

Filing the 2026-27 FAFSA

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StudentAid.gov Account Basics

StudentAid.gov Account

- First step in the FAFSA filing process.
- Accounts are created at StudentAid.gov.
- When an account is created, individuals set up a username and password.
- A StudentAid.gov account is required to access the FAFSA and all Federal Student Aid processes and serves as legal signature.





StudentAid.gov Account Creation

Creating a StudentAid.gov Account

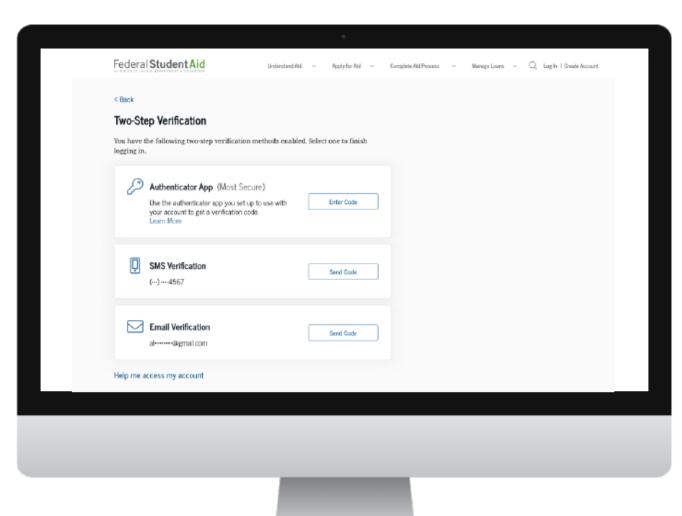
- When creating an account, individuals provide identifying information including their Social Security number (SSN).
 - Name, date of birth, and SSN are matched against Social Security Administration data to verify the individual's identity.
 - Exciting news! The match with SSA now happens in <u>real time</u> for all new accounts!
- Individuals need a unique email address that can be accessed when creating the account as it must be verified.
 - Students should not use their high school email address. Instead, recommend they create a new email address.
- Ideally, individuals will provide their mobile phone number.



StudentAid.gov Account Creation – Two-Step Verification

Two-Step Verification is required to complete the StudentAid.gov account creation process through one of the following:

- One time password generated from authenticator app
- SMS (text) sent to a verified mobile phone
- Email sent to a verified email address

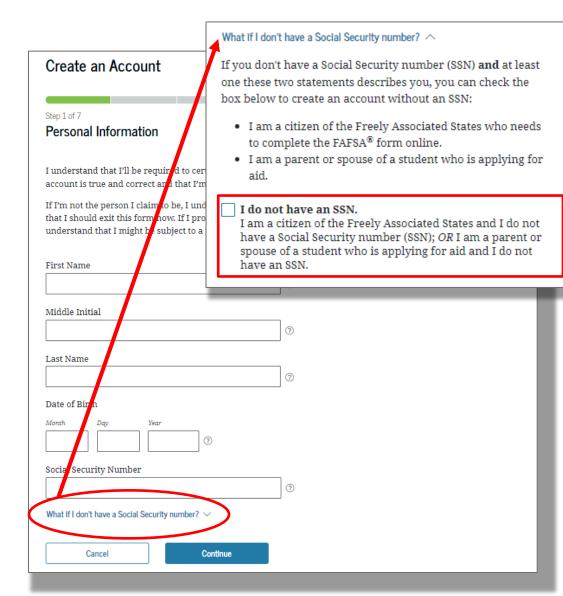




StudentAid.gov Account Creation - No SSN

No SSN - Parents only

- Parents without an SSN can now create an account.
- Process is similar for those without an SSN except there is an extra step at the end to verify their identity.
 - If enough information on file with TransUnion, four knowledge-based questions will be asked. If answered correctly, identify is verified.
 - If not enough information with TransUnion or if the questions aren't answered correctly, individuals will have to provide additional documentation via email.





Who Needs an FSA ID?

Who Needs a StudentAid.gov Account?

- Every contributor must have their own StudentAid.gov account.
- A contributor is anyone providing information on the FAFSA who is required to provide consent by clicking approval (which allows IRS to disclose their federal tax information (FTI), and the DoE to use their FTI and redisclose their FTI to schools and organizations).
- The student is always a contributor.
- Other possible contributors include the parent, the parent's spouse, and student's spouse.



Determining Parent Contributors

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- If parents are married and filed a 2024 joint tax return, information for both parents will be required but only one parent will need a StudentAid.gov account.
- If parents are married and filed 2024 taxes separately, or if parents live together but aren't married, information for both parents will be required and both parents will need their own StudentAid.gov accounts.







Determining Parent Contributors

- If parents are divorced, separated, or never married and don't live in the same household, the parent who provides the most financial support will be required to provide information on the FAFSA and will need their own StudentAid.gov account.
- If that parent is remarried on the day the FAFSA is filed, information for their spouse will also be required and their spouse will need their own StudentAid.gov account unless they filed a 2024 joint tax return.



StudentAid.gov accounts can be created any time!

- Account data must be matched with the Social Security Administration for tax information to be transferred from the IRS.
- Effective last month, the match is happening in real time.
- Therefore, individuals can create their account and file their FAFSA immediately.

When Should a StudentAid.gov Account Be Created?



How to Create a Federal StudentAid.gov Account

for those without a Social Security number

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<u>.gov</u> account using your own information and for your own use. The same will be used to access and complete the FAFSA, sign federal loan documents, and mation. You'll need your StudentAid.gov account information for years to come, so the finformation associated with it and store this form in a secure location.

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based verification questions, if provided.

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StudentAid.gov account scan here:

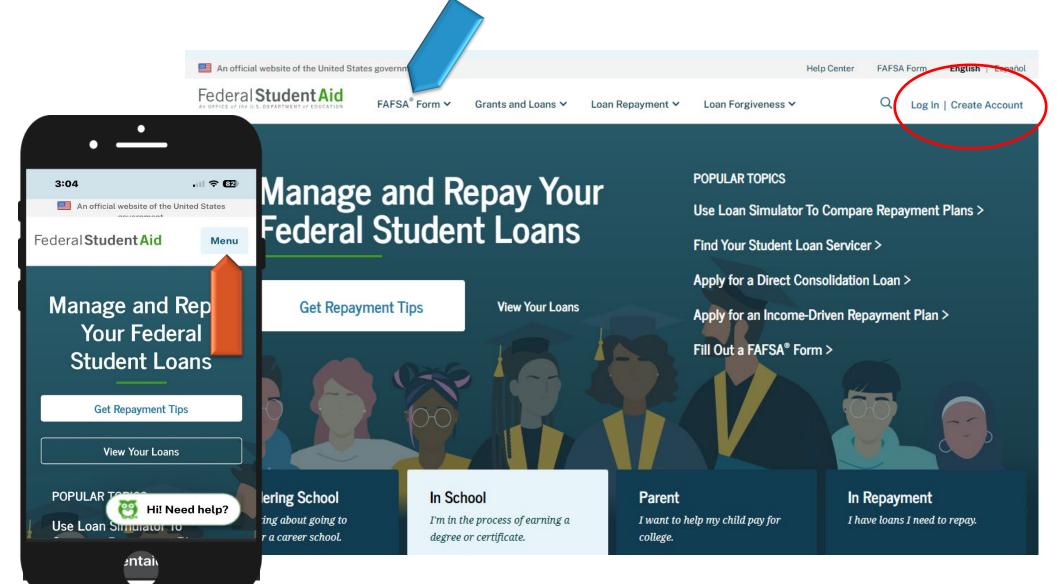
For tips and step-by-step instructions on creating a

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR STUDENTAID.GOV ACCOUNT OR FILING THE FAFSA?

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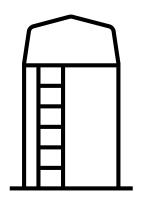
Filing the FAFSA Dependent Students



The FAFSA a Roles-Based Form

The FAFSA is a Roles-Based form

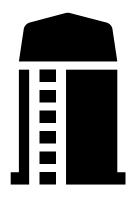
Student Section



Either student or parent can start the FAFSA and they will "invite" the other to complete the FAFSA.

The invite is what connects the student and parent sections of the FAFSA.

Parent Section



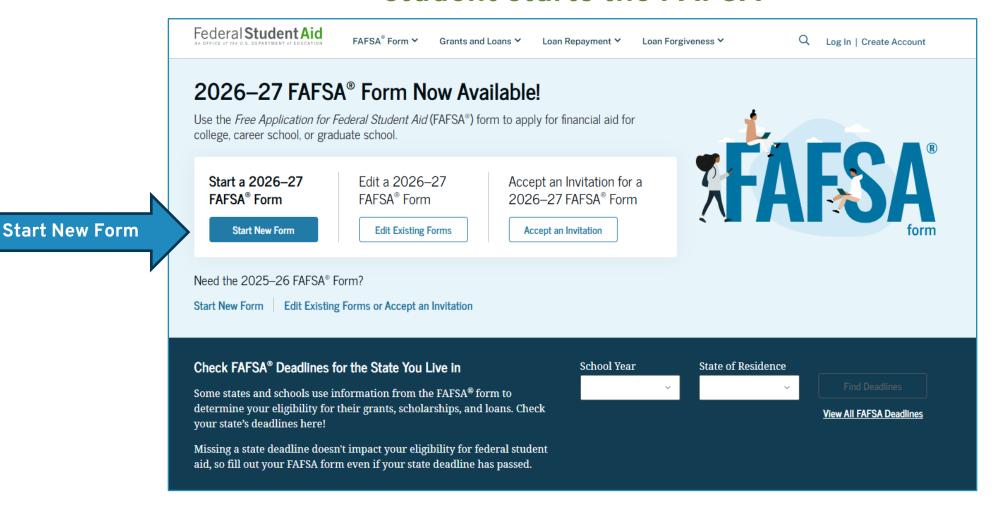
- Federal Student Aid (FSA) recommends the student start the FAFSA.
- The process for the student to invite the parent has been simplified and no longer do students need their parent's DOB or SSN.
- If the student is not available, the parent can start the FAFSA.



Dependent Student Scenario Student Starts the FAFSA and Completes the Student Section

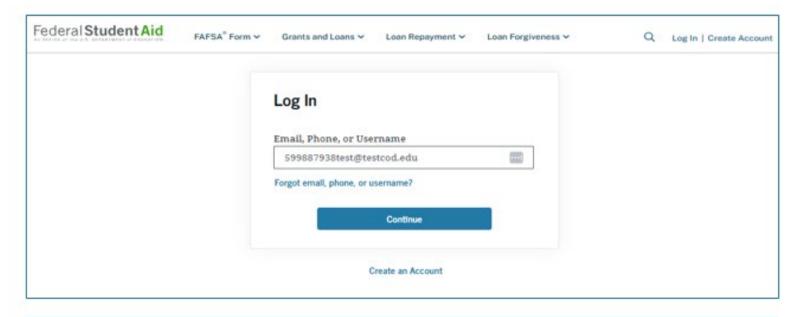


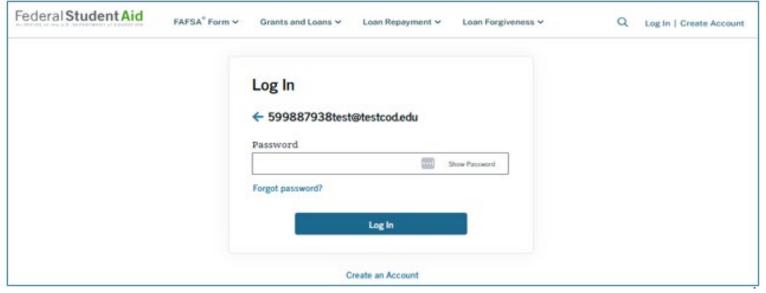
For today's first demonstration, the student starts the FAFSA





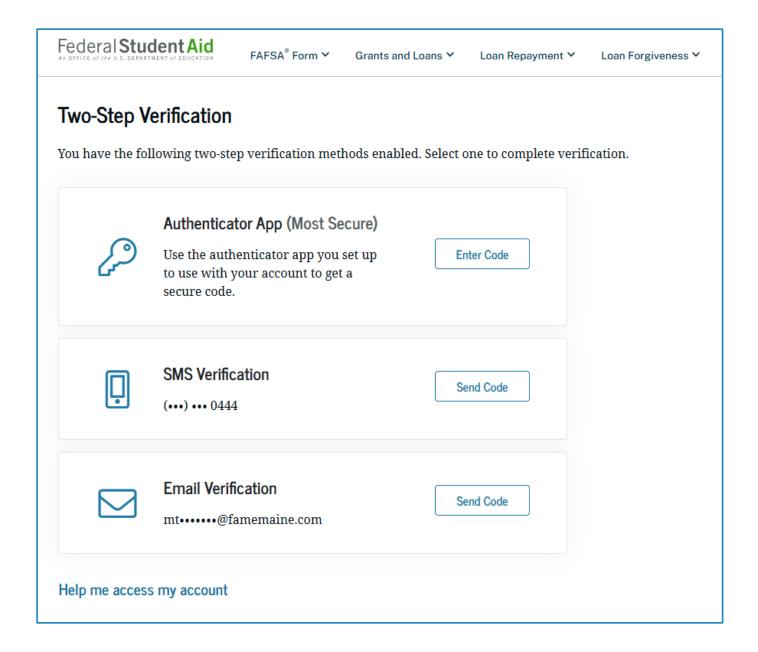
- If student is not logged into StudentAid.gov, they'll be taken to the Log In screen.
- A username, verified email, or verified mobile phone number can be used.
- Link to retrieve
 username and to reset
 password.
- If no account can click on "Create Account."





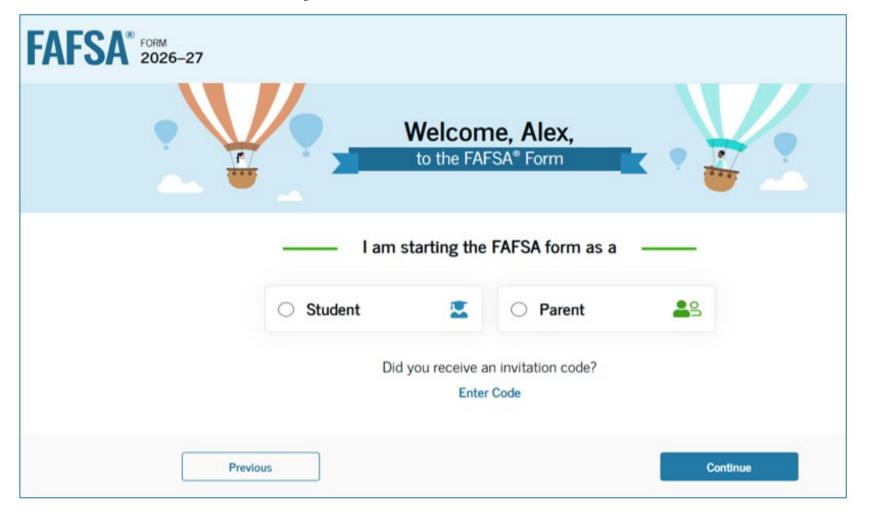


- Two-step verification is required every time individual logs in to StudentAid.gov.
- This makes it more difficult for a parent to complete the student section of the FAFSA.





Click on the role of the person who logged in to StudentAid.gov (student in this scenario).



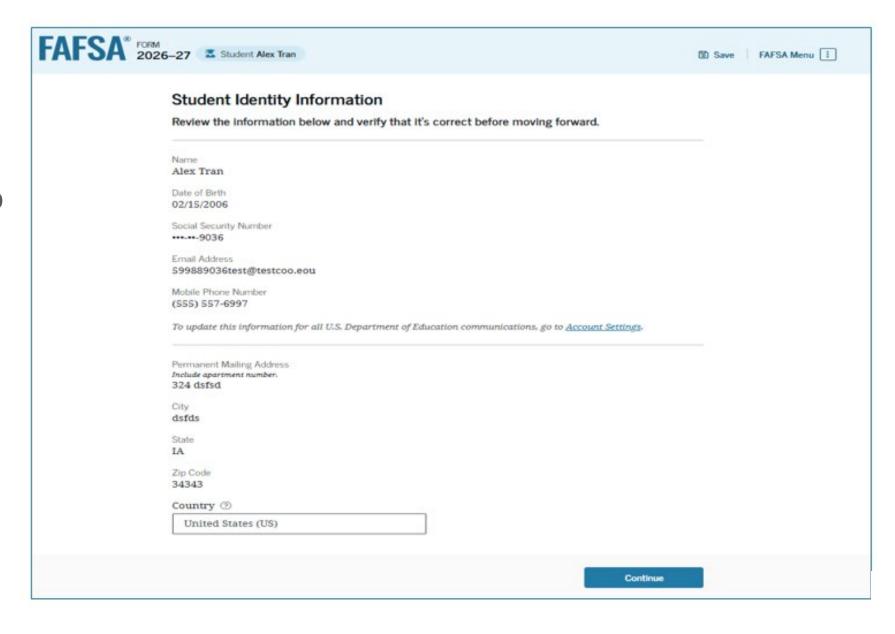


There are **four** onboarding videos the first time someone starts their section of the FAFSA.

