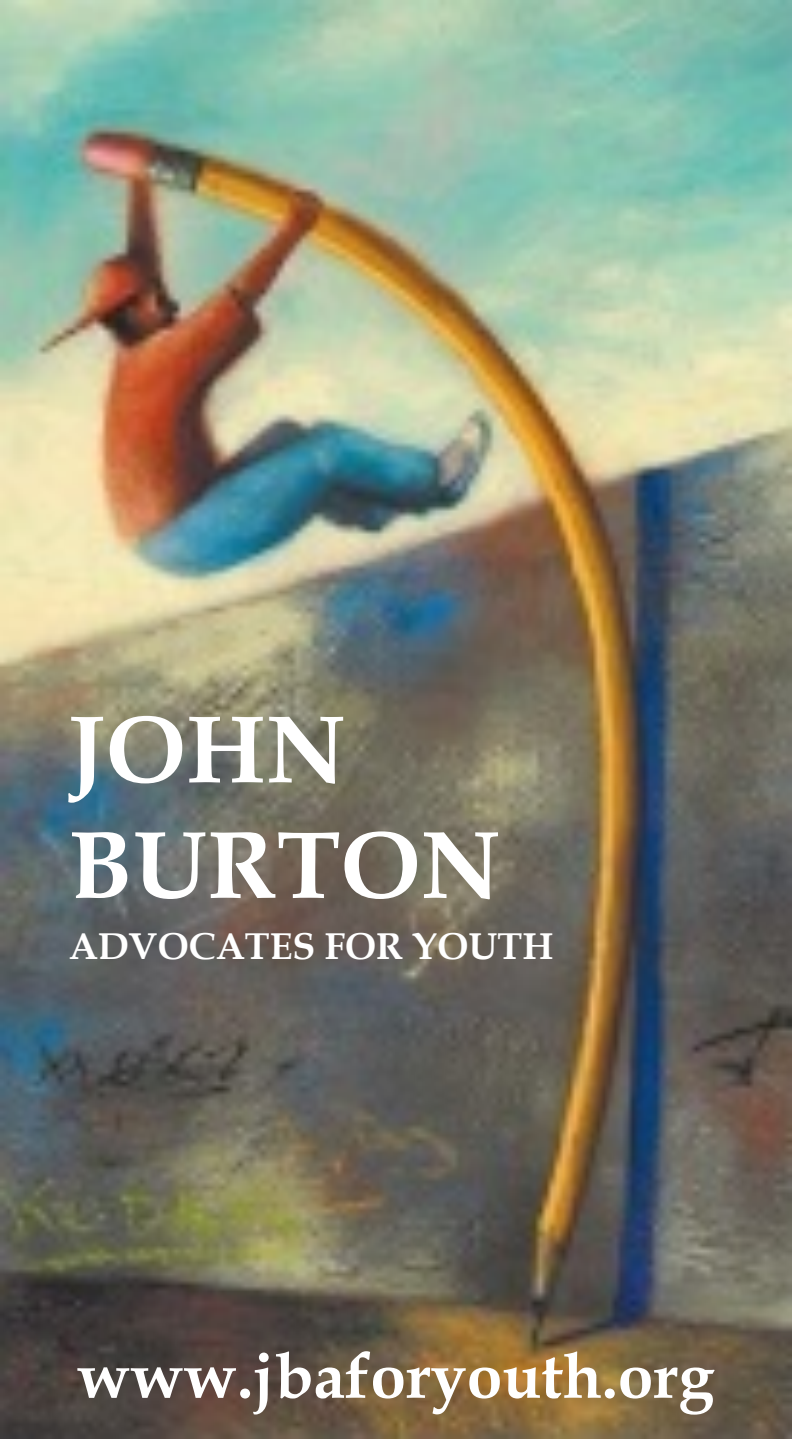
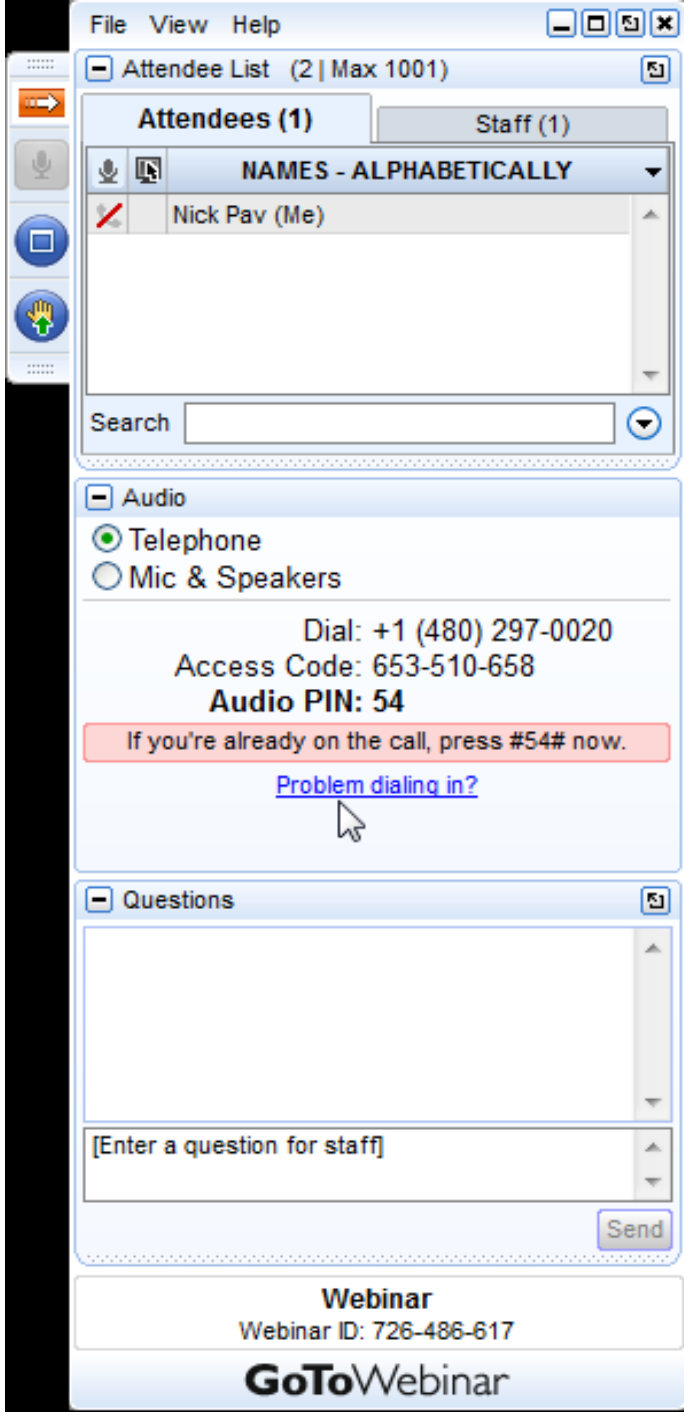


A Step-by-Step Guide for Foster Youth to Completing the FAFSA

January 22, 2018

Information to Participate

- Call-in information
  - Phone number: (415) 655-0060
  - Access code: 218-596-061
- To submit live questions, click on the "Questions" panel, type your question, and click "send"
- Presentation materials and audio will be posted on www.cacollegepathways.org and www.jbaforyouth.org
- A PDF of the slides is available as a handout



Agenda

- Where to apply for financial aid: FAFSA & CADAA
- When to apply
- What to bring
- How to complete the FAFSA for foster youth
- After the FAFSA: Key steps to ensuring students receive maximum aid
- Helpful resources

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The Foster Youth FAFSA Challenge!

2017/2018 Goal:

At least 61 % of California's high school seniors in foster care complete the FAFSA/CADAA

Match the rate of the overall student population

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Where to Apply for Financial Aid? FAFSA or CADAA

IF YOU ARE A U.S. CITIZEN, A PERMANENT RESIDENT OR OTHER ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN	IF YOU ARE AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	**Complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA)**
fafsa.ed.gov	**dream.csac.ca.gov**
Who 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.	California Dream Act Application (CADAA) allows undocumented and nonresident documented students who meet certain eligibility requirements to apply for **state** financial aid and allows qualified students to pay state resident fees (instead of higher out-of-state fees) at California's public colleges and universities.

Paper applications are available for the FAFSA and CADAA, however an online application is encouraged to reduce chance of error

Privacy and Security of Application Data

- The CADAA does not link applicant information to federal government databases nor does it qualify students for federal financial aid programs, such as the Federal Pell Grant, work-study or federal loans.
- The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) keeps CADAA applicant data confidential. Your data will not be shared with or disclosed to any federal agencies, including immigration enforcement.
- If you are a California undocumented student
  - You should apply using the CADAA even if you were a DACA recipient and granted a temporary Social Security Number.
  - You do not need to have DACA to apply for CADAA.

Note on Special Immigration Juvenile Status (SIJS)

Undocumented children involved in adoption or guardianship proceedings who have been adopted, abused or neglected may be able to obtain SIJS and apply to become a lawful permanent resident (LPR)

Students with a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status are not eligible for federal financial aid

If an undocumented student does not have an application for SIJS pending, the child welfare agency should be contacted to see if that is the right option for the youth

When to apply

- ✓Priority application period for FAFSA and CADAA is **October 1 – March 2nd** before the start of the school year that you will begin college
  - School years begin in the Fall term. If a student is applying for *summer* session, that is usually part of the previous academic year
- ✓Apply EARLY to get the maximum aid award possible
- ✓You can apply after March 2, but may receive less money
- ✓Some colleges may have earlier priority deadlines, so check with each college to which you are applying for admission
- ✓Students can apply for financial aid even before they submit their college admission applications

What to bring to the FAFSA session

TIP: Make sure students know their name exactly as it appears on their Social Security Card

- Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number
- Email Address
- List of up to 10 colleges
- Student's tax or income information for 2016*

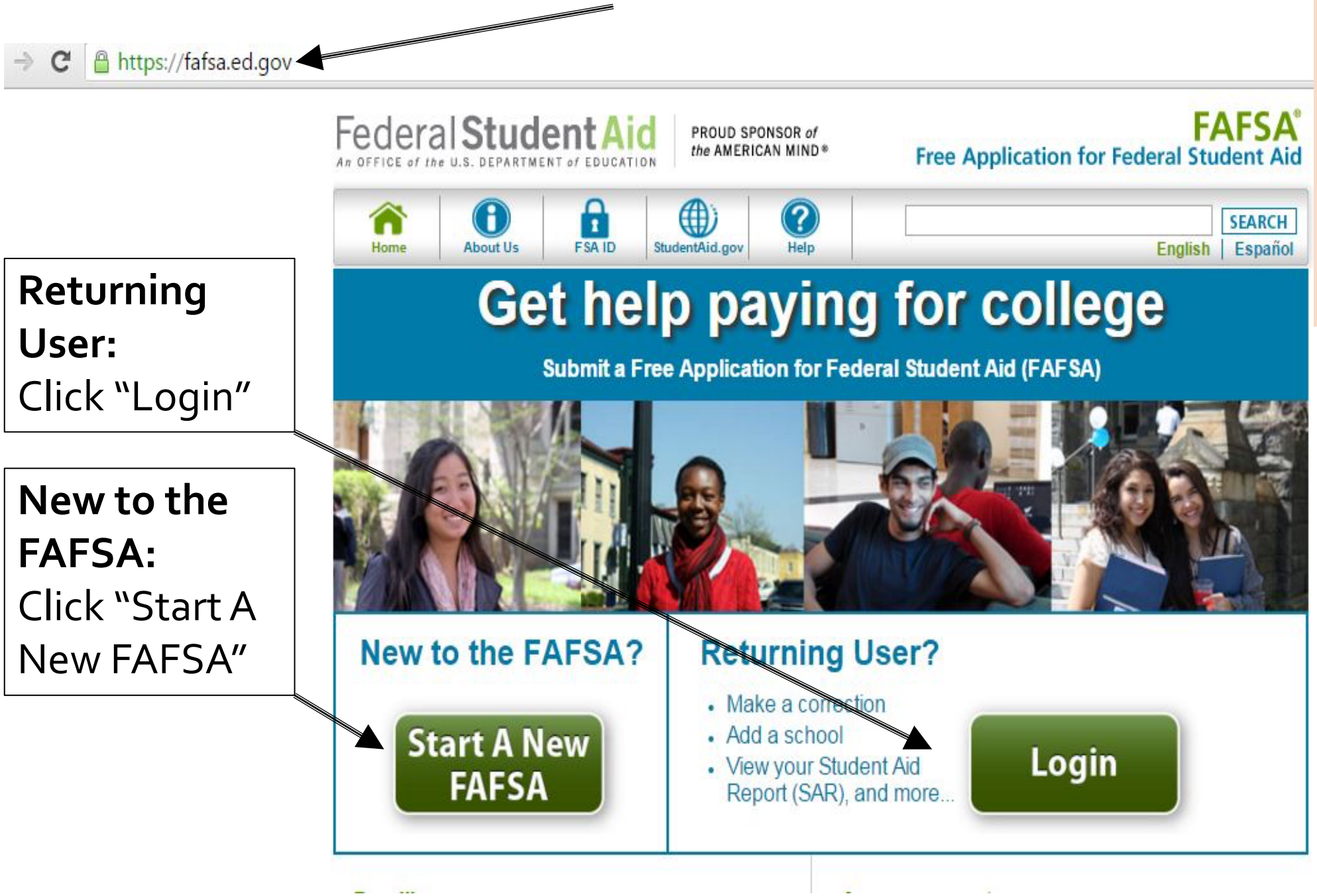
TIP: Use an email address that students check often. Avoid high school emails that often expire.

How to complete the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Step-by-step instructions

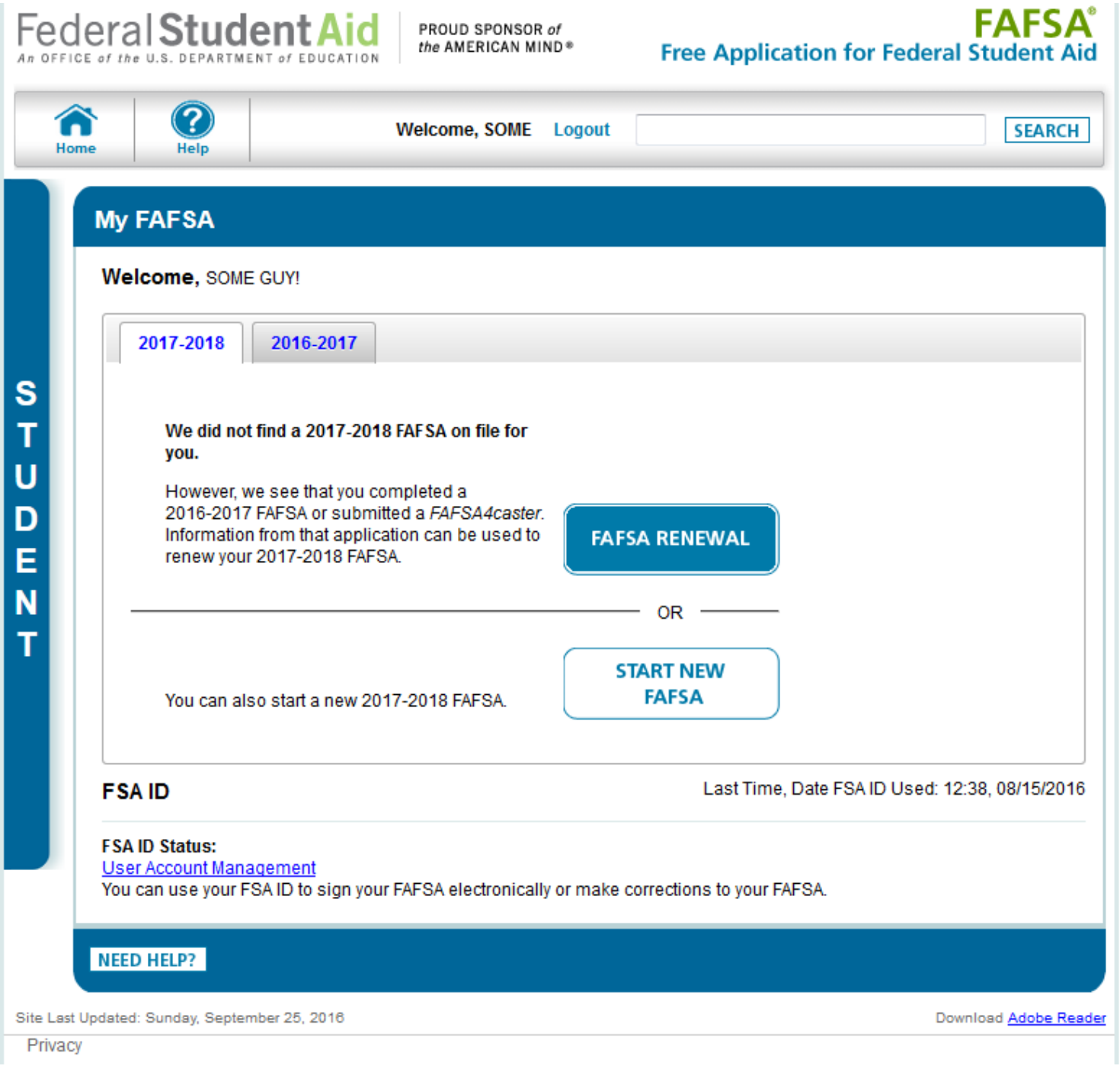
Returning User:
Click "Login"

New to the FAFSA:
Click "Start A New FAFSA"



TIP Remember, this is a free application! Avoid websites that ask you to pay money for help in completing the FAFSA.

- The FAFSA must be completed every year.
- If you have submitted the FAFSA before, you can sign in as a returning user and then click on "FAFSA Renewal." This allows you to prefill the current year's FAFSA with some data from last year's application.



Create an "FSA ID"

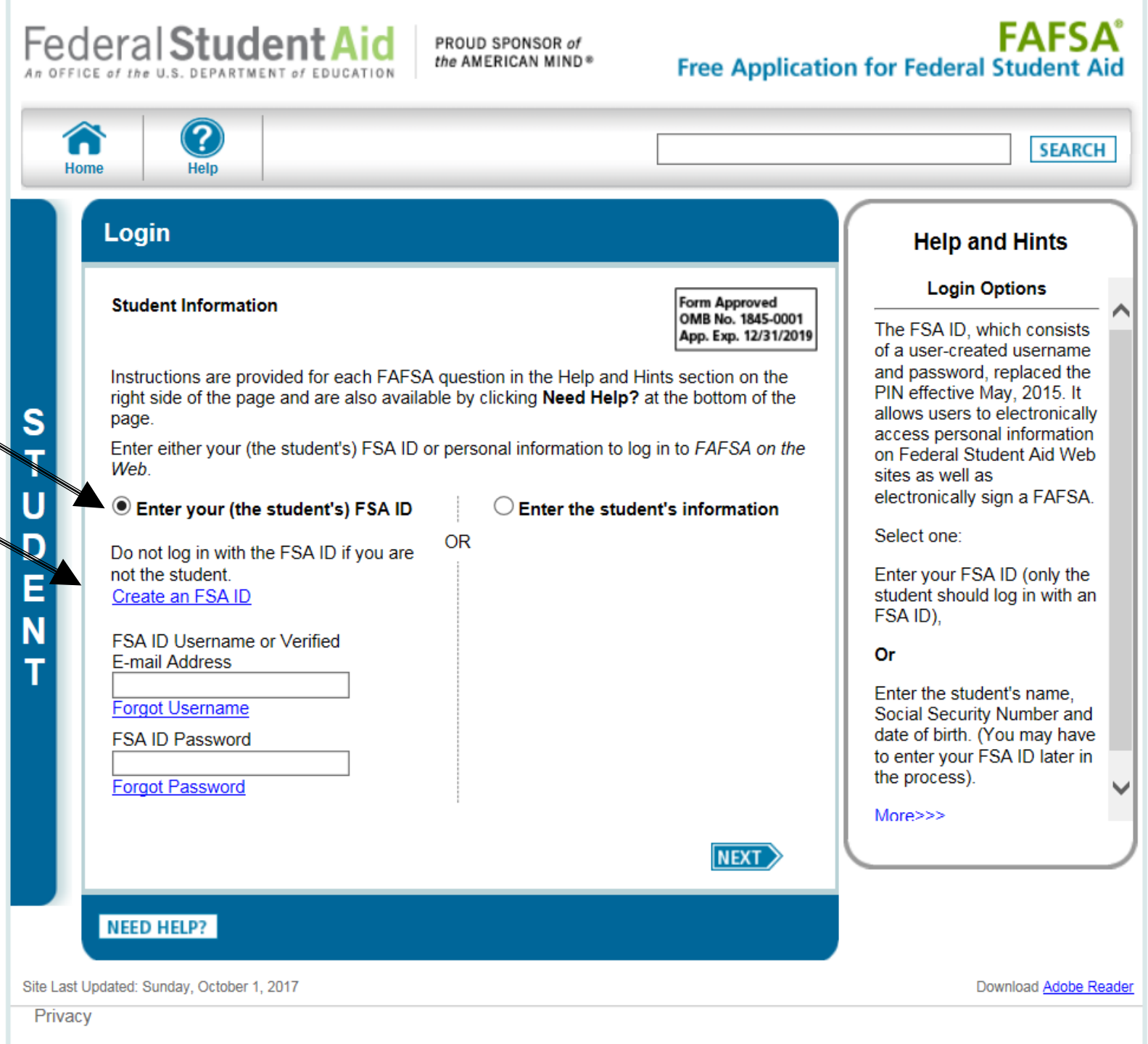
Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID)

When you "Start a New FAFSA," there are two log-in options.

→ Choose the option that says: **"Enter your (the student's) FSA ID"**
→ Then click the blue link that says **"Create an FSA ID"**

This takes you to the FSA ID website at **fsaid.ed.gov.**

Your FSA ID will serve as your electronic signature and you will need it to sign your FAFSA electronically before you submit the FAFSA.

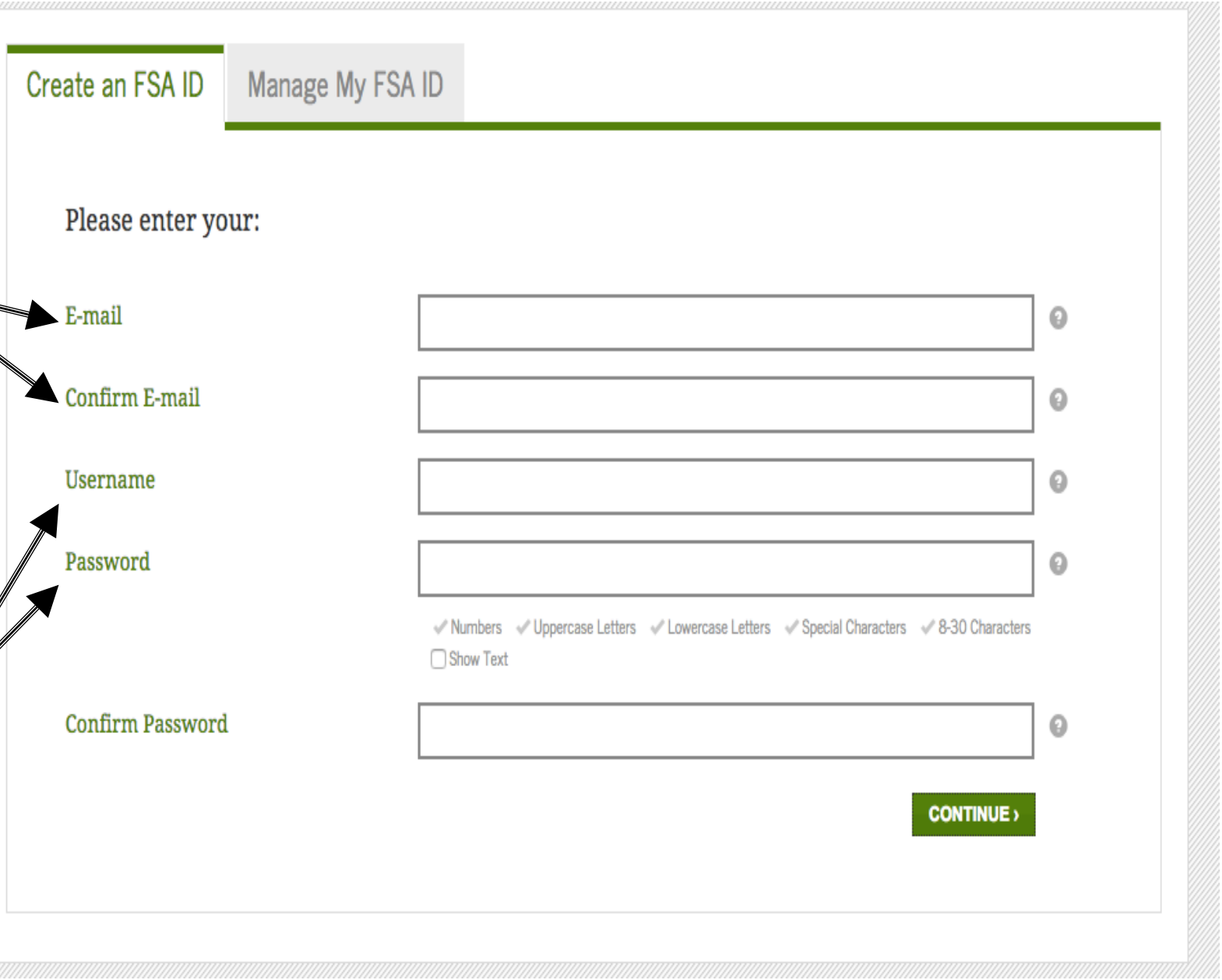


You will be taken to a new page to create your FSA ID

→ 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.

