

# Completing the FAFSA/CADAA: A How-To for Adult Supporters of Foster Youth

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# AGENDA

- 1** Why Financial Aid Matters
- 2** How to Apply for Financial Aid
- 3** After the FAFSA/CADAA
- 4** Helpful Resources

# Why Financial Aid Matters

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# Financial Aid Makes a Difference

High School seniors that complete the FAFSA are 63% more likely to enroll in higher education

Students receiving at least \$7,500 in financial aid

49% transferred or graduated

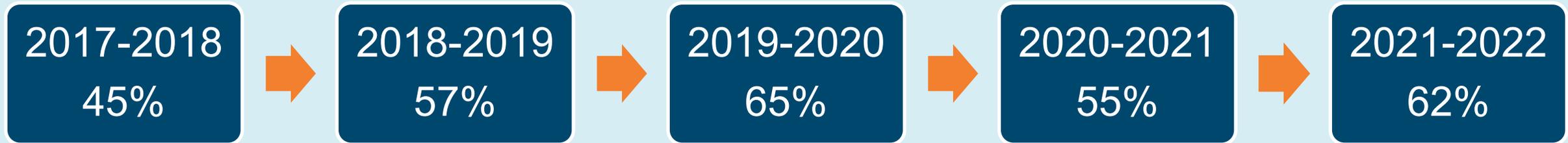
Students receiving \$1,000 to \$2,000

17% transferred or graduated

# Financial Aid Makes a Difference

For California youth in Extended Foster Care, the estimated odds of completing a degree were almost **2.4 times higher** for youth who received a Chafee ETV Grant than for youth who did not.

# Foster Youth FAFSA/CADAA Challenge Statewide Results for High School Seniors



**Goal for 2022-2023:  
70%!**

Get involved with your County Office of Education (COE) Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP): [www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/)

# General Tips for Assisting Youth

Provide high-touch intrusive support- sending an email isn't enough

Make individual appointments for one-on-one assistance

Start the process early to support youth with the applications

Assistance can be in-person or virtual

Use this as an opportunity to talk to youth about their future and their potential!

# Student Perspective

## Christina Torrez



**Youth Advocate,  
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# How to Apply for Financial Aid

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# Three Steps to Maximize Financial Aid

1) Complete the FAFSA or CADAA:

30 minutes –  
1 hour

2) Complete the Chafee application:  
10 minutes

3) Create a WebGrants Account:

10 minutes

# Where to Apply for Financial Aid

**IF YOU ARE A U.S. CITIZEN, A  
PERMANENT RESIDENT OR OTHER  
ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN (i.e. green  
card or permanent resident card)**



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

**OR**

**IF YOU ARE AN ELIGIBLE  
UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT**



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

# FAFSA Application Options

Apply in English or Spanish at:  
[fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

*For paper applications call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or download a PDF version at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)*

# CADAA Application Options

Apply online (English only) at:  
[dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)

Paper applications are available in English & Spanish:  
Call 1-888-CA-GRANT (1-888-224-7268) or download a  
PDF version at [dream.csac.ed.gov](http://dream.csac.ed.gov)

TIP

It is recommended to complete the online application to reduce any chances of errors.

# What is the CADAA?

- Allows eligible students to apply for state financial aid and pay in-state resident fees at CA public college and universities
- Students are not eligible for federal financial aid

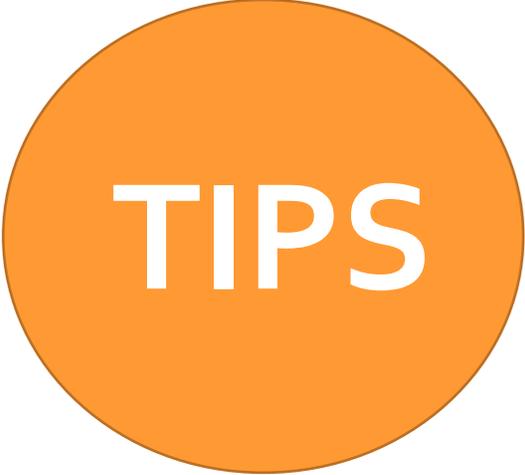
# Who is eligible to submit a CADAA?

**Students who meet AB540 criteria, have Temporary Protected Status or hold a U Visa.**

**To qualify for AB 540 a student must satisfy ALL of the following criteria:**

- Have attended California schools for a minimum period;
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent from California or a degree from a California community college;
- Be planning to enroll in an accredited California college or university; and
- Cannot hold a valid non-immigrant visa

See [dream.csac.ed.gov](http://dream.csac.ed.gov) for details



# TIPS

- Students with DACA should complete the CA Dream Act Application
- DACA status is not required to complete the CADAA
- CADAA information is private!

# Special Immigration Juvenile Status (SIJS)

- Foster youth who are undocumented immigrants may qualify to receive SIJS
- Students with a *pending* application for SIJS are not eligible for federal financial aid and should submit the CADAA
- If an undocumented student does not have an application for SIJS pending, the child welfare agency should be contacted

# Definition of Need

**Cost of  
Attendance  
(COA)**

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**Expected  
Family  
Contribution  
(EFC)**

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**Eligibility  
for Need-  
Based Aid**

# 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 attending a CA community college have until September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Some colleges may have earlier priority deadlines

Students can apply before they submit college applications

# What to Bring

Email Address

List of up to 10 colleges you plan to apply to

Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number (FAFSA only)

Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) (Optional on CADAA only)

Tax or Income from the prior-prior year (i.e. 2021 info for the 2023-2024 application) or current assets.

# Changes From 2021

Selective service registration is no longer required.

Gender is removed on the CADAA. On the FAFSA, gender is now asked in a new optional demographics section with non-binary as an option.

Restrictions related to having prior drug-related convictions no longer apply.

# Let's Get Started!

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



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

**Returning User:**  
Click "Log In."

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

Choose the option that says: "I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form."

## 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. 

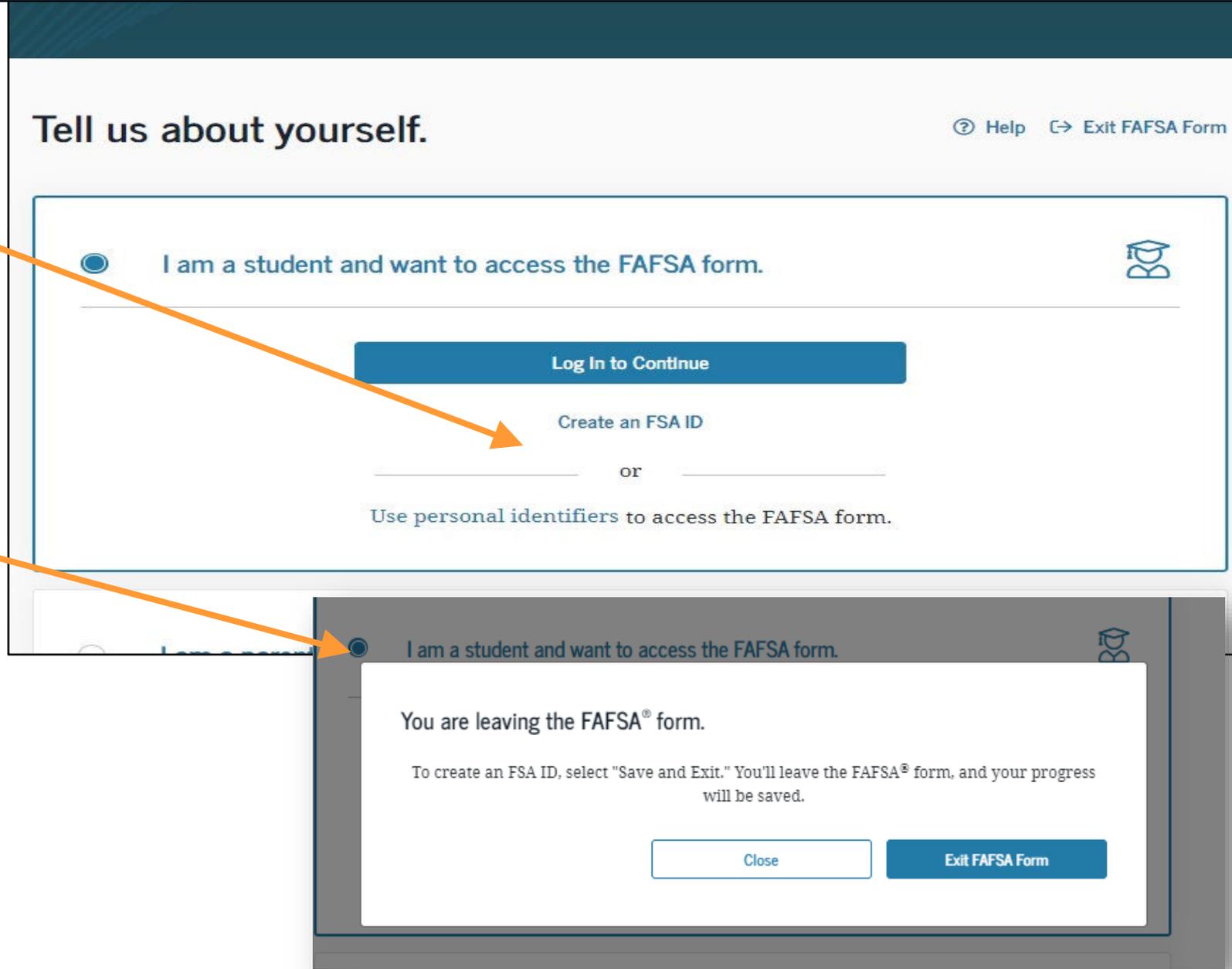
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# STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.GOV

Log in:

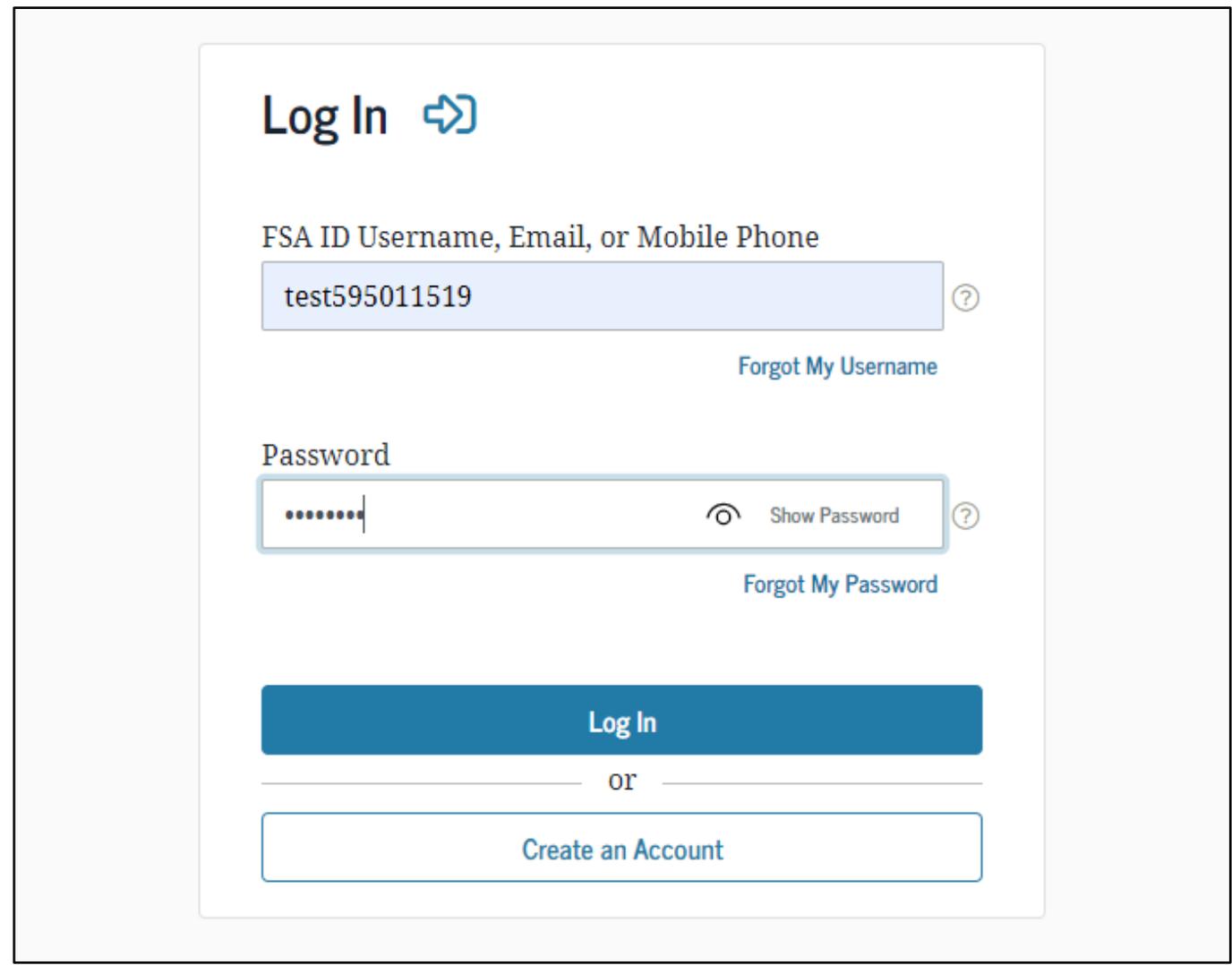
Click the blue link that says [“Create an FSA ID.”](#)

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



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

Log In with your FSA ID or Create an Account



The screenshot shows the FAFSA login interface. At the top, it says "Log In" with a right-pointing 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".