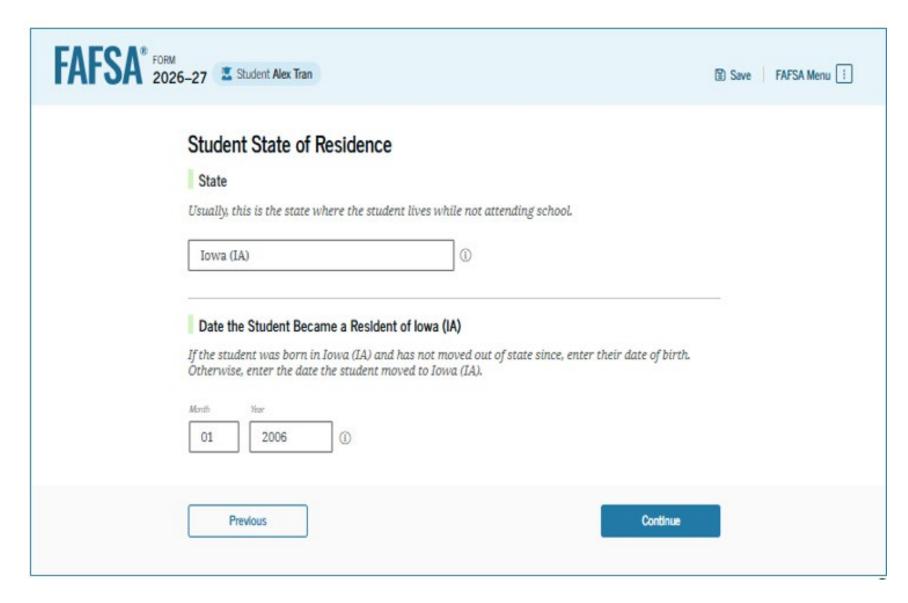




To make updates individuals will need to go to StudentAid.gov and click on "Settings."









- This page informs the student about consent and their federal tax information.
- By providing consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA from the IRS to help complete the Financials section (though info is not visible but "lives" behind the scenes).
- This page is very long!





FAFSA Menu :

Provide Consent and Approval or You Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid $^{\odot}$

Summary

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

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

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

- 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(1)(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(l)(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(I)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
 - Institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education* Act of 1965, as amended
 - o State higher education agencies
 - o Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education
 - Contractors of institutions of higher education and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or state agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid

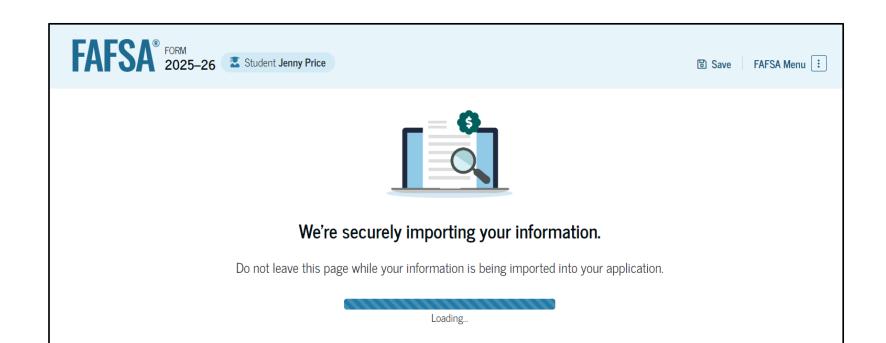


- This is the bottom of the same page.
- FAQs with more information.
- Every individual must provide consent/ approve to be eligible for federal aid (even if they don't file taxes).
- The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.

By accepting below, I consent electronically to the use of my StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID) as my signature and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Privacy Act of 1974, subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(i)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA, my execution (including date and time) of consent and approval will be logged in ED's Person Authentication Service System of Record (18-11-12). Frequently Asked Questions Who should provide consent and approval? \bigcirc If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my \odot spouse have to provide consent and approval for you to access their tax information? \bigcirc What happens after I provide consent and approval? What happens if I decline consent and approval? \odot Select "Approve" to provide consent and approval for the use of your federal tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid. Decline **Previous**



- The student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA from the IRS.
- No tax information will show in the FAFSA or on the FAFSA Submission Summary – schools do receive the tax information.
- Successful transfer!





We're securely importing your information.

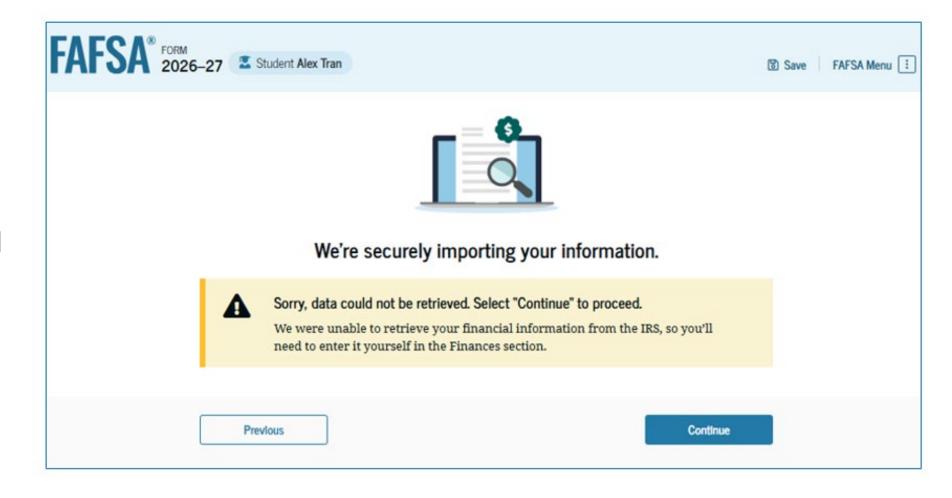


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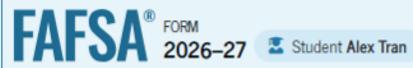
We have confirmed your information with the IRS, but you may have to answer additional questions in the Finances section. Select "Continue" to proceed.



- In this scenario, data could not be retrieved – likely due to "inconsistent" tax filing/marital status.
- Federal income tax information will need to be entered manually.



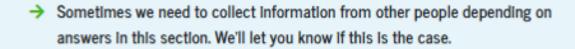






Your Personal Circumstances

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.

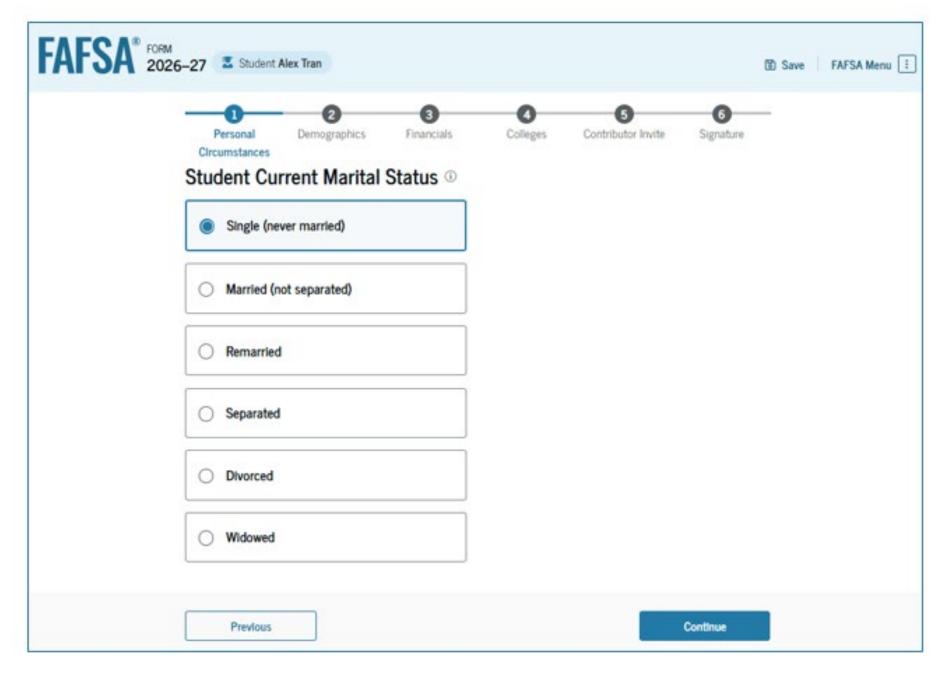




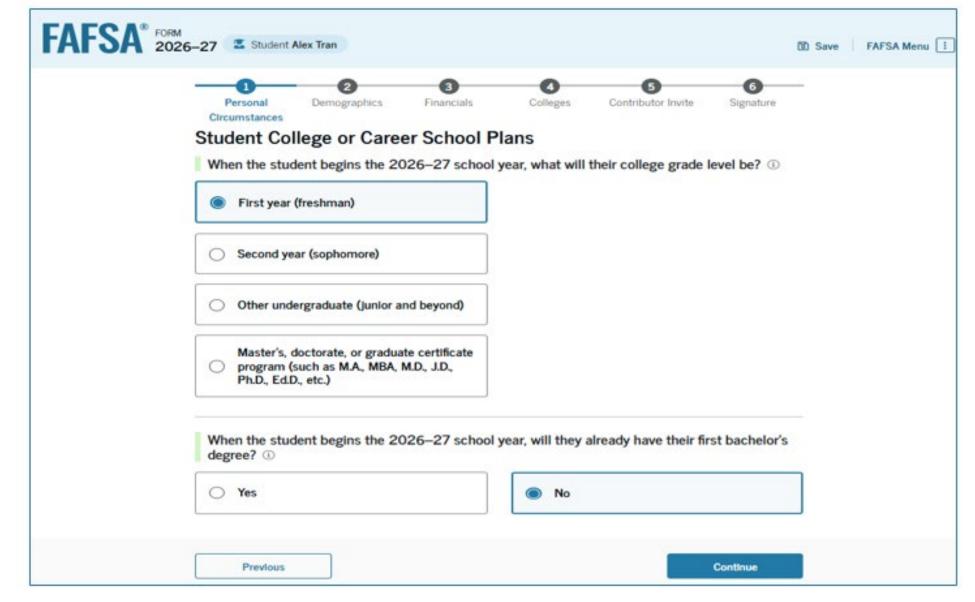
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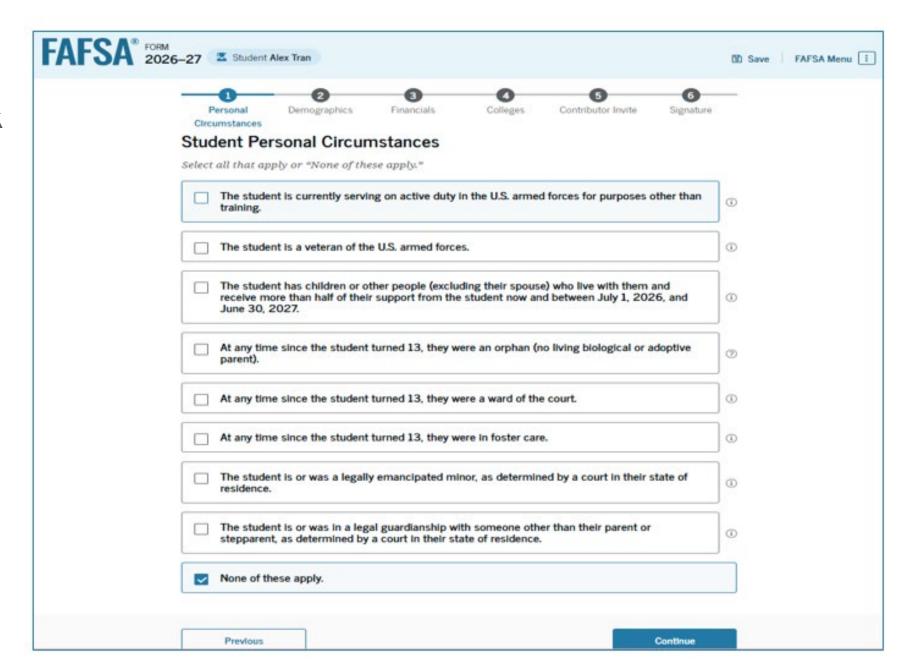




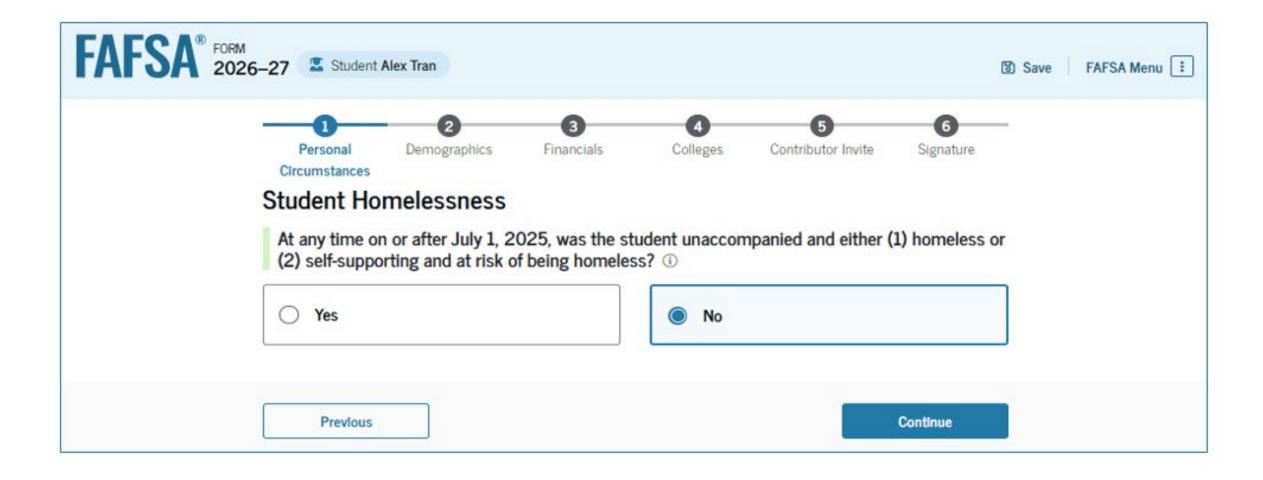




If a student can check yes to any of these questions, they will automatically be considered independent.

