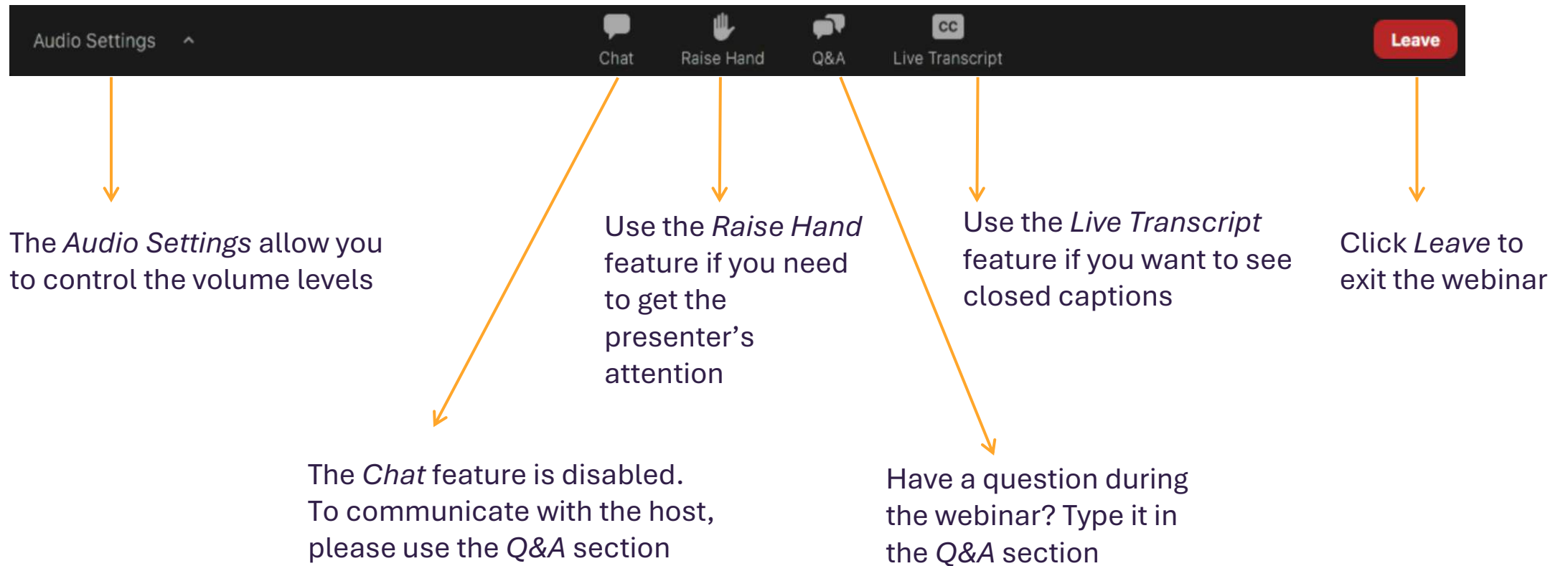


# A Deep Dive into the FAFSA®



# How to Participate



# About MEFA

State authority created by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1982, helping families plan, save, and pay for college



# About the FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- FREE form at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- Required by all colleges/universities for federal & state (& some institutional) aid
- Must be completed each year (one for every child in college)
- May have other financial aid applications required

# Completing the FAFSA

- Contributor: Anyone who needs to provide information
- Each contributor has a section for that person to complete
- All income questions will pull answers from the federal tax return once consent is provided
- Contributors must provide consent for the student to receive federal financial aid
- Online skip logic removes questions not applicable
- Must answer all questions in order
- Tip: If an answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0
- Incomplete FAFSAs are deleted after 45 days; reminders are sent every 7 days

# Items & Info Needed to Complete the FAFSA

## Student and parent(s)

- Social Security number
- Date of birth
- Current bank statements
- Current business, farm, and investment records

## Certain families may need

- 2023 federal income tax return for student and/or parent

# FAFSA Customer Service

Phone: (800) 4-Fed-Aid (433-3243)

Email Form: Located at [studentaid.gov/help-center/contact](https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact)

Chat: Located at [studentaid.gov/help-center/contact](https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact)

- (Chat option disappears if not available)

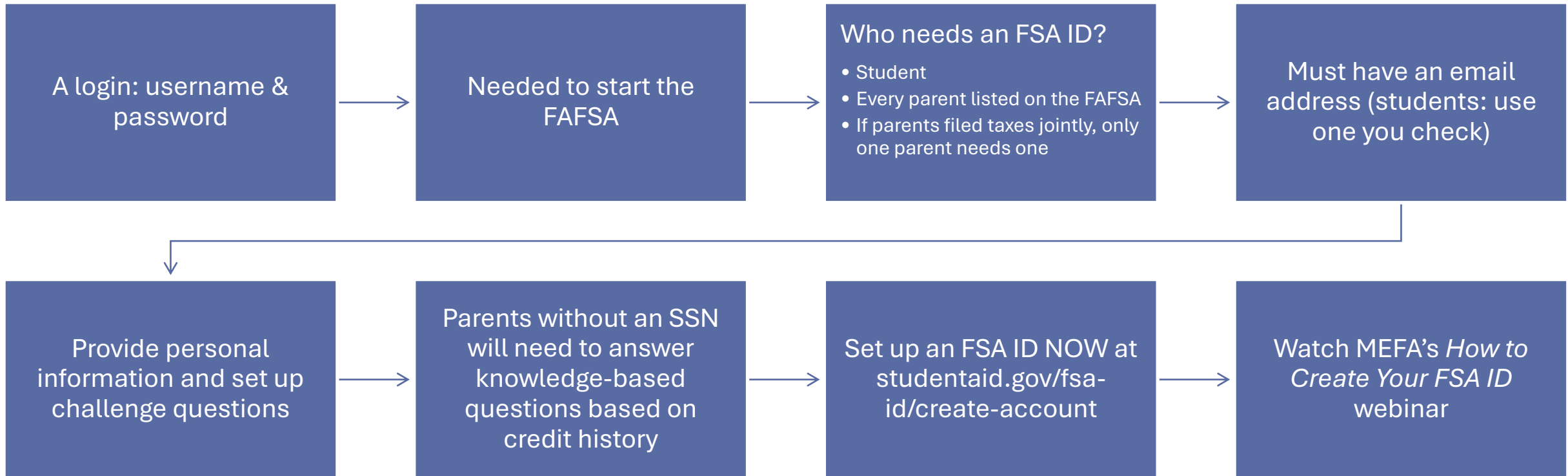
## Hours:

- Monday: 8 a.m.–9 p.m. ET
- Tuesday-Wednesday: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
- Thursday-Friday: 8 a.m.–6 p.m. ET
- Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Help Center tab at the top of each page leads to:

- Search
- Help Topics
- FAQs
- Link to contact information

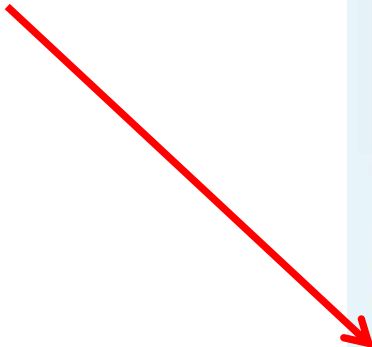
# FSA ID





# FAFSA Homepage

Choose *Log In To Start*



## 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

Need the 2024–25 FAFSA form?

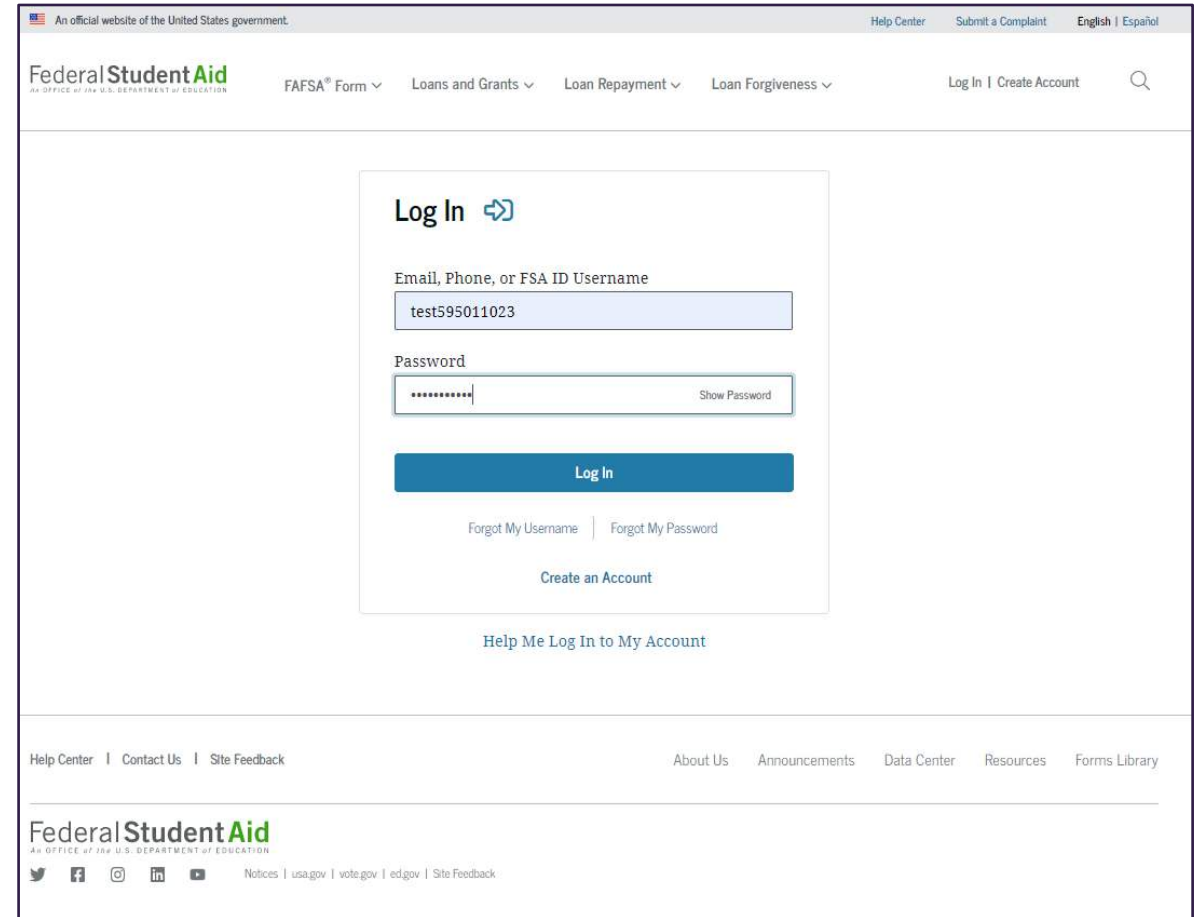
[Log In To Start a New Form](#)

[Log In To Edit Existing Forms](#)



# Login Page

- Must use an FSA ID to log in
- Select *Create an Account* to get an FSA ID



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "An official website of the United States government." and links for "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", and "English | Español". Below this, the "Federal Student Aid" logo is displayed, followed by navigation links for "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for "Log In | Create Account" and a search icon.

