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

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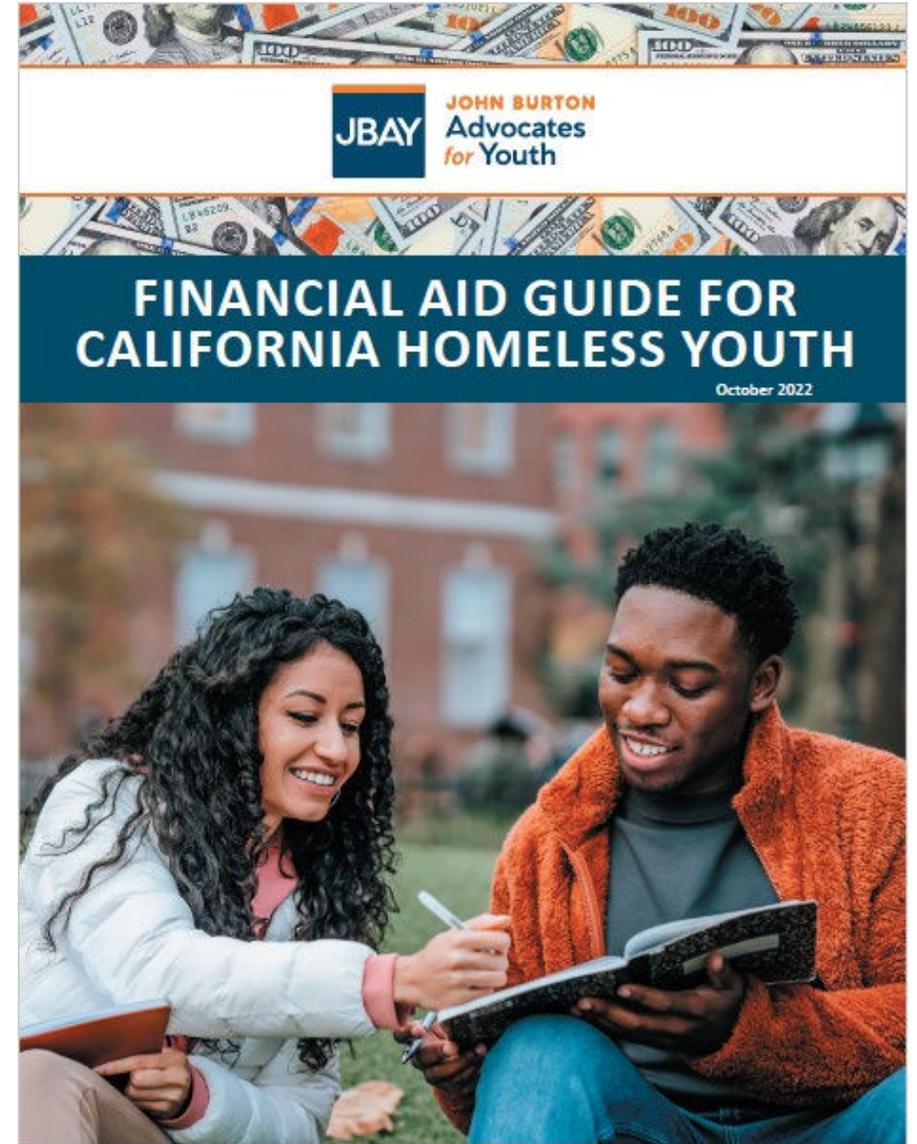


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This Guide is intended to compliment the *Financial Aid Guide for California Homeless Youth* with screen shots of the actual online FAFSA application and detailed step-by-step instructions for youth who have experienced homelessness.

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

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



Intended Audience

- **This guide is intended for youth who have experienced homelessness in California who qualify for “Independent Student Status” on the FAFSA.** If you do not qualify for “Independent Student Status,” you will need to complete the Parental Demographics section and provide financial information about you and your parent(s). Information about this process is not included in this guide.
- Students who do not qualify as homeless but who cannot obtain parental information can request an exemption for **special circumstances** such as an abusive family, parental incarceration or when parents’ whereabouts are unknown. Note that circumstances such as parents not providing financial support or being unwilling to provide information do not alone qualify as special circumstances. **Additional information is on pp. 66-68.**
- **If you are an undocumented student**, including DACA recipients, remember to fill out the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at dream.csac.ca.gov instead of the FAFSA. If you are a California undocumented student, you should use the CADAA even if you were a DACA recipient and granted a temporary Social Security Number. Visit <https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/> for a Visual Guide of the CADAA.
- **If you are a current or former foster youth who was in foster care at least one day after your 13th birthday or in a court-ordered legal guardianship**, you may also qualify for “Independent Status” and should visit the financial aid resources for foster youth to learn more: <https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/>

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Where to Apply for Financial Aid



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

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Apply at: fafsa.gov

(Paper application are also available but not recommended)

What are you eligible for? Both federal (i.e. Pell Grant, Federal Work Study etc.) and state financial aid (i.e. Cal Grant).

OR



IF YOU ARE AN ELIGIBLE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT

Complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

Apply at: dream.csac.ca.gov

(Paper applications are in both English and Spanish. The online application is in English only.)

Learn more by visiting: www.jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide for step-by-step guides for the online and paper CADAA.

***What is an eligible non-citizen?** Examples include a U.S. permanent resident who has a green card (Permanent Resident Card), a conditional permanent resident with a conditional Green Card, or a “refugee.” You can find the complete list on the FAFSA.

When to Apply

Students planning to attend a four-year university should apply between October 1 and March 2 before the start of the school year, to ensure eligibility for a Cal Grant and institutional aid. Community college students have until September 2 to apply for a Cal Grant. Other forms of aid such as the Pell grant have later application deadlines, but all students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to qualify for maximum aid.

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

Students can apply for financial aid before they submit college applications

What to Bring to Apply for Financial Aid

Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number

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

Email Address

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

List of up to 10 colleges you plan to apply to

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

Tax information, if you filed a tax return, or information about the income you earned or received for the requested prior-prior year (i.e., if you are applying for the 2023-2024 school year you must provide tax and income info from 2021). You may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to transfer tax information from your federal income tax return into the FAFSA, if applicable.

STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.GOV

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

New to the FAFSA Process:
Click "Start Here"

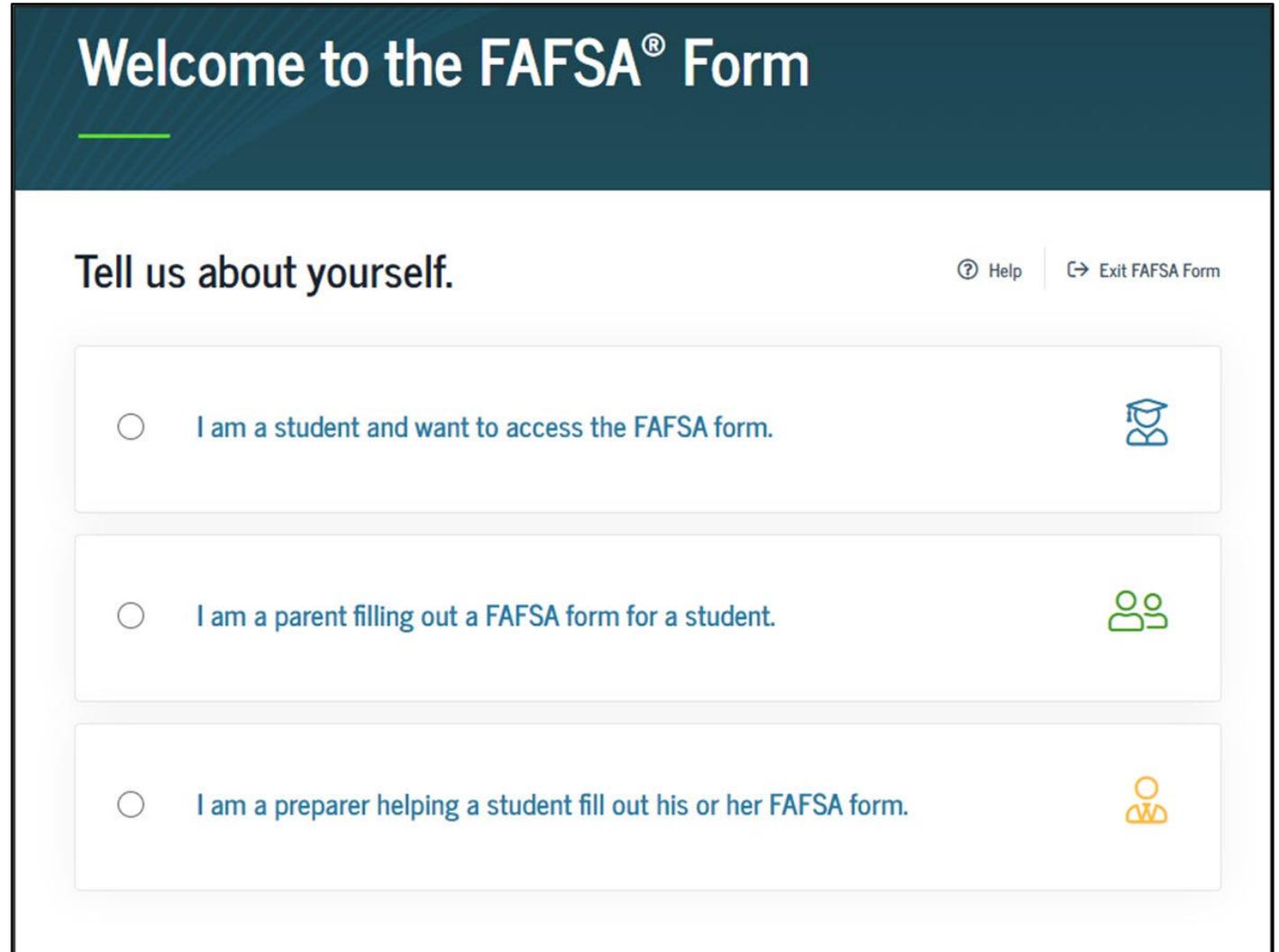
Returning User:
Click "Log In."
This allows you to prefill the current year's FAFSA with some data from last year's FAFSA.



STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.GOV

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

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



The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the FAFSA® Form' page. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the title 'Welcome to the FAFSA® Form' in white. Below the header, the main content area is white. The heading 'Tell us about yourself.' is followed by two links: 'Help' (with a question mark icon) and 'Exit FAFSA Form' (with an exit icon). There are three radio button options, each in a light gray box with a corresponding icon on the right:

- 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. 

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.

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

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

STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.GOV

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

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

Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form.

Enter your personal identifiers.

Your First Name
 ?

Your Full Last Name
 ?

Your Date of Birth

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

Your Social Security Number
 ?

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

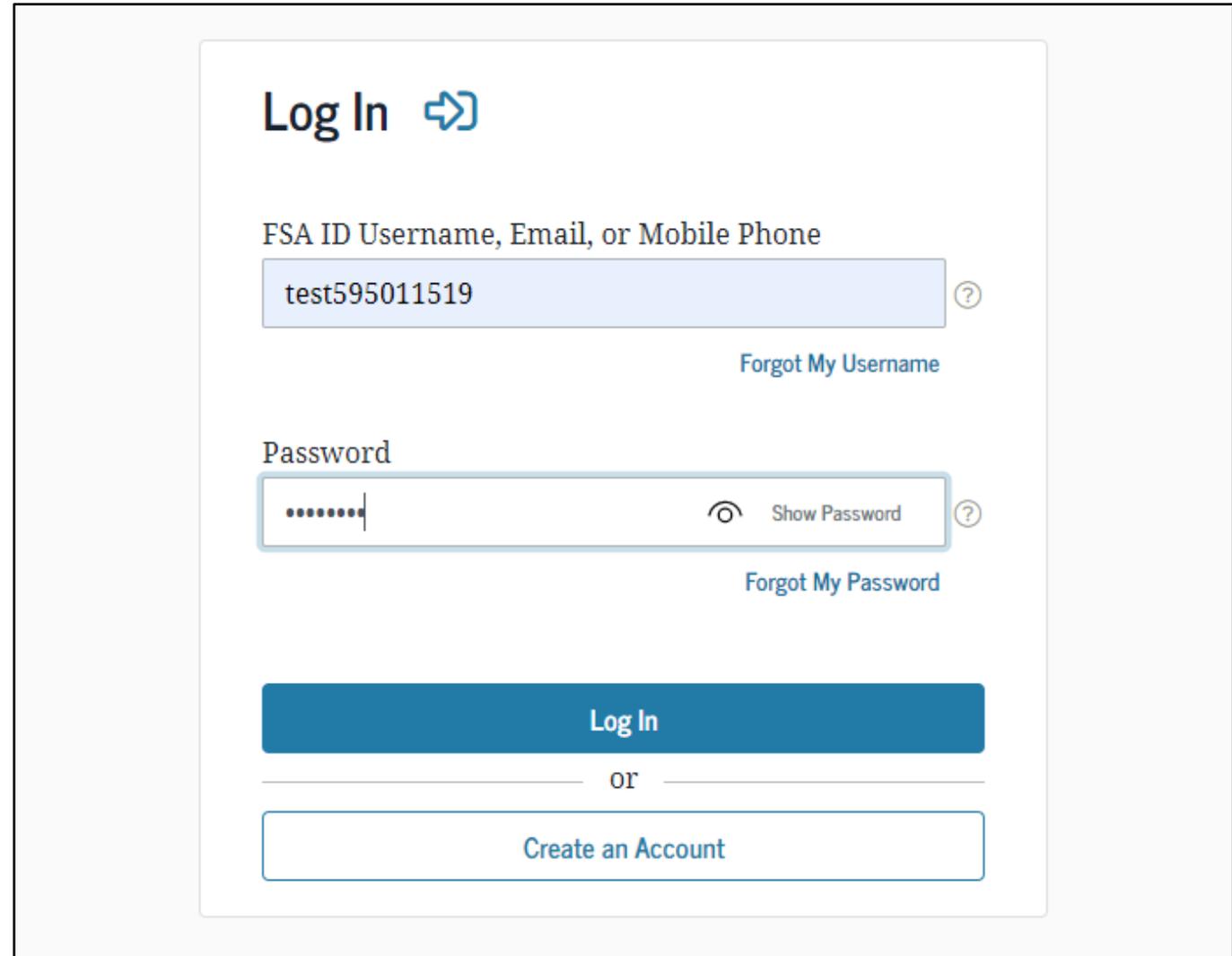
If you are a returning trust territory student who has previously submitted the FAFSA form, enter the entire 666 number we previously assigned to you.

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

STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.GOV

Log in:

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



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

Next: Create an “FSA ID”

Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID)

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

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

→ Click "Get Started"

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

Get Started

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

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*

What You'll Need

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

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

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

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

** If you don't have a social security number, apply for the CADAA at dream.csac.ca.gov

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
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Social Security Number (SSN)

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

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

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

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

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 2 of 7

Account Information

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

Username

 ?

Email Address

 ?

Confirm Email Address

 ?

Password

 Show Password ?

✓ Uppercase

✓ Lowercase

✓ Number

✓ 8+ characters

Confirm Password

 Show Password ?

Previous

Continue

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

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

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

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 3 of 7

Contact Information

Permanent Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Mobile Phone Account Access

We strongly recommend setting up your mobile phone for account access. This option helps you gain access to your account if you are locked out, as well as allows your mobile phone to be used for two-step verification.

Mobile Phone

Confirm Mobile Phone

Yes, I agree to use my mobile phone for account access.

Alternate Phone Number (Optional)

[+ Add Alternate Phone Number](#)

Yes, I agree to use my mobile phone for account access.



By selecting this option, I agree to receive text messages on my mobile phone for two-step verification and account recovery. I have reviewed and agree to Federal Student Aid's [Terms and Conditions](#) and [privacy policy](#). Additional information is available in Federal Student Aid's privacy policy.

Message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply HELP for help or STOP to opt out.

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

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

→ Indicate your preferred language.

Step 4 of 7

Communication Preferences

Required Communications

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

I want to receive these communications:

By email *Recommended*

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

By postal mail

Informational Communications

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

I want to receive these communications:

By email

By text message

Preferred Language

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

Language

English

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

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

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 5 of 7

Challenge Questions

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

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

Challenge Question 1

Question

 ⓘ

Answer

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Challenge Question 2

Question

 ⓘ

Answer

 ⓘ

Challenge Question 3

Question

 ⓘ

Answer

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Challenge Question 4

Question

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Answer

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Continue

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

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

Step 6 of 7

Confirm and Verify

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

Personal Information

Edit 

NAME

Joe F Blow

DATE OF BIRTH

01/01/2000

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)

***-**-7897

Account Information

Edit 

USERNAME

joeblow1984

EMAIL ADDRESS

joeblow1984@gmail.com

PASSWORD

Contact Information

Edit 

PERMANENT ADDRESS

1 Harmony Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

(949) 285-2345

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

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

→ After you click on the "Verify" button, a screen will pop up where you can input the code sent to your email or phone. **The code must be entered within 30 minutes.**

→ You also have the option to use an authenticator app. If you select this option, instructions will appear.

→ Click Continue once both are verified.

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

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

You will then be provided a unique backup code. You should copy this code and save it someplace safe as an alternative method of accessing your FSA ID and password if necessary.

Create an Account (FSA ID)



Step 7 of 7

Enable Two-Step Verification: Backup Code



We recommend storing your backup code in a safe place.

Your backup code is a special code that lets you access your account in the event that you cannot use any other two-step verification method.

Your Backup Code Is:

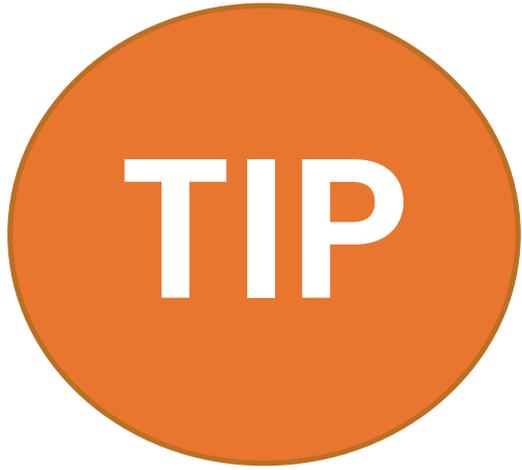
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I have stored this backup code somewhere safe.

