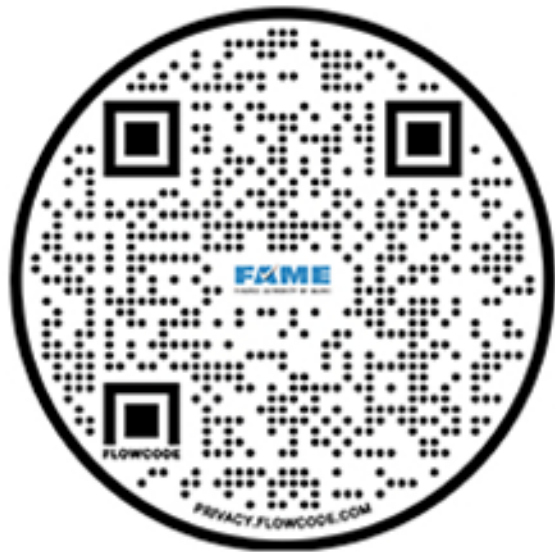


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- FAME's New Mainer Section
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Tuition-Free Community College

College

What is the free community college initiative?

- Provides two years of tuition-free community college to the Maine high school graduates in the Classes of **2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.**
- The **Free College Scholarship** covers 100% of tuition and mandatory fees at any one of the seven colleges across the state.



Tuition-Free Community College

To qualify, students must:

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent. This includes home schooled students, and students earning a GED or Hi-SET during those years.
- Pursue an associate degree or academic credential
- Live in Maine at the time of enrollment and while enrolled in the program
- **Accept all federal and state grants**
 - Eligible students need to file a FAFSA to see if they are eligible for a Pell Grant and/or a Maine State Grant.



Tuition-Free Community College

What if the student is not eligible for federal student aid?

Are they eligible for the Free College Scholarship?

- Yes – students not eligible for federal student aid are eligible for the Free College Scholarship.
- Students **do not need to file a FAFSA!**
- Instead, the student needs to **contact an advisor at** the community college they plan to attend.
 - The advisor will document their circumstances and notify the appropriate campus offices.

Welcome to FAME's New Mainers Website

- Meet Floreka!
- Get Ready for College
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FAME Can Help New Mainers with Higher Education

We're glad you're here! In Maine and throughout the United States, higher education is one of the best ways to open the door to a better-paying job and more opportunities. But as a new Mainer, navigating higher education may include some additional steps or challenges. If you are the first in your family to attend college, the process may be unfamiliar and intimidating. If you attended college in another country, higher education in the United States might look very different.

FAME can help recent immigrants and refugees navigate higher education in the United States. FAME offers College Access and Financial Education staff working across Maine to help students reach their higher education goals. Floreka Malual is FAME's dedicated college planning advisor working with new Mainers.

Regardless of your starting point, FAME is here to provide information, resources, and personalized support. Let us know how we can help you reach your educational goal!

Meet Floreka Malual, College Planning Advisor

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Floreka Malual is FAME's dedicated college planning advisor working with new Mainers. At one time a new Mainer herself, Floreka spent her first nine years in Africa, living seven years in South Sudan and two years in Egypt. She is fluent in both Arabic and Dinka. In the early 2000s, Floreka and her family moved to Maine in order to have more opportunities. She attended Portland area schools and graduated from Portland High School in 2009. In 2014, she received her bachelor's degree in Health Care Studies from Husson University. As an immigrant and first-generation attending college, Floreka felt this was her calling. She joined the FAME team in 2017 as a college planning advisor and enjoys working with new Mainers exploring the college world for the first time - just as she once did.

Learn more about...

Getting Ready for College →

Knowing how higher education is organized in the U.S. can help you understand and explore your options.

Paying for College →

Whether you're an immigrant, refugee, or a new U.S. citizen, there is money available to help new Mainers pay for higher education.

Credential Evaluation →

Do you have a degree or certificate from your home country? If so, you may be able to use it in the United States for work or schooling.