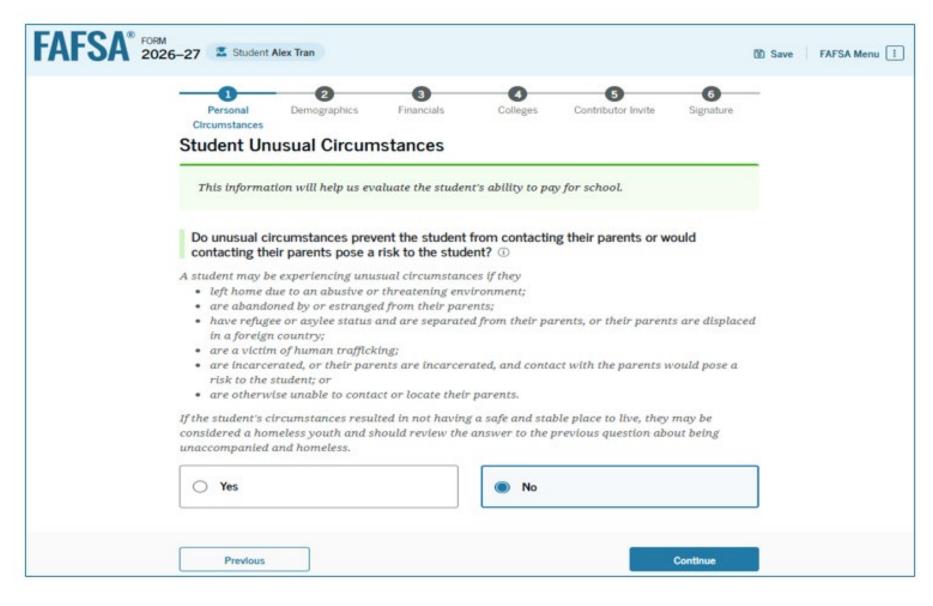






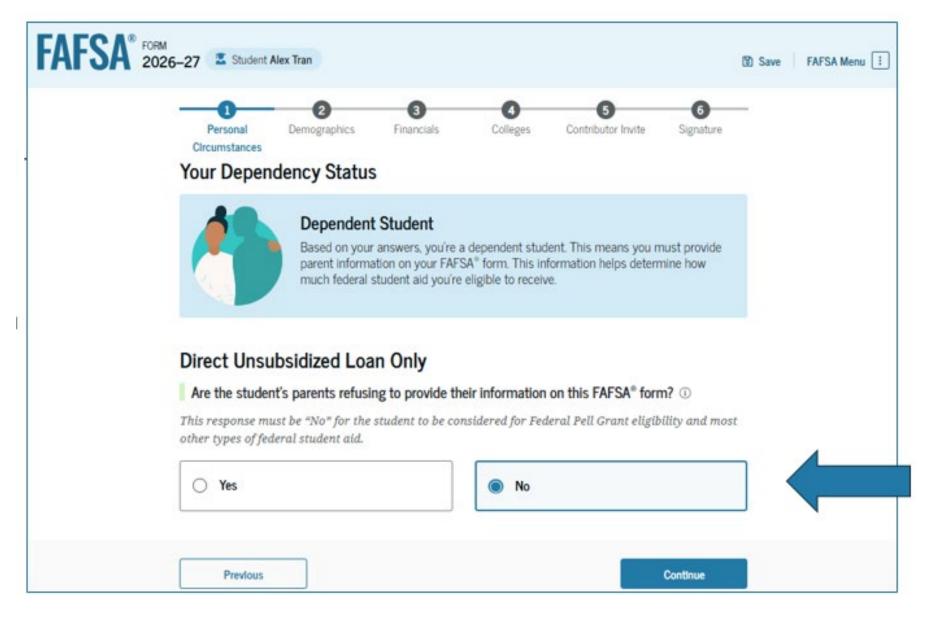


- Are there circumstances that prevent the student from contacting their parent?
- Parent unwillingness to provide information or complete the FAFSA does not qualify as an unusual circumstance.





- Student will receive a "pop up" box to confirm if they change the answer to "Yes."
- If "Yes" eligible for unsubsidized loan only and will need to follow up w/ the school to sign additional form.

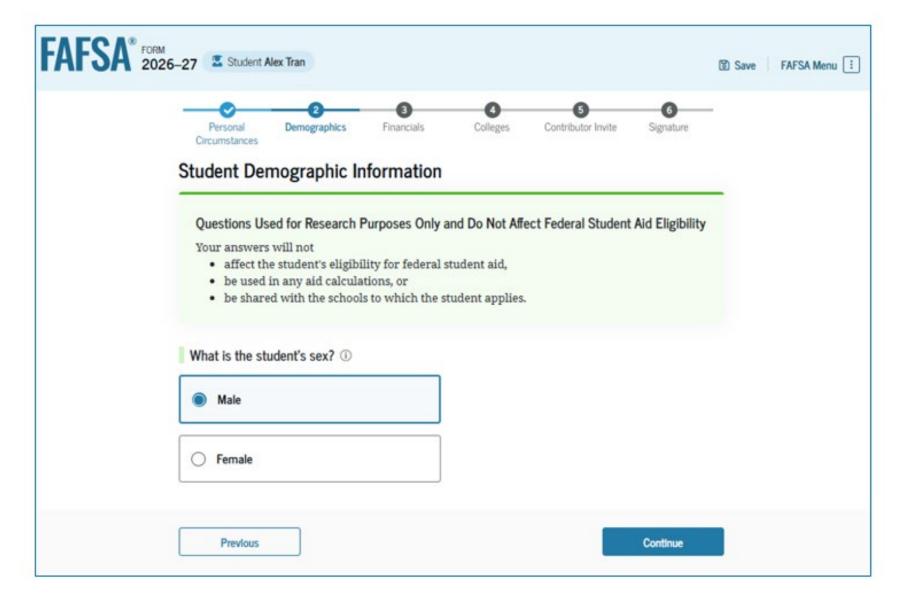




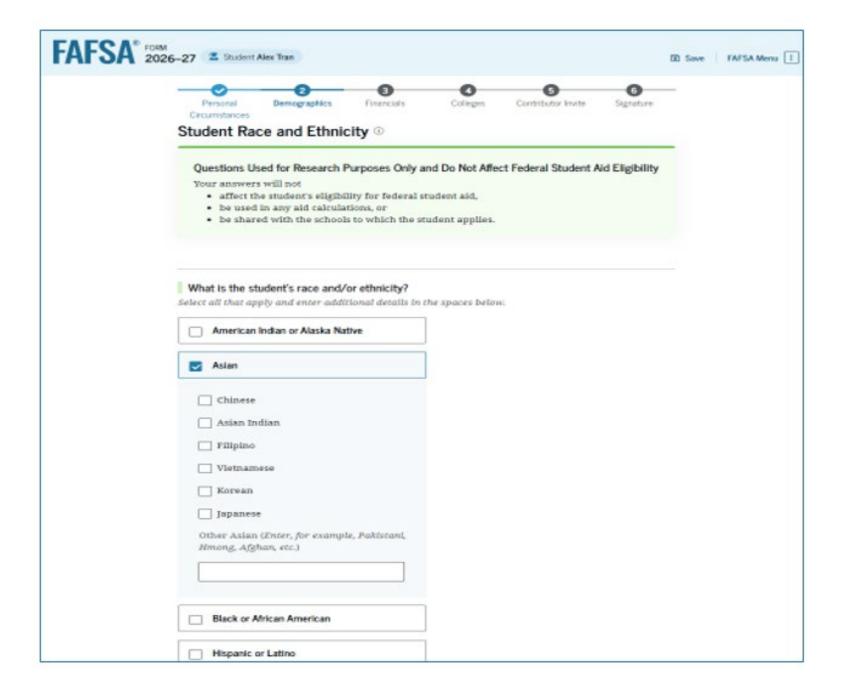




Language changed (last February) from "gender" to "sex" and question can no longer be skipped.





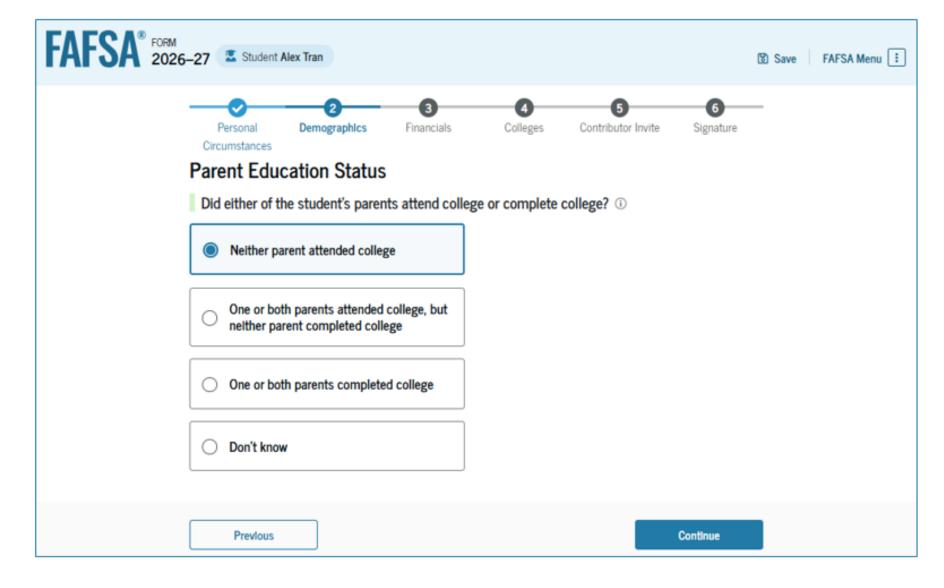




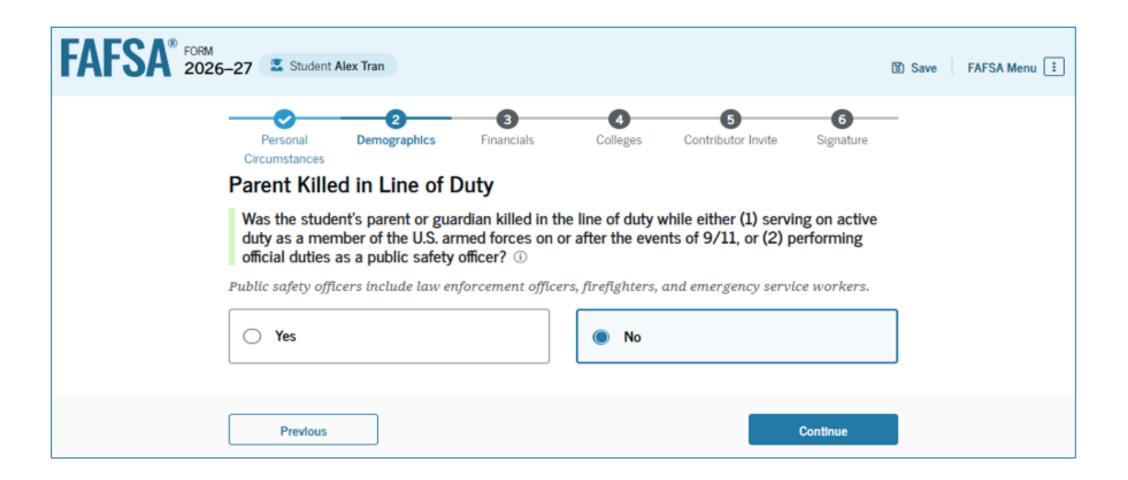
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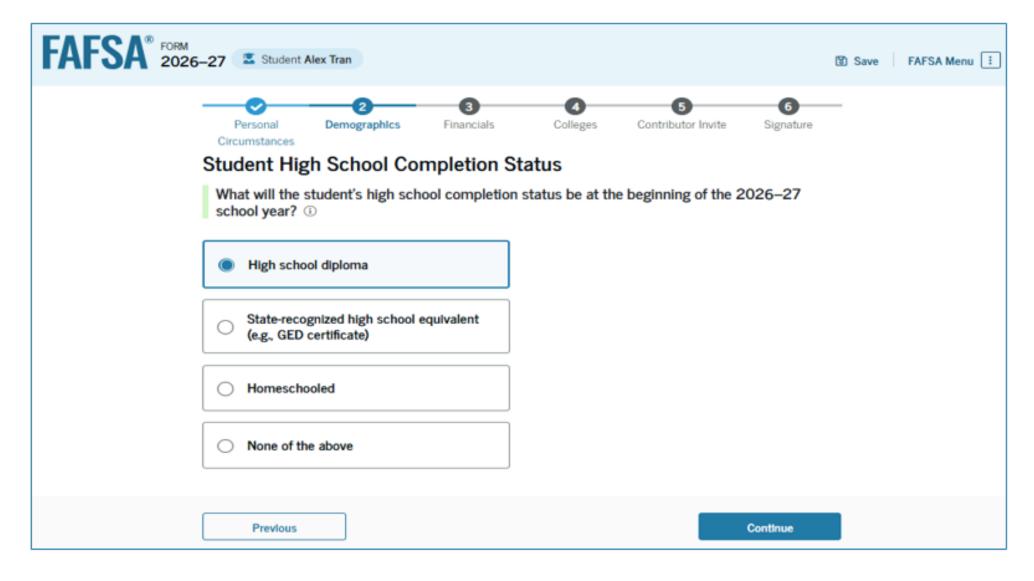




