



FSA ID & FAFSA

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What is an FSA ID?

- Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) is a username/ password associated with a user's Federal Student Aid account
- All FAFSA contributors **must** have a *verified* FSA ID to complete the FAFSA online
- Each user can only have **one** Federal Student Aid account
 - Accounts are verified through the Social Security Administration, will take **3-5 days**
- Serves as a legally-binding signature



Who needs an FSA ID?

- **All** contributors will need an FSA ID to file a 2024-25 FAFSA
 - Depending on family situation, could include parent(s), stepparent, student's spouse
- Contributors without SSNs will complete a knowledge check through TransUnion
 - Students must have SSN and/or be an “eligible noncitizen” to qualify for federal student aid
- Students and contributors with SSN can begin creating FSA IDs now
 - Verification will take **3-5 days**, FSA ID must be verified to complete the FAFSA

Is My Parent a **CONTRIBUTOR** When I Fill Out My FAFSA® Form?

A **parent** means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent. A **stepparent** is considered a parent if they have adopted you. Stepparents that have not adopted you will be identified as a parent spouse.

Are your biological or adoptive parents married to each other?



Your parents' marital status is married (not separated), and both of your parents' information must be included on the FAFSA® form. If your parents did not file taxes jointly, then both of your parents are contributors. Their individual information, consent and approval, and signatures will be required on the FAFSA form. If your parents filed taxes jointly, only one parent is required as a contributor and will report information for both parents.

Note: Dependent students are required to report parent information on the FAFSA® form, and in most cases, a parent will be identified as a contributor for these students. All contributors are required to provide their information, signature, and consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA form. Being a contributor on the FAFSA form does not mean an obligation to pay for the student's education.

Do your biological or adoptive parents live together?



Your parents' marital status is unmarried (both legal parents living together), and both of your parents are contributors, even if they were never married, are divorced, or are separated. Their individual information, consent and approval, and signatures will be required on the FAFSA® form.

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other over the past 12 months?



The individual information, consent and approval, and signature of the parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months will be required on the FAFSA® form, and this parent will be identified as a contributor.



The individual information, consent and approval, and signature of the parent who has the greater income or assets will be required on the FAFSA® form, and this parent will be identified as a contributor.



Has this parent married/remarried?



Your parent's marital status is married/remarried. Your stepparent will also be identified as a contributor on the FAFSA® form if they didn't file their taxes jointly with your parent.



Your parent's marital status is single (never married), separated, divorced, or widowed. An additional parent will not be identified as contributor.

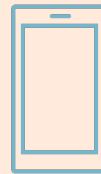
Creating an FSA ID



Name and Social Security Number must be entered *exactly* as they appear on the Social Security card



Email address **required**, recommend including a cell phone number if available



All users will be required to set up and use two-factor authentication when accessing Federal Student Aid

Creating an FSA ID



All users set up challenge questions



All users will receive a one-time backup code



Write all information down and store in a secure location



FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Primary financial aid application
- Opens annually on October 1st***
 - The **2024-25 FAFSA** will be available by **December 31, 2023!**
- FAFSA calculates your SAI (Student Aid Index)
- 2024- 25 FAFSA will use 2022 tax information
- FREE help for filing FAFSA!

Student Section

Provide Consent and Approval or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent and approval is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). 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 at all.

- Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.
- FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

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Signature

Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2024–25 school year, what will their college grade level be?

☒ First Year (freshman)☐ Second Year (sophomore)☐ Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)☐ Master's or doctorate program (such as MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, etc.).

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

☐ Yes☒ No

Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply.

- ☐ The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.
- ☐ The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.
- ☐ 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, 2024 and June 30, 2025.
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.
- ☐ The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
- ☐ The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
- ☐ None of these apply.

Student Other Circumstances

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Student Unusual Circumstances

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

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

A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they

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

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Your Dependency Status



Dependent Student

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

Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

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

*If you select "Yes," a financial aid administrator at the student's school will determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan **only**.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Tell Us About the Student's Parents

On the FAFSA® form, the "parent" is the student's legal (biological or adoptive) parent.

Are the parents married to each other?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do the parents live together?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other parent over the past 12 months?

If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support the student financially, select "No," and refer to the parent with the greater income or assets in the next question.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

☒ Yes

☐ No



Provide Information for the Parent and Stepparent

Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about the parent and stepparent on the FAFSA® form. You can invite the parent and stepparent to the form so they can complete their required sections.

