



FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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Objectives

- Understand **acronyms and jargon** associated with the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Recognize the **how, why, and when** of FAFSA filing.
- Identify the **correct FAFSA website** and the form itself.
- Recognize various FAFSA nuances and common pitfalls; understand how to address **unique family and financial situations** when completing the FAFSA—and, what to do if your situation cannot be addressed within the form itself.
- Learn who to contact and how to proceed if your **financial circumstances have changed** and need to be communicated to the college for additional consideration.
- Determine what **information and/or documents** are needed to complete the FAFSA and understand where to obtain this information.
- Become familiar with **dependency questions**.

Objective 1: Understand Acronyms & Jargon

What...

...is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**; for students eligible to file a FAFSA, it is the most critical part of the financial aid application process. The FAFSA, which is a form, is used to determine the amount of money (or EFC) a family can “reasonably contribute” toward the cost of attending a postsecondary institution. The results from the FAFSA are used in the awarding of federal and state grants, work-study, and loans.

...is an FSA ID?

This is a Federal Student Aid Identification, which is used to access all Federal Student Aid websites, including <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. The FSA ID consists of a user-created Username and Password. The student can create an FSA ID at any point prior to or after starting their FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>. The student and, if student is dependent, a parent will require an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. ***For a list of dependency questions to help determine dependency status, please see page 38.*** Additionally, please see pages 39-40 for more information on the FSA ID.

...is a SAR?

The SAR is the **Student Aid Report**; it is a summary (approximately five pages) of all the information entered on the FAFSA. The EFC can be found at the top right corner, on the first page of the SAR. Once the FAFSA is processed, the student will receive an email stating the Student Aid Report is ready.

...is an EFC?

The EFC stands for **Expected Family Contribution**. It is an indicator of a family’s ability to pay towards the student’s education. It is also used by financial offices to determine a student’s eligibility for federal, state, and some institutional financial aid during one school year.

Objective 2: Know the How, Why, & When of FAFSA

How:

Students should begin by visiting <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing> to create their FSA ID Username and Password. The FSA ID allows students to securely access their FAFSA, as well as other Federal Student Aid websites.

After creating the FSA ID, students can file a FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. REMINDER: The FAFSA is FREE; do not complete the FAFSA at any other website—you may be asked to pay.

Students must file a FAFSA for every year they hope to receive Federal Student Aid; this is not a one-time form.

Why:

Filing a FAFSA, for students who are eligible to do so, is the single most important part of the financial aid process. The FAFSA is the primary application for federal aid, need-based state aid, and some institutional aid. (**NOTE:** *Students ineligible to file a FAFSA or who are unsure if they can file should contact The Scholarship Foundation for assistance*).

It is very important for students to file a FAFSA as early as possible; some financial aid is first-come, first-served.

When:

The FAFSA for the next academic year opens October 1st each year. Students filing for 2022-23 can file their FAFSA on or after October 1st, 2021. **REMINDER:** Some aid is first-come, first-served.

In Illinois, state need-based aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; filing ASAP is crucial. In Missouri, state need-based aid (Access Missouri) requires that a FAFSA be filed no later than **February 1st** for **guaranteed** consideration.

Many colleges have priority financial aid deadlines. Make sure you meet these deadlines; while researching these deadlines, find out if your college requires any other financial aid paperwork, such as the **CSS Profile**.

Objective 3: Identify the Correct FAFSA Website

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>



The screenshot shows the top portion of the FAFSA website. At the top left, it says "An official website of the United States government." On the right, there are links for "Help Center" and "English | Español". Below this is the "Federal Student Aid" logo, with the tagline "AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION". To the right of the logo are four navigation menus: "UNDERSTAND AID", "APPLY FOR AID", "COMPLETE AID PROCESS", and "MANAGE LOANS", each with a dropdown arrow. A search icon is on the far right. The main content area has a dark blue background with white text. On the left, it says "Complete the FAFSA® Form" and "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 a "Start Here" button, and "Returning User?" with a "Log In" button.

Please be aware that Federal Student Aid has moved nearly all their websites into one platform: www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Some tips for using FAFSA on the web:

1. Microsoft's Chrome browser often does not work well with this website; consider a different browser if possible.
2. Using a pop-up blocker may prevent the FAFSA website from working to its full functionality, especially when trying to obtain the Student Aid Report (SAR); consider disabling for this website.

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.



