

FAFSA Fundamentals for High School Students

2025 - 2026





Introduction to Financial Aid



Financial Aid = Money for College

Grants

Scholarships

Work-Study

Student Loans

What is the FAFSA?



Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Available at **FAFSA.gov**

Snapshot of your family's current **financial situation**

Helps **determine your eligibility** for federal and state aid

FAFSA.gov

2025–26 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

The 2025–26 FAFSA® form is now available for all students and contributors. Complete the form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

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Edit a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form or Accept an Invitation

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Need the 2024–25 FAFSA form?

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The logo features the word "FAFSA" in large, bold, blue letters. A registered trademark symbol (®) is to the upper right of the "A". Below "FAFSA" is the word "form" in a smaller, lowercase, blue font. Three stylized human figures are integrated with the letters: one is sitting on top of the "F", another is walking to the left of the "F", and a third is sitting on the "A" while looking at a laptop.

Always **free**

Available **now**

Why apply online?

**Faster
processing time**

**Save and finish
later**

**Built-in error
catcher**

**Sign
electronically**

StudentAid.gov Accounts



What's a StudentAid.gov account?

Your **electronic signature**

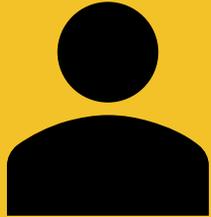
Username and password

Once created, it can be used each year to **renew your FAFSA**

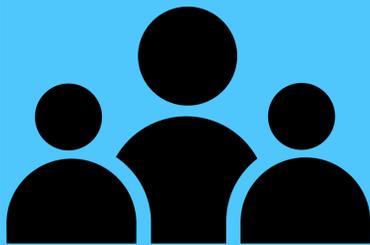
Each **Contributor** will be able to reuse their account each year

- For FAFSA renewal
- A parent can use the same username and password to sign your sibling's FAFSA

Who needs a StudentAid.gov account?

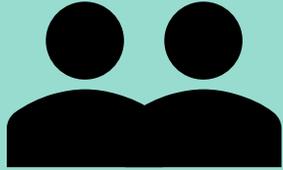


You, **the student**, need a StudentAid.gov account



If you're a dependent student, **one or both parents** will need their own StudentAid.gov account

Which parent?



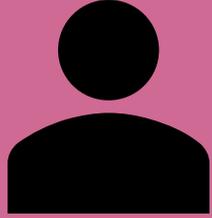
If parents are **married**

If **married, filing jointly** in 2023 and still married to each other, only one parent needs to create an account

If they **didn't file jointly** in 2023, both parents may each need an account of their own. Examples:

- Married, filing separately
- Not married, but living together
- Remarried since 2023

Which parent?



If parents are **divorced or separated**

The parent who **gave you the most financial support** in the last 12 months will be the one to contribute their information

If that parent has **remarried**, your parent and step-parent must both contribute their information

A new FAFSA tool is available to help you decide who needs to be on your FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents>

Dependency Status

What's Your FAFSA Dependency Status? 2025-26

Answer 'yes' or 'no' to these questions to determine if you'll need to provide your parents' information:

	YES	NO
1. Were you born before January 1, 2002?	___	___
2. On the day you submit your FAFSA, are you married?	___	___
3. At the beginning of the 2025-26 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)?	___	___
4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training (if you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee, are you on active duty for other than state or training purposes)?	___	___
5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?*	___	___
6. Do you have children or other people (excluding a spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026?	___	___
7. At any time since you turned age 13, were you an orphan (no living or adoptive biological parent), were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?	___	___
8. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you a legally emancipated minor?	___	___
9. Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	___	___
10. At any time on or after July 1, 2024, were you unaccompanied and either 1) homeless or 2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	___	___

*Answer 'No' if you are not a veteran if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, (2) are currently an ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) a National Guard or Reserves enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (4) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces but released under dishonorable conditions. Also answer 'No' if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2025.

Answer 'Yes' if you are a veteran if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies and (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer 'Yes' if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2025.

► If you answered **YES** to one or more of these questions, you are considered an **INDEPENDENT STUDENT** on the FAFSA.
 ► You will **NOT** need to provide your parents' information when completing your FAFSA application.
 ► Contact the college or university you plan to attend for more information about your dependency status.

Applicants who indicate on their FAFSA form that they have unusual circumstances and are unable to contact a parent or that contact with a parent poses a risk to the student, will be granted provisional independent status. A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they:

- Left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- Are abandoned by or estranged from their parents;
- Have refugee or asylum status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- Are a victim of human trafficking;
- Are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated, and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or
- Are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents.

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<https://ucango2.org/publications/fafsa/DependencyQA.pdf>

Who needs a StudentAid.gov Account? For Dependent Students | 2025 – 2026 FAFSA

StudentAid.gov accounts are required for students and parents to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. The FAFSA will determine who needs a StudentAid.gov account as you advance through the application, but this document is intended to help you determine who needs to create an account ahead of time.

StudentAid.gov accounts should be created at least a week before starting the FAFSA. You can create one today by visiting [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and clicking **Create Account**.

COLOR KEY

- Every student needs a StudentAid.gov account!**
- Only the legal parent(s) of a dependent student (and their spouse in some cases) will need a StudentAid.gov account. Legal guardians will not be contributors to the FAFSA. If a student is determined to be independent for FAFSA purposes, no parents will need a StudentAid.gov account.**
- Only one parent will need a StudentAid.gov account to consent to the transfer of 2023 IRS information.**
- Both parents will need StudentAid.gov accounts to consent to the transfer of 2023 IRS information.**
- If currently separated, divorced, or widowed, but 2023 taxes were filed jointly, one parent will need a StudentAid.gov account to consent to the transfer of 2023 IRS information. The student should contact the financial aid office to request an income adjustment.**
- Only the legal parent will need a StudentAid.gov account to consent to the transfer of 2023 IRS information.**

Use UCanGo2's StudentAid.gov Account Worksheet to keep a record of your account information. It's available in English and Spanish at [UCanGo2.org](https://ucango2.org). Click **Publications & Tools** to access the worksheet.