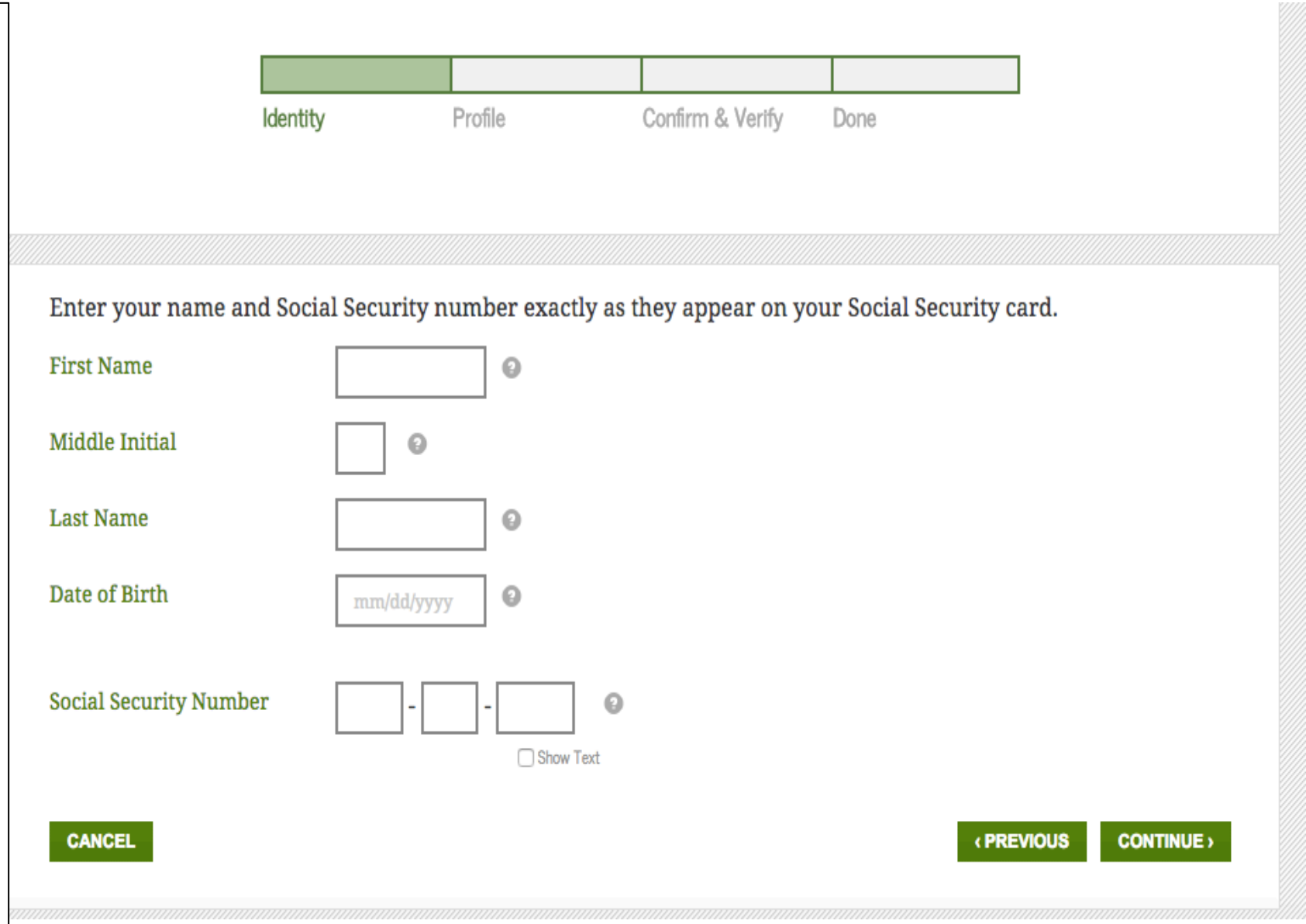
→ It is not recommended that you use a high school email address, since those often expire. Create or use an email address that you can use throughout college, such as Gmail, Yahoo or Outlook.

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



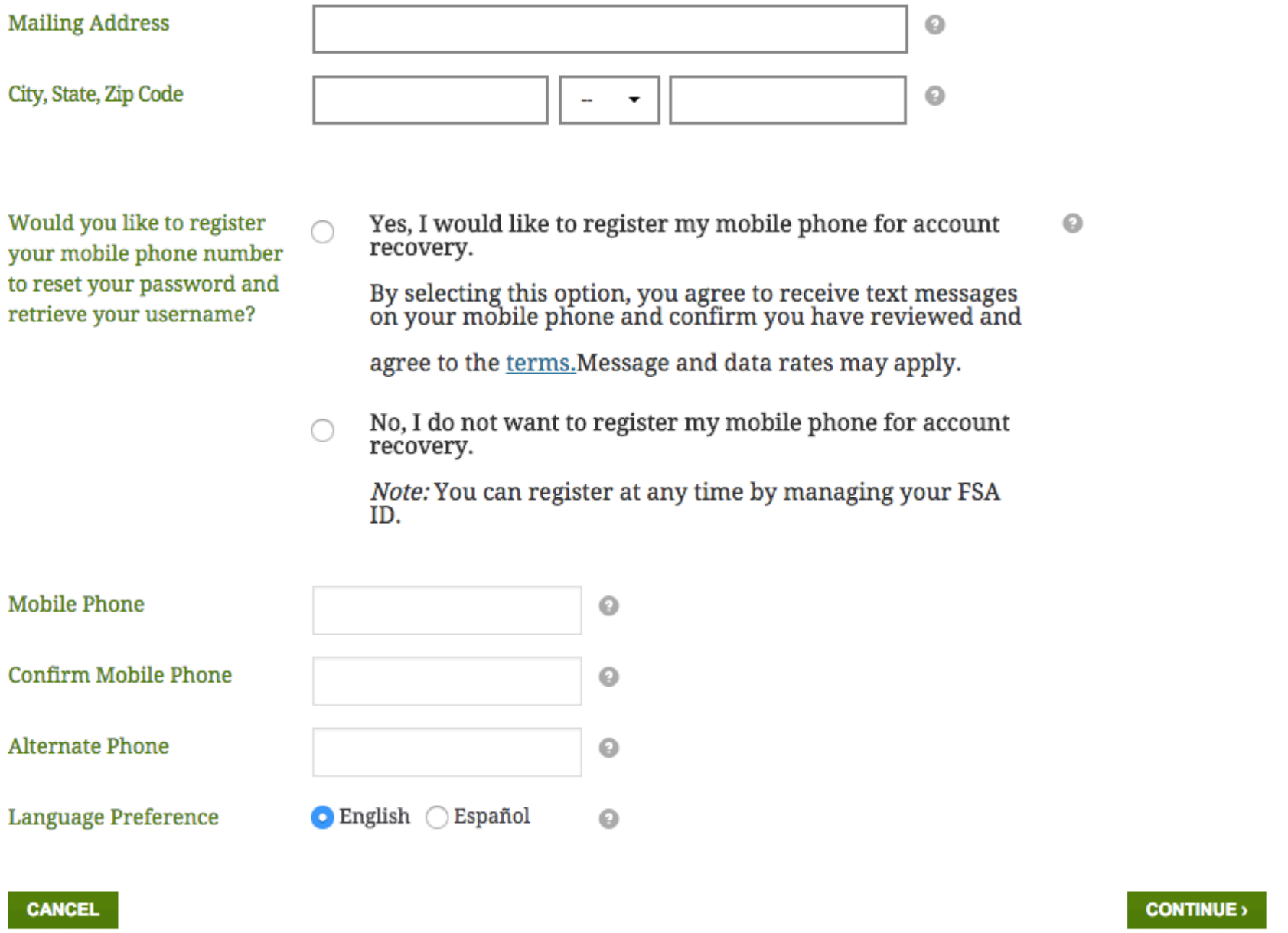
→ Enter your name and Social Security Number exactly as they appear on your Social Security Card.

** If you don't know your Social Security Number, you can call your county's child welfare department or Independent Living Program (ILP) for assistance. You will need the physical card for employment, even for a work-study job.



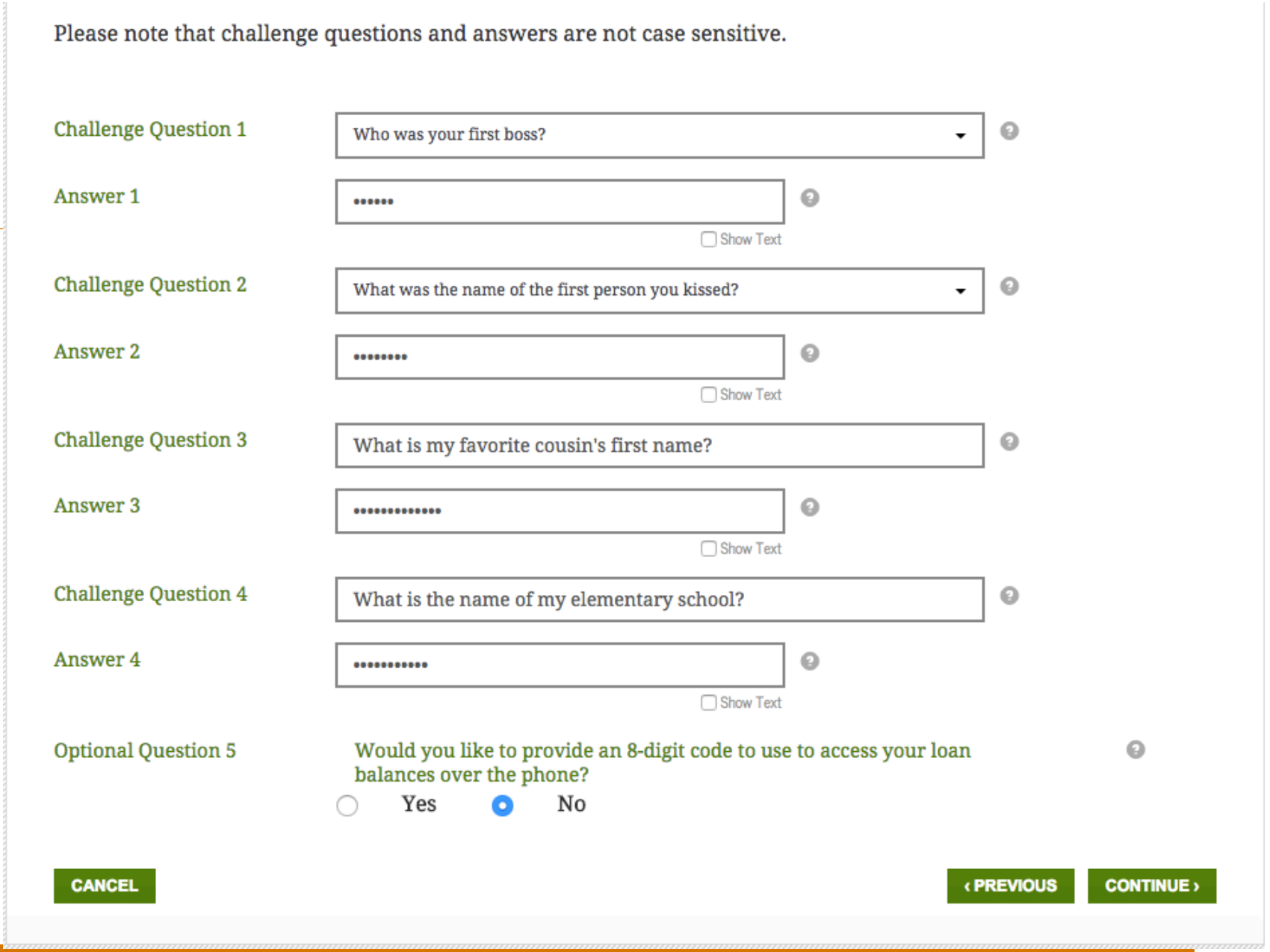
→ Enter your mailing address, phone number, and choose a preferred language.

→ Enter a mobile phone number so that you can get help if you get locked out or forget your username or password. Having a mobile phone number helps you unlock the FSA ID because the FAFSA processor can text unlock codes to this number. A regular (land line) phone number is less useful.



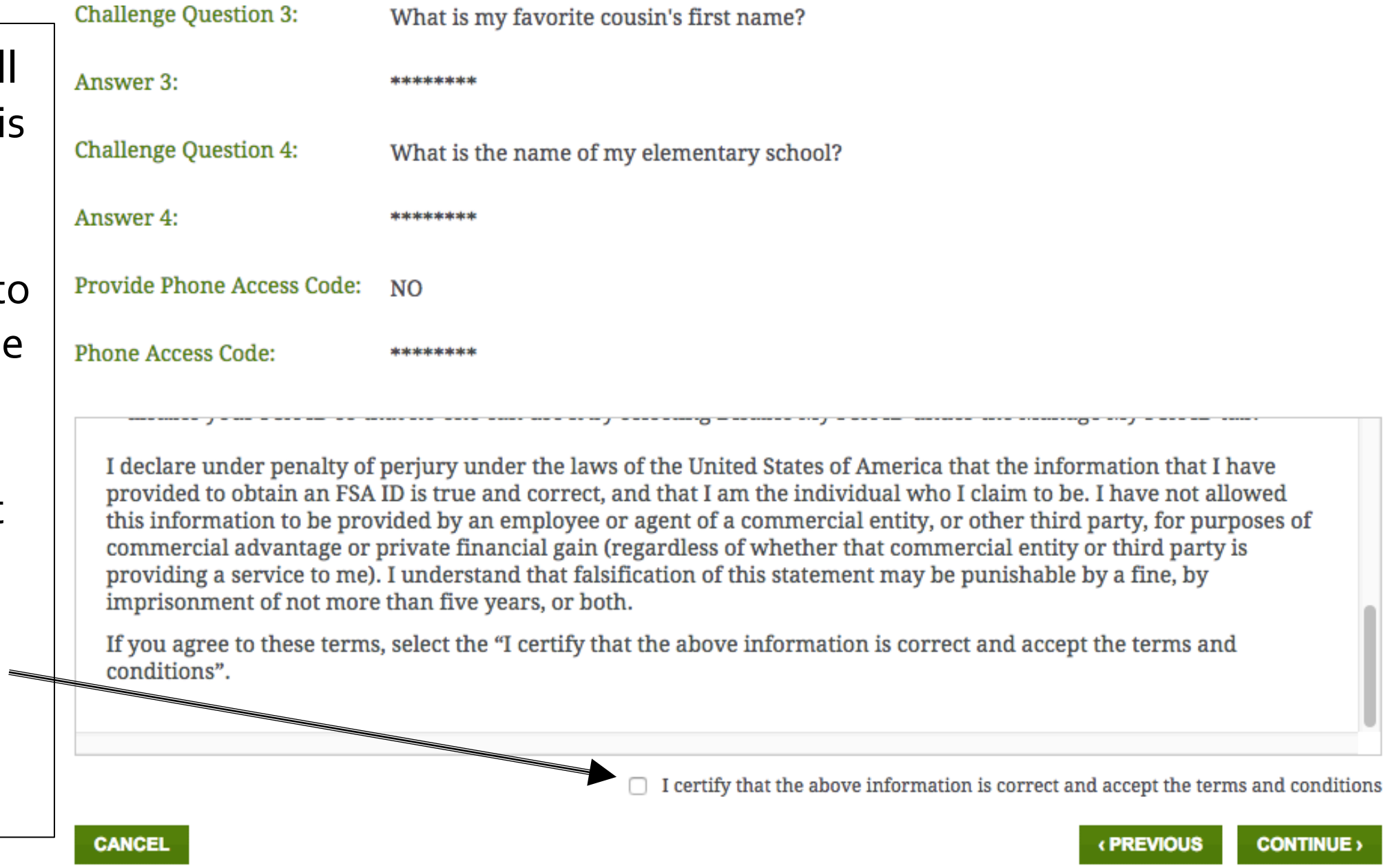
→ Choose "Challenge Questions and Answers" that can easily be remembered in case you forget your FSA ID username or password.

→ Question 5 is optional.



→ Review that all the information is correct.

→ Click the box to certify that all the information you provided is correct, and that you accept the terms & conditions.



TIP

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

- ❑ FSA ID Username
- ❑ FSA ID Password
- ❑ Email Address & Password
- ❑ Challenge Question Answers

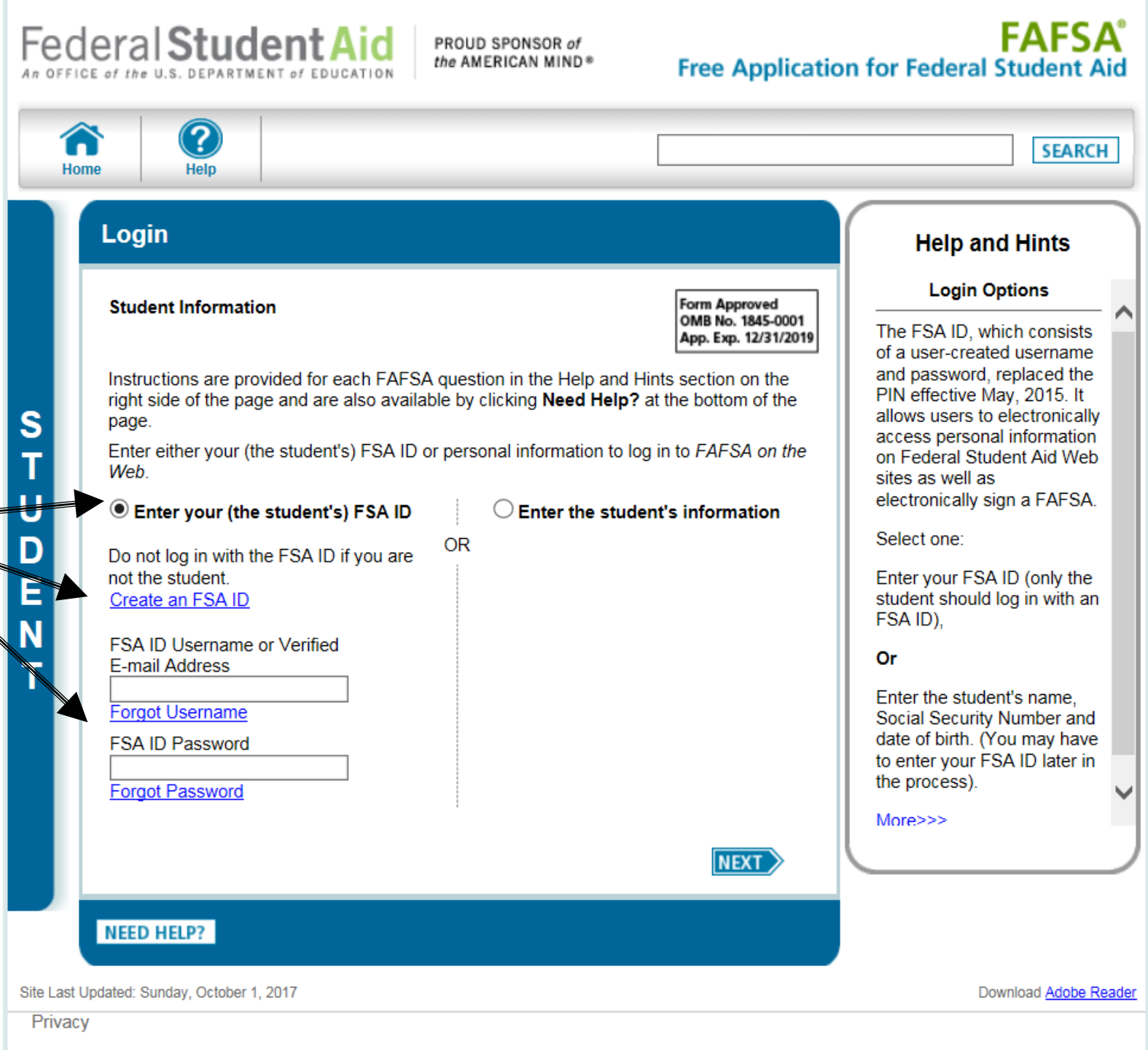
You're now ready to start your online FAFSA!

Log-In with your new FSA ID & begin the FAFSA

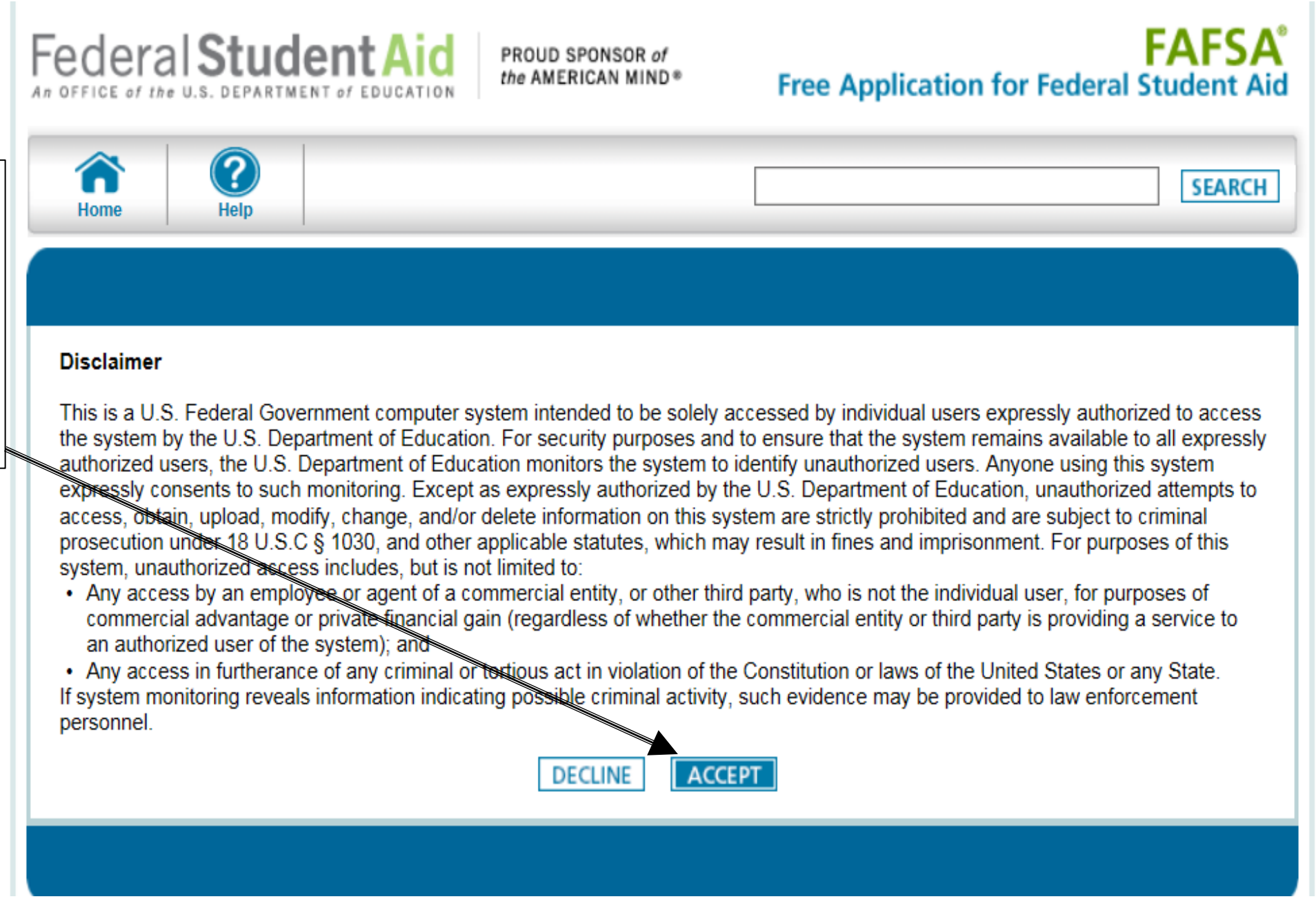
→ Once your FSA ID is created, you can immediately log into the FAFSA at **fafsa.ed.gov** and start your application.

→ **Click "Enter your (the student's) FSA ID"**

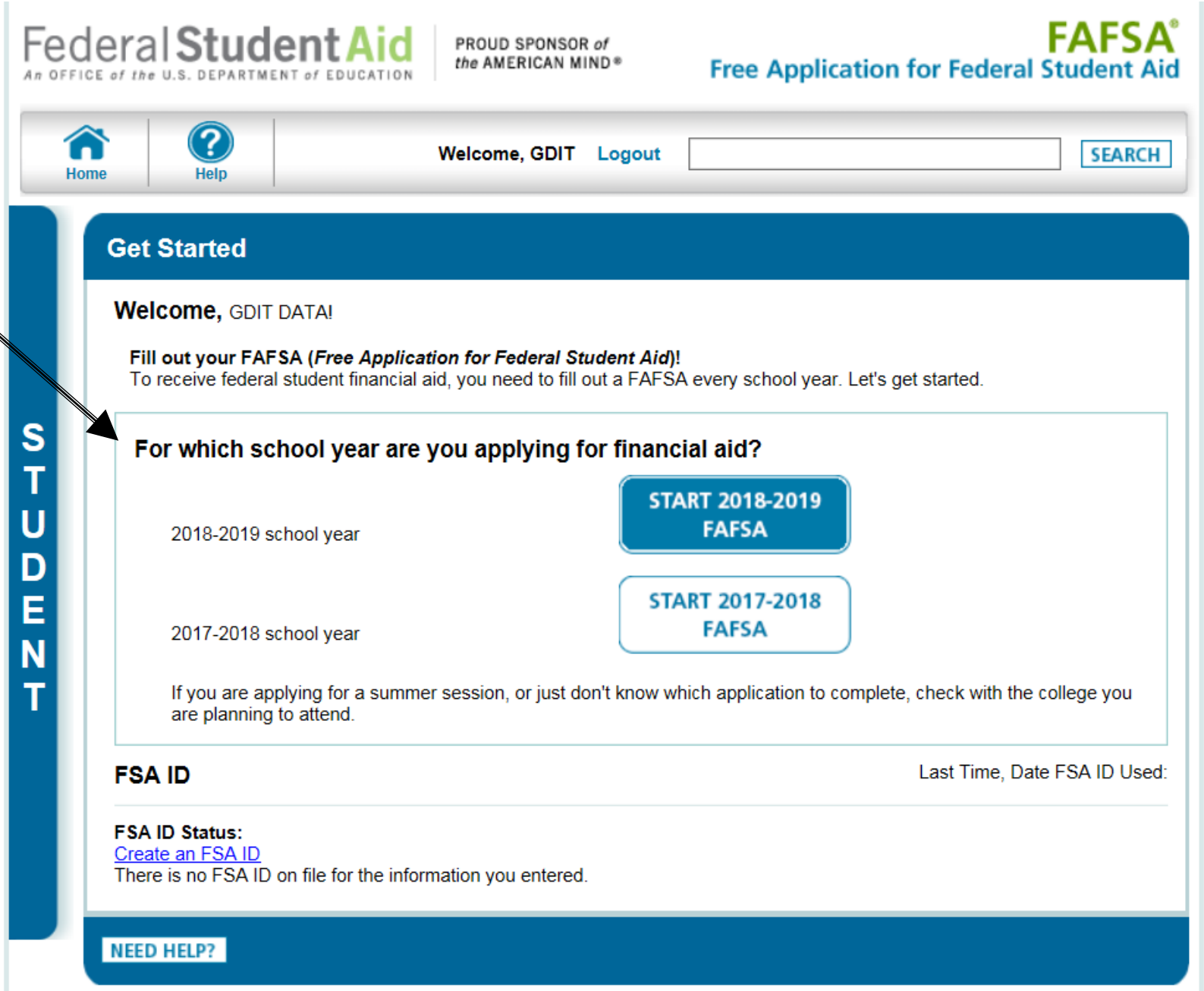
→ Enter your FSA ID Username or Verified Email Address & FSA ID Password.