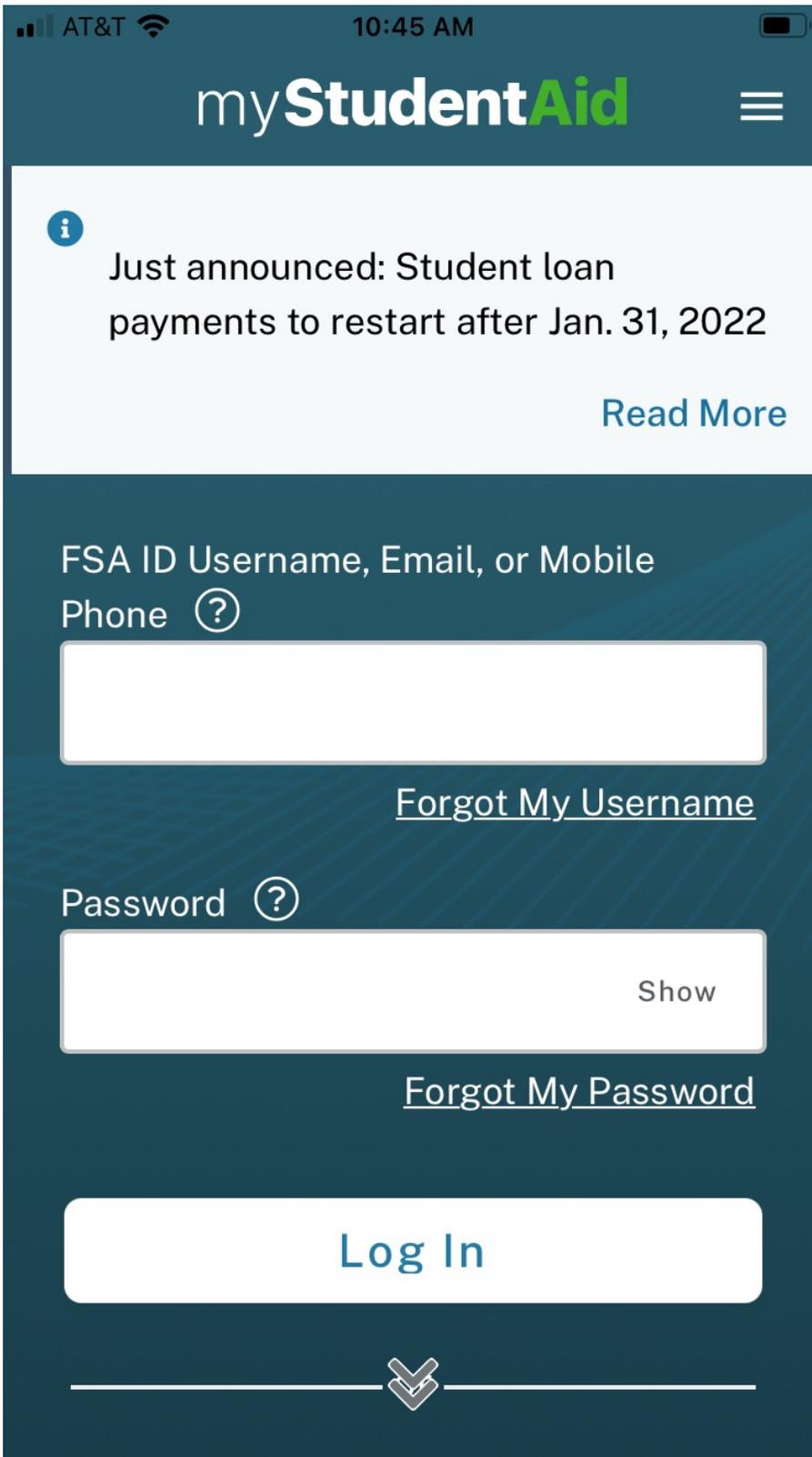
I am a preparer helping a student fill out his or her FAFSA form.



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Students will log-in here, using their FSA ID.

The parent(s) of a student may log-in here to access the student's FAFSA.



The 2022-23 FAFSA is also available to file on an app, **myStudentAid**, which is available through Apple and Google Play.

Objective 4: Recognize FAFSA Nuances & Common Pitfalls; Understand How to Address Unique Family and Financial Circumstances

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](#)

or

Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form.

Students may log in using their FSA ID. Students are encouraged create their FSA ID prior to starting the FAFSA.

Parents may log in using the student's personal identifiers to access questions related to parent demographics and financial information. Parents will need the student's SAVE KEY (see page 9).

Login

Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the Save Key that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

I am the student **OR** I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

The student's first name

The student's full last name

The student's Social Security Number

Show SSN

[From a Freely Associated State?](#)

The student's date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome to TestN Martin's application!

2022-23

2021-22

Current Application Status:

Not Started

We did not find a 2022-23 FAFSA form on file for you.

To receive student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA form every school year. Are you attending college between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023? If so, fill out the 2022-23 FAFSA form.

Start a 2022-23 FAFSA Form

Please complete the **2022-2023 FAFSA**, which is available starting October 1st, 2021.

Students will need to create a SAVE KEY to return to a saved FAFSA! A SAVE KEY is temporary and between 4-8 characters long.

It is not mandatory to read through these, but they provide good information about **Frequently Asked Questions** for the FAFSA.



Pay close attention to the navigation bar at the top of each page; it will clearly indicate if you are answering questions about the student or about the parent(s).

Some of the information on the **Student Demographics** pages may be pre-populated with information used to create the student's FSA ID. This is one reason students are strongly advised to log-in with the FSA ID instead of personal identifiers.

Progress bar: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6), Sign & Submit (7)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Email and Phone

Your Email Address

Reenter Your Email Address

Your Telephone Number

Buttons: Previous, Continue

Progress bar: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6), Sign & Submit (7)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Address

Your Permanent Mailing Address (include apt. number)

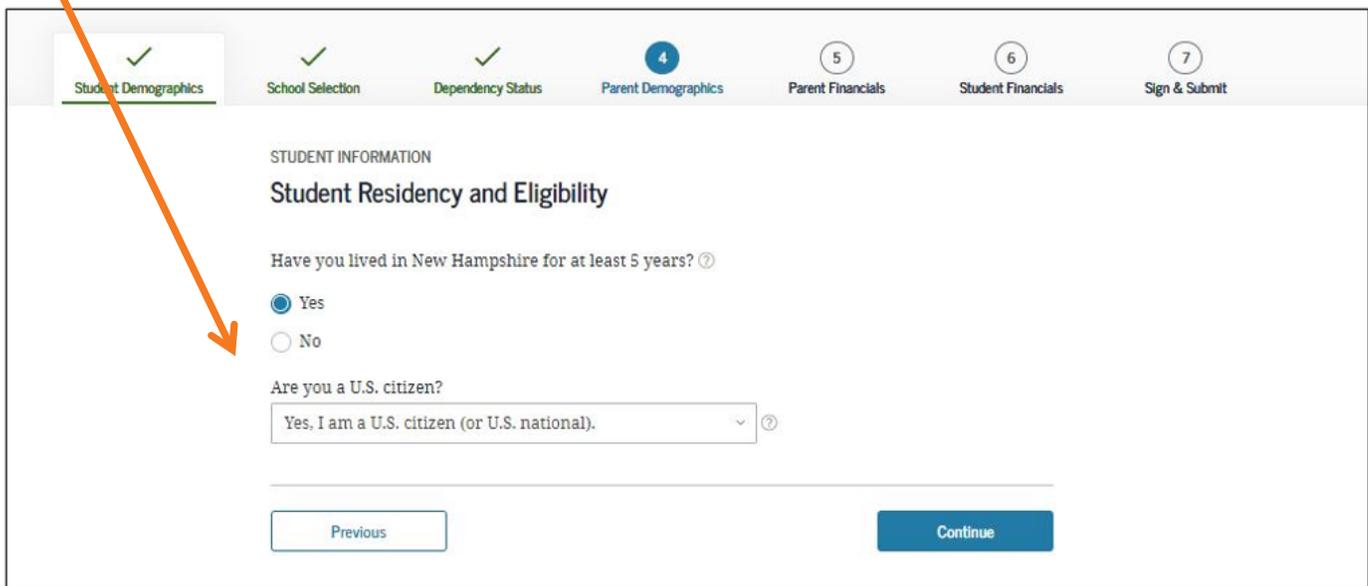
Your City (and country, if not U.S.)

