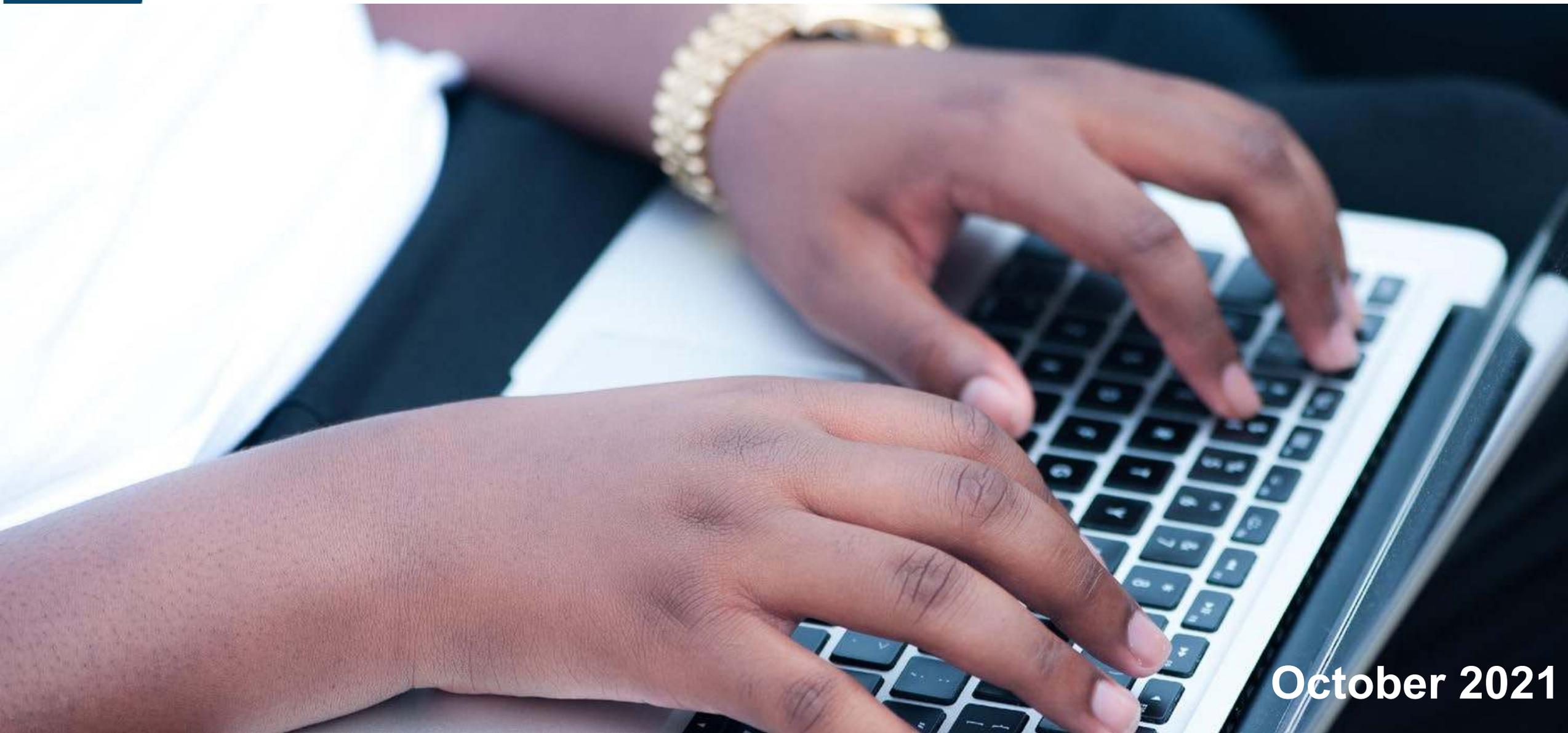




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# Visual Step-by-Step FAFSA Guide for CA Youth Who Have Experienced Homelessness

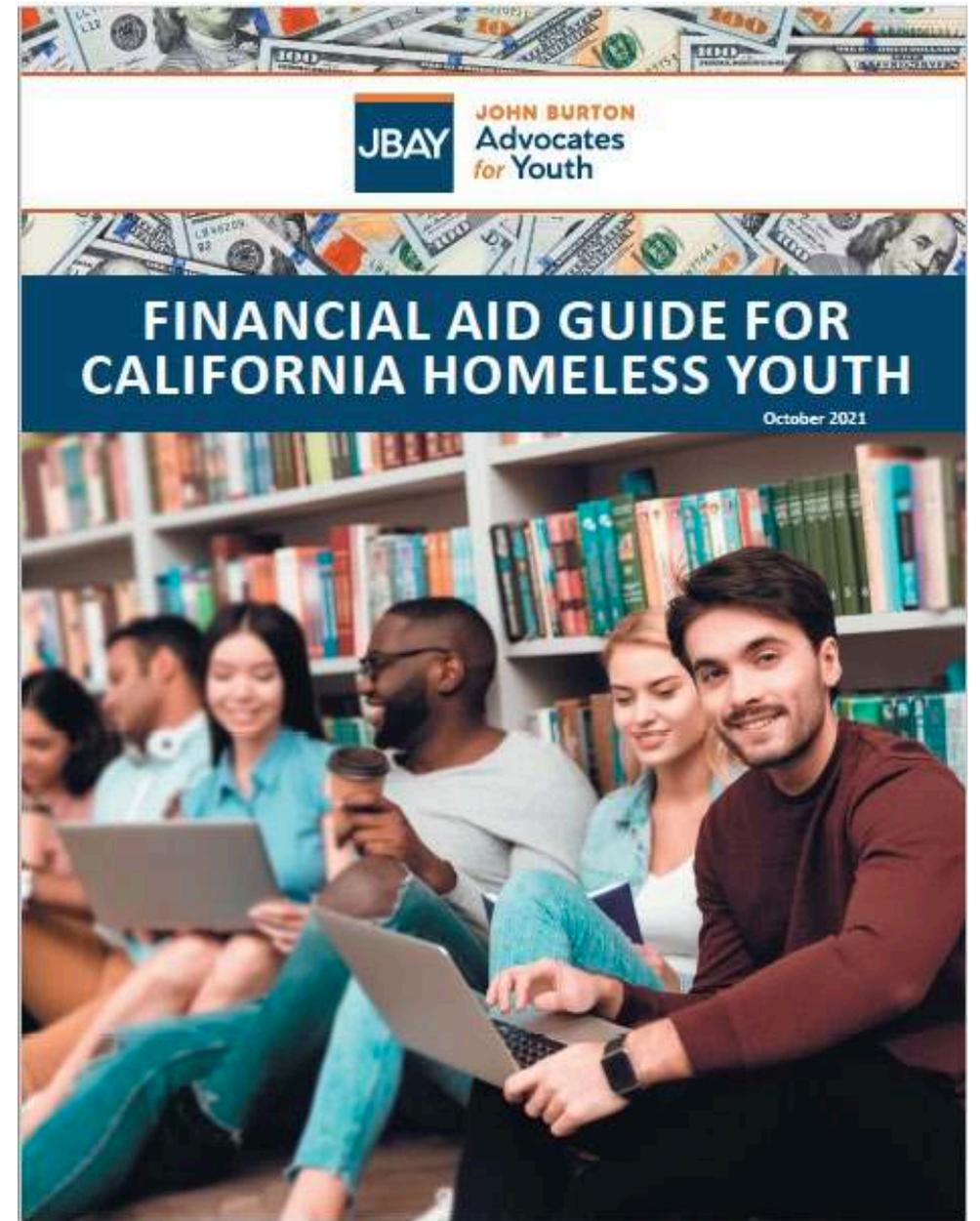


**October 2021**

This Guide is intended to compliment the Financial Aid Guide for California Homeless Youth with screen shots of the actual online FAFSA application and detailed step-by-step instructions for youth currently or formerly in the foster care system.

Please reference the full Guide for information on the different types of financial aid, what to do after the FAFSA, and how to maintain financial aid.

<https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/>



# Disclaimer

- While we have made every effort to be accurate in this guide, financial aid programs change. Be sure to get current information.
- **This guide is intended for youth who have experienced homelessness in California who qualify for “Independent Student Status” on the FAFSA.** If you do not qualify for “Independent Student Status,” you will need to complete the Parental Demographics section and provide financial information about you and your parent(s). Information about this process is not included in this guide.
- **If you are an undocumented student**, including DACA recipients, remember to fill out the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov) instead of the FAFSA. If you are a California undocumented student, you should use the CADAA even if you were a DACA recipient and granted a temporary Social Security Number. Visit <https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/> for a Visual Guide of the CADAA.
- **If you are a current or former foster youth who was in foster care at least one day after your 13<sup>th</sup> birthday or in a court-ordered legal guardianship**, you may also qualify for “Independent Status” and should visit the financial aid resources for foster youth to learn more: [jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/](https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/)

# How to Apply for Financial Aid

# Where to Apply for Financial Aid

**IF YOU ARE A U.S. CITIZEN, A  
PERMANENT RESIDENT OR OTHER  
ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN**

**Complete the Free Application for  
Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

**Apply at: [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)**

What is an eligible non-citizen?

Examples include a U.S. permanent resident who has a green card (Permanent Resident Card), a conditional permanent resident with a conditional Green Card, or a "refugee." You can find the complete list on the FAFSA.

**OR**

**IF YOU ARE AN UNDOCUMENTED  
IMMIGRANT**

**Complete the California Dream Act  
Application (CADAA)**

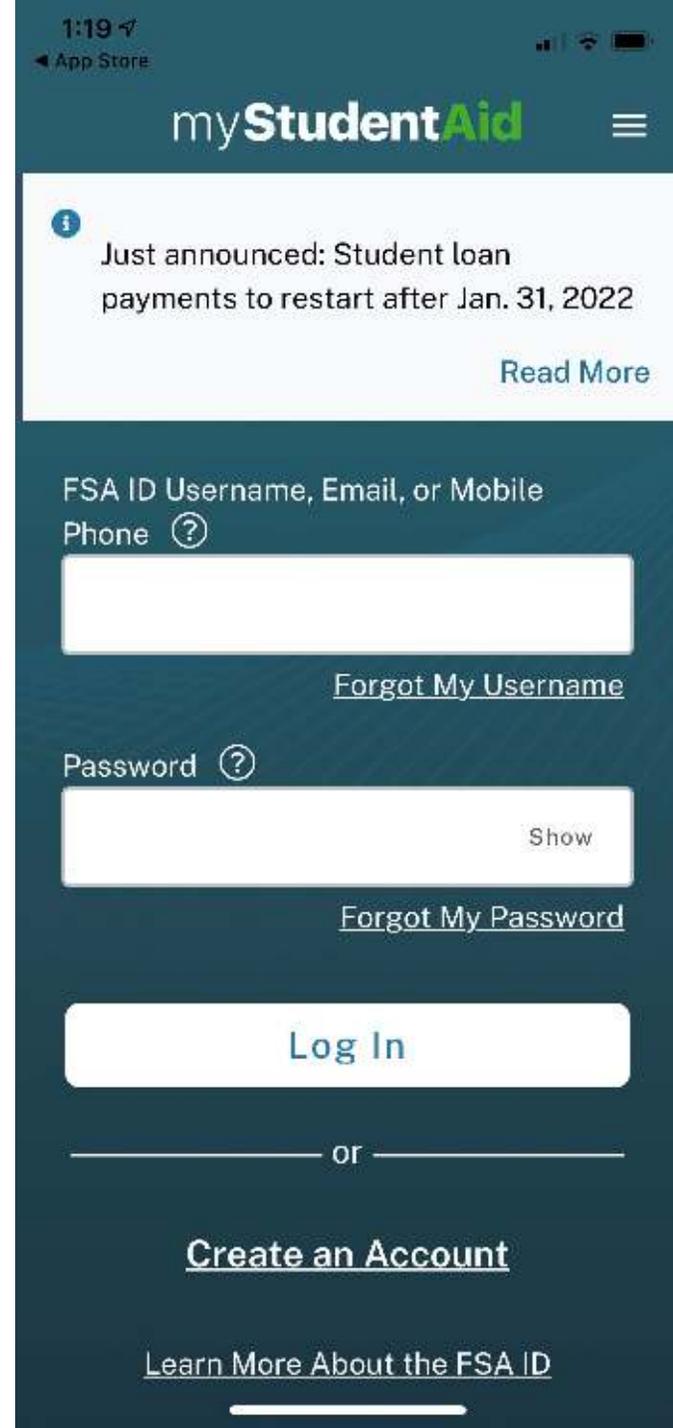
**Apply at: [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov)**

California Dream Act Application (CADAA) allows undocumented and nonresident documented students who meet certain eligibility requirements to apply for state financial aid and allows qualified students to pay in-state resident fees (instead of higher out-of-state fees) at California's public colleges and universities.

Paper applications are also available for the FAFSA and CADAA, however it is recommended to complete the online application to reduce any chances of errors. For those who want to complete the CADAA in Spanish, this is only available in paper at [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov) under "Information & Resources."

# FAFSA App on Smartphones

The FAFSA can also be completed on a mobile phone through the myStudentAid app or online at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). You can start it and stop it on either device. The mobile app has the same questions, but a different layout. This guide is still helpful if you fill it out through the app.



# When to Apply

The priority application period is October 1<sup>st</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, before the start of the school year you plan to attend to college.

Students planning on attending a California community college have until September 2<sup>nd</sup> to apply but are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to qualify for the maximum aid award possible.

Some colleges may have earlier priority deadlines, so check with your campus.

Students can apply for financial aid before they submit college applications

# What to Bring to Apply for Financial Aid

## **Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number**

Make sure you know your name exactly as it appears on your Social Security Card

## **Email Address**

Use an email address that you check often. Avoid high school emails that expire.

## **List of up to 10 colleges you plan to apply to**

You can update this later, if needed. At least one is required to complete the application

## **Tax or income info from the prior-prior year.**

Students may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to transfer tax information from their federal income tax return into the FAFSA, if applicable.

# STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.ED.GOV

**Reminder:**  
The FAFSA must be filled out EVERY year!  
This is a FREE application.

**New to the FAFSA Process:**  
Click "Start Here"

**Returning User:**  
Click "Log In."  
This allows you to prefill the current year's FAFSA with some data from last year's FAFSA.



## FAFSA® Announcements

### New Application Launch

The new 2022-23 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don't delay! To begin your application, select the "Start Here" button on the FAFSA homepage.

### What to Do If Your or Your Family's Financial Situation Has Changed

Many FAFSA applicants have experienced recent financial changes due to the COVID-19 emergency or other reasons.

Has your (or your family's) financial situation changed from what is reflected on your federal income tax return? For example, you or a family member has lost a job or claimed [unemployment benefits](#). If so, you may be eligible to have your FAFSA form adjusted to qualify

# STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.ED.GOV

When you start a new FAFSA, there are three log-in options.

→ Choose the option that says: **“I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form.”**



The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the FAFSA® Form' page. The title is in white on a dark teal background. Below the title, the text 'Tell us about yourself.' is displayed in dark blue. To the right of this text are links for 'Help' and 'Exit FAFSA Form'. There are three radio button options, each with a corresponding icon: a graduation cap for the student option, two people for the parent option, and a person with a graduation cap for the preparer option. At the bottom, there is a footer with the text 'OMB No. 1845-0001 • Form Approved • App. Exp. 8/31/2022'.