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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
- FSA Backup Code

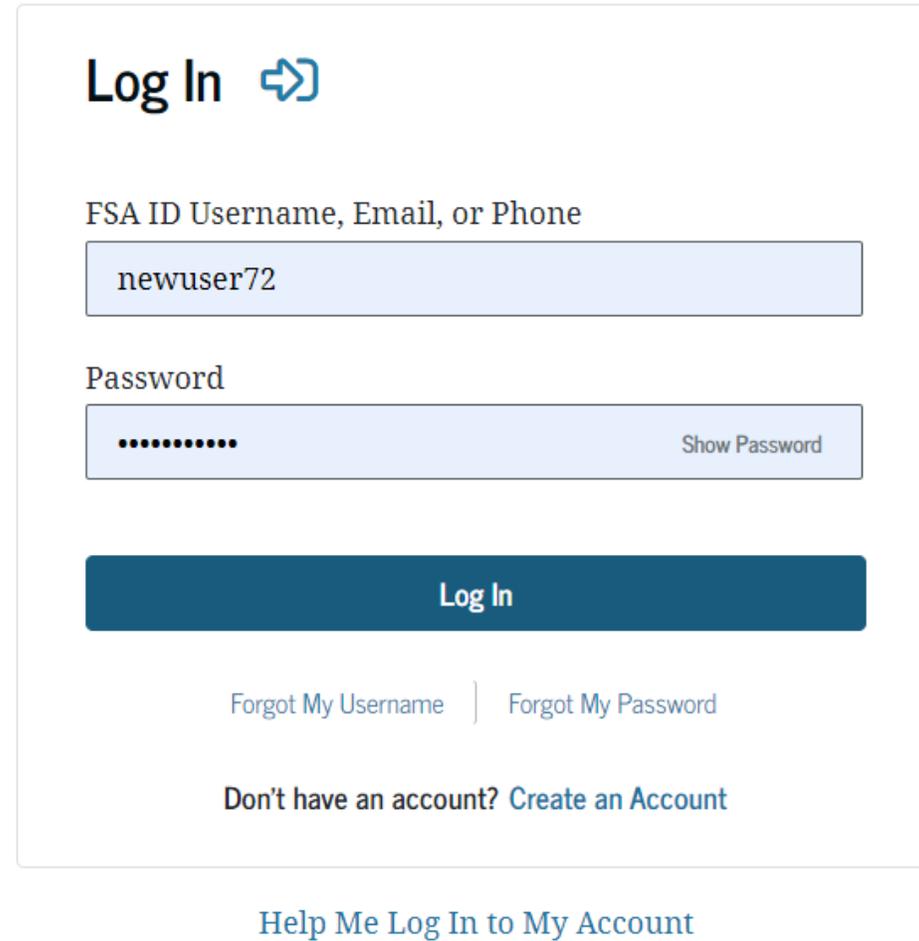
You're Now Ready to Start Your Online FAFSA

Login with your new FSA ID and begin the FAFSA

LOG-IN TO THE FAFSA

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

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



The image shows a screenshot of the FAFSA login interface. At the top, it says "Log In" with a right-pointing arrow icon. Below this is a text label "FSA ID Username, Email, or Phone" above a light blue input field containing the text "newuser72". Underneath is another text label "Password" above a light blue input field with masked characters "....." and a "Show Password" link on the right. A dark blue "Log In" button is centered below the fields. At the bottom of the form area, there are two links: "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password" separated by a vertical line. Below these is the text "Don't have an account? Create an Account". At the very bottom of the page, there is a link "Help Me Log In to My Account".

READ THE DISCLAIMER

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

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

Please Read Before Continuing

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

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

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

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

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

Federal Student Aid
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Log In ↗

student's FSA ID Us
Number
newuser72

student's FSA ID Pa
.....

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

Notices | usa.gov | ed.gov

SELECT THE SCHOOL YEAR YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

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

Get Started [? Help](#) [↪ Exit FAFSA Form](#)

Welcome to 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

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

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

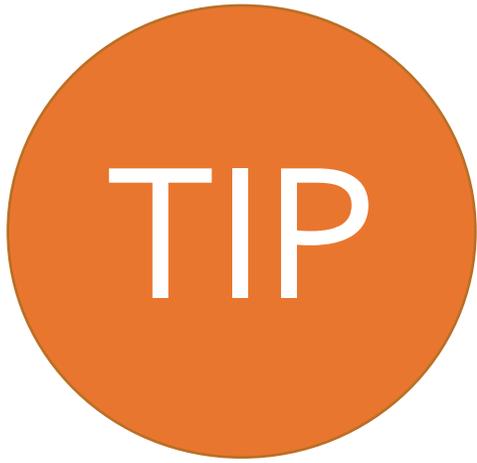
 Show 

Reenter Save Key

 Show 

Previous

Continue



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

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

REVIEW THE INTRODUCTION PAGE

- The Introduction Page includes general information about the FAFSA

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

Introduction - 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? 

[Continue](#)

COMPLETE THE SEVEN SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA

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



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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Personal Information for Student

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

Your Social Security Number
 

Your First Name
 

Your Middle Initial
 

Your Last Name
 

Your Date of Birth

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text" value="07"/>	<input type="text" value="17"/>	<input type="text" value="1995"/> 

SECTION 1 OF THE FAFSA:

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA Student Demographics section, titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Personal Information for Student". A navigation 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. At the bottom are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. 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 section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Email and Phone'. There are three input fields: 'Your Email Address' with the value '595011467@test.com', 'Reenter Your Email Address' with the value '595011467@test.com', and 'Your Telephone Number' with the value '(309) 332-3212'. Each field has a help icon (question mark in a circle) to its right. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (active), 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section is titled 'Student Address'. It contains four input fields: 'Your Permanent Mailing Address (include apt. number)' with the value '100 Main St', 'Your City (and country, if not U.S.)' with the value 'Manchester', 'Your State' with a dropdown menu set to 'New Hampshire', and 'Your ZIP Code' with the value '03245'. Each input field has a question mark icon to its right. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **State of Legal Residence:** If you select that you have lived in CA for at least 5 years, you may be eligible for California student financial aid (the Cal Grant).
- A separate application is not required, but you need to make sure that your high school has submitted your verified GPA and that it has been matched to your FAFSA. Create a WebGrants account to verify if your GPA has been matched to your FAFSA.
 - Visit www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-high-school-entitlement-award to see minimum GPA requirements.
 - Learn more on pages 109-113.
- **Are you a U.S. Citizen?** If you select **“No, but I am an eligible noncitizen”**, you will be asked to provide your Alien Registration Number (Don't enter the “A” before the number).

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. A progress bar at the top indicates the current step (1) and subsequent steps (2-7). The main heading is 'STUDENT INFORMATION' followed by 'Student Residency and Eligibility'. Two questions are highlighted with red boxes:

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

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

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

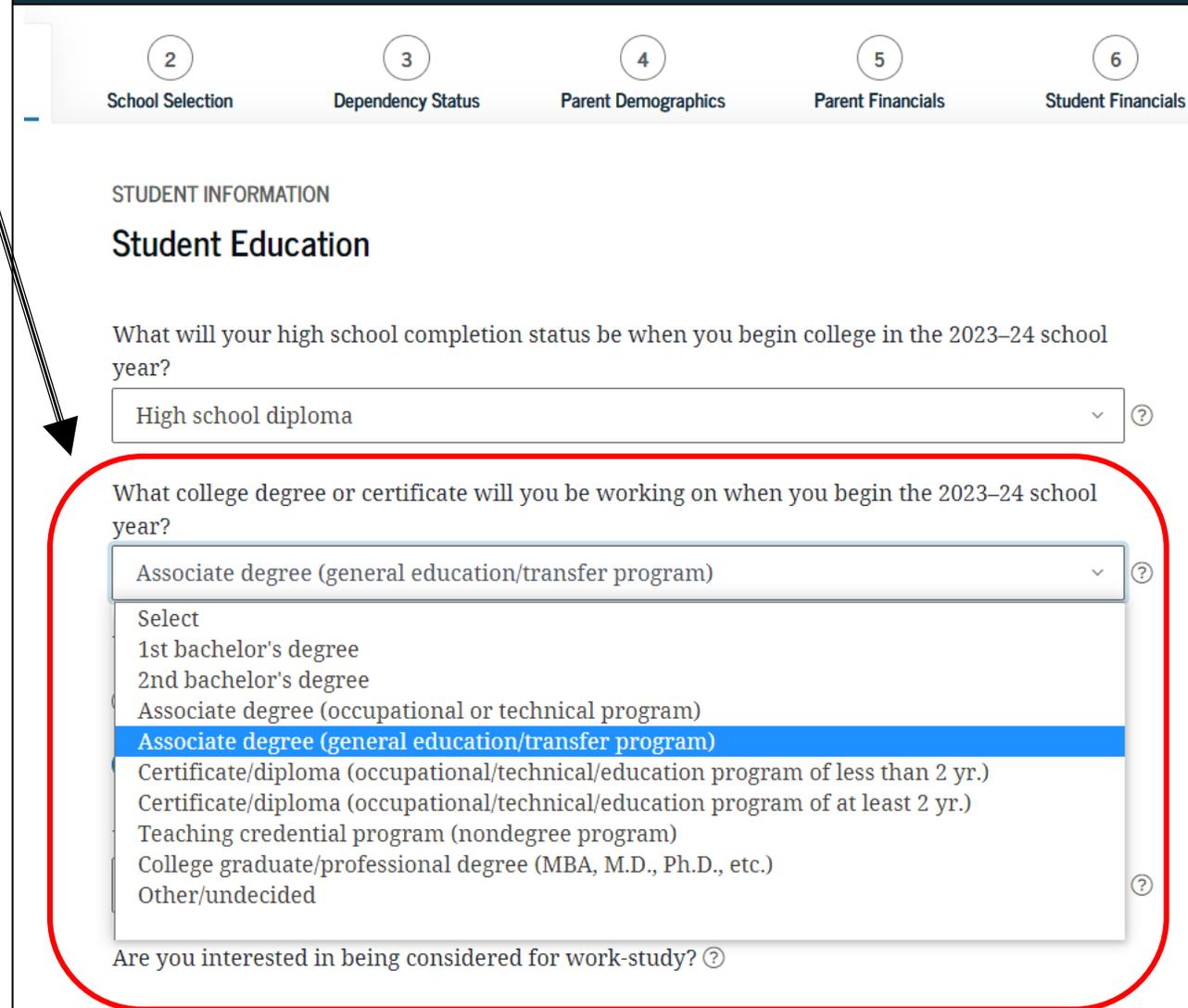
FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Student Education- Part I:

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

- If you are planning to attend a four-year college, select “1st bachelor’s degree.”
- If you are planning on attending a community college, even if your ultimate educational goal is to obtain a bachelor’s degree, select: “associate degree (occupational or technical OR general education/transfer program).”
- If you are unsure of your plans, select “1st bachelor’s degree.” Do NOT select “other/undecided.” However, if you decide to attend a community college, you should update your response to this question to avoid an error message and delays in your financial aid.
- Do not select “2nd bachelor’s degree” unless you already have a bachelor’s degree, as it may limit the grants that you receive.

CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE FOR MORE “STUDENT EDUCATION” QUESTIONS.



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". The first question is "What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2023-24 school year?" with a dropdown menu set to "High school diploma". The second question is "What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2023-24 school year?". This question and its dropdown menu are circled in red. The dropdown menu is open, showing 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 dropdown is the question "Are you interested in being considered for work-study?" with a help icon.

FAFSA SECTION I: 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, and were dually enrolled, you are still considered a first-time college student and can select the option: ***“Never attended college/1st yr.”***

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

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 but can help prevent identity theft. Driving record and parking tickets do not affect eligibility for financial aid.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (highlighted), 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student 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 two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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

[Note: This question is not on CADAA]

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

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

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. The navigation bar at the top includes steps 1 through 7: 1. Demographics, 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. The current section is 'STUDENT INFORMATION' with the title 'Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion'. Two red boxes highlight specific areas: the first box encloses the question 'Are you a foster youth or were you in the foster care system at any time?' with radio button options for 'Yes' and 'No' (where 'No' is selected); the second box encloses two dropdown menus for 'What's the highest school completed by Parent 1?' and 'What's the highest school completed by Parent 2?', both of which are set to 'Other/unknown'. At the bottom of the form are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

SECTION 2 OF THE FAFSA:

SCHOOL SELECTION

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

High School Search (if applicable):

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

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 add your high school to your application, select it from the list of results below and then select "Continue."

State / Province / Territory
Indiana ? My country is not listed.

City - optional
Gary ?

High School Name - optional
Benjamin Banneker Achievement Ctr ?

Search

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

High School Search Results:

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

<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

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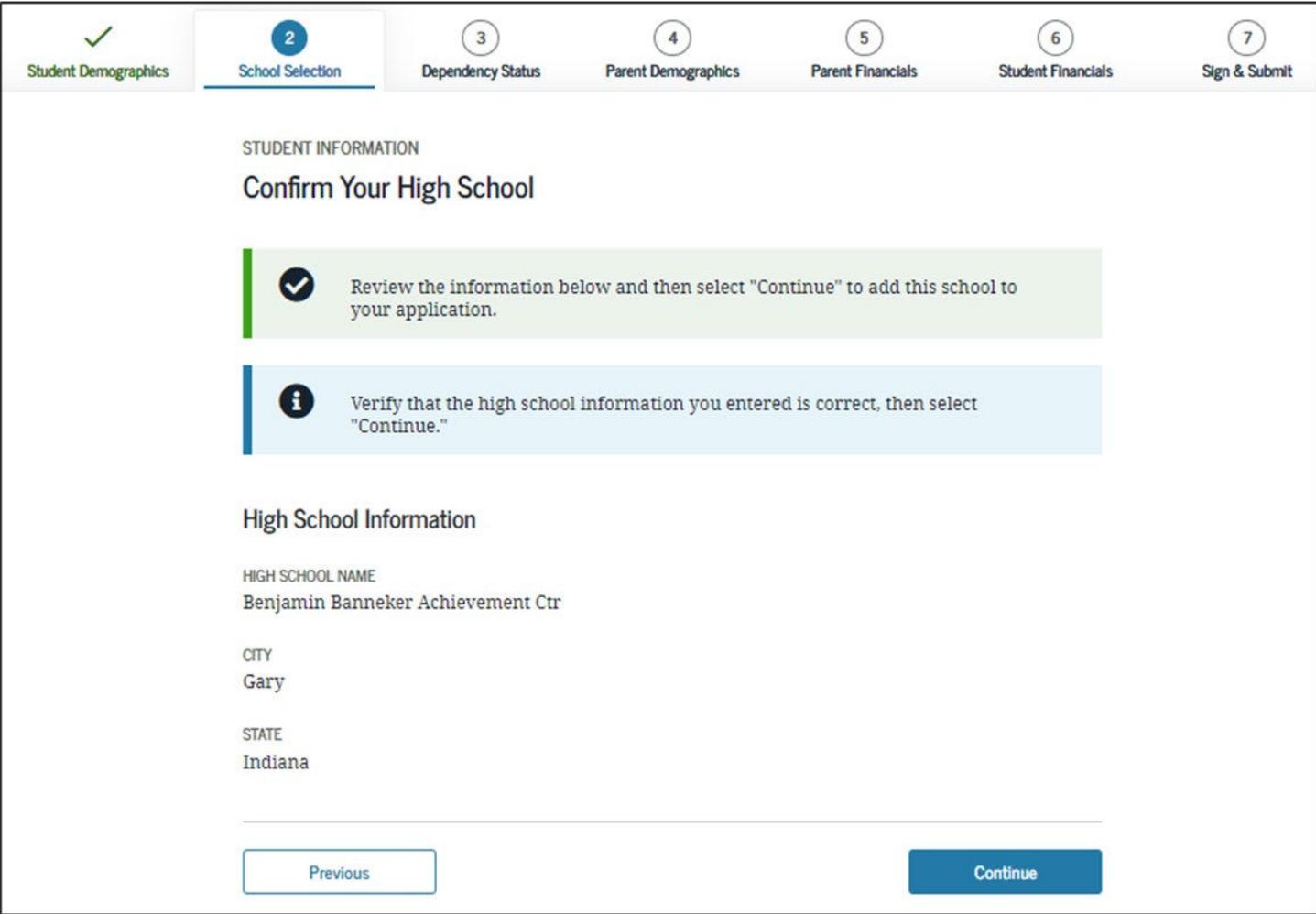
[I can't find my school.](#)

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Confirm your high school:

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



The screenshot displays the FAFSA application process, specifically 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.

The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Confirm Your High School'. It contains two instructional boxes: a green one with a checkmark icon stating 'Review the information below and then select "Continue" to add this school to your application.' and a blue one with an information icon stating 'Verify that the high school information you entered is correct, then select "Continue."'

Below these boxes is the 'High School Information' section, which lists the following details:

- HIGH SCHOOL NAME: Benjamin Banneker Achievement Ctr
- CITY: Gary
- STATE: Indiana

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

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

College Search

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

College Search

i Brian, 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.

i 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.

i Complete the fields below to search for a college to add to your FAFSA[®] form. Need help refining your search? [Try these search tips.](#)

Search by School Name, City, State

Search by Federal School Code

State

 ?

City - optional

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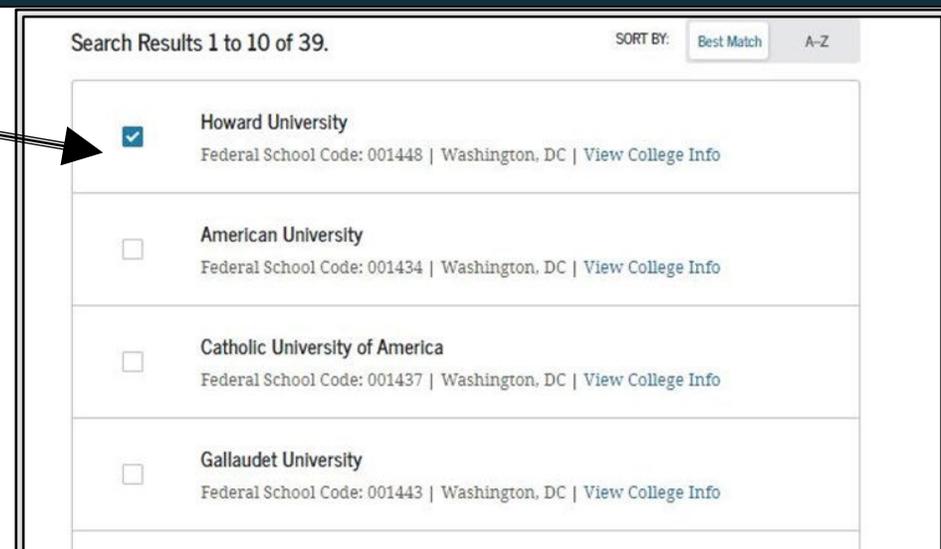
School Name - optional

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Search

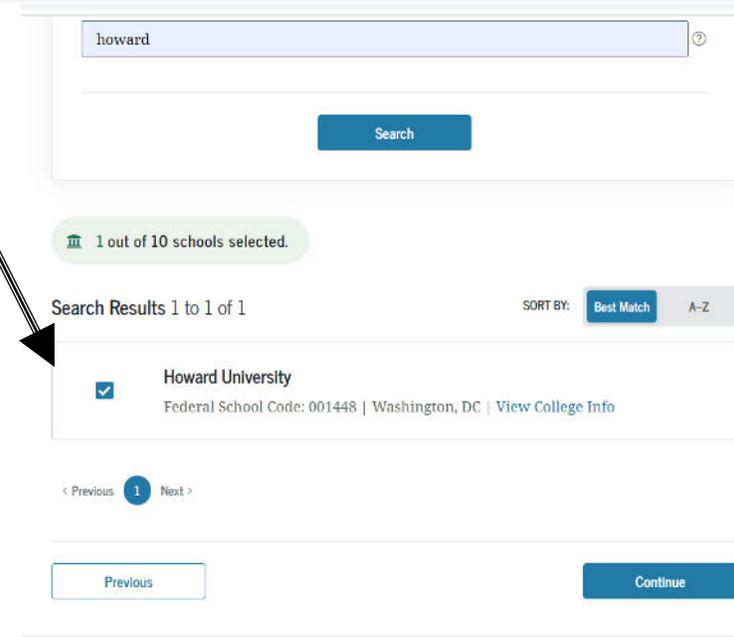
FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

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



Search Results 1 to 10 of 39. SORT BY: Best Match A-Z

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Howard University Federal School Code: 001448 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	American University Federal School Code: 001434 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	Catholic University of America Federal School Code: 001437 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gallaudet University Federal School Code: 001443 Washington, DC View College Info



howard

Search

1 out of 10 schools selected.