Your State

Your ZIP Code

Buttons: Previous, Continue

Students are asked to identify if they are a citizen or eligible noncitizen. *Students who may be ineligible to file a FAFSA are encouraged to contact The Scholarship Foundation to be connected to a member of our team who can assist.*



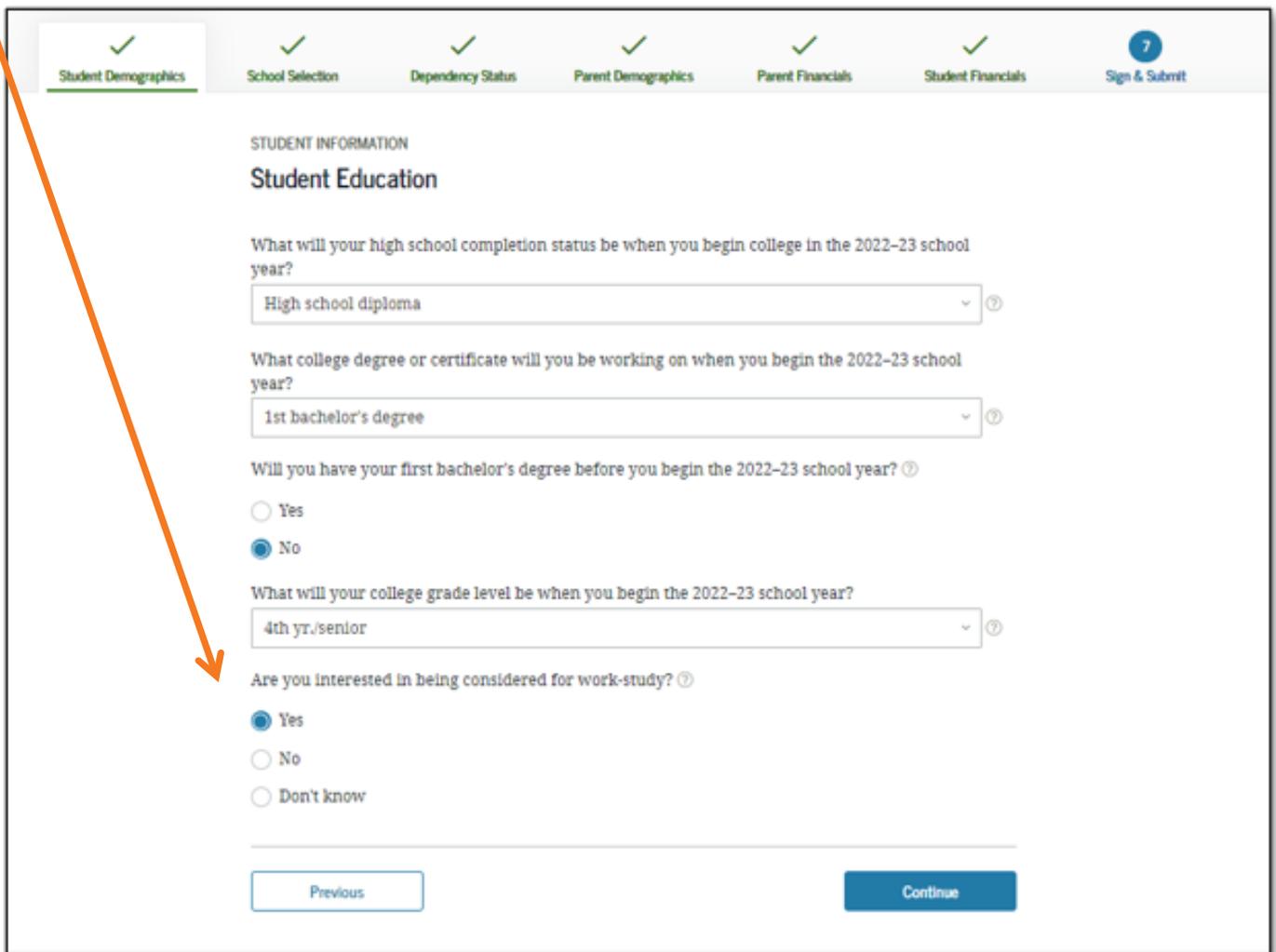
The screenshot displays a progress bar at the top with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6), and Sign & Submit (7). The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Residency and Eligibility'. It contains two questions: 'Have you lived in New Hampshire for at least 5 years?' with 'Yes' selected, and 'Are you a U.S. citizen?' with a dropdown menu showing 'Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)'. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Students who are high school seniors will likely indicate **high school diploma** for high school completion status. Additionally, even if they have dual enrollment or taken other college credits, most of these students will also indicate **never attended college/1st year** for their grade level in 2022-23.

Even if a student plans to pursue a graduate or professional degree, they should indicate their first degree, which will be a **certificate; one of the associate degree options; or 1st bachelor's degree**.

Students who file a FAFSA are automatically considered for grants and student loans; students must opt-in to consideration for Federal Work Study.

Students are encouraged to respond “yes”; work study may be turned down later if not needed or desired.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (checked), Parent Financials (checked), Student Financials (checked), and Sign & Submit (7 steps remaining). The main section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Education". It contains the following questions and options:

- What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2022-23 school year?
High school diploma
- What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2022-23 school year?
1st bachelor's degree
- Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2022-23 school year?
 Yes
 No
- What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2022-23 school year?
4th yr./senior
- Are you interested in being considered for work-study?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know

At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons. An orange arrow points from the top left towards the "Are you interested in being considered for work-study?" question.