- First, read the Disclaimer and Click "Accept"

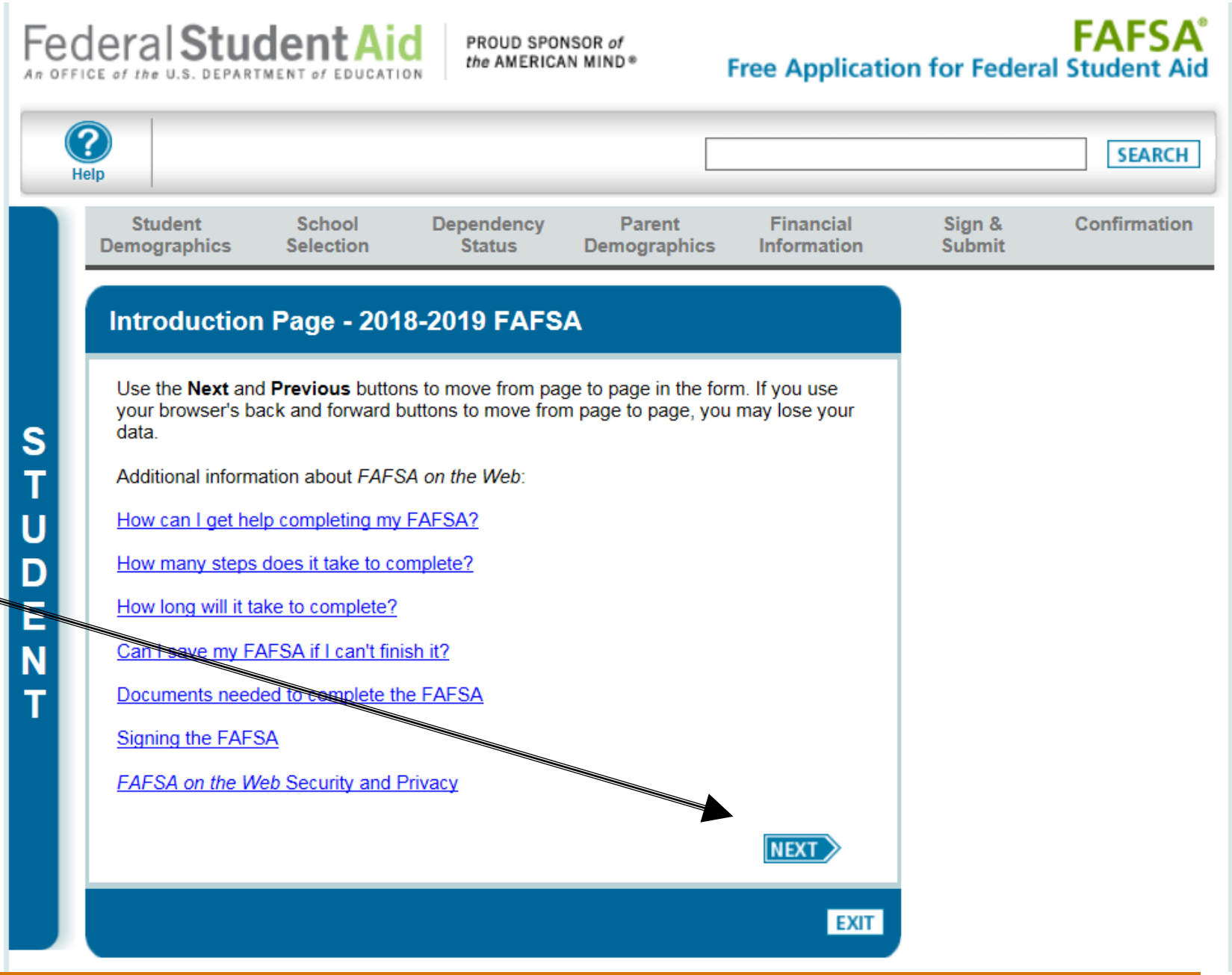


- Select the school year that you plan to attend college.
- Remember that the school year begins in the Fall Term. If you are applying for a summer session, that usually is part of the prior academic year.

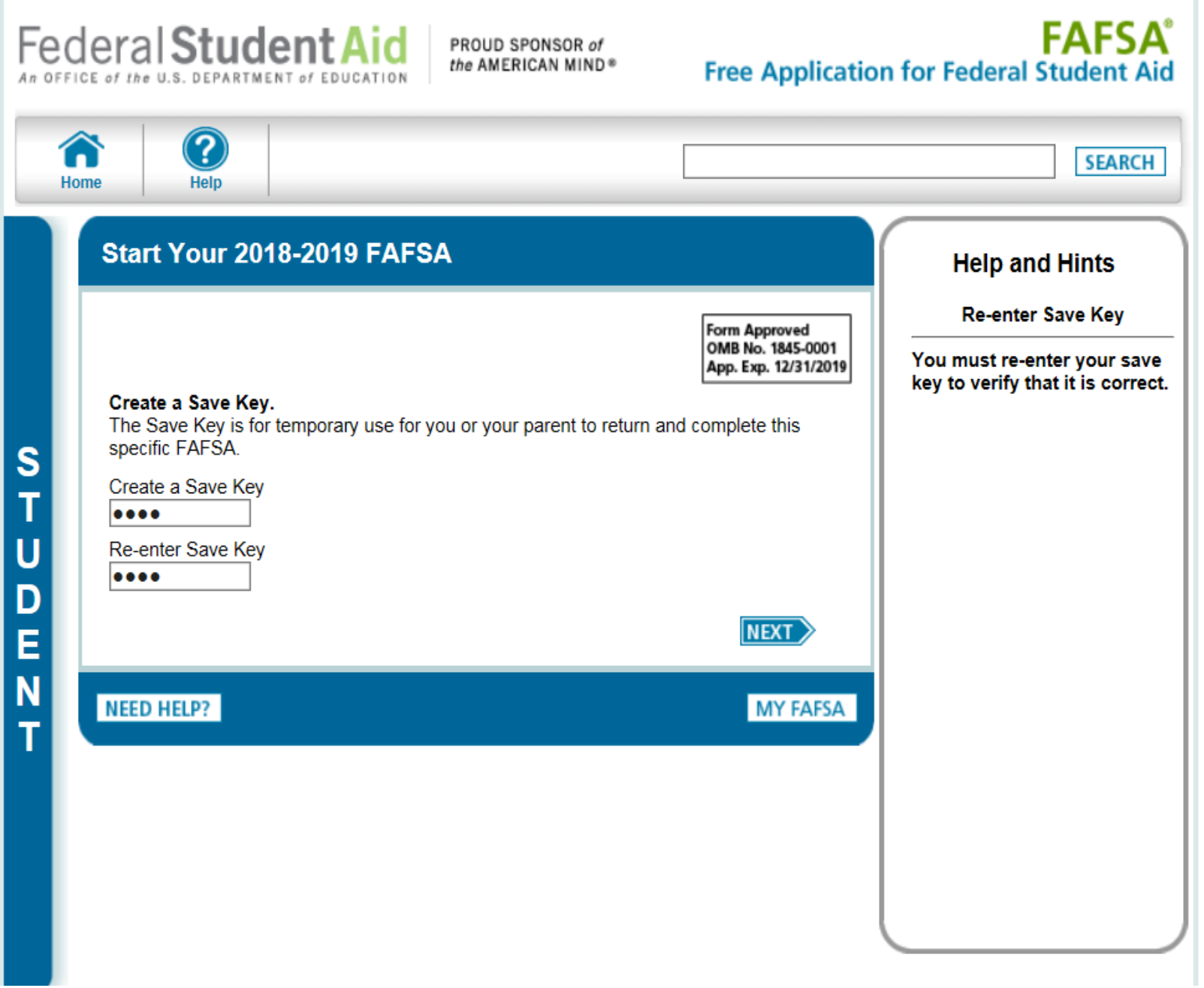


- The Introduction Page includes general information about the FAFSA

→ Click "Next"



- 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.

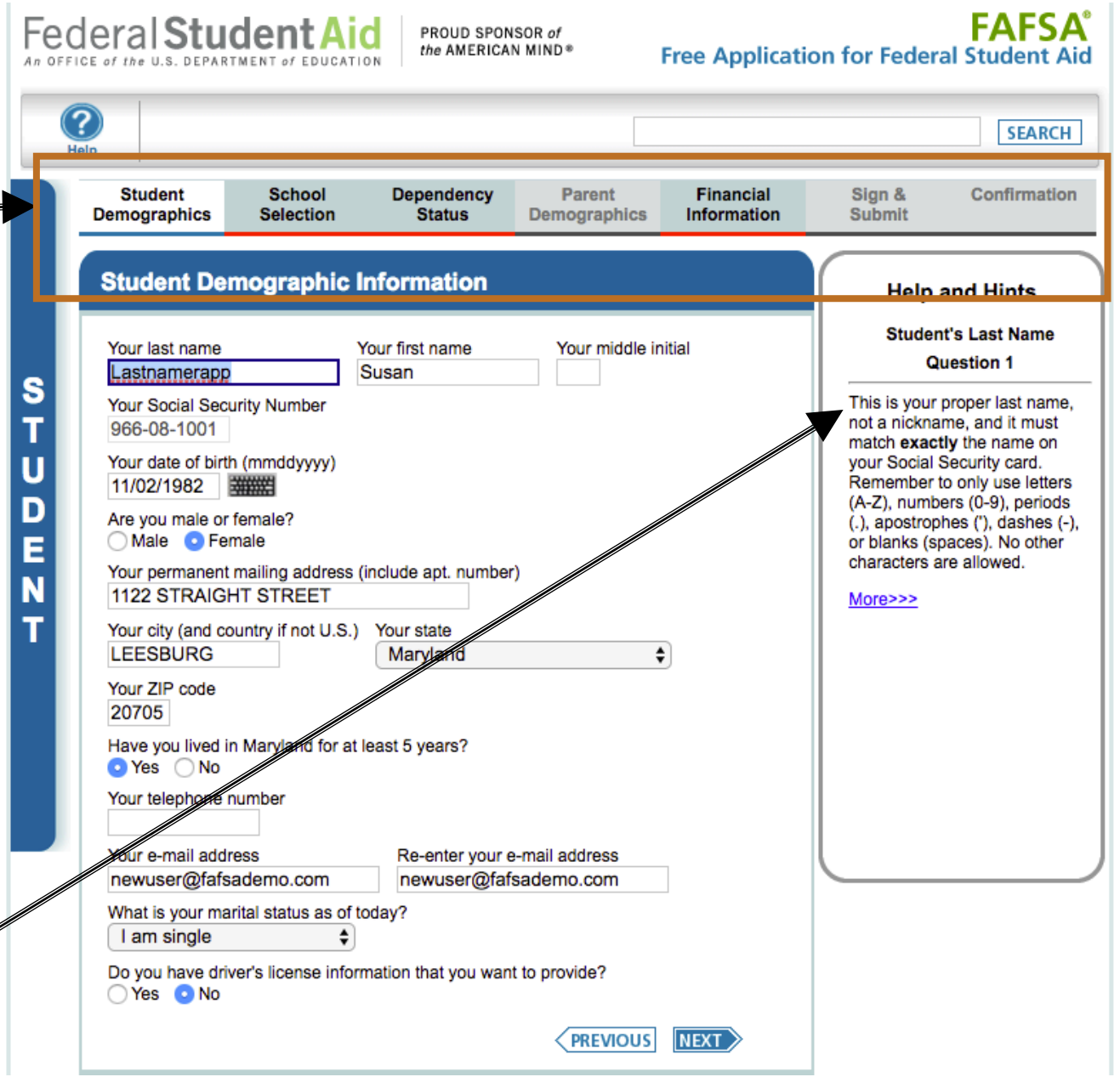


TIP

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

- ✓ FSA ID Username
- ✓ FSA ID Password
- ✓ Email Address & Password
- ❑ Save Key

- Complete the seven sections listed as tabs at the top of the screen. The website will take you through each section.
- When you complete a page, be sure to click "Save" at the bottom of the page. Then, click "Next" to go to the next section.
- Note that if you didn't respond to all of the required questions, the system will alert you to complete the questions before you can move on to the next section.
- The FAFSA has detailed instructions and information about each question in the "Help & Hints" bar.

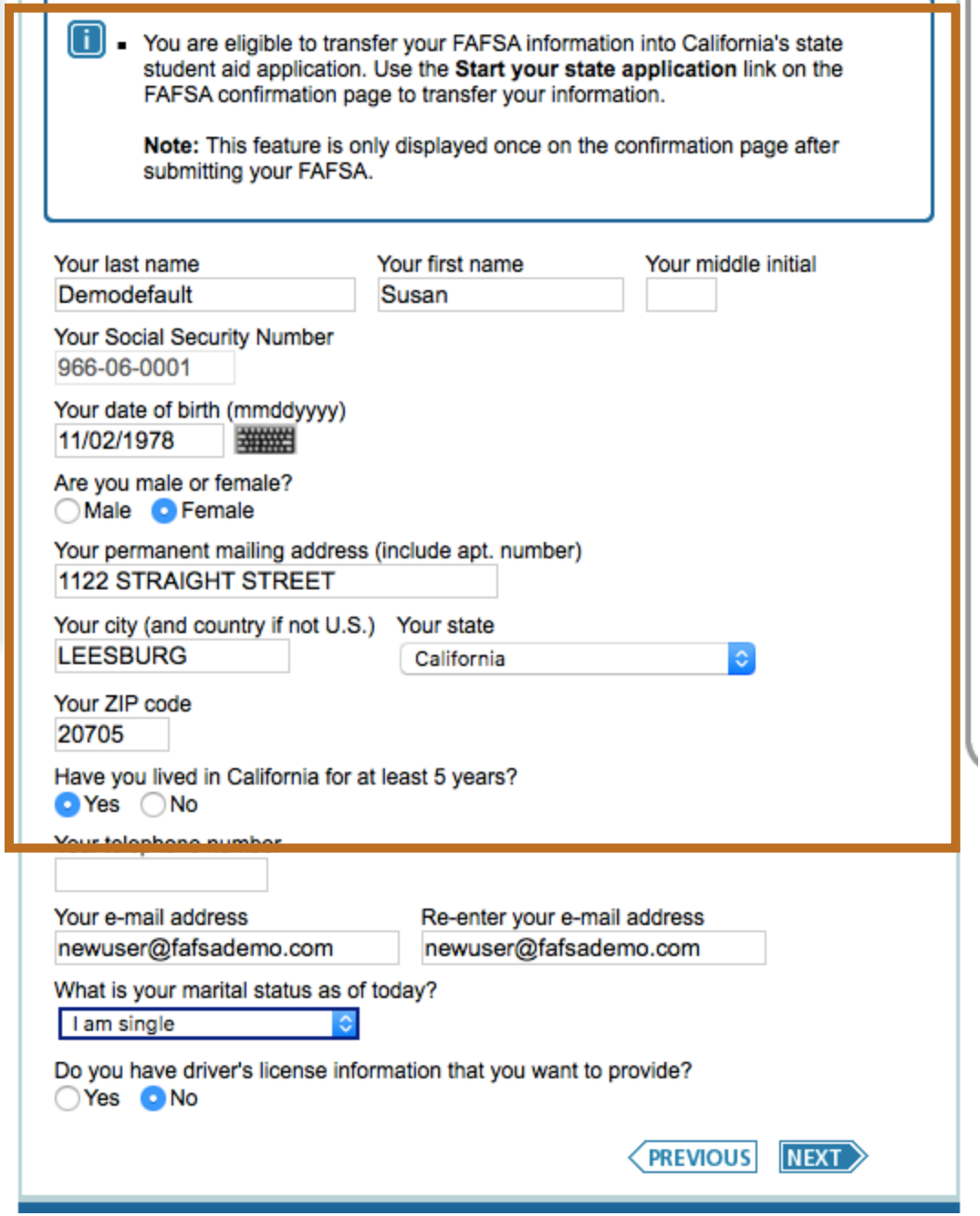


Student Demographics Section

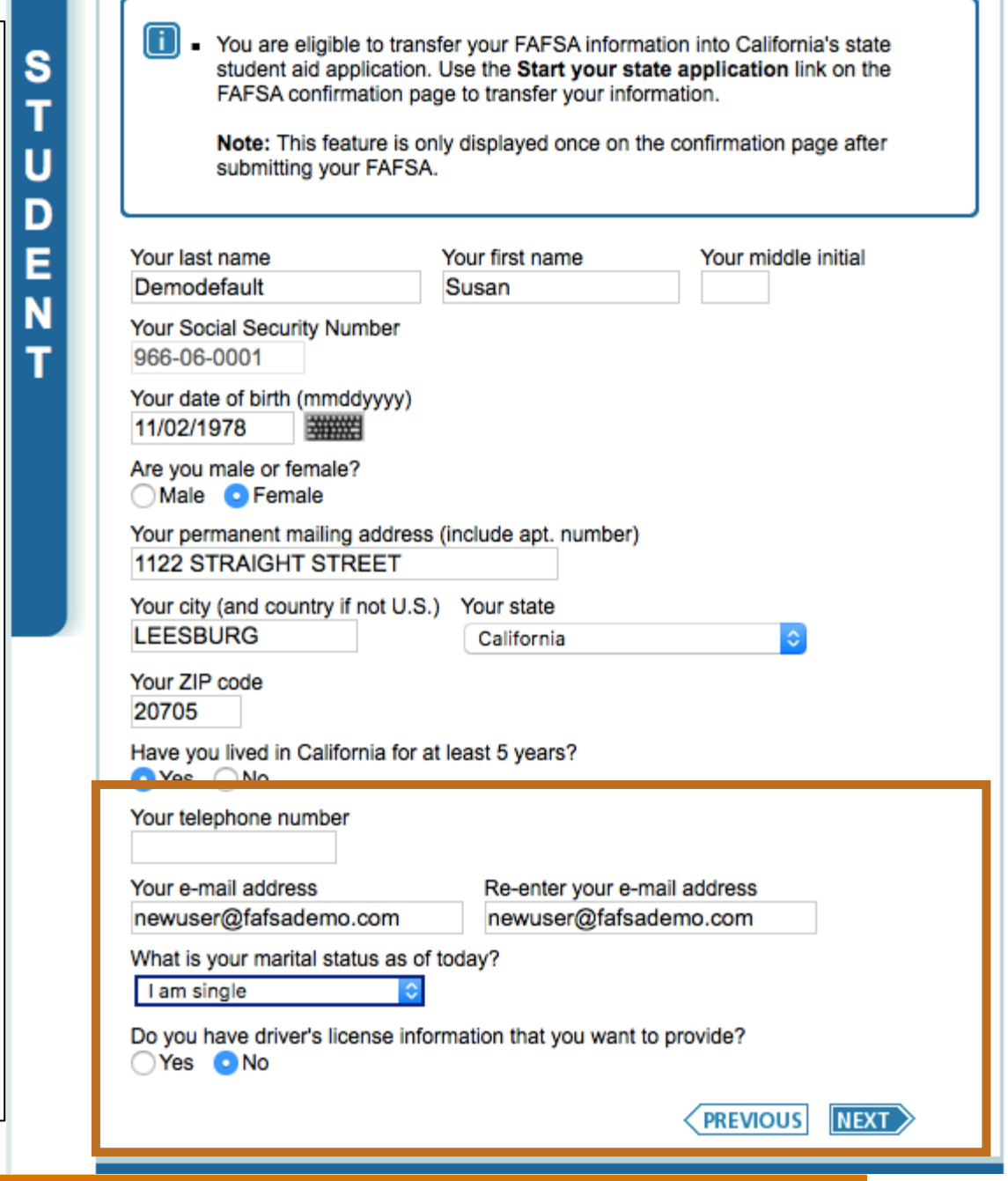
Part I: Student Demographics Information

Part II: Student Eligibility

- **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.
- **Social Security Number:** Make sure that your name Social Security Number matches **exactly** as it appears on your Social Security Card.
- **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 the student can receive postal mail, such as a PO Box. If you don't have a permanent mailing address, ask your college's financial aid administrator for help.
- **State of Legal Residence:** If you select that you have lived in California for at least 5 years, a textbox will appear on the screen saying that you are eligible for the California State student aid application (the Cal Grant). A separate application is not required, but you need to make sure that your high school has automatically submitted your verified GPA.



- **Telephone Number:** A telephone number is not required to complete the FAFSA. If you do provide a number, it should be one that a college financial aid office can call and reach you at.
- **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 for financial aid will send FAFSA reminders, status updates and financial aid application results to this email address.
- **Marital Status:** This question asks about the student's marital status, not the parent's. Your legal status is "single" if you are not married, even if you live with or have a boyfriend, girlfriend or significant other. Note that this question is only asking about your marital status.
- **Driver's License:** A driver's license is not required to complete the application, but can help prevent identity theft. The student's driving record and parking tickets do not affect eligibility for financial aid.



- **Are you a US Citizen?** The three options are:

→ Yes, I am a U.S. Citizen (or U.S. national)

→ No, but I am an eligible noncitizen

- If you select "No, but I am an eligible noncitizen," you will be asked to provide your Alien Registration Number.

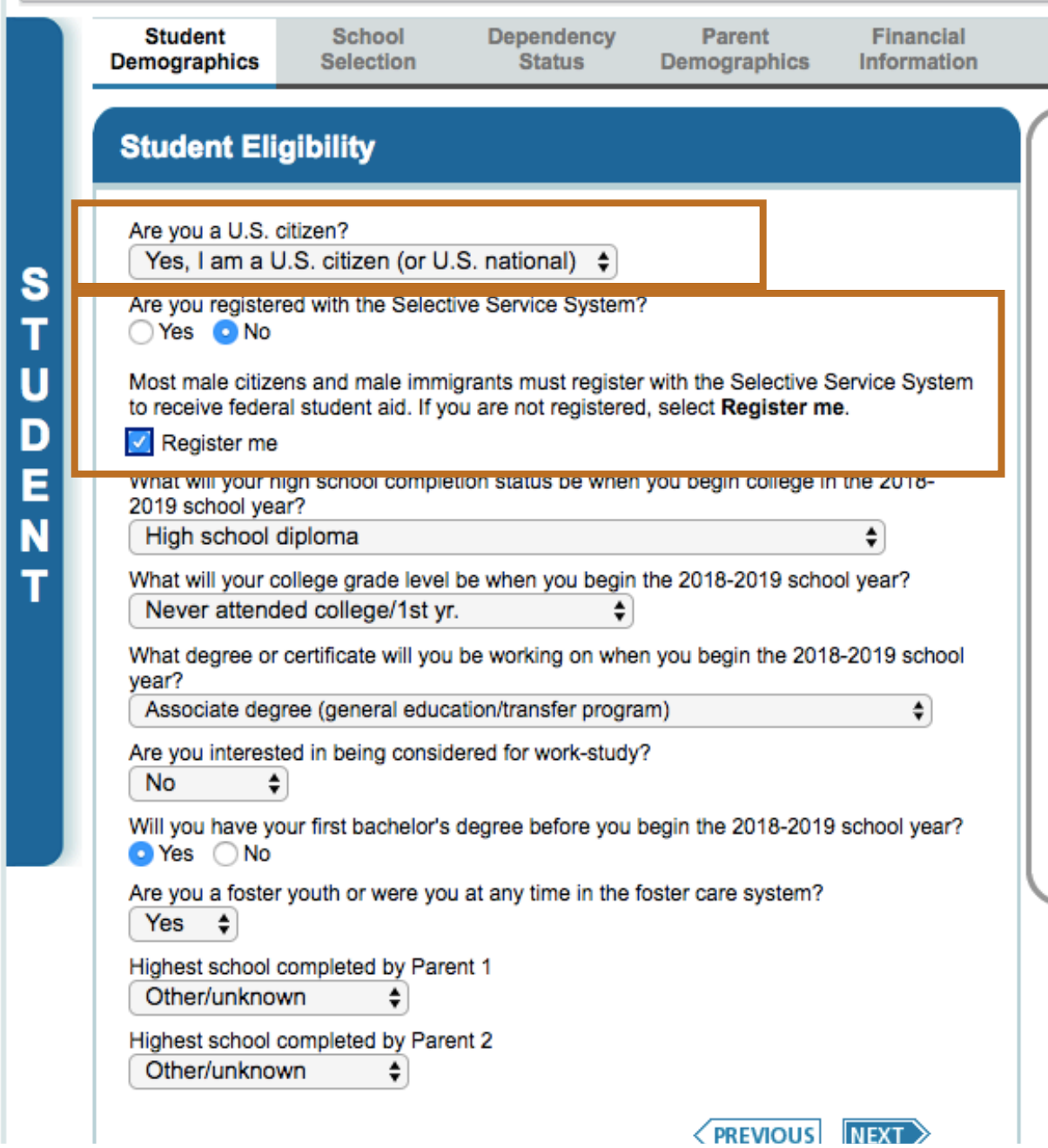
→ No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen

- **Selective Service:** Males are required to register with the Select Service System to complete their FAFSA.

→ If you haven't registered yet, you will be able to click **"Register Me"** to automatically register within the FAFSA.

→ Federal law requires that most male U.S. Citizens and male immigrants residing in the U.S. (including permanent resident aliens), age 18-25, register with the Selective Service.

→ Transgender students must comply with the Selective Service registration requirement based on the student's gender at birth as listed on the student's birth certificate.



What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2018-2018 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."***

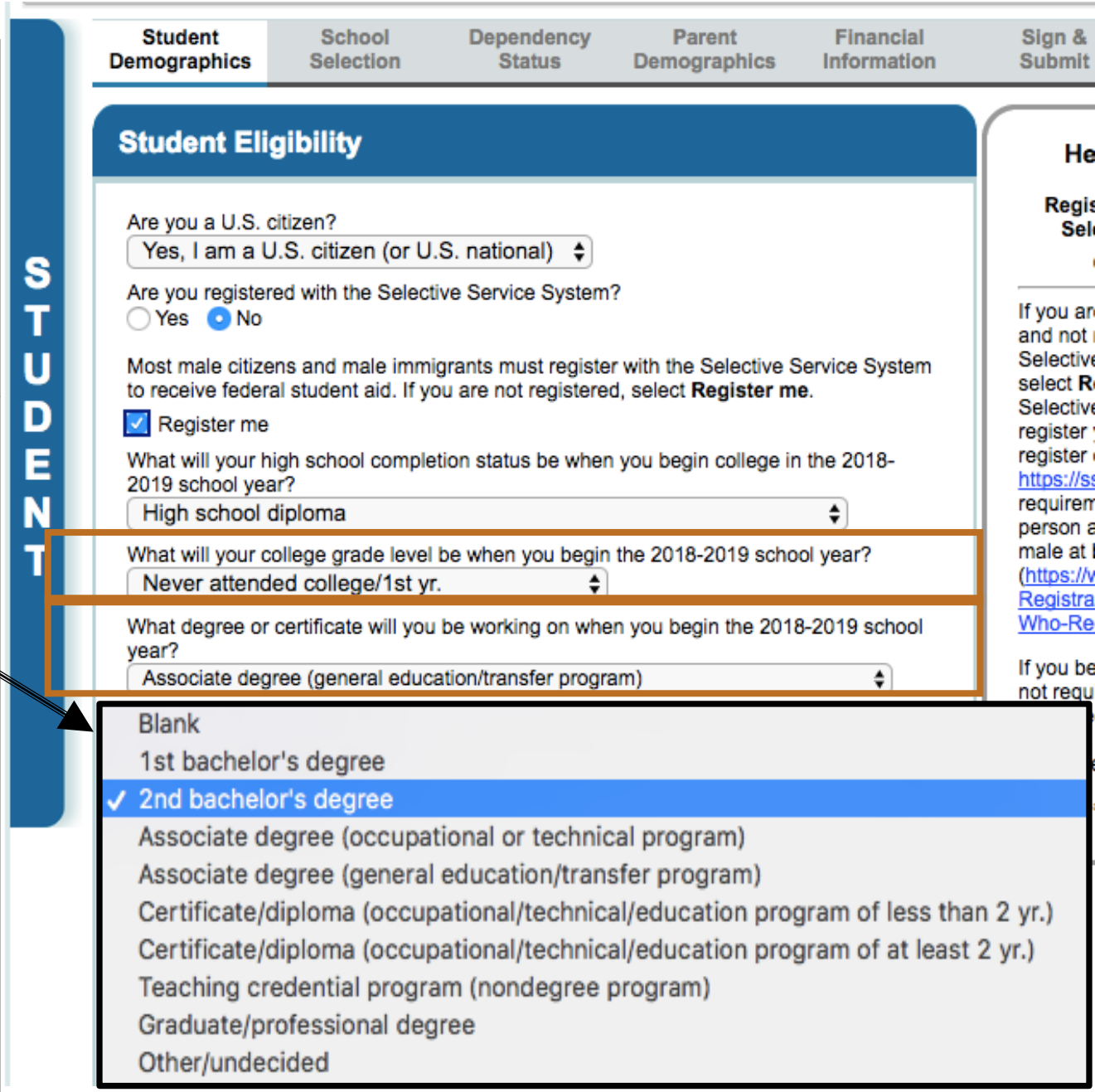
What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?