Below the first input field is a second 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 this 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)

→ 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.

## 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.

Cancel

Continue

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

→ Create a Username  
and Password

→ Enter an email  
address that you check  
often.

→ Check spam/junk  
folder

## 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

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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.

[Previous](#)

[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.

## 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

Previous

Continue

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

→ Confirm and  
verify that all the  
information 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.

## Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 7 of 7

### Enable Two-Step Verification

#### Protect Your Account with Two-Step Verification

Whenever you sign in, we'll send a secure code to make sure it's really you. To keep your account protected, make sure your phone number and email are verified. We also suggest setting up verification using a secure authenticator app.



#### SMS Verification

9996666666 ⚠ Not Verified

Verify



#### Email Verification

debbie@jbay.org ⚠ Not Verified

Verify



#### Use an Authenticator App (Most Secure Option)

Use an authenticator app that you've downloaded from a mobile app store to view in-app secure codes—visible only to you—that can confirm your identity when you log in.

[Learn More](#)

[+ Set Up an Authenticator App](#)

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#### Secure Code Sent

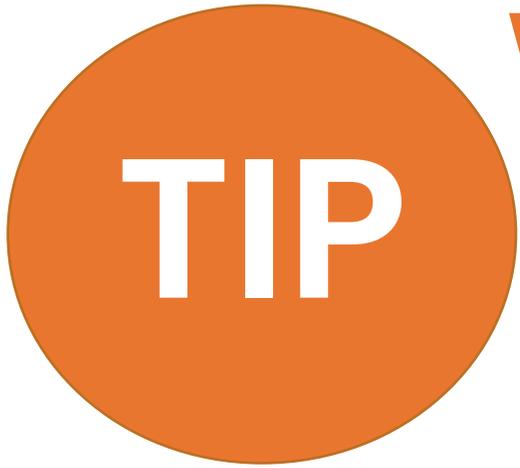
Enter the secure code we sent to your email: debbie@jbay.org.

Enter the secure code below

[Resend code](#)

Cancel

Continue



**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



CADAA

## Differences with the CADAA

- There is no FSA ID, but students do create a user account, with a username, password and “challenge questions.”
- Students will be asked questions to confirm their eligibility for the CADAA.

# You're Now Ready to Start Your Online FAFSA

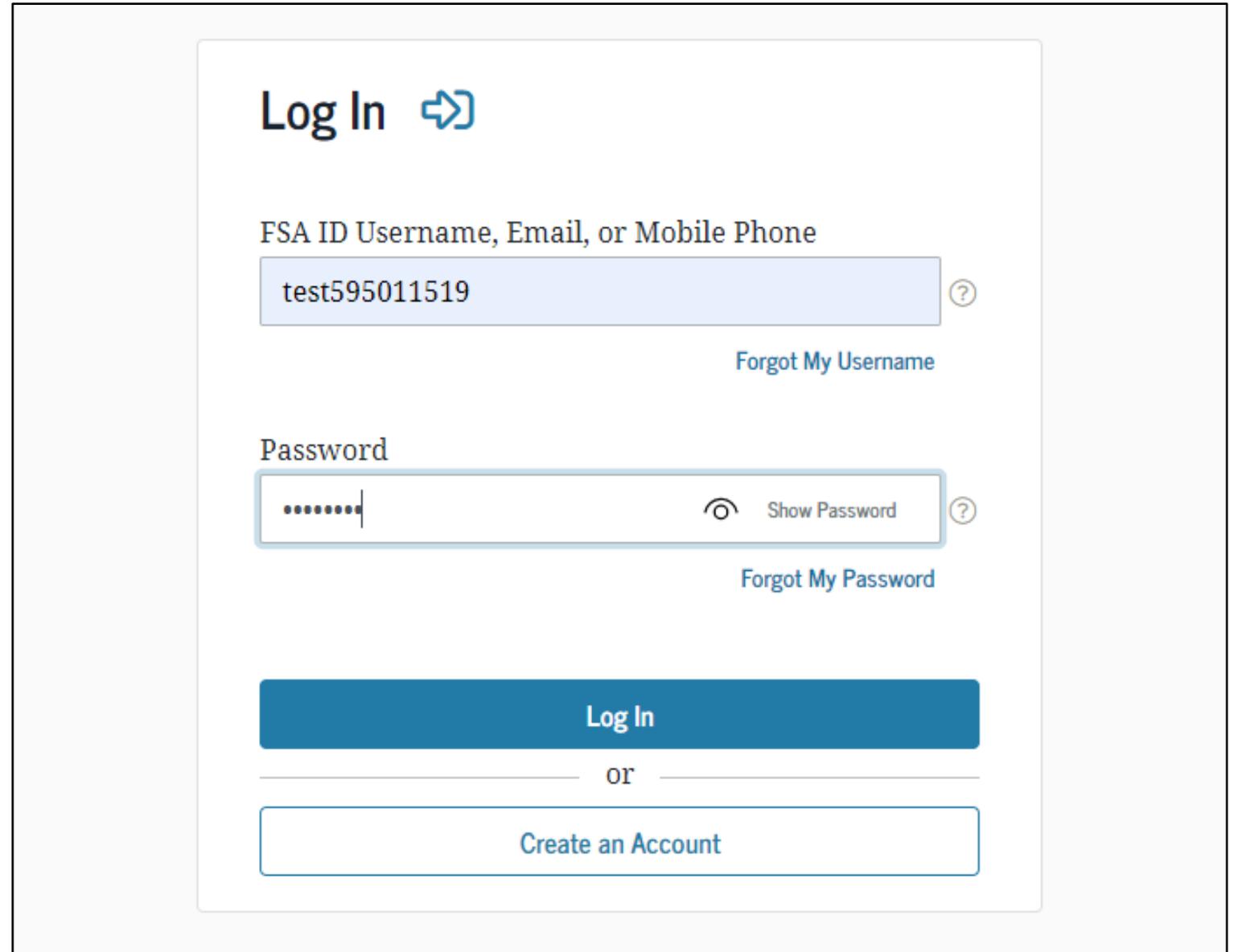
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Login with your new FSA ID and begin the FAFSA

## 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.



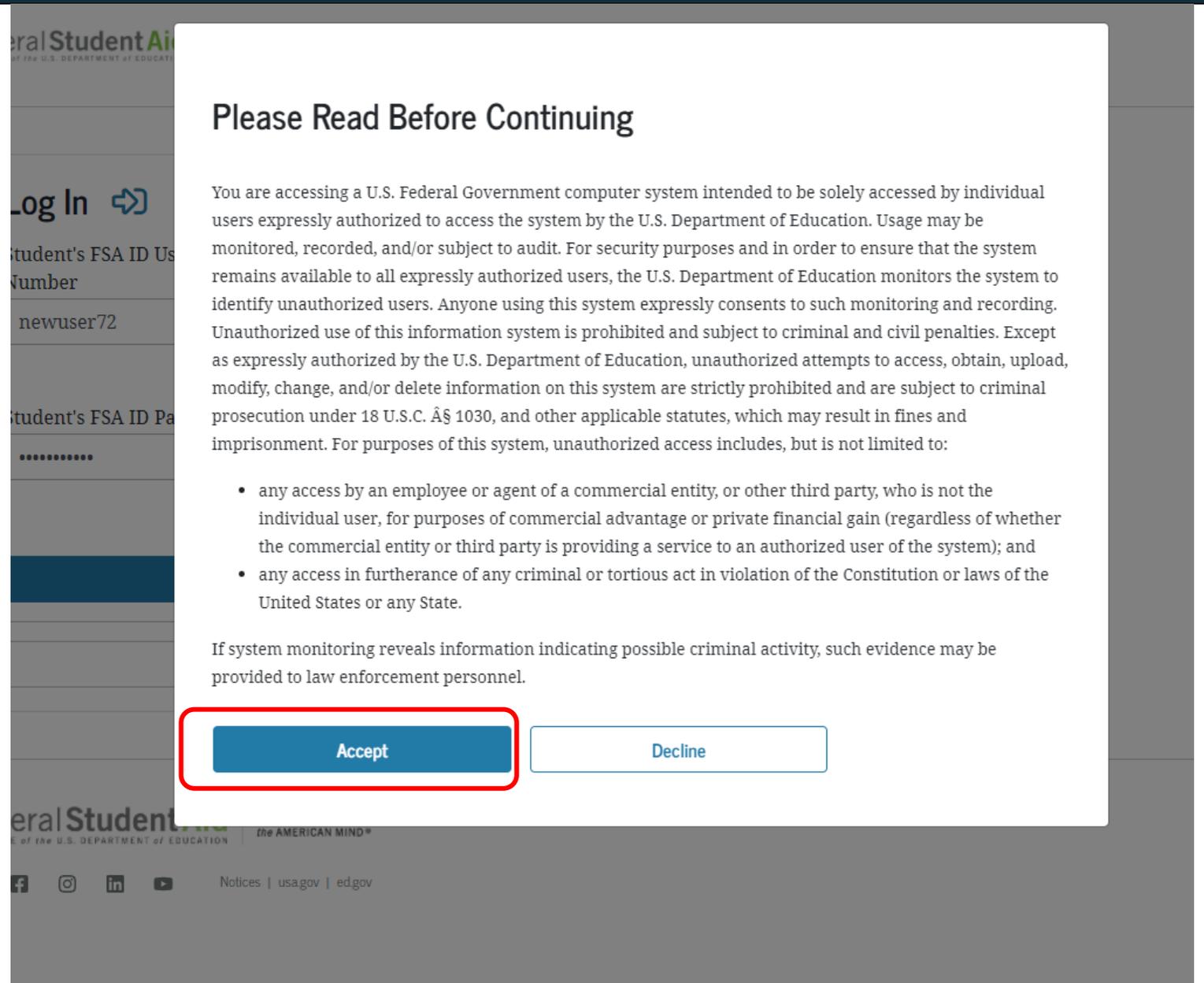
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# READ THE DISCLAIMER

- Read the Disclaimer and, if you agree, click "Accept"



The image shows a screenshot of a Federal Student Aid login page. A white disclaimer overlay is positioned on the right side of the page. The background page includes a 'Log In' button with a right-pointing arrow, a 'Student's FSA ID Us' field with 'Number' below it, and a password field with 'newuser72' entered. At the bottom of the page, there are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube, along with the text 'Notices | usa.gov | ed.gov'. The disclaimer overlay has a title 'Please Read Before Continuing' and contains the following text: '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:'. Below this text is a bulleted list: '• 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' 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.'. At the bottom of the disclaimer, there is a paragraph: 'If system monitoring reveals information indicating possible criminal activity, such evidence may be provided to law enforcement personnel.'. At the very bottom of the disclaimer are two buttons: a blue 'Accept' button with a red border and a white 'Decline' button with a blue border.

## 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:

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- any access in furtherance of any criminal or tortious act in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or any State.

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

# SELECT THE SCHOOL YEAR YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

- Select the school year that you plan to attend college.
- If you are applying for an upcoming summer session it is recommended that you complete applications for both years.

[? Help](#) | [↪ Exit FAFSA Form](#)

## Get Started

Welcome to TestE'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 2023-24 FAFSA Form](#) or [Start 2022-23 FAFSA Form](#)

# CREATE A SAVE KEY

- Create a “Save Key” (FAFSA only) in case you need to save your application and finish it later.

## Start Student's 2023–24 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

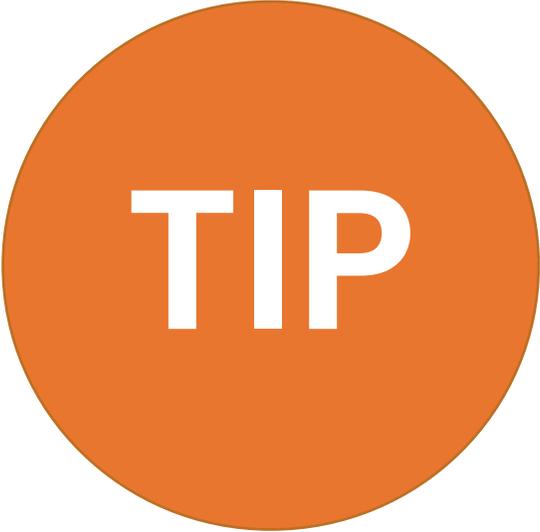
 Show ?

### Reenter Save Key

 Show ?