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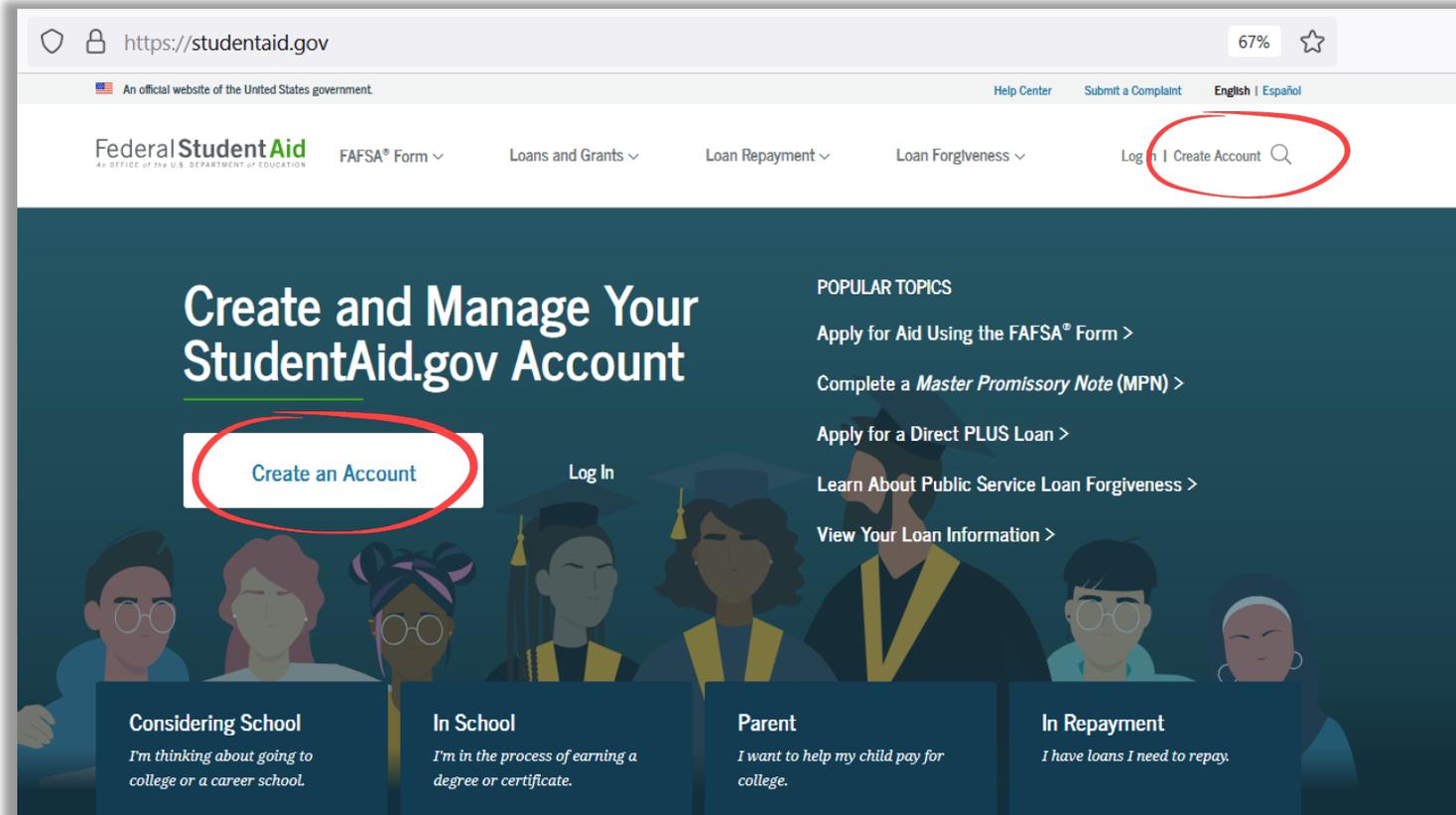
Important!

In your part of the FAFSA (student section), you'll be asked to provide the **full legal name, birthdate, social security number and email address of your parent(s)**

Before doing this, make sure to ask your parents **exactly** how their information appears on their StudentAid.gov accounts

If all information doesn't match, your **FAFSA will need corrections** before being fully processed

Create Your StudentAid.gov Account



Visit **StudentAid.gov** and choose **Create Account**

StudentAid.gov Account Tips

Use your **personal email account**

Never share your username and password with anyone, not even your parents

Never include your birthdate in any password

Personal Information

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

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

First Name ?

Middle Initial ?

Last Name ?

Date of Birth

Month Day Year ?

Social Security Number ?

[What if I don't have a Social Security number? ▾](#)

Homelessness

If you're not currently living with a parent/legal guardian and you are considered to be **homeless**, or **self-supporting and at risk of being homeless**:

Use mailing address
of an adult relative or
friend

OR

Use address at one of
the college offices

Always ask permission first!

Verify Email and Cell Phone Information

You'll be required to provide a **unique email address**

You'll receive a message saying FSA (Federal Student Aid) sent you a **secure code**

Retrieve the message from your inbox and enter it as shown

Another **code will be sent to your cell phone** (optional) to verify your phone number

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 7 of 7
Enable Two-Step Verification

Protect Your Account with Two-Step Verification

Whenever you sign in, we'll send a secure code to make sure it's really you. To keep your account protected, make sure your phone number and email are verified. We also suggest setting up verification using a secure authenticator app.

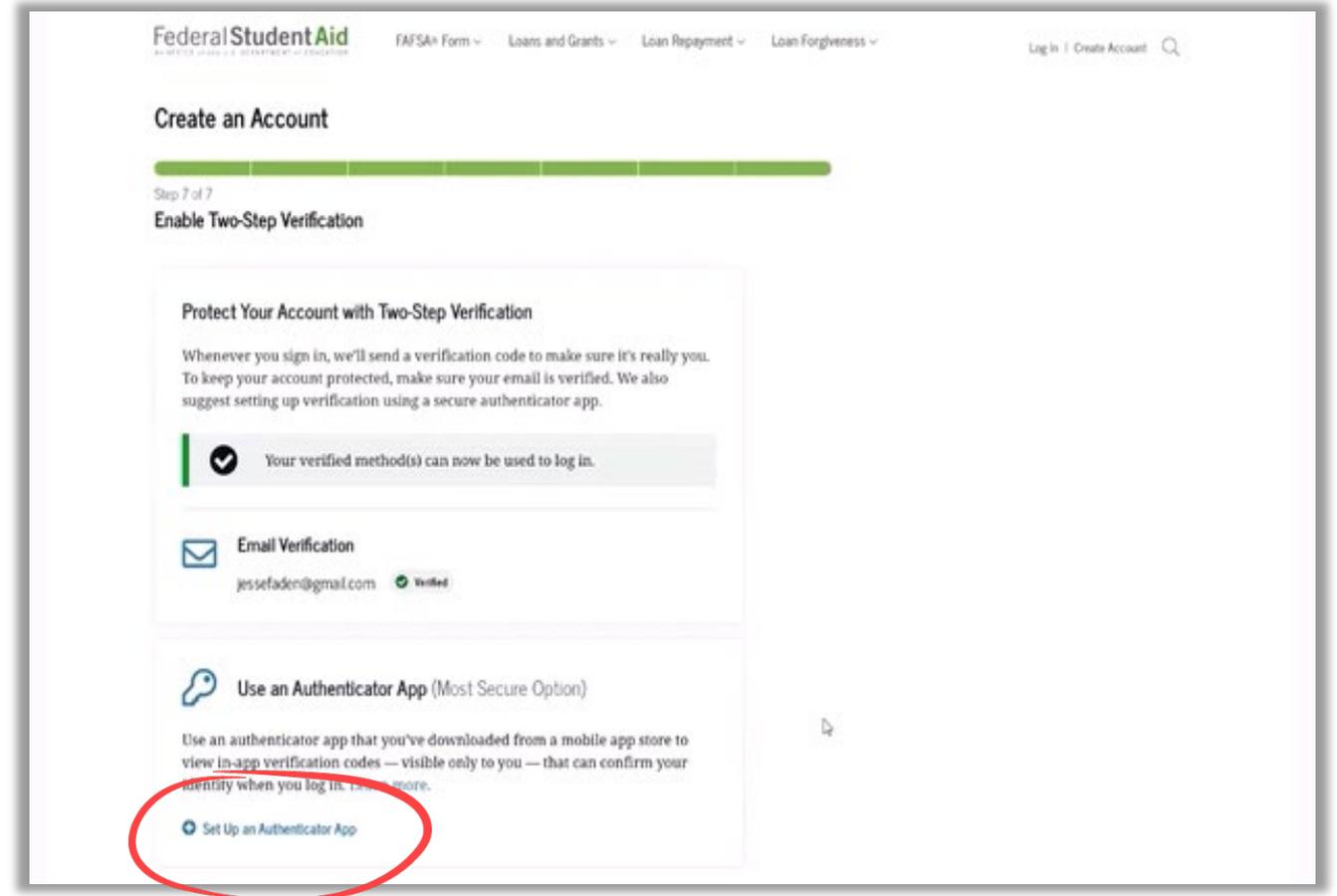
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7035550000 Not Verified