Select the option that best fits your most immediate educational goal.

→ It is important to NOT select "other/undecided" as it may limit the grants you can receive

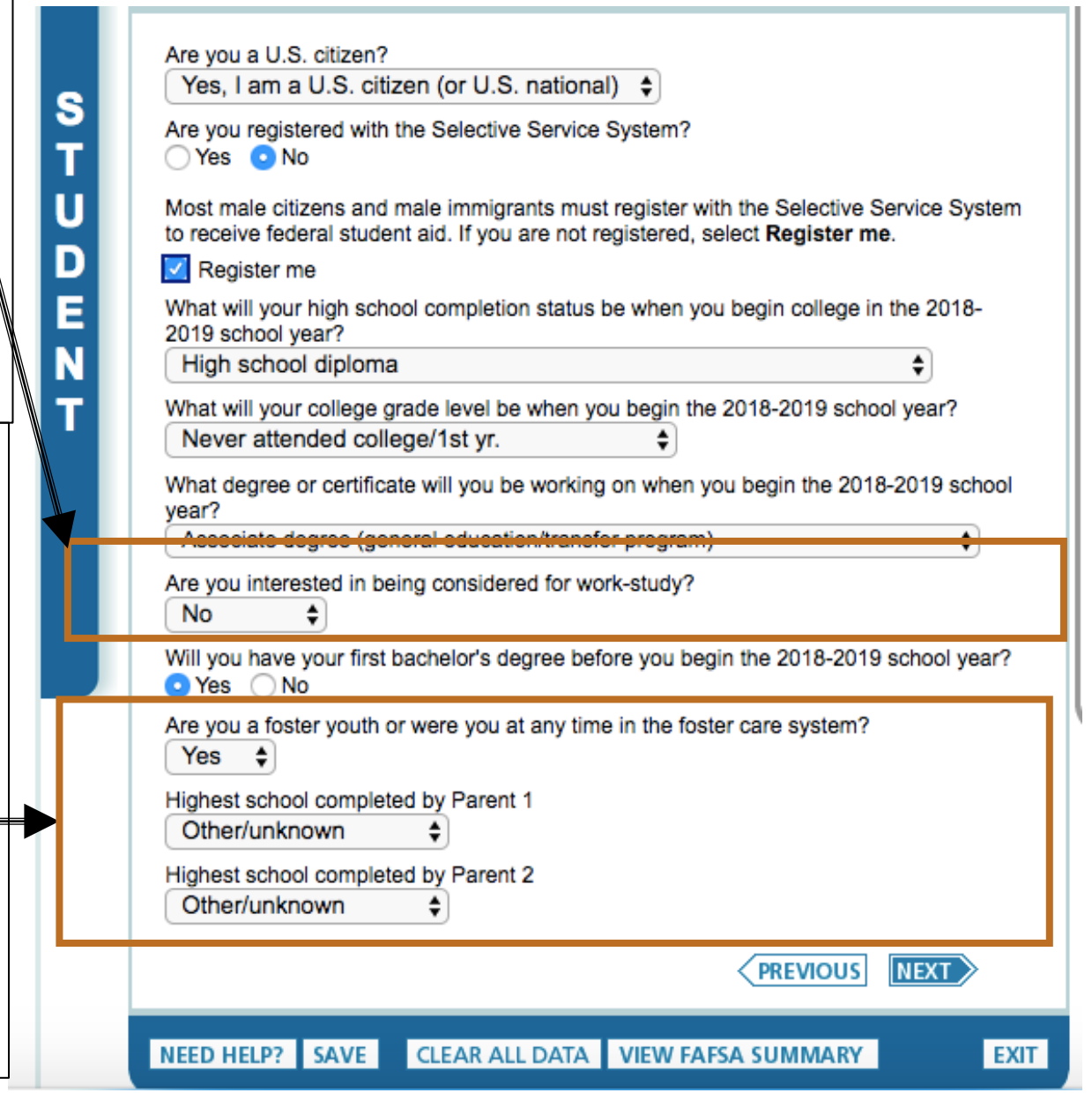
→ If you are uncertain if you will attend a 2-year or 4-year college, select 4-year college

→ It is important to not select "2nd bachelor's degree" if you don't already have a bachelor's degree, as it may limit the grants you can receive

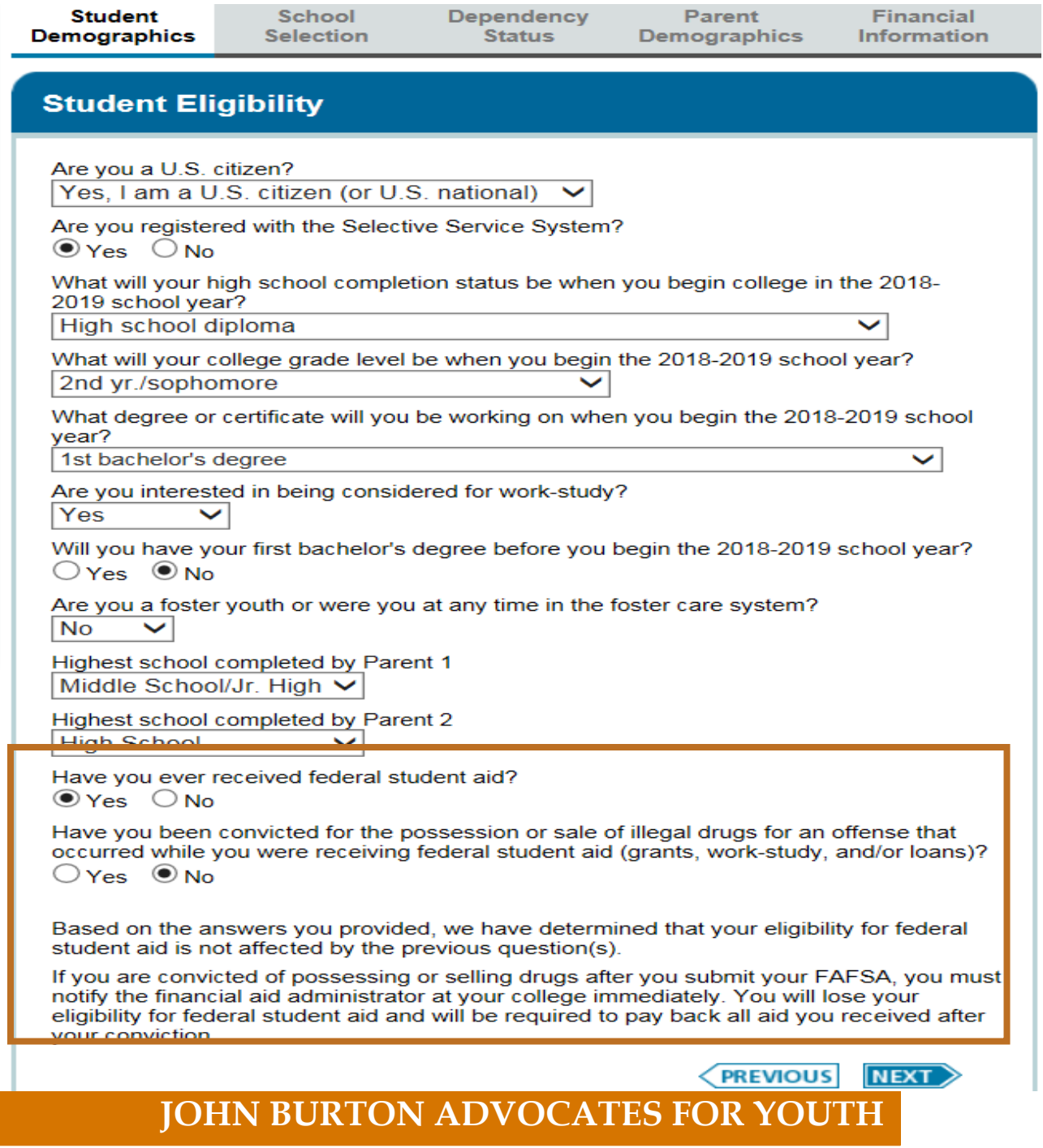


- **Are you interested in being considered for work-study?** Federal work study allows students with financial need to earn a portion of their financial aid award money through part-time employment on- or off-campus. You can decline it later if you change your mind. Answering "Yes" also not not guarantee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

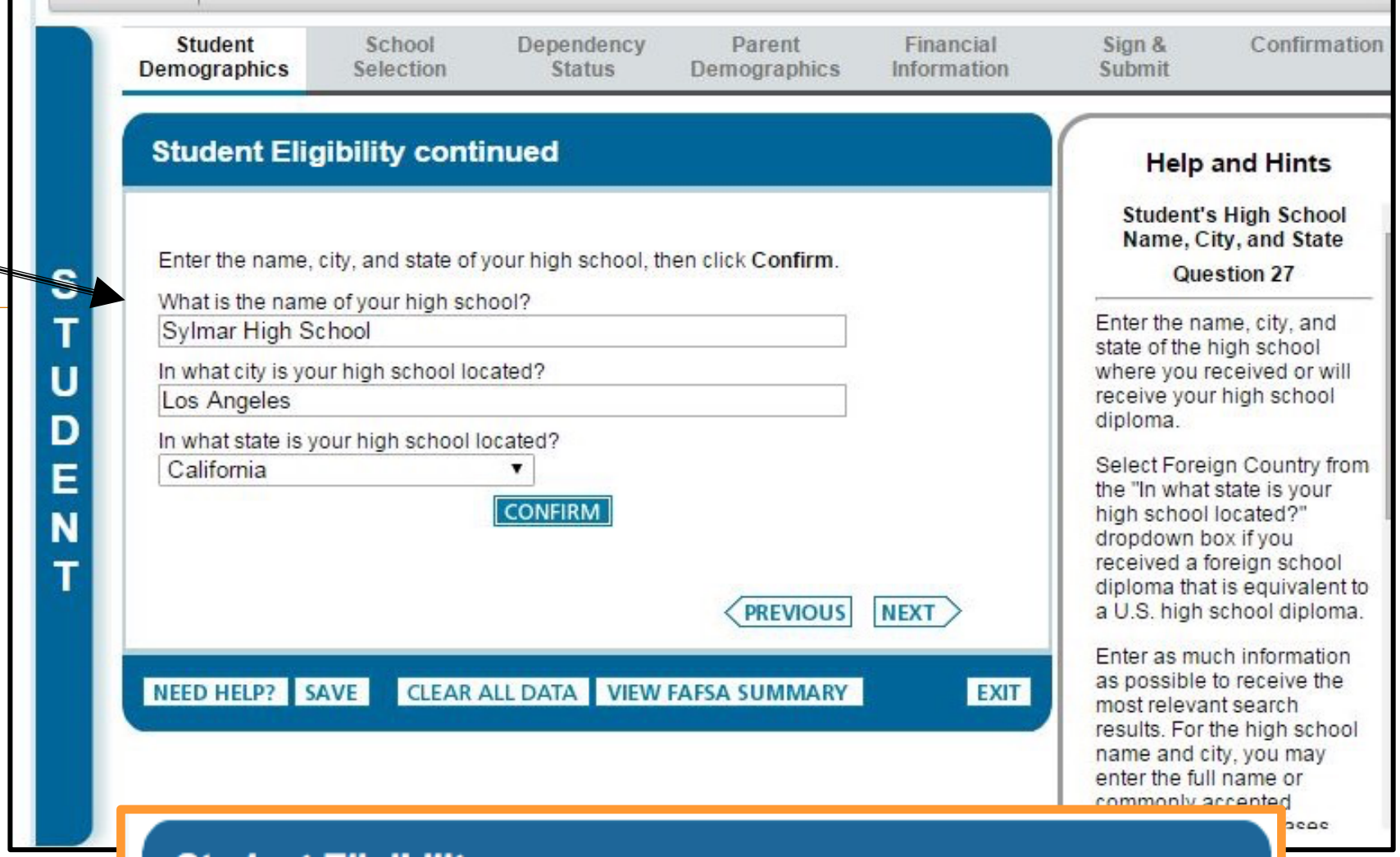
- **You will be asked: "Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?"**
  - Answering yes may give you access to more support to help you in college. Answer YES to this question, even if you were only in foster care one day.
- **Foster youth can select "Other/unknown" for "Highest School Completed by Parent."**
  - Parent refers to the student's biological or adoptive parent and does not refer to a legal guardian or foster parent.
  - How you answer does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid, but students who are first in their family to go to college may be eligible for California or college-specific aid for first-generation college students

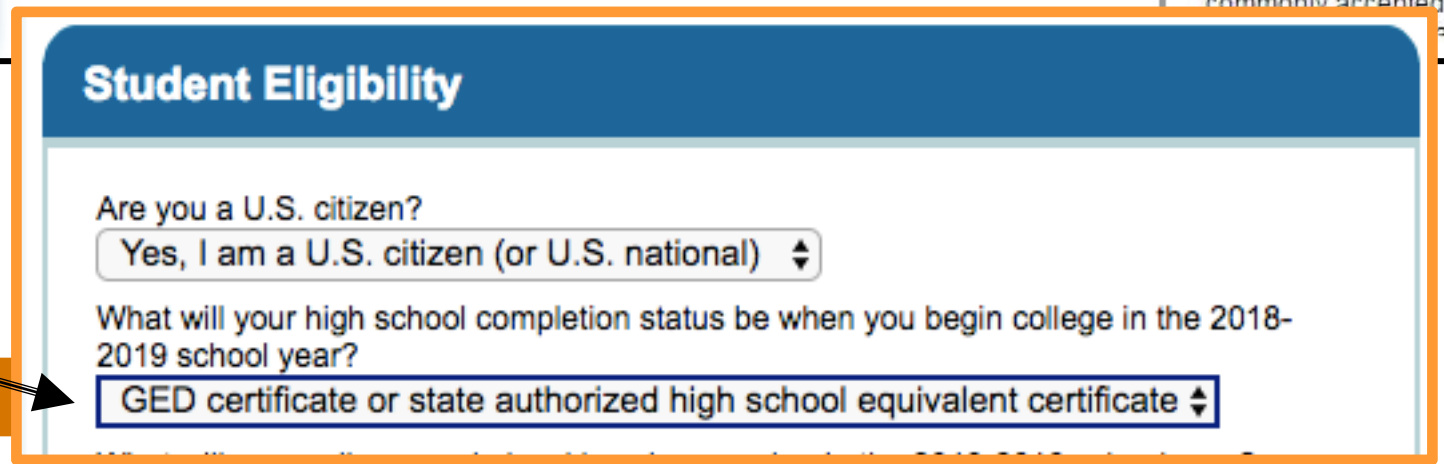


- If this will not be your first year of college, you will be asked if you have ever received federal student aid.
- If yes, you will be asked if you have been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred *while* receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study, and/or loans).
- If yes, you will be provided a worksheet to help you determine whether your eligibility for federal student aid will be suspended for one or two years or indefinitely.
- If your eligibility for federal student aid has been suspended due to a drug conviction, you can regain eligibility early by completing an *approved drug rehabilitation program* or by passing two unannounced drug tests administered by an approved drug rehabilitation program.



- If you indicated that you earned a high school diploma on the prior screen, when you click "Next," you will see this screen asking you to provide the name, city and state of that 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 on the prior screen.





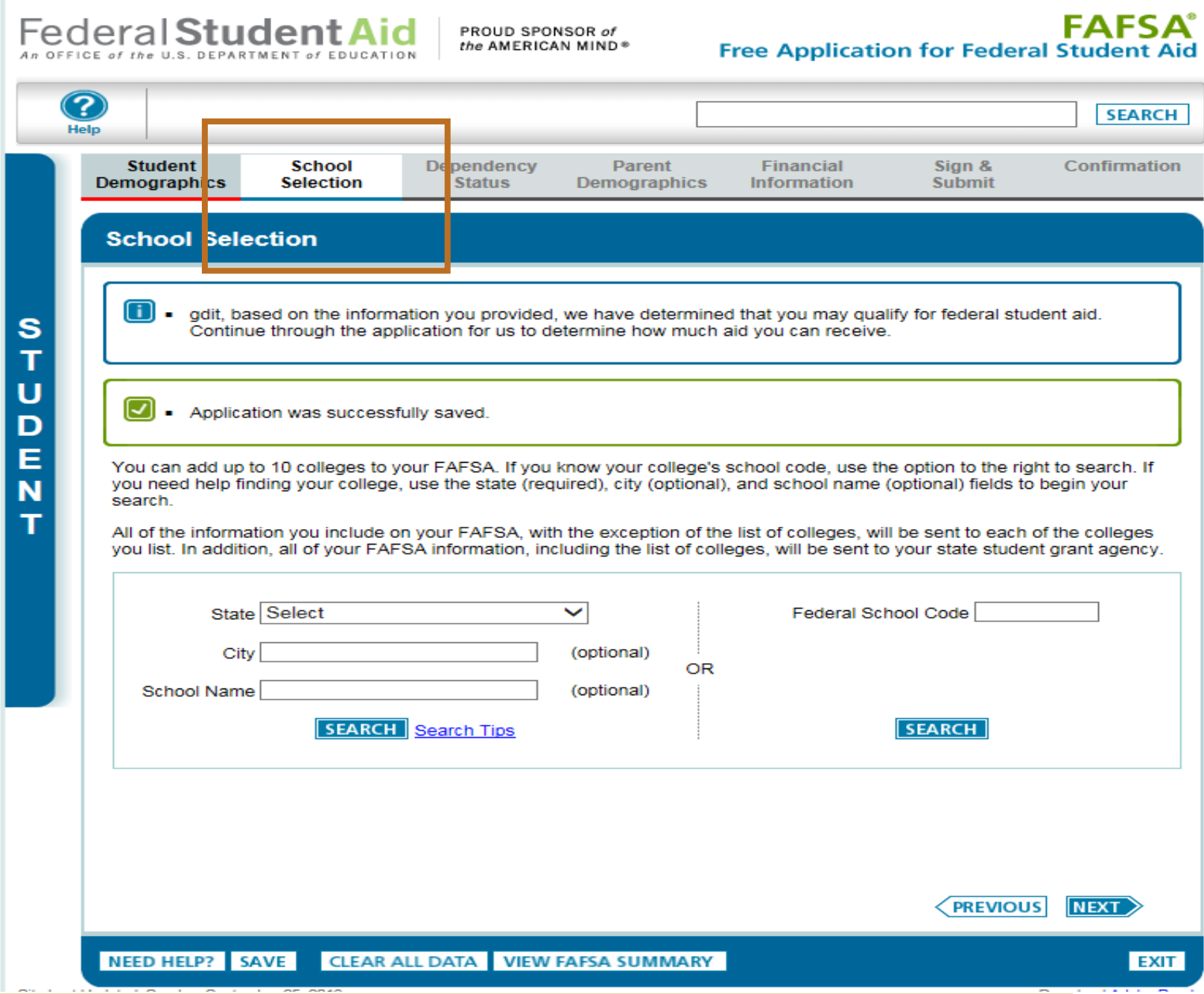
School Selection Section

Part I: School Selection

Part II: School Selection Summary

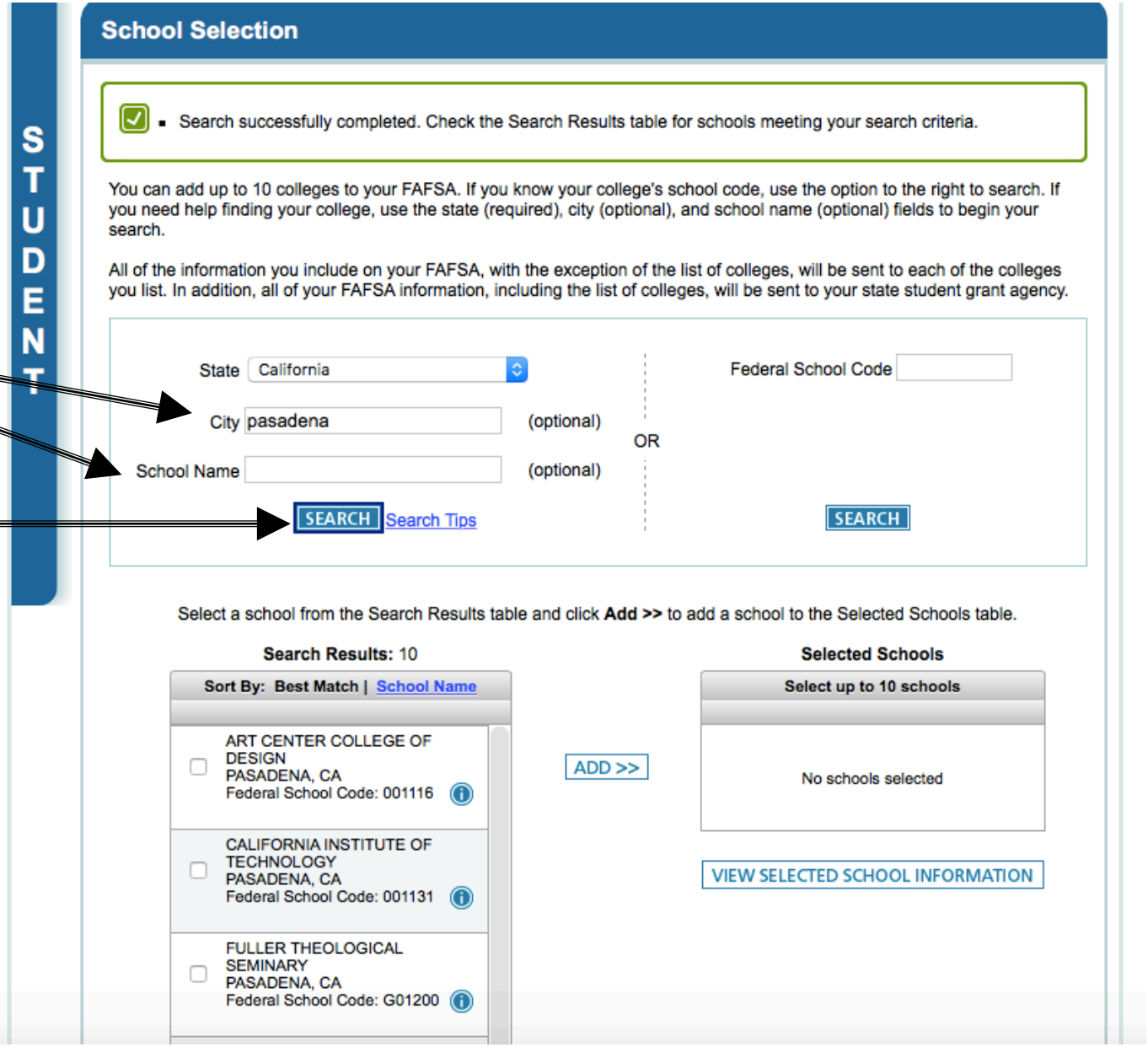
- Search for and select up to 10 colleges that you may want to attend. Information from the FAFSA will be sent to the schools you have selected.

- You can update or change school selections later if your plans change or you're just not sure yet. You must list at least one college to continue with the FAFSA.

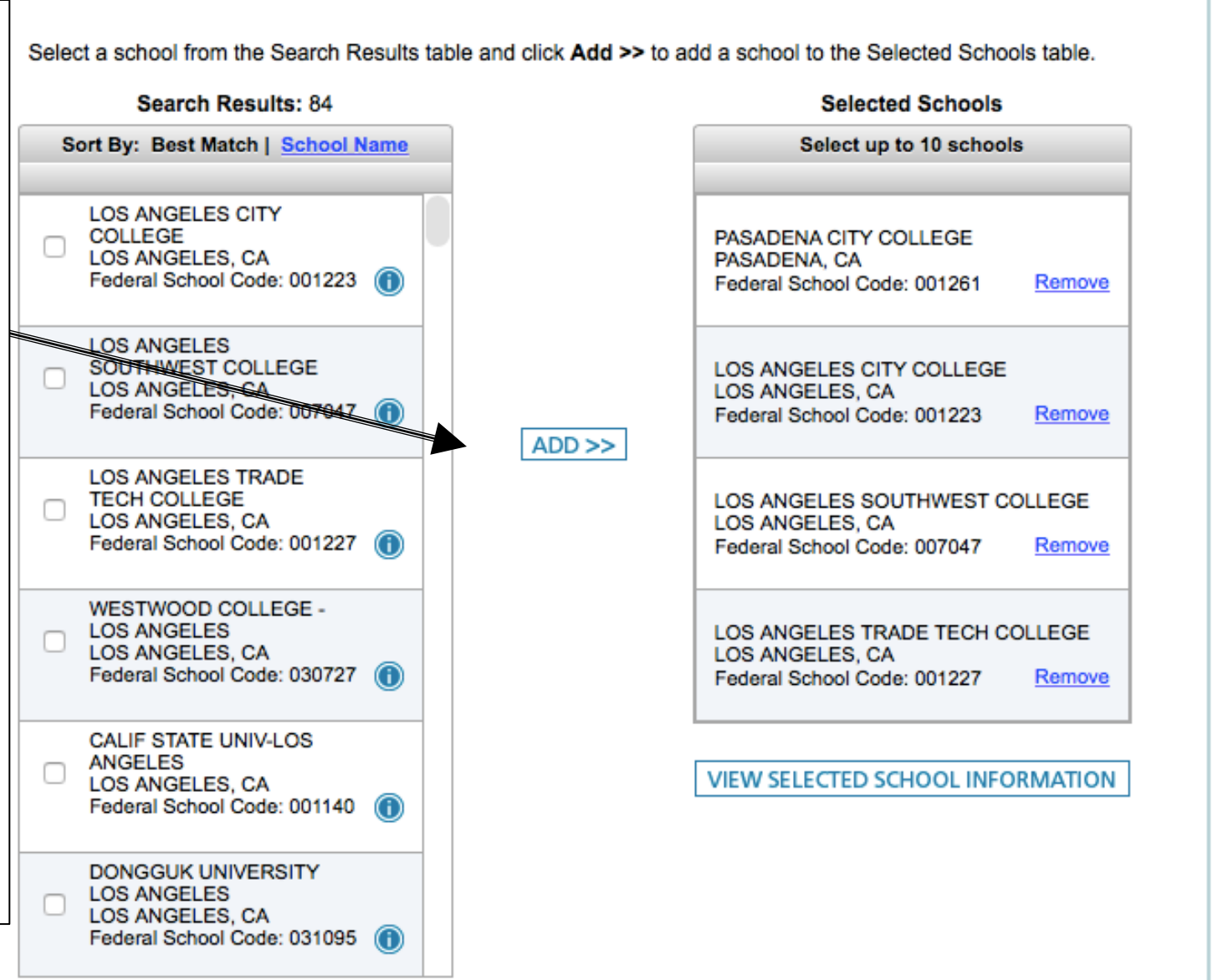


You can search by city or school name, if known.