## Welcome to the FAFSA® Form

Tell us about yourself. [Help](#) [Exit FAFSA Form](#)

- I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form. 
- I am a parent filling out a FAFSA form for a student. 
- I am a preparer helping a student fill out his or her FAFSA form. 

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# STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.ED.GOV

## Log in:

Click the blue link that says ["Create an FSA ID."](#)

Next, click "Exit FAFSA Form" to go to the FSA ID website.

You can start a FAFSA without an FSA ID, but it will serve as your legal signature, and you will need it to sign your FAFSA electronically before you submit the FAFSA.

The image shows two screenshots from the FAFSA website. The top screenshot is titled "Tell us about yourself." and features a radio button selected for "I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form." Below this are two options: a blue button labeled "Log In to Continue" and a blue link labeled "Create an FSA ID". Below these is the word "or" and a link "Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form." The bottom screenshot is a dialog box with the title "I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form." and the message "You are leaving the FAFSA® form. To create an FSA ID, select 'Save and Exit.' You'll leave the FAFSA® form, and your progress will be saved." It contains two buttons: "Close" and "Exit FAFSA Form". Two orange arrows point from the text in the left box to the "Create an FSA ID" link and the "Exit FAFSA Form" button in the screenshots.

## STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.ED.GOV

You may also choose to begin the FAFSA form with personal identifiers: first name, last name, date of birth, and Social Security number, however an FSA ID will be required to sign your FAFSA at the end.

Once you have entered your personal identifiers, select "Continue."

Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form.

### Enter your personal identifiers.

Your First Name  
 ?

Your Full Last Name  
 ?

Your Date of Birth

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="2002"/> ?

Your Social Security Number  
  ?

*If you, the student, do not have a Social Security number because you are a citizen of a trust territory and this is your first time filling out the FAFSA form, enter 666 in this field.*

*If you are a returning trust territory student who has previously submitted the FAFSA form, enter the entire 666 number we previously assigned to you.*

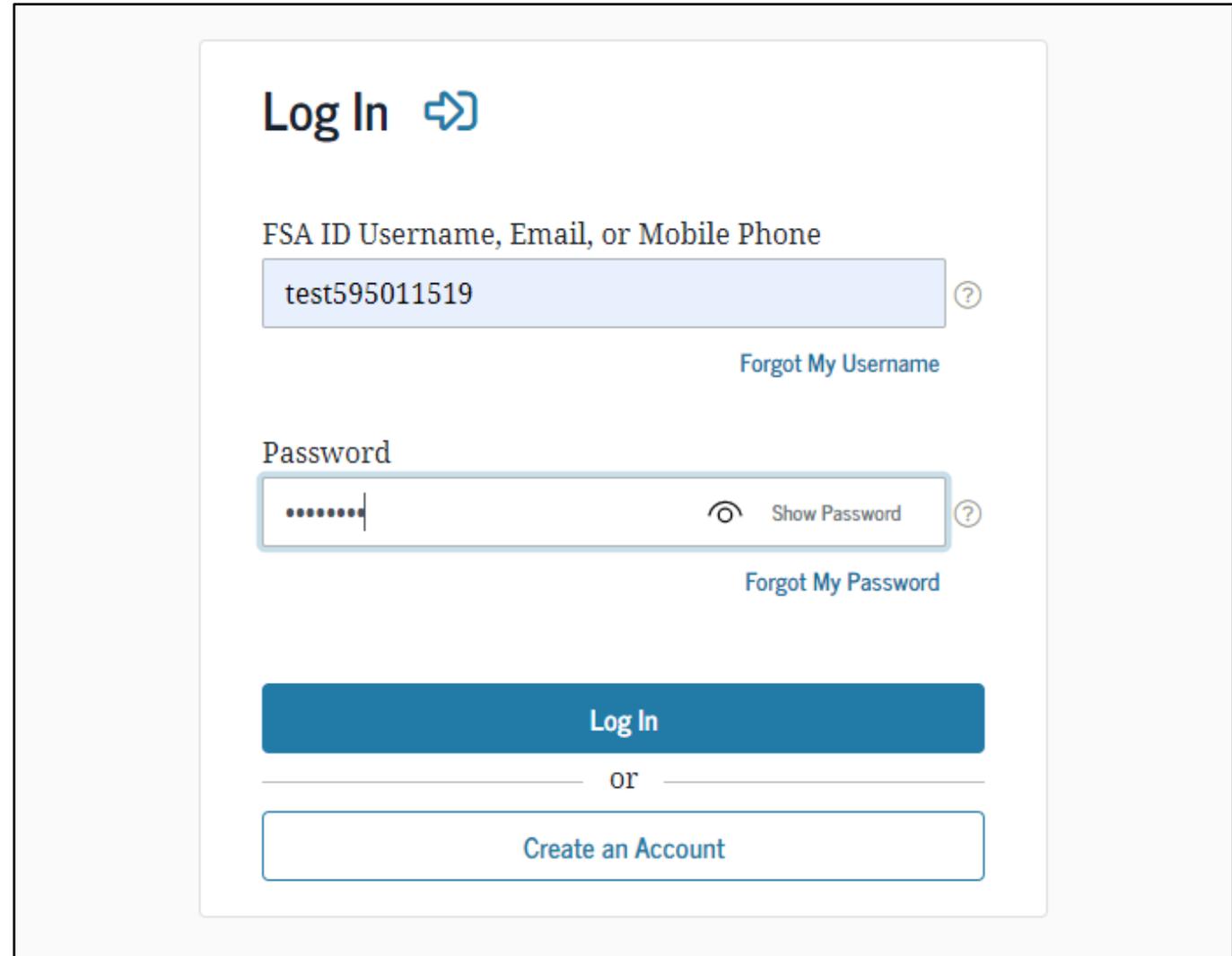
[I am from a freely associated state.](#)

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# STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.ED.GOV

## Log in:

If you have an FSA ID account, you will be prompted to log in with your credentials. If not, select "Create an Account."



The screenshot shows the FAFSA login interface. At the top, it says "Log In" with a blue arrow icon. Below this is a text input field labeled "FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone" containing the text "test595011519". To the right of the input field is a question mark icon. Below the input field is a link that says "Forgot My Username". Underneath is another text input field labeled "Password" containing several dots. To the right of the password field is an eye icon and the text "Show Password", with a question mark icon to its right. Below the password field is a link that says "Forgot My Password". At the bottom of the form is a large blue button labeled "Log In". Below the button is the word "OR" centered between two horizontal lines. At the very bottom is a white button with a blue border labeled "Create an Account".

# Next: Create an “FSA ID”

*Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID)*

# CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

After selecting "Create an FSA ID" on the log-in page you will be taken to a new page to create your FSA ID

→ Click "Get Started"

## Create an Account (FSA ID)

Parents   Students   Borrowers

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to complete federal student aid tasks.

### What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note (MPN)*
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

### Items Needed to Create an Account

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

[Get Started](#) or [Log In](#)

# CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ Enter your name and Social Security Number **exactly** as they appear on your Social Security Card.

\*\* If you don't know your Social Security Number, a parent or guardian or current or former employer may have the number. If you still can't find it, you will need to request a replacement social security card. See [www.ssa.gov/myaccount/replacement-card.html](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/replacement-card.html) for details. You will need the physical card for employment, even for a work-study job.

\*\* If you don't have a social security number, apply for the CADAA at [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)

## Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 1 of 7

### Personal Information

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

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

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

Social Security Number (SSN)

**Note:** A user can only have one account associated with his or her Social Security number.

# CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ Create a Username and Password that can be easily remembered but not easy for someone else to figure out (ex. Do not use your name, date of birth, or the word "password").

→ Enter an email address that you check often so that you can get help if you get locked out or forget your username or password. It is not recommended that you use a high school email address, since those often expire. Create or use an email address that you can use throughout college, such as Gmail, Yahoo or Outlook.

## Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 2 of 7

### Account Information

Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can't create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must create their own accounts.

Username

 ?

Email Address

 ?

Confirm Email Address

 ?

Password

 Show Password ?

✓ Uppercase

✓ Lowercase

✓ Number

✓ 8+ characters

Confirm Password

 Show Password ?

Previous

Continue

# CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ A mailing address is optional, but you **MUST** provide a verified email address or mobile phone.

→ Indicate if you want to set-up Mobile Phone Account Recovery in case you are locked out.

## Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 3 of 7

### Contact Information

#### Permanent Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

#### Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Confirm Mobile Phone Number

[+ Add Alternate Phone Number](#)

#### Mobile Phone Account Recovery

We strongly recommend setting up mobile phone account recovery. This option is used to help you restore access to your account by sending you a code via text message if you are locked out.

Yes, I would like to use my mobile phone for account recovery.

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[Continue](#)

# CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ Indicate how you would like to receive future communications. Email is recommended.

→ Indicate your preferred language.

Step 4 of 7

## Communication Preferences

### Required Communications

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and its federal student loan servicers will need to send you required communications and documents related to your federal student aid, such as student loan disclosures and interest statements.

I want to receive these communications:

By email *Recommended*

**i** By selecting this option, you agree to receive required communications by email and confirm you have reviewed and agree to FSA's [Terms and Conditions](#).

By postal mail

### Informational Communications

ED and its federal student loan servicers want you to feel confident about the financial aid and student loan process. To help with this, we will sometimes send out information about programs you may be eligible for, such as grant programs, student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment plans, and more.

I want to receive these communications:

By email

By text message

### Preferred Language

Your choice lets us know how you would like to view website content once logged in, and what to use for your communications.

Language

English



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# CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ Choose "Challenge Questions" and answers that can easily be remembered in case you forget your FSA ID username or password.

## Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 5 of 7

### Challenge Questions

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them or if you need to unlock your account.

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

#### Challenge Question 1

Question

Answer

#### Challenge Question 2

Question

Answer

#### Challenge Question 3

Question

Answer

#### Challenge Question 4

Question

Answer

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# CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ Confirm and verify that all the information that you provided is correct.

Step 6 of 7

## Confirm and Verify

Verify the information you provided for your account below. If there is an error, select "Edit" to correct the information.

### Personal Information [Edit](#)

NAME

Joe F Blow

DATE OF BIRTH

01/01/2000

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)

\*\*\*-\*\*-7897

### Account Information [Edit](#)

USERNAME

joeblow1984

EMAIL ADDRESS

joeblow1984@gmail.com

PASSWORD

\*\*\*\*\*

### Contact Information [Edit](#)

PERMANENT ADDRESS

1 Harmony Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

(949) 285-2345

# CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ Only a verified email address OR verified mobile phone number is required, but if you provided both, you MUST verify both.

Make sure you know the login information to your email address, if you provided it.

→ Click Finish

## Create an Account (FSA ID)



Step 7 of 7

### Account Recovery

Only a verified email address OR a verified mobile phone number is required, but if you provided both on previous screens, you MUST verify both below.

 Verify My Email Address  
**NOT VERIFIED**

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Finish

### Verify Your Email Address

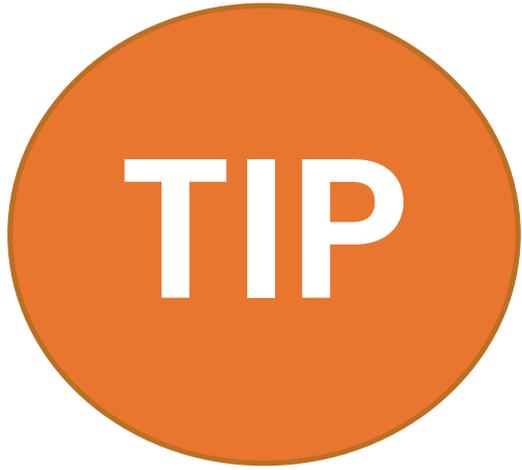
You must verify your email address before you can use it for account recovery. An email containing a secure code was sent to the email: **jo\*\*\*\*\*@gmail.com**

Enter the secure code below.

[Resend Secure Code](#)

**Continue**

 Verify My Email Address  
**NOT VERIFIED**



Write down these item somewhere  
safe so you don't forget:

- FSA ID Username
- FSA ID Password
- Email Address & Password
- FSA ID Challenge Questions & Answers

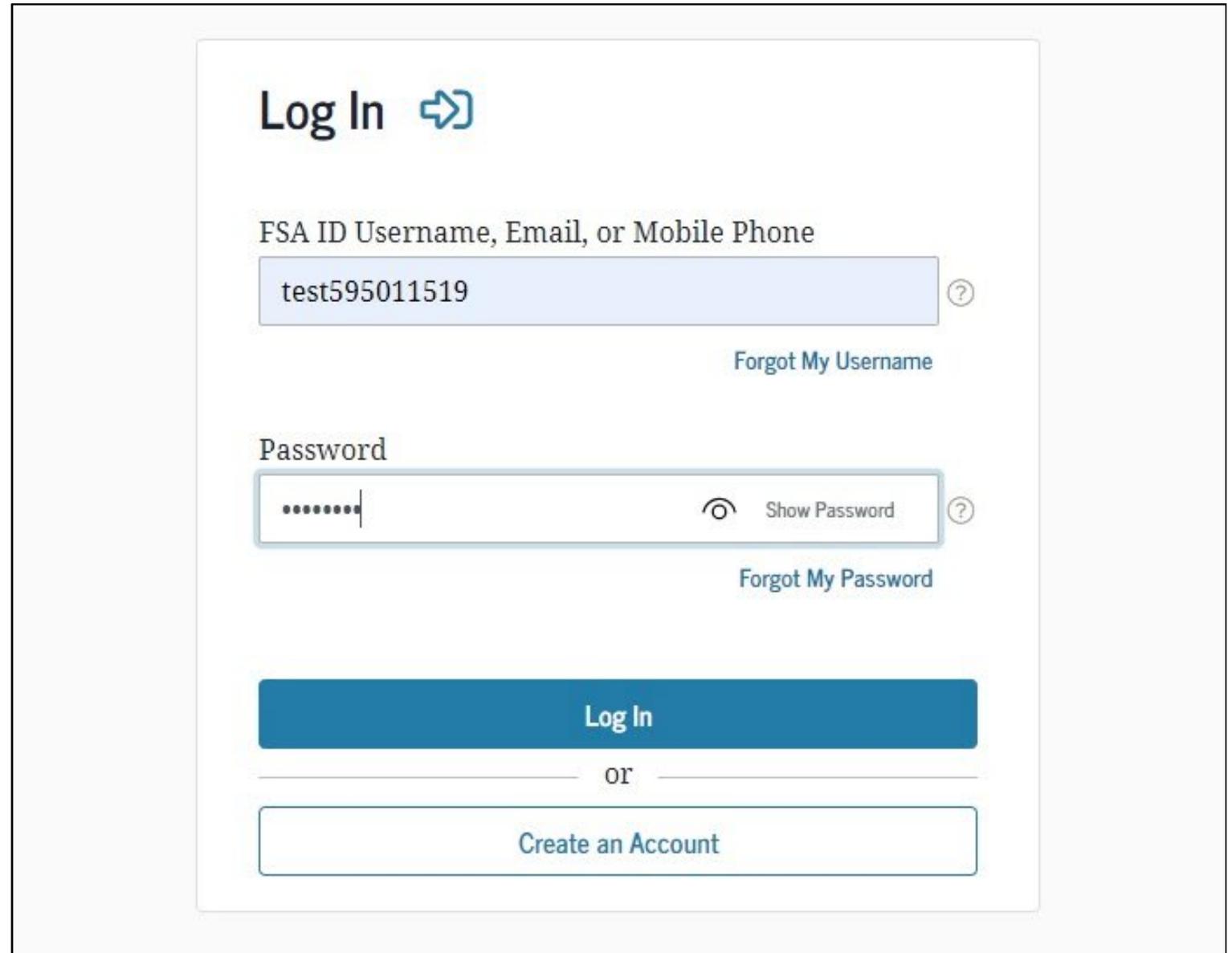
# You're Now Ready to Start Your Online FAFSA

Login with your new FSA ID and begin the FAFSA

# LOG-IN TO THE FAFSA

→ Once your FSA ID is created, return to the log-in page and start your application.