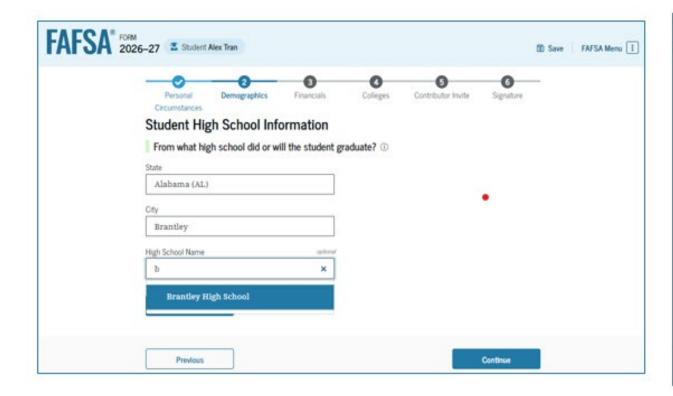


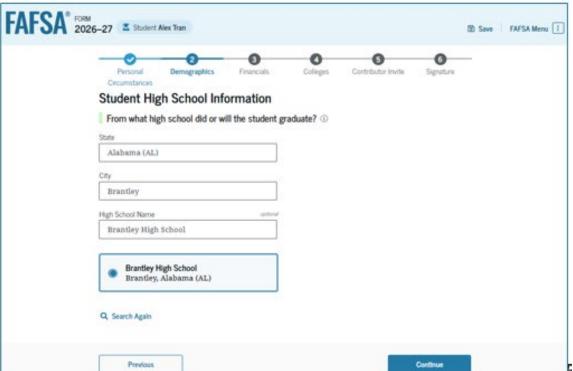




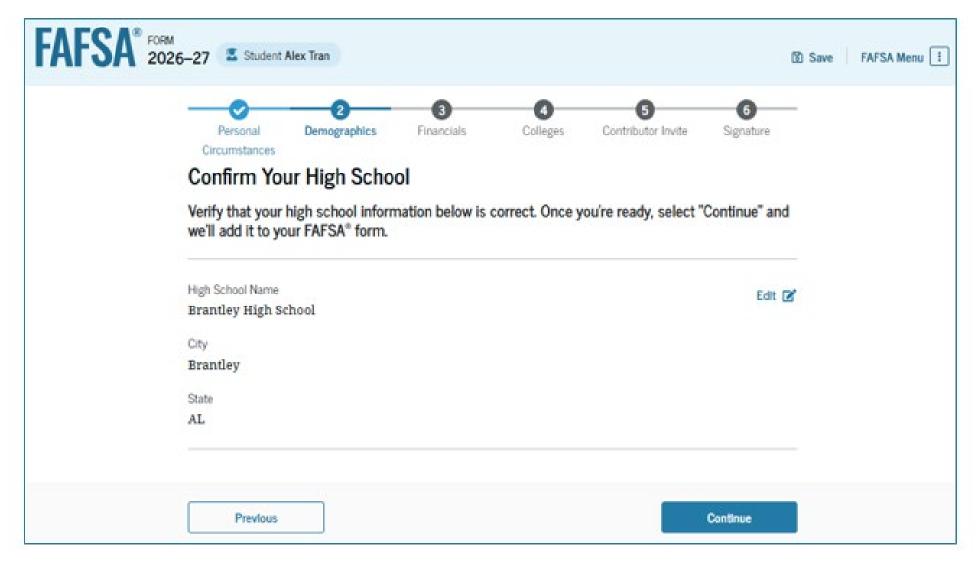




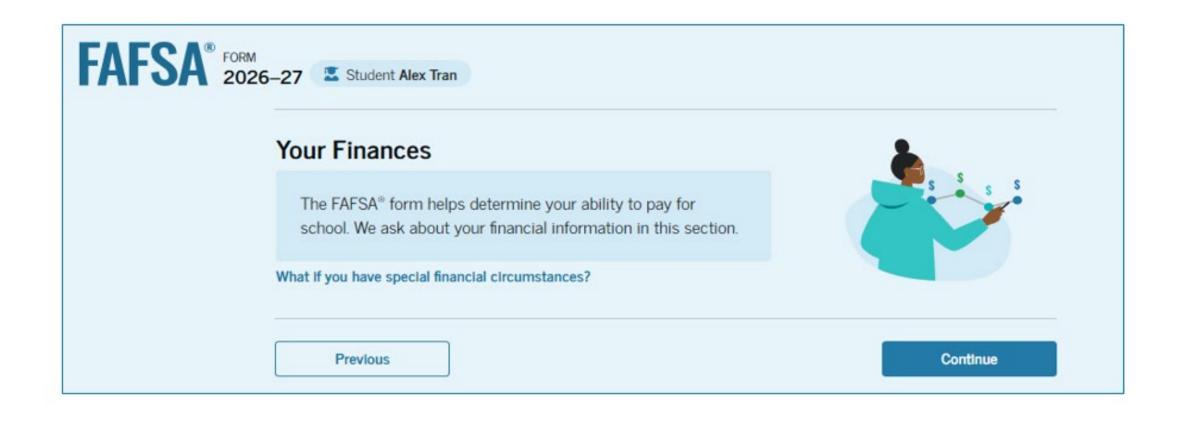




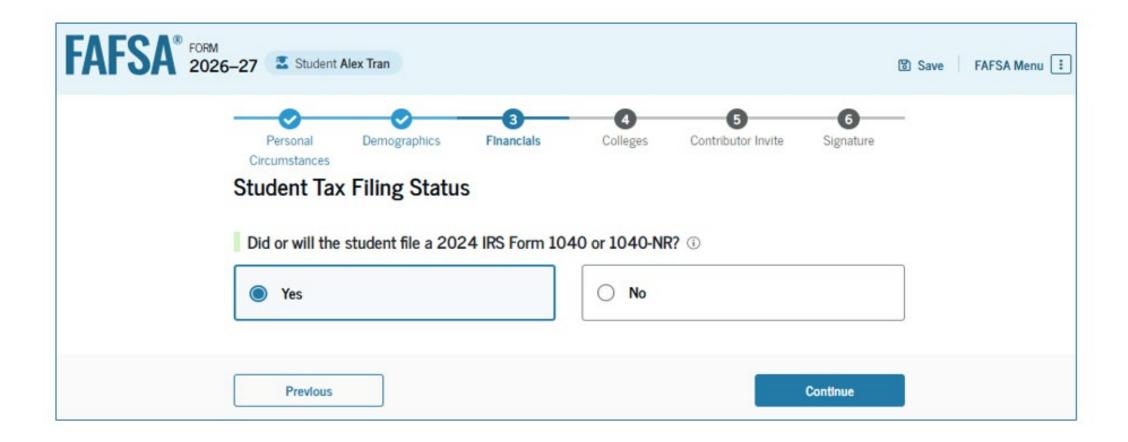






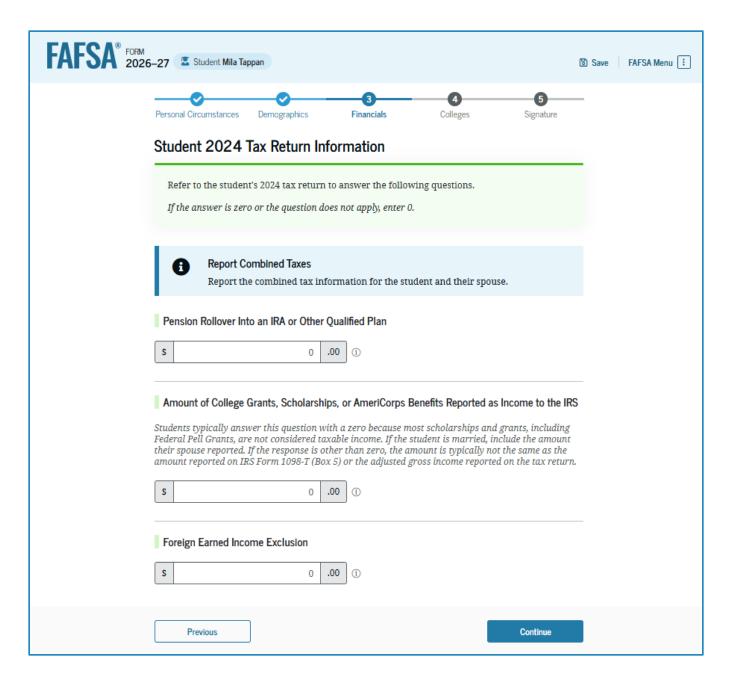




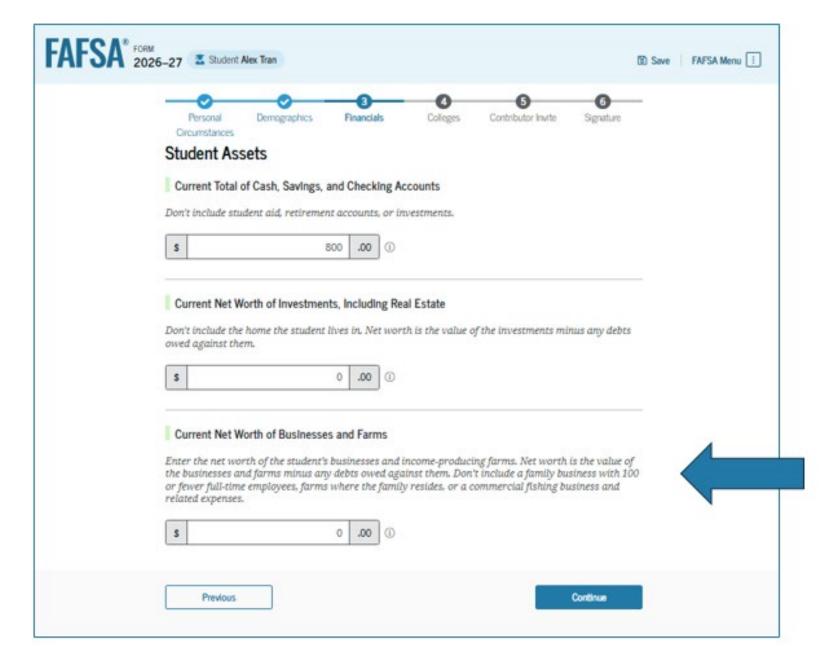




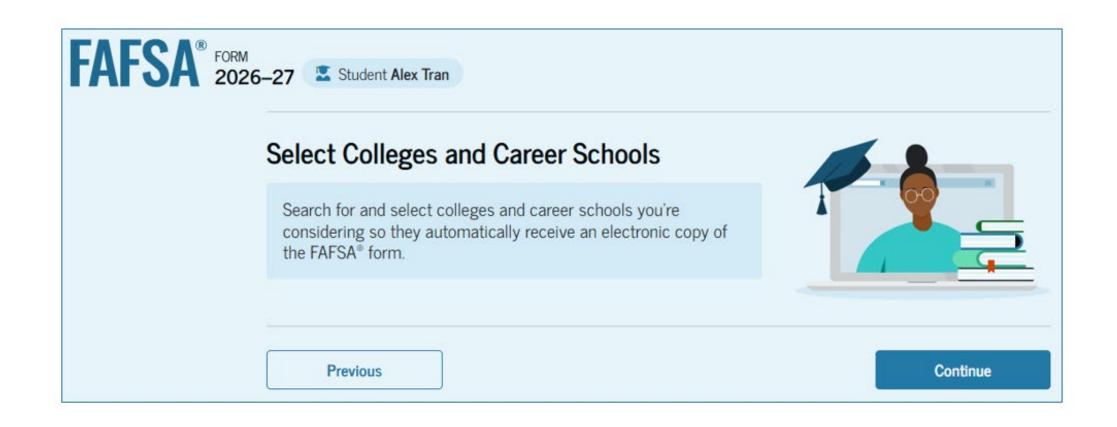
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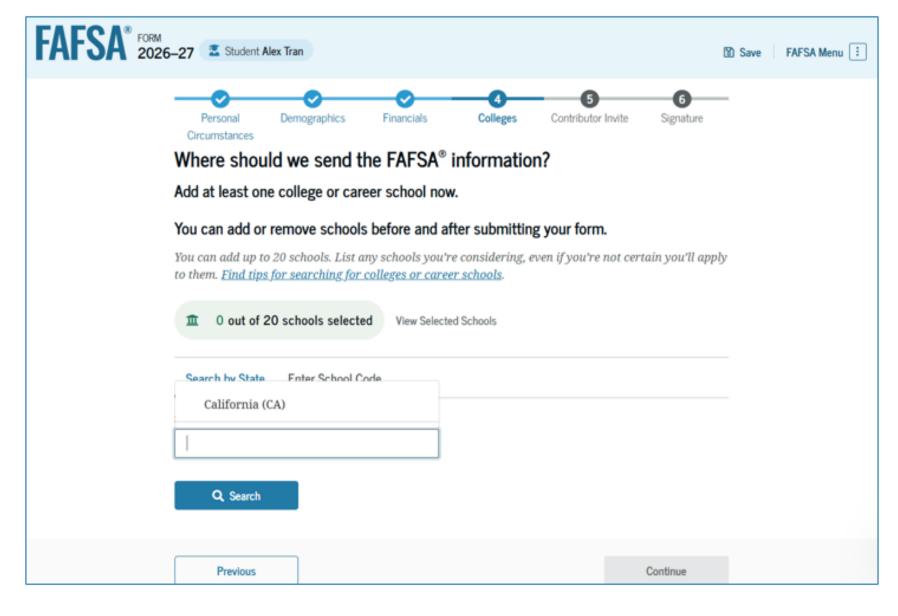