Student Testimonials



FREE COLLEGE IS HERE!
High school graduates from the Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 qualify for a Free College Scholarship at any of the seven community colleges across Maine.

[Learn More](#)



WHERE TO GET HELP
Maine has a number of agencies and organizations offering a variety of programs and services to new Mainers.

[Additional Resources](#)

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Getting Ready for College

You may be the first person in your family to attend college or may have attended college in a different country, but are finding the options and processes are very different in the United States. Regardless of your starting point, here are a few things to keep in mind.

Types of Institutions

There are many types of colleges and universities in the United States. Each has its own purpose and funding and certain schools may meet your needs better than others.

Two-Year versus Four-Year Colleges

Two-year colleges: The most common two-year schools are community colleges. These schools typically offer two pathways: programs that are more applied and career-training focused that award certificates or associate degrees, or programs that are strictly academic and prepare students to transfer to a four-year school. Community colleges are public schools but there are also private two-year schools.

Four-year colleges and universities: These schools typically offer programs that take four years of full-time enrollment to complete and award bachelor's degrees (though some also offer associate degrees). There are both public and private colleges and universities.

Public versus Private Colleges

Public colleges: These schools, often referred to as state schools, are supported in part by public funding. As a result, tuition rates are typically lower for residents of that state than for students from out-of-state.

Private colleges: These schools are privately funded and tuition rates are the same for in-state versus out-of-state students.

Admissions Criteria

Each college uses its own criteria when deciding whether or not to offer admission to a student. Most schools are going to ask for grades from current or previous schools, and some will also ask for SAT or ACT scores. Depending on a student's major, if English is a second language, students may be asked to take the TOEFL test. Check with the college's admissions office or website to learn more about that school's admissions criteria.

Special Programs to Support College-Going

There are many federal programs designed to help first-generation college students and/or those from low-income families prepare for college. Programs such as Upward Bound, TRIO, and GEAR UP are often available through high schools and local colleges and universities.

Ready to take the next step?

Visit our [Paying for College](#) page for helpful tips on affording higher education.

College Going Information

Higher education is structured very differently in the U.S. than in other countries.

There are great programs to support college going students!

- Talent Search
- Upward Bound
- Student Support Services

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Paying for College

Whether you're an immigrant, refugee, or a new U.S. citizen, there is money available to help new Mainers pay for higher education. However, where the money comes from largely depends on whether or not you are eligible for federal student aid.

Are You Eligible for Federal Student Aid?

To be eligible for federal student aid, you must be a U.S. citizen OR an eligible noncitizen. If you already know you're eligible for federal student aid, your next step is to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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Yes, I'm eligible. [↗](#)

Generally, you are *not* eligible for federal student aid if:

- You have been granted DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status.
- You have only a "Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence" (I-171 or I-464).
- You are in the U.S. on an F-1 or F-2 nonimmigrant student visa, or on a J-1 or J-2 nonimmigrant exchange visitor visa.
- You hold a G series visa (pertaining to international organizations).

If you know you are not eligible for federal student aid at this time, you still have options.

No, I'm not eligible at this time. [↗](#)

Not sure if you're eligible?

Helpful Tools

- Determining Eligibility for Federal Student Aid
- Tracking Status of Immigration Application
- Paying for Higher Education Video
- Scholarships for New Mainers

Not sure if you're eligible?

If you're not sure of your eligibility, you can use our interactive eligibility questionnaire to help you determine your status:

Interactive Eligibility Questionnaire:

1.) Are you a US Citizen?

- Yes
 No

Track Your Case Status Online

Are you waiting to hear back about your case status? You can track the status of an immigration application, petition, or request with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services' [online case status tool](#).

VIDEO: Paying for Higher Education for New Mainers



Are you a new Mainer wondering how you'll pay for your higher education? This video will tell you what you need to know, guide you through options for paying for college, and help you navigate the New Mainers section of the FAME website.