The screenshot shows the 'Parent Demographics' step (4) of the FAFSA application. The page title is 'Student Selective Service'. It contains two radio button questions:

Are you male or female? [?]

Male
 Female

i Most male citizens and immigrants must register with the Selective Service System to receive federal student aid.

Are you registered with the Selective Service System? [?]

Yes
 No

At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

The sex question is intended to determine if a student is required to respond to the Selective Service question; all students who were assigned male at birth are required to register at the age of 18. **Although the Selective Service question will be shown on the 2022-23 FAFSA, aid eligibility is no longer affected for students who are not registered. In future years, this question will be eliminated altogether from the FAFSA.**

The screenshot shows the 'Parent Demographics' step (4) of the FAFSA application. The page title is 'Student Driver's License'. It contains two input fields:

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

Your Driver's License State [?]

At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Student Demographics
 School Selection
 Dependency Status
 4 Parent Demographics
 5 Parent Financials
 6 Student Financials
 7 Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion

Are you a foster youth or were you in the foster care system at any time? [?]

Yes
 No

What's the highest school completed by Parent 1?

Select [?]

What's the highest school completed by Parent 2?

Select [?]

Student Demographics
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 4 Parent Demographics
 5 Parent Financials
 6 Student Financials
 7 Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

Add Your High School

Application was successfully saved.

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

To find your high school, enter the following criteria and select "Search."

State / Province / Territory
 Select [?] My country is not listed

City - optional
 [?]

High School Name - optional
 [?]

Students must enter the name of their high school and are asked to **SEARCH** to locate the exact school for confirmation.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Confirm Your High School

Review the information below and then select "Continue" to add this school to your application.

Verify that the high school information you entered is correct, then select "Continue."

High School Information

HIGH SCHOOL NAME
Anacostia Hs

CITY
Washington

STATE
District of Columbia

Previous Start New Search Continue

Students must list the college(s) where they hope to be considered for financial aid. Most students will NOT know the Federal School Code and will instead search by a combination of state, city, and/or school name. Schools are not required to be in any order; each college will only see their institution listed on the report they receive from Federal Student Aid, meaning they do not know what other colleges are listed.

SCHOOL SELECTION

College Search

TestE, 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.

Here's where you'll search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA® 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.

Complete the fields below to search for a college to add to your FAFSA® form. Need help refining your search? Try these search tips.

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

State
Select

City - optional

School Name - optional

Search

Previous

The screenshot shows the 'SCHOOL SELECTION' section of the FAFSA application. The page is titled 'Selected Colleges and Housing Info'. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics, 2. School Selection (current), 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, there is an information icon and a note: 'For each school listed, select the appropriate housing plan from the drop-down list.' The main content area shows a card for 'Howard University' with the Federal School Code: 001448 | Washington, DC | View College Info. Below this, there is a 'Housing Plan' dropdown menu currently set to 'On Campus' and a 'Remove' button. At the bottom of the card, there is a '+ Add More Schools' button. Below the card, there is a 'Compare All Schools' button, which is circled in red. At the very bottom of the page, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Once a student has chosen their schools, they must indicate housing plans. Options include:

- With Parent
- On Campus
- Off Campus

The primary purpose of this is to help the school establish the student's budget for cost of attendance. For example, on campus housing would have a higher budget than living at home with a parent.

By selecting to Compare All Schools, students can review several key statistics related to the college(s) listed on their FAFSA. This includes information pulled from the College Scorecard (collegescorecard.gov) on net price, graduation rates, retention rates, and transfer rates. Although these data may not be the pieces that make (or break) an enrollment decision, they should be considered in the decision-making process. For example, more than four years to graduate from a bachelor's degree program means more cost in tuition and fees, higher debt burden, and an opportunity cost, due to lost wages from less time in the job market.



School Name: ST LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

School Type: 2-year, Public

Federal School Code:	002469
Address:	300 SOUTH BROADWAY
City:	ST LOUIS
Web site:	Click Here
In-State	\$3,285
Out-of-State	\$6,435
Net Price Average:	\$7,565
Graduation Rate:	13%
Retention Rate:	61%
Transfer Rate:	23%
Additional Information from <i>College Scorecard</i> :	NA

> UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - COLUMBIA



School Name: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - COLUMBIA

School Type: 4-year, Public

Federal School Code:	002516
Address:	11 JESSE HALL
City:	COLUMBIA
Web site:	missouri.edu/
In-State	\$9,787
Out-of-State	\$26,506
Net Price Average:	\$18,602
Graduation Rate:	68%
Retention Rate:	86%
Transfer Rate:	0%
Additional Information from <i>College Scorecard</i> :	NA

> KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY



School Name: KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

School Type: 4-year, Public

Federal School Code:	001968
Address:	MAIN STREET C/O FIN AID OFC
City:	FRANKFORT
Web site:	www.kysu.edu
In-State	\$8,184
Out-of-State	\$19,638
Net Price Average:	\$8,772
Graduation Rate:	20%
Retention Rate:	63%
Transfer Rate:	41%
Additional Information from <i>College Scorecard</i> :	NA

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SCHOOL SELECTION
Student Marital Status

✓ Application was successfully saved.

ⓘ 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

Previous Continue

To verify dependency status, students are first asked to confirm their age, marital status, and degree program.

Students who are under 24 years of age, unmarried, and working on a certificate, associate, or bachelor's degree are **dependent**.

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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, 2022 and June 30, 2023? ⓘ

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, 2023? ⓘ

Yes
 No

Previous Continue

Students are next asked to address any dependents they may have, including children of their own.

Having dependents may make a student **independent**.

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SCHOOL SELECTION

Student Additional Dependency Questions

Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA® form. Select all that apply or "None of the above." ?

- 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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SCHOOL SELECTION

Student Homelessness Filter Question

On or after July 1, 2020, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ?

- Yes
- No

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SCHOOL SELECTION

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 select "Continue" to continue to "Parent Demographics" section.

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[®] form without parental information. Select the "I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)" option and select "Continue" to get additional information. ?

I will provide information about my parent(s).