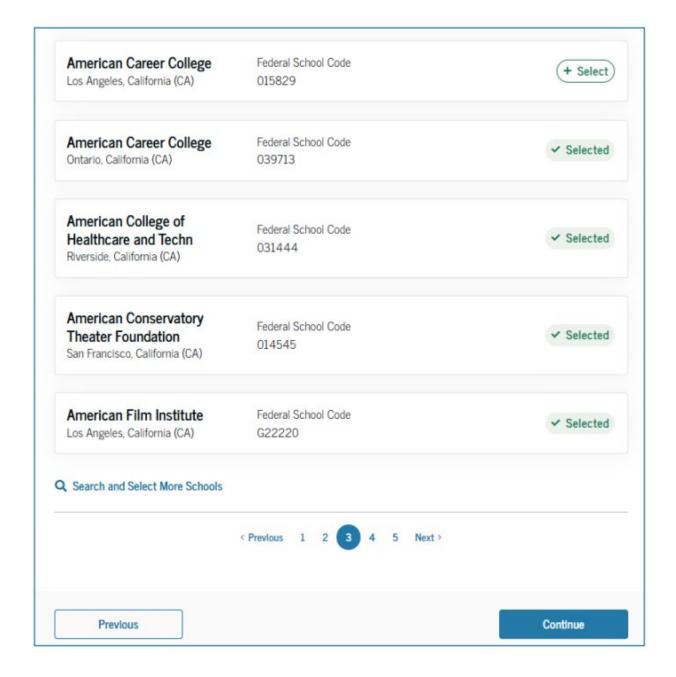




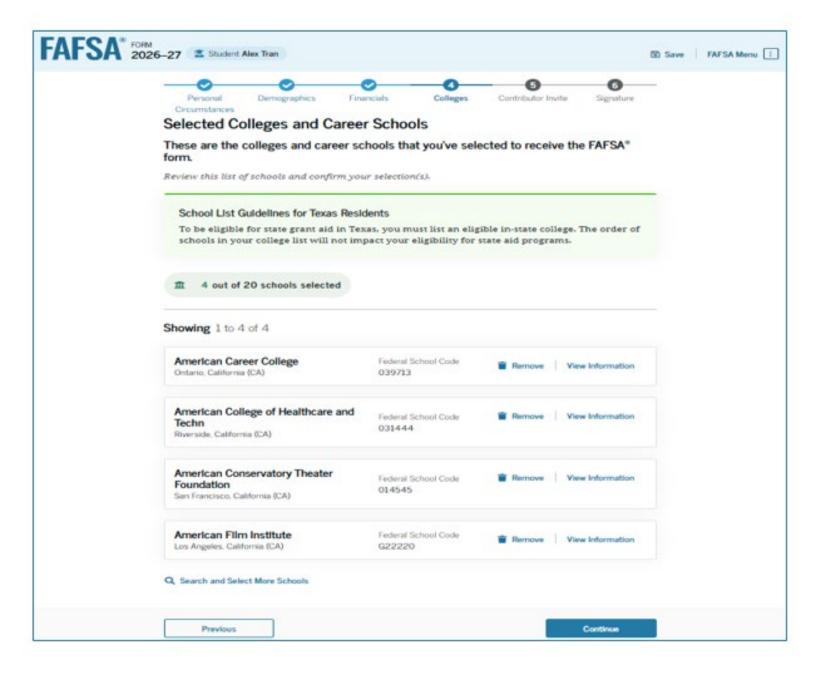




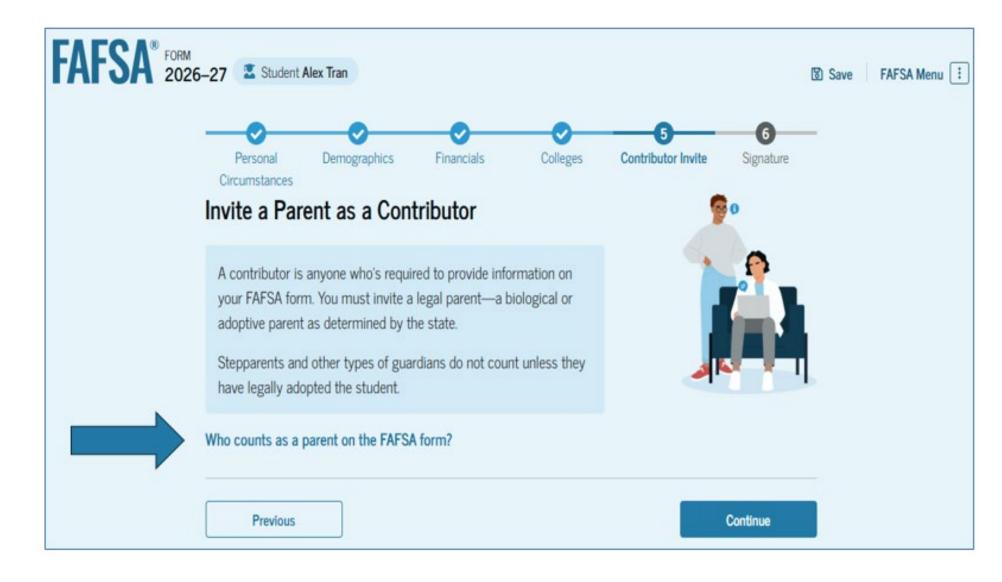






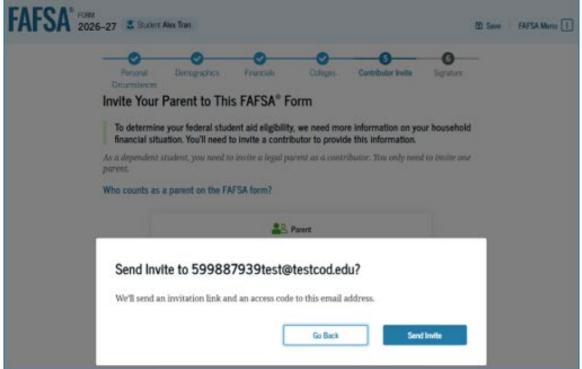




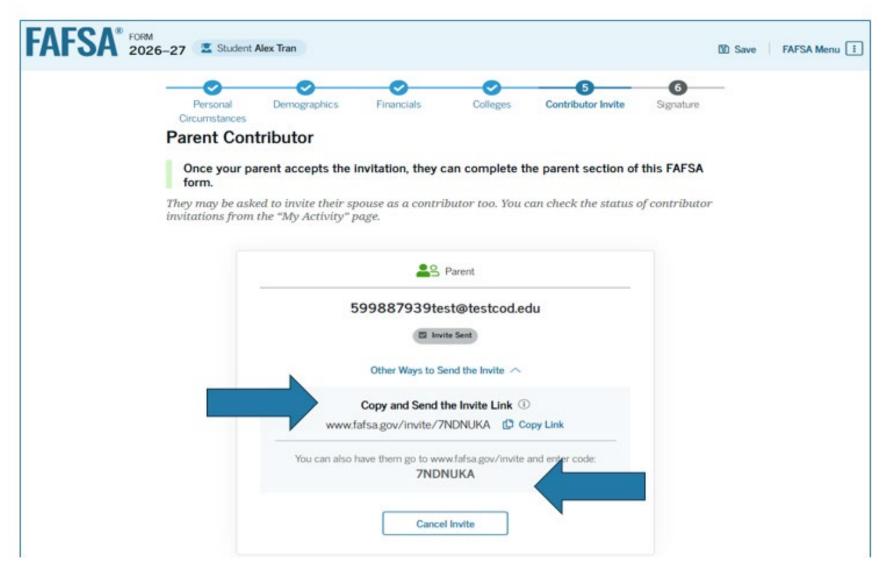




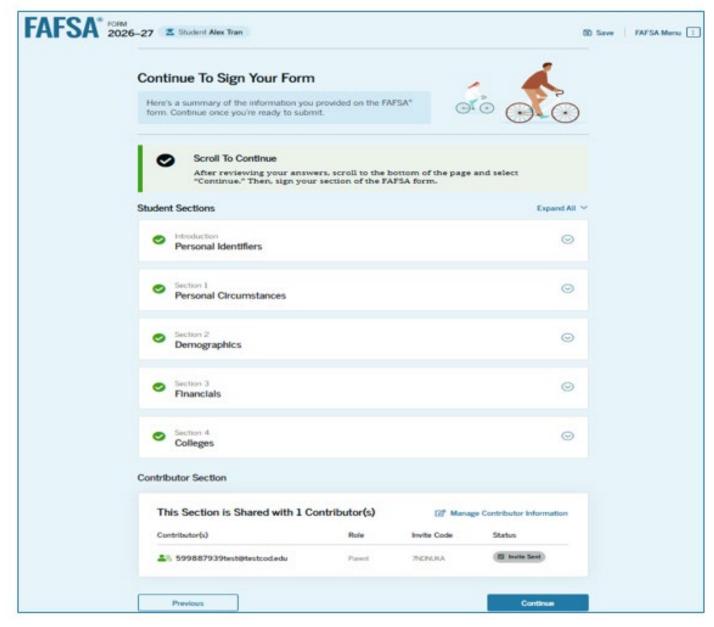




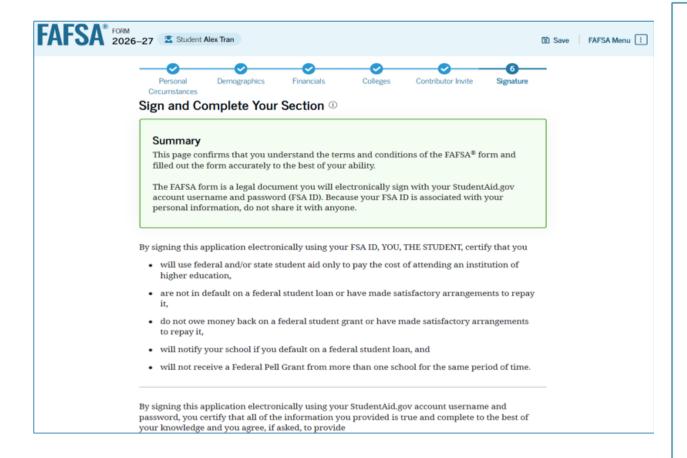












Student can sign but option to submit won't exist until all sections are complete.

By signing this application electronically using your StudentAid.gov account username and password, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide

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

You also certify that you understand that the secretary of education has the authority to verify information reported on your application.

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.

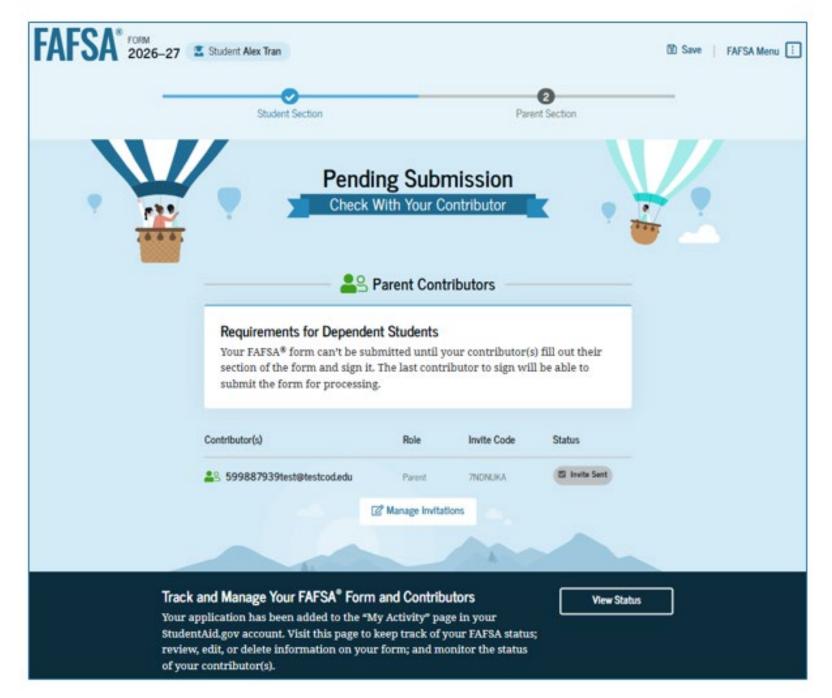
Additionally, by signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, you authorize the U.S. Department of Education to disclose all information provided on this application, as required under Section 483(a)(2)(D)(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, to the institutions you have identified herein, state higher education agencies (in your 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 that you select to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.

Sign Your FAFSA® Form I, Alex Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.

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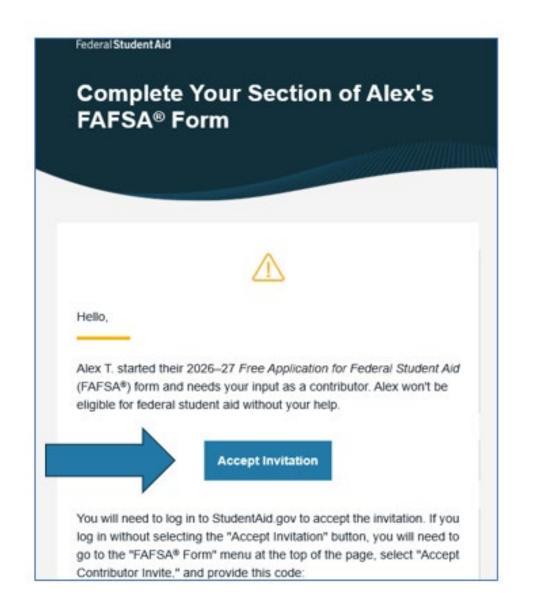


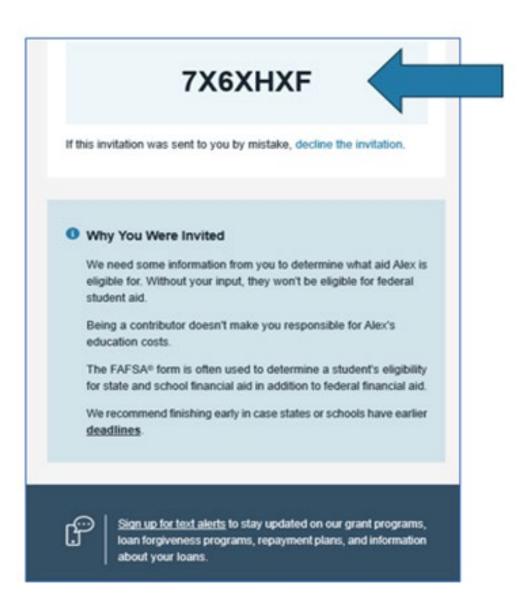


Dependent Student Student Starts the FAFSA and Parent Completes the Parent Section



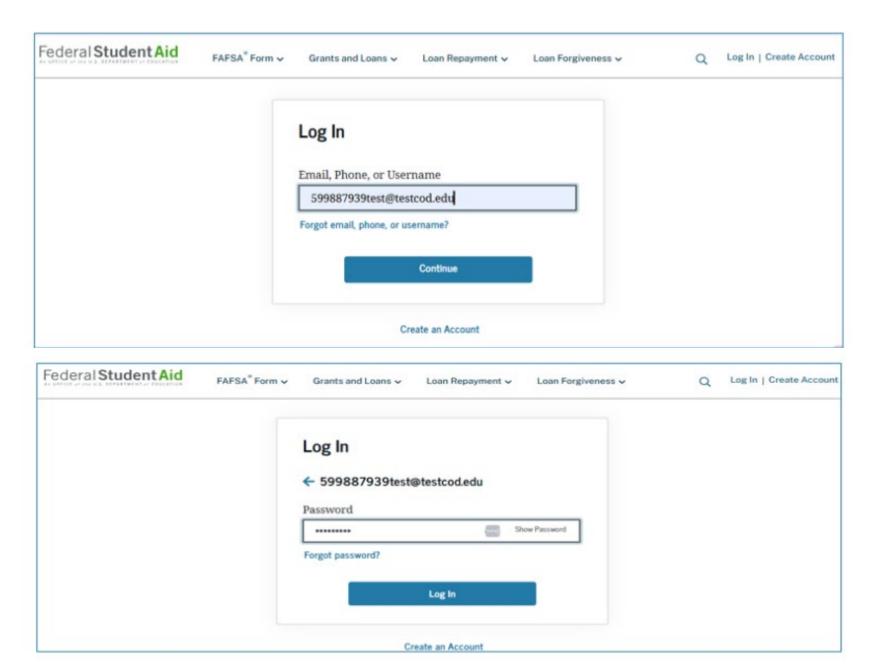
This is not a view from within StudentAid.gov or the FAFSA. This is the parent email and if the parent accepts the invite, they are taken to StudentAid.gov





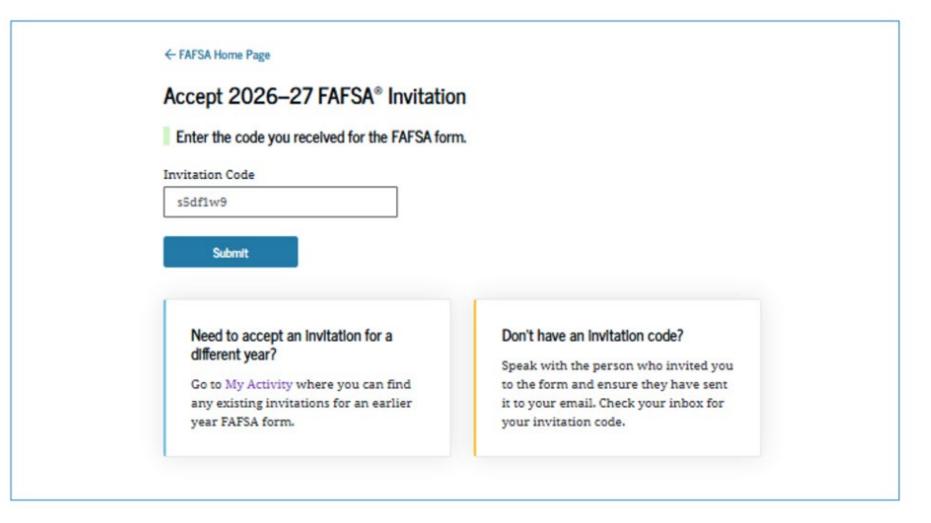


- When a parent clicks on "Accept Invitation" in the email, they'll be taken to the log in page.
- If they haven't yet created an account, they'll select "Create an Account."



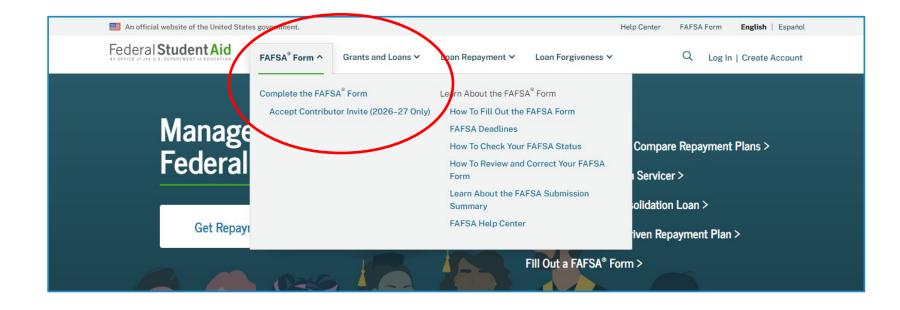


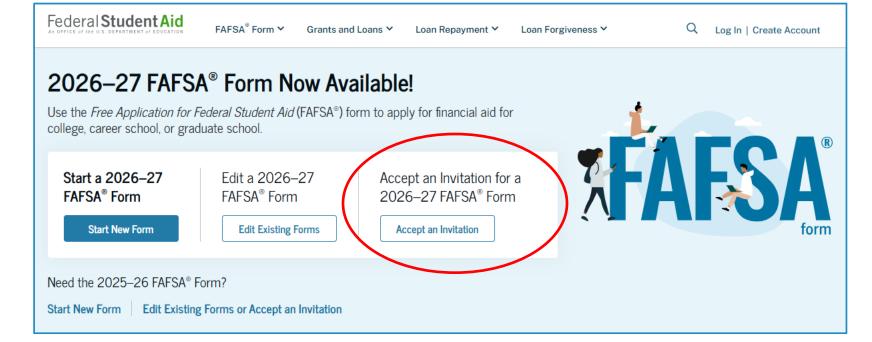
- After logging in, the parent is taken to the "Accept 2026-2027 FAFSA Invitation."
- The invitation code will automatically fill in if the parent used the link in the email.





If the parent doesn't have the email but has the invite code, they can access the FAFSA in other ways!

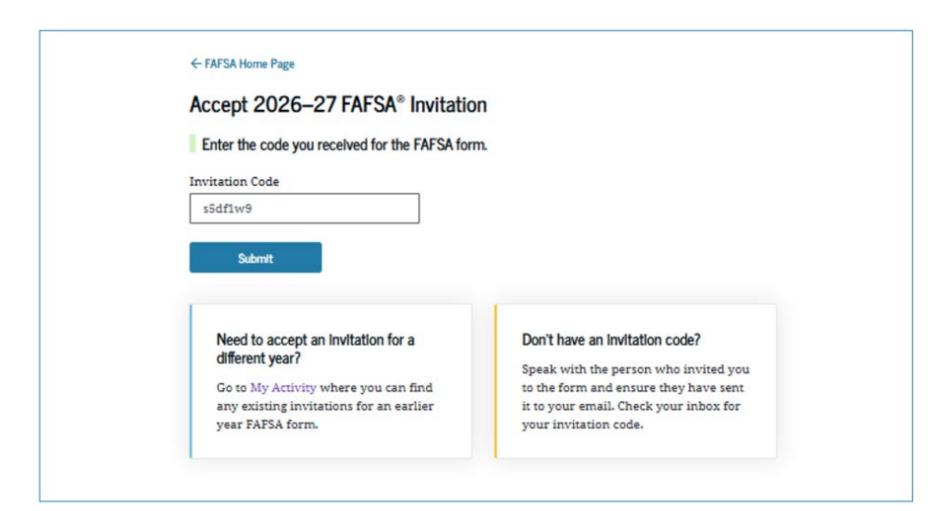






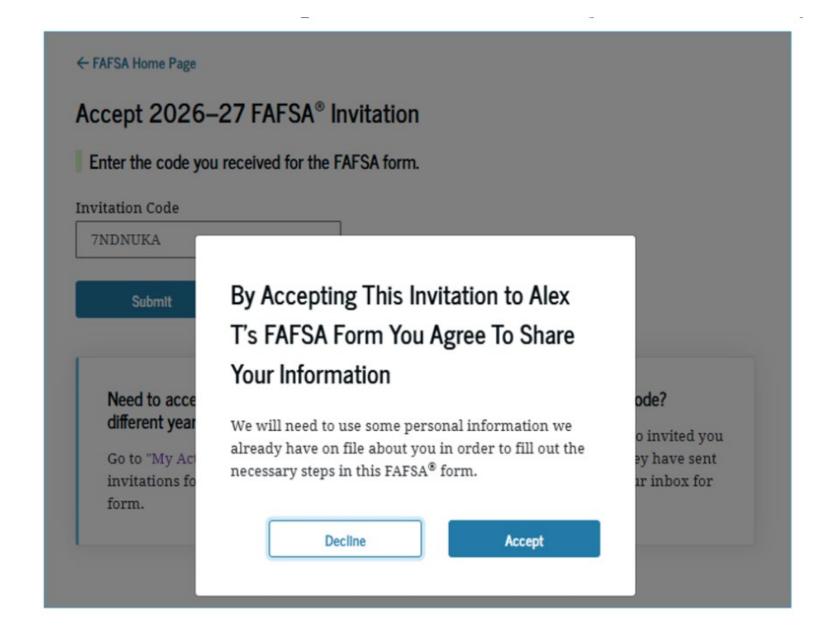
All options will take the parent to this same page.

Accessing the parent section by entering the Invitation Code is what ties the student and the parent sections of the FAFSA together.