Email Verification
William712@gmail.com Not Verified

Two-Step Verification

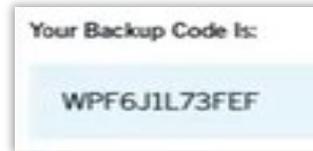
Installing an **authenticator app** isn't required, but it's an additional way to keep your information secure

Download your own, or set one up here



One-Use Backup Code

You'll be given a **one-use backup code** when you've finished your new account application. This can be used if the 2-step verification isn't successful. Store it somewhere safe.

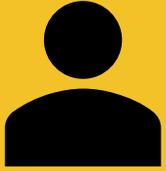


If it gets lost, log in to your account and select “**Generate a New Backup Code**” under “Two-Step Verification” in Settings.

NOTE: Your backup code can only be used once.

For assistance, contact Federal Student Aid at 1-800-4-FED-AID or 1-800-433-3243.

Create Your StudentAid.gov Account Early



You, **the student**, need a StudentAid.gov account

At least two weeks before you start your FAFSA

- The sooner the better
- You can even create it today

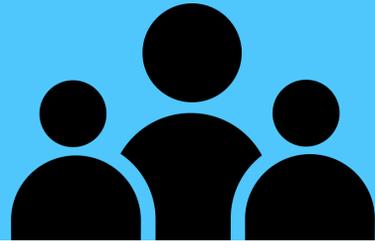
Information goes through a **match** with the Social Security Administration

- Matching process can take 5-7 days
- A contributor will be notified if the match fails

Until information matches are complete:

- A contributor will not be able to complete and sign their portion of the FAFSA

Parent StudentAid.gov Account



Both parents may need an ID

Parent email addresses and mobile numbers can only be associated with one StudentAid.gov account – neither can match yours

No Social Security Number?

Parents without Social Security numbers are able to create StudentAid.gov accounts

Since there won't be a Social Security number to verify, their StudentAid.gov accounts can be **created right before they contribute** their information

They **may** need to provide documentation to verify their identity

Complete Your FAFSA



Gather Your Information

Your **Social Security** or **Permanent Resident Card**

Your **2023 tax return/W-2s**

Your **parent(s)**' name, date of birth, Social Security number and email address

Helpful FAFSA Tips

No punctuation when entering your name, **unless** there's punctuation on your Social Security card

Save the application frequently throughout the process

Always use the **'Previous'** and **'Continue'** buttons; don't use your browser's Back button or you may have to start over

Start Your FAFSA

Go to **FAFSA.gov**

Select **Start a New Form**

Make sure you've chosen
the **2025-2026 FAFSA**



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FAFSA form

The screenshot shows the FAFSA.gov homepage for the 2025-26 form. A white box at the top contains the announcement. Below it, two buttons are visible: 'Log In To Start' (highlighted with a red circle) and 'Log In To Edit'. To the right, the 'FAFSA form' logo is displayed with illustrations of students. At the bottom, there are links for the previous year's form.

Log In

Enter your **StudentAid.gov** username and password

If you don't have a StudentAid.gov account, choose '**Create an Account**'

- You won't be able to complete your FAFSA until the matching process is complete; this could take from 5-7 days.

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

Select Your Role

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Welcome, Brenda,
to the FAFSA[®] Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

Student 

Parent 

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Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

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What is the FAFSA[®] form?

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

What Is FAFSA@? Watch later Share

What is FAFSA[®] and why is it important? Watch on YouTube

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Watch **What is the FAFSA Form?** video, then 'Continue'

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Contributors to the FAFSA[®] Form

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

Who is a contributor on the 2024-25 FAFSA[®] form? Watch on YouTube

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

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

Information or Documents You May Need

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Watch **Contributors to the FAFSA Form** video, then 'Continue'

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What To Expect

How long will this take? 1 hour

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

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

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

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

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Watch **What to Expect** video, then 'Continue'

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After Submitting the FAFSA[®] form

After submission, you'll need to check on the status of your FAFSA form and make corrections, if required.

What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA[®] Form?

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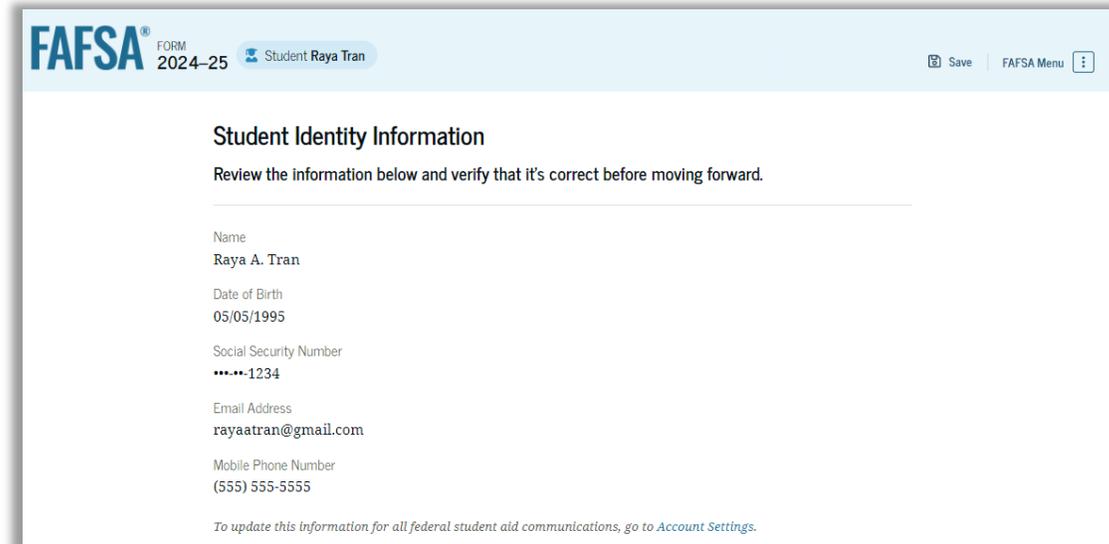
- Your form will be processed in one to three days.
- You'll receive a FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include the Student Aid Index (SAI), an index number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.
- Schools will use your SAI to create your financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering you. Most schools only send an aid offer when they accept you for admission.

Previous Start FAFSA Form

After **What Happens After?** video, select 'start FAFSA form' to begin

Review Identity Information

To update information, access your account settings at **StudentAid.gov**.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 Student Identity Information page. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the text 'FORM 2024-25', and the student's name 'Student Raya Tran'. There are 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' buttons in the top right. The main heading is 'Student Identity Information', followed by the instruction: 'Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.' The form fields are as follows:

Name	Raya A. Tran
Date of Birth	05/05/1995
Social Security Number	••••-1234
Email Address	rayaatan@gmail.com
Mobile Phone Number	(555) 555-5555

At the bottom, there is a note: 'To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to [Account Settings](#).'