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

Previous Continue

Students who file a FAFSA are considered ***dependent*** or ***independent***. Dependent students are required to provide parent information; independent students are not required to do so. Dependency must meet ***one of the following criteria*** to be independent: ***students are independent*** if they are at least 24 years old; working on a master's or doctorate degree; married; providing more than 50% of the financial support for a child or another dependent; a veteran or serving on active duty in the military; emancipated by a court; in court-ordered legal guardianship; a ward of the court or in foster care; or considered homeless or self-supporting or at risk of being homeless. **Students not meeting any of these criteria are dependent.**

NOTE: There are some students who meet the definition of a dependent student, but who are unable to provide parent information. The student may be eligible to pursue a ***dependency override***, which will be addressed on the next page.

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SCHOOL SELECTION

Impact of Not Providing Parent Information

If you continue to complete the application without providing parent information, the following will occur:

- We will **not** transfer any parent information from your last year's application into this year's FAFSA® form.
- We will **not** calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which colleges use to determine your financial aid package.
- You may be limited in the types of federal student aid that you are eligible to receive.
- You must follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend in order to find out how much student aid you are eligible to receive.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Special Circumstances Qualifications

You may still be eligible for some type of federal student aid without providing parent information. **Please read through the following options carefully.**

Special Circumstances Option

You must contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend if you believe you have a special circumstance that should be considered in determining your eligibility for federal student aid. However, not all situations are considered a special circumstance. For example, the following situations would **not** be considered as a special circumstance on his or her own:

- You do not live with your parent(s).
- Your parent(s) does not provide you with financial support.
- Your parent(s) refuses to contribute to your college expenses.
- Your parent(s) does not claim you as a dependent on his or her income tax return.
- Your parent(s) does not want to provide his or her information on your FAFSA® form.

Unsubsidized Loan Option

If you do not meet a requirement for a special circumstance and still choose to continue your application without providing parent information, you will only be considered for an unsubsidized

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Unsubsidized Loan Option

If you do not meet a requirement for a special circumstance and still choose to continue your application without providing parent information, you will only be considered for an unsubsidized loan. To request consideration for an unsubsidized loan, you must contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend.

Choose the appropriate option below based on your circumstances. ?

- I will provide information about my parent(s).
- I have a special circumstance and I am unable to provide information about my parent(s).
- I do not have a special circumstance, and I am submitting my FAFSA® form without parent information to apply for an unsubsidized loan only.

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Students who believe they have a special circumstance as outlined in the above form are encouraged to submit their FAFSA without parent information and immediately follow-up with their prospective college(s) for instructions on what paperwork and supporting documentation are required to complete a dependency override (sometimes referred to as a DO). Students unsure if they may be eligible or needing/wanting support should contact The Scholarship Foundation for support and assistance.

Students who are dependent must provide information for a biological or adoptive parent. The parent(s) reported on the FAFSA is determined not only by marital status, but also by physical custody. The student should report the personal and financial information for the parent with whom they lived more than 50% of the time in the past year.

If the student lives with a biological parent who is remarried, the stepparent's information is required.

If the student splits time equally between two biological parents, the student would report the information of the parent who provides more than 50% of the financial support.

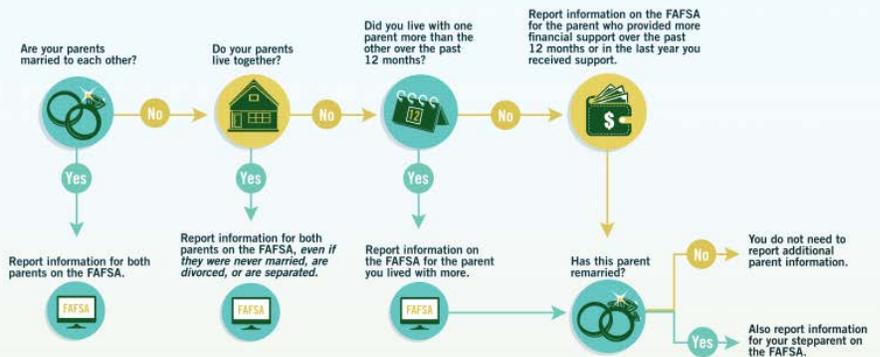
If the student lives with both biological parents together in one household, their marital status does not matter—both parents' information must be provided. One marital status option is ***Unmarried but Living Together***.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6), and Sign & Submit (7). The main content area is titled 'PARENT INFORMATION' and 'Whose Information Should I Provide?'. A green success message states 'Application was successfully saved.' Below it is an information icon and a link to a fact sheet: '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.' The text explains that dependent students must provide parent information and lists four criteria with radio buttons: '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.', and 'I was legally adopted.' At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).



The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:



Widowed Stepparent



Grandparents



Foster Parents



Legal Guardians



Older Brothers or Sisters



Aunts or Uncles

If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/afsa/filling-out/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to StudentAid.gov/afsa/filling-out/dependency

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Parent Marital Status

i 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: 08 Year: 1994 ?

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Remember, the FAFSA belongs to the student; "you" and "your" refer to the student, so questions should be considered from the student perspective.

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

Your Parent's Social Security Number

Your Parent's Last Name

Your Parent's First Initial

Your Parent's Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Your Parents' Email Address

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Personal information for parent(s) includes SSN, last name, first initial, and birthdate. In two-parent households, each parent's information will be entered on a separate page to avoid confusion. Remember, parents include biological and/or adoptive parents, as well as stepparents in the case of remarriage.

No one else is considered a parent on the FAFSA, including a legal guardian!

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Enter Information for Your Other Parent
(father/mother/stepparent).

Your Parent's Social Security Number

Your Parent's Last Name

Your Parent's First Initial

Your Parent's Date of Birth

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Parent State of Legal Residence

Have your parents lived in District of Columbia for at least 5 years? [?]

Yes
 No

Household size can be tricky to report on the FAFSA. Students should include themselves; their parent(s); any siblings who receive half of their support from the parent(s) and/or can answer “no” to every dependency question on the FAFSA; and anyone else (e.g., grandparent) who lives with their parent(s) and receives more than half of their support from the student’s parent(s).