Invite Parent(s) to This FAFSA® Form



We Need Information for Your Parent or Stepparent Now

Based on your answers in the previous section, the parent and stepparent you identified will need to contribute to your FAFSA® form. This does not make them financially responsible for your education. Right now, you can invite your parent and/or stepparent to your form and have them complete their required sections.

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

Provide the parent's full legal name as it appears on their Social Security card. The email does not have to be the same as their account username and password (FSA ID).

Parent	Parent Spouse or Partner <small>optional</small>
First Name <input type="text"/>	First Name <input type="text"/>
Last Name <input type="text"/>	Last Name <input type="text"/>
Date of Birth <small>Month Day Year</small> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Date of Birth <small>Month Day Year</small> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Social Security Number (SSN) <input type="text"/> <small>Hide</small>	Social Security Number (SSN) <input type="text"/> <small>Hide</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> My parent doesn't have an SSN.	<input type="checkbox"/> My parent doesn't have an SSN.
Email Address <input type="text"/>	Email Address <input type="text"/>
Confirm Email Address <input type="text"/>	Confirm Email Address <input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Send Invite"/>	<input type="button" value="Send Invite"/>

Student 2022 Tax Return Information

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

Convert all currency to U.S. dollars.

IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan

\$.00

Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan

\$.00

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS (optional)

The student paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those renewing their FAFSA[®] form, not to first-time applicants.

\$.00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00

Student Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid.

\$.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.

\$.00

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

Enter the net worth of the student's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

\$.00

Parent Section

Federal Student Aid

Help Complete Raya's Form

Alcina,

Raya T can't be eligible for federal student aid without your input. Help them complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.

Providing information as a contributor does not make you financially responsible for Raya's education costs. Completing the FAFSA form is how they qualify for student aid including

- Federal Pell Grants,
- federal student loans,
- state financial aid, and
- school financial aid.

Log in with your FSA ID (account username and password) to complete your section.

Note: Forms are deleted after 45 days of inactivity.
Don't recognize Raya? Read [What To Do if You Got an Invite and Don't Recognize the Sender](#).

[Log In](#)

Why You Were Invited

Without your input, Raya won't be eligible for federal student aid.

Raya Tran Wants Your Help on a FAFSA® Form

Raya Tran has identified you as a parent on their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

Parents are required to provide their financial and demographic information on the student's FAFSA form. This does not make you financially responsible for Raya's educational costs or any federal student loans they decide to accept.

[Visit the 2024-25 FAFSA Help Center](#)

[Accept Invitation](#) [Decline Invitation](#)

By accepting this invitation, you agree to share your personal and contact information from your StudentAid.gov account on the student's FAFSA form. Once you accept, your information will be linked to this form.



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→ Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.

→ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

→ FTI is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

Federal Benefits Received

Responses Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

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

At any time during 2022 or 2023, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs?

Select all that apply.

☐ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

☐ 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

Family Size

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

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

☒ Yes

☐ No



The parent's family size is 3

Parent: 1 Other Parent: 1 Student: 1 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 0

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, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

Do not include the student applicant.

Parent 2022 Tax Return Information

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

Convert all currency to U.S. dollars.

IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan

\$.00

Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan

\$.00

Did the parent receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS (optional)

The parent paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those renewing their FAFSA[®] form, not to first-time applicants.

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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$.00

Annual Child Support Received

Enter the total amount of child support the parent received for the last complete calendar year.

\$.00

Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student aid.

\$.00

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

Don't include the home the parent lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

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Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

Enter the net worth of the parent's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

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What is the Student Aid Index?

In the same way that your credit score represents your credit worthiness, your Student Aid Index (SAI) represents your level of financial need. Your school will use your SAI to determine how much need-based aid you can get in the form of grants, loans, scholarships, and or student jobs.

Individuals with a higher level of financial need typically need more financial aid to cover the cost of school.



Student  Raya Tran

Application Received
Oct. 5, 2023

Application Processed
Oct. 5, 2023

Data Release Number
1234

[Eligibility Overview](#)

FAFSA Form Answers

School Information

 Next Steps

Estimated Federal Student Aid

Federal Pell Grant

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.

Up to **\$4,556**

Federal Direct Loans

A [federal direct loan](#) is money lent by the government to you that you must repay with interest.

Up to **\$4,556**

Federal Work-Study

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

You May Be Eligible

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.

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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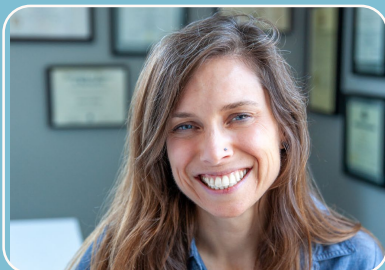
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