The main content area features a "Log In" section with a blue "Log In" button. Below the button are links for "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password". A "Create an Account" link is positioned below the "Forgot My Password" link. At the bottom of the login section, there is a link that says "Help Me Log In to My Account".

The input fields are as follows:

- Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username:** A text input field containing the value "test595011023".
- Password:** A password input field with a "Show Password" toggle on the right side.

The footer of the page contains links for "Help Center", "Contact Us", and "Site Feedback" on the left, and "About Us", "Announcements", "Data Center", "Resources", and "Forms Library" on the right. The "Federal Student Aid" logo is repeated at the bottom left, and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube are shown. At the bottom right, there are links for "Notices", "usa.gov", "vote.gov", "ed.gov", and "Site Feedback".



# Role

- Choose student or parent role

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Welcome, Brenda,  
to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

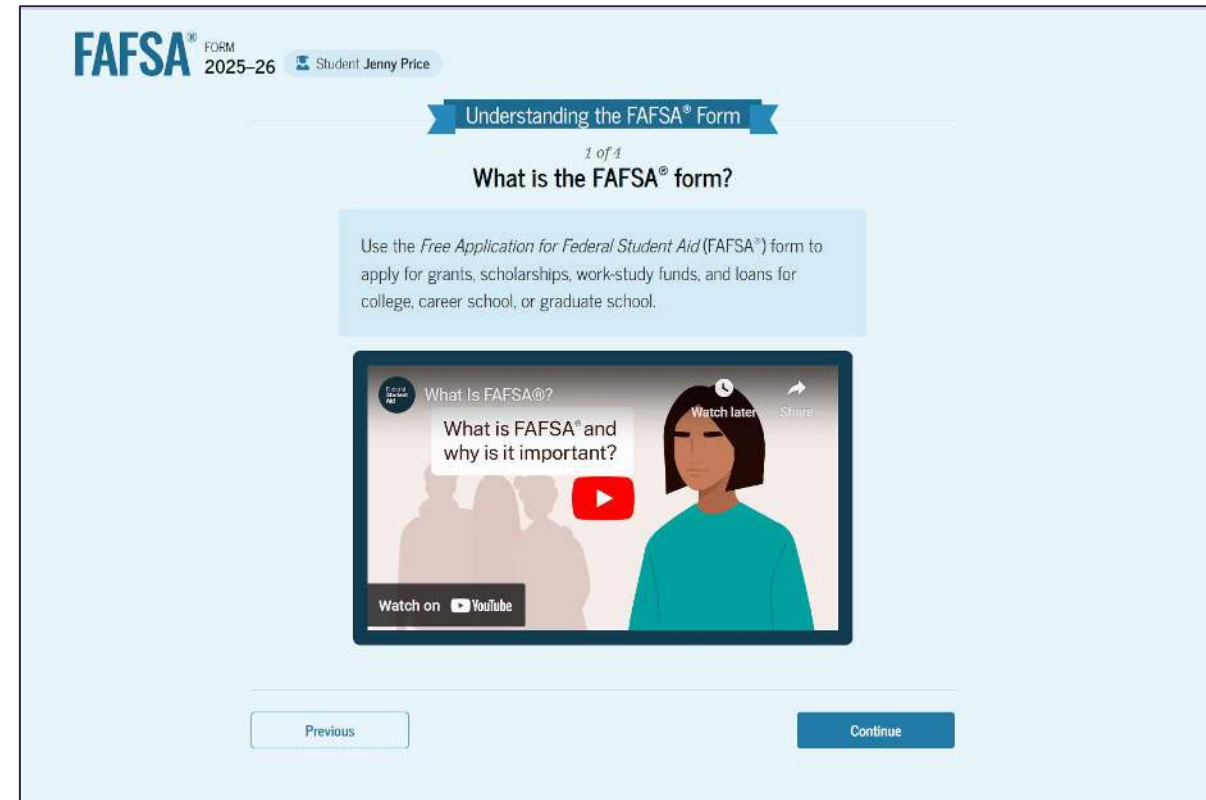
I am starting the FAFSA form as a

Student   Parent 

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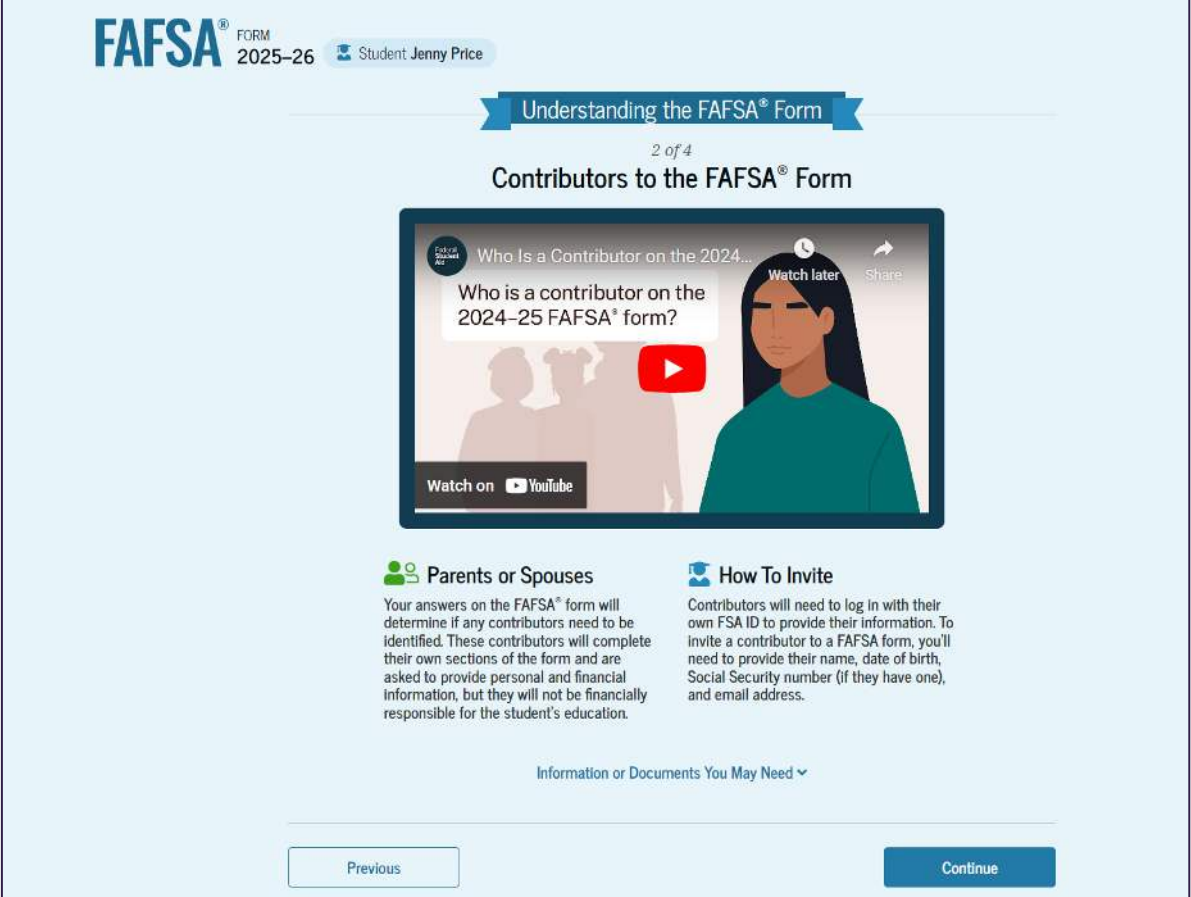
# Overview Video

- First of four onboarding slides



# Defining Contributors

- Explains concept of contributor
- How to invite contributors
- Information families may need to complete the FAFSA



The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2025-26 portal for a student named Jenny Price. The page title is "Understanding the FAFSA® Form" (2 of 4) and the main heading is "Contributors to the FAFSA® Form". A video player is embedded, showing a video titled "Who is a contributor on the 2024-25 FAFSA® form?". Below the video, there are two sections: "Parents or Spouses" and "How To Invite".

**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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# Explaining Consent

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**Understanding the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form**

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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<sup>®</sup> 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.

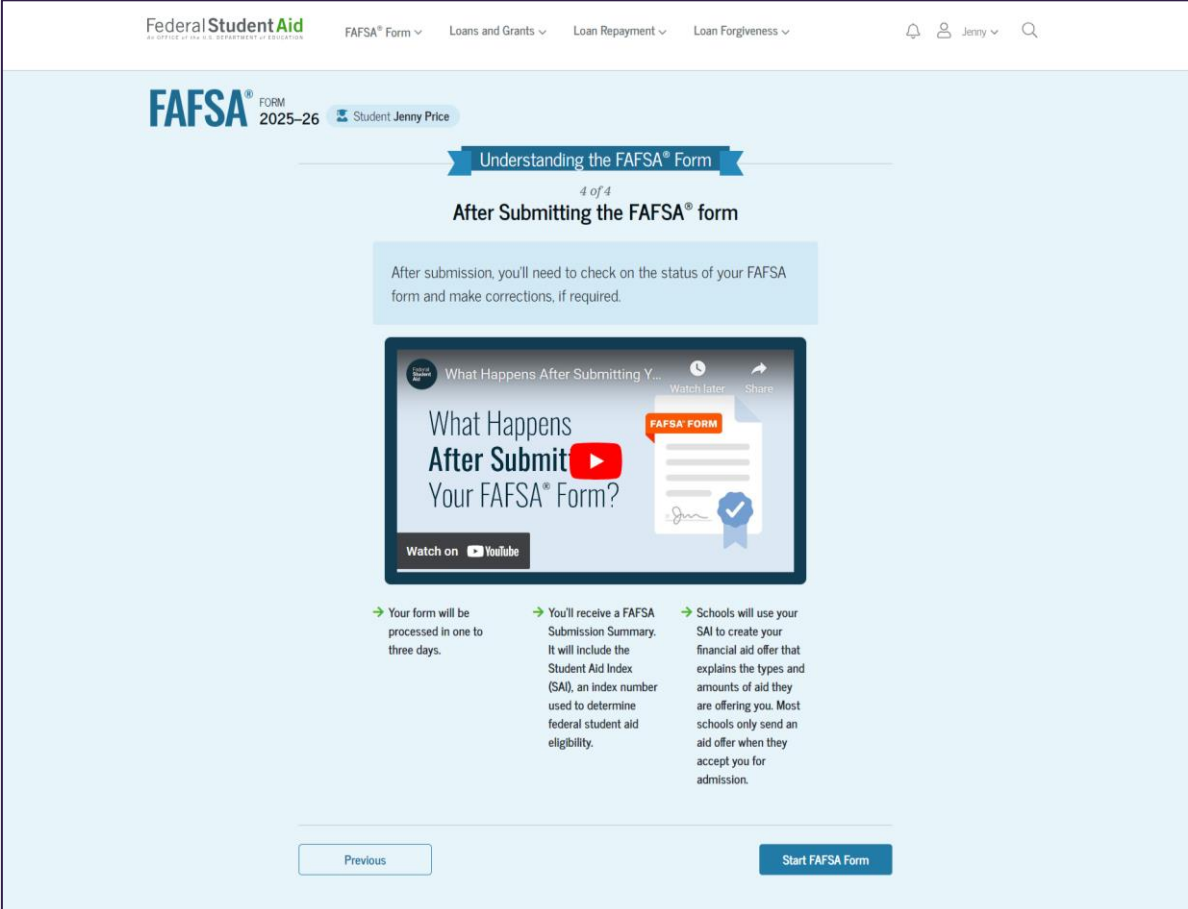
**What Does It Mean To Provide Consent and Approval on the 2024-25 FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form?**

What does it mean to provide consent and approval on the 2024-25 FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form?