- When the parent clicks on "Submit," a pop-up window appears, confirming the student's name and reminding the parent that their information is needed to file out the FAFSA.
- The parent selects
 "Accept" to agree to
 share their info and then
 enters the FAFSA.





When the parent enters the FAFSA for the first time, they'll see four onboarding slides.





Understanding the FAFSA® Form

What is the FAFSA® form?

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

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

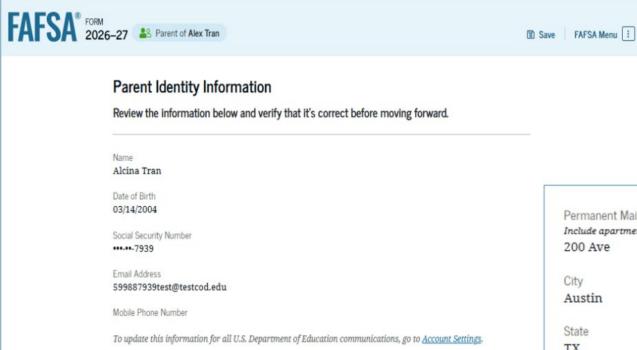
- Tax returns
- · Records of child support received
- · Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- · Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms



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To make updates individuals will need to go to StudentAid.gov and click on "Settings."

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- This page informs the parent about consent and their federal tax information.
- By providing consent, the parents' federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA from the IRS to help complete the Parent Financials section.



Save FAFSA Menu :

Provide Consent and Approval or the Student Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid (1)

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® 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.

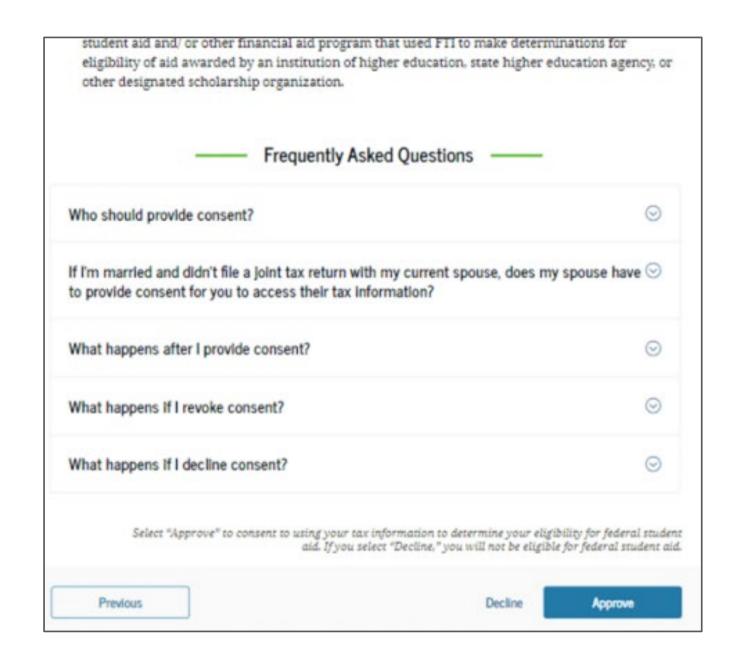
- → Get your 2023 tax return information for the 2025-26 FAFSA form.
- > Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.
- Federal tax information is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

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:

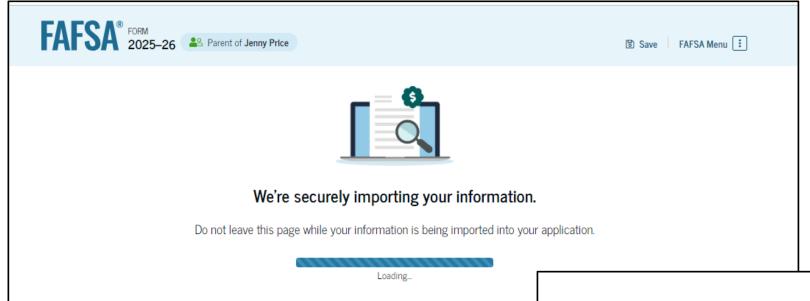
- 1. ED may disclose my Social Security number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, last name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which federal tax information is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my federal tax information in determining eligibility 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(l)(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(1)(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(l)(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



- This is the bottom of the same page.
- FAQs with more information.
- The parent selects
 "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.









We're securely importing your information.

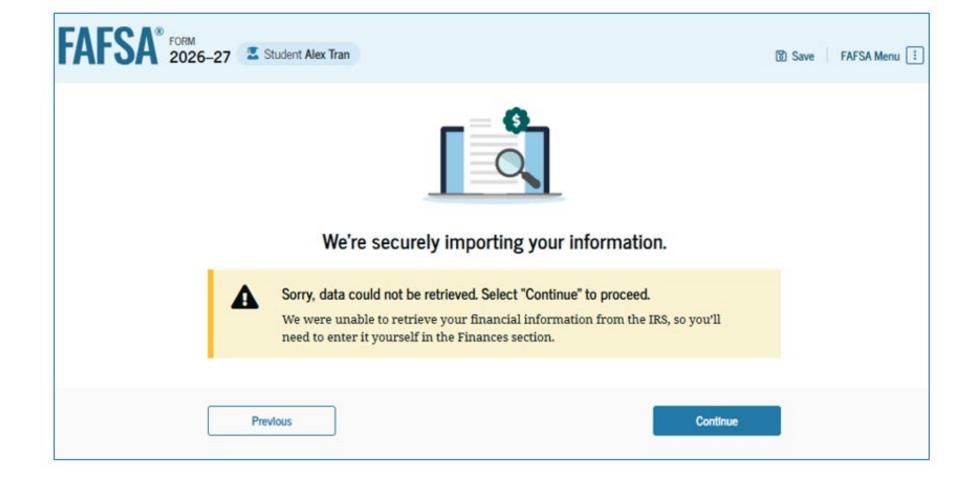


Success!

We have confirmed your information with the IRS, but you may have to answer additional questions in the Finances section. Select "Continue" to proceed.



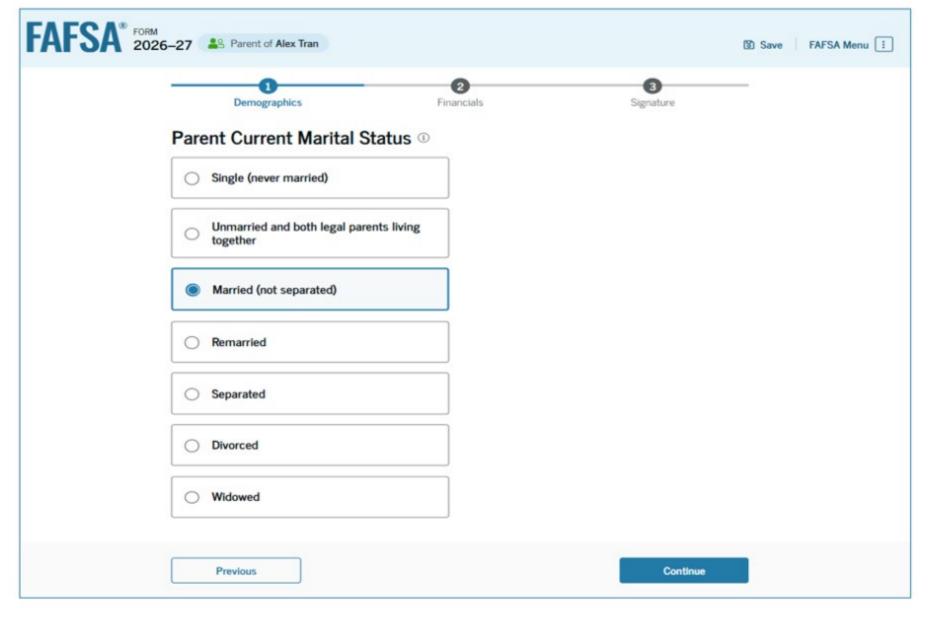
In this scenario, data could not be retrieved – likely due to "inconsistent" tax filing/marital status.



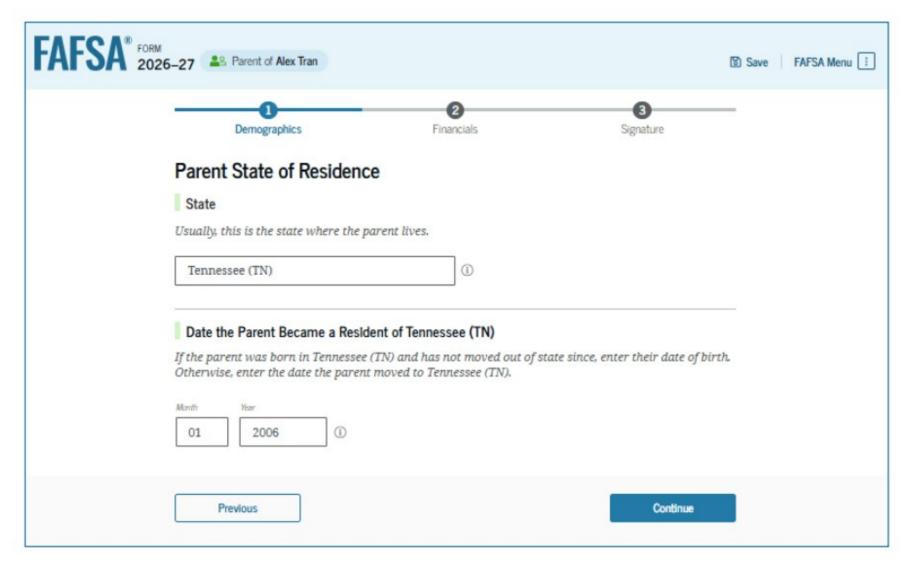








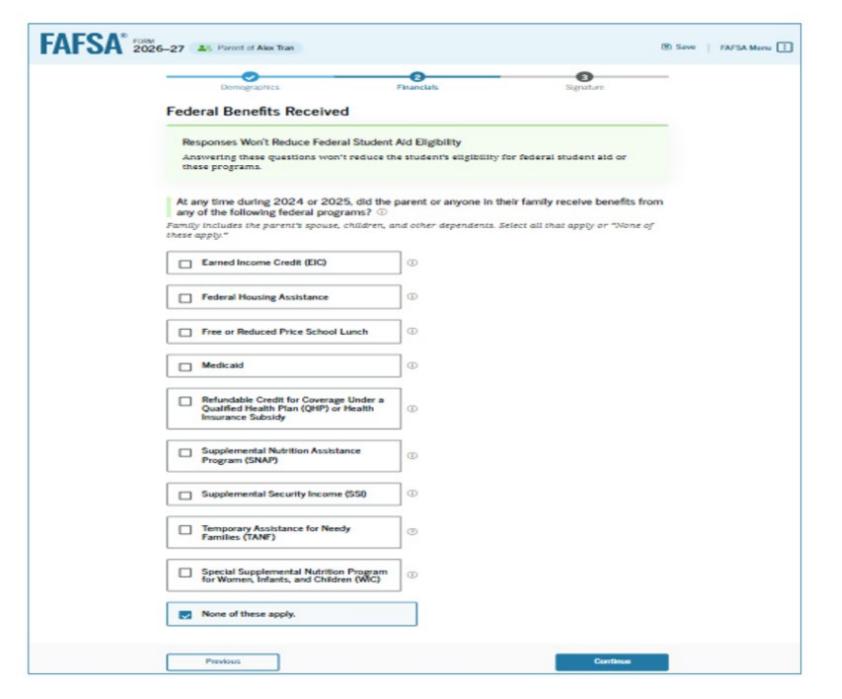




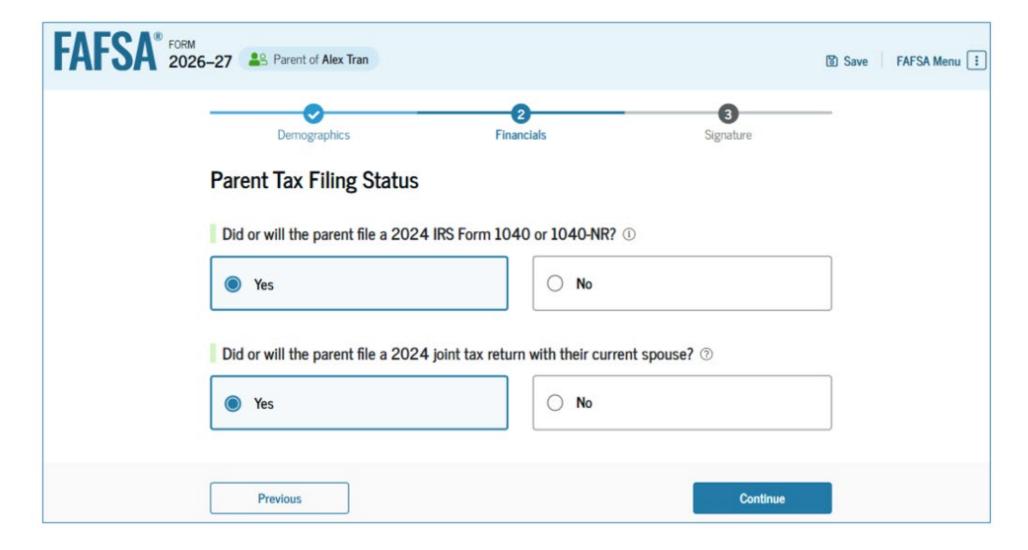


FAFSA® FORM 2026–27 Parent of Alex Tran **Parent Finances** The FAFSA® form helps determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. We ask about your financial information in this section. What if you have special financial circumstances? Previous Continue