Changes to your mailing address can be made directly on this page

Provide Consent

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Provide Consent and Approval or You Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent and approval are needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information. With your consent and approval, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA[®] form. If you don't provide consent and approval, you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent and approval even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return.

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

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

- ED may disclose my Social Security number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, last name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which federal tax information is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my federal tax information in determining eligibility by ED for which approval is provided to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). I understand that in response to such a request from ED, the IRS shall then disclose my federal tax information to "authorized persons" (i.e., specifically designated officers and employees of ED and its contractors [as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(j)(13)(E)]) for the purpose of determining eligibility for and the amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, for myself or an applicant for federal student aid who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA[®])* form.
- Authorized persons at ED and its contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(j)(13)(E)) may use my federal tax information for the purpose of determining the eligibility for and amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, for myself or a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on the FAFSA form.
- ED may redisclose my federal tax information received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(j)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
 - Institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended
 - State higher education agencies
 - Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education
 - Contractors of institutions of higher education and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or state agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid

By approving and consenting, I further understand:

- My approval and consent are a condition of my eligibility or of others for which I have participated and shared my FTI for federal student aid, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
- FTI received from the U.S. Department of Treasury will supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
- The U.S. Department of Education may request updated tax information from the U.S. Department of Treasury once consent is provided. If FTI has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised FTI), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.
- If I do not approve and consent to the disclosure of my FTI, the U.S. Department of Education will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of others who have requested that I share my FTI on their FAFSA form.
- I am permitted to revoke my approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my FTI, as outlined herein, at StudentAid.gov. However, by revoking such approval and consent, neither I nor other applicants for which I participated and shared my FTI will be eligible for future federal student aid and/ or other financial aid program that used FTI to make determinations for eligibility of aid awarded by an institution of higher education, state higher education agency, or other designated scholarship organization.

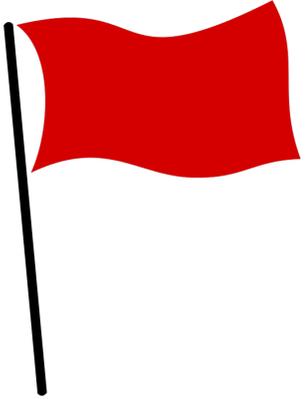
Frequently Asked Questions

- Who should provide consent?
- If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent for you to access their tax information?
- What happens after I provide consent?
- What happens if I revoke consent?
- What happens if I decline consent?

Select "Approve" to consent to using your tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

Previous Decline Approve

Automatic Transfer



If any contributor does not choose **‘Approve’**:

- The FAFSA **won’t** be processed
- The student **will not** be eligible for most types of federal student aid

There may be exceptions for **special or unusual circumstances.**

Personal Circumstances

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Your Personal Circumstances

Tell us about your marital status; your financial dependencies; your plans for college; and any other special circumstances that may impact your aid eligibility (including if you've been homeless or at risk of becoming so).

- This information can affect how much aid you're eligible to receive.
- Based on your answers, we may need to collect additional information from other people.

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College or Career School Plans

Even if you have concurrent enrollment or AP credits, be sure to choose **'First Year (freshman)'** as your college grade level

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the user is on step 4, 'Colleges', out of 5 steps: 1. Personal Circumstances, 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The current section is titled 'Student College or Career School Plans'. The first question is 'When the student begins the 2025-26 school year, what will their college grade level be?'. The options are: 'First year (freshman)' (selected), 'Second year (sophomore)', 'Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)', and 'Master's or doctorate program (such as, M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)'. The second question is 'When the student begins the 2025-26 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree?'. The options are 'Yes' and 'No' (selected). At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Student Personal Circumstances

Eight different situations are listed here. If none of them apply to you, click in the box next to **‘None of these apply’** and choose **‘Continue’**.

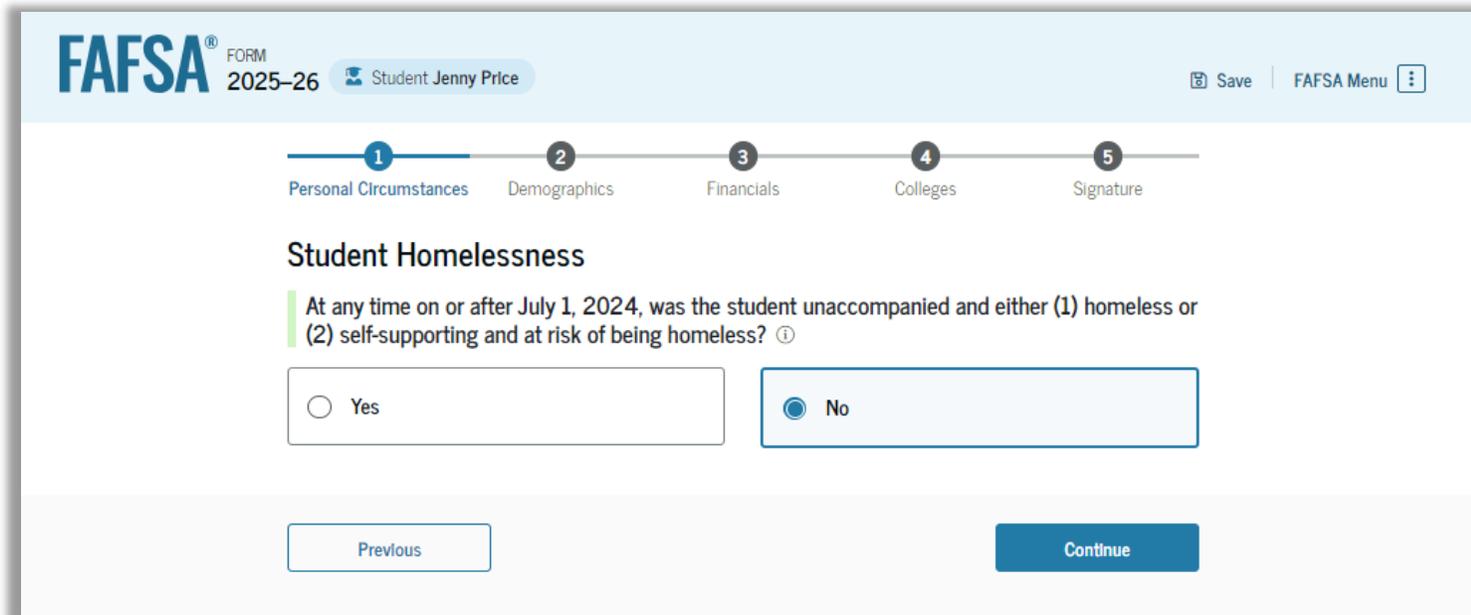
The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the user is on the 'Personal Circumstances' step (1 of 5). The section title is 'Student Personal Circumstances' with the instruction 'Select all that apply.' Below this, there are eight checkboxes with corresponding descriptions and help icons:

- The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training. (1)
- The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces. (1)
- The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. (1)
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent). (2)
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court. (1)
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care. (1)
- The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence. (1)
- The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence. (1)
- None of these apply. (1)

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

Homelessness

If you've been **unaccompanied** by a parent or legal guardian and have been **homeless or *at risk* of being homeless** any time since July 1, 2024, answer 'Yes' to this question



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the user is on the 'Personal Circumstances' step (1 of 5). The 'Student Homelessness' section contains the following question: 'At any time on or after July 1, 2024, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?'. There are two radio button options: 'Yes' (unselected) and 'No' (selected). Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are visible at the bottom.