Search Results 1 to 1 of 1 SORT BY: Best Match A-Z

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Howard University Federal School Code: 001448 Washington, DC View College Info
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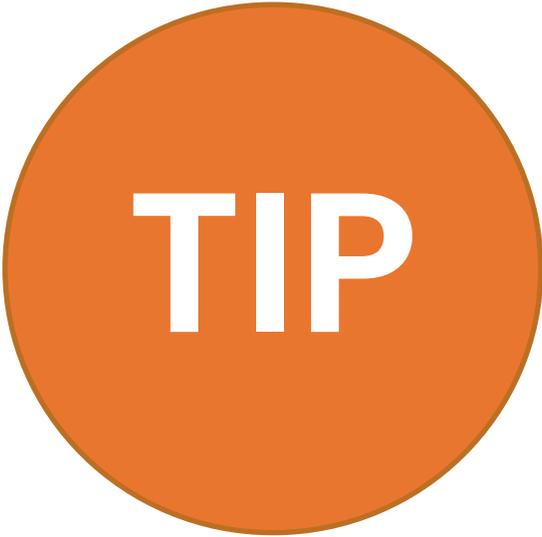
FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Selected Colleges and Housing Info

^	Howard University Federal School Code: 001448 Washington, DC View College Info
01	Housing Plan <input type="text" value="Select Housing Plan"/> ? Remove
v	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Select Housing PlanOn CampusWith ParentOff Campus
+ Add More Schools	
Compare All Schools	
Previous	Continue



TIP

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

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

SECTION 3 OF THE FAFSA:

DEPENDENCY STATUS

Dependency Determination

- Students who are determined to be independent do not need to provide information about parents.
- For independent students, eligibility for financial aid is based on the student's income only (and spouse if applicable)
- Students who will be 24 years old or older as of January 1 of the year for which they are applying for aid are automatically independent and will not be asked the questions in this section. (e.g., if you plan to start school in August 2023, will you be 24 or older as of January 1, 2023)

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

Marital Status:

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

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the Dependency Status section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (active, circled in blue), Parent Demographics (circled in blue), Parent Financials (circled in blue), Student Financials (circled in blue), and Sign & Submit (circled in blue). 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, a blue information box explains that "you" and "your" 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.

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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

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the Dependency Status section. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (active), Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit. The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and contains the question 'Does the student have dependents?'. Below this, there are two sections: 'Dependent Children' and 'Other Dependents'. Each section has a question and two radio button options: 'Yes' and 'No'. In both sections, the 'No' option is selected. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Does the student have dependents?

Dependent Children

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 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

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

Student Household Info:

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

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

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

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Dependency Status screen. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (active, circled in blue), Parent Demographics (circled in grey), Parent Financials (circled in grey), Student Financials (circled in grey), and Sign & Submit (circled in grey). Below the progress bar, the section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Household Info". A box with a house icon states "Your household size is 2." Below this, it shows "You: 1" and "Your Other Dependents: 1". A red 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." Below the question is an empty input field with a help icon. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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

Otherwise, select "none of the above."

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

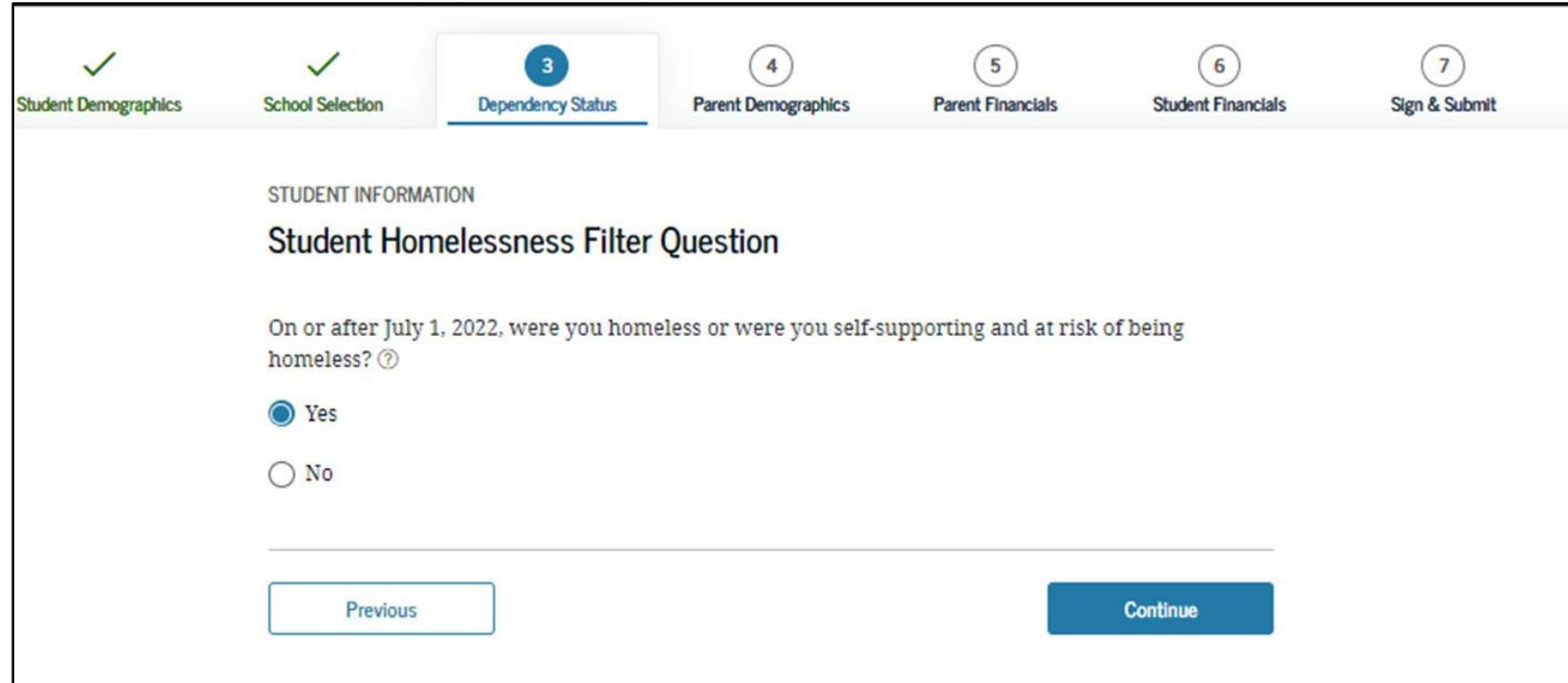
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- As determined 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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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you selected “none of the above,” you will be asked whether on or after July 1st of the year prior to the award year, you were homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. **If you are planning to start college in Fall 2023, you would need to have been homeless any time after 7/1/22 to answer yes.**

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



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STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Homelessness Filter Question

On or after July 1, 2022, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ⓘ

Yes

No

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Definition of Homeless Youth on the FAFSA:

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

Unaccompanied =

Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian



Homeless =

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

OR

Self-supporting AND at risk of being homeless =

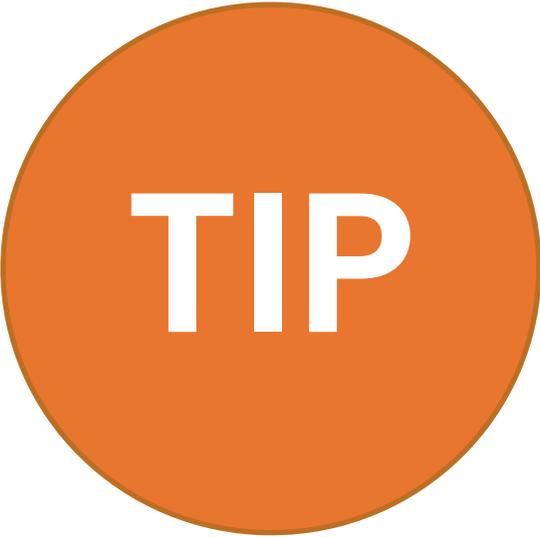
When a student pays for his own living expenses, including fixed, regular, & adequate housing AND when a student's housing may cease to be fixed, regular, & adequate; for example, a student who is being evicted and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing

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

Who is Included in the definition of homelessness?

Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing includes students who:

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



TIP

Even if you aren't homeless you may qualify for independent status.

