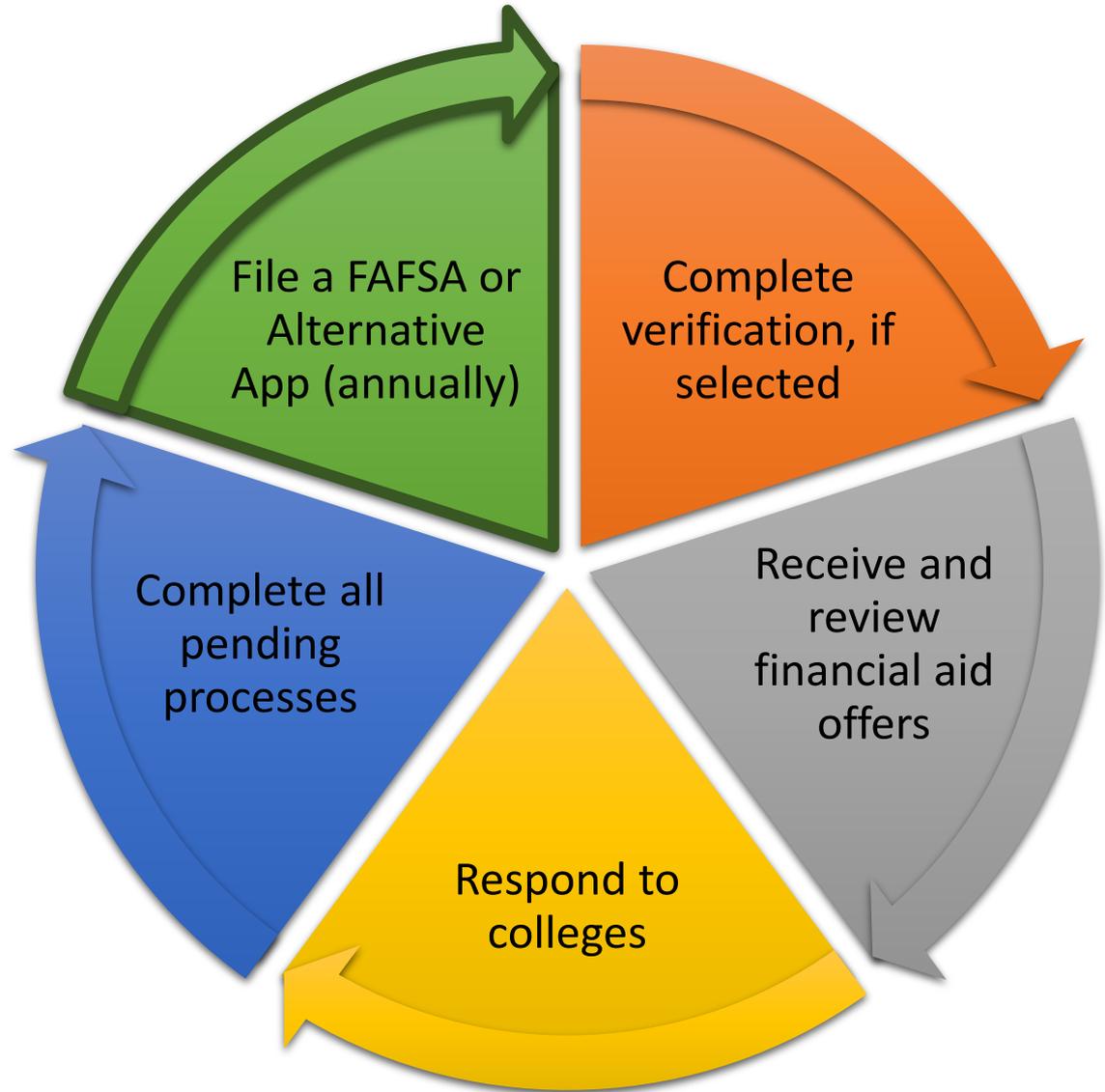
➤ A copy of the confirmation page is emailed to the student

➤ A preliminary EFC is calculated.

The screenshot shows a confirmation page with the following details:

- Header:** "Congratulations, Abel!"
- Message:** "Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid."
- Metadata:** "10/13/2022 15:30:09", "Confirmation Number: F 00000000101", and "Data Release Number (DRN): 9999" (circled in red).
- Next Steps:**
  - You will receive an email version of this page.
  - In 3-5 business days, you will receive an email notifying you that your FAFSA form was processed.
  - Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
  - Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
  - If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).
- Email Address:** "An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the following email address: studentemail@yahoo.com" (circled in red).
- Buttons:** "Print This Page" and a printer icon.
- EFC:** "Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 999999" (circled in red).

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# ISAC College Q&A

- Text your questions to us!
- Let us know if you will be a first generation college student, so we can provide you with additional resources & support!

**Pick the area code closest to you and text us your name.**

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(309) 306-7066

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