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# After the FAFSA

- Click *Start FAFSA form* to begin



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Federal Student Aid logo and links for FAFSA Form, Loans and Grants, Loan Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. The main content area is titled "Understanding the FAFSA Form" and is part of a 4-page series. The current page is "After Submitting the FAFSA form". It contains a text box stating: "After submission, you'll need to check on the status of your FAFSA form and make corrections, if required." Below this is a video player with the title "What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA Form?". The video player shows a thumbnail with the text "What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA Form?" and a play button. Below the video player, there are three bullet points: "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.", and "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." At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Start FAFSA Form".

# Student Identity Info

- Student info from the FSA ID for review
- Any changes to info must be made under *Account Settings* on StudentAid.gov

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Student Identity Information form. At the top, it says 'FAFSA FORM 2025-26' and 'Student Jenny Price'. There are 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' buttons in the top right. The main heading is 'Student Identity Information' with a sub-heading 'Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.' The form fields are: Name (Jenny E Price), Date of Birth (12/20/2005), Social Security Number (\*\*\*-\*\*-8061), Email Address (599888061test@testcod.edu), and Mobile Phone Number ((555) 557-6022). Below these is a note: 'To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to Account Settings.' The next section is 'Permanent Mailing Address' with the address '123 fake street', City (city), State (GA), and Zip Code (30024). The Country is set to 'United States (US)'. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right.



# State of Legal Residence

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### Student State of Legal Residence

State ⓘ  
Georgia (GA)

Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of Georgia (GA)

Month Year ⓘ  
01 2008

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Throughout the application, click the question mark icon for more details on answering each question

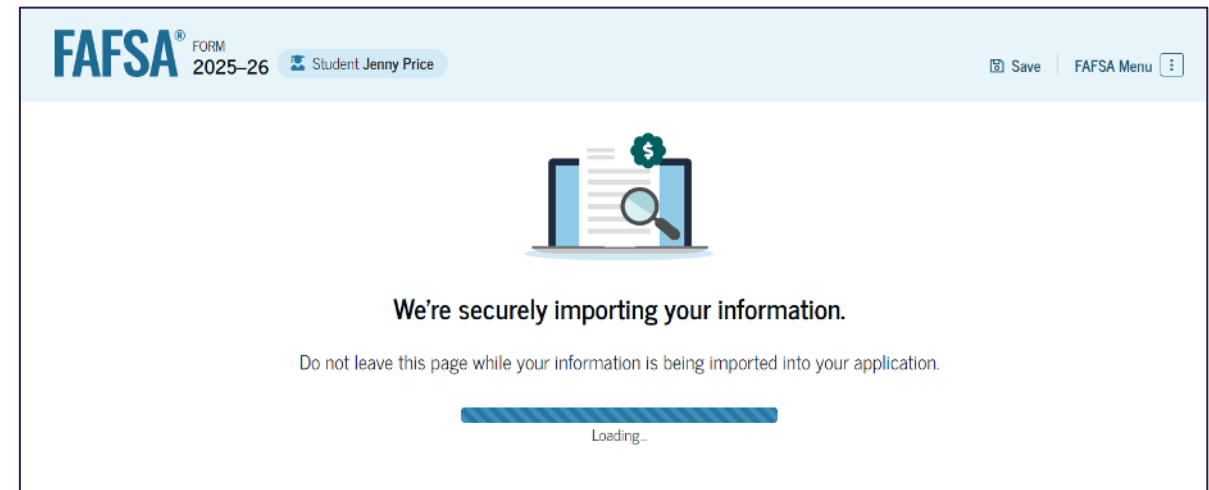
# Providing Consent

- By providing consent, the contributor allows the FAFSA to pull federal tax data directly into the FAFSA from the IRS
- Every contributor **MUST** provide consent in order for the student to receive need-based federal aid
- Select *Approve* to provide consent

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Jenny Price. The main heading is "Provide Consent and Approval or You Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid". A summary box explains that consent and approval are needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information. It lists three key points: getting the 2023 tax return information for the 2025-26 FAFSA form, that tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form, and that federal tax information is used to determine eligibility for federal student aid. Below the summary is a consent statement: "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: 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. 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: o 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 o State higher education agencies o Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education o 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"

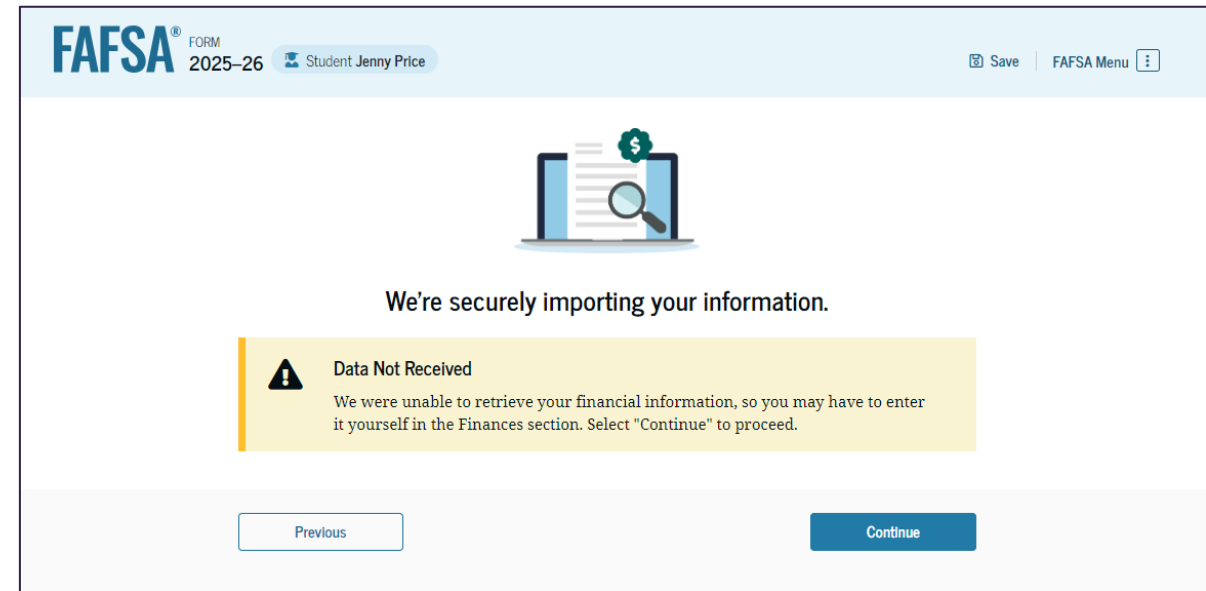
# IRS Importing Tax Data

- A screen will show when IRS information is being imported to the FAFSA



# No Tax Data Found

- Non-tax filers will receive a (correct) message that no IRS tax data was found

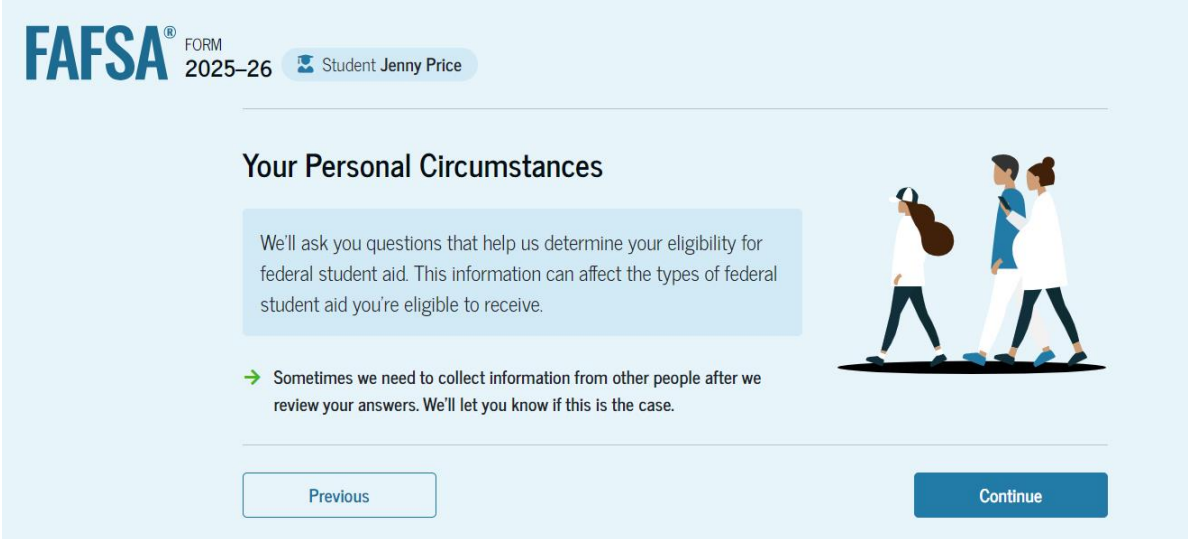


# Personal Circumstances

- Questions to determine if student is:
  - dependent (needs to report parent information on the FAFSA)

OR

- independent (does not need parent data)



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### Your Personal Circumstances

We'll ask you questions that help us determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This information can affect the types of federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

→ Sometimes we need to collect information from other people after we review your answers. We'll let you know if this is the case.