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# TIP

**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

## Introduction - 2023-24 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?



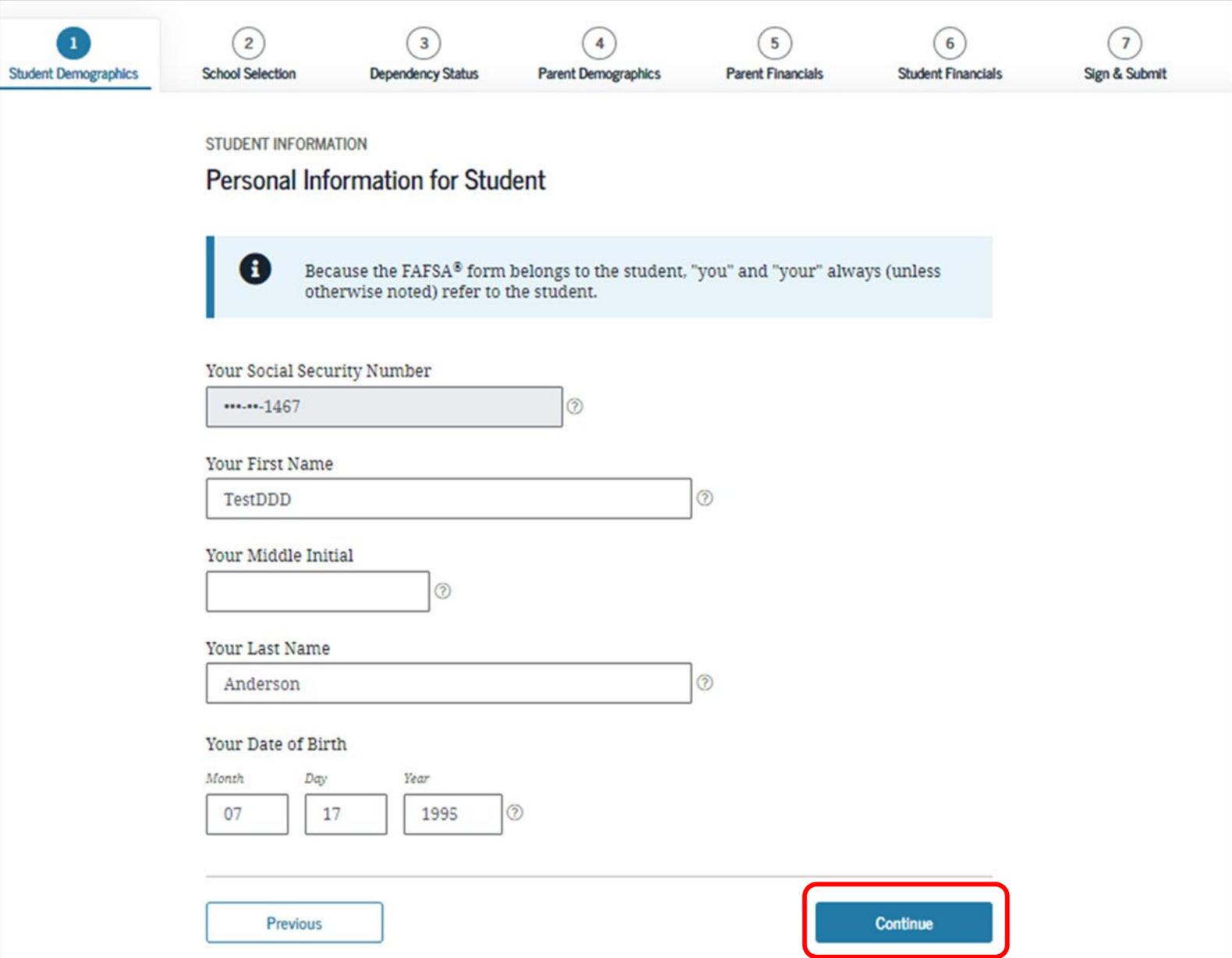
What is FAFSA web's security and privacy?



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# COMPLETE THE SEVEN SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA

- Complete the seven sections listed as tabs at the top of the screen.
- For more information, click the question mark  icon or the green owl  icon for virtual assistance.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface. At the top, there are seven tabs: 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 tabs, the page is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Personal Information for Student". A light blue information box contains an "i" icon and the text: "Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, 'you' and 'your' always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student." Below this, there are several input fields: "Your Social Security Number" (with a masked value "....-1467" and a question mark icon), "Your First Name" (with the value "TestDDD" and a question mark icon), "Your Middle Initial" (empty and a question mark icon), "Your Last Name" (with the value "Anderson" and a question mark icon), and "Your Date of Birth" (with three separate boxes for "Month" (07), "Day" (17), and "Year" (1995), each with a question mark icon). At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue" (which is highlighted with a red border).

SECTION 1 OF THE FAFSA:

# STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Social Security Number (or ITIN on the CADAA)**
- **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, titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Personal Information for Student". 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. 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 form fields are: "Your Social Security Number" (masked as \*\*\*\*\*1467), "Your First Name" (TestDDD), "Your Middle Initial" (empty), "Your Last Name" (Anderson), and "Your Date of Birth" (Month: 07, Day: 17, Year: 1995). A red rounded rectangle highlights the Social Security Number, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, and Date of Birth fields. Navigation buttons for "Previous" and "Continue" are at the bottom.

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Email Address:**  
Double-check the email address to make sure there are no typos.
- **Telephone number**  
is optional.

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# 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.

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1 Student Demographics

2 School Selection

3 Dependency Status

4 Parent Demographics

5 Parent Financials

6 Student Financials

7 Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

**Student Address**

Your Permanent Mailing Address (include apt. number)

3333 Wilshire Blvd,

Your City (and country, if not U.S.)

Los Angeles

Your State

California

Your ZIP Code

90032

Previous 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.
- **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

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. Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and '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 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, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)" option is currently selected.

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

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

## Student Education- Part I:

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

- If you plan to attend community college, even if your ultimate educational goal is to obtain a bachelor's degree, select: "associate degree."
- If you are unsure of your plans, select "1st bachelor's degree." If you later decide to attend a community college, update your response.
- Do NOT select "other/undecided."
- Do NOT select "2<sup>nd</sup> bachelor's degree" unless you already have a bachelor's degree

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Student Education section. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 2 School Selection, 3 Dependency Status, 4 Parent Demographics, 5 Parent Financials, and 6 Student Financials. The main heading is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student Education".

Two questions are highlighted with red boxes:

1. "What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2023–24 school year?" The dropdown menu is set to "High school diploma".

2. "What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2023–24 school year?" The dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: "Associate degree (general education/transfer program)", "Select", "1st bachelor's degree", "2nd bachelor's degree", "Associate degree (occupational or technical program)", "Associate degree (general education/transfer program)" (highlighted in blue), "Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of less than 2 yr.)", "Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of at least 2 yr.)", "Teaching credential program (nondegree program)", "College graduate/professional degree (MBA, M.D., Ph.D., etc.)", and "Other/undecided".

Below the second question, there is a checkbox: "Are you interested in being considered for work-study? ?"

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

## Student Education- Part II:

**What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2023-2024 school year?**

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

**Interested in work study? Answer Yes!**

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Education

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2023–24 school year?

High school diploma

What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2023–24 school year?

Associate degree (general education/transfer program)

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2023–24 school year?

Yes

No

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2023–24 school year?

Never attended college/1st yr.

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?

Yes

No

Don't know

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# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

## Driver's License:

A driver's license is not required to complete the application.

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 heading "STUDENT INFORMATION" is followed by "Student Driver's License". There are 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 "New York" and a help icon. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

# FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

You will be asked: "Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?"  
→ Answer YES.

[Note: This question is not on CADAA]

Foster youth can select "Other/unknown" for "Highest School Completed by Parent."

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion

Are you a foster youth or were you in the foster care system at any time? <sup>?</sup>

Yes

No

What's the highest school completed by Parent 1? <sup>?</sup>

Select

What's the highest school completed by Parent 2? <sup>?</sup>

Select

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SECTION 2 OF THE FAFSA:

# SCHOOL SELECTION

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# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

## Add Your High School

- Use the search function to find your high school.
- You will not be prompted to answer this question if you indicated that you received a GED or equivalent.

Student Demographics **2** School Selection 3 Dependency Status 4 Parent Demographics 5 Parent Financials 6 Student Financials 7 Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION  
Add Your High School

✔ Application was successfully saved.

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

ℹ To find your high school, enter the following criteria and select "Search."

State / Province / Territory  
Select ? My country is not listed

City - optional ?

High School Name - optional ?

Search

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# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

## High School Search Results:

- Select your high school from the list and select Continue.

The screenshot displays a list of high schools in Gary, IN, with the following details:

Radio Button	School Name	Location
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Benjamin Banneker Achievement Ctr	Gary, IN
<input type="radio"/>	Calumet New Tech High School	Gary, IN
<input type="radio"/>	Charter School of the Dunes	Gary, IN
<input type="radio"/>	Chase Alternative School	Gary, IN
<input type="radio"/>	Excel Center - Gary	Gary, IN
<input type="radio"/>	Gary Career Center	Gary, IN
<input type="radio"/>	Gary Lighthouse Charter School	Gary, IN

Navigation: < Previous **1** 2 3 Next >

Link: [I can't find my school.](#)

Buttons: Previous (white), Continue (blue)

# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- Make sure that the high school listed is correct and select continue.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the '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.

**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  
Benjamin Banneker Achievement Ctr

CITY  
Gary

STATE  
Indiana

Navigation buttons: [Previous](#) and [Continue](#)

# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- Search for and select at least one and up to 10 colleges that you may want to attend.
- You can update or change school selections later if your plans change or you're just not sure yet.
- You do not need to have applied for admission yet to the colleges you list.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA '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' followed by 'College Search'. Below this 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:

- A 'State' dropdown menu with 'Select' and a help icon.
- A 'City - optional' text input field with a help icon.
- A 'School Name - optional' text input field with a help icon.
- A blue 'Search' button.
- A 'Previous' button at the bottom left.

# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- Select the college to add and click continue.
- 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. SORT BY: Best Match A-Z

<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>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>George Washington University</b> Federal School Code: 001444   Washington, DC   <a href="#">View College Info</a>
<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>

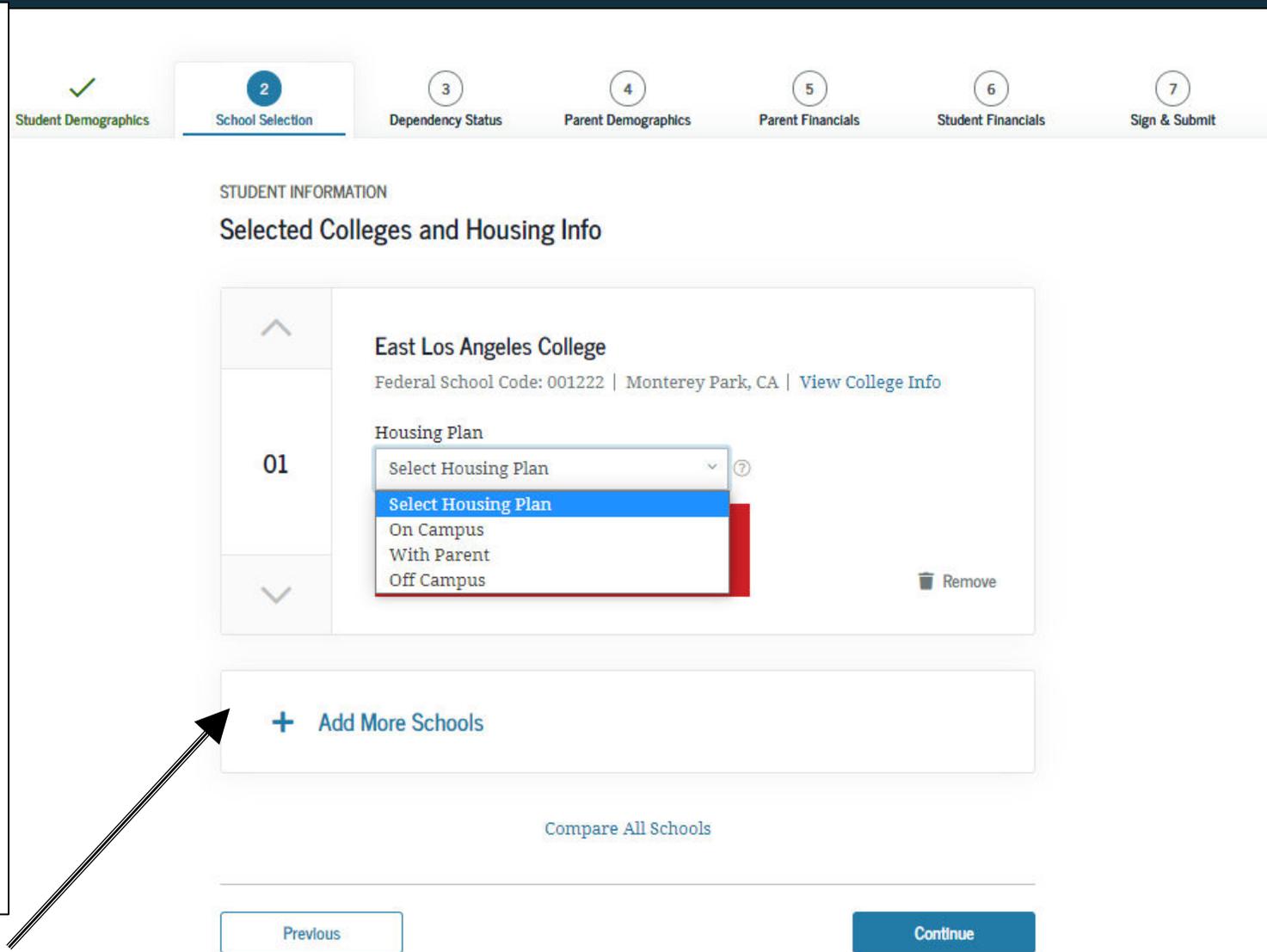


# TIP

- After the FAFSA has been processed and you have received your Student Aid Report (SAR) [or California Student Aid Report (Cal SAR) if the CADAA], you can submit the FAFSA to an additional 10 colleges, if necessary, by replacing the original set of 10 colleges.
- Your original set of 10 colleges will still receive your FAFSA information.
- Repeat this process as many times as necessary.

# FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- Do NOT select “With Parent” as your housing plan if you plan to live with a foster parent, relative caregiver or legal guardian. **Instead, select “Off-Campus.”**
- 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' 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. Below the progress bar, the heading 'STUDENT INFORMATION' is followed by 'Selected Colleges and Housing Info'. A table lists the 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. The 'Housing Plan' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Select Housing Plan' (highlighted), 'On Campus', 'With Parent', and 'Off Campus'. A 'Remove' button is visible to the right of the dropdown. Below the table, there is a '+ Add More Schools' button, which is pointed to by an arrow from the text on the left. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Order	College Name	Federal School Code	Location	Housing Plan	Action
01	East Los Angeles College	001222	Monterey Park, CA	Select Housing Plan	Remove

[+ Add More Schools](#)

[Compare All Schools](#)

[Previous](#) [Continue](#)

SECTION 3 OF THE FAFSA:

# DEPENDENCY STATUS

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# 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 2023, will you be 24 or older as of January 1, 2023)

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

## Marital Status:

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, circled in 3), Parent Demographics (circled in 4), Parent Financials (circled in 5), Student Financials (circled in 6), and Sign & Submit (circled in 7). 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 is an information icon and a note: "Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, 'you' and 'your' always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student." The question "What is your marital status as of today?" is followed by a dropdown menu with "Single" selected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

✓ Student Demographics ✓ School Selection 3 Dependency Status 4 Parent Demographics 5 Parent Financials 6 Student Financials 7 Sign & Submit

SCHOOL SELECTION

Student Marital Status

✓ Application was successfully saved.

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

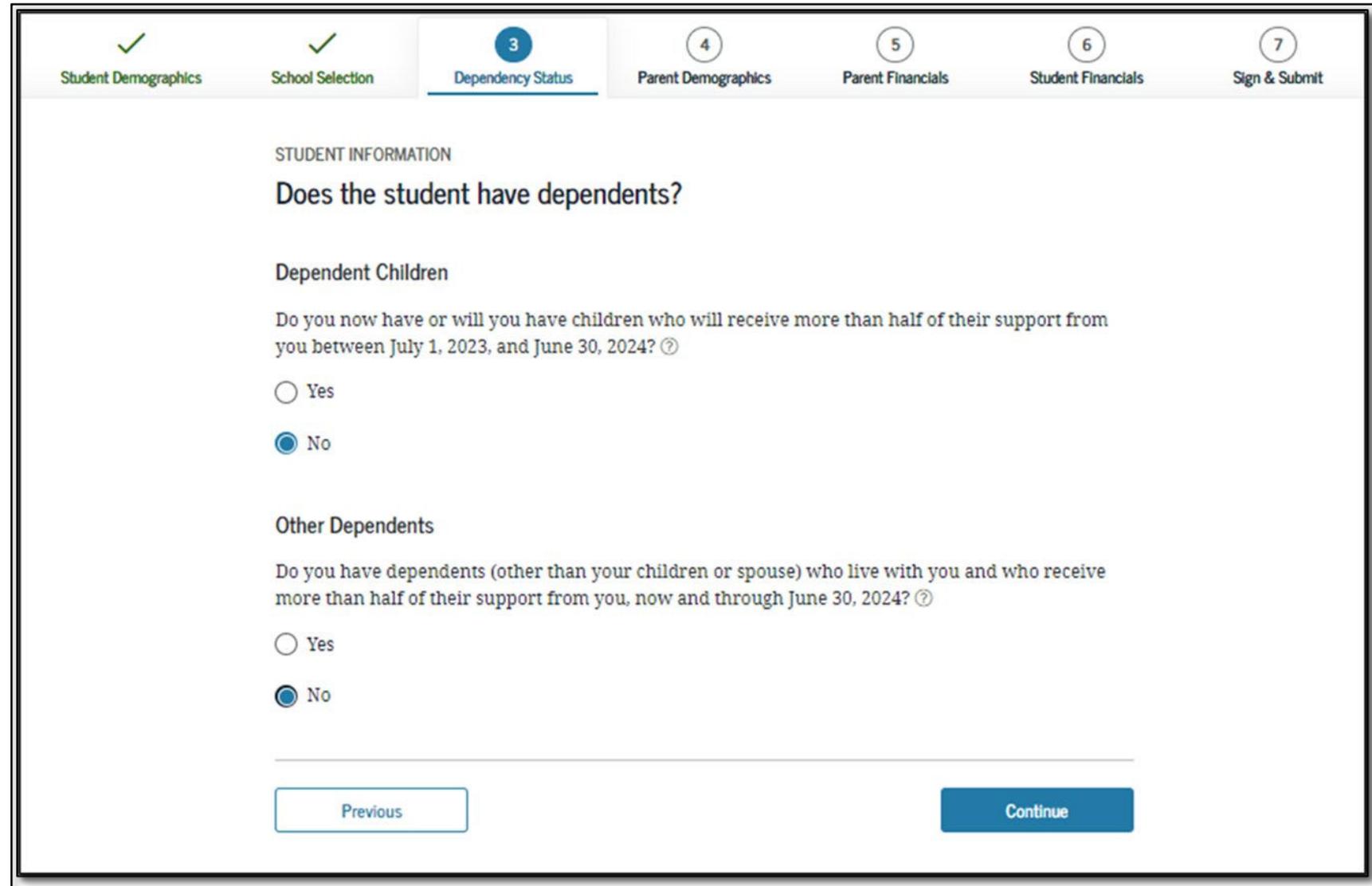
What is your marital status as of today?

Single

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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you have dependents, you will be considered “independent” on the FAFSA and will automatically skip the other dependency questions.



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. The main content area is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and contains two questions:

**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, 2023, and June 30, 2024? ⓘ

Yes  
 No

**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, 2024? ⓘ

Yes  
 No

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

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

**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.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the Dependency Status section. At the top, a progress bar indicates the current step (3) and previous steps (1, 2) are completed. The main heading is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student Household Info". A box displays a house icon and the text "Your household size is 2." with sub-items "You: 1" and "Your Other Dependents: 1". Below this, a red-bordered box highlights the "Number in College" question: "Out of the 2 people in your household (as shown above), how many will be college students between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024? Include yourself in this number." An empty input field with a help icon is provided for the answer. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ **3** Dependency Status 4 Parent Demographics 5 Parent Financials 6 Student Financials 7 Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION  
Student Household Info

Your household size is 2.  
You: 1 Your Other Dependents: 1

**Number in College**  
Out of the 2 people in your household (as shown above), how many will be college students between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024? **Include yourself in this number.**

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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

Current or former foster youth may qualify for “Independent Student Status” on the FAFSA if they can answer “Yes” to any part of either of these two questions.

“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?”

OR

“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 screenshot shows the FAFSA 'Dependency Status' section. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status' (highlighted with a blue circle and number 3), 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', and 'Sign & Submit'. Below the tabs, the section is titled 'SCHOOL SELECTION' and 'Student Additional Dependency Questions'. A sub-instruction 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 questions listed, each with a checkbox. The first two questions are: 'Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?' and 'Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?'. The third question, '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?', is highlighted with a red box and has an arrow pointing from the text on the left. The fourth question, 'As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?', is not highlighted. The fifth question, 'Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?', is also highlighted with a red box and has an arrow pointing from the text on the left. The 'None of the above' option is checked. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ **3** Dependency Status 4 Parent Demographics 5 Parent Financials 6 Student Financials 7 Sign & Submit

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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# How is Foster Youth Status Verified?

It should be automatically verified through a data match with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), however this doesn't always happen.



Only submit a verification letter if the data match is unsuccessful or if requested by your college or university.

## **HOW TO GET A VERIFICATION OF FOSTER YOUTH STATUS:**

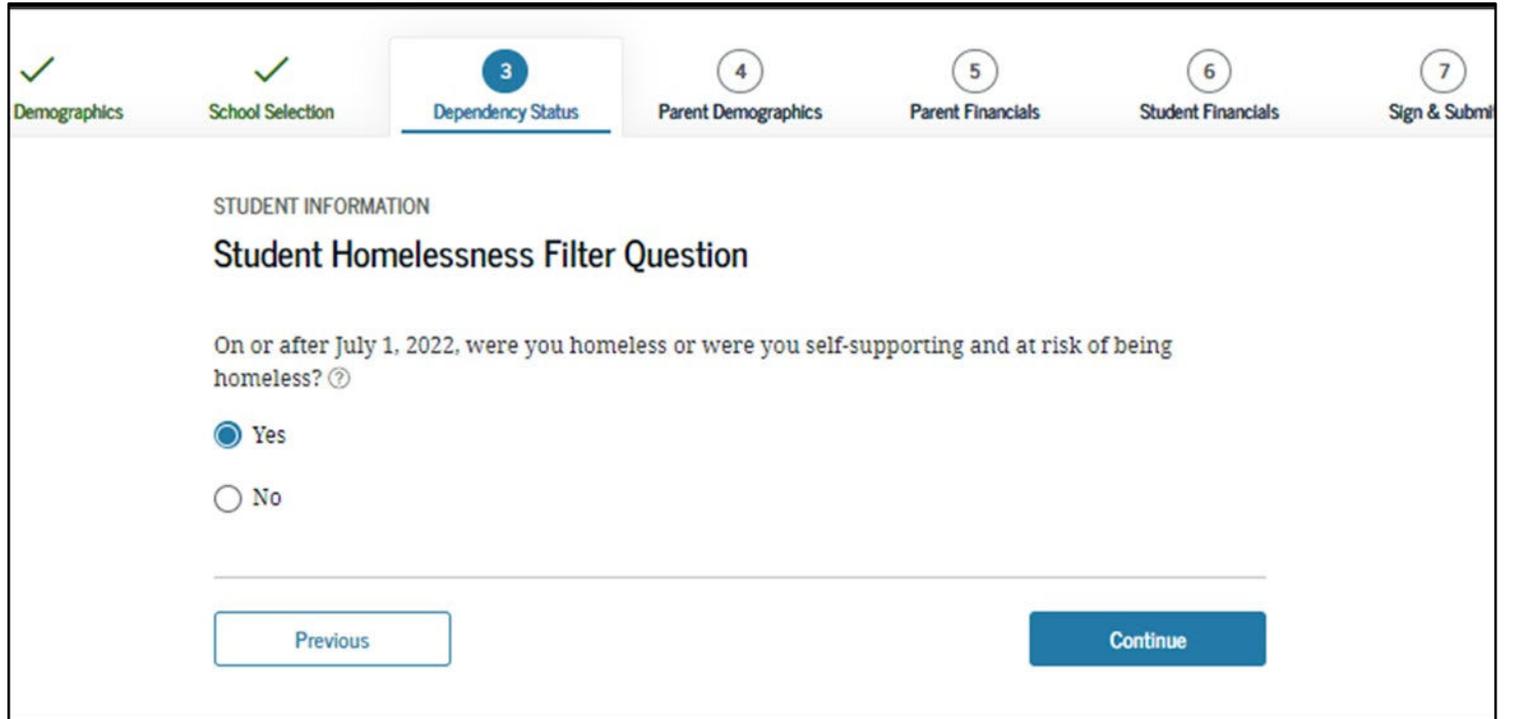
- **Current foster youth:** Contact your county social worker or Independent Living Program (ILP or ILSP).
- **Former foster youth:** May also contact the Office of the California Foster Care Ombudsperson : 877-846-1602.

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

*“On or after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the award year, were you homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?”*

**For information on Independent Status for students experiencing homelessness see:**

**[jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/](https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/)**



The screenshot displays the FAFSA application progress bar at the top, with seven steps: Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (active), Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section is titled 'Student Homelessness Filter Question'. The question text is: 'On or after July 1, 2022, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?'. There are two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

-You are determined to be an Independent Student.