→ Enter your FSA ID Username or Verified Email Address or Mobile Number & your FSA ID Password.



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# READ THE DISCLAIMER

- Read the Disclaimer and, if you agree, click **“Accept”**

The image shows a screenshot of a Federal Student Aid login page. A white disclaimer box is overlaid on the page, containing the following text:

**Please Read Before Continuing**

You are accessing a U.S. Federal Government computer system intended to be solely accessed by individual users expressly authorized to access the system by the U.S. Department of Education. Usage may be monitored, recorded, and/or subject to audit. For security purposes and in order to ensure that the system remains available to all expressly authorized users, the U.S. Department of Education monitors the system to identify unauthorized users. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and recording. Unauthorized use of this information system is prohibited and subject to criminal and civil penalties. Except as expressly authorized by the U.S. Department of Education, unauthorized attempts to access, obtain, upload, modify, change, and/or delete information on this system are strictly prohibited and are subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. Â§ 1030, and other applicable statutes, which may result in fines and imprisonment. For purposes of this system, unauthorized access includes, but is not limited to:

- any access by an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, who is not the individual user, for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain (regardless of whether the commercial entity or third party is providing a service to an authorized user of the system); and
- any access in furtherance of any criminal or tortious act in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or any State.

If system monitoring reveals information indicating possible criminal activity, such evidence may be provided to law enforcement personnel.

At the bottom of the disclaimer box, there are two buttons: **Accept** (highlighted with a red border) and **Decline**.

The background of the screenshot shows the login page with the following visible text:

Federal Student Aid  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Log In ↗

student's FSA ID Us  
Number  
newuser72

student's FSA ID Pa  
.....

Federal Student Aid  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION | the AMERICAN MIND®

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# SELECT THE SCHOOL YEAR YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

- Select the school year that you plan to attend college. If you select the wrong year, your financial aid will not be processed.
- If you are applying for an upcoming summer session it is recommended that you complete applications for both years. Schools have the option of using either the prior or upcoming year's financial aid for summer. Once you've picked a college, check with the financial aid office about summer financial aid.

## Get Started

[Help](#) | [Exit FAFSA Form](#)

Welcome to Maxine Lastname's application!

Fill out your FAFSA form!

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA form every school year. Let's get started.

For which school year are you applying for financial aid?

If you are applying for a summer session or just don't know which application to complete, check with the college you are planning to attend.

Which school year should I choose?

Start 2022–23 FAFSA Form

or

Start 2021–22 FAFSA Form

FSA ID Status:

Last Successful FSA ID Log In: 08:32, 09/28/2021

 Matched

[Manage FSA ID](#)

You can use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA form.

# CREATE A SAVE KEY

- Follow the directions to create a **“Save Key”** in case you need to save your application and finish it later.
- You can return within **45 days** to complete and submit the FAFSA.

## 2022–23 FAFSA® Form

[? Help](#) | [↪ Exit FAFSA Form](#)

### Start Student's 2022–23 FAFSA® Form

#### Create a save key.

The save key is for temporary use for you or your parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA form.

#### Create a Save Key

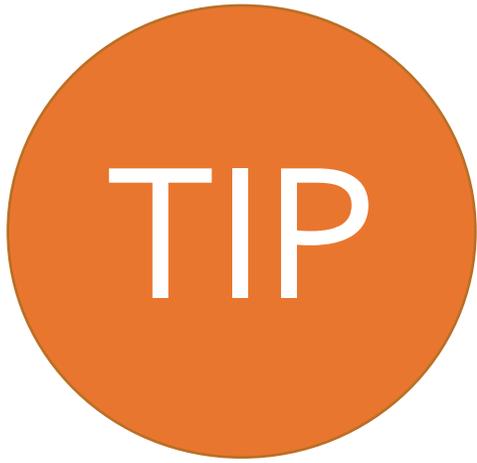
Show ?

#### Reenter Save Key

Show ?

[Previous](#)

[Continue](#)



**Make sure to write down your  
Save Key somewhere safe so you  
don't forget:**

- ✓ FSA ID Username
- ✓ FSA ID Password
- ✓ Email Address & Password
- ✓ FSA ID Challenge Questions &  
Answers
- Save Key

# REVIEW THE INTRODUCTION PAGE

- The Introduction Page includes general information about the FAFSA

→ Click “**Continue**” at the bottom of each page to go to the next page.

## Introduction - 2022–23 FAFSA® Form

Let's get started!

Review the resources below to help complete your FAFSA form.

[+ Expand All](#)

How can I get help completing my FAFSA® form?



How many steps does it take to complete my FAFSA® form?



How long will it take to complete my FAFSA® form?



Can I save my FAFSA® form if I can't finish it?



What documents do I need to complete the FAFSA® form?



How do I sign the FAFSA® form?



What is FAFSA web's security and privacy?



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# COMPLETE THE SEVEN SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA

- Complete the seven sections listed as tabs at the top of the screen. The website will take you through each section.
- Click "Save" at the top of the screen to save your responses. Click "Continue" at the bottom of the page to go to the next section.
- For detailed instructions and information about each question, click the question mark icon.  Click on the green owl icon for virtual assistance.



## 2022-23 FAFSA® Form

[FAFSA Home](#)[Help](#)[Save FAFSA Form](#)[Review FAFSA Form](#)[Reset FAFSA Form](#)[Exit FAFSA Form](#)

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Student Demographics

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School Selection

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Dependency Status

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Parent Demographics

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Parent Financials

6

Student Financials

7

Sign &amp; Submit

### STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Personal Information for Student

 Application was successfully saved.

 Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

Your Social Security Number

.....-3012 

Your First Name

Brian 

Your Middle Initial



Your Last Name

Lastname 

Your Date of Birth

Month Day Year  
11 02 2003 

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SECTION 1 OF THE FAFSA:

# STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Social Security Number:** This will automatically populate based on the information provided when you created your FSA ID.
- **Student Name:** Make sure that your name matches **exactly** as it appears on your Social Security Card. This is your legal name, not a nickname.
- **Date of Birth:** Enter carefully

The screenshot displays the FAFSA Student Demographics section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6), and Sign & Submit (7). Below the progress bar, the heading "STUDENT INFORMATION" is followed by "Personal Information for Student". A blue information box states: "Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, 'you' and 'your' always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student." The main form area, outlined in red, contains the following fields: "Your Social Security Number" (populated with "\*\*\*--1519"), "Your First Name" (populated with "TestE"), "Your Middle Initial" (empty), "Your Last Name" (populated with "Perez"), and "Your Date of Birth" (Month: 02, Day: 05, Year: 2001). At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Email Address:** Double-check the email address to make sure there are no typos. The U.S. Department of Education and the colleges that you apply to for financial aid will send FAFSA reminders, status updates and financial aid application results to this email address.
  - An email address is not mandatory but is highly recommended!
  - Make sure to check your junk/spam folder in case emails get sent there.
- **Telephone number:** This field is optional.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. A progress bar at the top shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (checked), 3. Dependency Status (checked), 4. Parent Demographics (active), 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Email and Phone'. It contains three input fields: 'Your Email Address' (with 'test595011519@test.com' entered), 'Reenter Your Email Address' (with 'test595011519@test.com' entered), and 'Your Telephone Number' (empty). Each field has a help icon. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Permanent Mailing Address:** This should be the same address you use on official government documents such as tax returns and voter registration cards. This is an address where a student can receive postal mail, such as a P.O. Box.
- If you don't have a permanent mailing address, ask your college's financial aid administrator for help.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (active), 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section is titled 'Student Address'. It contains four input fields, each with a help icon (question mark): 'Your Permanent Mailing Address (include apt. number)' with the value '3333 Wilshire Blvd,'; 'Your City (and country, if not U.S.)' with the value 'Los Angeles'; 'Your State' with a dropdown menu showing 'California'; and 'Your ZIP Code' with the value '90032'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **State of Legal Residence:** If you select that you have lived in CA for at least 5 years, you may be eligible for California student financial aid (the Cal Grant).
- A separate application is not required, but you need to make sure that your high school has submitted your verified GPA and that it has been matched to your FAFSA. Create a WebGrants account to verify if your GPA has been matched to your FAFSA.
  - Visit [www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-high-school-entitlement-award](http://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-high-school-entitlement-award) to see minimum GPA requirements.
  - Learn more on pages 106-110.
- **Are you a U.S. Citizen?** If you select **“No, but I am an eligible noncitizen”**, you will be asked to provide your Alien Registration Number (Don't enter the “A” before the number).

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. A progress bar at the top shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (active), 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. The main heading is 'STUDENT INFORMATION' followed by 'Student Residency and Eligibility'. Two questions are highlighted with red boxes:

1. 'Have you lived in California for at least 5 years?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'.

2. 'Are you a U.S. citizen?' with a dropdown menu. The dropdown is open, showing options: 'No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen.', 'Select', 'Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national).', 'No, but I am an eligible noncitizen.', and 'No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen.'. The 'Yes' option is highlighted in blue.

A 'Continue' button is located at the bottom right of the form area.

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Select the option that best fits your *initial* educational goal.

- It is important to NOT select “other/undecided” as it may limit the grants you can receive
- If you are uncertain if you will attend a 2-year or 4-year college, select 4-year college
- It is important to not select “2nd bachelor’s degree” if you don’t already have a bachelor’s degree, as it may limit the grants you can receive

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2022-2023 school year?

If you took college courses while in high school, and were dually enrolled, you are still considered a first-time college student and can select the option: **“Never attended college/1<sup>st</sup> yr.”**

**Interested in work study?** Answer Yes! Federal Work-Study allows students with financial need to earn a portion of their financial aid award money through part-time employment on or off-campus. You can decline it later if you change your mind. Answering “Yes” also will not guarantee that you will receive a Work-Study job.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Education

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2022–23 school year?

High school diploma

What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2022–23 school year?

Associate degree (occupational or technical program)

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2022–23 school year?

Yes

No

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2022–23 school year?

Never attended college/1st yr.

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?

Yes

No

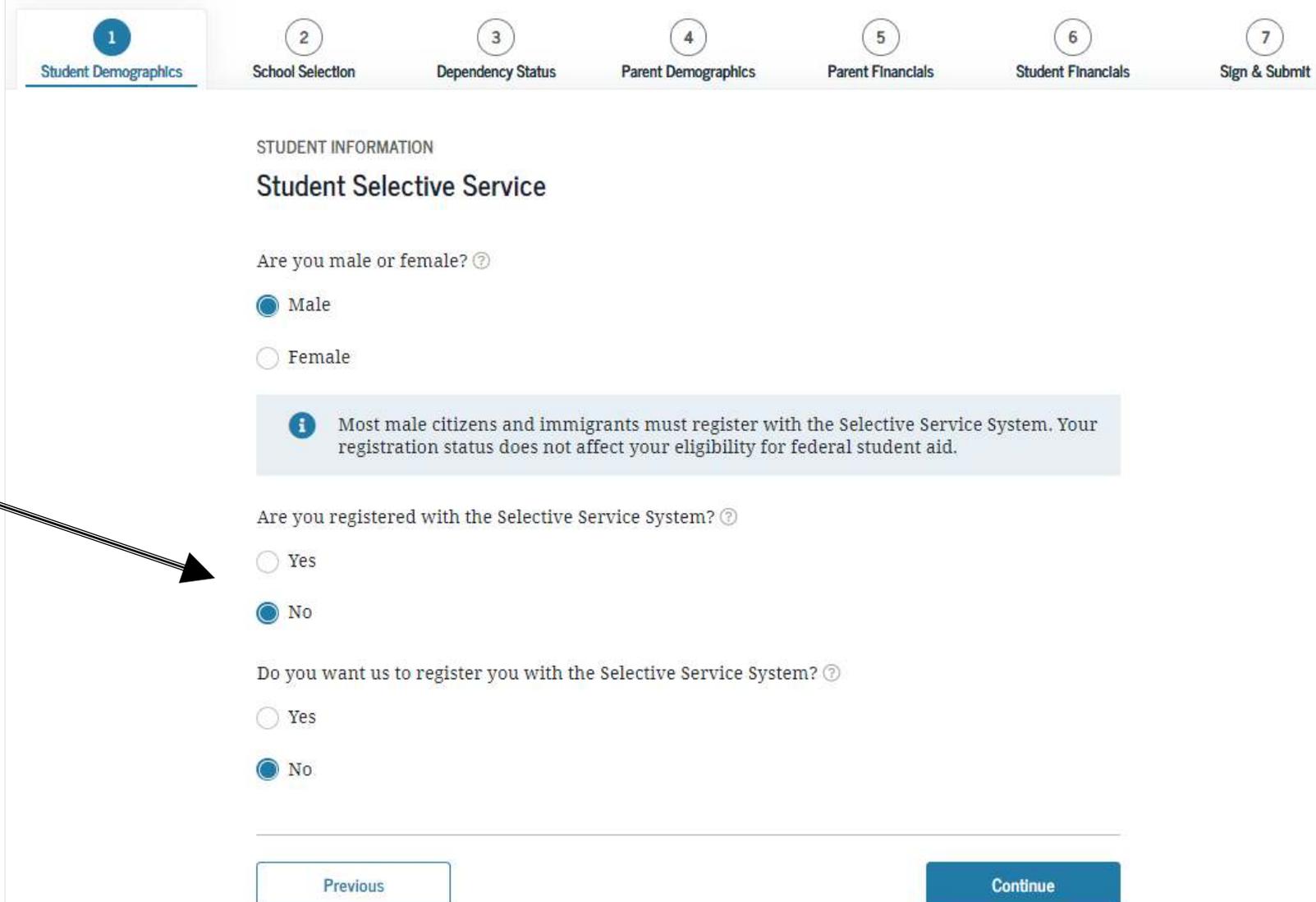
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- **Male or female:** This is based on your sex at birth as indicated on your birth certificate.