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Student Homelessness

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

Yes No

Previous Continue

Other Unusual Circumstances

If none of these **circumstances** apply to you, answer the question 'No'

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Student Unusual Circumstances

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

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

A person experiencing unusual circumstances may have:

- Left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- Been abandoned by or estranged from their parents, and have not been adopted;
- Been granted refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- Been a victim of human trafficking;
- Been incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with them would pose a risk to them; or
- Been otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents, and have not been adopted.

If their circumstances resulted in not having a safe, stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.

Yes No

Previous Continue

Provisionally Independent Status

If an **unusual circumstance** applies to you:

- You'll be given a '**provisionally independent**' status
- Your **parents won't be required** to contribute information to your FAFSA
- The financial aid office at your college is required to ask you for **documentation to verify** your situation
- You must provide it by the **deadline** they give you
- **Once verified**, you will remain an independent student

Dependent Status

If a parent is unwilling to provide information for their dependent student's FAFSA, the student can indicate that here

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 form for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the user is on the 'Personal Circumstances' step (1 of 5). The 'Your Dependency Status' section shows the user is a 'Dependent Student'. Below this, the 'Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only' section contains the question: 'Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA® form?'. This question is circled in red. The 'No' radio button is selected. Below the question is a note: 'This response must be "No" for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid.' At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Your Dependency Status

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

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA® form? ⓘ

This response must be "No" for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid.

Yes No

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Your Parents' Marital Status

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Tell Us About Your Parents

On the FAFSA® form, your “Parent” is your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent who supports you financially.

Are your parents married to each other?

Yes No

You will need to provide information for your parents
Based on your answers in this section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your parents to your form so they can complete their required sections.

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Invite Your Parents to Contribute

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Invite Parents to your FAFSA Form

You will need to provide information for your parents
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your family members to your form to help you complete all required sections.

Enter names of parents, identified on the prior page, and we'll send electronic requests on your behalf.

Please make sure to provide information that your parents would use to login to StudentAid.gov.

 Parent	 Parent Spouse <small>optional</small>
First Name Alcina	First Name
Last Name Tran	Last Name
Date of Birth Month Day Year 05 05 1973	Date of Birth Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN) SHOW ⓘ

My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address
alcintran@school.edu

Confirm Email Address
alcintran@school.edu

Invite Parent

Social Security Number (SSN) HIDE ⓘ

My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

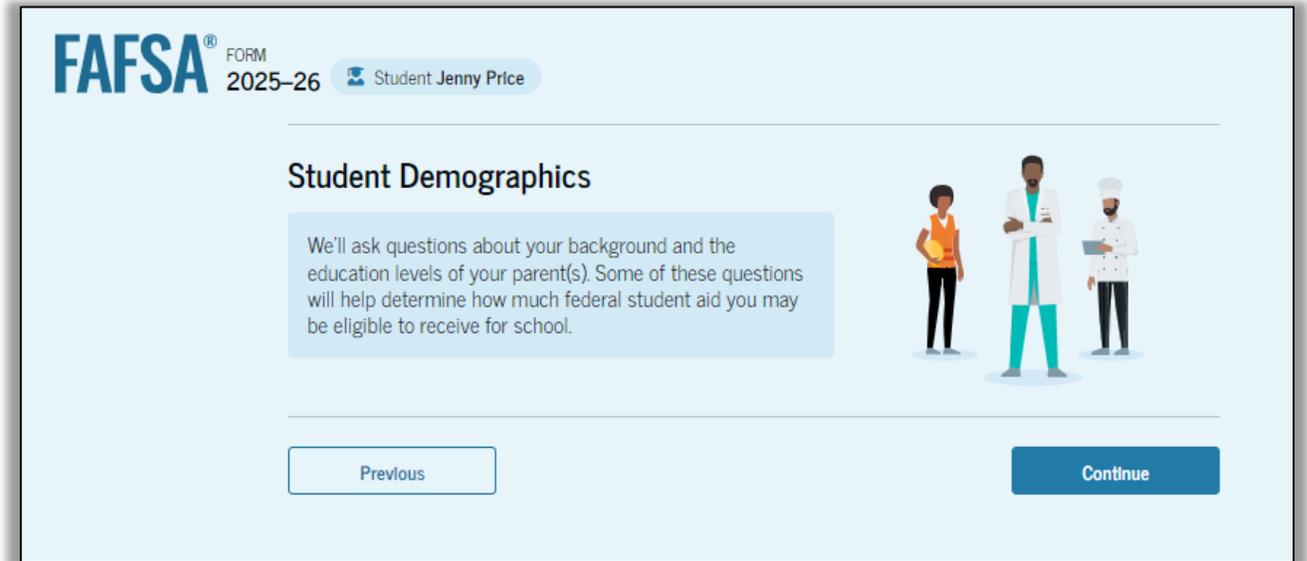
Invite Parent

Previous **Continue**

Student Demographics

You'll be asked about your:

- Gender
- Race & ethnicity



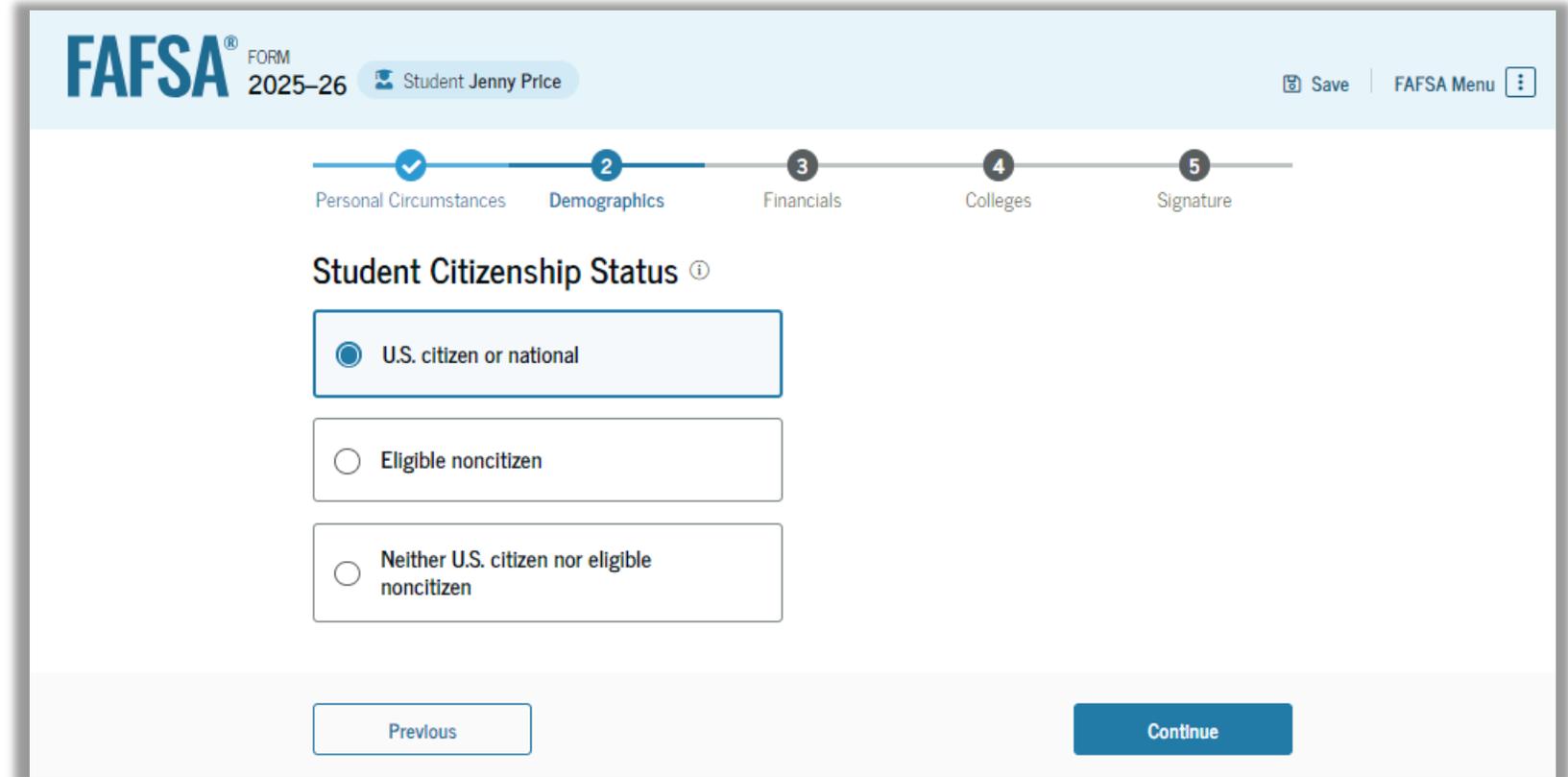
The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA[®] FORM 2025-26" and "Student Jenny Price". The main heading is "Student Demographics". Below this, a text box explains: "We'll ask questions about your background and the education levels of your parent(s). Some of these questions will help determine how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive for school." To the right of this text is an illustration of three diverse people: a woman in a yellow vest, a man in a white lab coat, and a man in a white chef's hat. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

Prefer not to answer

Student Citizenship Status

To receive federal financial aid, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A U.S. national *or*
- An eligible non-citizen (permanent resident)



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Jenny Price. At the top, the FAFSA logo and form year are displayed. A progress bar indicates the current step is 'Demographics' (step 2), with previous steps 'Personal Circumstances' (step 1) and 'Financials' (step 3) completed, and 'Colleges' (step 4) and 'Signature' (step 5) remaining. The main section is titled 'Student Citizenship Status' with an information icon. Three radio button options are presented: 'U.S. citizen or national' (selected), 'Eligible noncitizen', and 'Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

'Fallen Heroes' Question

If you lost a parent who:

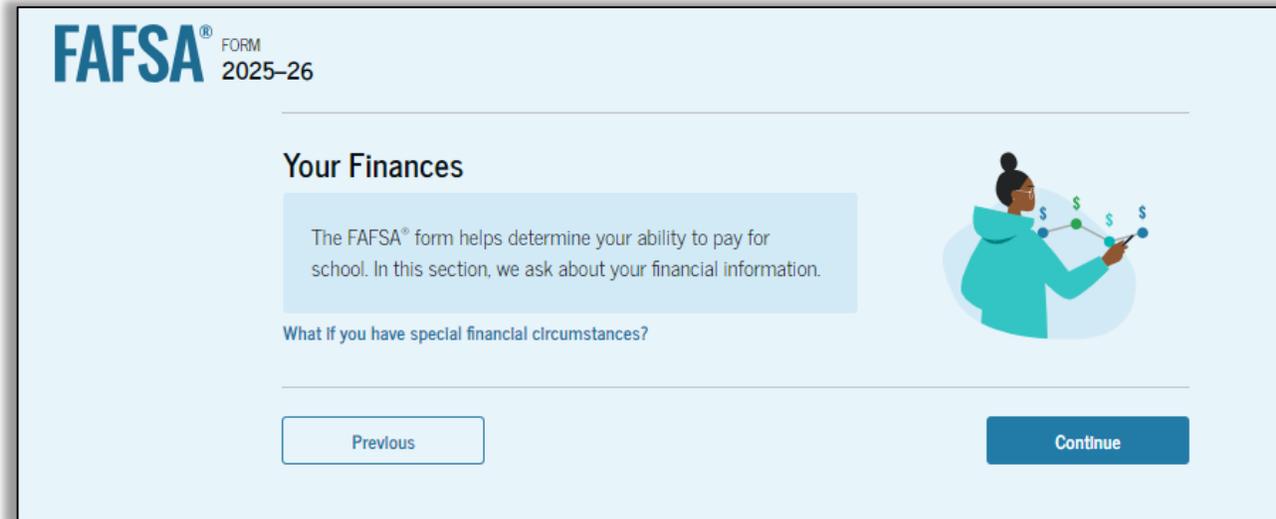
- was killed while on **active duty in the military** on or after 9/11/2001
- or
- died while performing official duties as a **public safety officer**

You will be eligible for the full allowable Pell grant amount, which is \$7,395 in the current (2024-25) academic year.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the user is on step 2, 'Demographics'. The current question is 'Parent Killed in Line of Duty', which asks: 'Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?'. Below the question, there are two radio button options: 'Yes' (unselected) and 'No' (selected). A note specifies that public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are visible at the bottom of the question section.

Your Financial Information

You must report any income you earned in 2023, even if you didn't file a tax return.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 'Your Finances' section. At the top left, it says 'FAFSA[®] FORM 2025-26'. Below this, the heading 'Your Finances' is followed by a light blue box containing the text: 'The FAFSA[®] form helps determine your ability to pay for school. In this section, we ask about your financial information.' To the right of this text is an illustration of a person in a teal hoodie pointing at a screen with dollar signs and a line graph. Below the text, there is a question: 'What if you have special financial circumstances?'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

If you didn't file, you'll be able to enter your information manually.

Reporting Financial Information

Report **whole dollars**

- No decimals
- Enter zero if a question doesn't apply to you

Refer to your **W-2s**

- Find your W-2(s) before you start
- If no W-2(s), be prepared to give an estimate of your income

Dependent Student Assets

Current value of **cash, savings & checking** accounts

Current net worth of **businesses and farms**

Current net worth of **investments**, including real estate

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates that the 'Financials' step (3) is currently active, with 'Personal Circumstances' (1) and 'Demographics' (2) completed, and 'Colleges' (4) and 'Signature' (5) yet to be completed. The 'Student Assets' section is displayed, containing three input fields for monetary values:

- Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts:** The input field shows a value of \$800.00. A note below the field states, "Don't include student aid."
- Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate:** The input field shows a value of \$0.00. A note below the field states, "Don't include the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them."
- Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms:** The input field shows a value of \$0.00. A note below the field states, "Enter the net worth of the student's businesses and for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them."