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# Marital Status

- Married students are independent
- Separated students are not considered independent

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar at the top indicates the current step is 'Personal Circumstances' (1), with other steps being 'Demographics' (2), 'Financials' (3), 'Colleges' (4), and 'Signature' (5). The 'Student Current Marital Status' section is active, featuring a list of radio button options: 'Single (never married)', 'Married (not separated)', 'Remarried', 'Separated', 'Divorced', and 'Widowed'. The 'Single (never married)' option is selected. At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

# College Plans

- Entering college students should select *First Year (freshman)*
- Students should make sure to select *No* when asked if they have a bachelor's degree
- Grad students are independent

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### Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2025-26 school year, what will their college grade level be? ⓘ

First year (freshman)

Second year (sophomore)

Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)

Master's or doctorate program (such as, M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

When the student begins the 2025-26 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree? ⓘ

Yes  No

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# Other Personal Circumstances

- Other factors that qualify a student as independent:
- Older than 23
- Has dependents who receive support
- Active-duty military or Veteran
- If since turned 13: orphan, foster care, or ward of the court
- Emancipated minor
- In legal guardianship

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 section is titled 'Student Personal Circumstances' and asks the user to 'Select all that apply'. There are eight checkboxes with corresponding descriptions and help icons:

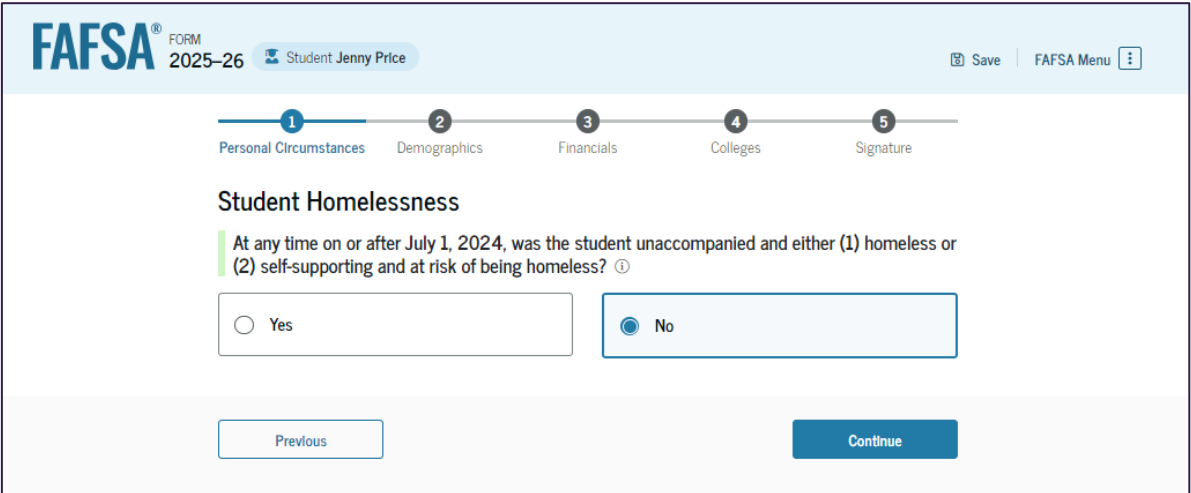
- The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.
- The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.
- The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.
- The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
- The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.

The 'None of these apply.' checkbox is selected. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.



# Question on Homelessness

- Students who are homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless are independent



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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

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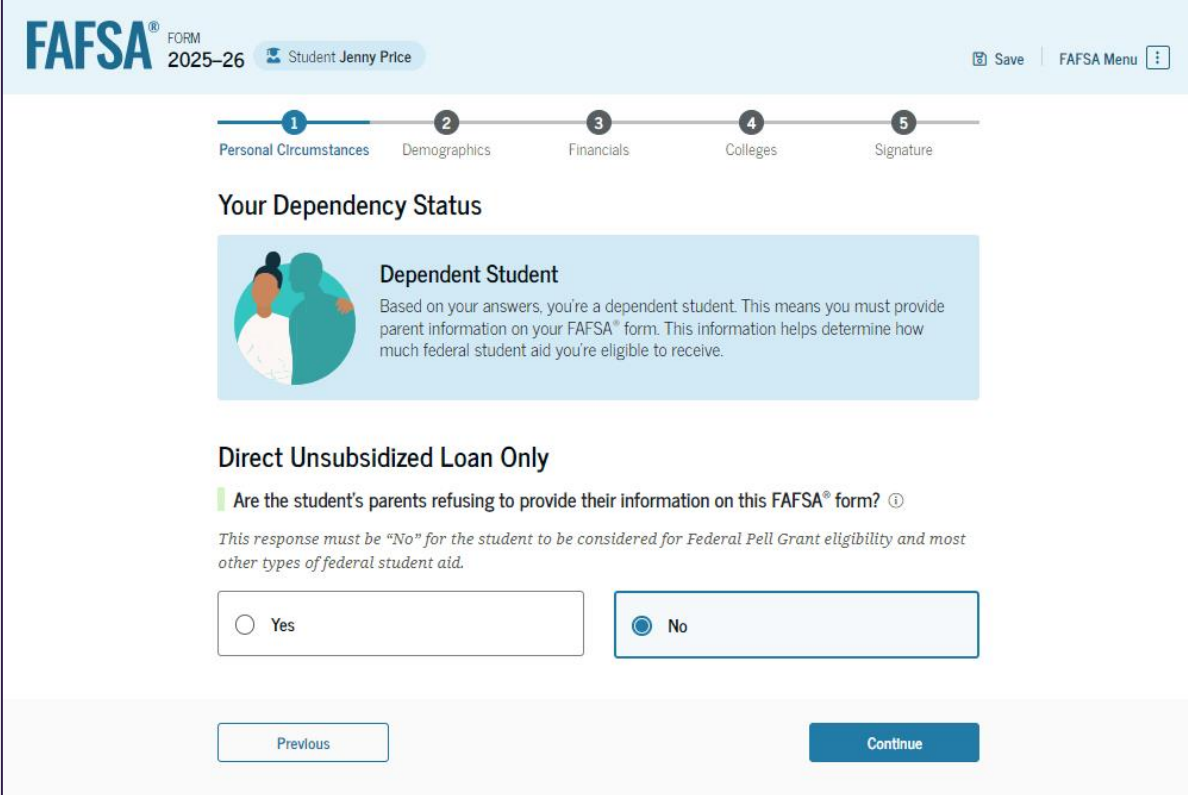
# Unusual Circumstances

- The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting their parent(s).
- Answering yes will allow them to submit the FAFSA without parent information as a Provisional Independent Student
- Colleges will follow up if they require more information or documentation

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 form for Student Jenny Price. The progress bar indicates the user is on step 1, Personal Circumstances. The current section is titled "Student Unusual Circumstances" and includes a green box with the text: "This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school." Below this is a question: "Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?" with a help icon. A sub-heading reads: "A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they" followed by a bulleted list: "left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;" "are abandoned by or estranged from their parents;" "have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;" "are a victim of human trafficking;" "are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or" "are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents." Below the list is a note: "If the student's circumstances resulted in not having a safe and stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless." At the bottom, there are two radio button options: "Yes" (unselected) and "No" (selected). Navigation buttons for "Previous" and "Continue" are at the bottom of the form.

# Dependency Status

- Student will be told if considered a dependent student
- Option to apply for Federal Unsubsidized Loan only if parents are unwilling to provide information
- If the student selects *Yes*, a pop-up appears to warn them about missing out on other potential federal student aid




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 displays a 'Dependent Student' notification with an icon of a person and a parent. Below this, the 'Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only' section asks, 'Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA® form?' with a warning icon. A note states: 'This response must be "No" for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid.' The 'No' radio button is selected. 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons are at the bottom.


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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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# Parent Wizard

- Questions help student understand which parents need to report info on the FAFSA

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Parent Wizard interface for Student Jenny Price. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2025-26), the student's name, a 'Save' button, and a 'FAFSA Menu' button. A progress indicator shows five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (active), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The main heading is 'Tell Us About the Student's Parents'. Below this, a green box contains the text: 'On the FAFSA® form, the "parent" is the student's legal (biological or adoptive) parent.' A question asks 'Are the parents married to each other?' with two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. A blue box titled 'Provide Information for Both Parents' contains the text: 'Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both parents on the FAFSA® form. You can invite the parents to the form and have them complete their required sections.' At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

# What Parents Are on the FAFSA?

- Biological or adoptive parent(s)
- Include both parents if parents are married or are not married but live together
- Married parents include same-sex couples
- If separated but living together, select “Married”
- In the case of divorce/separation, use the parent that provided more financial support in the last 12 months, and the step-parent if that parent is remarried
  - If financial support was equal, select the parent with the higher income and assets
  - If no financial support was given to the student in the past 12 months, select the parent who provided the most support in the year when the student last received support from a parent

# Student Invites Parents to the FAFSA

- Student enters personal information about parents to send them an invite to the FAFSA
- Parent email address does not have to match parent's FSA ID email address

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### Invite Parent(s) to This FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

**We Need Information for Your Parent(s) Now**

Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form. This doesn't make them financially responsible for your education. You can invite one or both of your parents to your form now and have them complete their required sections.

Enter information about your parent(s) identified on the prior page, and we'll send an email on your behalf.

If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account.

**IMPORTANT:** If your contributor doesn't have a Social Security number, you may encounter an issue that impacts your ability to add them to your form. If you receive this error, review the [guidance and recommended workaround](#) and try again.

Use the email address that is most likely to reach your contributor. Unlike the other information provided, the email address doesn't need to match the email associated with their StudentAid.gov account.

**Parent**

First Name

Last Name

**Parent Spouse or Partner**

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN)  SHOW SSN

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

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Send Invite

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN)

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

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Send Invite

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# Student Demographics: Gender

- Optional question
- Does not affect aid eligibility
- Is not shared with colleges
- Can select *Prefer not to answer*

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Personal Circumstances **Demographics** Financials Colleges Signature

### Student Demographic Information

Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's gender? ⓘ

Male

Female

Nonbinary

Prefer not to answer

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# Student Race and Ethnicity

- Optional question
- Does not affect aid eligibility
- Is not shared with colleges
- Can select *Prefer not to answer*

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### Student Race and Ethnicity ⓘ

Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

Is the student of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?  
Select all that apply.

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Prefer not to answer



# Student Citizenship Status

- Who is eligible for federal student aid?
- U.S. citizens
- Eligible non-citizens, including:
  - U.S. Nationals
  - Permanent Residents
  - Carriers of Arrival-Departure Records (I-94)
  - Holders (student or parent) of a T-visa
  - “Battered immigrant-qualified aliens”
  - Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau
- Citizenship status will be verified by:
  - the Social Security Administration (citizens)
  - the Department of Homeland Security (eligible non-citizens)

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for 'Student Jenny Price'. The progress bar at the top 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) yet to be completed. The 'Student Citizenship Status' section is active, featuring three radio button options: 'U.S. citizen or national' (selected), 'Eligible noncitizen', and 'Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen'. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are visible at the bottom of the form.

# Parent Education Status

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for student Jenny Price. At the top, the FAFSA logo and form year are on the left, and 'Student Jenny Price' and 'Save' options are on the right. A progress bar below the header shows five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (checked), 2. Demographics (active), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. The main section is titled 'Parent Education Status' and asks, 'Did either of the student's parents attend college or complete college?'. There are four radio button options: 'Neither parent attended college' (selected), 'One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college', 'One or both parents completed college', and 'Don't know'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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### Parent Education Status

Did either of the student's parents attend college or complete college? ⓘ

Neither parent attended college

One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college

One or both parents completed college

Don't know

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# Parent Killed in Line of Duty

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## Parent Killed in Line of Duty

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer? ⓘ

*Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers.*

Yes  No

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# Student High School Completion Status

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for Student Jenny Price. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2025-26), the student's name, and options to 'Save' and view the 'FAFSA Menu'. A progress indicator shows five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature.

### Student High School Completion Status

What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year? ⓘ

- High school diploma
- State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)
- Homeschooled
- None of the above

Navigation buttons: Previous (disabled), Continue (active)

# Student High School Information

- If students selects *High school diploma*, will need to report the high school
- The student enters the school's city and state and selects the school from the search results

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### Student High School Information

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

State  
Georgia (GA)

City  
Suwanee

High School Name - optional  
north gwinnett high sch

North Gwinnett High School

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### Student High School Information

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

State  
Georgia (GA)

City  
Suwanee

High School Name - optional  
North Gwinnett High School

North Gwinnett High School  
Suwanee, Georgia (GA)

Search Again

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# Student Tax Return Info

- Questions about the 2023 federal tax return
- Any grant, scholarship, or AmeriCorps benefit reported as income to IRS
- Any foreign earned income exclusion
- All other tax return data will be pulled in automatically

## Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS

The student paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those completing their FAFSA® form again, not to first-time applicants. If married, include the amount the student's spouse received.