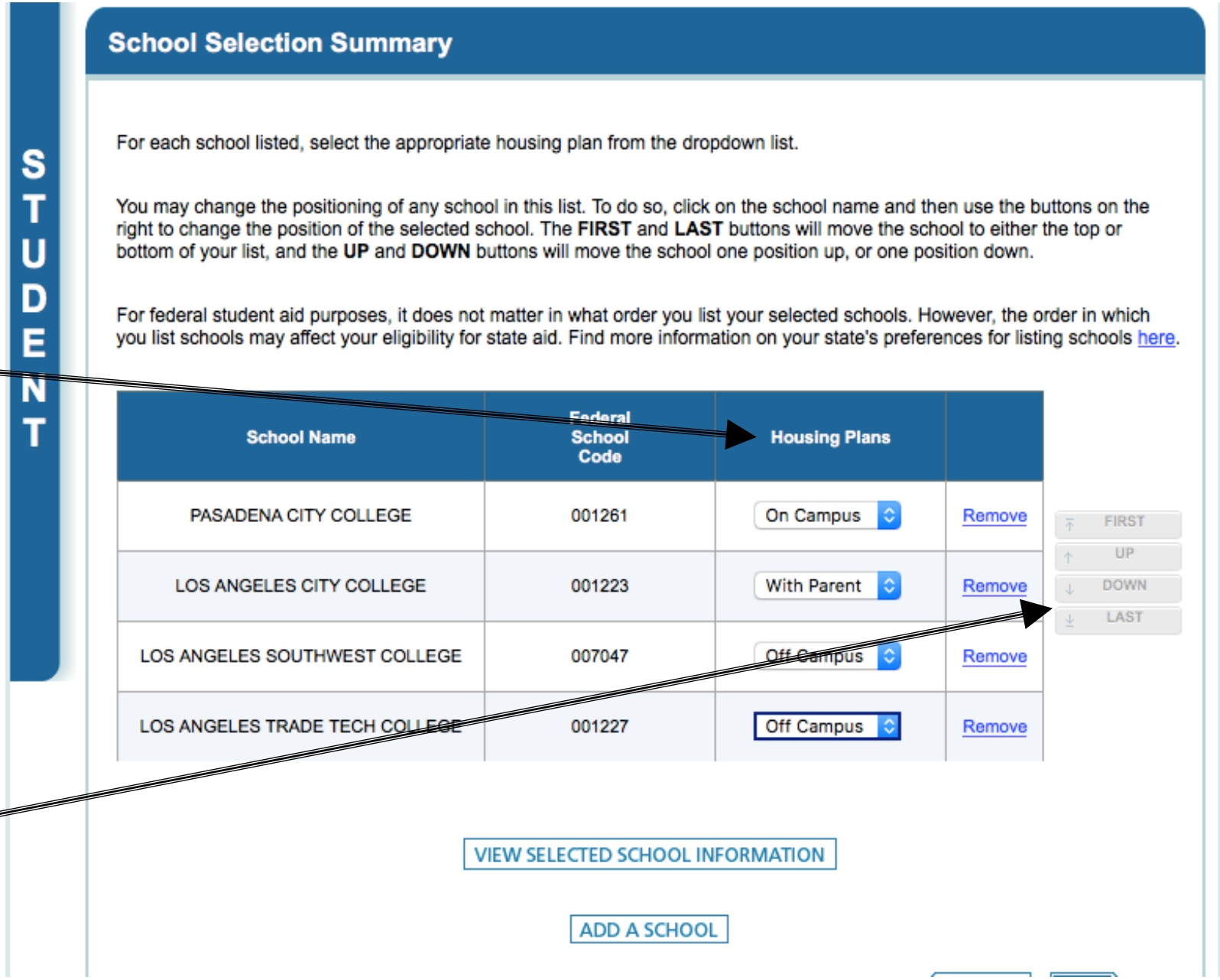
→ Click "Search" to populate search results.



- Click "ADD" to select up to 10 schools.
- 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 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.



- This page asks you 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 offer on-campus housing.
- **Do NOT** select "With Parent" as your housing plan if you plan to live with a foster parent, relative caregiver or legal guardian. Instead, select "Off-Campus." <u>This is crucial for getting all the money that is available to help you pay for your living expenses.</u>
- Note that the order in which you list the colleges does not make a difference in California.



Dependency Status Section

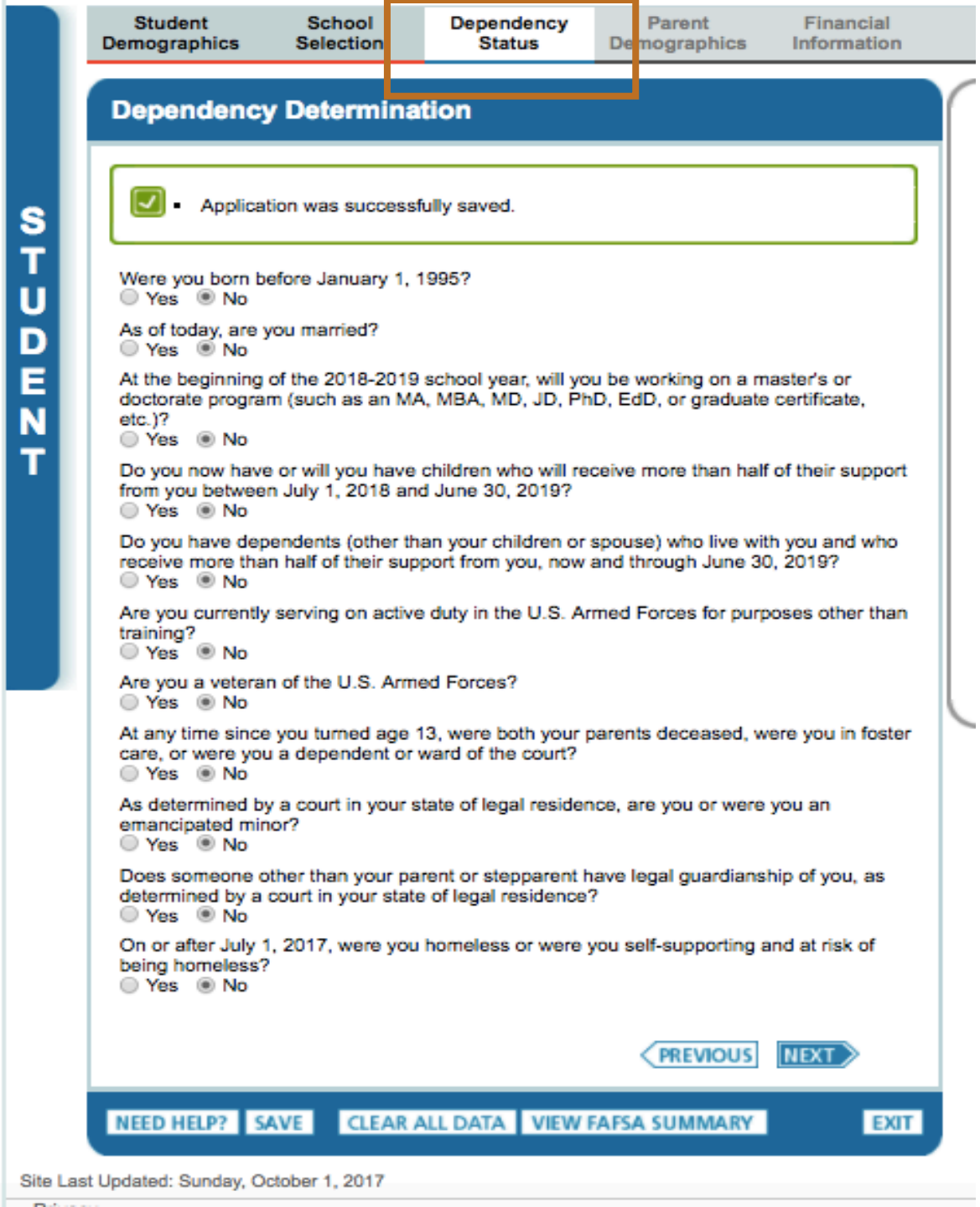
Dependency Determination

Dependency Determination

These questions appear one by one until a question is answered "Yes." If you can answer "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, you qualify for and are considered as an "Independent Student" for the purposes of the FAFSA.

"Independent Student" means that you do not have to provide any information, including income information, about biological or adoptive parents in the Parent Demographics section.

Applicants never provide information about foster parents (including relative or non-relative caregivers) or legal guardians.

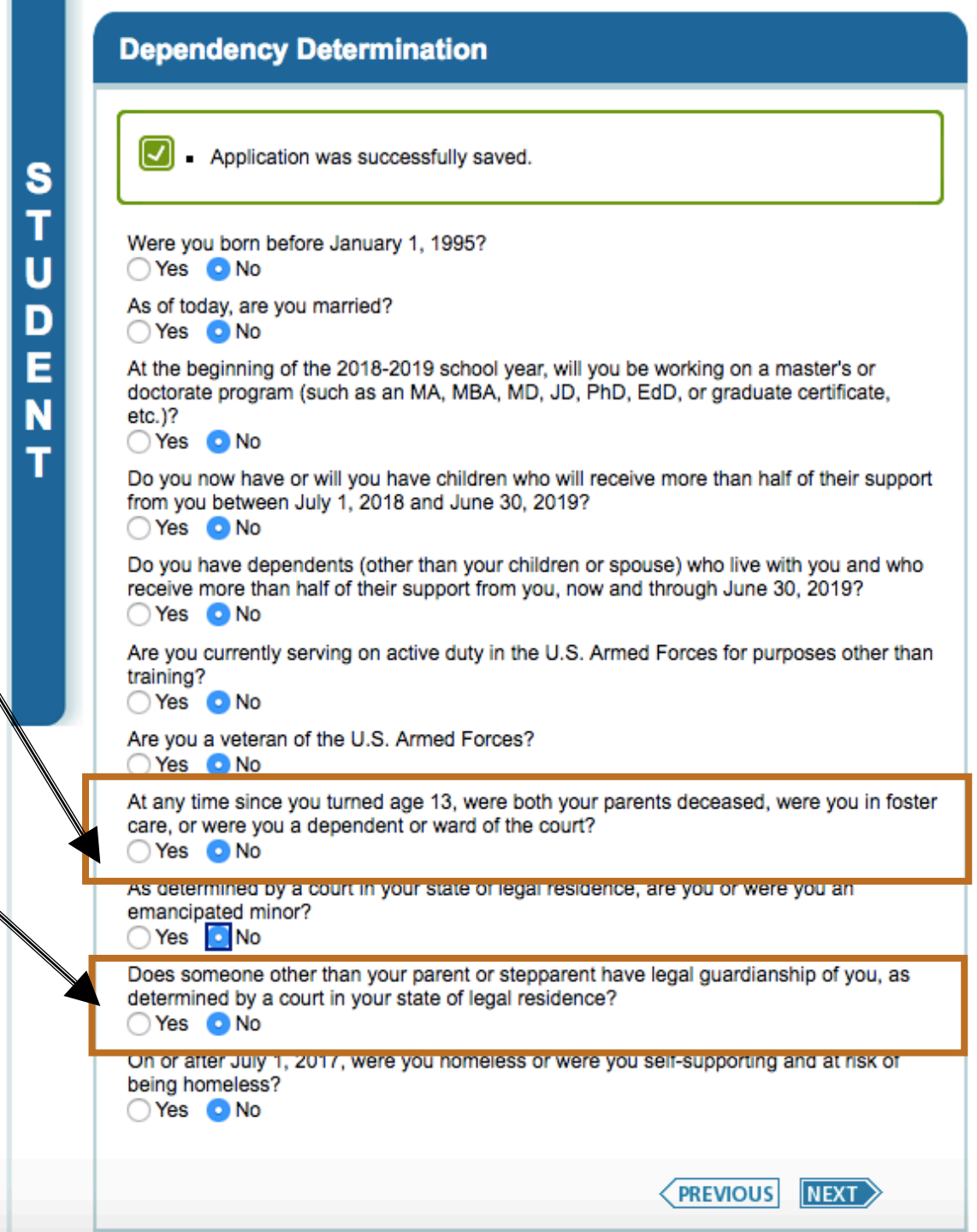


Current or former foster youth may qualify for "Independent Status" on the FAFSA if they can answer "Yes" to any part of either of these two questions:

"At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

OR

"Does someone other than your parents or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?"



How to provide verification of foster youth status

- Your college may require documentation to verify your "Independent Status."
- You will not receive your financial aid unless you provide any requested verification forms to your college.

➢ **Current foster youth**:
Contact your county social worker or Independent Living Program (ILP) Coordinator for your Court Dependency Letter.

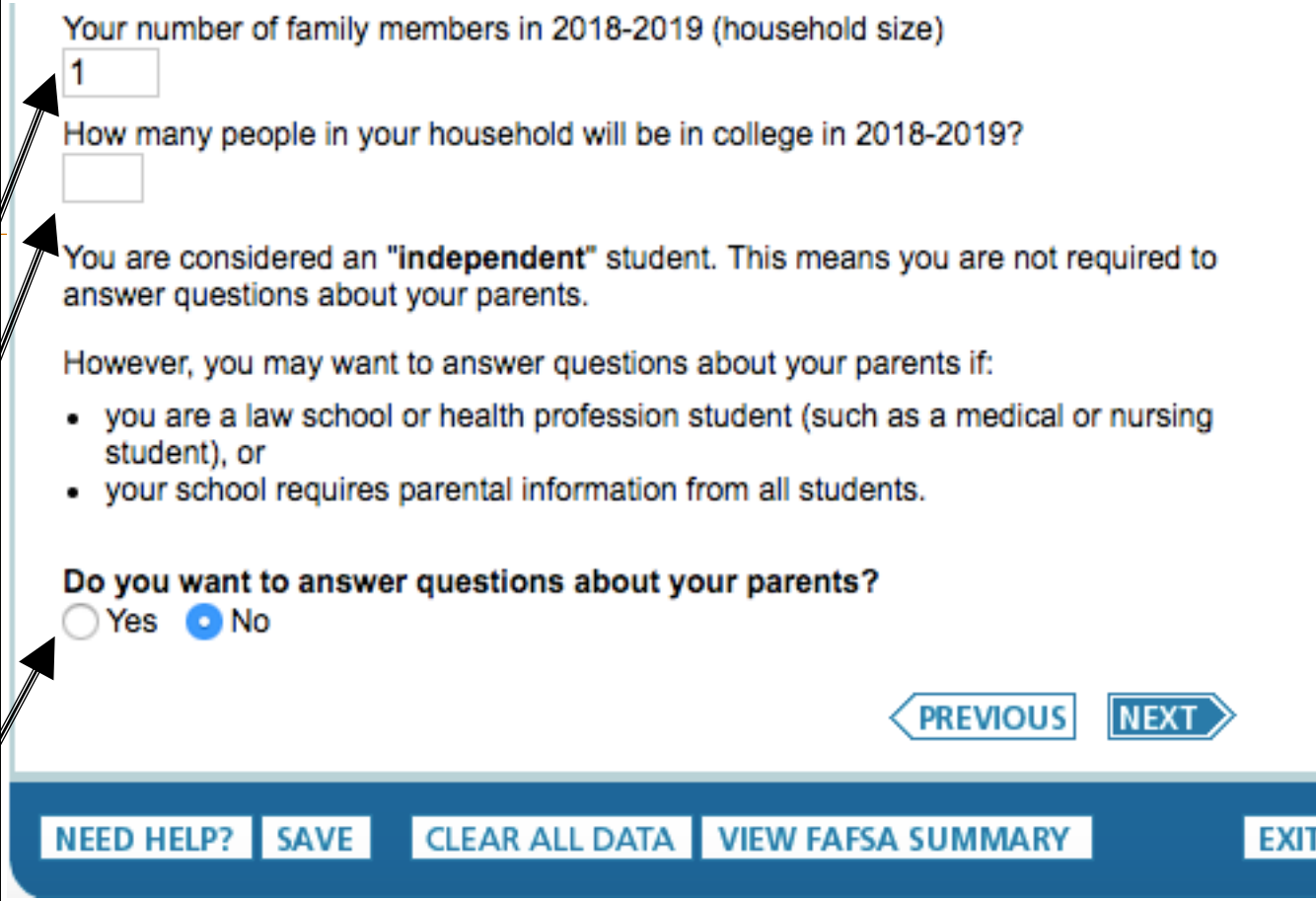
➢ **Former foster youth:**
Contact your county child welfare agency, local ILP program or the State Foster Care Ombudsman's Office: 877-846-1602.

SAVE A COPY FOR YOURSELF! YOU MIGHT NEED IT AGAIN.

Household Size: You will be asked your number of family members or "household size." If you were in foster care on or after your 13th birthday, include only yourself and a spouse and/or children who you support in "household size." Don't include your siblings, other relatives, family of origin, foster family, people living in your group home or others who live with you.

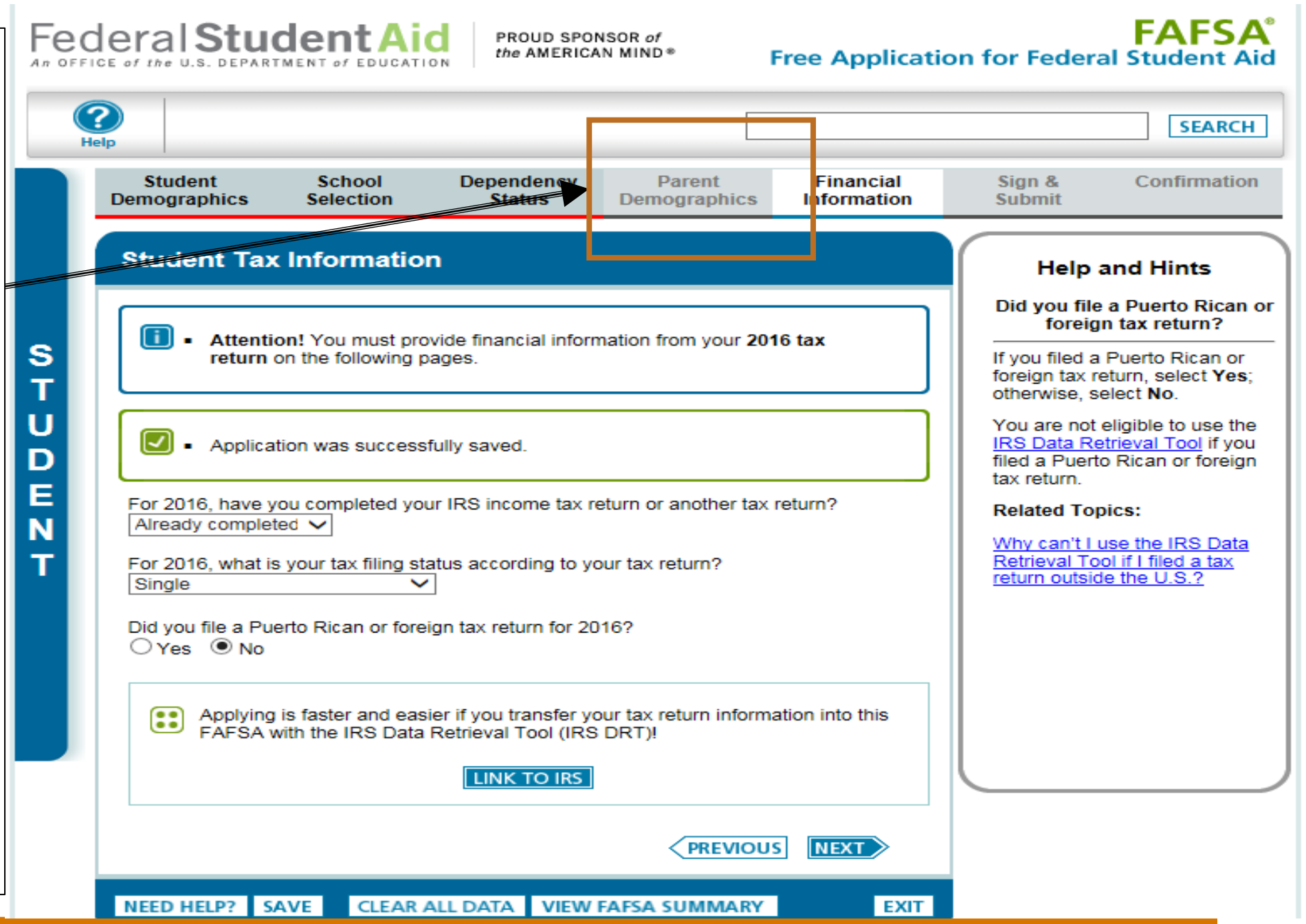
Number in College: Enter "1" for number of family members and number in college if you are single and do not have children.

Even if you are determined to be an "Independent Student", you will be asked if you want to answer questions about your parents. **You can answer "No" to skip these questions. Answering "No" will not prevent you from getting financial aid.**



Parent Demographics Section

If you were determined to be **"Independent"** in the previous Dependency Status section, you will **not** be required to complete this section. You will automatically proceed to the next section and only need to provide financial information for yourself and your dependents.



Financial Information Section

These instructions are for Independent Students. Dependent students will need to also provide parent information.

Option a). If you select "*Already Completed"* IRS Income Tax Return

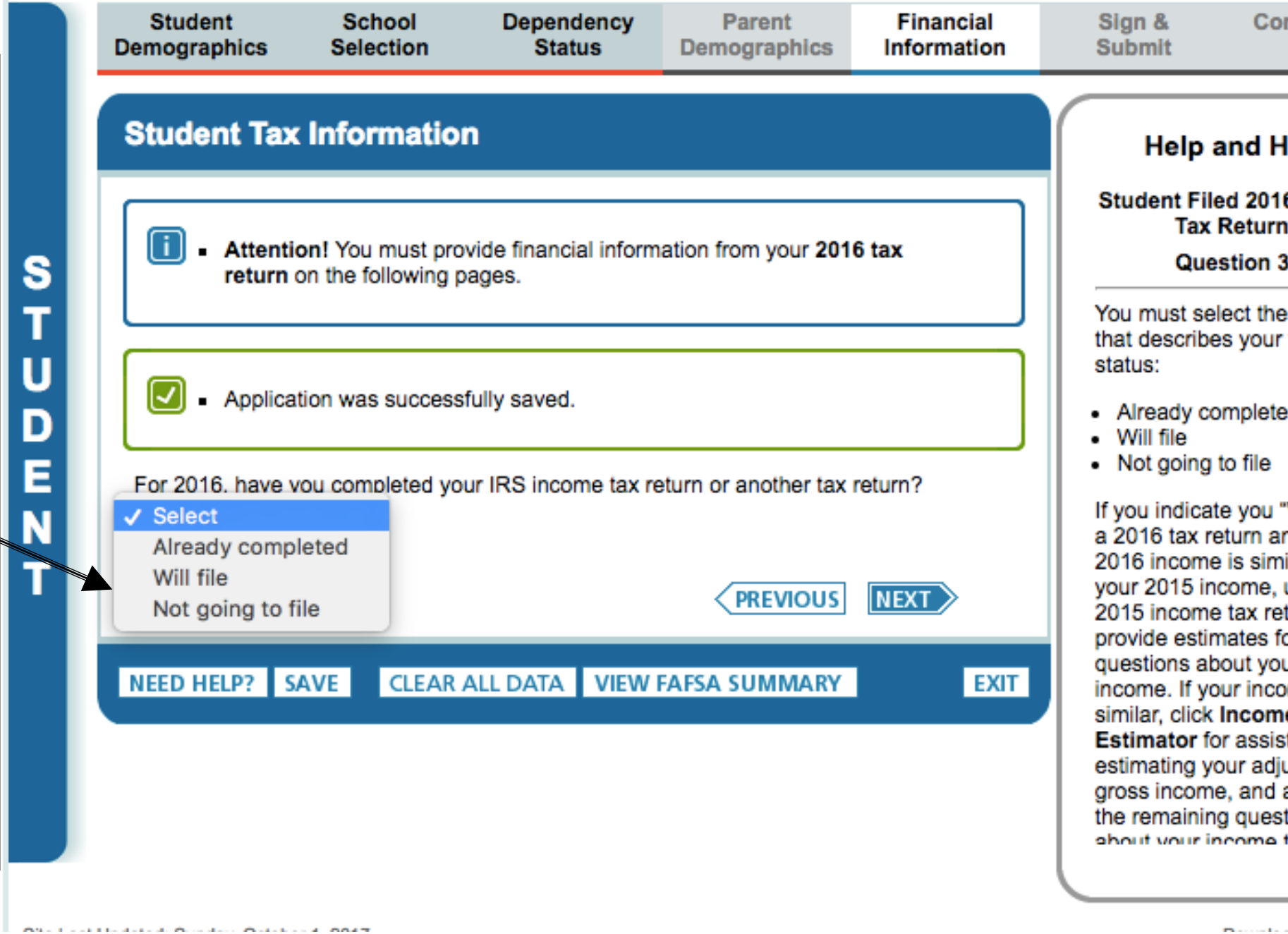
Option b). If you select "*Will File"* IRS Income Tax Return

Option c). If you select "*Not Going to File"* IRS Income Tax Return

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

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



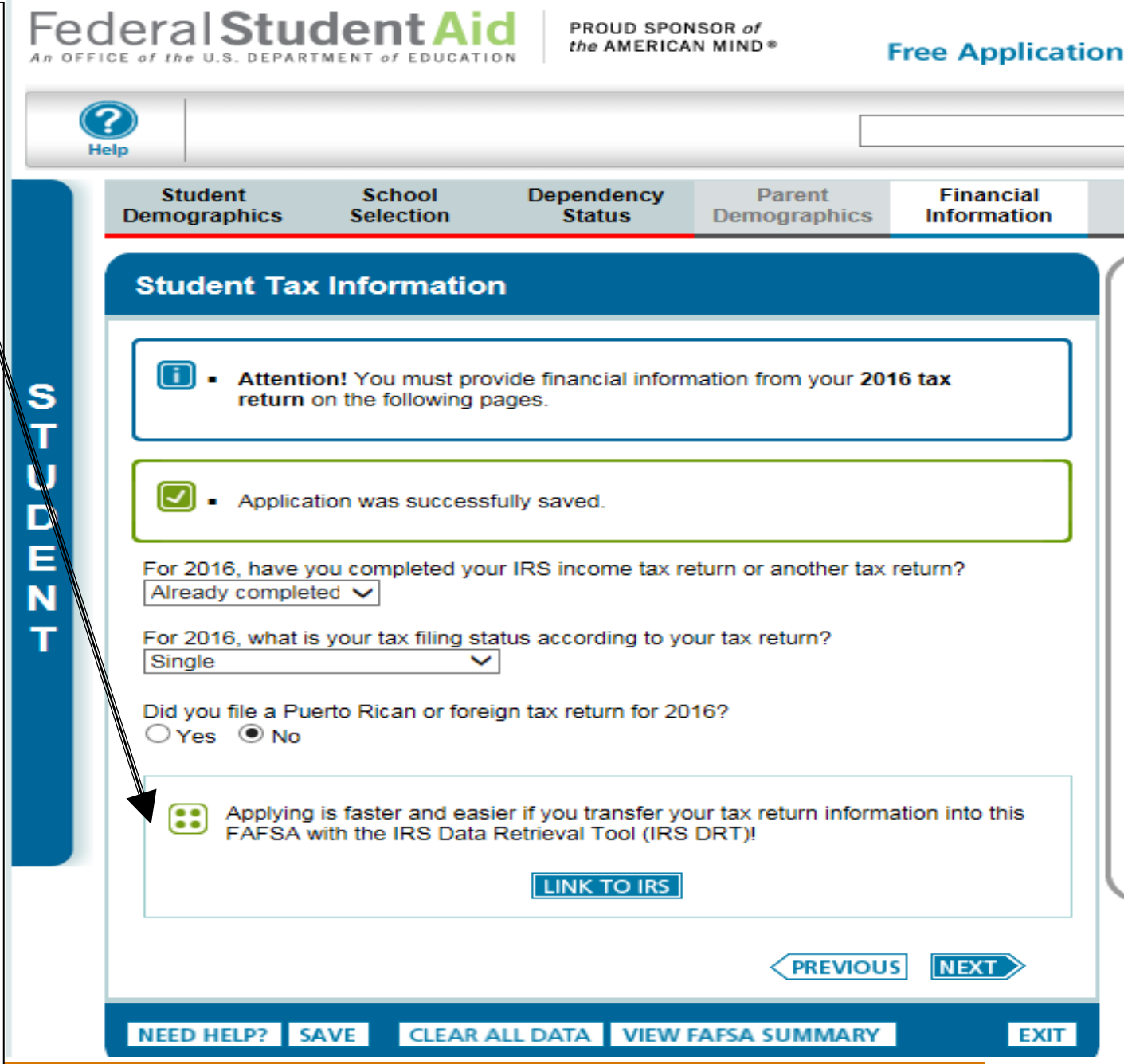
Option a).
If you select "*Already Completed*" IRS Income Tax Return