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

Select Your Colleges

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a student named Jenny Price. The progress bar at the top indicates that the 'Colleges' step (4) is currently active, with previous steps (1-3) completed and the final step (5) pending. The main heading asks 'Where should we send the FAFSA® information?' and instructs the user to search and select colleges and career schools. It provides a tip: 'If you can't find your school when searching by school name or state, try searching by School Code.' A note states: 'You must add at least one college or career school to the FAFSA® form. You can add up to 20 schools. Make sure to list all the schools you're considering, even if you're not certain you'll apply to all of them. You can add or delete schools on your FAFSA form later. [Find tips for searching for colleges or career schools.](#)' Below this, a status bar shows '0 out of 20 schools selected' and a 'View Selected Schools' link. The search interface has two tabs: 'Search by School Name' (selected) and 'Search by School Code'. Under 'Search by School Name', there is a 'State' dropdown menu with 'cal' entered and a search result for 'California (CA)' displayed. Below the state dropdown is a 'School Name - optional' text input field. A blue 'Search' button is located below the input fields. At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Search for and **select each college** that you want to list on your FAFSA

Review Your Selected Schools

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the 'Colleges' step is active. The 'Selected Colleges and Career Schools' section shows 2 out of 20 schools selected, which is circled in red. The selected schools are Design Institute of San Diego and National University, each with a 'Remove' and 'View Information' button.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials **Colleges** Signature

Selected Colleges and Career Schools

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

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

School List Guidelines for Georgia Residents

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

2 out of 20 schools selected

Showing 1 to 2 of 2

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

Search and Select More Schools

Previous Continue

Review Page

To view all of your responses, click **'Expand All'** or view each section individually

To **edit a response**, select the question's hyperlink and you'll be taken to the correct page

You'll also be able to see the **status of your parent(s)' invitation**

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Continue To Sign Your Form

Here's a summary of the information you provided on the FAFSA[®] form. Continue once you're ready to submit.

Scroll To Continue
After reviewing your answers, scroll to the bottom of the page to continue. You must continue past this page to sign and submit your section of the FAFSA[®] form.

Student Sections Expand All

- Introduction Personal Identifiers
- Section 1 Personal Circumstances
- Section 2 Demographics
- Section 3 Financials
- Section 4 Colleges

Contributor Section

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

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

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

Sign Your Section of the FAFSA

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges **5 Signature**

Sign and Complete Your Section

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

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

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

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

electronically using your account username and password, you certify that the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you understand the accuracy of your completed form, and you have filed all federal and state tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, you authorize the U.S. Department of Education to disclose all information provided on this application, as required under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, to the institutions you have selected for federal financial aid programs and designated scholarship programs. Notwithstanding this authorization, the name of an institution that you select to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.

Sign Your FAFSA® Form

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

Previous Sign

Read these pages carefully

Agree to the terms

Click 'Sign'

Your Part of the FAFSA is Complete!

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

Parent Contributors

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

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

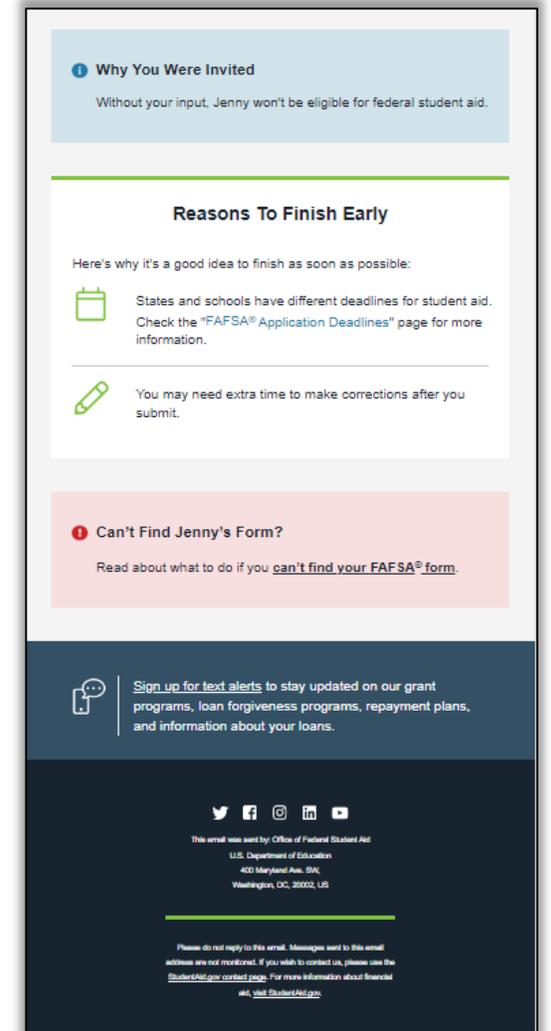
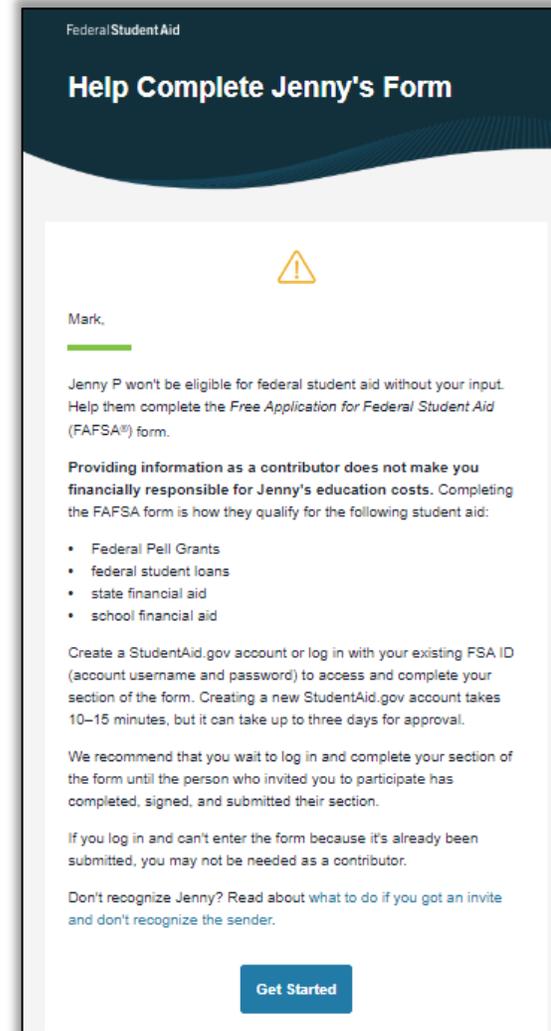
Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form and Contributors
Your application has been added to the "My Activity" page in your StudentAid.gov account. Visit this page to keep track of your FAFSA status; review, edit, or delete information on your form; and monitor the status of your contributor(s).

View Status

Parent Email

When you **invite your parents** to contribute their information, they will receive an email that looks like this.

When they click 'Log In', they will be taken to StudentAid.gov, where they'll be able to enter their username and password and **start their part of the application.**



Parent Logs In to FAFSA.gov

2025–26 FAFSA® Form Now Available!
The 2025–26 FAFSA® form is now available for all students and contributors. Complete the form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

Start a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form
[Log In To Start](#)

Edit a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form or Accept an Invitation
[Log In To Edit](#)

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Parent Role and Confirmation

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Welcome, Brenda,
to the FAFSA[®] Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

Student Parent

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Congratulations,
The FAFSA[®] Form Is Complete!