Students who do not qualify as homeless but who cannot obtain parental information can request an exemption from this requirement for special circumstances such as an abusive family, parental incarceration or when parents' whereabouts are unknown. Indicate when asked that you are "unable to provide information about my parents" and complete the Special Circumstances Qualifications. You must then follow up with the financial aid office to request a "dependency override."

If this applies to you, skip to page 66.

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

If the student selected “yes,” they will then be asked who will provide a homeless youth determination. Students should try to get a determination letter from one of the three entities listed.

If the student cannot get a determination from any of the listed parties, select “None of the above” and go to page 61. The student can still verify homeless status through their college’s financial aid office.

Note: In future years, students will no longer need to be redetermined as homeless and will automatically retain independent status when renewing financial aid in subsequent years.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Dependency Status' section. The navigation bar at the top includes: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (3, active), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6), and Sign & Submit (7). The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Homelessness Questions'. The question asks: 'At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did you receive a determination from any of the entities listed below that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Select all that apply or "None of the above."'. The response options are: Your high school or school district homeless liaison; The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program; and None of the above. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Template for Determination Letter



SchoolHouse Connection:

www.schoolhouseconnection.org/sample-form-letter-to-determine-the-independent-student-status-of-unaccompanied-homeless-youth/

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

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

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

Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

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

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

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

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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

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Impact of Not Providing Parent Information

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

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

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless Acknowledgement

Choose the appropriate option below based on your circumstances. ?

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

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Information Regarding Homeless Determinations

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

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

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

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

NEW - In future years, a new determination will not be required

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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

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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

Previous

Continue

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If you do not qualify as an independent student based on homelessness or any of the other 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 previous answers, the user is considered a "dependent" student and must provide parental information. It offers two options: "I will provide information about my parent(s)" and "I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)". The second option is selected with a blue radio button. A help icon (?) is next to the second option. At the bottom, 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

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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).

Previous Continue

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You will then see a screen that asks you to confirm that your EFC will not be calculated and that you must follow up with the financial aid office.

Select "Continue."

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with five steps: 1. School Selection (marked with a green checkmark), 2. Dependency Status (highlighted in blue with a blue circle containing the number 3), 3. Parent Demographics (marked with a circle containing the number 4), 4. Parent Financials (marked with a circle containing the number 5), and 5. Student Financials (marked with a circle containing the number 6). Below the progress bar, the screen displays the heading "STUDENT INFORMATION" and the sub-heading "Impact of Not Providing Parent Information". The main text reads: "If you continue to complete the application without providing parent information, the following will occur:". Below this text is a bulleted list of three consequences.

School Selection

3 Dependency Status

4 Parent Demographics

5 Parent Financials

6 Student Financials

STUDENT INFORMATION

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 and career schools use to determine your financial aid package.
- You must follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college or career school you plan to attend in order to find out how much federal student aid you are eligible to receive.

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Additional information will then be displayed that provides examples of situations that may qualify and those that do not. You must confirm that you will not provide parent information.

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 or career school you plan to attend if you believe you have a special circumstance that should be considered in determining your eligibility for federal student aid.

Some situations that would qualify you to receive federal student aid without providing parent information include the following:

- You have left home due to an abusive or threatening family environment.
- Your parent(s) would pose a risk to you if you contact them.
- You are unable to contact your parent(s) (and you have not been adopted) because they cannot or refuse to communicate with you, or you do not know where they are.
- You are estranged from, or have been abandoned by, your parent(s) and they refuse to provide information on the FAFSA form.
- You or your parent(s) are incarcerated.
- You have been legally granted refugee or asylum status, or your parent(s) have been internally displaced in a foreign country and you are unable to contact them.
- You are a victim of human trafficking.

If any of these situations resulted in you not having a safe, stable place to live, you may be considered homeless. If you indicate on the FAFSA form that you are homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, you will not be required to provide information about your parent(s) and your financial aid administrator will be required to determine whether you meet the criteria for homelessness after you submit the FAFSA form. You can select “**Previous**” to return to the earlier Student Homelessness Filter Question if you would like to change your answer.

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 without other factors:

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

Direct 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, the only type of federal student aid you will be considered for is a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. To request consideration for an unsubsidized loan, you must contact the financial aid administrator at the college or career school you plan to attend.

Select 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 a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only.

SECTION 6 OF THE FAFSA:

Student Financials

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

Option a). If you select “*Already Completed*” IRS Income Tax Return (page 72-88)

Option b). If you select “*Will File*” IRS Income Tax Return (page 89-91)

Option c). If you select “*Not Going to File*” IRS Income Tax Return (page 92-97)



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 and should file their tax return using a 1098-T form they can access from their financial aid account online or financial aid office. Students should keep receipts for books and class supplies they paid for directly. Students (18 years or older during that tax year) who have worked and earned at least \$1 should also file since they may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Parenting students should file whether they have worked or not since they qualify for the child tax credit. Any child care expenses a parent pays for while they attend school or work can also be deducted on their taxes and parents should keep receipts or other proof of the total amount paid for child care during the year.

Learn more here: jbay.org/resources/tax-prep-checklistfor-transition-age-youth-2/.

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

Ex. The 2023/2024 FAFSA which is filled out between October 1, 2022 – March 2, 2023 will ask for 2021 tax & income information.

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

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

You must select one of three options:

- Already completed
- Will file
- Not going to file

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the Student Financials section. The navigation bar at the top includes: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6, active), and Sign & Submit (7). The main heading is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student Tax Filing Status". A green success message states "Application was successfully saved." Below it, an information icon notes: "Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, 'you' and 'your' always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student." The form contains three dropdown menus, all of which are highlighted with a red rounded rectangle:

- For 2021, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return? (Selected: Already completed)
- What income tax return did you file for 2021? (Selected: IRS Form 1040)
- For 2021, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return? (Selected: Single)

Below the form is a "RECOMMENDED IRS Data Retrieval Tool" section with the text: "Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA® form with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)!" and a note: "For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS website or on the FAFSA® form." At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Previous", "Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually", and "Proceed to the IRS >".

Option a).

**If you select “*Already Completed*” IRS
Income Tax Return**

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

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If you select "Already Completed":

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

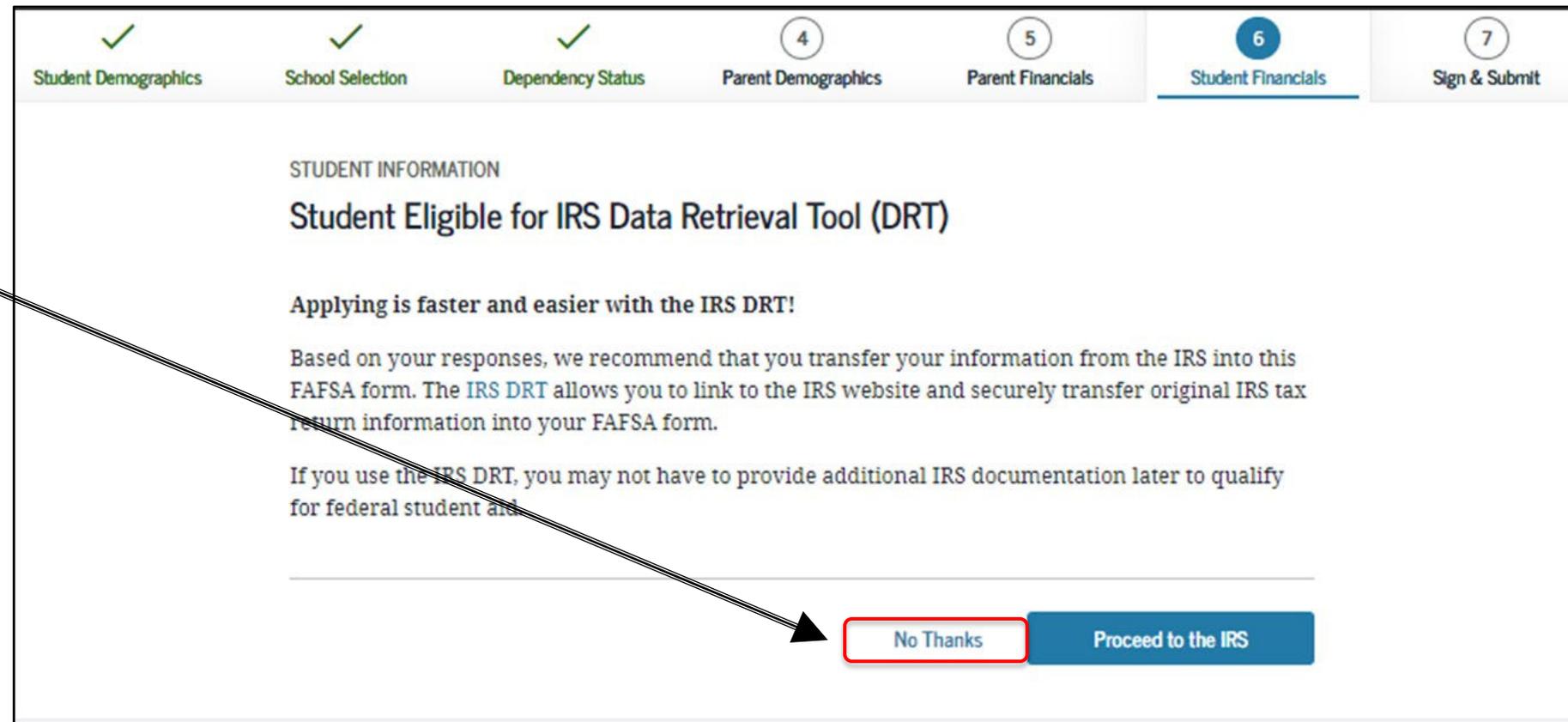
- To protect security of tax information, you will not be able to see the actual information that is being transmitted.
- You can manually enter the information from your federal income tax return, however it is recommended to use the IRS DRT to prevent errors
- If you don't have a copy of your tax return,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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA Student Financials section, specifically the Student Tax Filing Status page. The navigation bar at the top shows progress through sections: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials (current), and Sign & Submit. The main heading is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student Tax Filing Status". A green success message states "Application was successfully saved." Below it, a blue information message notes: "Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, 'you' and 'your' always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student." Three dropdown menus are present: "For 2021, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?" (set to "Already completed"), "What income tax return did you file for 2021?" (set to "IRS Form 1040"), and "For 2021, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?" (set to "Single"). A large white box with a blue border contains the IRS logo and the text: "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." At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Previous", "Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually", and "Proceed to the IRS" (highlighted in blue).