\$  .00 ⓘ

## Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$  .00 ⓘ

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# Student Assets

- Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net value of any investments
- Net value of any business or farm

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### Student Assets

**Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts**  
*Don't include student aid.*

\$ 800 .00 ⓘ

**Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate**  
*Don't include the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.*

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

**Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms**  
*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.*

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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# College Search

- Select up to 20 schools
- Search by entering a state, city, and/or school name

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Where should we send the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> information?  
Search and select colleges and career schools.

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

You must add at least one college or career school to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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.](#)

0 out of 20 schools selected View Selected Schools

Search by School Name Search by School Code

State  
cal  
California (CA)

School Name - optional

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Concorde Career Institute Federal School Code 007930 + Select  
San Diego, California (CA)

Point Loma Nazarene University Federal School Code 001262 + Select  
San Diego, California (CA)

Pacific College of Oriental Med Federal School Code 030277 + Select  
San Diego, California (CA)

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Federal School Code 013780 + Select  
San Diego, California (CA)

National University Federal School Code 011460 Selected  
San Diego, California (CA)

Design Institute of San Diego Federal School Code 016233 Selected  
San Diego, California (CA)

Search and Select More Schools

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# Selected Colleges

Student can re-order schools if school's state requires it be higher on the list

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### Selected Colleges and Career Schools

These are the colleges and career schools that you've selected to receive the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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

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

Search and Select More Schools

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# Student Review Page

- Can expand all or expand each section
- To edit a response, select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page
- Data transferred from the IRS will not display on this page

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### Continue To Sign Your Form

Here's a summary of the information you provided on the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> 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 Details

- Student sees any contributors who have been invited and the invitation status

**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	<a href="#">Invite Sent</a>

**Parent Sections** [Expand All](#)

- Introduction  
**Personal Identifiers**
- Section 1  
**Demographics**
- Section 2  
**Financials**

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# Student Signature

- Student agrees to terms and conditions and can submit the student section
- The FAFSA is not considered complete nor processed until all sections are sent

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a student named Jenny Price. At the top, there is a progress bar with five steps: Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges, and Signature. The Signature step is currently active and highlighted with a blue circle and the number 5. Below the progress bar, the heading "Sign and Complete Your Section" is followed by a "Summary" box. The summary text states: "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." and "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." Below the summary, there is a statement: "By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you" followed by a bulleted list of terms and conditions:

- 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.

# Student Section Complete

- Lists next steps and how to track FAFSA status
- Reminds student all contributors must complete and sign their sections
- Shows status of contributors' sections

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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](#)

### Here's What You Can Do Next

- Check Your Email**  
You'll receive an email version of this page at the following email address: 599888061test@testcod.edu.
- Action Still Needed**  
The contributor(s) you selected will receive an email invitation to join your form.

### Things You Should Know

#### View Your FAFSA® Submission Summary

Once your application is complete and submitted, you can view your FAFSA Submission Summary, a summary of the information you provided on your FAFSA form. You'll be able to access the FAFSA Submission Summary one to three days after you submit your application by logging back in with your account username and password (FSA ID).

#### Questions About The FAFSA® Process?

Visit the "FAFSA Help" page for more information.

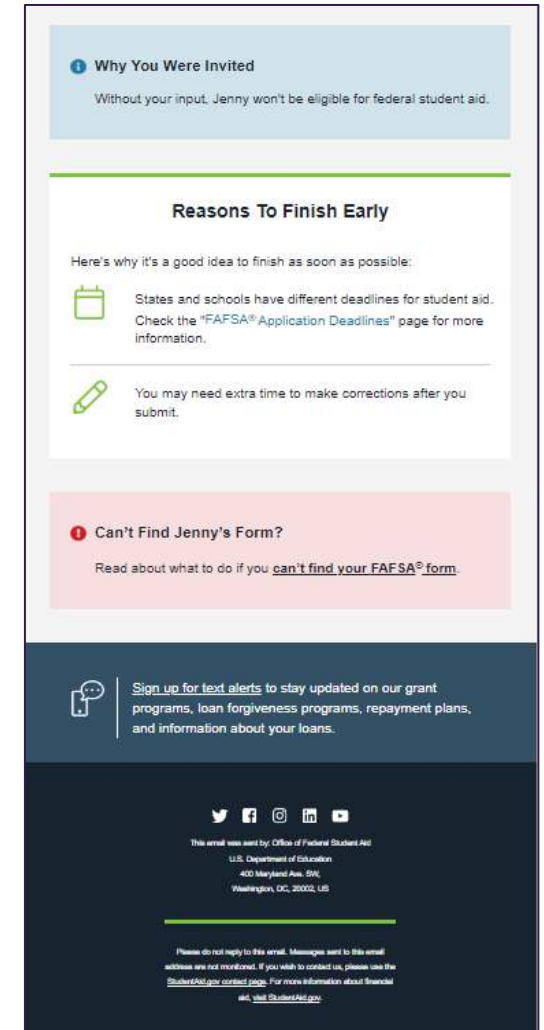
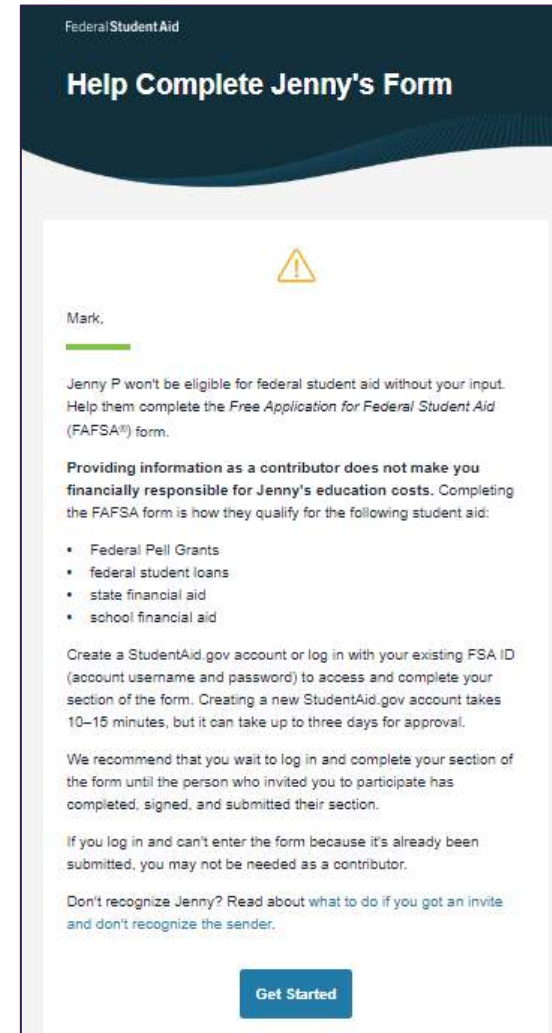
[Get Help](#)

We strongly recommend that your parent(s) complete their own section. If that isn't possible, you can manually provide their information, but you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans, until they provide consent and approval, and sign the form.

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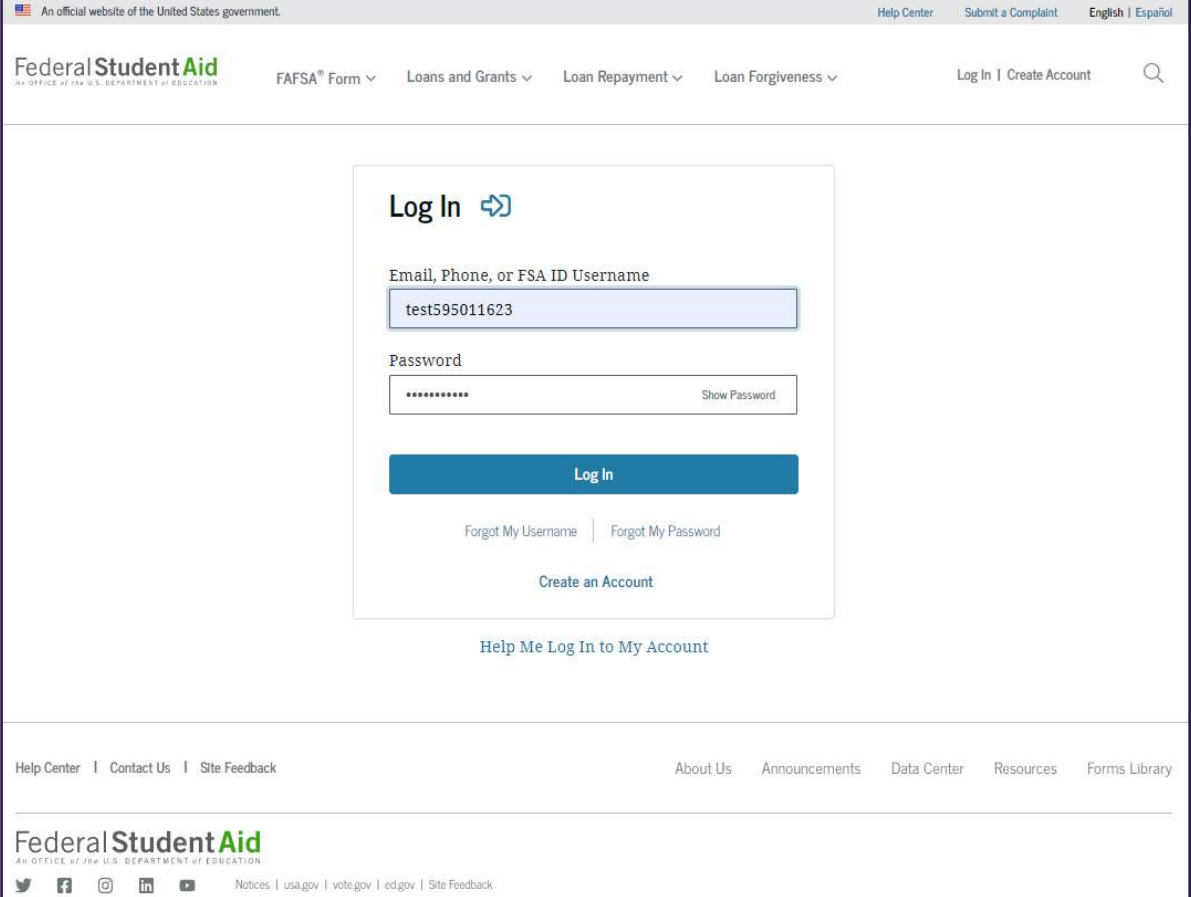
# Parent Email Invitation

- Parent will get email invitation to do FAFSA
- Parent clicks *Log In* to get to FAFSA login
- Text stresses completing the FAFSA does not make the parent financially responsible
- Parent *can* start the FAFSA before the student; will review that process at the end



# Parent Login Page

- Parent enters FSA ID
- If parent does not yet have an FSA ID, parent should click *Create an Account*