Scholarships for New Mainers

Scholarships provide money, often from private institutions or community organizations, that you will not need to repay. If you are not eligible for federal or state financial aid, you may be able to pay for some of your higher education expenses using scholarships.



New Mainer Website – Eligible for FSA

YES, I'm eligible for federal student aid.

If you are a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, the next step is to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Use FAME's [FAFSA 1-2-3 for New Mainers](#) to make filing the FAFSA easier.

To learn more about how to file a FAFSA, visit FAME's [Filing the 2024-2025 FAFSA](#) page or [watch this short video \(in Arabic\)](#). If you are an eligible noncitizen, you will need to enter your eight or nine-digit Alien Registration Number (ARN) on the FAFSA.

Parents who already have a Social Security number will need to provide it when creating their FSA ID.

New with the release of the 2024-2025 FAFSA: Parents who do *not* have a Social Security Number are able to create an FSA ID. For step-by-step instructions, see our [FSA ID Worksheet for those without a Social Security number](#).

If one or more of your parents live outside the United States, below are some tips to help you complete the FAFSA. If you are considered a [dependent student](#), you typically need to provide parent information. Your parents' specific situation will determine whose information is required, so review the below information carefully:

- If your parents are married and one parent lives outside the United States, information for both parents will be required. Additionally, both parents will need to create their own FSA ID (see below for more information on FSA IDs) and provide "consent and approval" to allow federal tax information to be retrieved from the IRS and disclosed to Federal Student Aid and to the schools you listed on the FAFSA. Parents will indicate that they are "Married filing separately." The U.S.-residing parent will provide their requested federal tax information (if applicable). The international parent will provide their income and asset information, converted into U.S. dollars, and indicate "Foreign Country" and "Foreign Tax Return" where appropriate.
- If your parents are not married (and don't live in the same household) or are divorced, information will be required only for the parent who provided you the most financial support in the last 12 months.
- If both parents reside outside the United States but continue to provide most of your financial support, you will provide information for both parents. Your parents will indicate "Foreign Country" and "Foreign Tax Return" where appropriate.

Important FSA ID Information

One of the first steps when filing a FAFSA is to create a Federal Student Aid account, often referred to as an FSA ID. The FSA ID is a username and password you will use to access and sign your FAFSA. All students need an FSA ID, and at least one parent of a dependent student will also need their own FSA ID to sign the FAFSA.

Parents who have a Social Security number (SSN) will provide their SSN when creating their FSA ID. Parents who do *not* have a Social Security number can still create their FSA ID. For more information and instructions on creating FSA IDs and to keep track of all FSA ID information, use the appropriate FAME FSA ID worksheet(s) for your situation:

- Get the [Student FSA ID Worksheet](#).
- Get the [Parent FSA ID Worksheet](#).
- Get the [FSA ID Worksheet for those without a Social Security number](#).

For more information on creating an FSA ID, watch this [short video](#). If you speak Arabic, we've created this video to help with creating and retrieving FSA IDs: [Creating an FSA ID \(in Arabic\)](#).

College Pathways Worksheet

FAME's College Pathways Worksheet will help keep your planning on track as you work through the financial aid and scholarship processes and pursue other options to pay for college.

[Download College Pathways Worksheet →](#)

Have you had a change in citizenship status?

If your status has changed from an eligible noncitizen to a U.S. citizen, contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) to update your status. If you do not update your citizenship status with the SSA, it could delay your student financial aid. To contact the SSA call 1-800-772-1213 or visit the Social Security Administration's website at [ssa.gov](#).



Parents Without Social Security Number

New for the 2024-2025 FAFSA

- **Parents** without a Social Security number (SSN) are now able to create an FSA ID account to access, complete and sign their portion of your 2024–25 FAFSA form.
- **Students** must have a regular SSN (not one for work purposes only) and be a citizen or eligible non-citizen).
- FSA ID creation process similar process for those w/ an SSN except for the identity verification questions at the end.
 - If not able to answer the identity verification questions follow up will be required.
- For step-by-step instructions to create an account without a SSN, see our [FSA ID Worksheet for those without a Social Security number](#)



Parents Without Social Security Number



How to Create a Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID) for those without a Social Security number

When you set up your Student Aid account, you'll create your FSA ID, a username and password that gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and serves as your legal signature. You can only have one FSA ID. The same FSA ID will be used whether you are a parent completing a FAFSA for your first child, a parent completing a FAFSA for a subsequent child, or student completing a FAFSA for yourself.