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

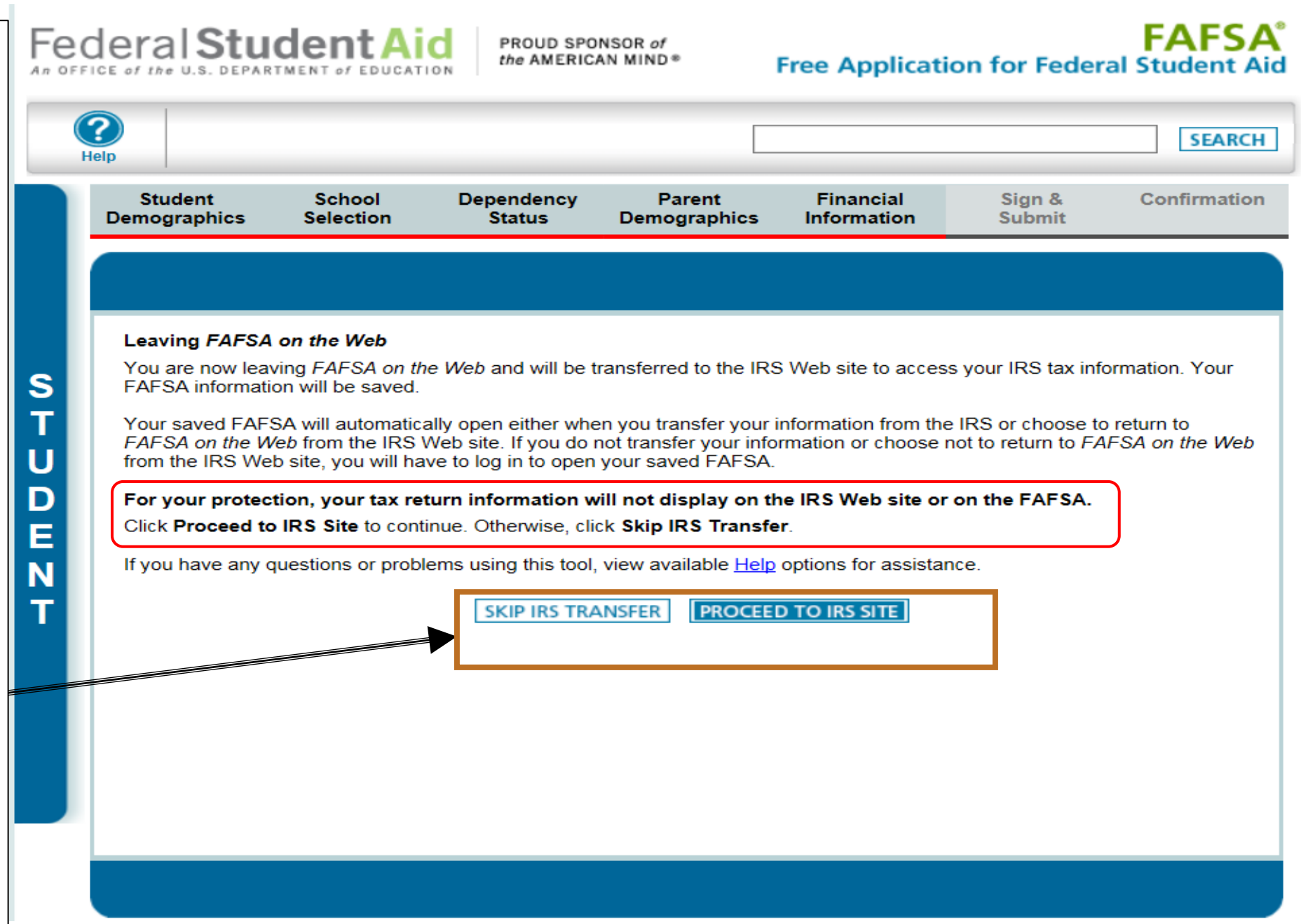
If you select "Already Completed":

Select "Link to 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.
- If you have difficulty with the DRT or it's not working, you can manually enter the information from your federal income tax return.
- If you don't have a copy of your tax return, you can download a 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



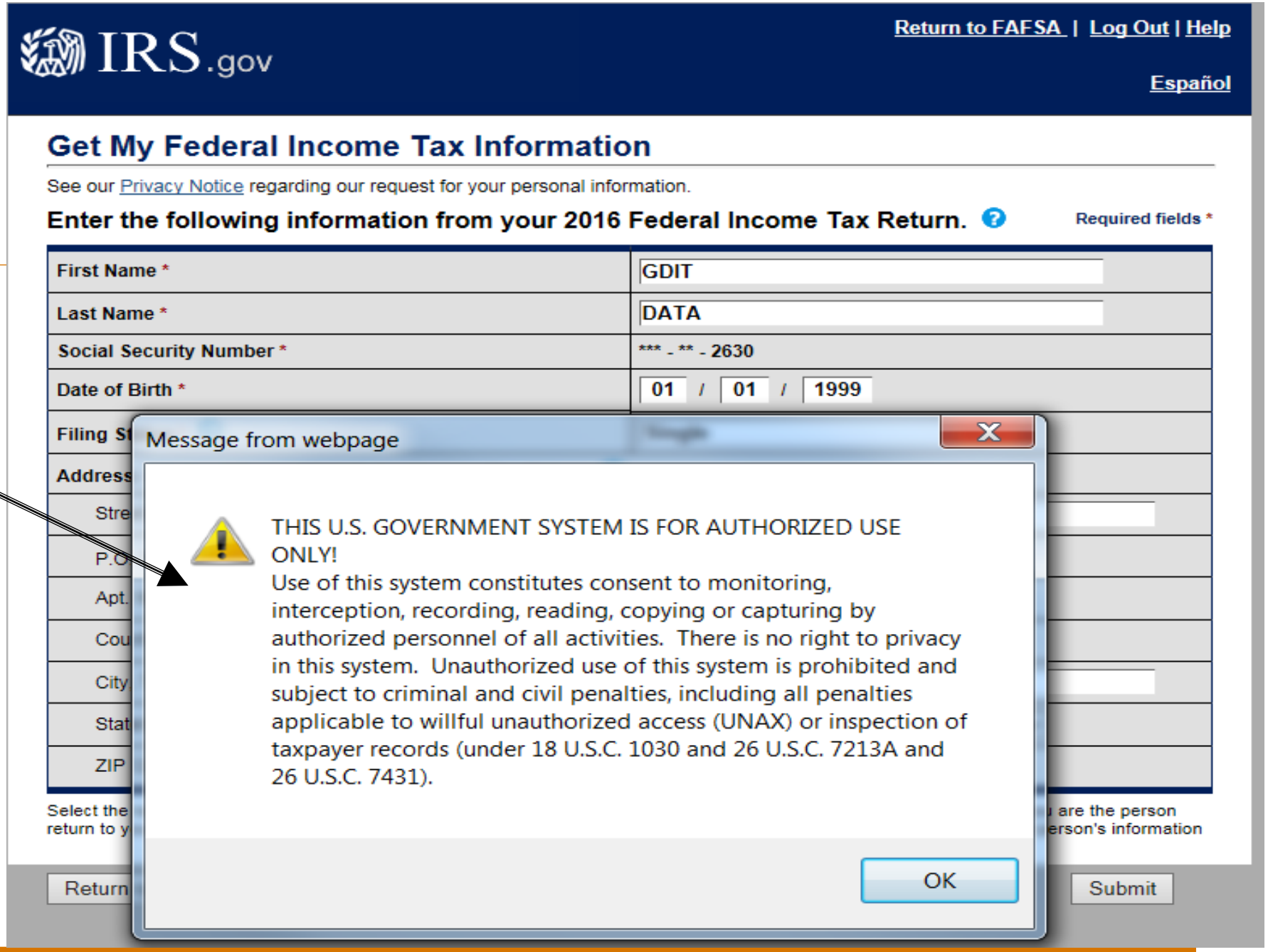
- Leaving *FAFSA on the Web* will display when going to the IRS Web site.
- It will inform you that your IRS tax information will not display, for your protection.
- Click "PROCEED TO IRS SITE" to use the IRS Data Retrieval tool.
- Click "SKIP IRS TRANSFER" if you would like to enter the information manually.



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

A warning text appears as the IRS Data Retrieval Tool site is displayed.

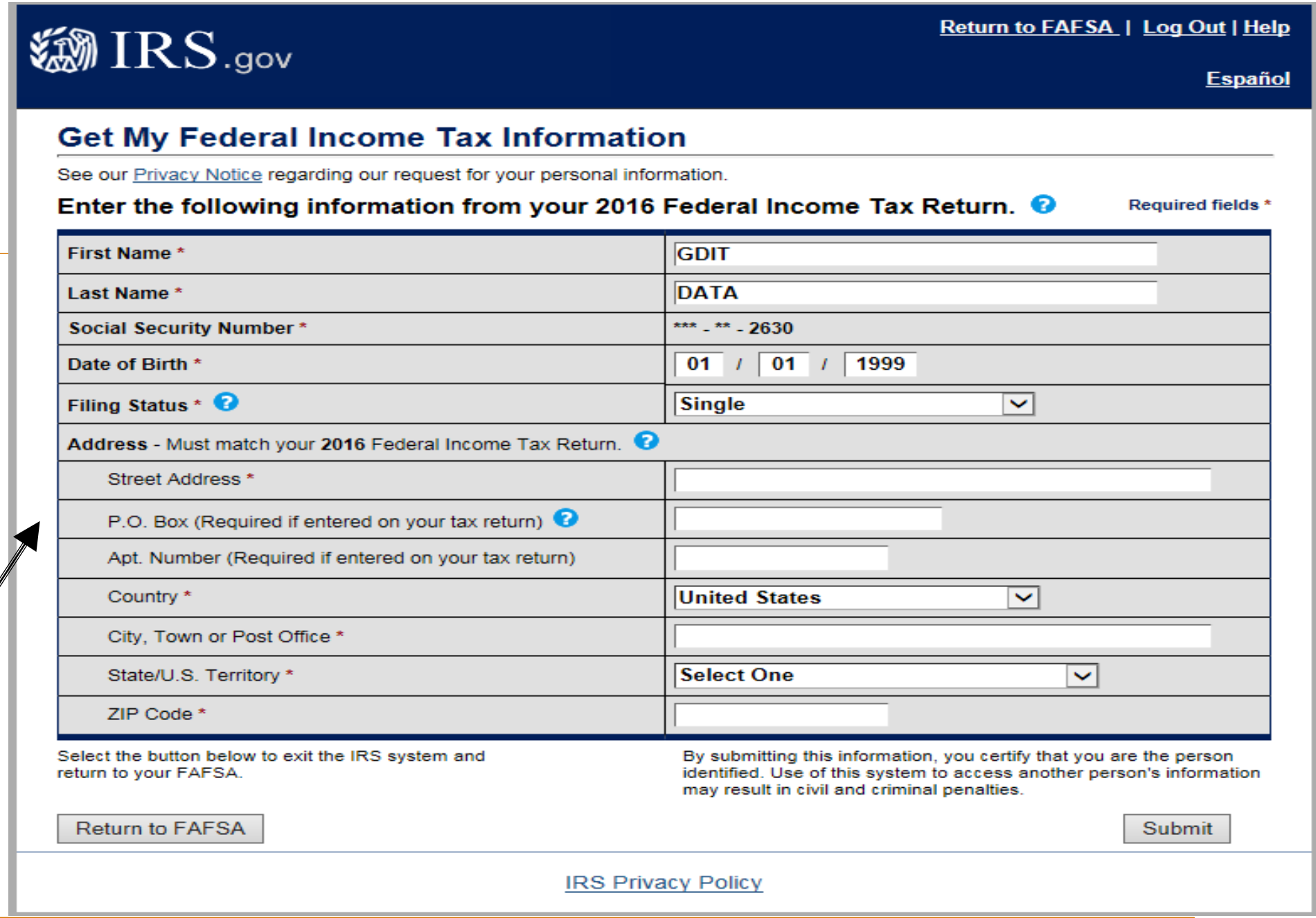
Click "OK"



2018-19 IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 1:

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.**



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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 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. Required fields *

First Name *	GDIT
Last Name *	DATA
Social Security Number *	*** - ** - 2630
Date of Birth *	01 / 01 / 1999
Filing Status *	Single
Address - Must match your **2016** Federal Income Tax Return.	
Street Address *	
P.O. Box (Required if entered on your tax return)	
Apt. Number (Required if entered on your tax return)	
Country *	United States
City, Town or Post Office *	
State/U.S. Territory *	Select One
ZIP Code *	

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

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.

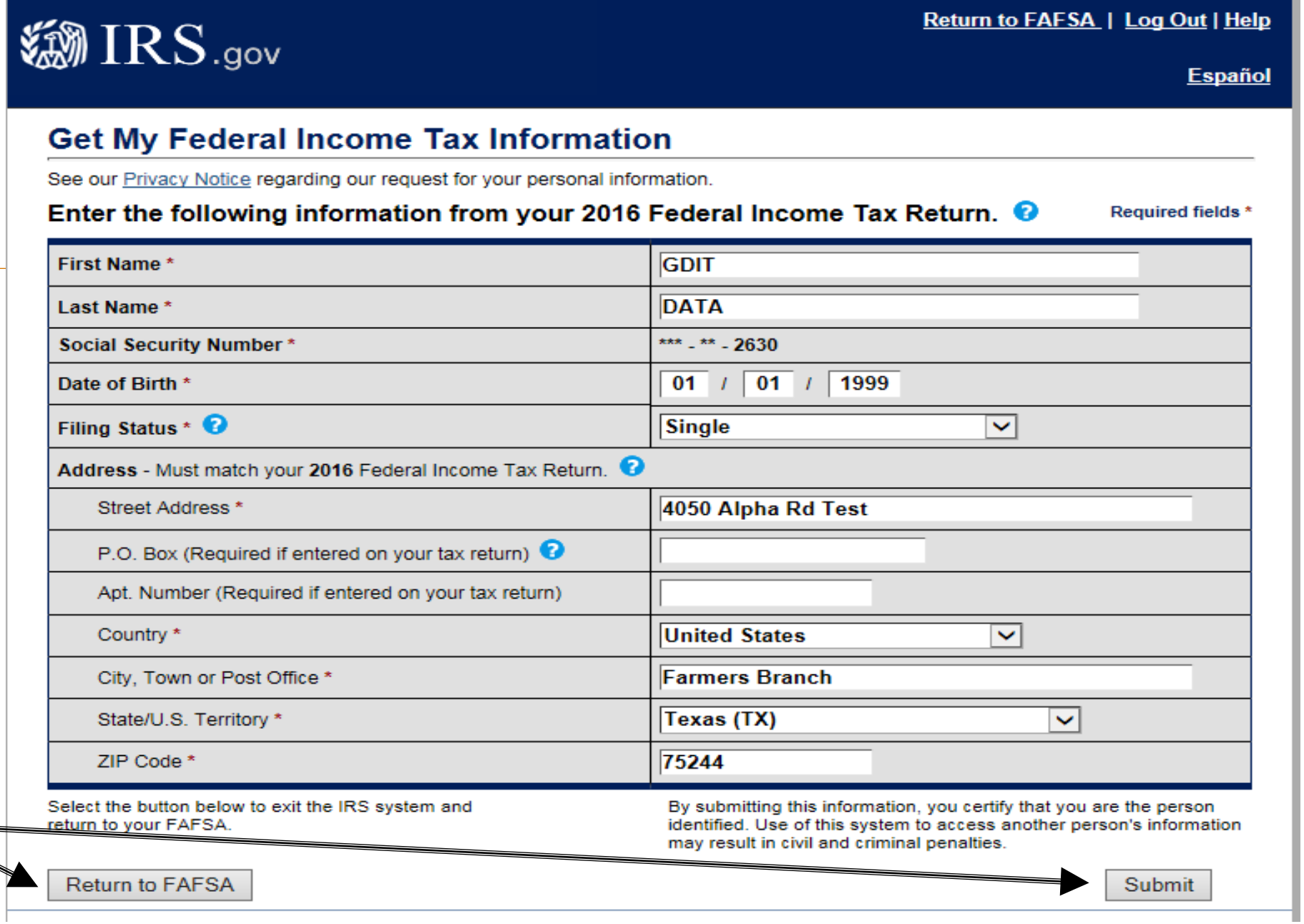
Return to FAFSA

Submit

IRS Privacy Policy

2018-19 IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 1, continued:

- Click **"Submit"** to transfer IRS data to the FAFSA
- Click **"Return to FAFSA"** to return to the FAFSA without transferring IRS data to the FAFSA



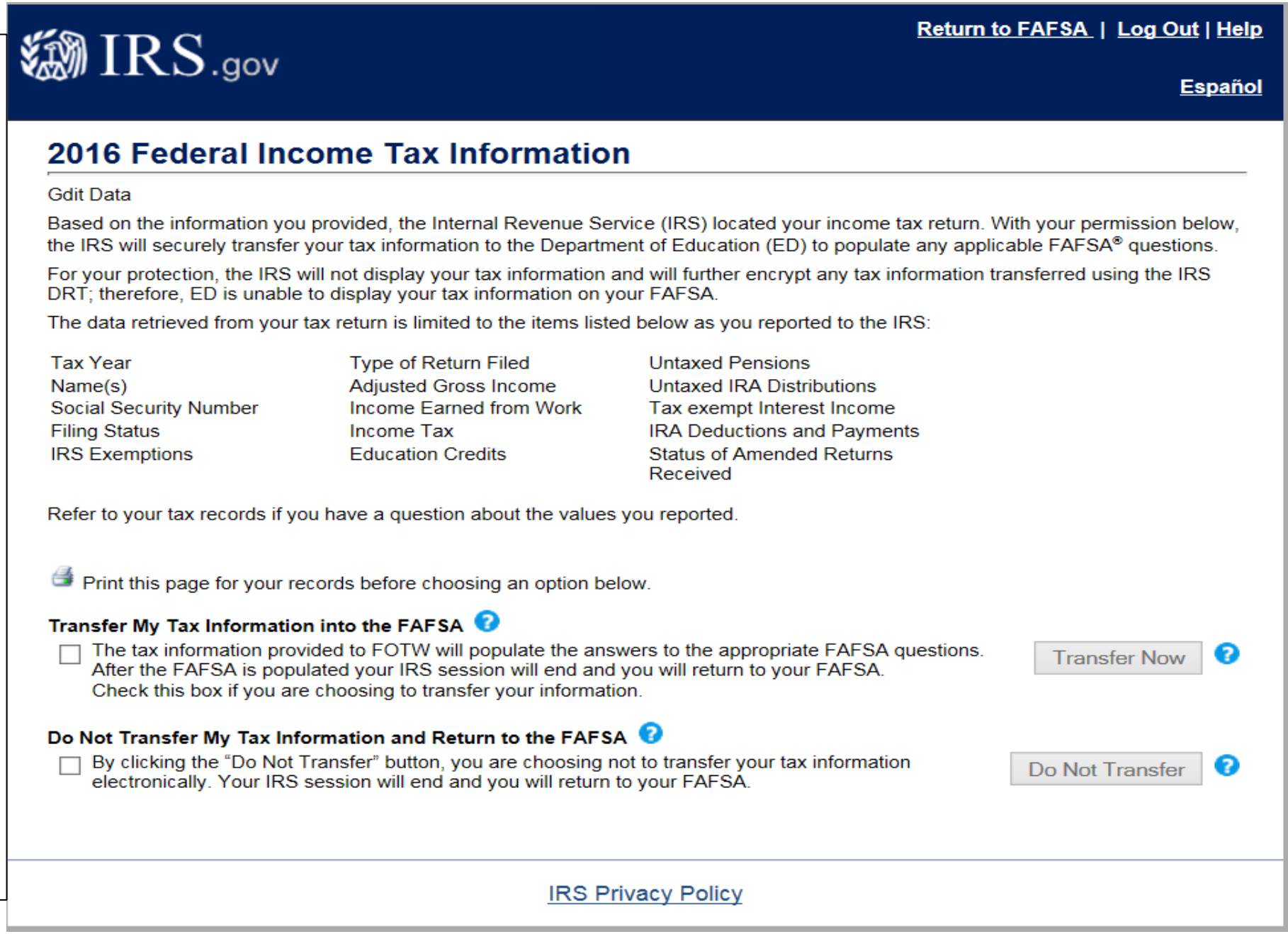
2018-19 IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 2:

- 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

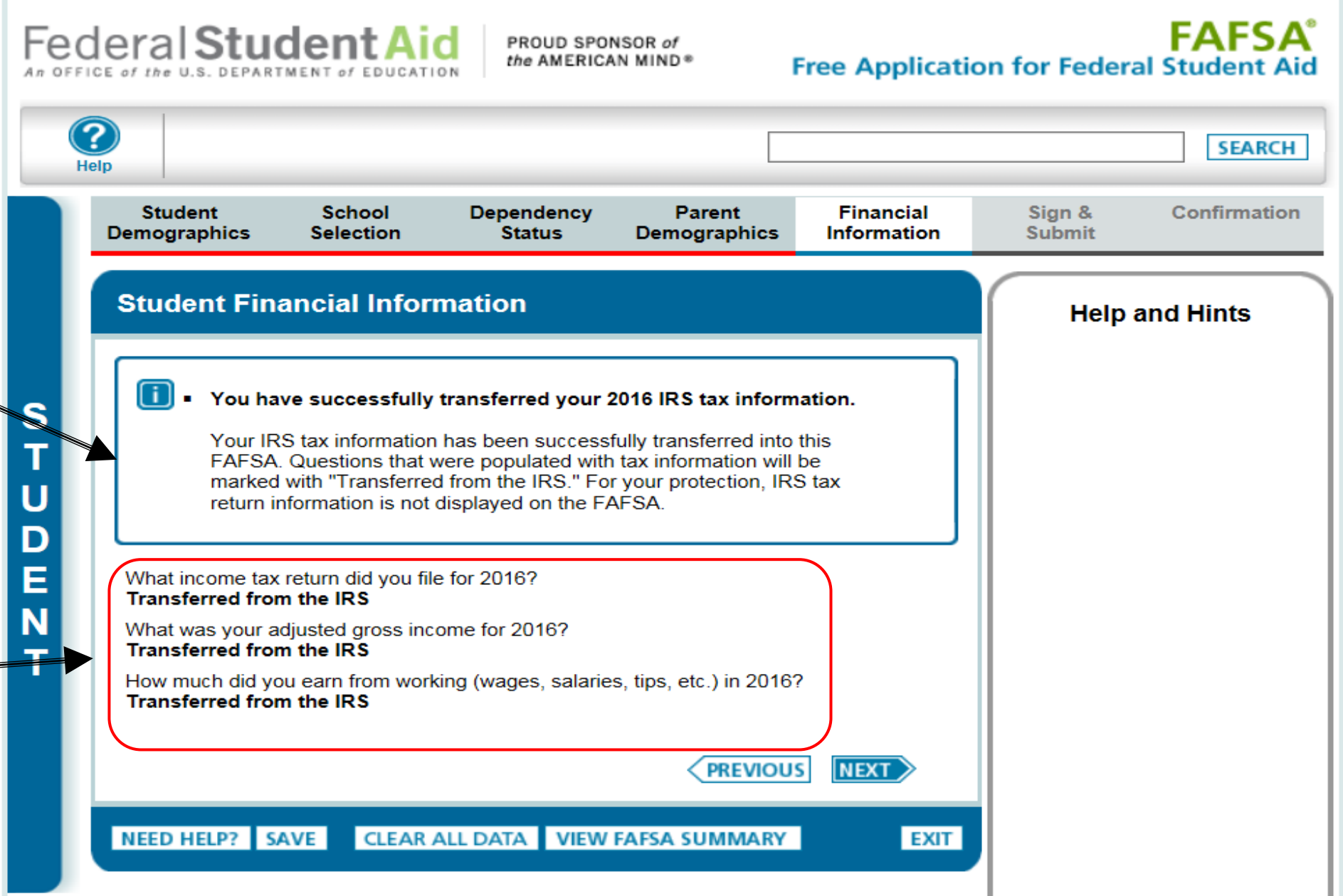
You are again notified on this page that the information will not display on the IRS page or on the fafsa.gov site.



2018-19 "Student Financial Information" page.

An alert message will indicate that the IRS Data was successfully transferred and will be identified as "Transferred from the IRS".

This data cannot be changed or viewed.