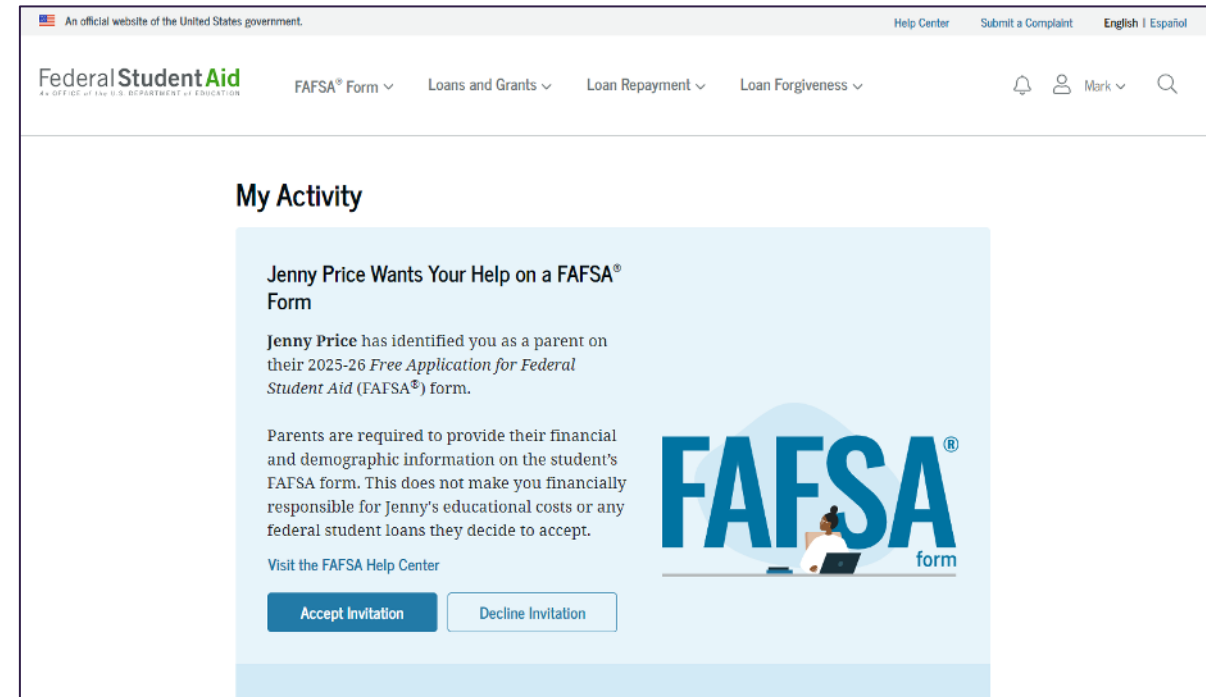
The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's parent login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "An official website of the United States government" and links for "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", and "English | Español". Below this is the "Federal Student Aid" logo and a secondary navigation bar with links for "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". On the right side of the secondary navigation bar are links for "Log In" and "Create Account", along with a search icon.

The main content area features a "Log In" section with a blue "Log In" button and a lock icon. Below the button are two input fields: "Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username" containing the text "test595011623" and "Password" with masked characters and a "Show Password" link. Below the input fields are links for "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password", and a "Create an Account" link. At the bottom of the login section is a link for "Help Me Log In to My Account".

The footer contains a "Help Center | Contact Us | Site Feedback" link on the left and "About Us | Announcements | Data Center | Resources | Forms Library" on the right. The Federal Student Aid logo and social media icons (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube) are also present in the footer, along with the text "Notices | usa.gov | vote.gov | ed.gov | Site Feedback".

# Parent Activity Page

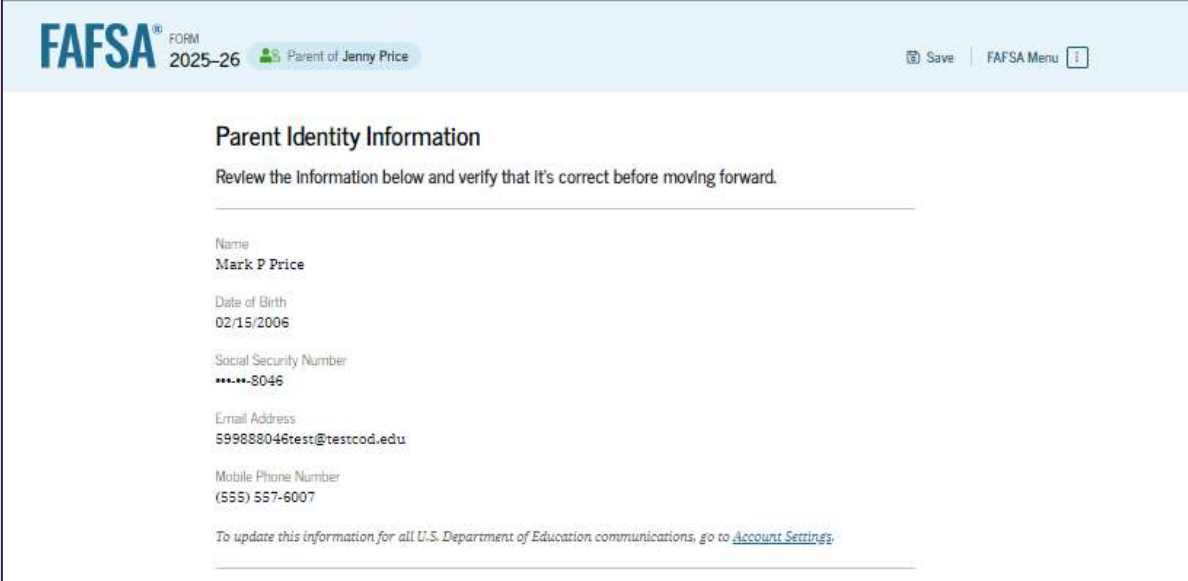
- After logging in, parent is brought to *My Activity* page
- Parent will see an invitation to be a contributor on the student's FAFSA
- After accepting, parent gets details about the contributor role
- Parent will see the same onboarding slides the student viewed





# Parent Identity Information

- Parent info from the FSA ID for review
- Any changes to info must be made under *Account Settings* on StudentAid.gov



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Parent Identity Information form. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the text 'FORM 2025-26', and the user's role 'Parent of Jenny Price'. There are 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' buttons in the top right. The main heading is 'Parent Identity Information', followed by the instruction 'Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.' The form displays the following information:

- Name: Mark P Price
- Date of Birth: 02/15/2006
- Social Security Number: \*\*\*-\*\*-8046
- Email Address: 599888046test@testcod.edu
- Mobile Phone Number (555): 557-6007

At the bottom, there is a link: 'To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to [Account Settings](#).'

# Parent Provides Consent

- By providing consent, the contributor allows the FAFSA to pull federal tax data directly into the FAFSA from the IRS
- Every contributor **MUST** provide consent in order for the student to receive need-based federal aid
- Select *Approve* to provide consent

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### Provide Consent and Approval or the Student 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 your section of the student's FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form. If you don't provide consent and approval, the student 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.

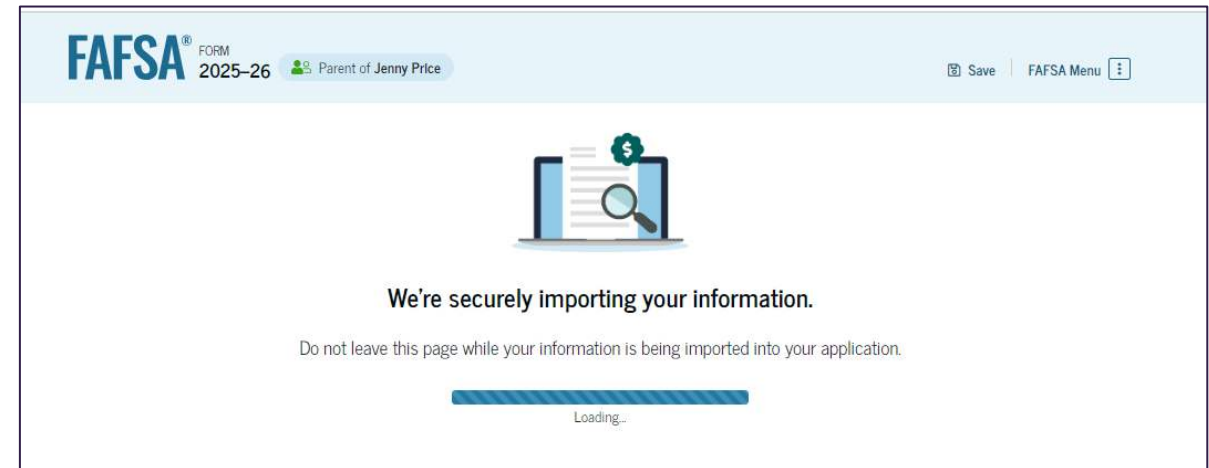
- Get your 2023 tax return information for the 2025-26 FAFSA form.
- Federal tax information is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

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:

1. 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(d)(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<sup>®</sup>) form.
2. Authorized persons at ED and its contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(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.
3. ED may redisclose my federal tax information received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
  - o 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

# IRS Importing Tax Data

- A screen will show when IRS information is being imported to the FAFSA



# Parent Marital Status

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 form for a parent named Jenny Price. The form is titled "Parent Current Marital Status" and includes a progress indicator with three steps: Demographics (1), Financials (2, checked), and Signature (3). The "Married (not separated)" option is selected. The form also includes "Previous" and "Continue" buttons at the bottom.

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Parent Current Marital Status ⓘ

Single (never married)

Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Married (not separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

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# Parent Federal Benefits Received

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Federal Benefits Received section. At the top, it displays 'FAFSA 2025-26' and the user's name 'Parent of Jesse Pika'. A progress bar indicates three steps: Demographics (1), Financials (2), and Signature (3). The main heading is 'Federal Benefits Received'. Below this, a green box contains the text: 'Questions Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility. Your answers to these questions will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these federal benefits.' The question asks: 'At any time during 2023 or 2024, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs?' with a help icon. Below the question, it says 'Select all that apply:'. There are ten checkboxes with corresponding program names: Earned Income Credit (EIC), Federal Housing Assistance, Free or Reduced Price School Lunch, Medicaid, Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). The 'None of these apply.' checkbox is selected. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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### Federal Benefits Received

Questions Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility  
Your answers to these questions will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these federal benefits.

At any time during 2023 or 2024, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? ⓘ

Select all that apply:

- Earned Income Credit (EIC) ⓘ
- Federal Housing Assistance ⓘ
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch ⓘ
- Medicaid ⓘ
- Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) ⓘ
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ⓘ
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ⓘ
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) ⓘ
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) ⓘ
- None of these apply.

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# Parent Tax Filing Status

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## Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2023 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

Yes  No

Did or will the parent file a 2023 joint tax return with their current spouse? ⓘ

Yes  No

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# Family Size

- FAFSA will automatically assume family size based on number of individuals claimed on tax return
- Parents will likely not see this number
- Parents can manually report a number if desired
- Include any dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their financial support from parents 7/1/25-6/30/26

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### Family Size

Based on answers to previous questions, we've made some assumptions about your family. The student and the student's parent (and parent's spouse, if married) are always included in the family size. The box below shows your family size based on our assumptions and the number of children or other dependents you report.