Only create an FSA ID using your own information and for your own use. The same FSA ID is used to access and complete the FAFSA, sign federal loan documents, and access student loan information. You'll need your FSA ID for years to come, so use this form to keep track of information associated with it, and store this form in a secure location.

Instructions

1. Go to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and click on "Create Account".
2. Enter personal information.
 - Legal name and date of birth.
 - Click the box to indicate that you don't have a Social Security Number.
 - Create username and password.
 - Provide email address, mailing address, mobile phone number.
3. Answer the challenge questions. Select answers that are easy to remember and won't change over time.
4. Enter a validation code to confirm your mobile phone number and email address. You can also set up the Authenticator app on your mobile phone.
5. Save your information in the space provided on the back side of this worksheet.
6. Answer knowledge-based verification questions, if provided.
 - If answered correctly, use your FSA ID to complete the FAFSA.
 - If not provided or if answered incorrectly, Federal Student Aid (FSA) will automatically assign a case number.
 - Watch for an email with a case number and guidance on how to submit copies of unexpired acceptable documentation to verify your identity. You will have two options:
 - A valid driver's license, state or city ID, or foreign passport
 - OR
 - Utility bill plus one of the following: municipal ID, community ID, or consular ID
 - Complete the Attestation Form available at [StudentAid.gov/forms-library](https://studentaid.gov/forms-library). Click the down arrow by [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) Account to access the form.
 - Submit the acceptable documentation and signed attestation form to IDVerification@ed.gov.
 - Expect an email from FSA stating your identity has been verified, then you can use your FSA ID to complete the FAFSA.

*This process can also be initiated by email or live chat. To use one of these options go to: <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>. Write that you are trying to create an FSA ID and need to verify your identity.



How to Create a Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID) for those without a Social Security number

Your FSA ID Information

Email Address: _____ Username: _____

Password: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

Answers to Challenge Questions (answers are case sensitive)

Challenge Question/Answer 1: _____

Challenge Question/Answer 2: _____

Challenge Question/Answer 3: _____

Challenge Question/Answer 4: _____

Your Back Up Code

When you set up the required two-step verification, you will be assigned a backup code. Your backup code lets you access your account if you can't use any other two-step verification method. A backup code can only be used once.

To generate a new backup code:

1. Log into your account at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).
2. Click on **Settings > Two Factor Verification > Generate a New Back Up Code**.
3. Write your backup code here:

Are you a new Mainer looking for information on higher education or credential evaluation?
Visit [FAMEmaine.com/NewMainers](https://www.famemaine.com/NewMainers)

Parents Without Social Security Number

- FAFSA has been updated with box to indicate parents don't have an SSN.
- No longer will parents without an SSN fill in all zeros in the SSN box.

The image shows a side-by-side comparison of the FAFSA parent information form. The left form is the updated version, and the right form is the previous version. Both forms have the following fields: Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year), Social Security Number (SSN), Email Address, and Confirm Email Address. The updated form on the left includes a checkbox labeled "My parent doesn't have an SSN." which is unchecked. The previous form on the right does not have this checkbox. Both forms have a "Send Invite" button at the bottom. A "Previous" button is visible at the bottom left of the entire screenshot.



Parents Without Social Security Number

- Mixed-status families (student has SSN but parent does not) **are now able** to file a 2024-2025 FAFSA.
- Recent technical fixes have **resolved this issue!** Yay!!
- However, fixes have revealed two additional issues:
 - IRS match for anyone without SSN is not working.
 - No timeline on fix; **contributors will need to manually enter tax return related data.**
 - If the student enters slightly incorrect information when inviting contributor, system is having trouble finding the contributor so can't send an invitation.
 - Resolution is in the works and coming soon.