-You can answer "No" to skip questions about your parents.

-Answering "No" will not prevent you from getting financial aid.

## 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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Continue

# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you do not qualify as an independent student based on any of the options, you can request to be considered independent based on a special circumstance.

Begin by selecting "I am unable to provide information about my parents"

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the Dependency Status section. At the top, there is a progress bar with five steps: 1. School Selection (marked with a green checkmark), 2. Dependency Status (highlighted with a blue circle and underline), 3. Parent Demographics (marked with a blue circle), 4. Parent Financials (marked with a blue circle), and 5. Student Financials (marked with a blue circle). Below the progress bar, the heading "STUDENT INFORMATION" is followed by "Dependent Student Status". The text explains that based on answers to dependency status questions, the user is considered a "dependent" student and must provide parental information. It instructs the user to select the "I will provide information about my parent(s)" option and click "Continue" to proceed to the "Parent Demographics" section. A bolded note states: "If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA® form without parental information. Select the 'I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)' option and select 'Continue' to get additional information." Below this text are two radio button options: "I will provide information about my parent(s)." (unselected) and "I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)." (selected). At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Previous" (light blue) and "Continue" (dark blue).

✓ School Selection    3 Dependency Status    4 Parent Demographics    5 Parent Financials    6 Student Financials

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Dependent Student Status

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, you are considered a "**dependent**" student. This means you must provide **parental** information. Select the "I will provide information about my parent(s)" option and select "Continue" to continue to "Parent Demographics" section.

**If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information**, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA® form without parental information. Select the "I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)" option and select "Continue" to get additional information. ?

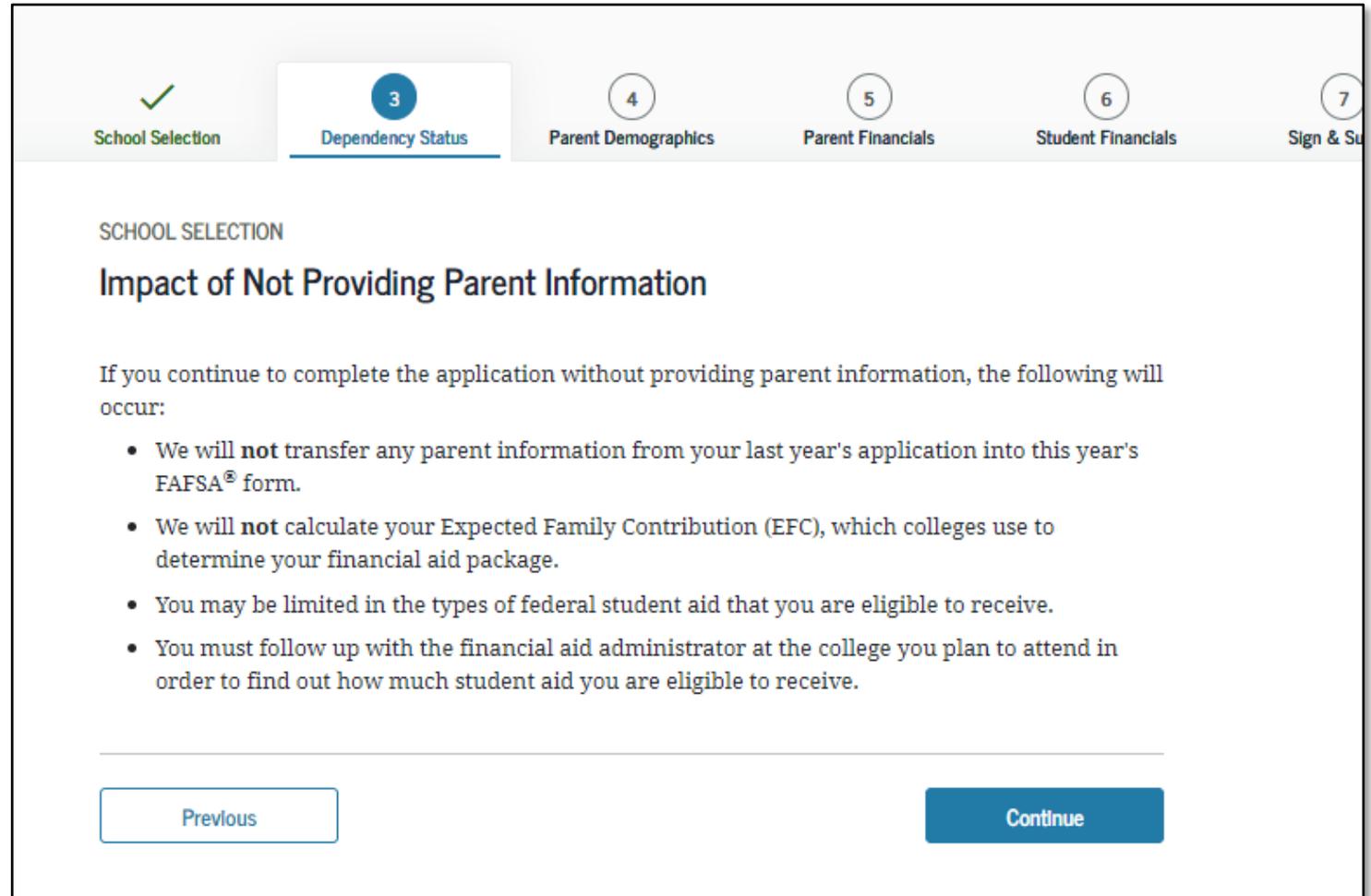
I will provide information about my parent(s).

I am unable to provide information about my parent(s).

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# FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

Select "Continue" to confirm that your EFC will not be calculated and that you must follow up with the financial aid office.



✓ School Selection **3** Dependency Status 4 Parent Demographics 5 Parent Financials 6 Student Financials 7 Sign & Submit

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

Additional information will then be displayed that provides examples of situations that **are not** by themselves considered special circumstances.

Circumstances that **may** qualify include an abusive family, parental incarceration or when parents' whereabouts are unknown.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Special Circumstances Qualifications

You may still be eligible for some type of federal student aid without providing parent information. Please read through the following options carefully.

#### Special Circumstances Option

You must contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend if you believe you have a special circumstance that should be considered in determining your eligibility for federal student aid. However, not all situations are considered a special circumstance. For example, the following situations would **not** be considered as a special circumstance on their own:

- You do not live with your parent(s).
- Your parent(s) does not provide you with financial support.
- Your parent(s) refuses to contribute to your college expenses.
- Your parent(s) doesn't claim you as a dependent on his or her income tax return.
- Your parent(s) does not want to provide his or her information on your FAFSA® form.

#### Unsubsidized Loan Option

If you do not meet a requirement for a special circumstance and still choose to continue your application without providing parent information, you will only be considered for an unsubsidized loan. To request consideration for an unsubsidized loan, you must contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend.

Choose the appropriate option below based on your circumstances. ⓘ

- I will provide information about my parent(s).
- I have a special circumstance and I am unable to provide information about my parent(s).
- I do not have a special circumstance, and I am submitting my FAFSA® form without parent information to apply for an unsubsidized loan only.

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# CADAA: DEPENDENCY STATUS

## CADAA Only-

Students are asked if they meet criteria to qualify for the Chafee Grant

Academic Year 2023

! — ! — !

 Student       Parent       Sign & Submit

Auto Hint

Demographics ✓    School ✓    **Dependency !**    Financial !

Section V - Chafee Supplemental Questions

The Chafee program is a state/federal grant designed for students who are or were in foster care placement under court dependency/wardship at any time between the ages of 16-18. To receive consideration, answer these questions. Otherwise, you may leave them blank.

59) \* Are you or were you in a foster care placement under court dependency/wardship at any time between the ages of 16-18?  Yes  No 

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SECTION 6 OF THE FAFSA:

# Student Financials

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

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

FAFSA uses income and tax information from the “prior-prior” year.

Ex. The 2023/2024 FAFSA, which opened on October 1, 2022, will ask for 2021 tax & income information.

Any asset information is based on the date the FAFSA is filed.

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Tax Filing Status

Application was successfully saved.

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

For 2021, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed

What income tax return did you file for 2021?

IRS Form 1040

For 2021, 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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Option a).

If you select *“Already Completed”*

IRS Income Tax Return

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

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

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).

If you don’t have a copy of your tax return, you can download a free transcript. See Visual Guide for more details.

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Tax Filing Status

✓ Application was successfully saved.

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

For 2021, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed

What income tax return did you file for 2021?

IRS Form 1040

For 2021, 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)!

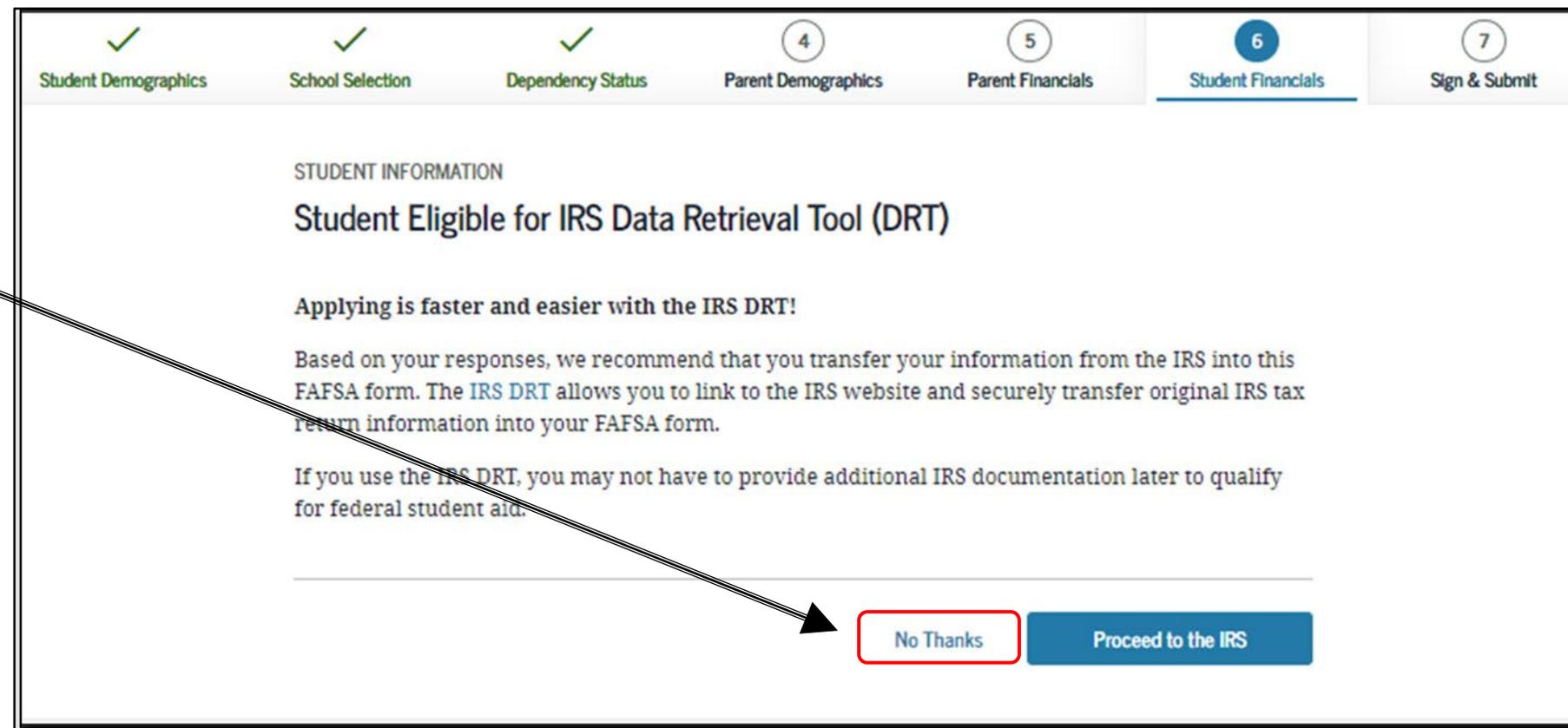
⚠ For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS website or on the FAFSA® form.

Previous Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually **Proceed to the IRS >**

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“Student Financial Information” page.

If the student does not use the IRS DRT then 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 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 page title is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student Eligible for IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)". A message states: "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, there are two buttons: "No Thanks" (highlighted with a red border) and "Proceed to the IRS". An arrow points from the text in the left box to the "No Thanks" button.

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

- *Student Leaving Your FAFSA Form* will display when going to the IRS website.
- 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 (highlighted with a white circle and the number 7). Below the progress bar, the page title is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student Leaving Your FAFSA® Form". The main content area contains three paragraphs of text explaining the process of transferring tax information from the FAFSA form to the IRS website. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually" (a light blue button with a dark blue border) and "Proceed to the IRS" (a solid dark blue button).