The parent's family size is **4**.

Parent: 1 Parent Spouse or Partner: 1 Student: 1 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 1

Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Include dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment.  
Do not include the student applicant.

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# Number in College

- Report how many people will be in college between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026
- Do not include parents
- Will not be used in calculation of federal aid
- Colleges can choose to use this info to award institutional (college) funds

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for a user identified as 'Parent of Jenny Price'. The progress bar indicates that the 'Demographics' section is completed, and the user is currently on the 'Financials' section. The 'Number in College' question asks: 'Out of the 4 people in the parent's family, how many will be in college between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026?' with a note to 'Do not include parent(s)'. The user has entered the number '1' in the provided text box. At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.



# Parent Tax Return Information

- Parents asked to report any:
  - Earned Income Credit
  - Grants, scholarships, or AmeriCorps benefits reported as income
  - Foreign earned income exclusion

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Parent 2023 Tax Return Information

Refer to the parent's 2023 tax return to answer the following questions.  
(If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.)

**Report Combined Taxes**  
Report the combined tax information for the parent and their spouse.

Where to find this information on the tax form

Filing Status

Single

Head of household

Married filing jointly

Married filing separately

Qualifying surviving spouse

Income Earned From Work

\$ 0.00 .00

Tax Exempt Interest Income

\$ 0.00 .00

Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions

\$ 0.00 .00

Untaxed Portions of Pensions

\$ 0.00 .00

Adjusted Gross Income

\$ 3,000.00

Income Tax Paid

\$ 1,000.00

IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-Employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans

\$ 0.00

Education Credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit)

\$ 0.00

Did the parent file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2023 IRS Form 1040?

Yes

No

Don't know

Net Profit or Loss From IRS Form 1040 Schedule C

\$ 0.00

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorp Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS

The parent paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those completing their FAFSA form again, not to first-time applicants. If married, include amount parent's spouse/partner received.

\$ 0.00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$ 0.00

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# Parent Assets

- Annual child support received
- Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net value of investments
- Real estate
- Mutual funds, stocks, bonds
- 529 college savings accounts (only for the student)
- Exclude: primary home, life insurance, retirement accounts
- Net value of all businesses and farms value (in the past some were excluded)
- If parent income <\$60,000, no asset questions will be asked

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**Report Combined Assets and Child Support Received**  
Report the combined assets and child support received for both parents.

**Annual Child Support Received**  
Enter the total amount of child support the parent received for the last complete calendar year.

\$ 0 .00

**Parent Assets**

**Total Amount of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts on the Date the FAFSA Form Was First Submitted**  
Don't include student aid.

\$ 500 .00

**Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate, on the Date the FAFSA Form Was First Submitted**  
Don't include the home the parent lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

\$ 0 .00

**Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms on the Date the FAFSA Form Was First Submitted**  
Enter the net worth of the parent's businesses and for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them.

\$ 0 .00

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# Other Parent Information

- Parent provides information about other parent (if married or living together) or current spouse

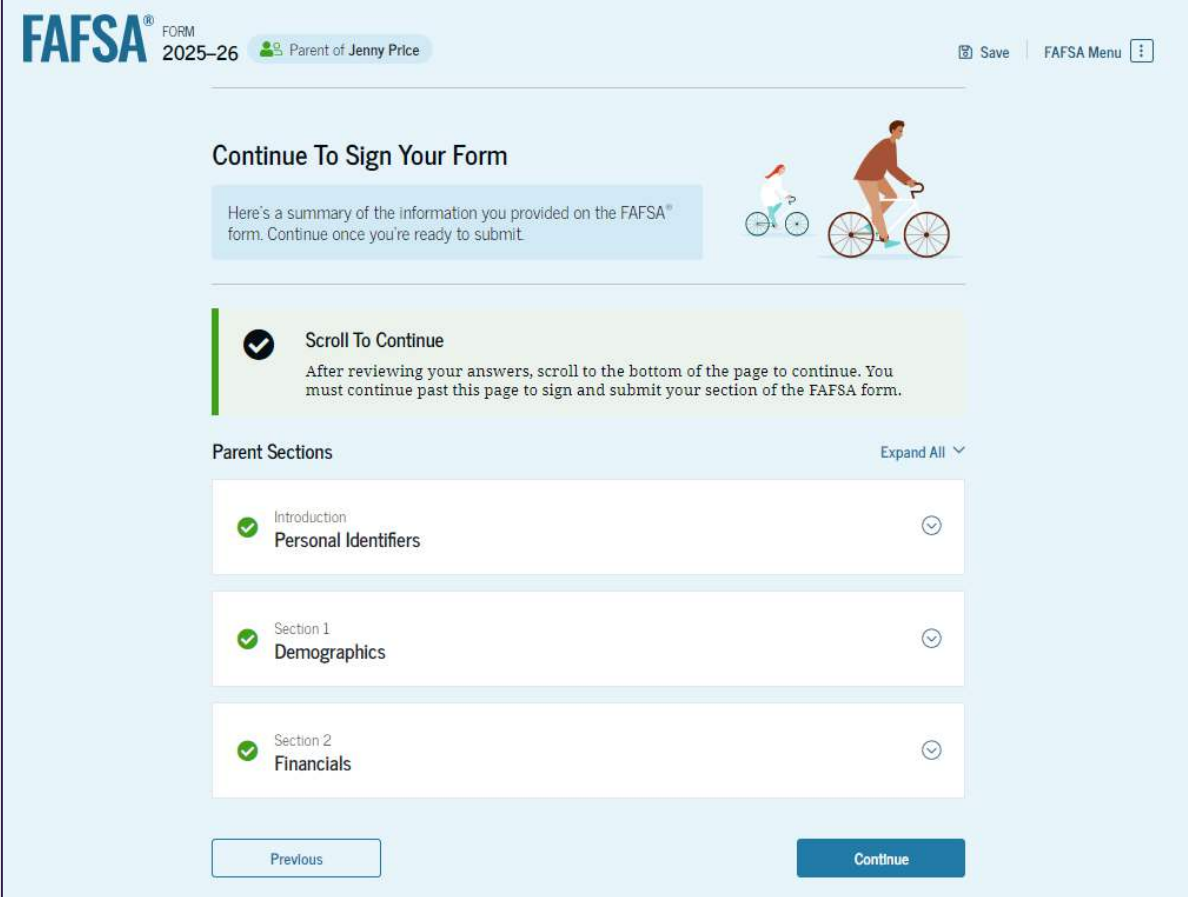
The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 application interface for a parent. The page title is "Parent Spouse's or Partner's Information". It includes instructions for entering information about a spouse or partner, a warning about matching FSA ID information, and an important note about Social Security numbers. The form fields are as follows:

- First Name:** Ally
- Last Name:** Price
- Date of Birth:** Month: 02, Day: 13, Year: 1981
- Social Security Number (SSN):** \*\*\*-\*\*-6263
- The parent spouse or partner doesn't have an SSN.
- Email Address:** allyp@gmail.com
- Confirm Email Address:** allyp@gmail.com

Navigation buttons "Previous" and "Continue" are visible at the bottom of the form.

# Parent Review Page

- Can expand all or expand each section
- To edit a response, select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page
- Data transferred from the IRS will not display on this page



The screenshot shows the FAFSA Parent Review Page for the 2025-26 form year. The user is identified as the parent of Jenny Price. The page features a 'Continue To Sign Your Form' section with a summary of the information provided and a 'Scroll To Continue' instruction. Below this, there are three expandable sections: 'Introduction Personal Identifiers', 'Section 1 Demographics', and 'Section 2 Financials'. Each section has a green checkmark and a dropdown arrow. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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### Continue To Sign Your Form

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- Parent agrees to terms and conditions and can submit the parent section
- The FAFSA is not considered complete nor processed until all sections are sent

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 'Sign and Submit the FAFSA Form' page. At the top, it displays 'FAFSA® Form 2025-26' and the user's name 'Parent of Jenny Price'. A progress bar indicates three steps: 'Demographics', 'Financials', and 'Signature', with the 'Signature' step currently active. The main heading is 'Sign and Submit the FAFSA® Form'. Below this is a 'Summary' box with a green border containing the following text: '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.' Below the summary, there is a section for electronic signing, stating: 'By signing the student's application electronically using your account username and password, YOU, THE PARENT, certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide' followed by a bulleted list: '• Information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and' and '• U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.' Below this is a section for verification: 'You also certify that you understand that the secretary of education has the authority to verify information reported on your application.' This is followed by a paragraph about the consequences of providing false information: 'If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both.' The next section is an authorization: 'Additionally, by signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, you authorize the U.S. Department of Education to disclose all information you provided on this application, as required under Section 482(a)(2)(D)(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1966, as amended, to the institutions identified herein, state higher education agencies (in the student's state of residence and the states in which the institutions identified herein are located), and designated scholarship organizations to assist with the application, award, and administration of federal, state, or institutional financial aid programs and designated scholarship programs. Notwithstanding this authorization, the name of an institution the student selected to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.' At the bottom, there is a section for signing: 'Sign for yourself and submit the application for Jenny Price (Student).'. Below this is a checkbox that is checked, with the text 'I, Mark Price, agree to the terms outlined above.' At the very bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Sign and Submit'.

# FAFSA Confirmation

- If parent completed the last required section, the FAFSA will be submitted for processing
- Page provides info on tracking the FAFSA and next steps
- Student will receive an email with detailed confirmation info

The screenshot displays the FAFSA confirmation page for the 2025-26 form. At the top, it identifies the user as the parent of Jenny Price. The main heading reads "Congratulations, The FAFSA Form Is Complete!" with the student's name, Jenny Price, and the completion date, 08/28/2024. Below this, a section titled "What Happens Next" lists three key actions: 1) "Email Sent" - confirming an email version of the page was sent to the student. 2) "The Student Can Track the Status of Their Form" - stating the form will be processed and available to schools within one to three days. 3) "The Student Will Receive School Communications" - explaining that the Student Aid Index (SAI) will be calculated, and schools will reach out for more information or financial aid offers. At the bottom, there is a "Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA Form" section with a "View Status" button and a note that the user can check the application status in their account dashboard.

# Parent Starting the FAFSA First

- If parent wants to start FAFSA before the student, clicks *Start New Form* on FAFSA homepage [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

The screenshot shows the FAFSA homepage with the following elements:

- Header: "An official website of the United States government", "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", "English | Español", "FederalStudentAid", "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", "Loan Forgiveness", "Mark", and a search icon.
- Main Content: "Get Money To Help Pay for School" with a description of the FAFSA form. Below this are two buttons: "Start a 2025-26 FAFSA® Form" (with a "Start New Form" button) and "Edit a 2025-26 FAFSA® Form or Accept an Invitation" (with an "Edit Existing Forms" button). A large "FAFSA form" logo with an illustration of students is on the right.
- Secondary Content: "Need the 2024-25 FAFSA form?" with "Start New Form" and "Edit Existing Forms" links.
- Deadlines Section: "Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In" with a "School Year" dropdown, a "State of Residence" dropdown, a "Find Deadlines" button, and a "View All FAFSA Deadlines" link. A note states: "Missing a state deadline doesn't impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed."
- FAQ Section: Three cards with icons and titles: "Who should complete the FAFSA® form?", "How long will it take?", and "What do I need?".