New Mainer Website – Unsure of Eligibility?

Not sure if you're eligible?

If you're not sure of your eligibility, you can use our interactive eligibility questionnaire to help you determine your status:

Interactive Eligibility Questionnaire:

1.) Are you a US Citizen?

- Yes
 No

You indicated you are not a U.S. citizen, but you may be an eligible noncitizen. We'll ask a few more questions to help you find out.

2.) Are you are a U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swains Island)?

- Yes
 No

3.) Are you a U.S. permanent resident with a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C (Permanent Resident Card, Resident Alien Card, or Alien Registration Receipt Card), also known as a "green card"?

[View examples](#)

- Yes
 No

4.) Do you have an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following statuses?

- Refugee
 - Asylum granted
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant
 - "Conditional Entrant" (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
 - "Parolee" (you must be paroled for at least one year, and you must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a U.S. citizen or permanent resident).
- Yes
 No

Not sure if eligible for
Federal Student Aid?
Use this tool!

5.) Do you hold a T nonimmigrant status ("T-visa") (for victims of human trafficking) or does your parent hold a T-1 nonimmigrant status?

- Yes
 No

6.) Are you a "battered immigrant-qualified alien" who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent-resident spouse, or are you the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)?

- Yes
 No

7.) Are you a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau?

- Yes
 No

Based on your answers, it appears you're not eligible for federal financial aid at this time, but you still have some options.

Check out our resources and next steps for ineligible students.

[Resources & Next Steps →](#)



Not Eligible for Federal Student Aid

- School Choice
- Resources to Explore
- Pay As You Go
- Employer Educations Benefits

NO, I'm not eligible for federal student aid at this time.

Even if you are not eligible for federal student aid, other options do exist. Consider the following:

School Choice

Attend a school that has policies and funding dedicated to supporting students who are not eligible for federal student aid funds. Here are some [questions to ask](#) when researching schools.

If the school you are planning to attend offers funding to DACA students or other students who are not eligible for federal student aid, ask them how to apply for those funds. In some cases, and if you have a Social Security Number, the school may want you to complete a FAFSA.

Resources to Explore

- [USM's Promise Scholarship](#) is open to asylum seekers under certain circumstances. [Contact Daniel Barton](#) for more information.
- The [Adult Learner Scholarship](#) is for nontraditional students and supports a range of training, including two- and four-year degrees, certificates, and other non-degree programs.
- Learn more about [admission policies, financial aid, and scholarships](#) for undocumented students.
- Additionally, scholarships are available to students in many different situations, including asylum seekers or others who are ineligible for federal student aid. FAME has compiled a [list of scholarships new Mainers may be eligible for](#).

Pay As You Go

Pay as you go by attending school part-time, ideally with the help of [scholarships](#), payment plans, and possible limited funding from the school. Most schools have payment plans that allow you to spread the cost of your course(s) over several payments throughout a semester or school year, making paying for classes easier to manage.

Employer Education Benefits

[Work for an employer](#) that provides education assistance for their employees. Some employers will cover a portion of your tuition or help support your educational goals in other ways.

Start by contacting your employer's Human Resources office and asking them [these questions about employer education benefits](#).



New Mainer Website – Paying for College

Scholarships

- Local high school or guidance office
- College financial aid office
- Employer/parent employer
- Faith based institutions
- Local service organization

[Scholarship Tracking Spreadsheet \(.xlsx\) →](#)

We regularly review the scholarships we share to make sure they are up to date. However, scholarship criteria, deadlines, and availability can change without our knowledge. If you find a scholarship that is out of date, please let us know.