**Selective Service is no longer required to qualify for state or federal financial aid, but the question remains on the FAFSA and allows you to register via the FAFSA form.**



The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (highlighted), 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Selective Service'. The first question is 'Are you male or female?' with radio buttons for 'Male' (selected) and 'Female'. Below this is an information box stating: 'Most male citizens and immigrants must register with the Selective Service System. Your registration status does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid.' The second question is 'Are you registered with the Selective Service System?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No' (selected). The third question is 'Do you want us to register you with the Selective Service System?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No' (selected). At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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- **Driver's License:** A driver's license is not required to complete the application but can help prevent identity theft. Driving record and parking tickets do not affect eligibility for financial aid.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the Student Demographics section. At the top, a progress bar shows six steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), and Student Financials (6). The main content area is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Driver's License". It contains two input fields: "Your Driver's License Number (if you have one)" with a text box and a help icon, and "Your Driver's License State" with a dropdown menu showing "Select" and a help icon. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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**You will be asked: “Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?”**

→ Answer YES to this question, even if you were only in foster care for one day. Answering yes may give you access to more support to help you in college.

[Note: This question is not on CADAA]

**It is fine to select “Other/unknown” for “Highest School Completed by Parent.”**

→ Parent does not refer to a legal guardian or foster parent.

→ How you answer does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA Parent Demographics section, which is the fourth step in a sequence of six steps. The steps are: 1. Student Demographics, 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics (current step), 5. Parent Financials, and 6. Student Financials. The current section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion". It contains three questions, each with a help icon (question mark in a circle):

- Question 1: "Are you a foster youth or were you in the foster care system at any time?" with radio button options for "Yes" and "No".
- Question 2: "What's the highest school completed by Parent 1?" with a dropdown menu currently showing "Select".
- Question 3: "What's the highest school completed by Parent 2?" with a dropdown menu currently showing "Select".

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Previous" (light blue) and "Continue" (dark blue).

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Eligibility Worksheet

Have you ever received federal student aid? [?](#)

Yes

No

Have you been convicted of the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study funds, and/or loans)? [?](#)

Yes

No

Have all of your federal or state drug-related convictions been removed from your record? [?](#)

Yes

No

Did the offense for possessing or selling illegal drugs occur during a period of enrollment for which you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study funds, and/or loans)? [?](#)

Yes

No

Have you completed an acceptable drug rehabilitation program since your last conviction? [?](#)

Yes

No

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### Student Eligibility Worksheet-

If this is not your first year of college, you will be asked if you have ever received federal student aid.

- If **yes**, you will be asked if you have been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred *while* receiving federal student aid.
- If **yes**, you will be asked several additional questions. While these questions remain on the FAFSA, they no longer impact your eligibility for federal financial aid

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

## Student Eligibility Worksheet Continued-

*If* you answered that you were convicted of the possession or sale of illegal drugs while receiving federal student aid you will be asked additional questions.

While these questions remain on the FAFSA, they no longer affect a student's eligibility for federal student aid.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Student Eligibility Worksheet Convictions

How many convictions do you have for possessing drugs?

 ?

What was the date of your conviction for possessing drugs?

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text" value="01"/>	<input type="text" value="01"/>	<input type="text" value="2019"/>

 ?

How many convictions do you have for selling drugs?

 ?

**i** Based on the answers you provided, we have determined that your eligibility for federal student aid is not affected by the previous question(s).

If you are convicted of possessing or selling drugs after you submit your FAFSA form, a recent federal law states that students are eligible for federal student aid even if their conviction is for the sale or possession of illegal drugs while receiving student aid.

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SECTION 2 OF THE FAFSA:

# SCHOOL SELECTION

# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- If you indicated that you are still in high school or have completed your high school diploma in the "Student Demographics" section, when you get to the "School Selection" section, you will see this screen asking you to provide the name, city and state of that high school.
- **Important:** Use the search function to find your high school. This will help to ensure that your GPA is correctly matched when it is submitted by your high school
- You will not be prompted to answer this question if you indicated that you received a GED certificate or state-authorized high school equivalent certificate in the prior section.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Your High School' section of the FAFSA application. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (active), 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the heading 'STUDENT INFORMATION' is followed by 'Add Your High School'. A green success message states 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this, two informational messages are displayed: one explaining that 'you' and 'your' refer to the student, and another instructing the user to enter search criteria and click 'Search.' The search form includes a dropdown menu for 'State / Province / Territory' with 'Select' as the current option and a note 'My country is not listed'. There are also optional input fields for 'City' and 'High School Name'. A blue 'Search' button is highlighted with a red box, and a 'Previous' button is visible at the bottom left.

# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

## High School Search Results:

- **Important:** Use the search function to find your high school. This will help to ensure that your GPA is correctly matched when it is submitted by your high school.
- Select the correct high school from the list and select Continue.

Search Results 1 to 10 of 100.

SORT BY: [Best Match](#) [A-Z](#)

<input type="radio"/>	School Without Walls Hs Washington, DC
<input type="radio"/>	Archbishop Carroll High School Washington, DC
<input type="radio"/>	Capital City High School Pcs Washington, DC
<input type="radio"/>	Gonzaga College High School Washington, DC
<input type="radio"/>	Hospitality High School Washington, DC
<input type="radio"/>	St Johns College High School Washington, DC
<input type="radio"/>	Academy for Ideal Education Middle/Hs Washington, DC
<input type="radio"/>	Anacostia Hs Washington, DC
<input type="radio"/>	Ballou Hs Washington, DC
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[I can't find my school](#)

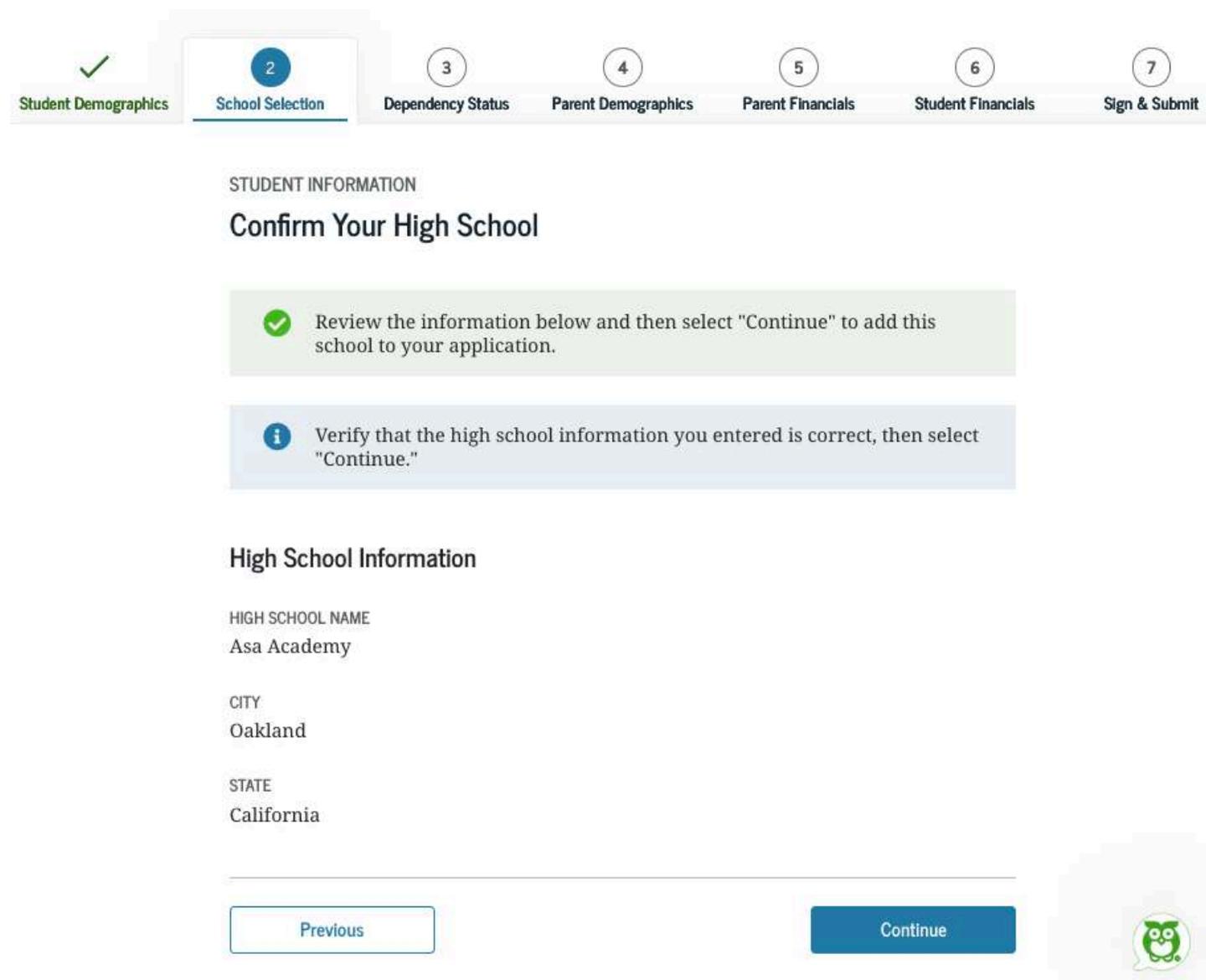
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# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

## Confirm your high school:

- **Make sure that the high school listed is correct and select continue.**
- If the high school is not correct, use the “start new search” option to search again.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA application process at the 'School Selection' step. A progress bar at the top indicates the current step (2) and previous steps (1: Student Demographics, 3: Dependency Status, 4: Parent Demographics, 5: Parent Financials, 6: Student Financials, 7: Sign & Submit). The main heading is 'STUDENT INFORMATION Confirm Your High School'. Below this, there are two informational boxes: a green one with a checkmark icon stating 'Review the information below and then select "Continue" to add this school to your application.' and a blue one with an information icon stating 'Verify that the high school information you entered is correct, then select "Continue."' The 'High School Information' section displays the following details: HIGH SCHOOL NAME: Asa Academy, CITY: Oakland, and STATE: California. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons, and a small owl icon in the bottom right corner.

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STUDENT INFORMATION  
Confirm Your High School

Review the information below and then select "Continue" to add this school to your application.

Verify that the high school information you entered is correct, then select "Continue."

High School Information

HIGH SCHOOL NAME  
Asa Academy

CITY  
Oakland

STATE  
California

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- Search for and select up to 10 colleges that you may want to attend. Information from the FAFSA will be sent to the schools you have selected.
- You can update or change school selections later if your plans change or you're just not sure yet.
- You must select at least one college to continue with the FAFSA.
- You do not need to have applied for admission yet to the colleges you list.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'SCHOOL SELECTION' section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (active), 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit.

The main heading is 'SCHOOL SELECTION' with a sub-heading 'College Search'. Below this, there are three informational messages:

- Message 1:** TestE, based on the information you provided, we've determined that you may qualify for federal student aid. Continue through the application for us to determine how much aid you can receive.
- Message 2:** Here's where you'll search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA® information. You can add up to 10 colleges at a time to your FAFSA form. [Learn what to do if you're applying to more than 10 colleges.](#) **Make sure you add ALL colleges you're interested in, even if you haven't applied or been accepted yet.**
- Message 3:** Complete the fields below to search for a college to add to your FAFSA® form. Need help refining your search? [Try these search tips.](#)

The search form has two tabs: 'Search by School Name, City, State' (selected) and 'Search by Federal School Code'. The form includes the following fields:

- State:** A dropdown menu with 'Select' and a question mark icon.
- City - optional:** A text input field with a question mark icon.
- School Name - optional:** A text input field with a question mark icon.

A blue 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the form. Below the form, there is a 'Previous' button.

# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- Select the college to add and click continue
- Be careful when selecting your colleges. Some college names are very similar and it's easy to get them confused.
- Costs vary by college type. State colleges and universities are generally the most affordable; private vocational/trade schools can be costly. Ask for help if needed to make selections.
- Be sure to list each UC or CSU campus to which you are applying for admission separately in this section.

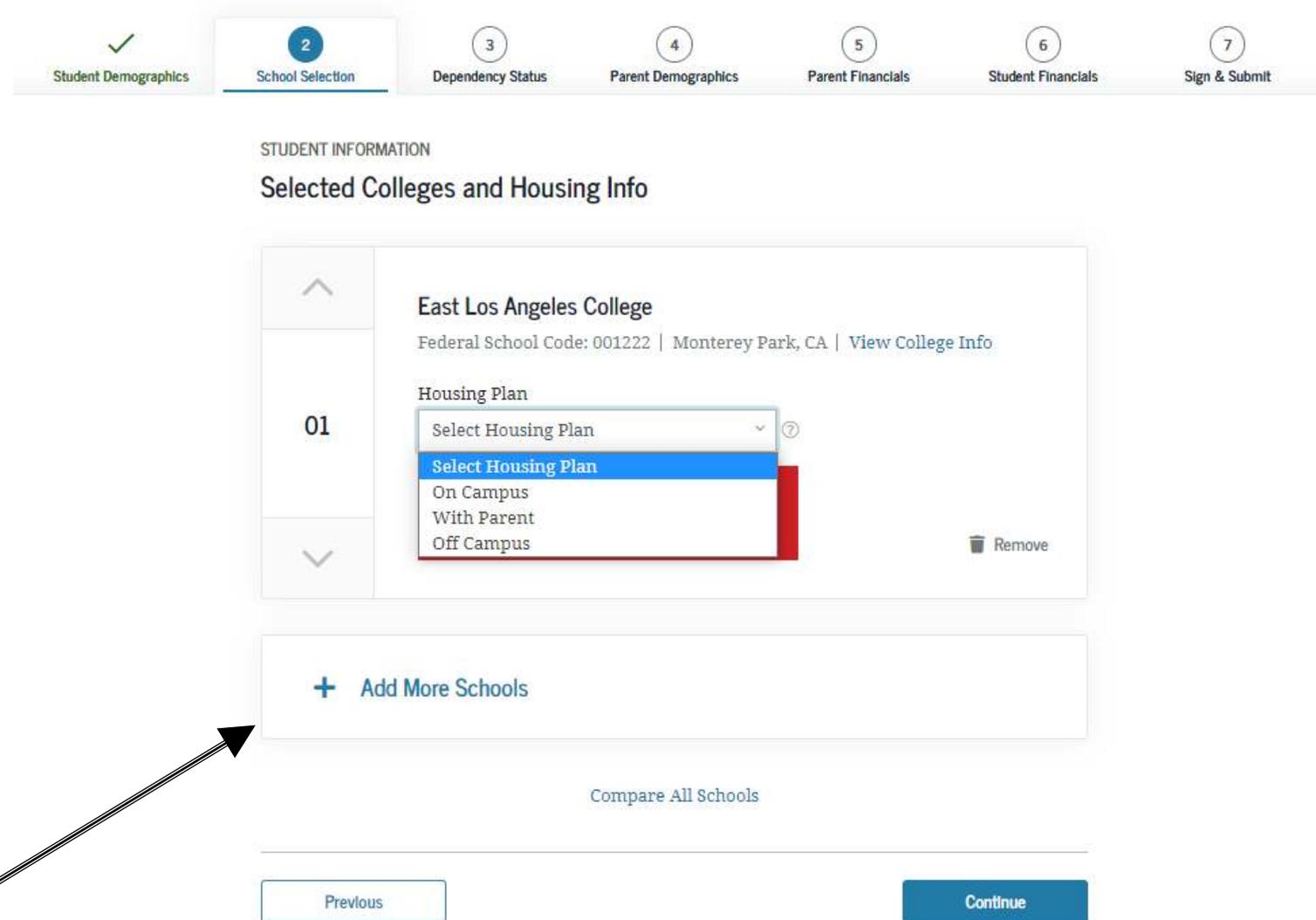
Search Results 1 to 10 of 39.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Howard University</b> Federal School Code: 001448   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>American University</b> Federal School Code: 001434   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Catholic University of America</b> Federal School Code: 001437   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gallaudet University</b> Federal School Code: 001443   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>George Washington University</b> Federal School Code: 011950   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Georgetown University</b> Federal School Code: 001445   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Georgetown University - Graduate School</b> Federal School Code: E01671   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Southeastern University</b> Federal School Code: 001456   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Strayer University</b> Federal School Code: 001459   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>

# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- You are then asked to indicate your housing plans for each campus. Most four-year universities or colleges offer on-campus housing, but only a few community colleges in California do.
- **Do NOT** select “With Parent” as your housing plan if you plan to live with a foster parent, resource parent or legal guardian. **Instead, select “Off-Campus.” This is crucial for maximizing your financial aid.**
- Note that the order in which you list the colleges does not make a difference in California.
- To add additional colleges, select “Add More Schools”



The screenshot displays the FAFSA 'School Selection' step. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (active), 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit.