# Parent Login

- Parent should log in with FSA ID or click *Create an Account* to get an FSA ID

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "An official website of the United States government." and links for "Help Center", "Submit a Complaint", and "English | Español". Below this is the "Federal Student Aid" logo and a secondary navigation bar with links for "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for "Log In | Create Account" and a search icon.

The main content area features a "Log In" form with the following elements:


- A "Log In" heading with a refresh icon.
- A label "Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username" above a text input field containing "test595011023".
- A label "Password" above a password input field containing "\*\*\*\*\*" and a "Show Password" link.
- A blue "Log In" button.
- Links for "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password".
- A link for "Create an Account".
- A link for "Help Me Log In to My Account".

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for "Help Center", "Contact Us", and "Site Feedback" on the left, and "About Us", "Announcements", "Data Center", "Resources", and "Forms Library" on the right. The "Federal Student Aid" logo is repeated, along with social media icons and a "Site Feedback" link.



# Parent Role

- Parents selects “I am starting the FAFSA form as a Parent”



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 login interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA<sup>®</sup> FORM 2025-26". The main heading reads "Welcome, Mark, to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form". Below this, there is a selection prompt: "I am starting the FAFSA form as a". Two options are presented: "Student" with a radio button and a person icon, and "Parent" with a selected radio button and a family icon. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

# Student Information

- Parent provides student information
- Since student has not started a FAFSA, student will receive an email with notification that a FAFSA has been started on the student's behalf
- Student can then log in, provide consent for IRS data transfer, and sign the FAFSA
- The parent can answer the student questions
- If student hasn't yet provided consent, parent can manually enter student's tax return info

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Student Information form. The form is titled "Student Information" and includes instructions: "Enter the student's information below to start a FAFSA® form on their behalf. They will receive an email inviting them to this FAFSA form." and "If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account. Only the email address does not need to match." The form fields are: First Name (Jenny), Last Name (Price), Date of Birth (Month: 01, Day: 01, Year: 2005), Social Security Number (SSN) (\*\*\*-\*\*-5184), Email Address (jennyp@gmail.com), and Confirm Email Address (jennyp@gmail.com). There are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons at the bottom.

# FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)

- Summary of FAFSA information
- Lists when FAFSA was received and processed
- Links to aid summary and College Scorecard
- 4 tabs
  - Eligibility Overview
  - FAFSA Form Answers
  - School Information
  - Next Steps
- FSS should arrive 1-3 days after FAFSA submission

The screenshot shows the top portion of the FAFSA Submission Summary page. It includes a 'Back' link, a 'Print FAFSA Submission Summary' link, and the FAFSA logo with 'FORM 2025-26'. The main title is 'FAFSA Submission Summary'. Below this is a summary row with four columns: 'Student' (Raya Tran), 'Application Received' (Aug. 29, 2024), 'Application Processed' (Aug. 29, 2024), and 'Data Release Number' (4110). On the right side of this row, it says 'Viewing: Submission 2'. At the bottom of the header are four tabs: 'Eligibility Overview' (selected), 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (with a red notification icon).

The screenshot shows the 'Estimated Federal Student Aid' section of the FAFSA Submission Summary. It features three main aid categories: 'Federal Pell Grant' (up to \$7,395), 'Federal Direct Loans' (up to \$5,500), and 'Federal Work-Study' (You May Be Eligible). A note states: 'Amounts shown here are only estimates of federal student aid based on full-time enrollment and the average cost of attendance. Your school will determine how much student aid to offer you, which may include additional aid from your school or state.' There is a link to 'Learn more about financial aid'. A green callout box with a lightbulb icon says: 'Keep in mind, this is only an estimate. Always refer to your school's financial aid offer for a final determination of financial aid available.' On the right side, there are two panels: 'View All of Your Federal Student Aid in One Place' with a 'Visit My Aid' button, and 'Find the Right College or Career School' with a 'Visit College Scorecard' button. An illustration of a person looking at a phone is at the bottom right.

# Eligibility Overview

- Lists federal aid student may receive, including Pell Grant and Direct Loans (these are only estimates)
- List the Student Aid Index (SAI)

**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. Your SAI may change due to verification or if you update or correct your FAFSA information.

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[What does this mean?](#)

[Eligibility Overview](#) [FAFSA Form Answers](#) [School Information](#) [Next Steps](#)

### Estimated Federal Student Aid


**Federal Pell Grant** Up to **\$7,395**  
A [Federal Pell Grant](#) is awarded to undergraduate students who have financial need and who have not earned a degree or are in a teacher certification program. Federal Pell Grants don't need to be repaid.

**Federal Direct Loans** Up to **\$5,500**  
A [federal direct loan](#) is money lent by the government to you that you must repay with interest.

**Federal Work-Study** **You May Be Eligible**  
[Federal Work-Study](#) is a way for students to earn money to pay for school through part-time jobs on or off campus.

*Amounts shown here are only estimates of federal student aid based on full-time enrollment and the average cost of attendance. Your school will determine how much student aid to offer you, which may include additional aid from your school or state.*

[Learn more about financial aid](#)

 **Keep in mind, this is only an estimate**  
Always refer to your school's financial aid offer for a final determination of financial aid available.

# FAFSA Form Answers

- Students sees answers provided by all contributors
- Here the student can start a correction
- Data transferred from the IRS will not display on this page

The screenshot shows the 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers' page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers' (selected), 'School Information', and 'Next Steps'. Below the tabs, the page title is 'Your FAFSA® Form Answers'. A message reads: 'Review your responses carefully and make sure all the information you provided is correct. Start a correction to fix any errors and ensure that your form is processed correctly.' A blue button labeled 'Make a Correction' is visible. Below the message is a section titled 'Student Sections' with an 'Expand All' dropdown. The 'Personal Identifiers' section is expanded, showing the following fields:

First Name	→ Raya
Middle Name	→ A
Last Name	→ Tran
Suffix	→
Date of Birth	→ 5/5/2003
Social Security Number	→ -----1234
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	→
Mobile Phone Number	→ (555) 555-5555
Email	→ raya.tran@email.com

# School Information

- Student sees the following information for each school selected:
- Graduation rate
- Retention rate
- Transfer rate
- Default rate
- Median debt upon completion
- Average annual cost

Eligibility Overview FAFSA Form Answers **School Information** Next Steps

**Find an Affordable School**

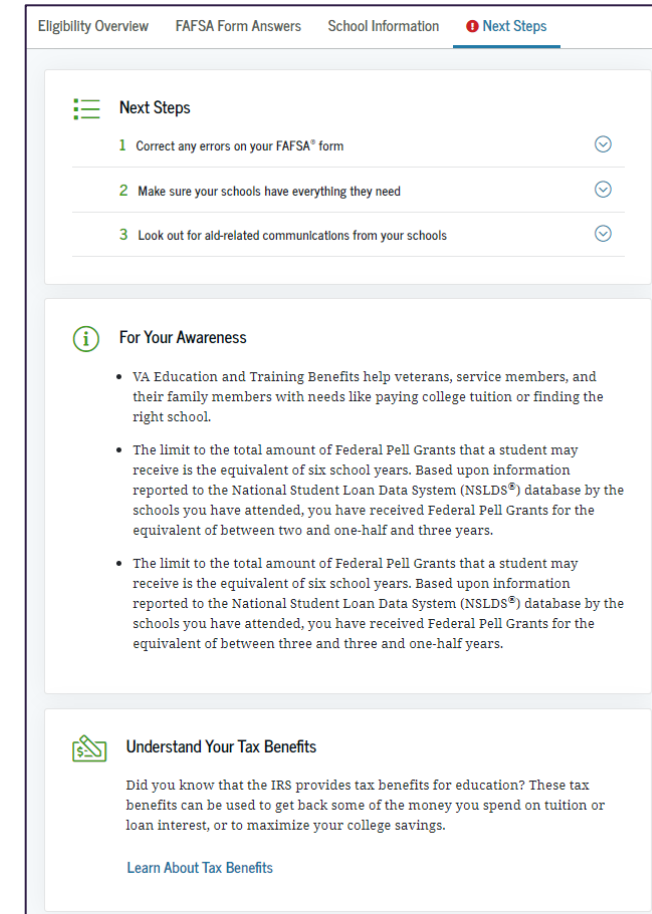
Many schools offer the opportunity to attend college affordably. Learn about the costs and benefits associated with the schools you listed on your form.

[Learn More on College Scorecard](#) Showing results for family income between **\$0-\$30,000**

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Default Rate	Median Debt Upon Completion	Average Annual Cost
Allen School - Brooklyn	77.49%	66.41%	N/A	3.1%	\$9,500	\$22,666
Genesee Community College	30.95%	54.17%	29.86%	5.2%	\$11,622	\$4,060
SUNY at Purchase	65.93%	78.57%	22.95%	2.9%	\$21,067	\$14,327

# Next Steps

- Comments displayed based on student's FAFSA
- Some may require student to make a correction or send documentation to schools



The screenshot shows a web interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Eligibility Overview', 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps' (which is highlighted with a red dot). Below the navigation bar is a section titled 'Next Steps' with a list of three items, each with a dropdown arrow on the right:

- 1 Correct any errors on your FAFSA® form
- 2 Make sure your schools have everything they need
- 3 Look out for aid-related communications from your schools

Below this list is a section titled 'For Your Awareness' with an information icon (i) on the left. It contains three bullet points:

- VA Education and Training Benefits help veterans, service members, and their family members with needs like paying college tuition or finding the right school.
- The limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive is the equivalent of six school years. Based upon information reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) database by the schools you have attended, you have received Federal Pell Grants for the equivalent of between two and one-half and three years.
- The limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive is the equivalent of six school years. Based upon information reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) database by the schools you have attended, you have received Federal Pell Grants for the equivalent of between three and three and one-half years.

Below this is a section titled 'Understand Your Tax Benefits' with a tax icon on the left. It contains a paragraph of text and a link:

Did you know that the IRS provides tax benefits for education? These tax benefits can be used to get back some of the money you spend on tuition or loan interest, or to maximize your college savings.

[Learn About Tax Benefits](#)

# What Happens After Families Submit the FAFSA

- Colleges and the state receive the data electronically
- Colleges may request additional documentation or additional information through a process called Verification
  - Students must comply with Verification to receive federal financial aid
- Colleges send out financial aid offers (typically Mar-April)



# National and Community Resources



- Free assistance completing the FAFSA
- Events Oct-Feb
- More information at [FAFSADay.org](https://www.FAFSADay.org)



Educational Opportunity Centers

- Free financial aid help
- [MassEdCO.org](https://www.MassEdCO.org)

# Things To Do

01

Register for other MEFA webinars at [mefa.org/webinars](https://mefa.org/webinars)

02

Get an FSA ID for the student and parent(s)

03

Research deadlines and required applications

- Schools may require applications in addition to the FAFSA

04

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible, along with other financial aid applications

# Connect with MEFA on Social Media



# Thank You!

## Questions?



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