✓ Student Demographics    ✓ School Selection    ✓ Dependency Status    ✓ Parent Demographics    ✓ Parent Financials    **6** Student Financials    7 Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Leaving Your FAFSA® Form

You have entered answers to one or more income questions. Your FAFSA form will delete these responses and replace them with information contained in your tax return when you transfer your IRS tax information into this FAFSA form.

You are now leaving your FAFSA form and will be transferred to the IRS website to access your IRS tax information. Your FAFSA information will be saved.

Your saved FAFSA form will automatically open either when you transfer your information from the IRS or choose to return to your FAFSA form from the IRS website. If you do not transfer your information or choose not to return to your FAFSA form from the IRS website, you will have to log in to open your saved FAFSA form.

[Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually](#)    [Proceed to the IRS](#)

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



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**IRS** Return to FAFSA | Help | Logout | Español

## Get My Federal Income Tax Information

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

Enter the following information from your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return. [?](#)

All fields are required unless marked otherwise.

**First Name**  
DEPENDENT

**Last Name**  
DATA43

**Social Security Number**  
No input required  
\*\*\* - \*\* - 2542

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

**Filing Status** [?](#)  
Married-Filed Joint Return

**Street Address** [?](#)  
Must match your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return

**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**

**State / U.S. Territory**  
Select One

**ZIP Code**

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**

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



## 2021 Federal Income Tax Information

Dependent Data43

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.

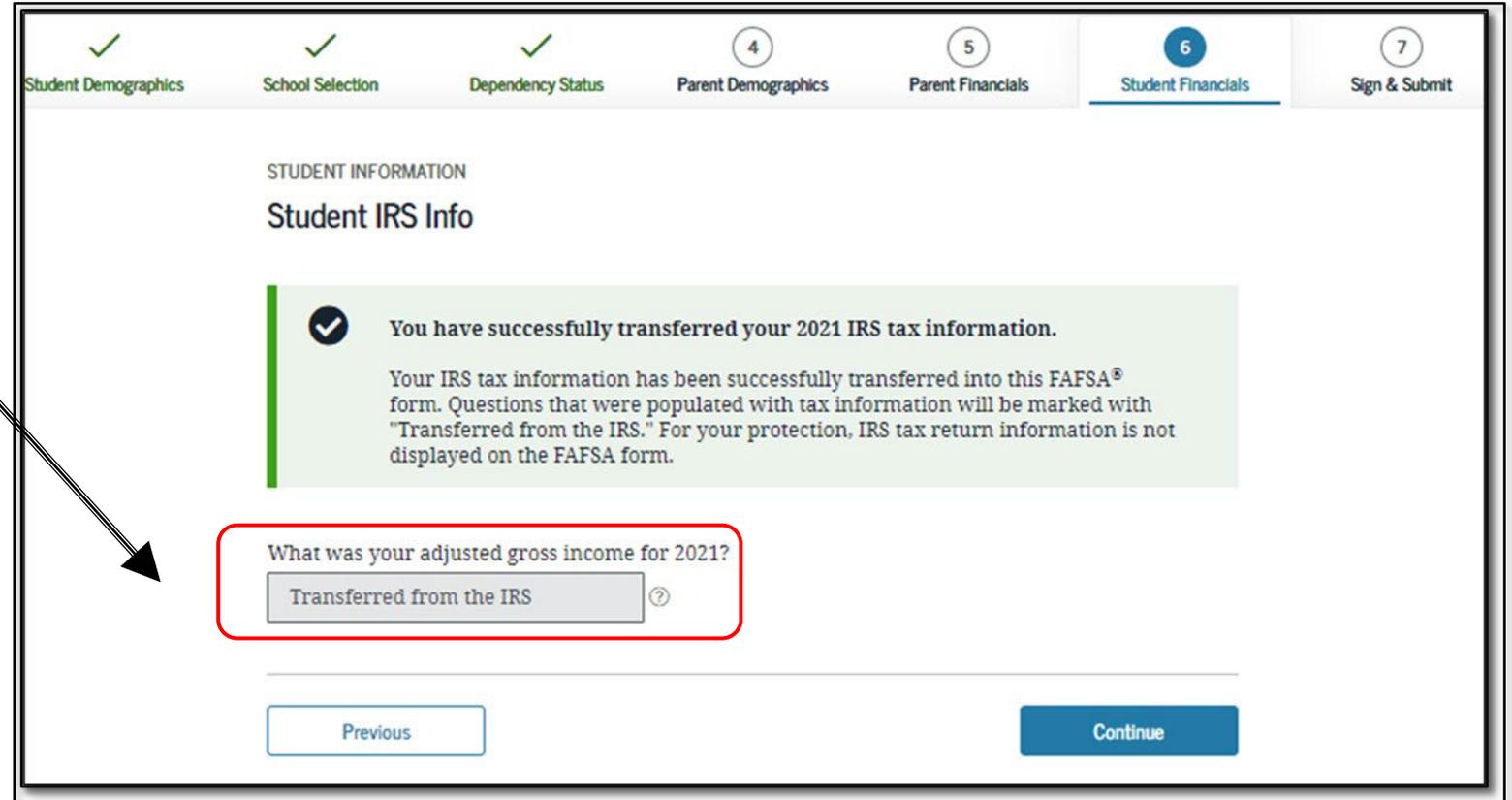


**DO NOT TRANSFER** ?

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## “Student IRS Info”–

After the data has been transferred from the IRS DRT it will show as “Transferred from the IRS.”



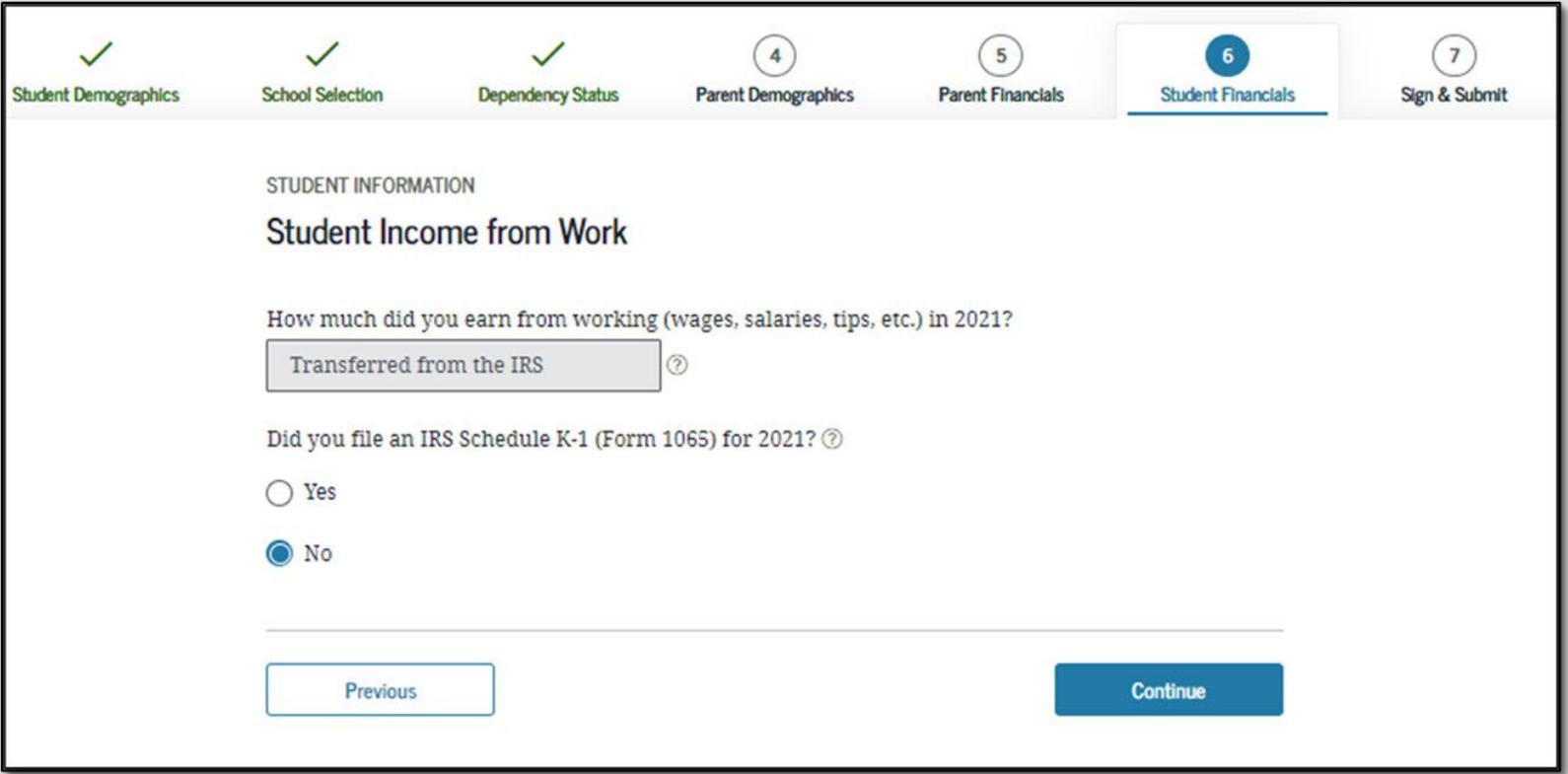
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“Student Income from work”

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

If asked, select No to the question “Did you file an IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1035 for 2020).”



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## Student Simplified Path Determination (part 1):

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 “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.

**NOTE:** The CADAA does not ask about Schedule 1, only Dislocated Worker status.



School Selection



Dependency Status



Parent Demographics



Parent Financials



Student Financials

### STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Student Simplified Path Determination

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.](#)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

As of today, are you a [dislocated worker](#)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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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.

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, your income tax for 2021 will show as "Transferred from the IRS"

OR  
you must enter it manually.

This screenshot shows the 'Student Additional IRS Info' page in the FAFSA application. The progress bar at the top indicates that 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', and 'Dependency Status' are complete (marked with green checkmarks), while 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', and 'Sign & Submit' are in progress. The 'Student Financials' step is currently active. The main heading is 'STUDENT INFORMATION Student Additional IRS Info'. Below this, the instruction reads 'Enter the amount of your income tax for 2021.' The input field contains the text 'Transferred from the IRS' and a help icon. At the bottom of the form are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

This screenshot shows the same 'Student Additional IRS Info' page. The progress bar and headings are identical to the first screenshot. The instruction reads 'Enter the amount of your income tax for 2021.' Below this, a smaller instruction states: '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 a currency field with a '\$' symbol on the left, a text box in the middle, and a '.00' on the right, followed by a help icon. At the bottom of the form are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

## “Student Questions for Tax Filers Only”

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 'Student Financials' section of the FAFSA application. At the top, a progress bar indicates that steps 1 through 5 (Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, and Parent Financials) are complete, while step 6 (Student Financials) is the current step. Step 7 (Sign & Submit) is also visible. The main heading is 'STUDENT INFORMATION' followed by 'Student Questions for Tax Filers Only'. Below this, a question asks: 'Did you have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply.' There are five items listed, each with a corresponding input field:

- 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
- 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
- Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS. Input field: Transferred from the IRS
- Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS form. Input field: Transferred from the IRS
- IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans from IRS form. Input field: Transferred from the IRS
- 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'.

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## 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.

Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✓ Parent Demographics 4 Parent Financials 5 **Student Financials 6**

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Additional Financial Info

Did you have any of the following items in 2021? 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.

\$ 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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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 NMD 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)

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**Student Assets:**  
If asked, click "Yes" to skip questions about your assets. It is not required.

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Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✓ Parent Demographics 4 Parent Financials 5 **Student Financials 6** Sign & Submit 7

STUDENT INFORMATION

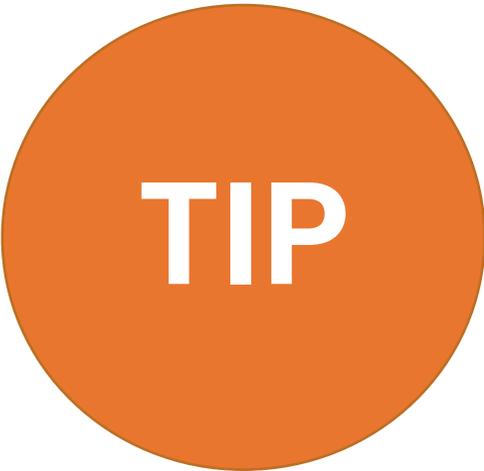
### Student Assets

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? ⓘ

Yes

No

Previous Continue



**TIP**

## **What if your income has changed since 2021?**

If your income has decreased since 2021 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.

# FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

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.

Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✓ Parent Demographics 4 Parent Financials 5 Student Financials 6 Sign & Submit 7

### STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Student Tax Filing Status

**Attention!** You must provide financial information from your **2021 tax return** on the following pages.

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

For 2021, 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 2021 tax filing deadline that was extended due to Covid-19, but still plans to file a 2021 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), select “OK.” Otherwise, change your answer.