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“Student Financial Information” page.

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



The screenshot displays the FAFSA progress bar at the top with 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)". The main text reads: "Applying is faster and easier with the IRS DRT! Based on your responses, we recommend that you transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA form. The IRS DRT allows you to link to the IRS website and securely transfer original IRS tax return information into your FAFSA form. If you use the IRS DRT, you may not have to provide additional IRS documentation later to qualify for federal student aid." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "No Thanks" (highlighted with a red box) and "Proceed to the IRS". An arrow from the text box on the left points to the "No Thanks" button.

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with seven steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials (highlighted with a blue circle and the number 6), and Sign & Submit (with a circled number 7). Below the progress bar, the page title is 'STUDENT INFORMATION Student Leaving Your FAFSA® Form'. The main content area contains three paragraphs of text explaining the process of leaving the FAFSA form and transferring IRS tax information. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually' and 'Proceed to the IRS'.

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

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



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Get My Federal Income Tax Information

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

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

All fields are required unless marked otherwise.

First Name

DEPENDENT

Last Name

DATA43

Social Security Number

No input required

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Date of Birth

MM/DD/YYYY

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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

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

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

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IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 2:

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

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

The screenshot shows the IRS website interface for the 2021 Federal Income Tax Information. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IRS logo, a 'Return to FAFSA' link, and links for 'Help', 'Logout', and 'Español'. The main heading is '2021 Federal Income Tax Information' with a sub-heading 'Dependent Data43'. Below this, a paragraph explains that the IRS has located the user's tax return and will transfer the information to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to populate FAFSA questions. It also states that for protection, the IRS will not display the tax information and will encrypt any transferred information using the IRS DRT. A list of data items retrieved from the tax return is provided, including Tax Year, Name(s), Social Security Number, Filing Status, IRS Exemptions, Type of Return Filed, Adjusted Gross Income, Income Earned from Work, Income Tax, Education Credits, and several categories of income and deductions. At the bottom, there are two options: 'Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA Form' and 'Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA Form'. The 'Transfer My Tax Information' option is selected, indicated by a checkmark and a blue 'TRANSFER NOW' button. The 'Do Not Transfer' option is unselected, indicated by a grey square and a grey 'DO NOT TRANSFER' button.

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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.” This data cannot be changed or viewed.

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

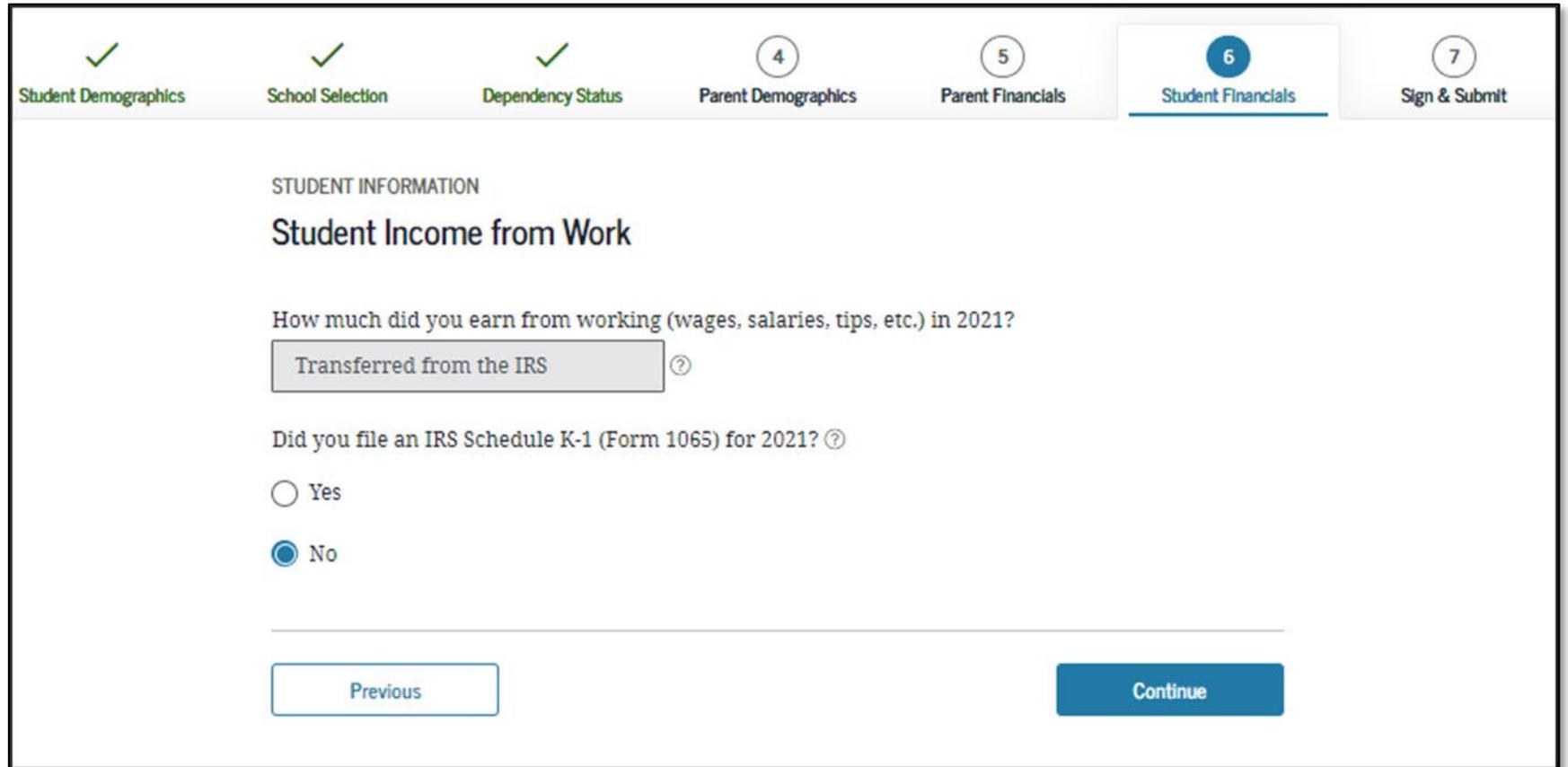
The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6, active), and Sign & Submit (7). Below the progress bar, the page title is "STUDENT INFORMATION" followed by "Student IRS Info". A green success message box contains a checkmark icon and the text: "You have successfully transferred your 2021 IRS tax information. Your IRS tax information has been successfully transferred into this FAFSA® form. Questions that were populated with tax information will be marked with 'Transferred from the IRS.' For your protection, IRS tax return information is not displayed on the FAFSA form." Below this message is a question: "What was your adjusted gross income for 2021?". The answer field contains the text "Transferred from the IRS" and a help icon. At the bottom of the form are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons. A red box highlights the question and answer field, with an arrow pointing from the text box on the left to it.

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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 requested information

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



The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Financials' section. The progress bar at the top indicates that 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', and 'Dependency Status' are completed (marked with green checkmarks), while 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', and 'Sign & Submit' are pending (marked with numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7 respectively). The 'Student Financials' section is currently active and displays the following content:

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Income from Work

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

ⓘ

Did you file an IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) for 2021? ⓘ

Yes

No

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Student Simplified Path Determination (part 1):

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

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

Note that if you did file a Schedule 1, you can still answer "no" if the only income type reported on the schedule 1 was unemployment benefits or other less common income types noted on the screen. If you answer no, go to page 85.

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

- were laid off, are receiving unemployment benefits, and are unlikely to return to your previous occupation or
- if you lost self-employment because of economic conditions or natural disaster.

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

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

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Student Simplified Path Determination (part 2):

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

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

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

Yes

No

Don't know

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

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

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

Medicaid

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

[Learn about SNAP](#) ⓘ.

Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

[Learn about TANF](#) ⓘ.

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

[Learn about WIC](#) ⓘ.

None of the above

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Continue

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Student Additional IRS Info

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

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA progress bar at the top with steps: 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 Student Additional IRS Info". 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, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

The screenshot shows the same FAFSA progress bar and page title as the first screenshot. The instruction reads "Enter the amount of your income tax for 2021." Below this, a smaller instruction says "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 split into a dollar sign (\$) on the left, a text box for the amount, and a decimal field (.00) on the right, with a help icon. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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“Student Questions for Tax Filers Only”

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

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

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Financials' section. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6, highlighted), and Sign & Submit (7). The main heading is 'STUDENT INFORMATION' followed by 'Student Questions for Tax Filers Only'. The first question asks: 'Did you have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply.' Below this are five questions, 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. First, include the amount in the total provided when asked “How much did you earn from working?”

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

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.

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

\$.00 ?