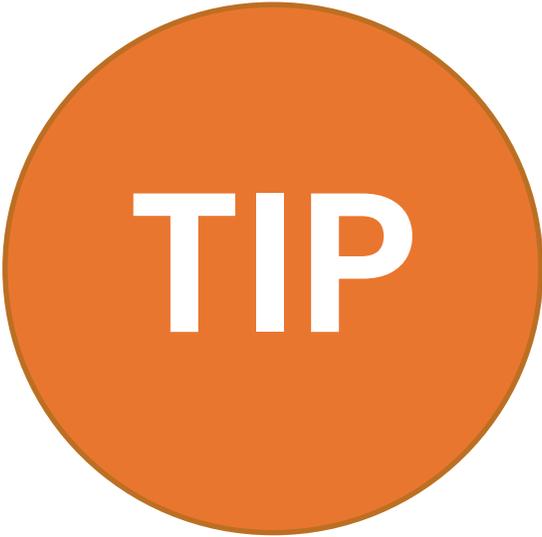
The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Selected Colleges and Housing Info'. It shows a list of selected colleges. The first entry is 'East Los Angeles College' with Federal School Code: 001222, located in Monterey Park, CA. A 'View College Info' link is provided.

Below the college name is a 'Housing Plan' dropdown menu. The dropdown is open, showing the following options: 'Select Housing Plan' (highlighted in blue), 'On Campus', 'With Parent', and 'Off Campus'. A red vertical bar is visible on the right side of the dropdown menu.

To the right of the dropdown menu is a 'Remove' button with a trash icon.

Below the college entry is a '+ Add More Schools' button. At the bottom of the page, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

An arrow from the text 'To add additional colleges, select “Add More Schools”' in the list points to the '+ Add More Schools' button.



**TIP**

**You can send your FAFSA to additional schools after your FAFSA has been processed.**

After the FAFSA has been processed and you have received your Student Aid Report (SAR) or SAR Notification, you can submit the FAFSA to an additional 10 colleges, if necessary, by replacing the original set of 10 colleges with a new set of up to 10 colleges. Your original set of 10 colleges will still receive their copy of your FAFSA information. Repeat this process as many times as necessary, each time waiting until you receive the SAR or SAR Notification. You can do this by visiting [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) or by calling 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). You may need the Data Retrieval Number (DRN) from your SAR.

SECTION 3 OF THE FAFSA:

# DEPENDENCY STATUS

# Dependency Determination

- Students who are determined to be independent do not need to provide information about parents.
- For independent students, eligibility for financial aid is based on the student's income only (and spouse if applicable)
- Students who will be 24 years old or older as of January 1 of the year for which they are applying for aid are automatically independent and will not be asked the questions in this section. (e.g., if you plan to start school in August 2022, will you be 24 or older as of January 1, 2022)

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

## Marital Status:

Your legal status is “single” if you are not married, even if you live with or have a boyfriend, girlfriend or significant other.

Married students are considered independent and will not have to fill out the Parent sections

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the Dependency Status section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (active), Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the heading 'SCHOOL SELECTION' is followed by 'Student Marital Status'. A green success message states 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this, an information icon and text note that 'you' and 'your' refer to the student. A question asks 'What is your marital status as of today?' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Single'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

This section is asking to determine if the student has any dependents. If you have dependents, you will be considered “independent” on the FAFSA and will not have to fill out the Parent section and will automatically skip the questions on the next slide.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the Dependency Status section. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (active, highlighted with a blue circle and number 3), Parent Demographics (numbered 4), Parent Financials (numbered 5), Student Financials (numbered 6), and Sign & Submit (numbered 7). Below the progress bar, the section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and asks "Does the student have dependents?". Under "Dependent Children", it asks "Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023?". The "Yes" radio button is selected. Below this, it asks "How many children will receive over half of their support from you?" with a text input field containing the number "2". Under "Other Dependents", it asks "Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2023?". The "No" radio button is selected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Does the student have dependents?

Dependent Children

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023? ⓘ

Yes  
 No

How many children will receive over half of their support from you?

2 ⓘ

Other Dependents

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2023? ⓘ

Yes  
 No

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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

## Student Household Info:

This screen only appears if you indicate that you have children or are married.

The numbers for you, and if you indicated that you are married or have children, your spouse and children will automatically populate on this screen.

Your siblings, other relatives, family of origin, foster family, or others who live with you are not included in household size.

**Number in College:** Enter "1" for number in college unless you have a spouse or children who will also be attending college at least half-time.

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STUDENT INFORMATION  
Student Household Info

 Your household size is 3.  
You: 1 Your Children: 2

**Number in College**  
Out of the 3 people in your household (as shown above), how many will be college students between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023? **Include yourself in this number.**

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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

*If you are under 24, not married and do not have children, you will be asked additional questions.*

If any of these are true for you, check the appropriate box. If you can check any of these, you will not be asked about homeless status as you will already have independent status.

Otherwise, select "none of the above."

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the Dependency Status section. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (active, circled in blue), Parent Demographics (circled in grey), Parent Financials (circled in grey), Student Financials (circled in grey), and Sign & Submit (circled in grey). Below the progress bar, the heading "SCHOOL SELECTION" is followed by "Student Additional Dependency Questions". A sub-heading reads: "Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA® form. Select all that apply or 'None of the above.'" There are five checkboxes with the following text: "Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?", "Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?", "At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?", "As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?", and "Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?". The "None of the above" option is selected with a blue checkmark. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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SCHOOL SELECTION

### Student Additional Dependency Questions

Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA® form. Select all that apply or "None of the above." ⓘ

- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- None of the above

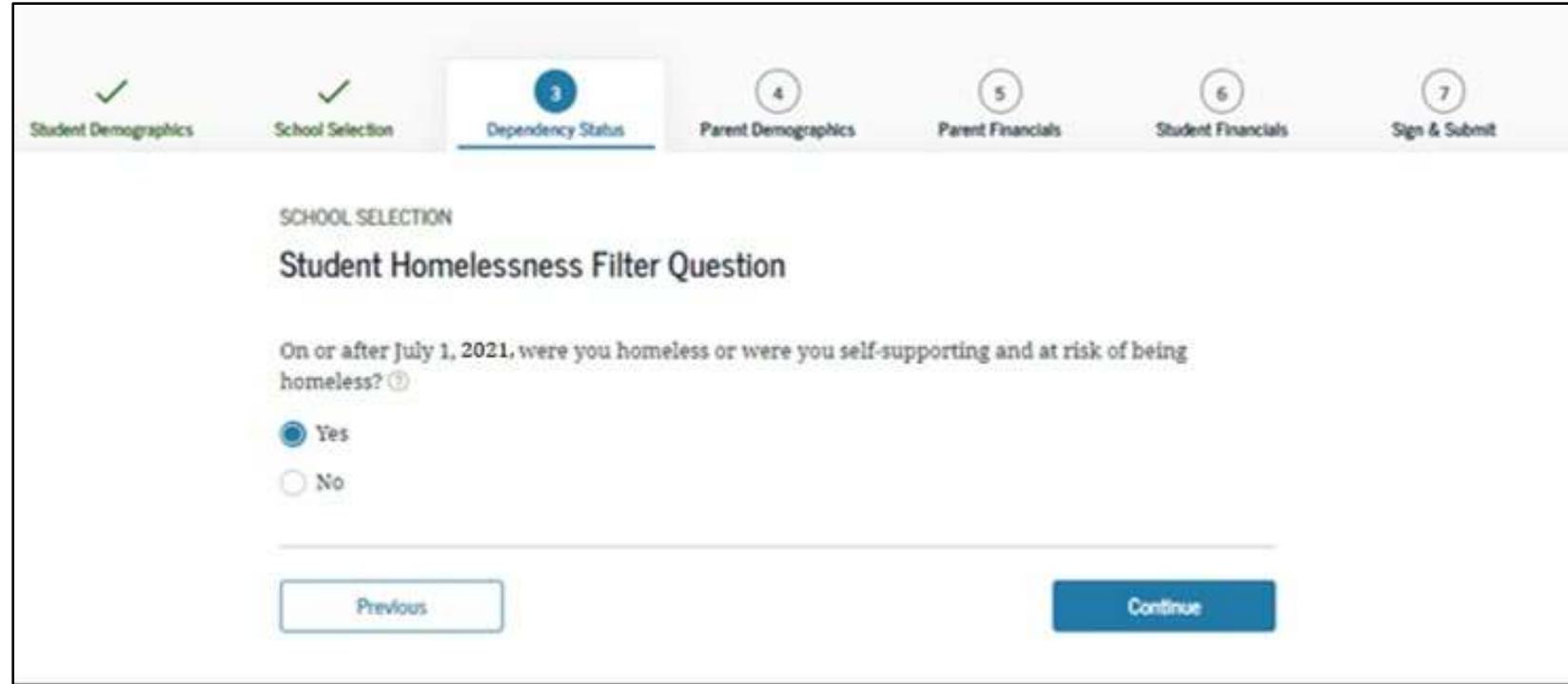
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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you selected “none of the above,” you will be asked whether on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the award year, you were homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. **If you are planning to start college in Fall 2022, you would have been homeless any time after 7/1/21 to answer yes.**

Answering “yes” to this question will give the student “independent student status.”

See the next two slides for more information about what living circumstances qualify a student to answer yes.



The screenshot displays the FAFSA application progress bar at the top, with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (active), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6), and Sign & Submit (7). Below the progress bar, the section is titled "SCHOOL SELECTION" and "Student Homelessness Filter Question". The question asks: "On or after July 1, 2021, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?" with a help icon. There are two radio button options: "Yes" (selected) and "No". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

# Definition of Homeless Youth on the FAFSA:

A Student Must be Unaccompanied AND either Homeless OR Self-Supporting & at risk of being homeless

## Unaccompanied =

Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian



## Homeless =

Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing  
(Learn more on the next page)

OR

## Self-supporting AND at risk of being homeless =

When a student pays for his own living expenses, including fixed, regular, & adequate housing AND when a student's housing may cease to be fixed, regular, & adequate; for example, a student who is being evicted and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing

**Note:** A student living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent may be considered homeless even if the parent would provide support and a place to live.

# Who is Included in the definition of homelessness?

**Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing includes students who:**

- (i) are staying with other people temporarily due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (i.e., couch-surfing)
- (ii) are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- (iii) are living in emergency shelters
- (iv) are living in their car, sleeping outside, or staying someplace not normally meant for human habitation.

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

If the student selected “yes,” they will then be asked who will provide a homeless youth determination.

Students should try to get a determination letter from one of the three entities listed.

Note: The listed individuals are permitted to continue to make determinations in subsequent years if they have access to the information necessary to make such a determination.

*If the student cannot get a determination from any of the listed parties, select “None of the above” and go to page 62. The student can still verify homeless status through their college’s financial aid office.*

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Homelessness Questions

At any time on or after July 1, 2020, did you receive a determination from any of the entities listed below that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Select all that apply or “None of the above.”<sup>?</sup>

Your high school or school district homeless liaison

The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program

None of the above

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# Template for Determination Letter



## SchoolHouse Connection:

[www.schoolhouseconnection.org/sample-form-letter-to-determine-the-independent-student-status-of-unaccompanied-homeless-youth/](http://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/sample-form-letter-to-determine-the-independent-student-status-of-unaccompanied-homeless-youth/)

*\*Make sure to use the letter for the correct academic year*

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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you selected “None of the above,” you will be instructed to go see your college Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) to determine whether you meet the definition of homeless or at risk of being homeless. Click “Continue.”

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

**Important:** You indicated you are homeless or at risk of being homeless, and you answered “None of the above” when presented with the specific homeless questions. Read on for more information.

#### Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

Your financial aid administrator can decide that you meet both of the following conditions necessary to be considered homeless and, therefore, do not need to provide parental information:

- **You are homeless**, or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. Homeless means you are lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide a place to live.
- **You are unaccompanied**, which means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent(s) or guardian(s).

If you believe that you meet these conditions and would like to follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend, select **Continue**.

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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

Your Expected Family Contribution will not be calculated until the FAA makes the determination that you meet the homeless conditions and are therefore not required to provide parental information.

You **MUST** follow up with the financial aid office to verify your homeless status for your aid to be processed.

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SCHOOL SELECTION

### Impact of Not Providing Parent Information

If you continue to complete the application without providing parent information, the following will occur:

- We will **not** transfer any parent information from your last year's application into this year's FAFSA® form.
- We will **not** calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which colleges use to determine your financial aid package.
- You may be limited in the types of federal student aid that you are eligible to receive.
- You must follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend in order to find out how much student aid you are eligible to receive.

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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

You must verify that you will not be providing parental information.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless Acknowledgement

Choose the appropriate option below based on your circumstances. ?

- I am unaccompanied and either homeless or at risk of being homeless, and will not provide information about my parent(s).
- I will provide information about my parent(s).

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# Information Regarding Homeless Determinations

FAAs can get assistance with making the determination by contacting college access programs, social workers, etc.

If the FAA is making the determination & there is no written documentation available, the determination may be based on a documented interview with the student

If a student receives a determination from a local liaison, or RHYA-funded or HUD-funded shelter or transitional living program, the FAA must accept this determination

A student living in the school dormitory may still be considered an unaccompanied homeless youth if the student would be homeless otherwise

A new determination must be made each year for the FAFSA

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

- If you were determined to be **"Independent"** you will **not** be required to complete the Parent Demographics and Financials sections.
- You can answer "No" to skip questions about your parents.
- Answering "No" will not prevent you from getting financial aid.

**YOU WILL NEXT GO DIRECTLY TO SECTION 6, SKIPPING SECTIONS 4&5 (PARENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND FINANCIALS)**

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Independent Student Status

You are considered an **"independent"** student. This means you are not required to answer questions about your parents.

However, you may want to answer questions about your parents if

- you are a law school or health profession student (such as a medical or nursing student), or
- your school requires parental information from all students.

Would you like to answer questions about your parents? ?

Yes

No

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## SECTION 6 OF THE FAFSA:

# Student Financials

These instructions are for students with “Independent Status.” Dependent students will need to also provide parent information.