Top half of the 2018-19 "Student Financial Information continued" page:

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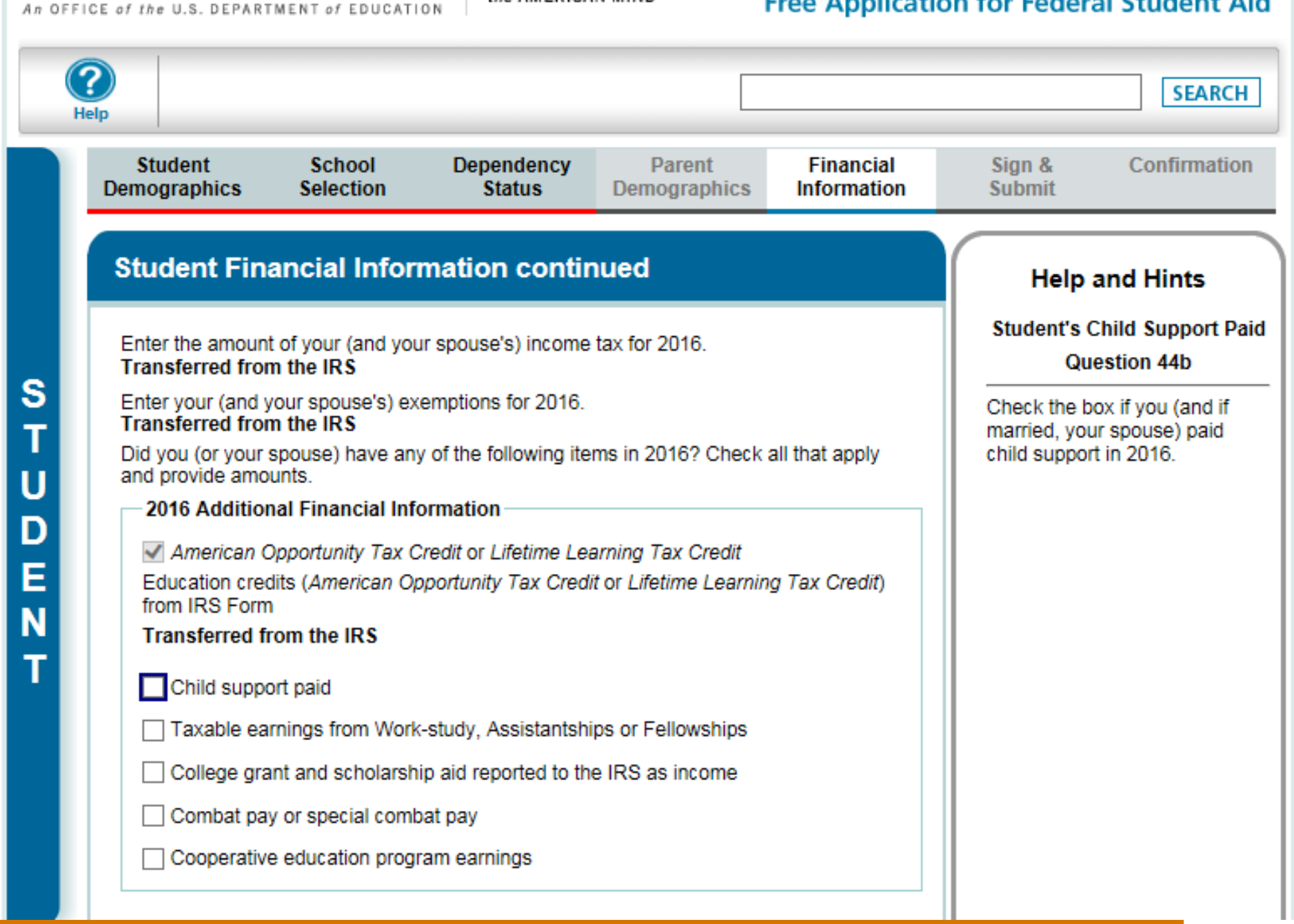
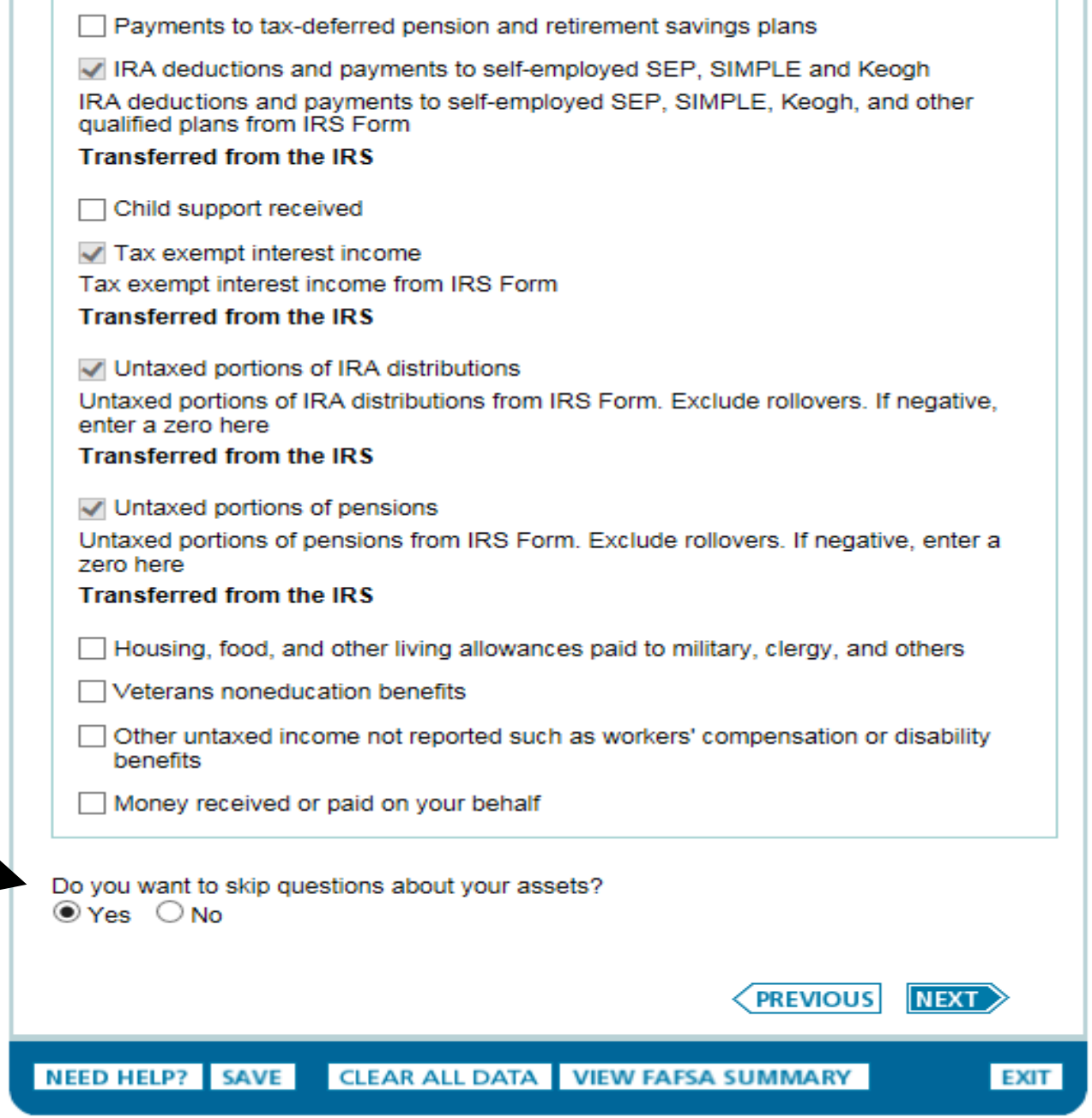


Bottom half of the page:

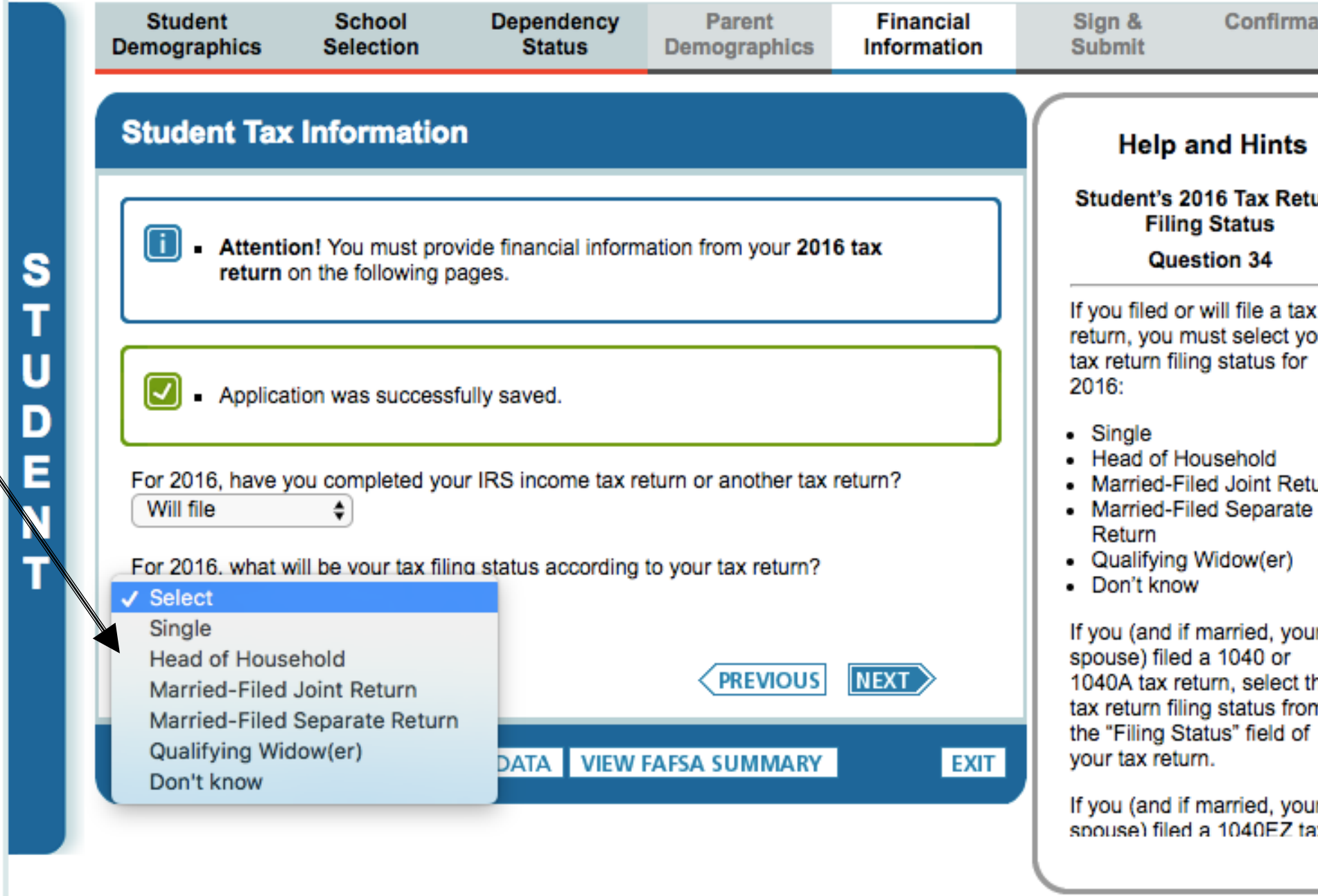
- The entry boxes that contain IRS Data have been replaced with the "Transferred from the IRS" label. This data cannot be changed.
- Click "Yes" to skip questions about your assets.



Option b). If you select "*Will File"* IRS Income Tax Return

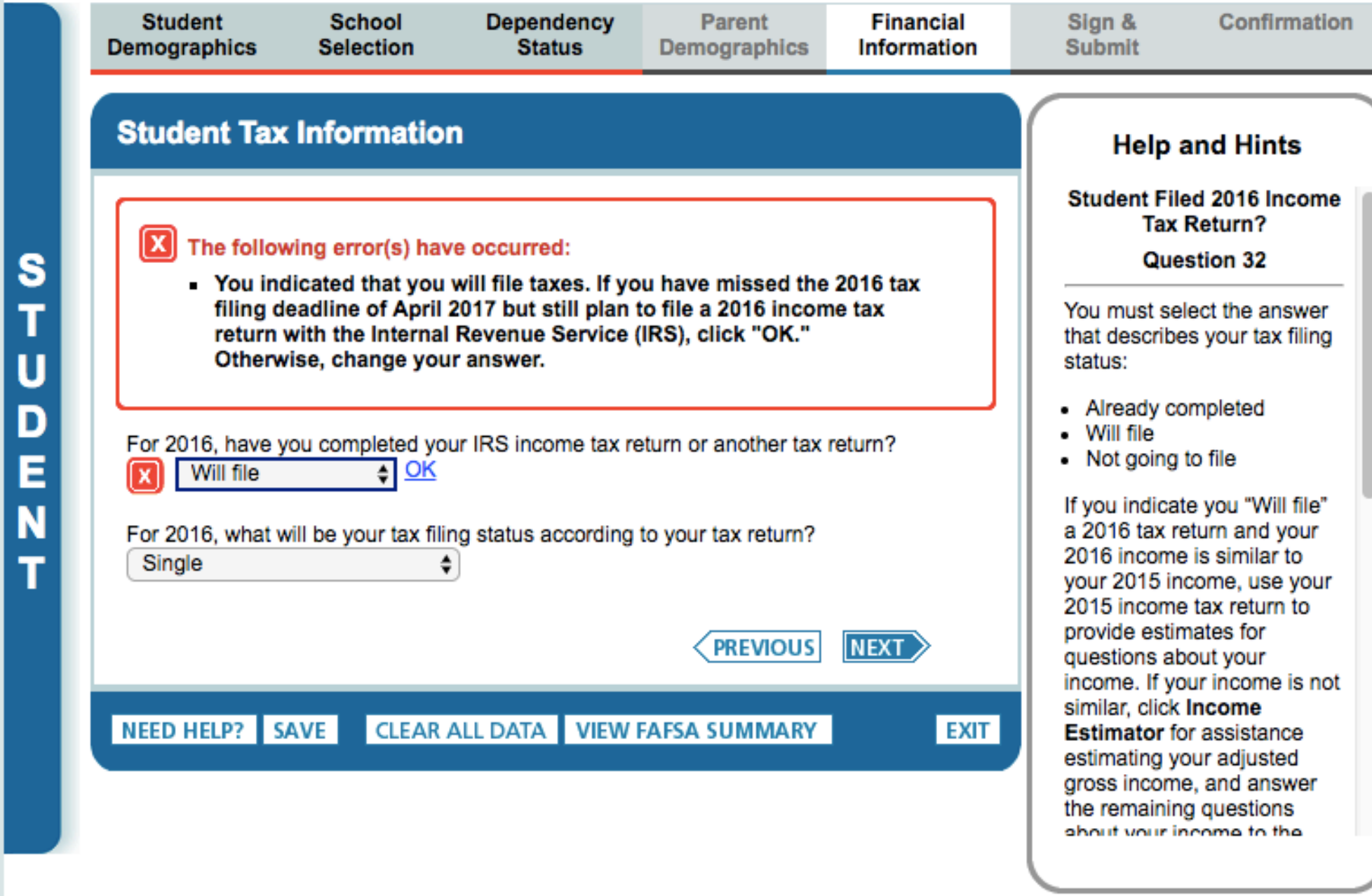
Very few people will need to select this option. If you were required to file taxes, but missed the deadline, select this option.

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



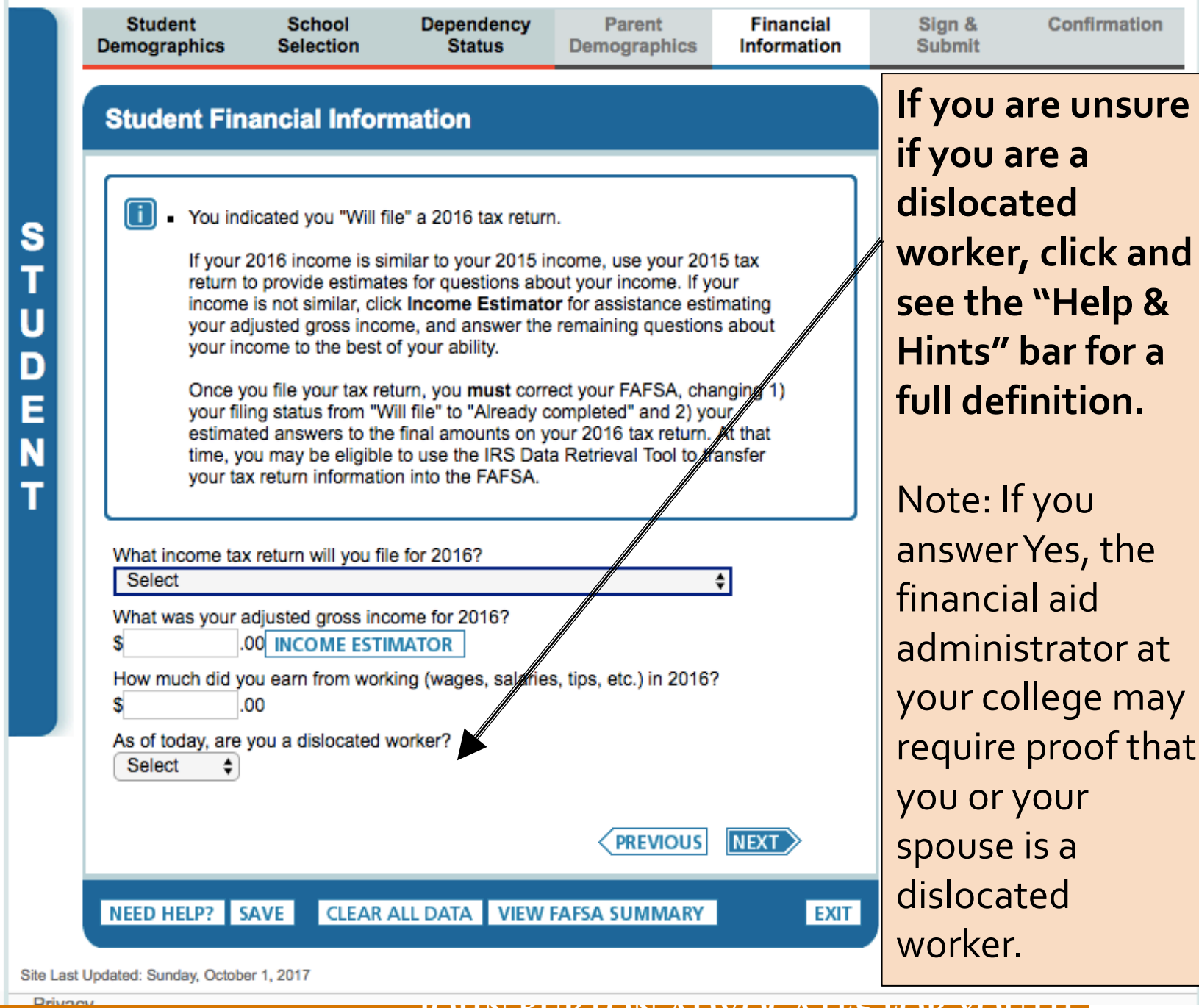
A message will appear to confirm that you have missed the deadline to file taxes, but still plan to file an income tax return.

Click "Ok" if this is true.



Either use the previous year's taxes if the information is similar to provide estimates, or click "Income Estimator" for assistance estimating the adjusted gross income, and answer the remaining questions about income as accurately as possible.

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



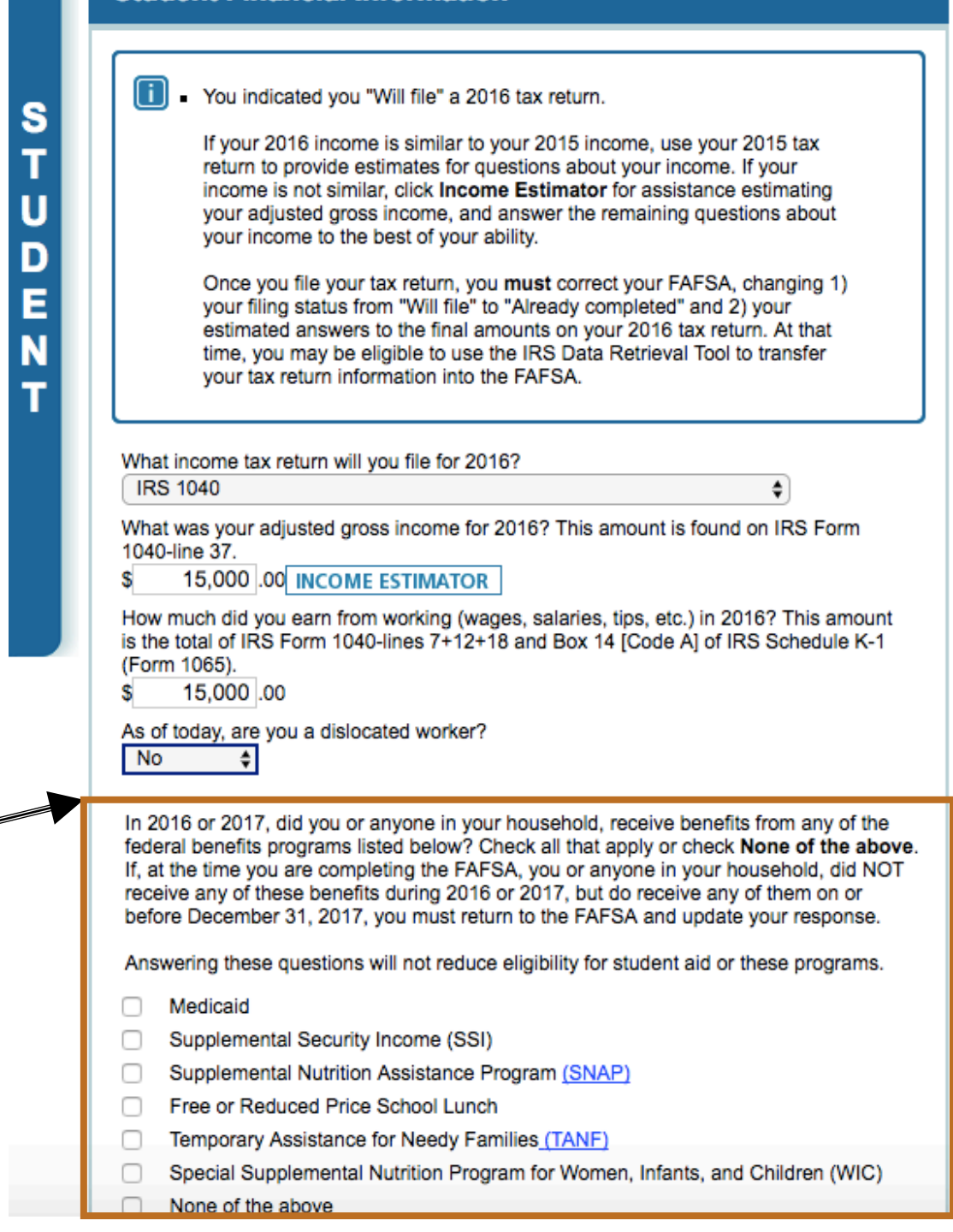
If you are unsure if you are a dislocated worker, click and see the "Help & Hints" bar for a full definition.

Note: If you answer Yes, the financial aid administrator at your college may require proof that you or your spouse is a dislocated worker.

If you received federal work-study, you must enter the information twice in the FAFSA so that it is not included when determining your total income. First, include the amount in the total provided when asked "How much did you earn from working?" and then again in the Additional Financial Information Section by selecting the box that says, "Taxable earnings from Work-Study, Assistantships or Fellowships."

Depending on the amount of income you report, you may be asked if you received any federal benefits. These federal benefits often have different names locally:

Federal Benefit Name	Local California Benefit Name
Medicaid	Medi-Cal
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Cal Fresh (i.e., "food stamps")
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	CalWorks



"Additional Financial Information": The purpose of this section of the FAFSA is to collect financial information that must be subtracted when calculating your Total Income.

You DO NOT have to report the following information as income earned from working, or in the "Additional Financial Information" or "Untaxed Income" section:

→ Extended Foster Care (AB 12) benefits—including SILP payments or payment from a THP-Plus FC program. Even if your SILP payment is sent directly to you, you DO NOT need to report this as income. This also includes the infant supplement.
→ Welfare (CalWORKs) payments
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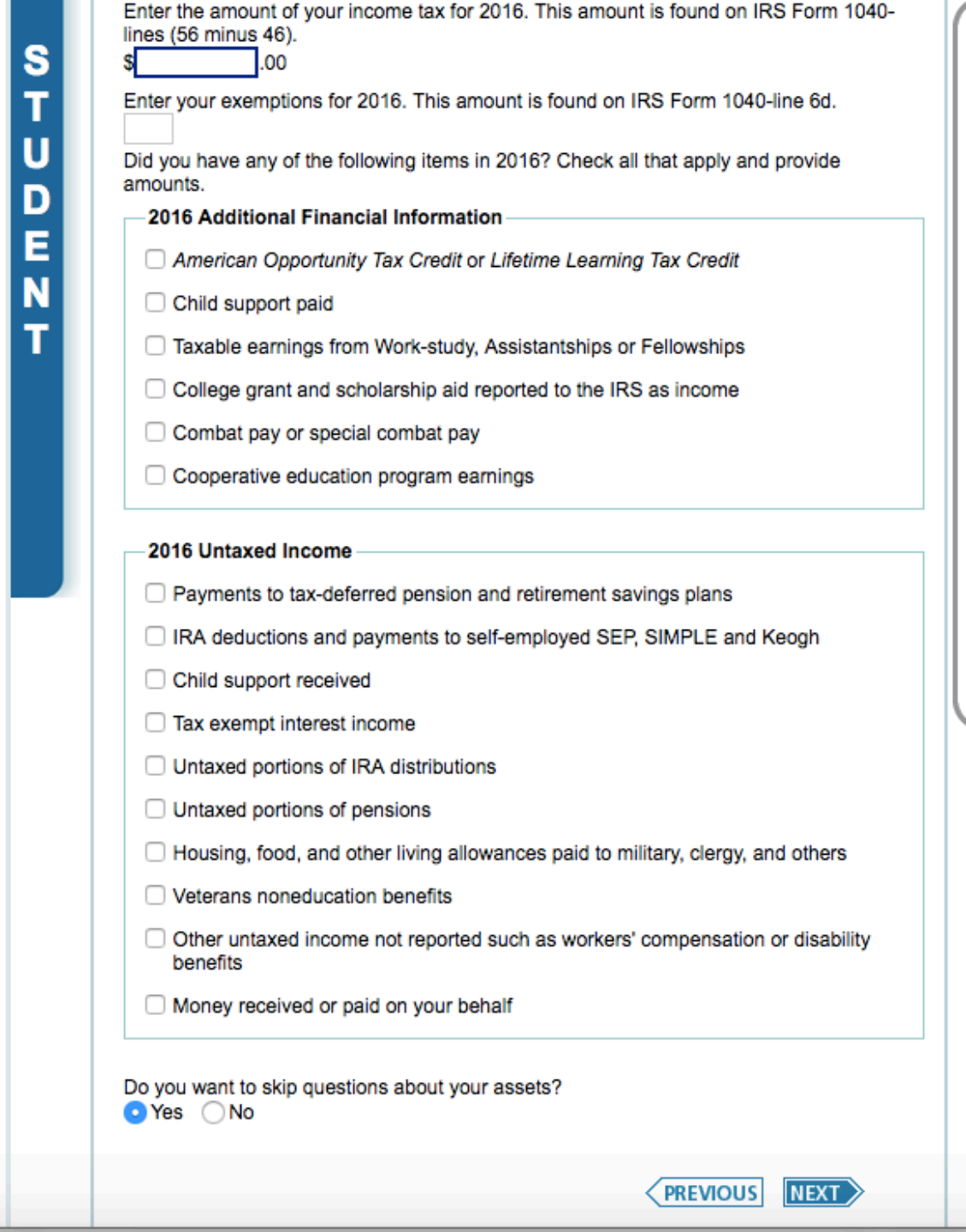
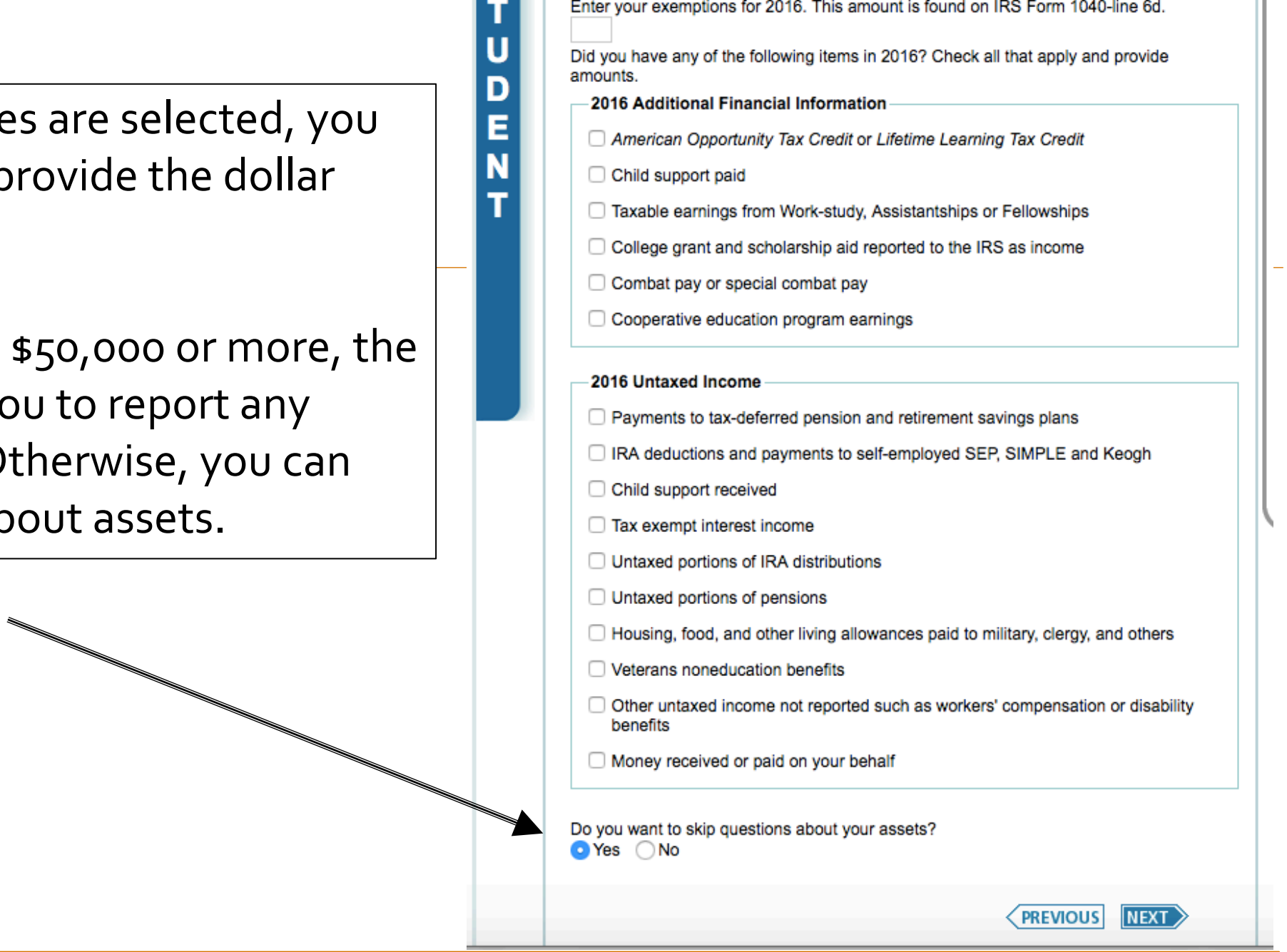


If any of the boxes are selected, you will be asked to provide the dollar amount.