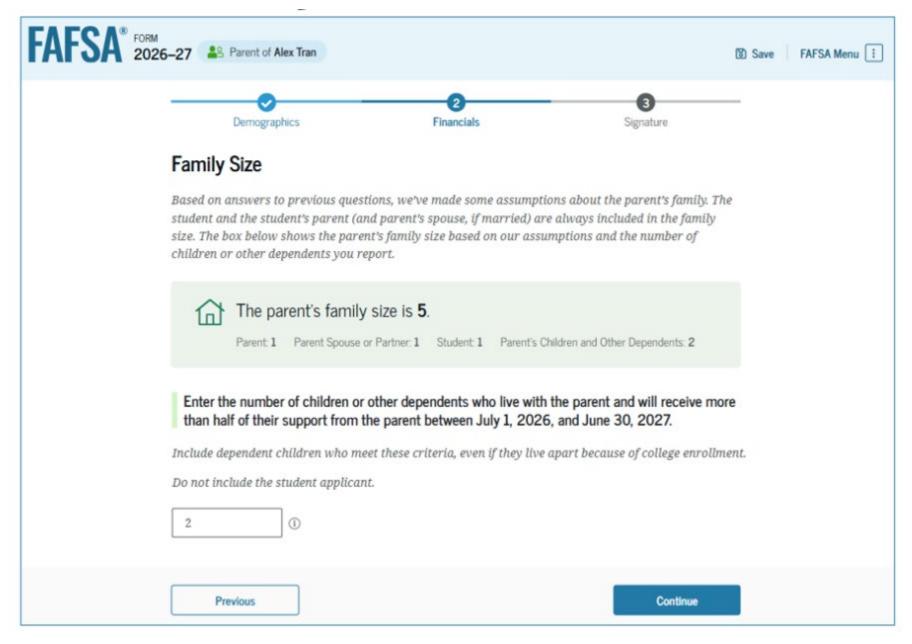




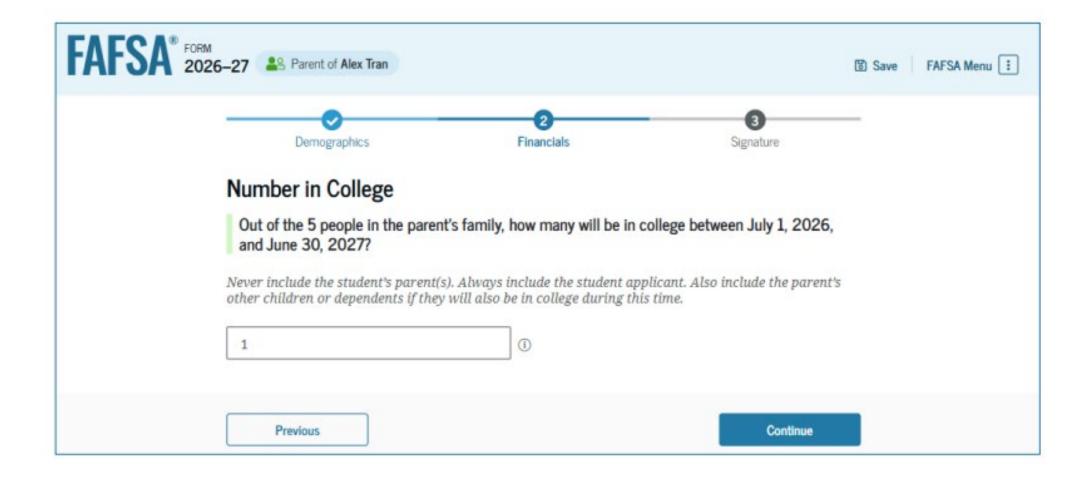






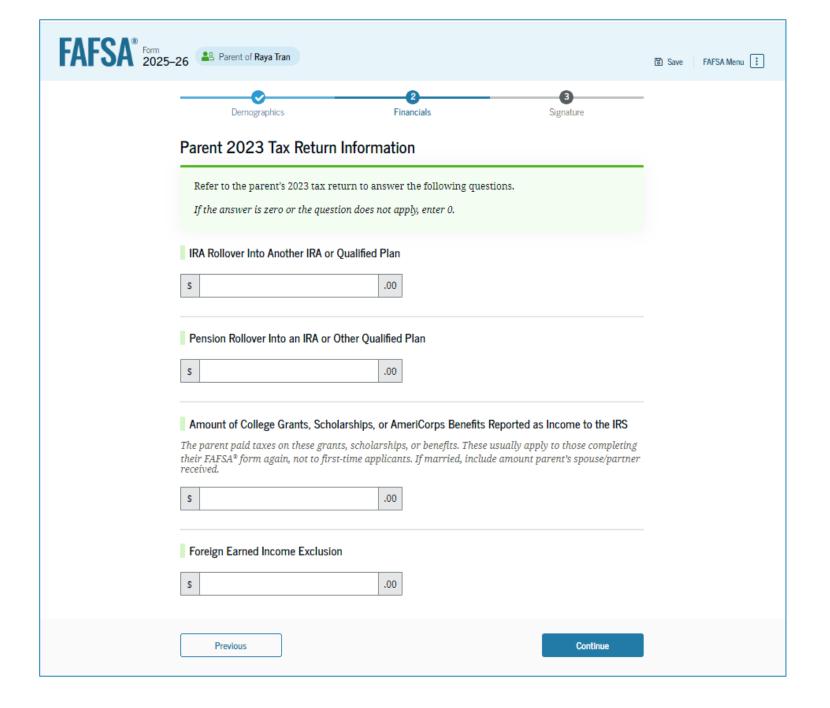






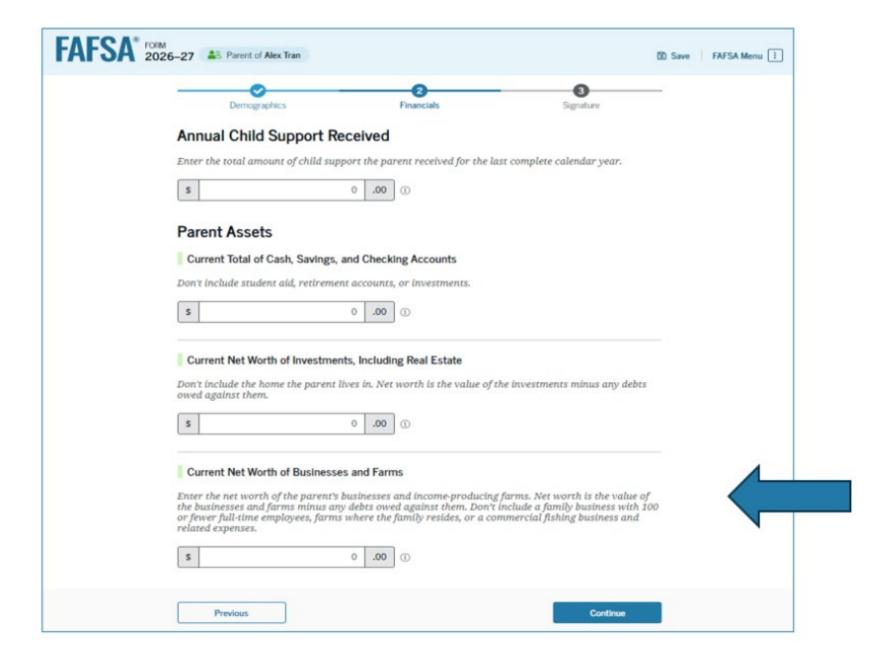


- There are still a couple of questions even if tax information transfers.
- This is a screenshot from last year – for the 2026-27 FAFSA, 2024 income is required.
- Manual pathway will appear when tax filing status doesn't reflect current marital status.



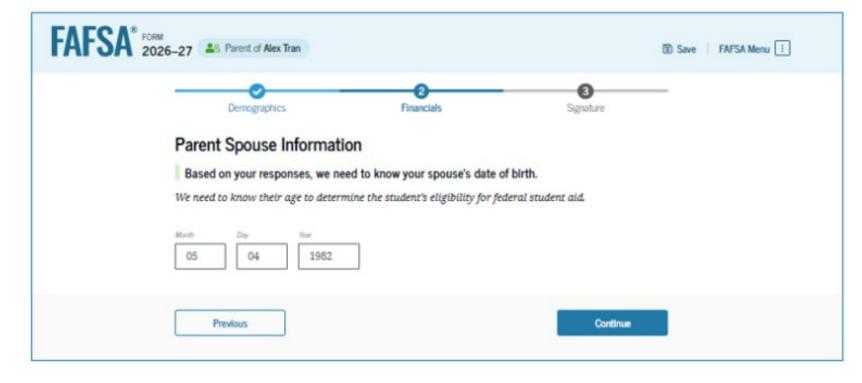


- Child support is for the most recently completed tax year
 (i.e. potentially different amounts if filed in December vs. January).
- Exclude primary residence, retirement, small family-owned businesses with less than 100 full-time employees, as well as personal possessions.



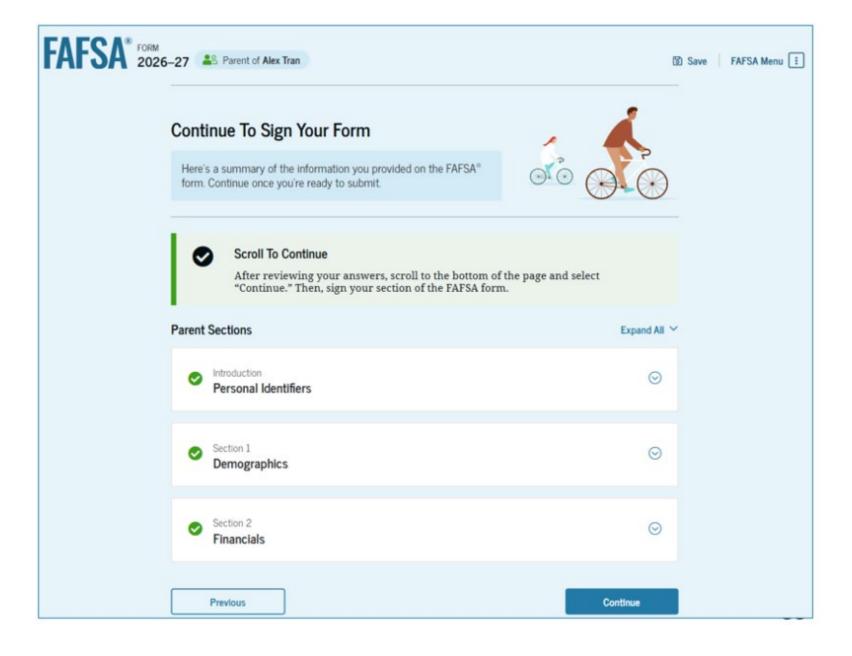


- The parent is asked to provide their spouse's information.
- In this scenario the other parent doesn't need to sign in and contribute because the parents are married and filed 2024 taxes jointly.





Parents will only see their questions to review.



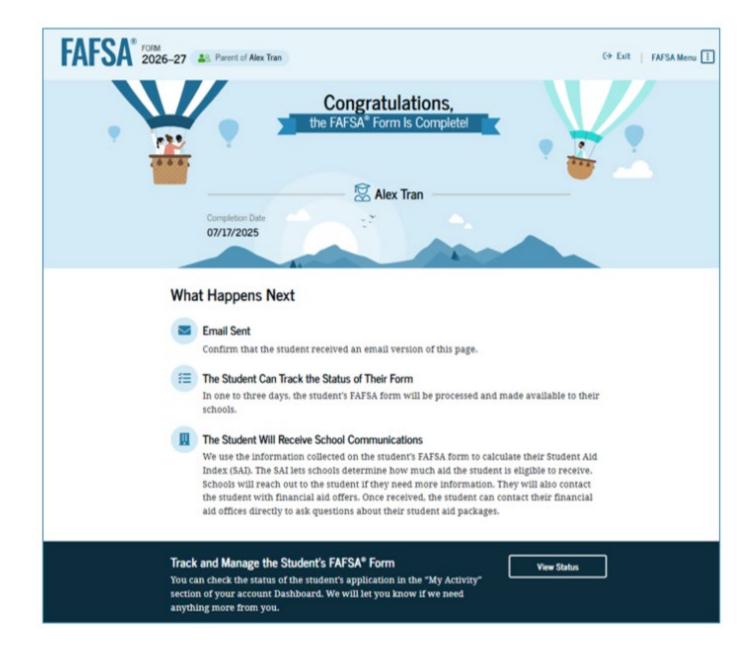


The last contributor to complete their section will have the opportunity to submit the FAFSA.





- When parent submits the FAFSA, they will see a congratulations page with limited information.
- Student will receive email confirmation with estimated SAI.





Confirmation Email (Student Only!)

Email is from the U.S.

Department of Education with a subject line of "We Received Your FAFSA Form"

We received your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

Submission date: January 09, 2024

Date Release Number (DRN): 9525

Note: Keep your DRN private. Read about the Data Release Number for more information.



The SAI is **not** a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility.

Based on the <u>eligibility criteria</u>, you don't appear to be eligible for a <u>Federal Pell Grant</u>. However, you may be eligible for other federal, state, or institutional grants; scholarships; and/or work study

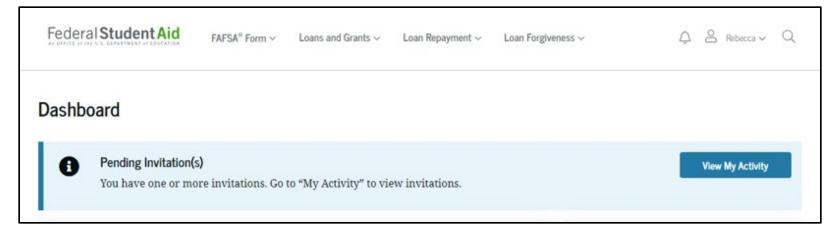


Other Scenarios



Parent starts the FAFSA

- When the parent starts the FAFSA the process works the same way it did last year.
- Parent has to provide the student's name, DOB, SSN, and email address.
- This results in the invite link being populated in the student's account (in lieu of an invite code).

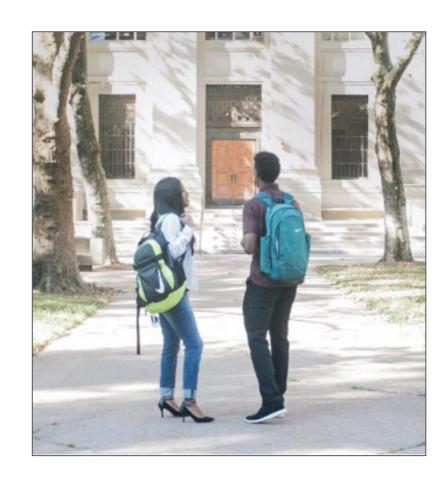






Independent Students

- Will see all questions that a dependent student sees.
- Will need to answer the following questions in the Independent Student Financials section:
 - Family size
 - Number in college
- If married:
 - Student will need to invite spouse if they didn't file a joint tax return in 2024.
 - If joint tax return was filed in 2024, student will need to provide spouse's, but spouse will not need to log into the FAFSA.

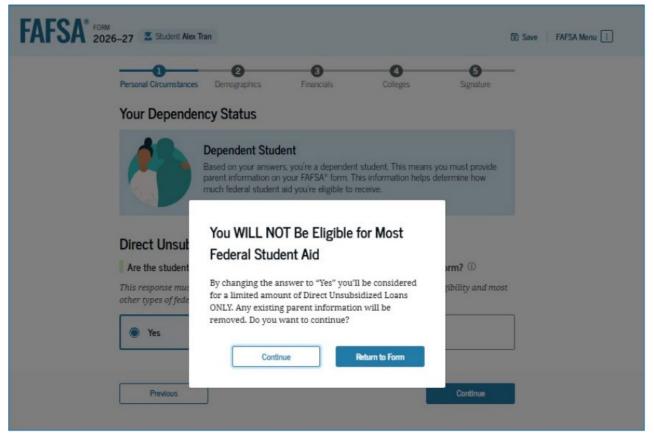




Unsubsidized Loan Only

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Student will need to follow up with the school and have the parent sign a statement.

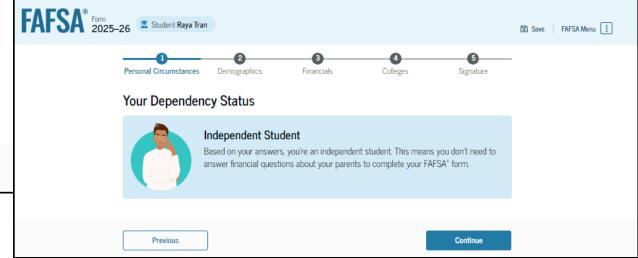




Student Homelessness

FAFSA® Form 2025	5–26 Student Raya Tran	Save	FAFSA Menu 🚦
	Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges Signature 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? Personal Circumstances 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? No Did any of the following determine the student was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless? Select all that apply: Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant Financial aid administrator None of these apply.		FAFS
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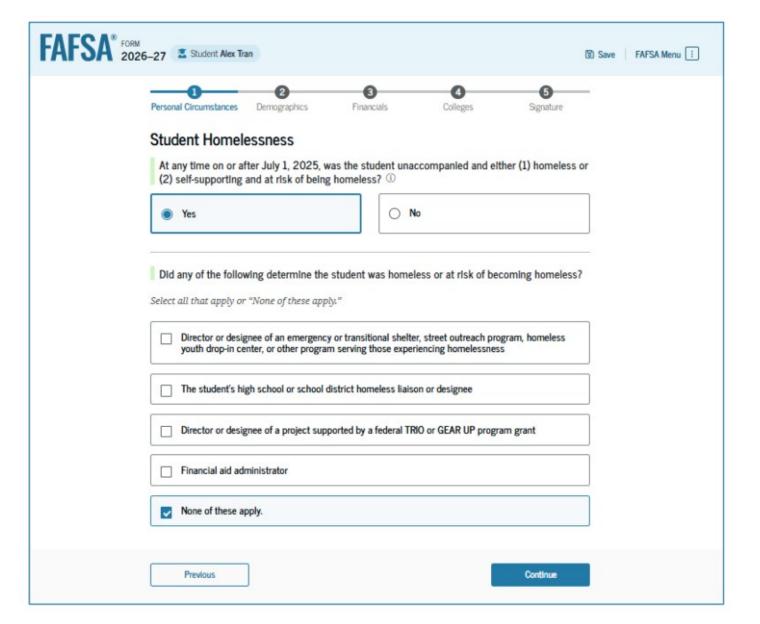
If student can check one of the four boxes they will be considered independent (may have to provide documentation from individual).





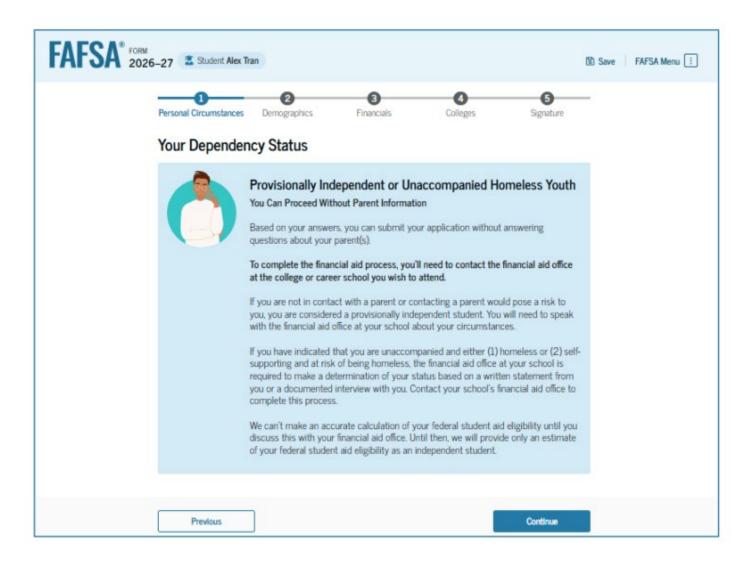
If they cannot check yes to one of the four boxes, they will be considered "provisionally independent" and need to follow up with a financial aid administrator.