Option a). If you select “*Already Completed*” IRS Income Tax Return (page 69-85)

Option b). If you select “*Will File*” IRS Income Tax Return (page 86-88)

Option c). If you select “*Not Going to File*” IRS Income Tax Return (page 89-95)

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Pay careful attention to which year's income, tax and asset information you have to report in this section. FAFSA uses income and tax information from the "prior-prior" year.

**Ex. The 2022/2023 FAFSA which is filled out between October 1, 2021 – March 2, 2022 will ask for 2020 tax & income information.**

Asset information is based on the date the FAFSA is filed.

You will be asked if you completed your IRS income tax return for the appropriate year.

You must select one of three options:

- Already completed
- Will file
- Not going to file

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface. At the top, a progress bar indicates the current step is 'Student Financials' (6), with previous steps like 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', and 'Parent Financials' marked as complete with green checkmarks. The current step is highlighted with a blue circle and underline. The next step is 'Sign & Submit' (7).

The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Tax Filing Status'. A yellow warning box states: 'Attention! You must provide financial information from your 2020 tax return on the following pages.' Below this, an information box notes: 'Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.'

The primary question is: 'For 2020, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?'. A dropdown menu is open, showing four options: 'Select' (highlighted in blue), 'Already completed', 'Will file', and 'Not going to file'. A red box highlights the entire question and dropdown menu area.

At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

# Option a).

## If you select *“Already Completed”*

# IRS Income Tax Return

If you filed taxes for the selected year, select this option.

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## If you select “Already Completed”:

Select “Proceed to the IRS” to transfer your federal income tax return information directly into the FAFSA from the IRS using their “Data Retrieval Tool” (DRT).

- To protect security of tax information, you will not be able to see the actual information that is being transmitted.
- You can manually enter the information from your federal income tax return, however it is recommended to use the IRS DRT to prevent errors
- If you don’t have a copy of your tax return, you can download a free transcript at [irs.gov/transcript](https://irs.gov/transcript) or request a federal income tax return transcript by filing IRS Form 4506-T, which can be found at [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf). If you see a reference to a \$50 fee, it means you have IRS Form 4506 instead of IRS Form 4506-T.



### Attention!

You must provide financial information from your **2020 tax return** on the following pages.



Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, “you” and “your” always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

For 2020, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed



What income tax return did you file for 2020?

IRS Form 1040



For 2020, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Single



RECOMMENDED

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA® form with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)!

For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS website or on the FAFSA® form.

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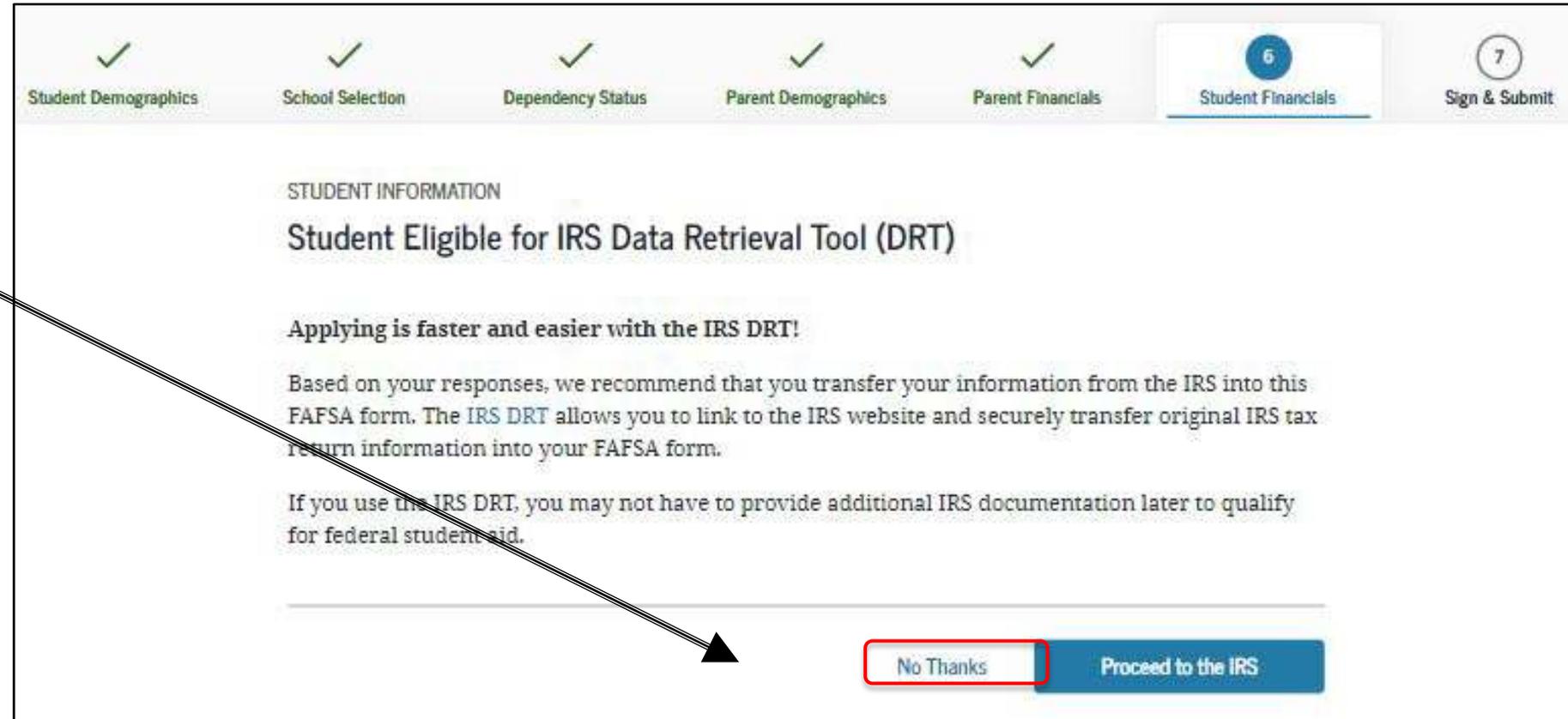
Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually

Proceed to the IRS >

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## “Student Financial Information” page.

If the student clicked on “Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually” and then selects “No Thanks” for using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, they will be asked to manually respond to questions about income and tax information from their federal income tax return.



The screenshot displays the FAFSA progress bar at the top with the following steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (checked), Parent Financials (checked), Student Financials (active, highlighted with a blue circle and number 6), and Sign & Submit (7). Below the progress bar, the page title is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student Eligible for IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)". The main text reads: "Applying is faster and easier with the IRS DRT! Based on your responses, we recommend that you transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA form. The IRS DRT allows you to link to the IRS website and securely transfer original IRS tax return information into your FAFSA form. If you use the IRS DRT, you may not have to provide additional IRS documentation later to qualify for federal student aid." At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "No Thanks" (highlighted with a red box) and "Proceed to the IRS" (blue button). A black arrow points from the text in the left box to the "No Thanks" button.

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- ***Student Leaving Your FAFSA Form*** will display when going to the IRS website if you select to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (which is recommended).
- It will inform you that your IRS tax information will not display, for your protection.
- Click **“Proceed to the IRS”** or **“Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually”** if you would like to enter the information manually

The screenshot shows the FAFSA progress bar at the top with seven steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials (highlighted with a blue circle and the number 6), and Sign & Submit (with a circled number 7). Below the progress bar, the heading reads "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student Leaving Your FAFSA® Form". The main text explains that the user's FAFSA form will delete their current IRS tax information and replace it with data from their tax return. It also states that the user is being transferred to the IRS website to access their tax information and that their FAFSA information will be saved. A final paragraph notes that the saved FAFSA form will automatically open either when the user transfers their information from the IRS or chooses to return to their FAFSA form from the IRS website. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually" and "Proceed to the IRS".

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Next, you will be taken to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool Site.

- A warning text appears as the IRS Data Retrieval Tool site is displayed.
- Click "OK"



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## Get My Federal Income Tax Information

See our [Privacy Notice](#) regarding our request for your personal information.

Enter the following information from your 2020 Federal Income Tax Return.

All fields are required unless marked otherwise.

**First Name**  
First

**Last Name**  
Last

**Social Security Number**  
No input required  
\*\*\*-\*\*-2017

**Date of Birth**  
MM/DD/YYYY  
01/01/1999

**Filing Status**  
Single

**Street Address**  
Must match your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return  
123 Oakdale Dr.

**P.O. Box**  
Required if entered on your tax return

**Apartment Number**  
Required if entered on your tax return

**Country**  
United States

**City, Town or Post Office**  
Coralville

**State / U.S. Territory**  
Iowa

**ZIP Code**  
52317

By submitting this information, you certify that you are the person identified. Use of this system to access another person's information may result in civil and criminal penalties.

**SUBMIT**

Select the button below to exit the IRS system and return to your FAFSA.

**CANCEL**

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**IRS Data Retrieval Tool:** The fields at the top are pre-filled based on FAFSA responses. The Social Security Number cannot be updated.

Provide the address that matches your **Federal Income Tax Return for the requested year** and click "Submit."

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## IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 2:

- Check the “Transfer My Tax Information...” box and click “Transfer Now” to carry this data back into your FAFSA
- OR**
- Check the “Do Not Transfer...” box and click “Do Not Transfer” to discontinue use of the IRS DRT

You are again notified on this page that the information will not display on the IRS page or on the fafsa.ed.gov site.

**2020 Federal Income Tax Information**

[Edit Data](#)

Based on the information you provided, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) located your income tax return. With your permission below, the IRS will securely transfer your tax information to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to populate any applicable FAFSA® questions.

For your protection, the IRS will not display your tax information and will further encrypt any tax information transferred using the IRS DRT; therefore, ED is unable to display your tax information on your FAFSA form.

The data retrieved from your tax return is limited to the items listed below as you reported to the IRS:

Tax Year	Type of Return Filed	Untaxed Portion of IRA Distributions & Pensions/Annuities
Name(s)	Adjusted Gross Income	Tax-exempt Interest Income
Social Security Number	Income Earned from Work	IRA Deductions and Payments
Filing Status	Income Tax	Status of Amended Returns Received
IRS Exemptions	Education Credits	Schedule 1 Evaluation

Refer to your tax records if you have a question about the values you reported.

**Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA Form** [?](#)

The tax information provided to fafsa.gov will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions. After the FAFSA questions are populated, your IRS session will end, and you will return to your FAFSA form. Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.

**TRANSFER NOW** [?](#)

**Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA Form** [?](#)

By clicking the “Do Not Transfer” button, you are choosing not to transfer your tax information electronically. Your IRS session will end, and you will return to your FAFSA form.

**DO NOT TRANSFER** [?](#)

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# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## “Student IRS Info”

After the data has been transferred from the IRS DRT it will show as “Transferred from the IRS.” This data cannot be changed or viewed.

If you do not use the IRS DRT, the FAFSA tells you on what line of your tax return you can find the requested information

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application progress bar at the top, with steps 1 through 5 completed (marked with green checkmarks) and step 6, "Student Financials", currently active (marked with a blue circle). Step 7, "Sign & Submit", is also visible. Below the progress bar, the page title is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student IRS Info". A green confirmation message states: "You have successfully transferred your 2020 IRS tax information. Your IRS tax information has been successfully transferred into this FAFSA® form. Questions that were populated with tax information will be marked with 'Transferred from the IRS.' For your protection, IRS tax return information is not displayed on the FAFSA form." Below this message is a question: "What was your adjusted gross income for 2020?". The answer field contains the text "Transferred from the IRS" and is highlighted with a red rectangular box. An arrow from the text box on the left points to this box. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

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If you do not use the IRS DRT, the FAFSA tells you on what line of your tax return you can find the requested information

If asked, select No to the question “Did you file and IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1035 for 2020).” This form only applies to individuals in a legal business partnership.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Financials' section. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (checked), Parent Financials (checked), Student Financials (active, highlighted with a blue circle and underline), and Sign & Submit (circled with a 7). Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Income from Work'. The main question is 'How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?'. A dropdown menu is open, showing the selected option 'Transferred from the IRS' with a question mark icon. Below this, there is a question: 'Did you file an IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) for 2020?'. Two radio buttons are present: 'Yes' (unselected) and 'No' (selected). At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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## Student Simplified Path Determination (part 1):

You may be asked if you filed a "Schedule 1" with your taxes, which is a form used to report certain types of income including unemployment benefits and self-employment income (including "gig" work such as Uber driving) as well as certain types of less common deductions. This question is used to determine if you can skip questions related to assets (the "simplified path").

**If you use the IRS DRT, this may show as "Transferred from the IRS".**

**Note that if you did file a Schedule 1, you can still answer "no" if the only income type reported on the schedule 1 was unemployment benefits or other less common income types noted on the screen. If you answer no, go to slide 79.**

If you did file a Schedule 1, or think you may have, and select "yes" or "don't know," you will be asked additional questions to determine if you qualify for the simplified path. First, you will be asked if you are a dislocated worker. You can answer "yes" if you

- were laid off, are receiving unemployment benefits, and are unlikely to return to your previous occupation or
- if you lost self-employment because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you answer "no" or "don't know" you will be asked the questions on the following slide.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface. At the top, there is a progress bar with five steps: School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), and Student Financials (6, highlighted). Below the progress bar, the section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Simplified Path Determination". The main question asks: "You indicated that you filed an IRS Form 1040. Did you file a Schedule 1? Select No if you did not file a Schedule 1 or only filed a Schedule 1 to report: unemployment compensation, educator expenses, IRA deduction, student loan interest deduction, or Alaska Permanent Fund dividend. Learn more about Schedule 1." The options are radio buttons for Yes, No, and Don't know, with "Don't know" selected. Below this is another question: "As of today, are you a dislocated worker?" with options Yes, No, and Don't know. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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## Student Simplified Path Determination (part 2):

If you select “no” or “Don’t know” in response to whether you are a dislocated worker, you will be asked if you receive certain government benefits.

If you do not receive any of these benefits, select “none of the above.” You will then be asked questions about your assets, such as money in checking and savings accounts, on a later screen.

Please note that SNAP is the name of the federal food assistance program, which is known locally in California as “Cal Fresh” (aka Food Stamps). Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is known in California as CalWORKs and Medicaid is known as Medi-Cal.

Yes

No

Don't know

In 2020 or 2021, did you or anyone in your household receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below?

Select all that apply or “None of the above.” If, at the time you are completing the FAFSA form, you or anyone in your household did NOT receive any of these benefits during 2020 or 2021, but do receive any of them on or before December 31, 2021, you must return to the FAFSA form and update your response.

Answering these questions will not reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs. ⓘ

Medicaid

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

[Learn about SNAP](#) ⓘ.

Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

[Learn about TANF](#) ⓘ.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

[Learn about WIC](#) ⓘ.