Parents who are enrolled in college may not include themselves in the total of number of people in the household who are in college. If parents are enrolled, they should speak with the financial aid office at the student’s college.

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Enter Information for Your Parents' Dependents

i Do not include yourself (the student).

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, 2022 and June 30, 2023;
- or
- can answer “no” to every dependency status question on the FAFSA® 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, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

[?]

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent Household Information



Your household size is 9.

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

Number in College

Out of the 7 dependents in your parents' household (as shown above), how many will be college students between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023? **DO NOT include your parents, but DO include yourself** and other members of the household.

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Parent Tax Filing Status

✓ Application was successfully saved.

1 You indicated your parents are **married or remarried** but you also indicated your parents' tax return filing status is **head of household**. If one of your responses is incorrect, change it now. If the information you entered is correct, make sure the income information you provide on the following pages reflects both your parents' 2019 income.

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 ?

For 2020, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?

Married-filed joint return ?



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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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The student's parent(s) will be asked if they filed **federal** taxes for **2020**. Not all families are required to file; *"Not going to file"* is a selection option. Please be aware that tax complications and errors can delay financial aid and, in some cases, prevent the student from accessing aid altogether. If there are any questions or concerns about a tax circumstance and how it might impact financial aid eligibility, please contact The Scholarship Foundation or the financial aid office at the student's college of choice.

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Parent Eligible for IRS DRT

Applying is faster and easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)!

Based on your responses, we recommend that you, the parents, 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 the FAFSA form.

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

[No Thanks](#)
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IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

What is the IRS DRT?

An online function that allows for student and parent tax filers, who filed a **federal tax return**, to electronically transfer processed tax information from the IRS into a FAFSA.

Is it required?

No, it is not required. **However, it is strongly encouraged.**

What are the benefits of the IRS DRT?

There are several benefits. First, it eliminates the need to manually enter tax information, which can be inaccessible and, if available, difficult to enter. Second, it significantly reduces the likelihood of needing to undergo the process of verification related to income. Verification can extend the financial aid process, delaying financial aid award letters and a student's ability to make an informed enrollment decision.

What happens if I cannot transfer my data?

You may still submit a FAFSA, but you may be asked to verify income with the financial aid office at the school(s) to which you applied to for admission. This may mean providing copies of an IRS Tax Transcript, a summary of a processed tax return.

Will I be able to see my tax information after it transfers?

No. Transferred tax information is encrypted and **will not be viewable** on the FAFSA itself or the Student Aid Report. This change is an effort to increase security and privacy. Because transferred data is not viewable, edits are not allowed.

Are there any tax-filers who cannot transfer tax information from the IRS?

Married tax filers, who filed separate returns, cannot use the IRS DRT. Information will need to be input manually. In addition, legal parents who are not married, but reside in the same household, will also need to manually enter tax information.

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Parent Log In to IRS Data Retrieval Tool

i To use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT), have the parent listed in the FAFSA® 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? [?](#)

B. Smith (Parent 1)
 C. Smith (Parent 2)

FSA ID Username, Email Address, or Mobile Number [?](#)

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The parent(s) of a dependent student will have the opportunity to electronically transfer processed tax information from the IRS into the FAFSA. The parent will use their FSA ID to transfer access the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

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Get My Federal Income Tax Information

See our [Privacy Notice](#) regarding our request for your personal information.

Enter the following information from your 2020 Federal Income Tax Return. [?](#)

All fields are required unless marked otherwise:

First Name

Last Name

Social Security Number

No input required

Date of Birth

MM/DD/YYYY

Filing Status [?](#)

Street Address [?](#)

Must match your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return

P.O. Box [?](#)

Required if entered on your tax return

Apartment Number

Required if entered on your tax return

Country

City, Town or Post Office

State / U.S. Territory

ZIP Code

By submitting this information, you certify that you are the person identified. Use of this system to access another person's information may result in civil and criminal penalties.

Select the button below to exit the IRS system and return to your FAFSA.

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2020 Federal Income Tax Information

Get Data

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.

For your protection, the IRS will not display your tax information and will further encrypt any tax information transferred using the IRS DRT, therefore, ED is unable to display your tax information on your FAFSA form.

The data retrieved from your tax return is limited to the items listed below as you reported to the IRS:

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

Refer to your tax records if you have a question about the values you reported.

Transfer My Tax information into the FAFSA Form ?

The tax information provided to fafsa.gov will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions. After the FAFSA questions are populated, your IRS session will end, and you will return to your FAFSA form. Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.

TRANSFER NOW ?

Do Not Transfer My Tax information and Return to the FAFSA Form ?

By clicking the "Do Not Transfer" button, you are choosing not to transfer your tax information electronically. Your IRS session will end, and you will return to your FAFSA form.

DO NOT TRANSFER ?

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Parents who use the IRS Data Retrieval will see much of the detail on the next several screen shots transferred from the IRS into the FAFSA. Data is encrypted and will state **Transferred from the IRS**. All pertinent line items will be transferred, even if the transferred amount is \$0.

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Parent IRS Info

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2020?
This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 11.

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Parent Income from Work

How much did your Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?
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).

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How much did your Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?
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).

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In two-parent households, income earned from working will not transfer. As a result, it is advised that families have W2s, 1099s, and other wage/income statements readily available when filing a FAFSA.

Parent Simplified Path Determination

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You indicated that your parents filed an IRS 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, Alaska Permanent Fund dividend, or virtual currency. Click [here](#) for more information. ?

Yes No Don't know

As of today, is either of your parents a [dislocated worker](#)? ?

Yes No Don't know

In 2019 or 2020, did you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below?

Check all that apply or check **None of the above**. If, at the time you are completing the FAFSA, you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household did NOT receive any of these benefits during 2019 or 2020, but do receive any of them on or before December 31, 2020, you must return to the FAFSA and update your response. ?

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

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ([SNAP](#))
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ([TANF](#))
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- None of the above

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Parent Additional IRS Info

Enter the amount of your parents' income tax for 2020.