Jenny Price

Completion Date
08/28/2024

What Happens Next

- Email Sent**
Confirm that the student received an email version of this page.
- The Student Can Track the Status of Their Form**
In one to three days, the student's FAFSA form will be processed and made available to their schools.
- The Student Will Receive School Communications**
We use the information collected on the student's FAFSA form to calculate their Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI lets schools determine how much aid the student is eligible to receive. Schools will reach out to the student if they need more information. They will also contact the student with financial aid offers. Once received, the student can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their student aid packages.

Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA[®] Form
You can check the status of the student's application in the "My Activity" section of your account Dashboard. We will let you know if we need anything more from you.

View Status

What's Next?



What's Next?

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Submission Summary page for student Raya Tran. The page includes a navigation bar with a 'Back' link and a 'Print FAFSA Submission Summary' button. The main heading is 'FAFSA FORM 2025-26 FAFSA Submission Summary'. Below this, a summary bar displays the student's name, application dates, and the Data Release Number (4110), which is circled in red. The page also features a navigation menu with options for 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps'.

Student Raya Tran	Application Received Aug. 29, 2024	Application Processed Aug. 29, 2024	Data Release Number 4110	Viewing: Submission 2
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[Eligibility Overview](#) | [FAFSA Form Answers](#) | [School Information](#) | [Next Steps](#)

Read all sections and make any corrections necessary

Print a copy and **keep it in a safe place**

The **Data Release Number (DRN)** can be very important

What's Next?

Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

Your SAI is a number used by your school to determine your federal student aid eligibility and to build your financial aid offer

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[What does this mean?](#)

Financial aid offices at the schools you listed will receive your **FAFSA data**

They'll use the **Student Aid Index (SAI)** to determine your 'Financial Need'

They'll prepare a **Financial Aid Offer** that will list the types and amounts of aid you will qualify for at their school

Special Circumstances

If your family has experienced a **loss of income** since 2023, such as:

- Loss of job or reduction of hours
- Loss of income due to divorce, separation or death of parent
- Unusual medical expenses
- Larger income in 2023 that is not expected again

Discuss this with your financial aid office; it's **possible** they can adjust your income level to represent your current circumstances; this is called a '**Professional Judgment**'.

Financial Aid Offer

Shows the total **Cost of Attendance** for one year at that institution

Shows the **types and amounts of aid** the student is eligible to receive

You're **not required to accept** all of the aid that's offered

Know the **deadline to accept/decline** any of the aid

2025-2026 Financial Aid Offer
OCAP University

Student Name: Jennifer Smith
Student ID: 1234567

Estimated Annual Cost of Attendance (COA)

	Direct Costs		Indirect Costs	
Tuition	\$5,305	Books & Supplies	\$1,203	
Fees	\$2,658	Transportation	\$90	
Food & Housing	\$8,081	Miscellaneous	\$2,000	
Total Direct Costs	\$10,844	Total Indirect Costs	\$3,403	
Total Estimated Cost of Attendance	\$20,147			

Grants, Scholarships & Work-Study

Aid Type	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Annual
Federal Pell Grant	\$3,448	\$3,447	\$6,895
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Incoming Freshman Scholarship	\$750	\$750	\$1,500
Federal Work-Study*	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$2,400
Total Scholarships & Grants	\$6,398	\$6,397	\$12,795

*Federal work-study funds are contingent upon finding employment. Earnings are paid out bi-weekly.

Student Loans

Aid Type	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Annual
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan**	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$3,500
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan**	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Total Aid Offered	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$5,500

**Federal loans are funds that can be applied toward your cost of attendance and must be repaid. You must accept or decline your loan eligibility by logging into your student portal.

Next Steps

- Accept or Decline aid offered before the deadline listed in the Financial Aid section of your student portal.
- Provide required documents for verification, if applicable.

Other Financing Options

Federal Parent PLUS Loan

A loan available to parents with a good credit history. Parent repays the loan.

Private Student Loan

Loans from banks or other lending institutions that are not federally supported. Students must apply for these loans separately.

Payment Plan

OCAP University offers students a payment plan to spread the cost over the semester. Log into your student portal to enroll in a payment plan.

Outside Scholarships

Scholarships are available from various businesses, organizations, and employers. Receiving outside scholarships may affect your eligibility for other types of aid.

For more information on these additional funding options please visit OKcollegestart.org or UCanGo2.org.

Please contact OCAP University's Financial Aid Office for assistance navigating the financial aid process.

Estimated outstanding costs not covered by grants, scholarships, work-study and loans: **\$1,852**

Disclaimer: This financial aid offer is a sample, using fictional information. Each institution's financial aid offer will vary.

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Scholarships



Scholarships

College websites

UCanGo2.org

OKcollegestart.org

OCCF.org

TulsaCF.org

Search online for:

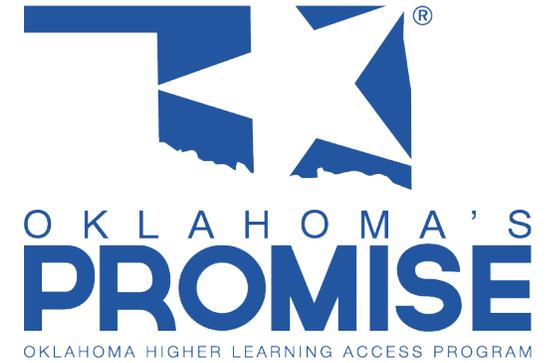
- Brand names
- Restaurants
- Beverage companies
- Scholarships for _____ (insert personal circumstance here!)

Ask your high school counselor for assistance!

The screenshot shows the UCanGo2.org website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Educators, Publications & Tools, Scholarships, News & Events, Contact Us, and Find Us on Facebook. The main content area is titled 'Scholarship Resources' and includes links for 'Scholarship Essay Tips', 'Scholarship Success Guide', 'Scholarship Tracker', and 'Scholarships 101 PPT'. A central section titled 'Scholarships' explains the nature of their work and provides a 'Scholarship Success Guide'. Below this, there is a 'Scholarships by Deadline' section with a list of months from January to Ongoing. A 'Scholarship of the Week' section features the 'Paint Vibe Scholarship' with an award amount of \$1,000. The website also has a 'Share Your Story' section for the Oklahoma's Promise program.

The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for finding scholarships. The app has a dark blue header with the title 'Scholarships' and a subtitle: 'Free money! That's right - winning a scholarship means money is given to you and you don't have to pay it back. You don't have to be a straight A student, either. There are scholarships for a lot of different things.' Below the header is a navigation bar with icons for home, profile, settings, folders, list, search, mail, and chat. The main content area is a grid of eight cards: 'MY SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE', 'MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS', 'SAVED SCHOLARSHIPS', 'FIND A SCHOLARSHIP', 'BROWSE SCHOLARSHIPS', 'REFLECT & REVIEW', 'Merit Scholarships', and 'Sign Up for E-mail Alerts!'. Each card has a 'GO' button.

Oklahoma's Promise



Must have applied in the **8th, 9th, 10th or 11th** grade

Must graduate from high school with two separate **GPA's of 2.50 or higher**

Must **begin college within three years** after HS graduation

Once you begin college, OKP will pay for **five continuous years of education, 129 credit hours, or until you earn your bachelor's degree**, whichever comes first

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