None of the above

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## Student Additional IRS Info

If you use the IRS DRT, this will show as "Transferred from the IRS"

If you enter manually, the FAFSA will tell you what line to use from your tax return.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA progress bar at the top with steps 1 through 7. Step 6, 'Student Financials', is active. Below the progress bar, the page title is 'STUDENT INFORMATION Student Additional IRS Info'. The instruction reads: 'Enter the amount of your income tax for 2020.' The input field contains the text 'Transferred from the IRS'. Below the input field are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA progress bar at the top with steps 1 through 7. Step 6, 'Student Financials', is active. Below the progress bar, the page title is 'STUDENT INFORMATION Student Additional IRS Info'. The instruction reads: 'Enter the amount of your income tax for 2020. This is the total amount of IRS Form 1040—line 22 minus Schedule 2—line 2. If negative, enter a zero here.' The input field is divided into three parts: a dollar sign '\$', a text input field, and a decimal field containing '.00'. Below the input field are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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## “Student Questions for Tax Filers Only”

If you indicated that you filed taxes (regardless of whether you import data from the IRS or enter manually) you will be asked about various types of income that may have been included in the income reported on your tax return.

If you received college grants, scholarships or any payments from Americorps during the year for which you are reporting income that were included in the income reported on your taxes, you must enter the amount here to ensure that these do not count against your financial aid eligibility.

**If you use the IRS DRT**, some of these questions will show as “Transferred from the IRS.”

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Financials' section. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials (highlighted with a '6' in a circle), and Sign & Submit (highlighted with a '7' in a circle). Below the progress bar, the page title is 'STUDENT INFORMATION Student Questions for Tax Filers Only'. The main content area contains several questions with input fields:

- Question 1: "Did you have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply." Sub-question: "Combat pay or special combat pay. This should be zero for enlisted persons and warrant officers (including commissioned warrant officers) because combat pay is entirely nontaxable. Only enter taxable combat pay included in your (and, if married, your spouse's) adjusted gross income." Input field: \$ 0 .00
- Question 2: "Student college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships." Input field: \$ 0 .00
- Question 3: "Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS." Input field: Transferred from the IRS
- Question 4: "Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form." Input field: Transferred from the IRS
- Question 5: "IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form." Input field: Transferred from the IRS
- Question 6: "Tax Exempt Interest Income from IRS Form." Input field: Transferred from the IRS

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

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## Student Additional Financial Info

A **Cooperative Education Program** is a college program that allows a student to apply their classroom knowledge to a paid work experience in a field related to their academic or career goals.

If you received federal work-study, you must enter the information twice in the FAFSA so that it is subtracted when determining your total income. First, include the amount in the total provided when asked “How much did you earn from working?”

Also provide the amount in Additional Financial Info Section that says, “Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships”

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STUDENT INFORMATION  
Student Additional Financial Info

⚠ Please provide a valid response for all questions. If there is nothing to report, the answer should be zero.

Did you have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support you paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your household.

\$  .00 ?

Earnings from work under a Cooperative Education Program offered by a college.

\$  .00 ?

Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.

\$  .00 ?

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You DO NOT have to report the following information as income earned from working, or as “Untaxed Income”:

- Economic Impact Payments, or stimulus checks, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Emergency financial aid grants from the government in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. If you aren't sure, talk to your financial aid office for assistance.
- Extended Foster Care (AB 12) benefits
- Welfare (CalWORKs) payments
- Untaxed Social Security benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - do not confuse with Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

There are other less common types of untaxed income that don't need to be reported as well. Learn more within the FAFSA.

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### STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Student Untaxed Income

 Please provide a valid response for all questions. If there is nothing to report, the answer should be zero.

Did you have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.

\$  .00 

Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.

\$  .00 

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S. **Don't include** amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits).

\$  .00 

Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability; Death Pension; or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.

\$  .00 

Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, etc.

\$  .00 

Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a parent or other person whose financial information is not reported on this form and that is not part of a legal child support agreement.

\$  .00 

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# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## Student Assets:

If asked, click “Yes” to skip questions about your assets. It is not required.

If your income is over a certain threshold, you will instead be asked to provide information about your current assets such as savings, checking accounts or investments.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6, highlighted), and Sign & Submit (7). Below the progress bar, the section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Assets". The question is "Do you want to skip questions about your assets?" with a help icon. The "Yes" radio button is selected, and the "No" radio button is unselected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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### Student Assets

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? ⓘ

Yes

No

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# TIPS

## What if you received unemployment benefits?

Reporting this information on the FAFSA is complicated. We recommend you contact the FAFSA help line (see page 102) for guidance. After you submit your FAFSA, contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend to inform them that you received unemployment benefits. They may be able to adjust your income on the FAFSA to ensure you qualify for the maximum funding possible.

## What if your income has changed since 2020?

If your income has decreased since 2020, for example, you lost a job or had your hours significantly reduced, contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend. They can recalculate your financial aid award to reflect your current income.

# Option b).

## If you select *“Will File”* IRS Income Tax Return

Very few people will need to select this option. If you were required to file taxes, but missed the deadline, select this option.

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If you select **“Will file”** a tax return, indicate what your filing status will be when you do file.

A message will appear to confirm that you have missed the deadline to file taxes, but still plan to file an income tax return.

**Click “OK” if this is true.**



## STUDENT INFORMATION Student Tax Filing Status

**i** Because the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form belongs to the student, “you” and “your” always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

For 2020, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Will file

**!** You indicated that the student will file taxes. If the student has missed the 2020 tax filing deadline that was extended due to Covid-19, but still plans to file a 2020 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), select “OK.” Otherwise, change your answer.

**OK**

What income tax return will you file for 2020?

IRS Form 1040

For 2020, what will be your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Single



### IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Based on your responses, you are not eligible to transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form.

Select “Continue.”

Previous

Continue

**Remember: If a student selects “Will File” they must update their FAFSA once they have filed their federal income tax return.**

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## Student IRS Info

Either use the prior year's taxes if the information is similar to provide estimates or click "**Income Estimator**" for assistance estimating the adjusted gross income.

**Gross income** = total income paid to you before any deductions or taxes were taken out.

**\*\*\*\*You will then be asked the same questions as tax filers based on your estimations. To view the additional financial information screens that follow see pages 77-85.**

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (checked), and Sign & Submit (7). The main content area is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student IRS Info". A light blue information box contains the following text: "You indicated you 'Will file' a 2020 tax return. If your 2020 income is similar to your 2019 income, use your 2019 tax return to provide estimates for questions about your income. If your income is not similar, select 'Calculate with Income Estimator' for assistance estimating your adjusted gross income, and answer the remaining questions about your income to the best of your ability. Once you file your tax return, you must correct your FAFSA® form by changing 1) your filing status from 'Will file' to 'Already completed,' and 2) the estimated answers to the final amounts on your 2020 tax return. At that time, you may be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer your tax return information into the FAFSA form." Below this, the question "What was your adjusted gross income for 2020?" is displayed, with a subtext "This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 11." and a text input field containing "\$" and ".00" with a help icon. A link "Calculate with Income Estimator" is provided below the input field. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

# Option c).

## If you select *“Not Going to File”*

# IRS Income Tax Return

If you did not file a tax return, select this option. You will still be asked questions about any income you have earned or received.

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## STUDENT INFORMATION Student Tax Filing Status

**Attention!** You must provide financial information from your 2020 tax return on the following pages.

Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, “you” and “your” always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

For 2020, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

  
**IRS Data Retrieval Tool**  
Based on your responses, you are not eligible to transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA® form.  
[Select "Continue."](#)

Select **“Not going to file”** if you did not file a tax return for the requested year.

You may be required to submit a **Verification of Non-Filing Letter to the IRS to verify that you did not file a tax return.**

For more information about this form visit:  
[www.jbay.org/resources/irs-vnf](http://www.jbay.org/resources/irs-vnf)

**Unsure if you made enough money to file taxes?** Each year the income requirement is different. Ex. In 2020, if you were single, under 65 and your gross earned income was at least \$12,400, then you needed to file a tax return.

**Gross income** = total income paid to you before any deductions or taxes were taken out.

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## Student Income from Work

You will be asked to report how much money you made from **working**. Include the information from your W-2 forms (box numbers 1 +8).

If you did not work, enter zero. This question can't be left blank.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6, highlighted), and Sign & Submit (7). Below the progress bar, the 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section is active, displaying the title 'Student Income from Work'. The question asks, 'How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?'. The input field shows '\$' followed by a text box containing '.00' and a help icon. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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### Student Income from Work

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?

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# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## Additional Financial Info

A Cooperative Education Program is a college program that allows a student to apply their classroom knowledge to a paid work experience in a field related to their academic or career goals.

If you received federal work-study, you must enter the information twice in the FAFSA so that it is subtracted when determining your total income. First, include the amount in the total provided when asked "How much did you earn from working?"

Also provide the amount in Additional Financial Info Section that says, "Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships"

The screenshot shows the FAFSA navigation bar with steps 1-7. Step 6, 'Student Financials', is active. Below the navigation bar, the 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section is titled 'Student Additional Financial Info'. The main question is: 'Did you (or your spouse) have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.' There are three input fields, each with a dollar sign, a numeric input field containing '0', and a decimal input field containing '.00'. The third input field is highlighted with a red border. Below the input fields are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Additional Financial Info

Did you (or your spouse) have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support you (or your spouse) paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Do not include support for children in your household.

\$ 0 .00 ?

Earnings from work under a Cooperative Education Program offered by a college.

\$ 0 .00 ?

Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.

\$ 0 .00 ?

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# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## Student Untaxed Income – Part 1

You **DO NOT** have to report the following information as income earned from working, or as “Untaxed Income”:

- Economic Impact Payments, or stimulus checks, due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Emergency financial aid grants from the government in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. If you aren’t sure, talk to your financial aid office for assistance.
- Extended Foster Care (AB 12) benefits—including SILP payments or payment from a THP-Plus FC program (even if your SILP payment is sent directly to you). This also includes the infant supplement.
- Welfare (CalWORKs) payments
- Untaxed Social Security benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - do not confuse with Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

\*There are other less common types of untaxed income that do not need to be reported. Click the question mark icon after “Other Untaxed Income not reported” to see the complete list.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Untaxed Income



Please provide a valid response for all questions. If there is nothing to report, the answer should be zero.

Did you have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.

\$  .00 ?

Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.

\$  .00 ?

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S. **Don't include** amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits).

\$  .00 ?

Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability; Death Pension; or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.

\$  .00 ?

Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, etc.

\$  .00 ?

Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a parent or other person whose financial information is not reported on this form and that is not part of a legal child support agreement.

\$  .00 ?

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# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## Student Untaxed Income- Part 2

You DO have to report Unemployment Benefits under untaxed income.

**TIP: If you did receive unemployment benefits in 2020,** contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend to inform them that you received unemployment benefits. They may be able to adjust your income on the FAFSA to ensure you qualify for the maximum funding possible.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

## Student Untaxed Income



Please provide a valid response for all questions. If there is nothing to report, the answer should be zero.

Did you have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.

\$  .00 ?

Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.

\$  .00 ?

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S. **Don't include** amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits).

\$  .00 ?

Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability; Death Pension; or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.

\$  .00 ?

Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, etc.

\$  .00 ?

Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a parent or other person whose financial information is not reported on this form and that is not part of a legal child support agreement.

\$  .00 ?

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# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## Student Assets:

If asked, click “Yes” to skip questions about your assets. It is not required.

If your income is over a certain threshold, you will instead be asked to provide information about your assets such as savings or investment accounts.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with seven steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials (highlighted), and Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Assets". The question is "Do you want to skip questions about your assets?" with a help icon. The "Yes" radio button is selected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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STUDENT INFORMATION  
Student Assets

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? ⓘ

Yes  
 No

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SECTION 7 OF THE FAFSA:  
**SIGN & SUBMIT**

*The final section of the FAFSA!*

# FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

## Preparer Info:

- Are you a preparer? (This is rare)
- Select “No” even if an adult or mentor is assisting you in completing the application. They are not considered “preparers.”

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with the following steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit (7). The current page is titled "SIGN & SUBMIT" and "Preparer Info". A green success message states "Application was successfully saved." Below this is the question "Are you a paid preparer? (This is rare.)" with radio button options for "Yes" and "No". The "No" option is selected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✓ Parent Demographics ✓ Parent Financials ✓ Student Financials ✓ Sign & Submit 7

SIGN & SUBMIT

Preparer Info

✓ Application was successfully saved.

Are you a paid preparer? (This is rare.) ?

Yes

No

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# FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

- Review and check all the information from the application. It is a summary of the information you provided on the FAFSA.
- You can print a copy for your records by clicking **“Print This Page”** at the bottom.
- If everything is ok, click **“continue”** at the bottom. Your FAFSA still needs to be signed and submitted.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Sign & Submit page. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: graphics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit. The Sign & Submit step is highlighted with a blue circle containing the number 7. Below the progress bar, the text 'SIGN & SUBMIT' and 'FAFSA® Summary' are displayed. A light blue box contains an information icon and the text: 'You're not done yet! You still need to submit your FAFSA® form. After you print this page, select "Continue" to sign your FAFSA form.' Below this, a white box shows 'FAFSA Summary: 2022-23' and 'Student ID: \*\*\*\*\*3012 LA'. A 'COLLAPSE ALL ^' link is visible. The main content is a table titled 'SECTION 1 Student Demographics' with a collapse icon. The table lists the following information:

SECTION 1 Student Demographics	
Student's Social Security Number (question 8)	*****3012
Student's First Name (question 2), Student's Middle Initial (question 3)	Brian
Student's Last Name (question 1)	Lastname
Student's Date of Birth (question 9)	11/02/2003
Student's Email Address (question 13)	newuser@fafsademo.com
Student's Telephone Number (question 10)	
Student's Permanent Mailing Address (question 4)	1122 STRAIGHT STREET

# FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

**Agreement of Terms-** Read and check the box indicating agreement with the signing statement and click "Sign and Submit FAFSA Form".

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit (highlighted with a blue circle and the number 7). Below the progress bar, the heading "SIGN & SUBMIT" is followed by "Read Before Proceeding". A light blue information box contains the text: "Carefully read and acknowledge whether you agree to our terms outlined below by selecting the checkbox at the bottom of this page. Select 'Sign and Submit FAFSA Form.'" Below this is a white box with the following text: "By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you" followed by a list of five items: 1. will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education, 2. are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, 3. do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, 4. will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and 5. will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time. At the bottom of this box, it says: "By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, 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" followed by a list of two items: 1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and 2. U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

The screenshot shows the agreement terms. The text reads: "By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, 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" followed by a list of two items: 1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and 2. U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file. Below this is a white box with the following text: "You also certify that you understand that the secretary of education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies." Below this is another white box with the following text: "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 purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both." Below this is a checkbox that is checked, with the text: "I, T Perez, agree to the terms outlined above." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Sign and Submit FAFSA Form" (with a document icon).

# FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

## Signature Options

- If you logged into the FAFSA with an FSA ID, this page will not show and you will be directed to the “Congratulations” page [next slide].
- If you logged into the application without an FSA ID, you will be shown this signature option page. It is recommended that you create an FSA ID to sign your FAFSA form electronically and then click “Sign This FAFSA Form.”