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

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Parent Questions for Tax Filers Only

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2020? 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 ⓘ

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 ⓘ

Education credits (*American Opportunity Tax Credit* or *Lifetime Learning Tax Credit*) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3-line 3

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form 1040—(lines 4a + 5a) minus (lines 4b + 5b). **Exclude rollovers.** If negative, enter a zero here.. If negative, enter a zero here.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans from IRS form 1040 Schedule 1-total of lines 15+19.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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Did your parents have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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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Parent Untaxed Income

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.
\$ 0 .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.
\$ 0 .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).
\$ 0 .00 ?

Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability Death Pension or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.
\$ 0 .00 ?

Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, etc.
\$ 0 .00 ?

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Many of these items will transfer over from the IRS DRT; one exception is the question about payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement plans. This is a very common question for families to have to answer. Have W2s accessible when filing the FAFSA!

The asset question is dynamic. Every family has an asset protection allowance, which is determined by factors such as marital status and the age of the older parent. How this question presents will vary. For purposes of the FAFSA, not all assets are counted—it is important to report assets correctly. Parents will need to report the balance of cash, savings, and checking; the net worth of investments (**NOTE: retirement accounts, such as 401Ks, 403Bs, etc. are NOT reportable assets on the FAFSA**); and the net worth of businesses (if applicable) are assets to be reported. If a family has assets that do not exceed the dollar amount given in the question, assets do not need to be reported at all.

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Parent Assets

As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?
\$.00 ?

As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate (not your parents' home)?
\$.00 ?

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.
\$.00 ?

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Student Tax Filing Status

✓ Application was successfully saved.

⚠ **Attention!** You must provide financial information from your **2019 tax return** on the following pages.

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

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

Already completed ?

What income tax return did you file for 2020?

IRS Form 1040 ?

For 2020, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Married-filed joint return ?

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Student Tax Filing Status

⚠ **Attention!** You must provide financial information from your **2019 tax return** on the following pages.

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

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

Already completed ?

What income tax return did you file for 2020?

IRS Form 1040 ?

For 2020, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Single ?



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

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Student IRS Info

✓ **You have successfully transferred your 2020 IRS tax information.**

Your IRS tax information has been successfully transferred into this FAFSA® form. Questions that were populated with tax information will be marked with "Transferred from the IRS." For your protection, IRS tax return information is not displayed on the FAFSA form.

What was your adjusted gross income for 2020?

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Student Income from Work

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?

Transferred from the IRS ⓘ

Did you file an IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) for 2020? ⓘ

Yes
 No

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Student Additional IRS Info

Enter the amount of your income tax for 2020.

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Student Questions for Tax Filers Only

Did you have any of the following items in 2020? 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.

\$ 0 .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.

\$ 0 .00 ?

Education credits (*American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit*) from IRS.

Transferred from the IRS ?

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form.

Transferred from the IRS ?

IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form.

Transferred from the IRS ?

Tax Exempt Interest Income from IRS Form

Transferred from the IRS ?

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Student Additional Financial Info

Did you have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support you paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Do not include support for children in your household.

\$ 0 .00 ?

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

\$ 0 .00 ?

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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Student Untaxed Income

Did you have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply. ly.

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

\$ 0 .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.

\$ 0 .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).

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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Student Assets

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? ⓘ

Yes
 No

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

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

\$.00 ⓘ

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.

\$.00 ⓘ

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A preparer is someone PAID to file a FAFSA. There is LOTS of FREE help available. **Please do NOT use a preparer!** If you see this on the 2022-23 FAFSA, please confirm how you've logged in.

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Are you a paid preparer? (This is rare.) ⓘ

Yes

No

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Read Before Proceeding

1 Carefully read and acknowledge whether you agree to our terms outlined below by selecting the checkbox at the bottom of this page.
Select "Sign and Submit FAFSA Form."

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

- 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.

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

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

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

- information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
- 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, T Perez, agree to the terms outlined above.

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Signature Status

1 A parent must sign the FAFSA® form. If you're a parent, select "Provide Parent Signature" to sign your child's FAFSA form.
Note: If you're the student and your parent isn't present, select "Save FAFSA Form" and then "Exit FAFSA." Your parent should log in to the FAFSA form using the student's identifiers and the save key to sign and submit your FAFSA form.

Student Signed With FSA ID

Signed With FSA ID

Last Name
Anderson

Date of Birth Social Security Number
08/09/2002 ----1483

Parent Signature Needed

UNSIGNED

Provide Parent Signature

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SIGN & SUBMIT

Which parent are you?


Parent 1

⚠️ Unsigned

Last Name
Taylor

Date of Birth Social Security Number
07/01/2000 -----3006

Provide Parent Signature 


Parent 2

⚠️ Unsigned

Last Name
Perez

Date of Birth Social Security Number
02/17/2001 -----1531

Provide Parent Signature 

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Congratulations, TestM!

Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

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Confirmation Number:
Data Release Number (DRN) 4454

Here's what happens next:

- 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).

Do you have another child who needs to complete a FAFSA?

If so, you can transfer your information into a new FAFSA form for your other child to save time. You will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.

Transfer FAFSA Information 

School(s) On Your FAFSA Form

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate
Alabama Agriclt & Mechl Univ	25%	60%	41%
Alabama State University	N/A	N/A	N/A

Professional Judgement Review/Special Circumstances Appeal

Because the FAFSA is a form, there are many facets of a student and their family's experiences and circumstances that are not accounted for when applying for financial aid.

Upon submitting the FAFSA, a student may follow up with the college(s) they are applying to for admission and request that the school consider additional or new information. This process is typically referred to as either a **professional judgement review** or **special circumstances appeal**. Especially because many experienced significant changes in their lives because of COVID-19 and the economic devastation it brought, students and families should carefully review if their 2020 taxes accurately reflect their current financial circumstances.

Students should contact the school if there has been a reduction or loss of income; change in employment for a member of the household; or other extenuating costs due to illness, hospitalization, etc. Please note, not all reasons to request a review or pursue an appeal will be directly related to COVID.

If a Student Advisor can assist you in navigating this process, please contact us by email at info@sfstl.org or phone at (314) 725-7990.