Student Homelessness





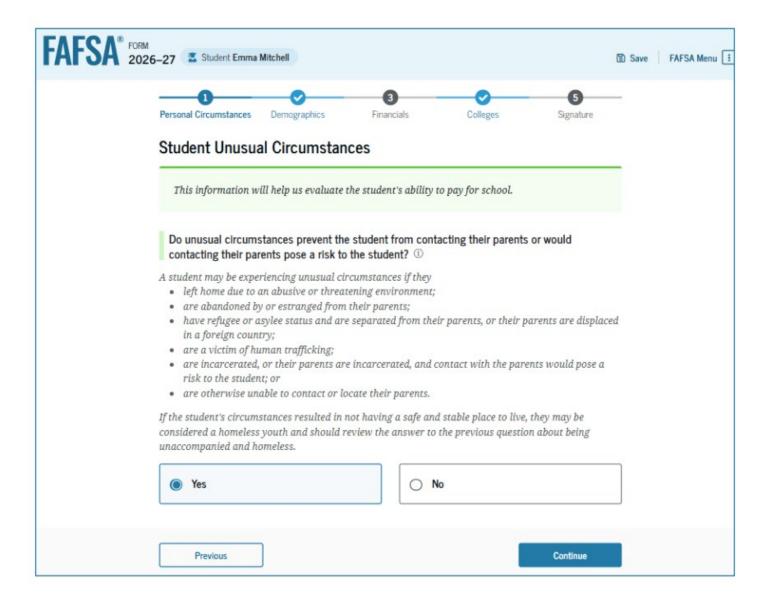
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (no documentation)





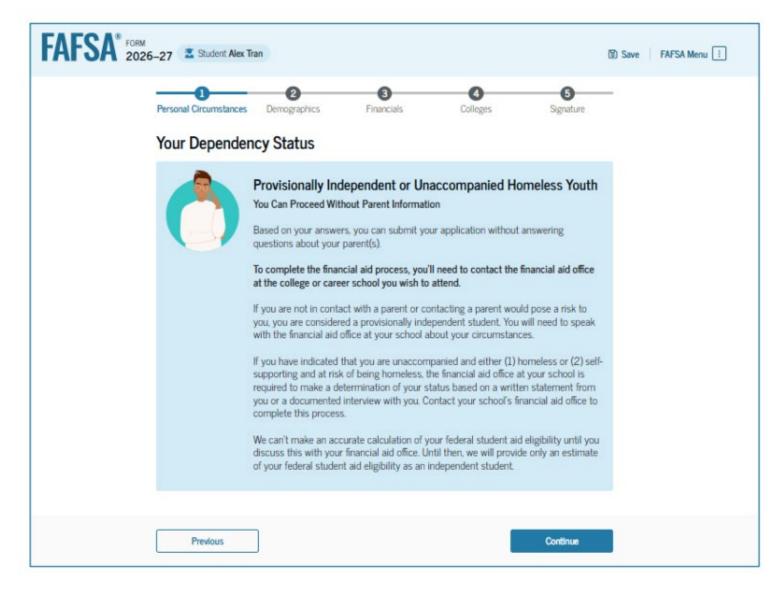
- To answer "Yes" the student must have circumstances that prevent them from contacting their parent or pose a risk to the student if required to contact.
- Parent unwillingness to provide information or complete the FAFSA does not qualify as an unusual circumstance.

Unusual Circumstances





Unusual Circumstances



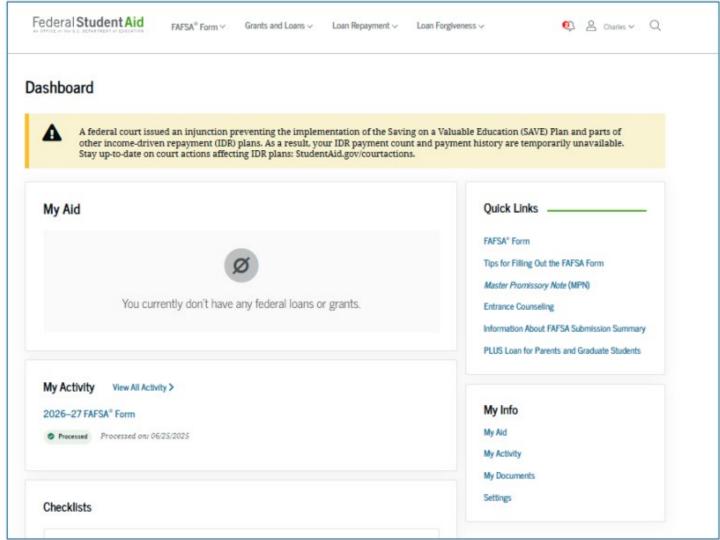


After FAFSA Submission FAFSAs should be process in 1-3 days



- When the student logs in they will see their Dashboard.
- Under My Activity, the student will see their FAFSA (and status.
- If the student clicks on the FAFSA they will be taken to more details.

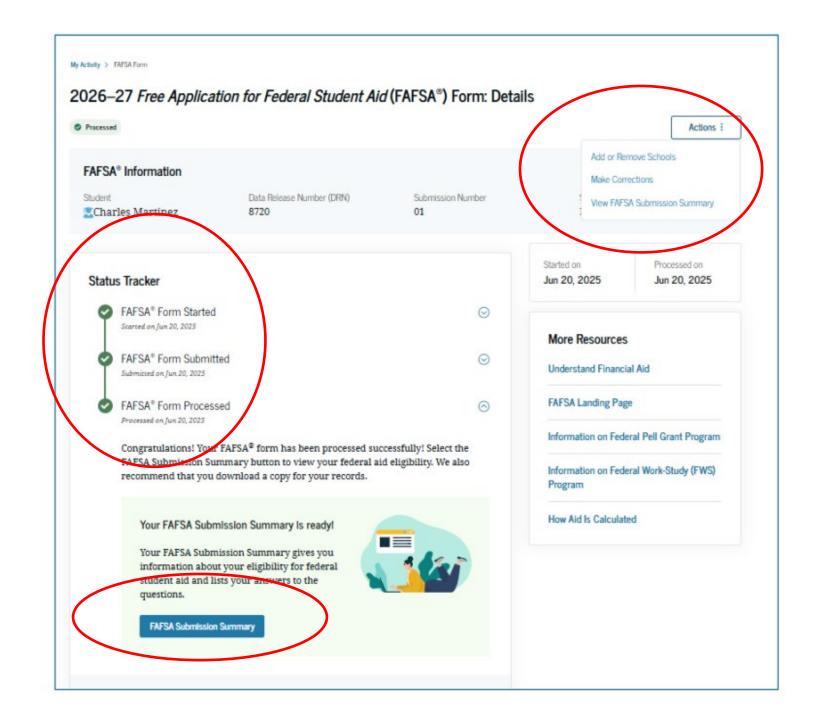






Under "My Activity" you see the:

- FAFSA status tracker;
- FAFSA Submission
 Summary; and the
- Action link ability to add more schools and make corrections.

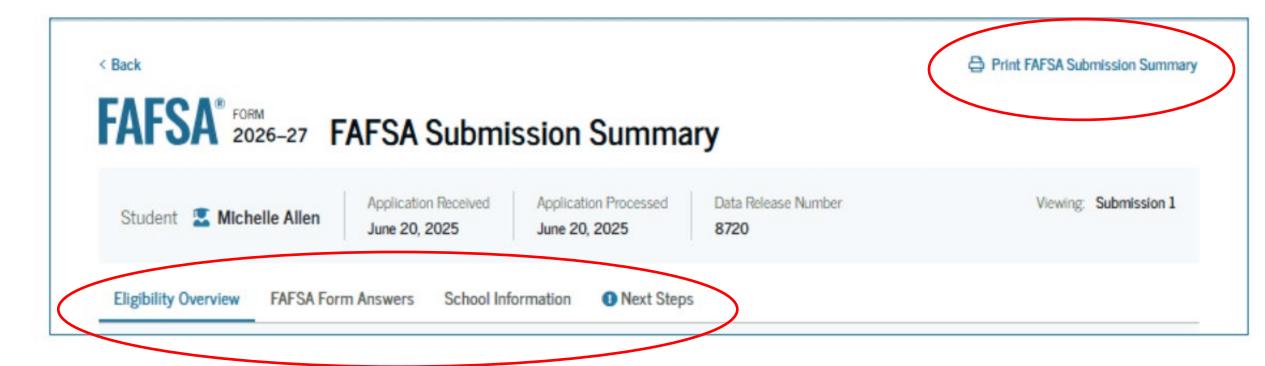




FAFSA Submission Summary



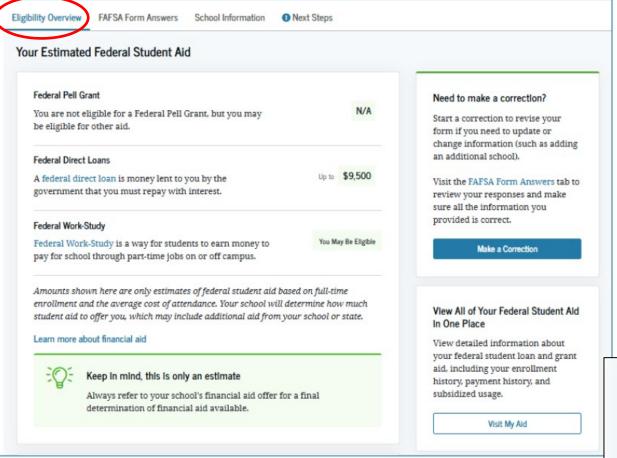
FAFSA Submission Summary



We recommend student print the FAFSA Submission Summary as a PDF and save it to an easily accessible folder as it may be needed in the future (for example, if applying for the Worthington Scholarship).



FAFSA Submission Summary – Eligibility Overview



Student Aid Index (SAI) shows on the bottom of the Eligibility Overview screen

Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

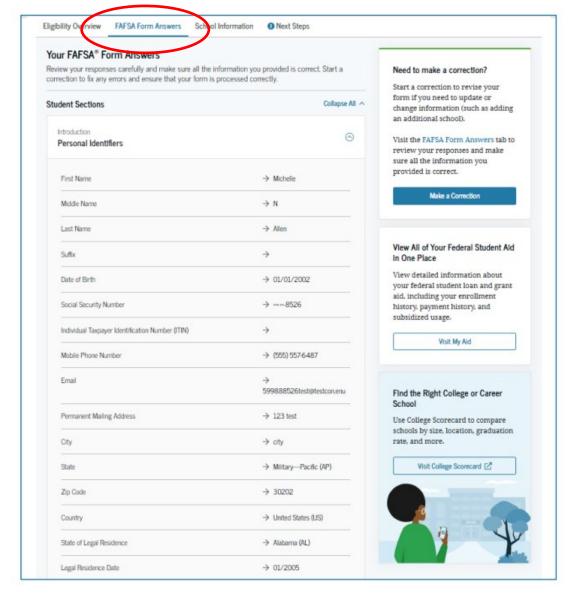
Your SAI is a number used by your school to determine your federal student aid eligibility and to build your financial aid offer. Your SAI may change due to verification or if you update or correct your FAFSA information.

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What does this mean?

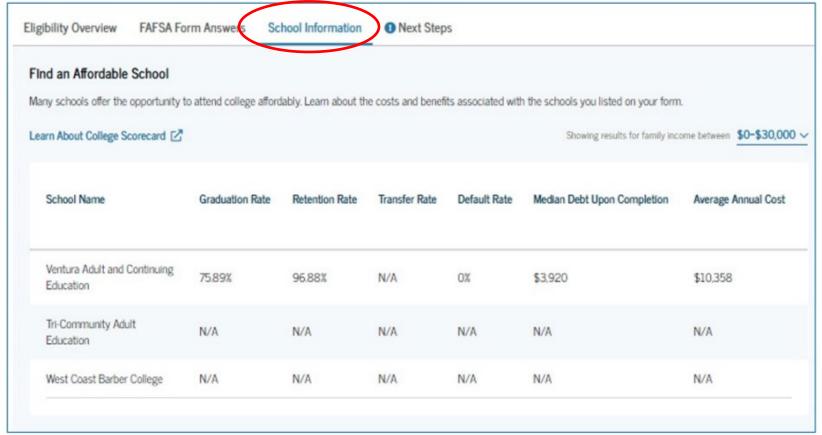


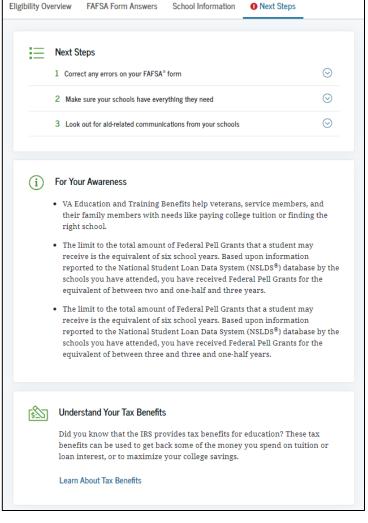
FAFSA Submission Summary – FAFSA Form Answers





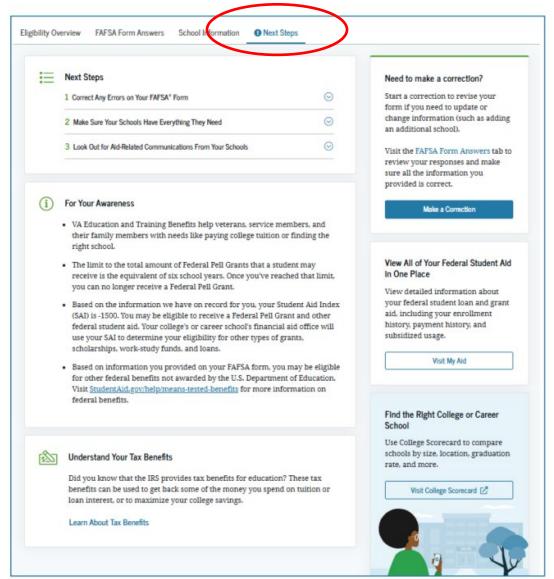
FAFSA Submission Summary – School Information







FAFSA Submission Summary – Next Steps





FAFSA Resources



FAFSA Website Resources

Resources for Educators - FAMEmaine.com/Educators

- FAFSA Prototype
- 2026-27 FAFSA Screenshots
- Federal Student Aid Estimator
- Tuesday Tips
- Wednesday Webinar Recordings and PDFs

Resources for Creating a StudentAid.gov Account and FAFSA Filing - FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA

- Parent Wizard (determining which parent(s) need a StudentAid.gov account)
- StudentAid.gov Account Info Tracking Sheets
- FAFSA Filing Tips
- FAFSA FAQs



FAFSA Help Resources

FAME FAFSA Support

FAFSA Help Sessions

- Virtual sessions
- List of events can be found at FAMEmaine.com/event

Contact a FAME FAFSA Expert

- Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
- Phone: 1-800-228-3734; TTY 207-626-2717
- Email: Education@FAMEmaine.com



Additional Resources

FAME Resources for Students and Families

- FAME's Texting and/or Email Lists
 - To join go to: <u>FAMEmaine.com/Join</u>
 - Members of the class of 2026 (or their parent/guardian) will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 Future Fund scholarship!
- FAME's Parent/Caregiver FB Group Paying for College for ME
- One-on-One Financial Aid Coaching
 - To schedule an appointment, go to: FAMEmaine.com/Contact





Track Your Students' FAFSA Filing Status!

- FAME's FAFSA Portal allows eligible high school counselors to access the FAFSA completion status for each of their high school seniors.
- Each high school can select one individual to have access, and a data sharing agreement must be signed.
- All new agreements must be signed. Email to gather contact information will be sent in early November. For more information, contact Mila Tappan at <u>mtappan@famemaine.com</u>.
- Completion data should be available in early January.



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