OK

What income tax return will you file for 2021?

IRS Form 1040

For 2021, 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® form.

Select “Continue.”

Previous Continue



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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.



### STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Student IRS Info



You indicated you "Will file" a 2021 tax return.

If your 2021 income is similar to your 2020 income, use your 2020 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<sup>®</sup> form by changing 1) your filing status from "Will file" to "Already completed," and 2) the estimated answers to the final amounts on your 2021 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.

What was your adjusted gross income for 2021?

*This amount is found on IRS Form 1040—line 11.*

[Calculate with Income Estimator](#)

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# Option c).

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

# IRS Income Tax Return

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

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Select "Not going to file" if you did not work or did not make enough money that requires you to file taxes 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)

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Tax Filing Status

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

For 2021, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Not going to file



### 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."

Previous

Continue



## TAX TIPS

### Unsure if you made enough money to file taxes?

Each year the income requirement is different. Ex. In 2021, if you were single, under 65 and your gross earned income and/or income from scholarship awards was at least \$12,550, then you are legally required to file taxes.

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

### There are many good reasons to file taxes!

- ✓ Most half-time and full-time students qualify for a cash-back education credit.
- ✓ Students who earned at least \$1 may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- ✓ Parenting students, whether they have worked or not, may qualify for the child tax credit.
- ✓ Any childcare expenses a parent pays for while they attend school or work can also be deducted on their taxes.
- ✓ Beginning in 2022, some foster youth will even qualify for an extra tax credit based on their experience in foster care!

Learn more at [jbay.org/resources/tax-prep-checklistfor-transition-age-youth-2/](https://jbay.org/resources/tax-prep-checklistfor-transition-age-youth-2/).

# 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.

Progress bar showing steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6), Sign & Submit (7).

STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Income from Work

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2021?

\$  .00 

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## Additional Financial Info

As in the prior section, you will be asked if you paid child support, have earnings from a Cooperative Education Program or taxable earnings from programs such as Federal Work Study

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STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Additional Financial Info

Did you have any of the following items in 2021? 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.

\$ 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 2

These are the same questions as in the prior section, however You DO have to report Unemployment Benefits under untaxed income.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Untaxed Income

Did you have any of the following items in 2021? 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.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar with seven steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit. The Student Financials step is currently active. Below the progress bar, the section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Assets". A question asks, "Do you want to skip questions about your assets?" with two radio button options: "Yes" (selected) and "No". At the bottom of the form, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✓ Parent Demographics 4 Parent Financials 5 **Student Financials 6** Sign & Submit 7

STUDENT INFORMATION  
**Student Assets**

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? ⓘ

Yes  
 No

Previous Continue

# CADAA: STUDENT FINANCIALS– What's Different?

- On the CADAA, there is no IRS DRT.
- Students who filed should bring their tax transcripts, 1099's and W-2's.
- Students who filed or will file will be asked about their current assets.
- The questions for "already filed" and "will file" are the same.
- If someone selects "**Not going to File**", they will not be asked any additional questions.

The screenshot displays the CADAA interface for the 'Student Financials' section. At the top, a progress bar shows three steps: 'Student' (completed with a green checkmark), 'Parent' (completed with a green checkmark), and 'Sign & Submit' (pending with a red exclamation mark). Below the progress bar, there are icons for 'Student' (graduation cap), 'Parent' (two people), and 'Sign & Submit' (pencil). A toggle for 'Auto Hint' is visible on the right. The main content area shows a list of sections: 'Demographics' (checked), 'School' (checked), 'Dependency' (checked), and 'Financial' (checked). Below this, a dark grey header reads 'Section II - Student IRS Information'. The main content area contains a message box with a document icon and a red 'X' over it, titled 'Not Required'. The message text reads: 'Based on the answers you have selected, you are not required to answer any questions in this section.' At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons, and the text 'Section 2 of 6' is centered.

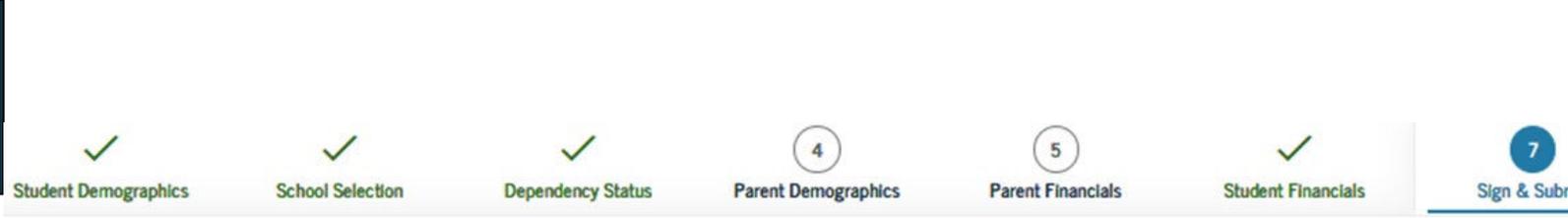
SECTION 7 OF THE FAFSA:  
**SIGN & SUBMIT**

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*The final section of the FAFSA!*

# FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

- Review and check all the information from the application.
- You can print a copy for your records by clicking "Print This Page" at the bottom.



## SIGN AND SUBMIT

### FAFSA® Summary

**i** 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.

FAFSA Summary: 2023-24      Student ID: \*\*\*\*-3012 LA

[COLLAPSE ALL ^](#)

SECTION 1 Student Demographics <span>⌵</span>	
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)	11/02/2004

# FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

**New!** Answer a few demographic questions before you sign and submit and then click “Continue.” These questions do not affect your eligibility for aid

SIGN & SUBMIT

Before you sign and submit, please answer a few questions about the student.

**i** These questions don't affect aid eligibility. Your answers to questions in this survey will not affect your eligibility for federal student aid and will not be used in any aid calculations.

What is your gender?

Male

Female

Nonbinary

Decline to answer

Are you transgender?

Yes

No

Decline to answer

What is your ethnicity? *Choose all that apply.*

Not Hispanic nor Latino origin

Cuban descent

Mexican, Mexican-American, or Chicano descent

Puerto Rican descent

Other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin

Decline to answer

What is your race? *Choose all that apply.*

White

Black or African American

Asian

Chinese

Filipino

Asian Indian

Vietnamese

Korean

Japanese

Other Asian origin

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Decline to answer

[Previous](#) [Continue](#)

# 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 'Sign & Submit' section. At the top, a progress bar indicates that sections 1 through 6 are completed, and section 7 is the current step. The main heading is 'SIGN & SUBMIT' with a sub-heading 'Read Before Proceeding'. A blue information box contains the following 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, a white box contains 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'. This is followed by a list of five terms: 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'. This is followed by a list of two terms: 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 FAFSA 'Sign & Submit' section. It contains the following text: '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'. This is followed by a list of two terms: 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, it says '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.' This is followed by another paragraph: '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.' At the bottom, there is a checkbox with the text 'I, T Perez, agree to the terms outlined above.' and a blue button labeled '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].

The screenshot displays the FAFSA Sign & Submit interface. At the top, a progress bar shows six completed steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, and Student Financials, each marked with a green checkmark. 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 Signature Options'. The student's name is listed as 'Anderson'. Personal information includes 'Date of Birth: 08/09/2002' and 'Social Security Number: .....1483'. The main section is titled 'Enter the student's FSA ID' and includes the instruction 'Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the student.' It features 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 of the page, there are two links: 'Return to Signature Status' and 'Other Options to Sign and Submit'.

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

SIGN & SUBMIT  
Signature Options

Student signature for: Anderson

Date of Birth: 08/09/2002 Social Security Number: .....1483

**Enter the student's FSA ID**  
Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the student.

Student's FSA ID Username, Email Address, or Mobile Number  ?  
[Forgot Username](#) | [Create an FSA ID](#)

Student's FSA ID Password  Show ?  
[Forgot Password](#)

[Sign This FAFSA Form](#)

[Return to Signature Status](#) [Other Options to Sign and Submit](#)

# FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

## Congratulations, Brian!

Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

10/06/2022 15:51:01

Confirmation Number: F 00000000101

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](mailto: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:

• **This is your Confirmation Page to show that your FAFSA is submitted!**

• You'll be notified via email 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).

• CADAA applicants will also see a confirmation page that will identify if there are any issues that need to be resolved and the CA Dream ID number.

# AFTER THE FAFSA/CADAA

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*Filling out the FAFSA/CADAA 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.

The screenshot shows the 'My FAFSA' portal. At the top, there are links for 'Help' and 'Exit FAFSA Form'. Below the header, it says 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Welcome to INDEPENDENT TESTER's application!'. There are two tabs for the academic years: '2023-24' and '2022-23'. A red box highlights the 'Current Application Status:' section, which shows a green checkmark and the text 'Processed Successfully'. Below this, a message reads: 'Congratulations, your FAFSA form was successfully processed.' Underneath, a section titled 'What Happens Next' contains a bulleted list of information regarding school access and contact. At the bottom of the main content area, it states: 'Original Application: Submitted on 10/01/2022; Processed on 10/18/2022'. A separate box at the bottom of the screenshot lists two additional actions: 'Edit FAFSA Form' (with a pencil icon) and 'View Student Aid Report' (with a document icon). Each action includes a brief description and a corresponding button.

**My FAFSA**<sup>®</sup> Help Exit FAFSA Form

STUDENT INFORMATION  
Welcome to INDEPENDENT TESTER's application!

2023-24 2022-23

**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 10/01/2022; Processed on 10/18/2022*

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

The SAR [or Cal SAR on the CADAA] is not your award letter, but an estimate of what you MAY be eligible for.

It includes the Data Release Number (DRN) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

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.

The screenshot shows the '2023-24 Student Aid Report' page. At the top right, there are links for 'Print SAR', 'Help', and 'Exit FAFSA Form'. The main heading is '2023-24 Student Aid Report'. Below this, there is a navigation menu with 'Processing Results' selected and a right-pointing arrow. Other menu items include 'FAFSA Data', 'School Information', 'Financial Aid History', and 'Corrections History'. The main content area is titled 'TRANSACTION 01 Processing Results'. It contains a table with three columns: 'Application Receipt Date: 10/01/2022', 'Processed Date: 11/03/2022', and 'Data Release Number (DRN): 3966'. Below the table, there is a section titled 'Expected Family Contribution: 0'. This section includes a link to 'Learn about federal tax benefits for education, including the American Opportunity tax credit.' and two paragraphs of text explaining that the EFC is 0 and that the student may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,895 for the 2023-24 school year. At the bottom of the page, there is a button labeled 'Back to FAFSA Home'.

2023-24 Student Aid Report

Print SAR Help Exit FAFSA Form

Processing Results → TRANSACTION 01 Processing Results

FAFSA Data

School Information

Financial Aid History

Corrections History

Application Receipt Date:	Processed Date:	Data Release Number (DRN)
10/01/2022	11/03/2022	3966

[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.

Based on your EFC of 0, you may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,895 for the 2023-24 school year provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program.

[Back to FAFSA Home](#)

## CADAA AB540 AFFIDAVIT

- CADAA applicants must submit a signed “Non-Resident Exemption” Request, also known as an “AB 540 Affidavit” in order to qualify for aid!
- A student should get the affidavit from the office of admission at the college the student plans to attend.
- You should complete this form upon accepting an offer to attend a college in California and at least one semester or quarter before you are scheduled to start classes.

# APPLY FOR THE CHAFEE GRANT

*This is a separate application from the FAFSA/CADAA*

# Chafee Grant Overview & Eligibility:

May receive up to \$5,000 depending on financial need for up to 5 years (whether or not consecutive) until the age of 26.