Frequently Asked Questions

If my parents are divorced, whose information do I need?

Report the information of the parent with whom you lived the most during the 12 months preceding the date you completed the FAFSA. It does not make a difference which parent claims you as a dependent for tax purposes. If you did not live with either parent or lived equally with each parent, the parental information must be provided for the parent from whom you received the most financial support during the preceding 12 months or the parent from whom you received the most support the last time support was given. *If your parents are divorced, but still share a household (live under one roof together), both parents' information is required in the FAFSA.*

What should I do if my parent with whom I live is remarried and my stepparent refuses to supply information?

If you are a dependent student and your parent is remarried, the stepparent's information is required. If you believe that your situation is unique or unusual other than the stepparent's simple refusal to provide the requested information, you should discuss the matter further with your financial aid administrator at the college or university which you plan to attend.

How are 529 savings plans reported on the FAFSA?

There are two types of Qualified Tuition Programs: tuition prepayment plans and college savings plans (529s). Both will have the plan value reported on the FAFSA as an asset of the owner (not the beneficiary), except when the owner is a dependent student, in which case the plan is an asset of the parent. So, regardless of whether student or parent is owner, it is always reported as an asset of the parent. The plan value is not reported as an asset if the owner is another person (i.e., grandparent or non-custodial parent). In addition, plan values of a student's sibling are also reported when the parent is the owner of the plans.

Whose income do I report if I live with a grandparent, aunt, etc. (other than a biological or adoptive parent)?

The FAFSA is very clear—*only biological or adoptive parent information should be included in the FAFSA.* Students who reside with a grandparent, aunt/uncle, or another adult may, depending on circumstances, be considered an independent student, which means no parent/guardian information is required. Otherwise, students may need to pursue a dependency override or begin conversations with a parent to secure necessary information.

That's great, but I still want help.

Help text is available and accessible for every question on the FAFSA if you apply online. You can also get free live help online: <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/landing>.

Contact the **Federal Student Aid Information Center**: 1.800.4.FED.AID (1.800.433.3243) for assistance with any questions you have regarding your FAFSA!

Scholarship Foundation's Student Advisors are available for FREE appointments to assist you. Please call (314) 725-7990 or email info@sfstl.org to schedule an appointment. (NOTE: All Fall 2021 appointments will be conducted via a virtual platform such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, FaceTime, or similar.)

2022-2023 FAFSA Checklist

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> to apply for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.

Dependent students must include parents' information on the FAFSA. To determine your dependency status, see dependency status worksheet.

REQUIRED INFORMATION	WHERE TO FIND IT
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 Federal Income Tax Forms and, If applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	Personal records or call the IRS at 800-829-1040—allow 10 days processing.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020 W-2 Forms or 1099s	Personal records or contact your employer(s) or call the IRS at 800-829-1040
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Student Aid (FSA) IDs	Create FSA ID Username and Password https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing .
<input type="checkbox"/> Student's driver's license number	Personal records
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number (both student and parent)	Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth date (for both parents and student)	Personal records
<input type="checkbox"/> Date you or your parents were married, separated, divorced, or widowed.	Personal records
<input type="checkbox"/> Current (day of FAFSA filing) cash and checking/savings account balances.	Personal records or from your bank
<input type="checkbox"/> Current investment values (stocks, savings bonds, mutual funds, CDs) excluding parent's home and retirement plans.	Statements from the financial institution

2022-2023 Dependency Checklist

Dependency Status Questions		
Answer the following questions to determine your dependency status for the FAFSA.		
Were you born before January 1, 1999?	Yes	No
Are you married?	Yes	No
Will you be enrolled in a master’s or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year?	Yes	No
Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty?	Yes	No
Do you have children who will receive more than half of their financial support from you?	Yes	No
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?	Yes	No
Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	Yes	No
Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2021, were you homeless?	Yes	No

If you answer “no” to **every** question, you are dependent and must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

If you answer “yes” to **any** question, you are independent and should not include parental information on the FAFSA.

Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

Federal Student Aid IDs (FSA ID) are a username and password, created by the individual student and/or parent. FSA IDs are used to sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and, as a result, are a crucial part of the FAFSA-completion process. All FAFSA-filers are required to create an FSA ID; if the student is dependent, a parent is strongly advised to create one as well. Here are a few recommendations regarding the FSA IDs.

- Create an FSA ID at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>.
- FSA IDs are linked to the user's Social Security Number. *Please double check that the name, birthdate, and SSN used on the FSA ID application match what is listed on your Social Security card.*
- Users are **required** to link an email address to their FSA ID; a second step in this process is verifying the email address by entering a secure code that has been sent to the email address listed on the application. **The FSA ID is not finalized until the email address has been verified.** Remember:
 - 1. A *verified* email address can be used interchangeably with the username, offering greater flexibility.
 - 2. If the username and/or password are forgotten, a user may send a secure code to their *verified* email, which allows for easier retrieval and/or reset.
- Users may also link a cell phone number to their FSA ID; again, a second step in this process is verifying the cell phone number by entering a secure code that has been sent by text message to the cell number listed. Doing so is strongly encouraged for two reasons:
 - 1. A *verified* cell phone number can be used interchangeably with the username, offering greater flexibility.
 - 2. If the username and/or password are forgotten, a user may send a secure code to their *verified* cell phone number, which allows for easier retrieval and/or reset.
- Show text when answering challenge questions to ensure they are typed as intended.
- Write everything down and save in a safe, secure spot.
- Although it is understandable the many reasons why students create parent FSA IDs (and vice versa), it is advisable to avoid this unless absolutely necessary. When it is necessary, one suggestion is to use the same password for both accounts, to minimize what detail needs to be remembered.

Student: _____

Email Address: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Challenge Questions and Answers:

Question #1: _____

Answer #1: _____

Question #2: _____

Answer #2: _____

Question #3: _____

Answer #3: _____

Question #4: _____

Answer #4: _____

Parent: _____

Email Address: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Challenge Questions and Answers:

Question #1: _____

Answer #1: _____

Question #2: _____

Answer #2: _____

Question #3: _____

Answer #3: _____

Question #4: _____

Answer #4: _____

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