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 'SIGN & SUBMIT' page. At the top, a progress bar shows six steps completed with green checkmarks: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, and Student Financials. The seventh step, 'Sign & Submit', is highlighted with a blue circle containing the number 7. Below the progress bar, the page title is 'SIGN & SUBMIT' followed by 'Signature Options'. The student's name is 'Anderson'. Personal information is listed: Date of Birth (08/09/2002) and Social Security Number (\*\*\*\*-1483). The main section is titled 'Enter the student's FSA ID' with a warning: 'Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the student.' There are two input fields: 'Student's FSA ID Username, Email Address, or Mobile Number' and 'Student's FSA ID Password'. The first field has a 'Forgot Username' link and a 'Create an FSA ID' link. The second field has a 'Show' button and a 'Forgot Password' link. A blue button labeled 'Sign This FAFSA Form' with a document icon is positioned below the password field. At the bottom, there are two links: 'Return to Signature Status' and 'Other Options to Sign and Submit'.

# FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

- This is your Confirmation Page to show that your FAFSA is submitted! It provides your confirmation number and Data Release Number (DRN), should there be any issues.
- If possible, print and save a copy of this page for your records.
- A copy will be sent via email.
- You'll be notified in 3-5 days that it was processed.
- If you need to make any changes, you must wait until you receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). This may take a few days to a few weeks after filing your FAFSA.

## Congratulations, Brian!

Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

09/28/2021 09:31:45

Confirmation Number: F 11220423803

Data Release Number (DRN): 9999

### Here's what happens next:

- You will receive an email version of this page.
- In 3–5 business days, you will receive an email notifying you that your FAFSA form was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the following email address:

`newuser@fafsademo.com`

Print This Page 

### Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) =999999

- The EFC is a measure of how much you can contribute to the cost of your education. Schools use your EFC to determine your federal student aid eligibility.
- The EFC is **not** how much aid you will receive or how much you have to pay for college.

### ESTIMATED ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- Based on the [eligibility criteria](#), you may be eligible for the following federal student aid:

# Free Help Completing the FAFSA

- Schoolhouse Connection: Resources for homeless students  
<https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/fafsa/>
- Live Help built into FAFSA on the Web
- U.S. Department of Education's toll-free hotline:
  - 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 1-334-523-2691
- FSA ID problems: 1-800-557-7394
- Submit questions to the U.S. Department of Education at:  
<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>

# AFTER THE FAFSA

*Filling out the FAFSA is just the first step.*

Once your FAFSA is processed successfully (within a few days), it will be indicated when you log back into the FAFSA.

You can make a correction by choosing "Edit FAFSA Form."

Choosing "View Student Aid Report" will allow you to view your SAR. Learn more about the SAR on the next page.

**My FAFSA®** Help Exit FAFSA Form

STUDENT INFORMATION  
Welcome to TestUU Perez's application!

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**Current Application Status:**  
**Processed Successfully**  
Congratulations, your FAFSA form was successfully processed.

**What Happens Next**

- Your FAFSA information was made available to the school(s) you listed on your FAFSA form.
- Your school(s) will use your FAFSA information to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package contact your school(s).

*Original Application: Submitted on 10/01/2021; Processed on 12/09/2022*

You may take the following additional actions:

 <b>Edit FAFSA Form</b> Change incorrect information on a previous FAFSA submission.	<a href="#">Edit FAFSA Form</a>
 <b>View Student Aid Report</b> View your EFC, FAFSA answers, and financial aid history.	<a href="#">View Student Aid Report</a>

# Student Aid Report

If you click “View Student Aid Report (SAR)”, you’ll see this page.

The SAR summarizes the information provided on the FAFSA. It includes the Data Release Number (DRN) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC). In this example, the EFC is 0 which means the student will likely qualify for maximum aid.

The SAR is not your award letter, but an estimate of what you MAY be eligible for.

It may take a few days or weeks to receive your SAR.

**It will include info if you’ve been selected for additional verification and how many years you have received federal aid towards the 6-year cap.**

At the top of the page, students can “**PRINT SAR**”

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FAFSA Data

School Information

Financial Aid History

Corrections History

Application Receipt Date: 10/01/2021

Processed Date: 12/09/2022

Data Release Number (DRN): 1431

[Learn about federal tax benefits for education, including the American Opportunity tax credit.](#)

Expected Family Contribution: 0

Based on the information we have on record for you, your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is 0. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study funds, and possible funding from your state and school.

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form has been selected for a review process called verification. Your school has the authority to request copies of certain financial documents from you (and your spouse).

There is a limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive, which is the equivalent of six school years. Based on information reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) database by the schools you have attended, you have received Federal Pell Grants for the equivalent of between one-half and one school year.

There is a limit to the total amount of subsidized Federal student loans that you may receive. Visit [StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub](https://studentaid.gov/sub-unsub) for more information.

You reported that you are or were in foster care. You may be eligible for assistance through federal programs for foster youth, such as the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and/or the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program. For more information contact your state ETV coordinator. Find contact information at [childwelfare.gov/organizations](https://childwelfare.gov/organizations).

Based on your EFC of 0, you may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,495 for the 2022-23 school year provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program.

[Back to FAFSA Home](#)

# CREATE A WEBGRANTS ACCOUNT

*Create this to view the status of your FAFSA/CADAA and Cal Grant*

# WebGrants 4 Students: [mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov](https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov)

- **Students will need to wait to create a WebGrants account until their FAFSA or CADAA is processed.** It can take 1-2 weeks for the FAFSA to process and link to WebGrants.
- If there are any issues, they should contact the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC):
  - (888) 224-7268
  - 1-800-735-2929 (TTY)
  - [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov)

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## WebGrants 4 Students

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Create an Account

Please check the status of your 2019-20 Cal Grant renewal award on or after **July 8, 2019**. Once your renewal award is processed, you may request a school change through WGS if your school changed. The 2019-20 middle class scholarship awards will be processed in **August 2019**.

### INFORMATION

- How to Apply for a Cal Grant Award
- Understanding My Cal Grant
- Ineligibility Fact Sheet
- Cal Grant / Chafee Updates
- Important Deadlines
- Security Information
- FAQ

### FORMS/APPLICATIONS

- Cal Grant Participant Forms and Applications
- GPA Verification Form
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- Chafee Application

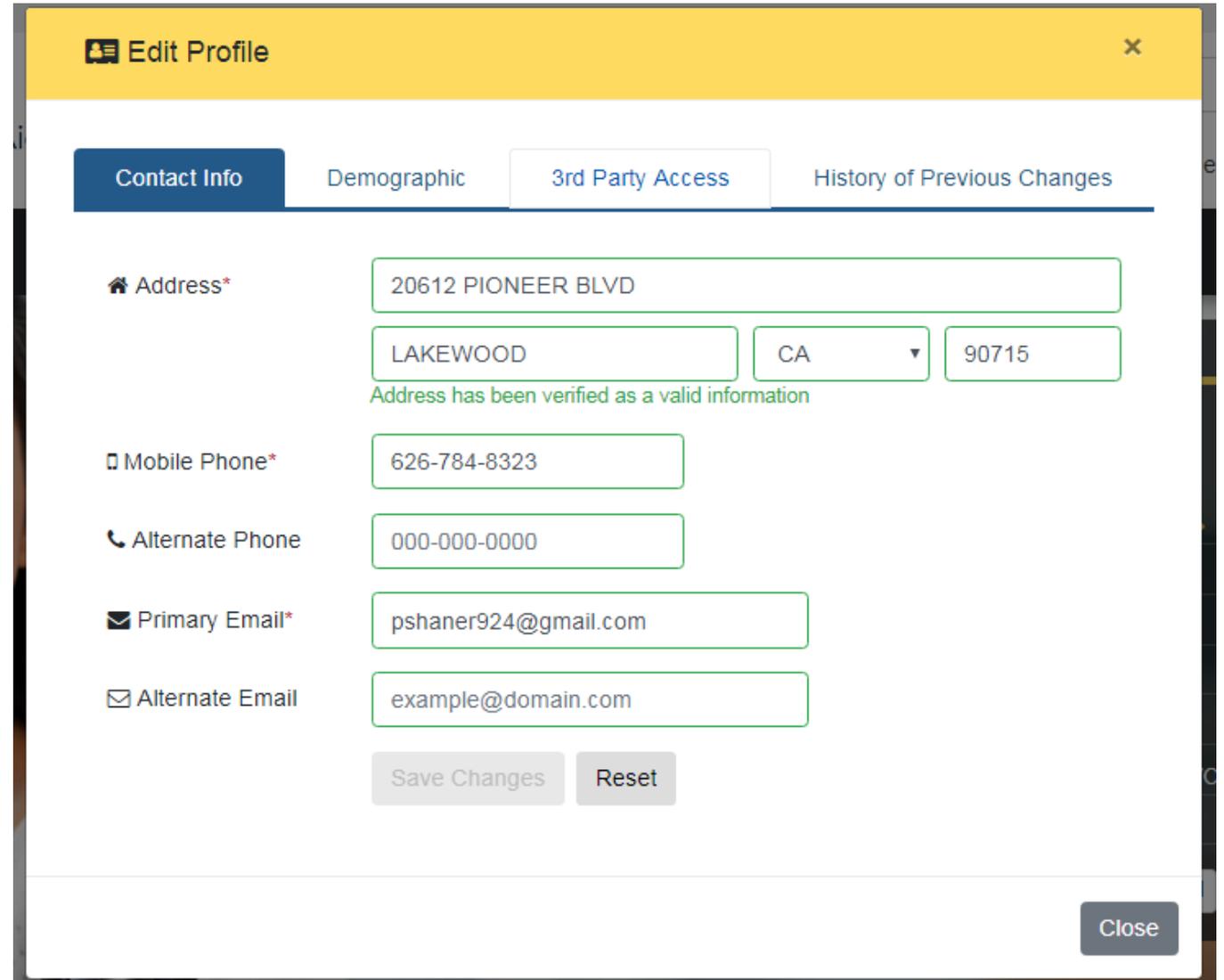
### RESOURCES

- Search for a Cal Grant Eligible School
- Financial Aid Programs
- Foster Youth Resources
- Other Financial Aid Resources and Important Links

# Edit Profile – Contact Info

**TIP: Make sure your contact information is up to date so CSAC can reach you.**

Here is the screen where you can edit contact information. Be sure to enter the information accurately



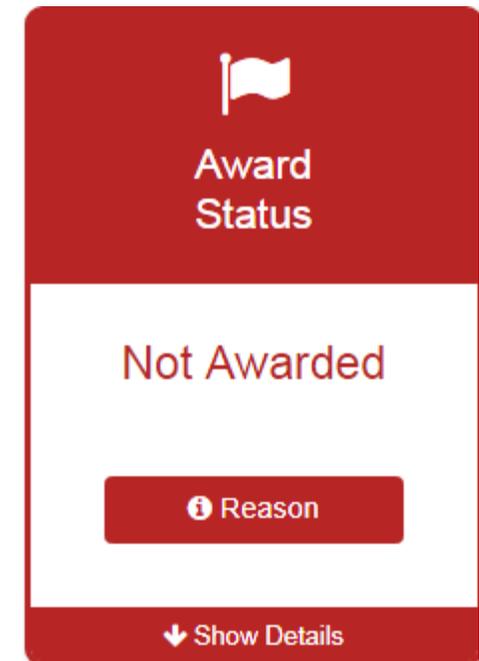
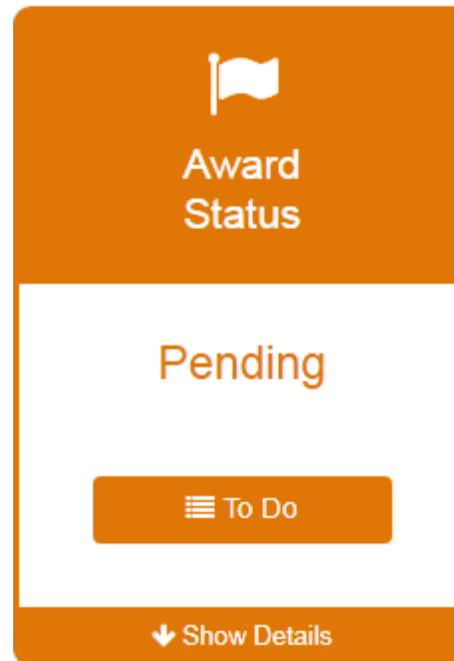
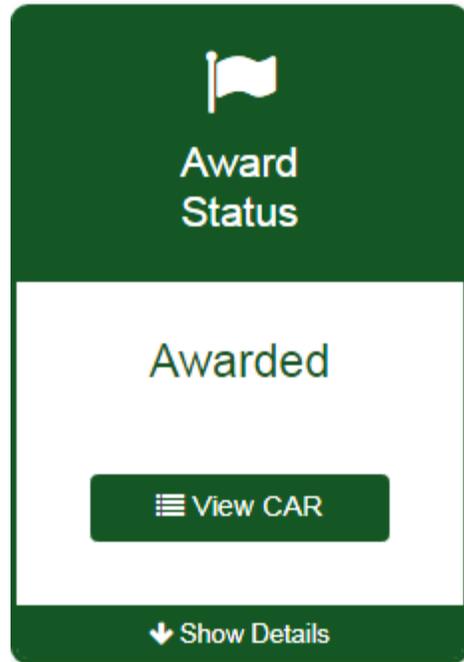
The screenshot shows a web interface for editing a profile. The title bar is yellow and says "Edit Profile" with a close button. Below the title bar are four tabs: "Contact Info" (selected), "Demographic", "3rd Party Access", and "History of Previous Changes". The "Contact Info" section contains several input fields:

- Address\***: A text input field containing "20612 PIONEER BLVD". Below it are three smaller input fields for "LAKEWOOD", "CA" (with a dropdown arrow), and "90715". A green message below these fields reads "Address has been verified as a valid information".
- Mobile Phone\***: A text input field containing "626-784-8323".
- Alternate Phone**: A text input field containing "000-000-0000".
- Primary Email\***: A text input field containing "pshaner924@gmail.com".
- Alternate Email**: A text input field containing "example@domain.com".

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Save Changes" and "Reset". A "Close" button is located in the bottom right corner of the window.

# Check Your Award Status

Below are the possible award status cards in Webgrants. If your award status is pending, select "To Do" to determine next steps. If your award status is "not awarded", click on "Reason" to learn more and consult with the financial aid office or CSAC if you believe there is an error.





## WebGrants To Do's

1. Check your award status and amount for the Cal Grant
2. Verify if there are any "pending" items or forms that still need to be completed
3. Confirm that your school of attendance is accurate. This is referring to the college you plan to attend, not your high school.
4. Verify that your GPA has been received. If not, contact your high school counselor or the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).
5. Enter your high school graduation date. This will become available on the 1st day of the month of your planned graduation month.

# Congrats! You Did It!

## Remember:

- Continue to check your email and college student portal weekly. The college will communicate with you if they need more information. Even after college starts, continue to check it often.
- Respond promptly to any information request to provide verification in order to receive your financial aid, such as a verification of foster youth status or an IRS Verification of Nonfiling Letter (if you didn't file taxes). Learn more at: [www.jbay.org/resources/irs-vnf](http://www.jbay.org/resources/irs-vnf).
- Update all of your accounts if your address, email or phone number changes (e.g. WebGrants, college portal, FAFSA/CADAA, etc.)
- Apply for other scholarships and campus support programs such as EOP, EOPS, or Disability Student Services.
- Check out the *Financial Aid Guide for California Homeless Youth* to learn how to maintain your financial aid at: <https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/>. Once you receive financial aid, there are requirements you need to meet to keep receiving it.
- Reapply for FAFSA every year!