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

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

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

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Student Financials section. The navigation bar at the top includes: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6, active), and Sign & Submit (7). The main heading is "STUDENT INFORMATION Student Untaxed Income". Below this, it asks: "Did you have any of the following items in 2021? Enter amounts for all that apply." There are five input fields, each with a dollar sign, a numeric field containing "0", and a ".00" field, followed by a help icon. The items are: 1. Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments. 2. 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. 3. 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). 4. Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability; Death Pension; or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances. 5. Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, etc. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student Assets:

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

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



A progress bar at the top of the page shows seven steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit. Steps 1-3 are marked with green checkmarks. Steps 4 and 5 are in circles. Step 6, 'Student Financials', is highlighted with a blue circle and underline. Step 7 is in a circle.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Assets

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? 

Yes

No

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A progress bar at the top of the page shows seven steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit. Steps 1-5 are marked with green checkmarks. Step 6, 'Student Financials', is highlighted with a green underline. Step 7 is in a blue circle.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Assets

As of today, what is your total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?

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As of today, what is the net worth of your investments, including real estate (not your home)?

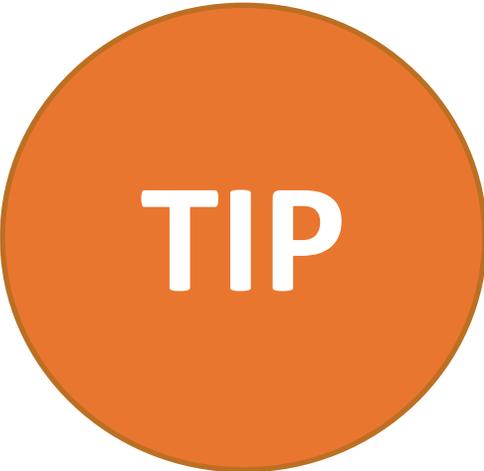
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As of today, what is the net worth of your current businesses and/or investment farms? **Don't include** a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.

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TIP

What if your income has changed since 2021?

If your income has decreased since 2021, for example, you lost a job or had your hours significantly reduced, contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend. They can recalculate your financial aid award to reflect your current income.

Option b).

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

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

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

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

Click “OK” if this is true.

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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.”

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

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Student IRS Info

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

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

******You will then be asked the same questions as tax filers based on your estimations. To view the additional financial information screens that follow see pages 80-88.**

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Option c).

If you select “*Not Going to File*”

IRS Income Tax Return

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

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

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

For more information about this form visit:
www.jbay.org/resources/irs-vnf

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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."

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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

Learn more at 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 (box numbers 1 +8).

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

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Income from Work

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

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Additional Financial Info

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student Untaxed Income – Part 1

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- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - do not confuse with Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

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

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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.

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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.

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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).

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

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

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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.

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student Untaxed Income- Part 2

You DO have to report Unemployment Benefits under untaxed income.

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.

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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.

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Student Assets:

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Student Assets

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? ⓘ

Yes
 No

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SECTION 7 OF THE FAFSA:
SIGN & SUBMIT

The final section of the FAFSA!

FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

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

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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 ⬆

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

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

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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

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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".

SIGN & SUBMIT

Read Before Proceeding



Application was successfully saved.



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."

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

I, TestYYY Jackson, agree to the terms outlined above.

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[Sign and Submit FAFSA Form](#)

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.
- If you logged into the application without an FSA ID, you will be shown this signature option page. It is recommended that you create an FSA ID to sign your FAFSA form electronically and then click “Sign This FAFSA Form.”

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application 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 final step, 'Sign & Submit', is highlighted with a blue circle containing the number '7'. Below the progress bar, the page title is 'SIGN & SUBMIT' followed by 'Signature Options'. The student's name is 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.' There are two input fields: one for 'Student's FSA ID Username, Email Address, or Mobile Number' with a 'Forgot Username' link and a 'Create an FSA ID' link; and another for 'Student's FSA ID Password' with a 'Show' toggle and a 'Forgot Password' link. A blue button labeled 'Sign This FAFSA Form' with a document icon is positioned below the fields. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: 'Return to Signature Status' and 'Other Options to Sign and Submit'.

FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

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

Congratulations, Brian!

Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

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

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Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 999999

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

ESTIMATED ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- Based on the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for the following federal student aid:

Free Help Completing the FAFSA

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

AFTER THE FAFSA

Filling out the FAFSA is just the first step.

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

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

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

The screenshot shows the 'My FAFSA' website interface. At the top, there is a 'Help' link and an 'Exit FAFSA Form' link. Below the header, it says 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Welcome to INDEPENDENT TESTER's application!'. There are two tabs for the academic years: '2023-24' (selected) and '2022-23'. Under the 'Current Application Status:' heading, a green box with a checkmark and the text 'Processed Successfully' is highlighted with a red border. Below this, a message reads 'Congratulations, your FAFSA form was successfully processed.' A section titled 'What Happens Next' contains a bulleted list of information regarding school availability, aid determination, and contact instructions. At the bottom, it states 'Original Application: Submitted on 10/01/2022; Processed on 10/18/2022'.

This screenshot shows a section titled 'You may take the following additional actions:'. It contains two rows of options. The first row features an edit icon, the text 'Edit FAFSA Form' with a sub-description 'Change incorrect information on a previous FAFSA submission.', and a button labeled 'Edit FAFSA Form'. The second row features a document with a dollar sign icon, the text 'View Student Aid Report' with a sub-description 'View your EFC, FAFSA answers, and financial aid history.', and a button labeled 'View Student Aid Report'.

Student Aid Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

2023–24 Student Aid Report

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Processing Results

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

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CREATE A WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS ACCOUNT

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

WebGrants 4 Students: mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

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

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WebGrants 4 Students

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Create an Account

Please check the status of your 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 middle class scholarship awards will be processed in **August 2019**.

INFORMATION	FORMS/APPLICATIONS	RESOURCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to Apply for a Cal Grant Award• Understanding My Cal Grant• Ineligibility Fact Sheet• Cal Grant / Chafee Updates• Important Deadlines• Security Information• FAQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cal Grant Participant Forms and Applications• GPA Verification Form• Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)• CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)• Chafee Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search for a Cal Grant Eligible School• Financial Aid Programs• Foster Youth Resources• Other Financial Aid Resources and Important Links

Edit Profile – Contact Info

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

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

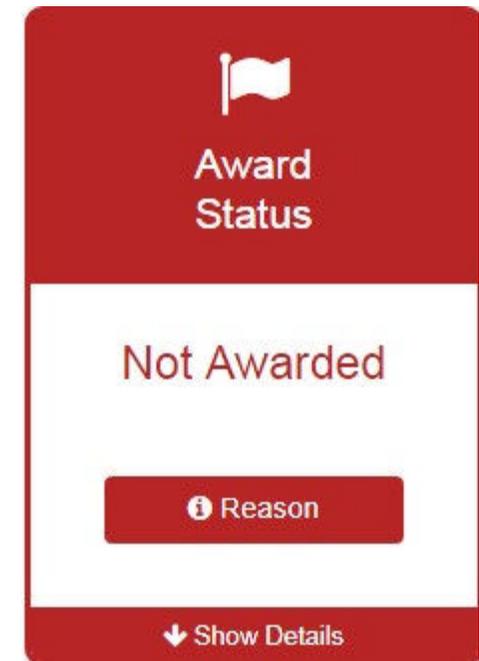
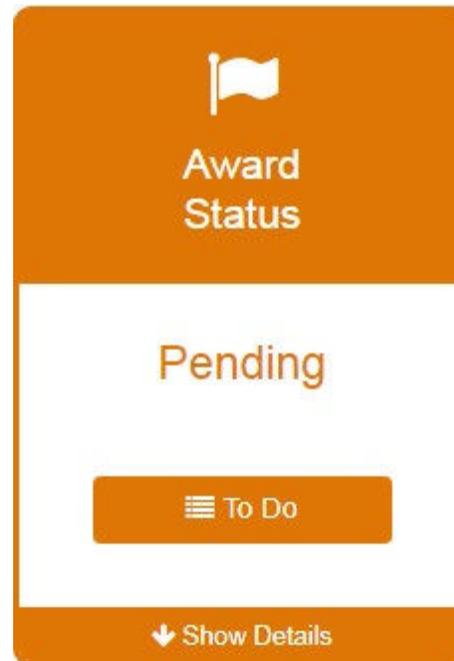
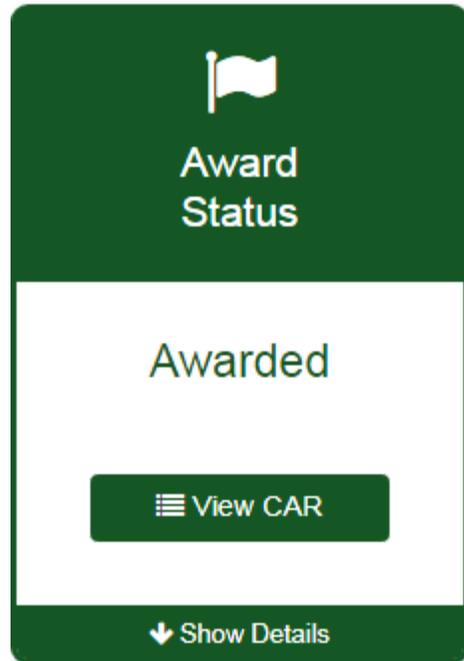
The screenshot shows a web interface for editing a profile. At the top, there is a yellow header with the text 'Edit Profile' and a close button (X). Below the header, there are four tabs: 'Contact Info' (selected), 'Demographic', '3rd Party Access', and 'History of Previous Changes'. The 'Contact Info' tab contains several input fields:

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

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

Check Your Award Status

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





WebGrants To Do's

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

Congrats! You Did It!

Remember:

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

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