Scholarship	Amount	Deadline	Eligibility	Course of Study
American Federation of Ramallah Palestine	\$8,000	May 31	Palestinian and Palestinian American students	Any
American Legion Children and Youth Scholarship	\$500	May 1	Must be a Maine resident	Any
Asian Pacific Fund	\$1,000-\$20,000	See website	Must plan to be enrolled full-time in the fall. Minimum GPA of 3.0. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident unless otherwise stated.	Any
Avesta Housing Scholarship	\$1,000	May 9	Avesta residents who are enrolling in a post-secondary program. Eligible programs include college, trade school, and certificate programs.	Any
Ayn Rand Essay Contests	Varies	See website	Offers three different worldwide essay contests: Anthem (for 8th-12th grade students); Fountainhead (for 11th & 12th grade students), and Atlas Shrugged (for 12th grade, college, and graduate students).	Any
Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund	up to \$10,000	April 1	Available to applicants who demonstrate activism in the struggle to achieve civil rights, economic justice, international solidarity, and/or other progressive causes.	Any



New Mainer Website – Organizational Resources

- Gateway Community Services
- Hope Acts
- Learning Works
- Maine Youth Action Network
- My Place Teen Center
- New Mainers Resource Center
- Portland Adult Education (PAE)
- Portland Public Schools: Multilingual and Multicultural Center
- Prosperity Maine
- The Root Cellar
- Tree Street Youth
- Youth & Community Engagement



New Mainer Website – FAQ

FAFSA Related Questions and Answer:

- Am I eligible to receive federal student aid?
- As an eligible noncitizen, is there any additional information I need to provide when completing the FAFSA?
- As an undocumented student or DACA student, can I file the FAFSA?
- As an eligible noncitizen, what will I need to complete the FAFSA?
- One or both of my parents live outside of the United States. Do I need to include their financial information?
- How do you represent income from a foreign tax return?



How Floreka Can Help!

- One-on-one appointments
- Classroom presentations
- College application assistance
- Scholarship application assistance
- Credential evaluation grant application help
- Navigating resources and more



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FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE

(seriously)

There's a new FAFSA coming. There'll be fewer questions, and more steps to help pay for education and training. To get your FAFSA filed as soon as possible in December, (Watch for the exact date!) with your FAFSA? FAME's FAFSA and...

YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING.
What's a FAFSA?
The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Colleges and universities use this application to determine your financial aid eligibility.


Really? Free money?
The FAFSA is used by all colleges to offer federal and state financial aid, including grants and scholarships (PELL) and federal student loans. Most schools also use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for their own grants and scholarships. Many organizations also require a FAFSA before awarding scholarships.

Thinking about going to college, university, or technical school?
YOU CAN DO IT.

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION IS COMING!
2024-2025 "Better FAFSA" delayed until December

The new Better FAFSA, as it's being referred to by Federal Student Aid, is being completely overhauled and will include many new terms and processes. To get started, below are a few key concepts and process changes that are critical to helping get students and families prepared to file.



For more information, scan QR code or visit FAMEmaine.com/FAFSAsimplification.

Contributors

A CONTRIBUTOR IS ANYONE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CONSENT ON THE FAFSA. Possible contributors are the student, the parent, the other parent, and the student's spouse.

- The student is always a contributor.
- For dependent students, one parent will always be a contributor; the other parent will also be a contributor if parents are married but don't file taxes jointly or if parents aren't married but live together.
- The student's spouse will only be a contributor if taxes aren't filed jointly.

FSA ID Changes


A CONTRIBUTOR MUST HAVE A FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FSA) ID that has been matched with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to access their section of the FAFSA. Because the match with SSA is not instantaneous and can take up to one week, individuals should plan to obtain an FSA ID at least one week prior to completing the FAFSA. It will not be possible to obtain an FSA ID and complete the FAFSA in one sitting, nor will it be possible to access a FAFSA using student's demographic information.

Roles-Based

THE ON-LINE FAFSA APPLICATION WILL BE ROLES-BASED and include separate student and parent segments. Students will log into the student section of the FAFSA with their FSA ID and parent(s) will log into the parent section with their FSA ID. The student won't be able to see parent questions and the parent won't be able to see student questions.

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