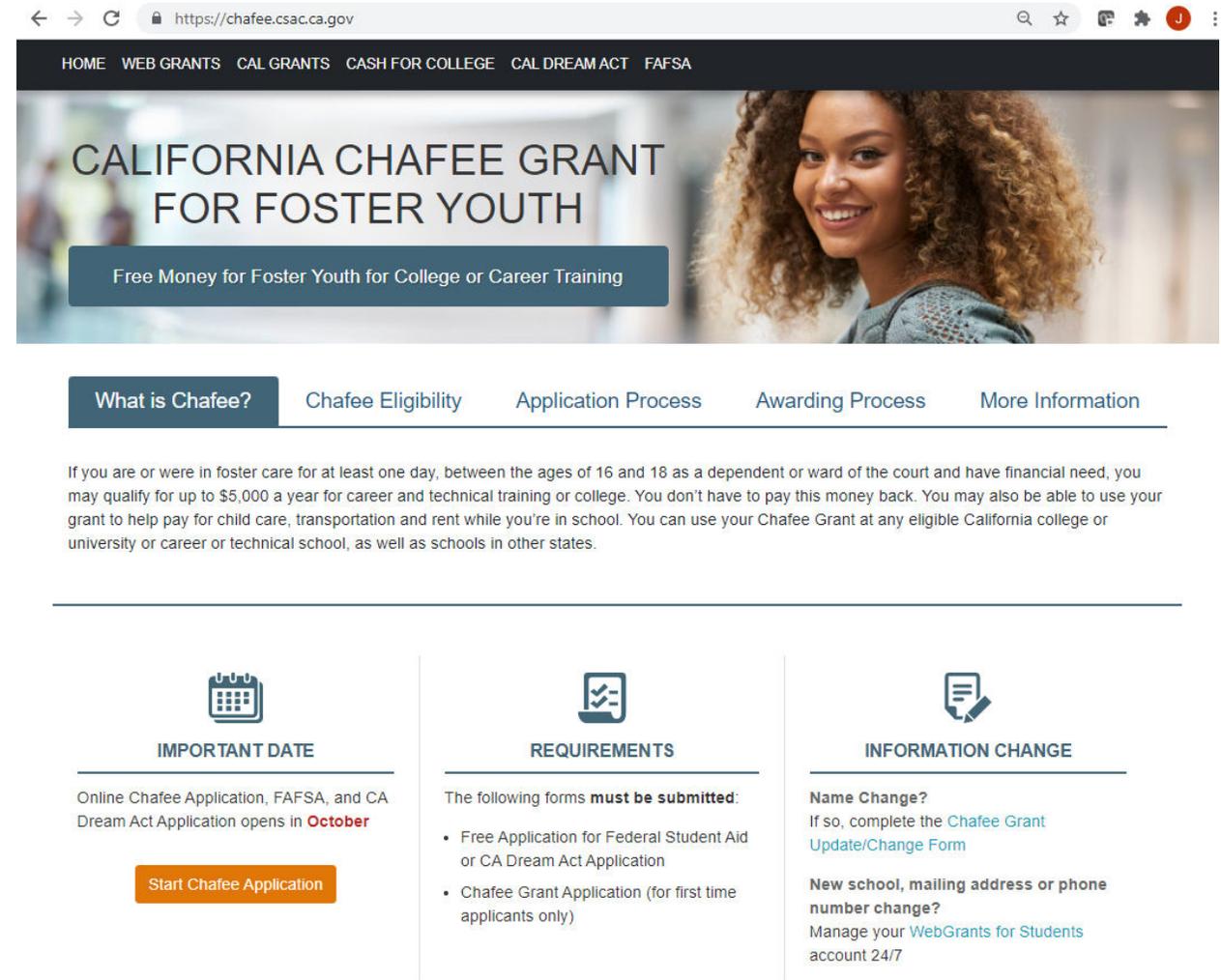
Can be used at public or private qualified colleges, universities or career and technical schools (CTE) in California or out of state.

Must be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court at least one day between the ages of 16–18.

Must be enrolled at least half-time in college, have financial need and have not reached your 26<sup>th</sup> birthday as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of the award year.

# Chafee Grant Application Tips

- A separate application is required for **first time** applicants in addition to the FAFSA/CADAA
- Go to [chafee.csac.ca.gov](https://chafee.csac.ca.gov) to apply.
- Apply as soon as possible- ideally right after your FAFSA/CADAA!
- Planned School of Attendance refers to *one* college the student plans to attend. If the school isn't listed, contact CSAC.
- It is common for students to be waitlisted for an entire school year before they are awarded.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth website. The browser address bar displays <https://chafee.csac.ca.gov>. The navigation menu includes links for HOME, WEB GRANTS, CAL GRANTS, CASH FOR COLLEGE, CAL DREAM ACT, and FAFSA. The main heading reads "CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH" with a sub-heading "Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training". A navigation bar below the heading contains links for "What is Chafee?", "Chafee Eligibility", "Application Process", "Awarding Process", and "More Information". A paragraph of text explains that students who were in foster care for at least one day between ages 16 and 18 and have financial need may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. Below this, three columns provide key information: "IMPORTANT DATE" (application opens in October), "REQUIREMENTS" (forms to be submitted), and "INFORMATION CHANGE" (links for name change and school address changes).

HOME WEB GRANTS CAL GRANTS CASH FOR COLLEGE CAL DREAM ACT FAFSA

## CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training

[What is Chafee?](#) [Chafee Eligibility](#) [Application Process](#) [Awarding Process](#) [More Information](#)

If you are or were in foster care for at least one day, between the ages of 16 and 18 as a dependent or ward of the court and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. You don't have to pay this money back. You may also be able to use your grant to help pay for child care, transportation and rent while you're in school. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.

### IMPORTANT DATE

Online Chafee Application, FAFSA, and CA Dream Act Application opens in **October**

[Start Chafee Application](#)

### REQUIREMENTS

The following forms **must be submitted**:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid or CA Dream Act Application
- Chafee Grant Application (for first time applicants only)

### INFORMATION CHANGE

**Name Change?**  
If so, complete the [Chafee Grant Update/Change Form](#)

**New school, mailing address or phone number change?**  
Manage your [WebGrants for Students](#) account 24/7

# CREATE A WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS ACCOUNT

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

# Cal Grant – state financial aid

Students with dependent children or foster youth can get up to \$6,000 for non-tuition costs

Must have at least a **2.0 GPA unless enrolled in a qualified CTE program**

GPA must be submitted and matched to their FAFSA/CADAA

**Application deadline** is now extended from March 2nd to September 2nd for all students attending community college.

Foster youth only can maintain for up to 8 years.

Foster youth only can apply up to age 26 if attending a 4-year university.

# California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant Program

- Encourages CADAA students who meet Cal Grant B eligibility to perform at least 150 hours of community or volunteer service
- 1,667 eligible students will receive up to \$4,500 per academic year
- Renewable for up to 8 semesters or 12 quarters
- Recipients must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), such as earning at least a 2.0 GPA
- Students must apply annually
- For more information, visit [www.csac.ca.gov/dsig](http://www.csac.ca.gov/dsig)

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

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Student Aid Commission's WebGrants 4 Students portal. At the top left is the logo for the California Student Aid Commission, and at the top right is a "Contact Us" link. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for "For Students", "For Schools & Counselors", "Outreach", "Reports & Publications", "News & Events", and "About". The main heading is "WebGrants 4 Students" with a blue "Login" button and a "Create an Account" link below it. A yellow banner below the heading contains a calendar icon and text: "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." The bottom section is divided into three columns: "INFORMATION" (with a document icon), "FORMS/APPLICATIONS" (with a document icon), and "RESOURCES" (with a laptop icon). Each column contains a list of links to various services and documents.

California Student Aid Commission

Contact Us

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## WebGrants 4 Students

Login

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.

### Edit Profile

- Contact Info
- Demographic
- 3rd Party Access
- History of Previous Changes

**Address\*** 20612 PIONEER BLVD  
LAKEWOOD CA 90715  
Address has been verified as a valid information

**Mobile Phone\*** 626-784-8323

**Alternate Phone** 000-000-0000

**Primary Email\*** pshaner924@gmail.com

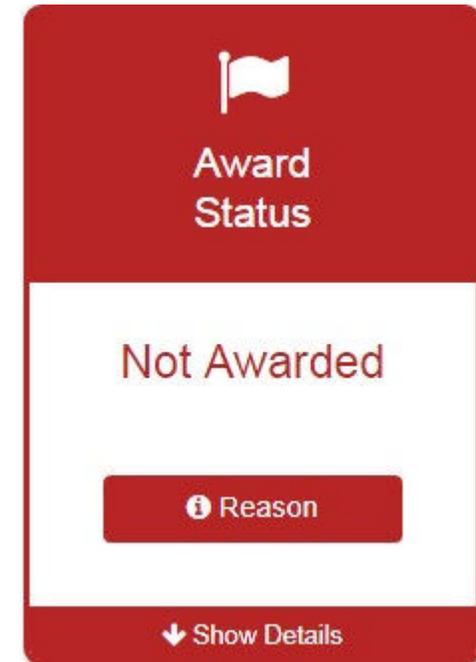
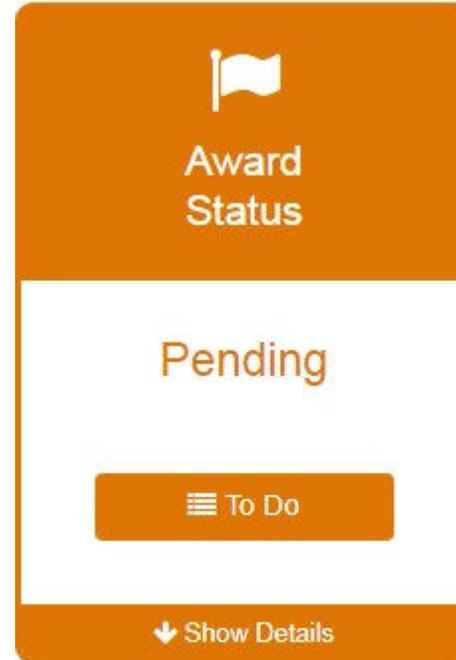
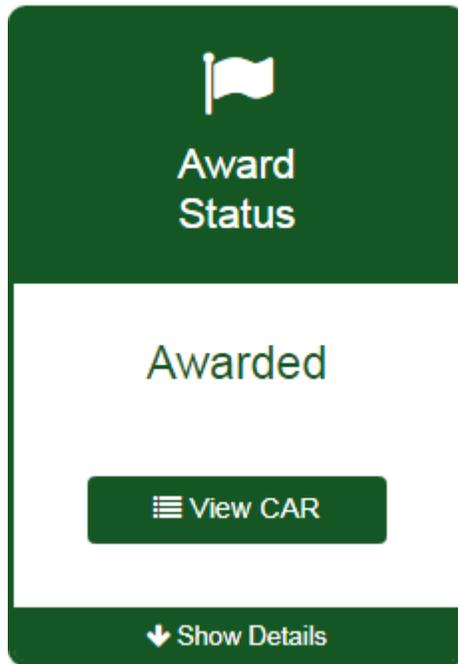
**Alternate Email** example@domain.com

Save Changes Reset

Close

# Check Your Award Status

Below are possible award status cards within WebGrants.



# Example: Award Pending for Chafee Grant

## Chafee Grant Application Status (2019-2020)

### FAFSA

Status	Received
Complete	10/08/2018

### Chafee Application

Status	Received
Complete	10/08/2018

### Department of Social Services Record

Status		County
Incomplete	Complete your Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form	BUTTE



# WebGrants To Do's

1. Check your award status and amount for the Cal Grant and Chafee 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.
6. If you applied for Chafee Grant, check that your "Department of Social Services Record" is complete to verify your foster youth status. Note: This is only verified monthly so it may take up to 6 weeks before this is verified.

# Understanding Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students who fail to meet their institution's SAP standards for two consecutive terms will lose eligibility for most financial aid.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Completing in a reasonable time



**SAP**



Passing  
enough  
classes  
along the  
way



Completing  
with a high  
enough  
GPA



# Educate Students About SAP & How to Maintain Financial Aid

- Inform students about how SAP works
- Connect students to an academic counselor to ensure they are registering for the proper classes
- Advise that students talk to a counselor before dropping or withdrawing from any classes
- Inform students about the appeal process if they fail to meet SAP
- Connect students to resources early - be proactive, not reactive

# Congrats! You Did It!

## Remember:

- Continue to check your email and college student portal weekly.
- Respond promptly to any information request to provide verification in order to receive your financial aid.
- Update all your accounts if your address, email or phone number changes
- Apply for other scholarships and campus support programs for foster youth.
- Check out the Financial Aid Guide for California Foster Youth to learn how to maintain your financial aid and educate youth about this process.
- Reapply for FAFSA/CADAA every year!

# HELPFUL RESOURCES

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# Free Help Completing the 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
- Contact the U.S. Department of Education at:  
[www.studentaid.gov/help-center/contact](http://www.studentaid.gov/help-center/contact)

# Free Help with the CADAA

- Live Help built into CADAA (Turn on “Auto Hint”)
- California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)
  - 1-888-CA-GRANT (1-888-224-7268)
  - If hearing impaired: 1-800-735-2929 (TTY) or 1-800-735-2922 (Voice)
  - [StudentSupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:StudentSupport@csac.ca.gov)
- IRS Get a Tax Return Transcript – 1-800-908-9946

Visit [www.cacollegepathways.org](http://www.cacollegepathways.org)

## Resource Portal:

- Campus support program contact info
- Financial Aid Resources
- Info on benefits for foster youth
- Planning & Applying to College

# Financial Aid Resources at: [jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/](http://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/)

- Financial Aid Guide for CA Foster Youth (English & Spanish)
- Visual Guide for FAFSA and CADAA
- Today's webinar
- After the FAFSA/CADAA Checklist (English & Spanish)
- **NEW:** Scholarship Resources for Current and Former Foster Youth
- **NEW:** Updated High School Counselor Foster Youth FAFSA/CADAA Challenge Toolkit
- IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter Guidance

# Want to practice?

**FAFSA Demo Site:**

[fafsademotest.ed.gov/webdemo.htm](https://fafsademotest.ed.gov/webdemo.htm)

# THANK YOU

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Question and Answers