If your income is $50,000 or more, the FAFSA will ask you to report any assets over $1. Otherwise, you can skip questions about assets.

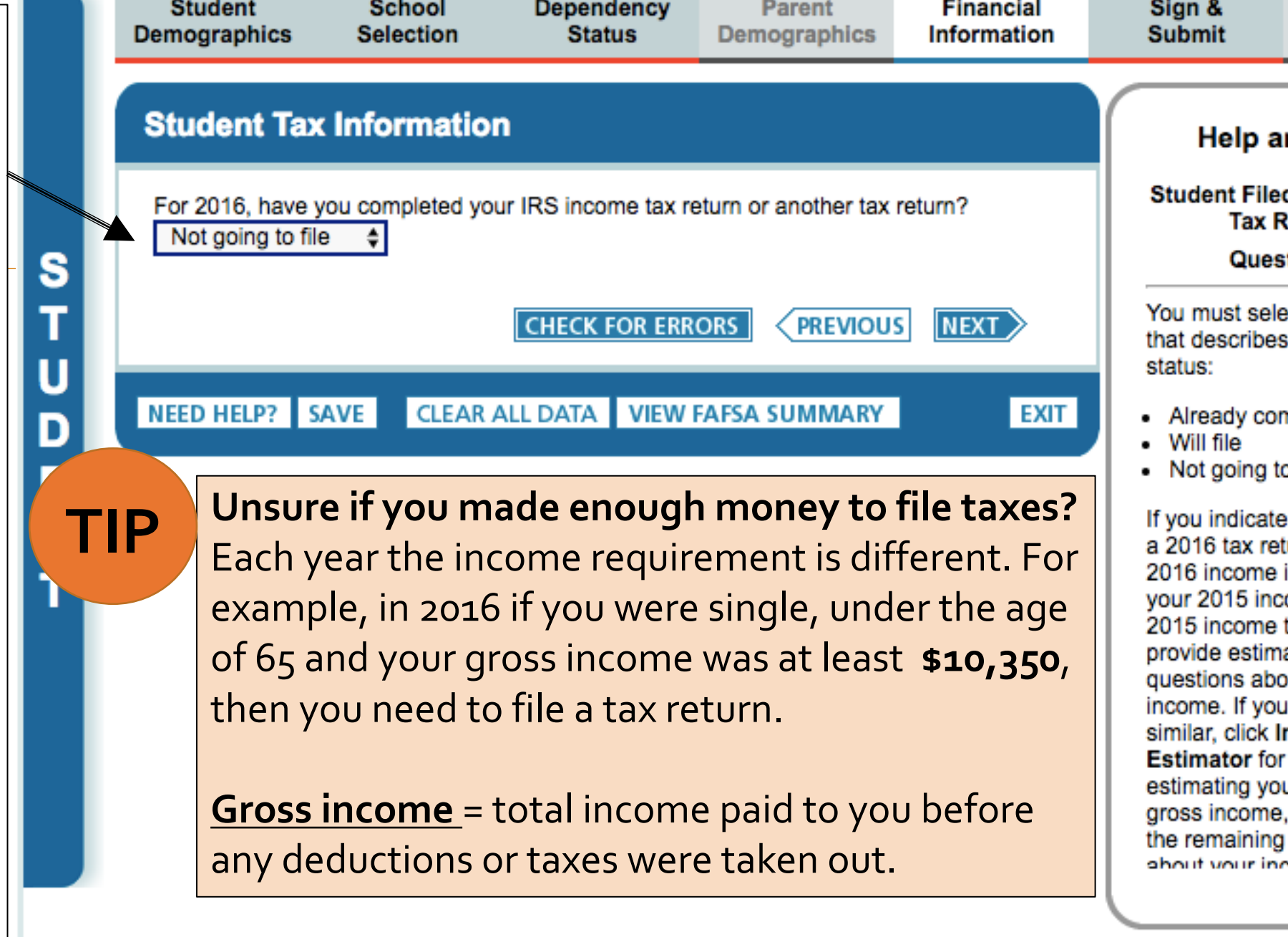


Option c).
If you select "*Not Going to File*" IRS Income Tax Return

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

Select "Not going to file" if, for example, you did not work or did not make enough money that requires you to file taxes for the requested year.

If you are not going to file taxes, you may be required to submit an IRS Verification of Nonfiling Letter. This can be requested at irs.gov/transcript or by filing IRS Form 4506-T. Contact your college financial aid office for assistance.



TIP

Unsure if you made enough money to file taxes? Each year the income requirement is different. For example, in 2016 if you were single, under the age of 65 and your gross income was at least **$10,350**, then you need to file a tax return.

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

You will be asked to report how much money you made from **working**. If you did not work, enter zero.

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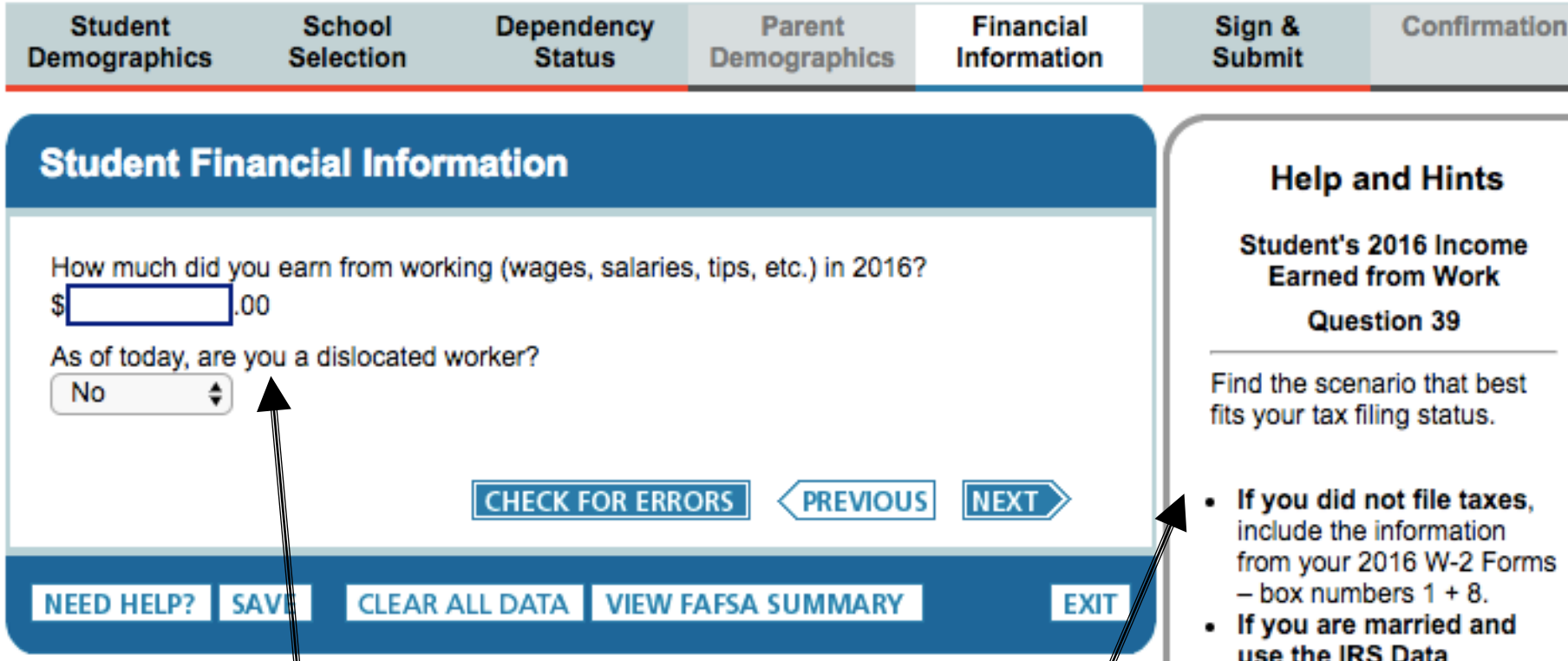

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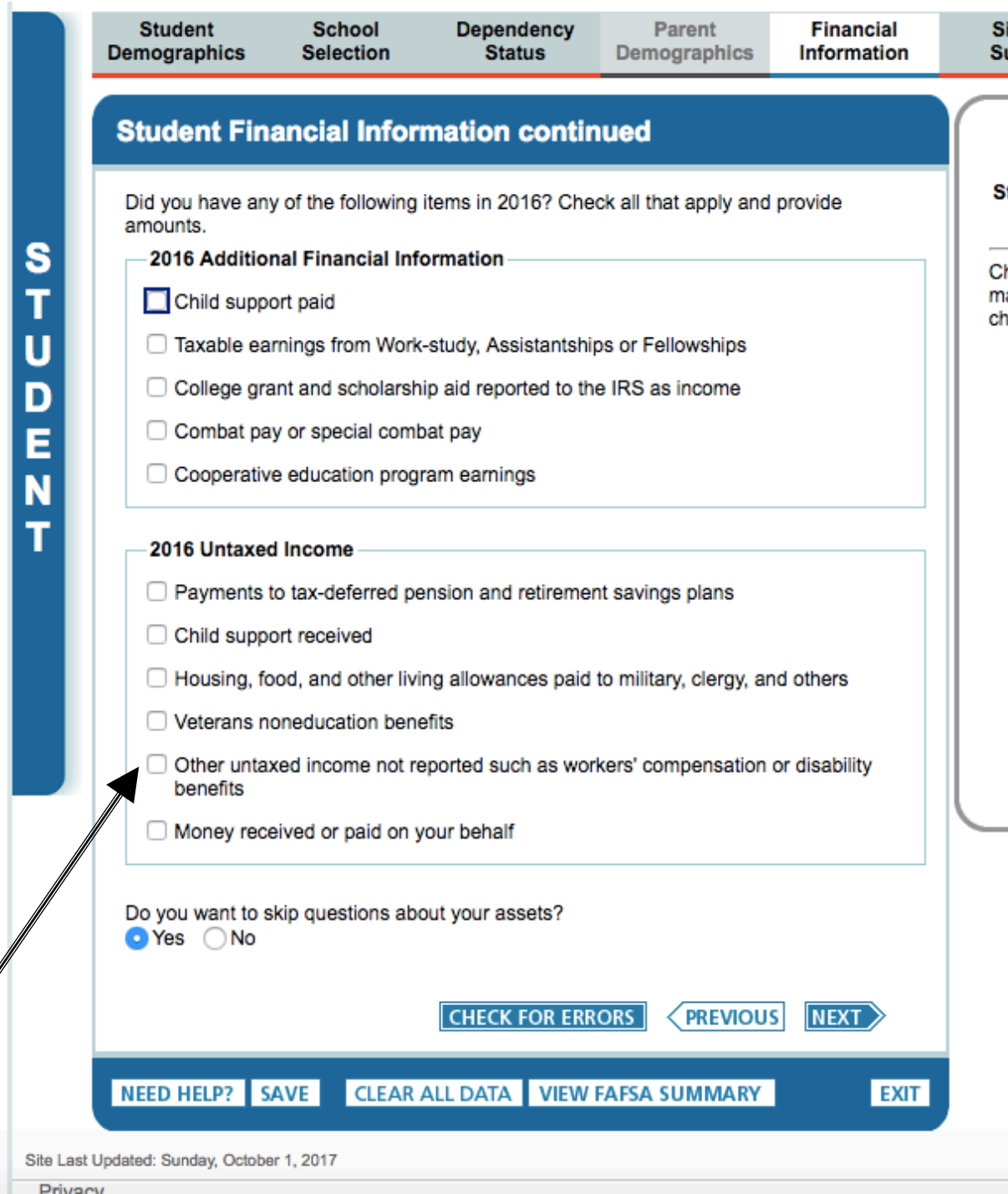

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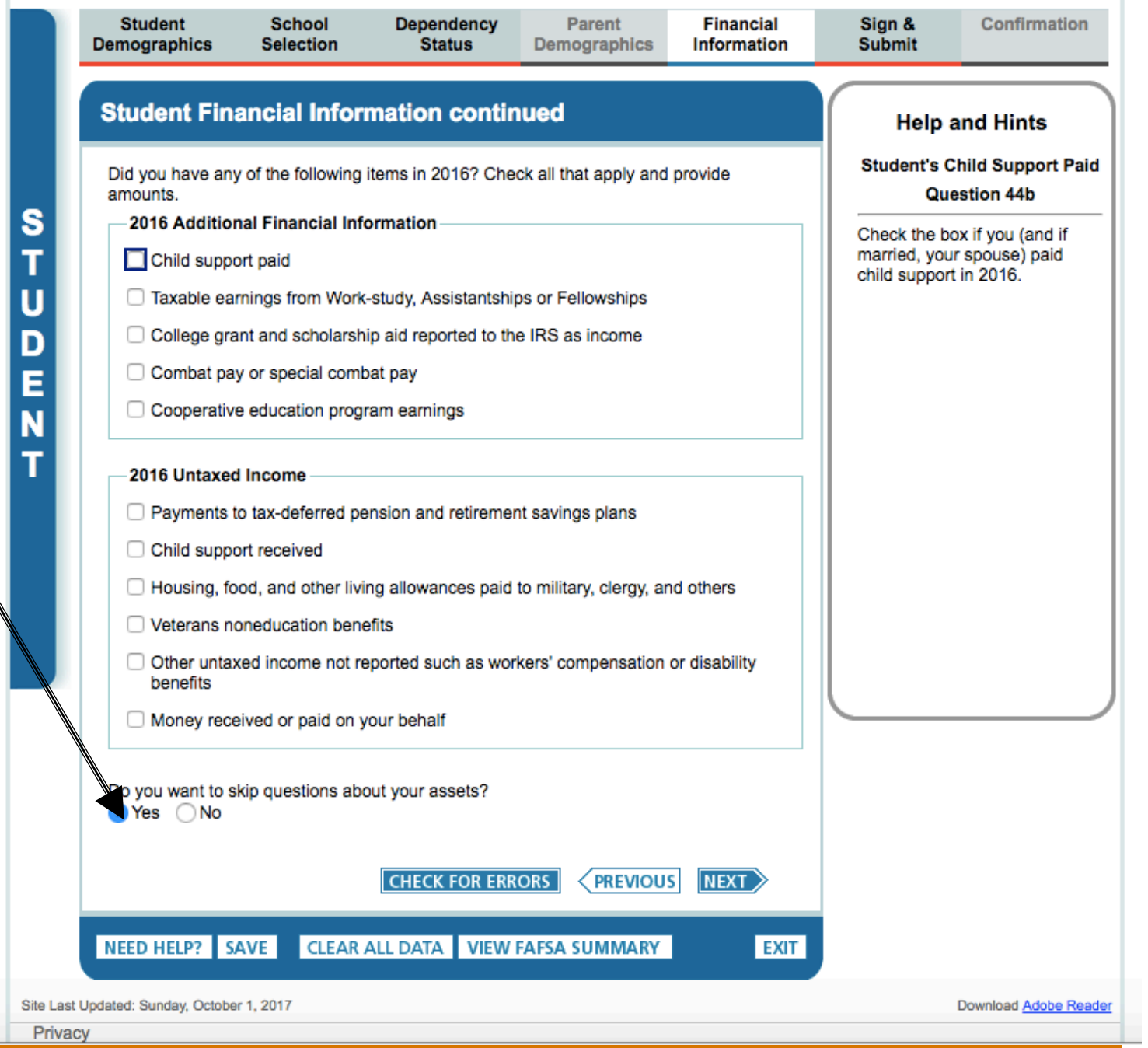
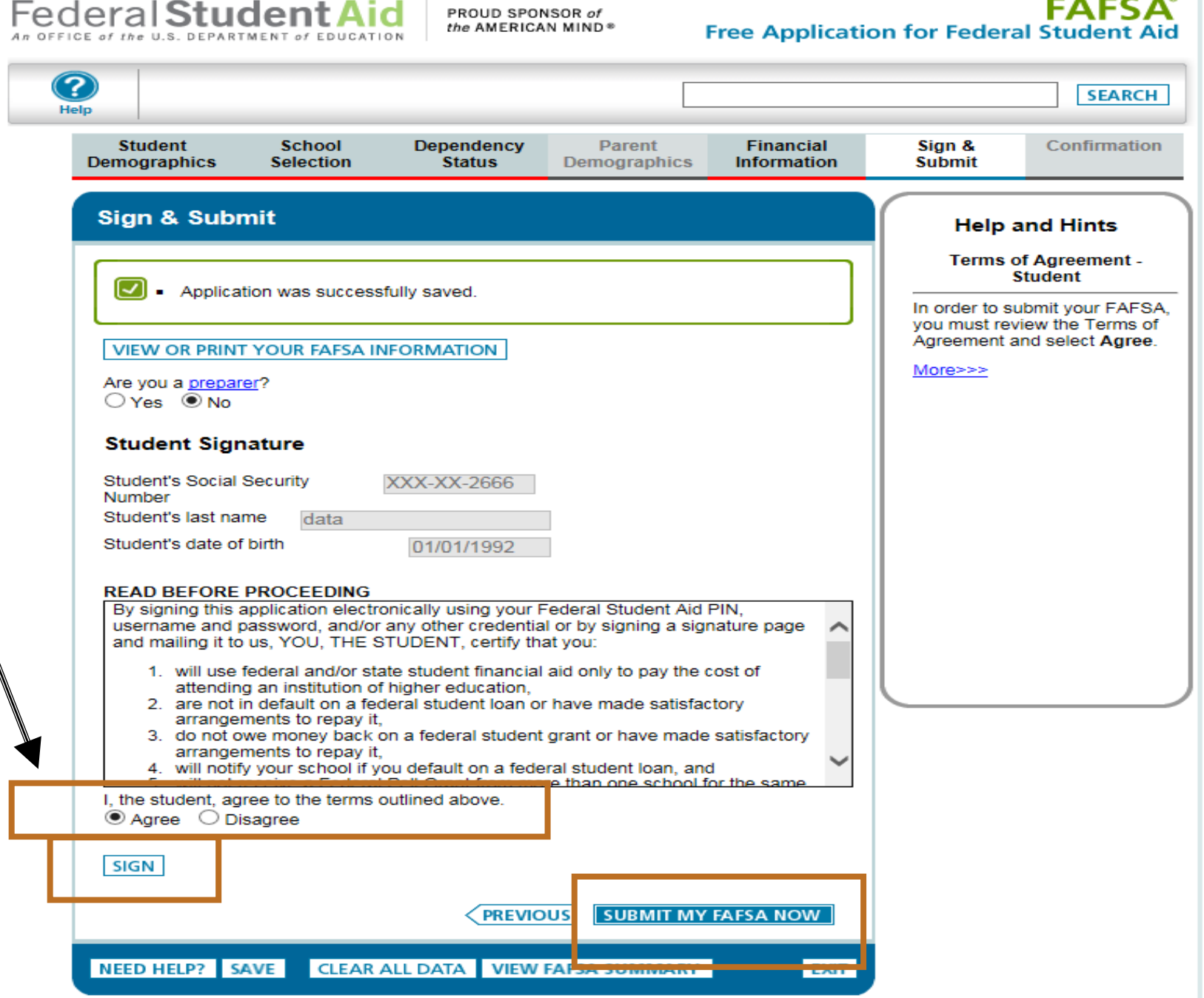


Sign & Submit Section

The final section of the FAFSA!

READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

- Read and check the box indicating agreement with the statement.
- Print and review the FAFSA information before signing the form
- Click **"SIGN"** and then **"SUBMIT MY FAFSA NOW"**
- Since you entered your FSA ID to login to the FAFSA, you don't have to enter it again.



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

- If possible, print or save a copy of this page for your records.
- A copy will also be sent to you via email.
- If you need to make any changes, you must wait until you receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) or Student Aid Acknowledgement. This may take a few days to a few weeks after filing your FAFSA.

Help

Student Demographics | School Selection | Dependency Status | Parent Demographics | Financial Information | Sign & Submit | Confirmation

2017-2018 Confirmation Page

- Your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address: abc@fsa.gov

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Data Release Number (DRN): 7880

Congratulations, gdit! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA 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).

School(s) on your FAFSA:

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Additional Information from *College Navigator*
ALABAMA AGRCLTL & MECHL UNIV	35%	66%	NA	NA
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	70%	86%	24%	NA
UNIV OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO	60%	80%	NA	NA

Eligibility Information

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 000000
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.

Based on the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for the following:

Pell Grant Estimate - $5,815.00

Direct Stafford Loan Estimate - $9,500.00
You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.

In addition, you should learn about federal tax benefits for education, including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit* (AOTC).

If you have questions, visit www.fafsa.gov and click the "Help" icon on the FAFSA home page.

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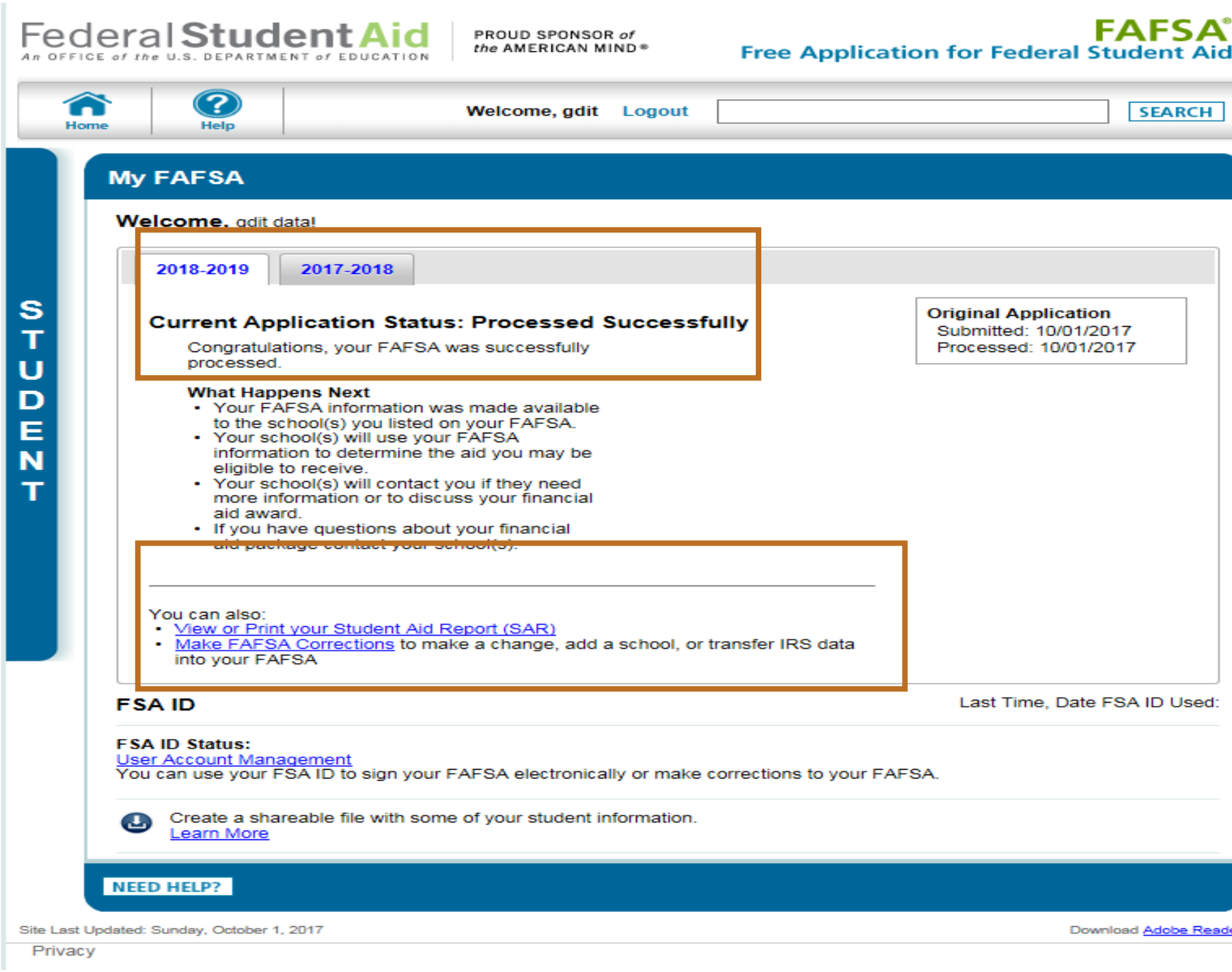
After the FAFSA

Keep steps to help students receive maximum aid awards

Once your FAFSA is processed, it will be indicated when you log back into FAFSA.

You can make a correction by choosing "Make FAFSA Corrections,"
or click to "View or Print your Student Aid Report (SAR)."

If you have not received your SAR within three weeks from when you submitted your FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at **1-800-433-3243**



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JOHN SMITH
742 EVERGREEN TERRACE
SPRINGFIELD OH 55555

Dear JOHN SMITH,

Your Student Aid Report (SAR) Acknowledgement summarizes the information you submitted on your 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Status (review the checked boxes)

☑ Your FAFSA appears to be complete. **Review the data on pages 2 and 3.** We may have assumed certain information to calculate your eligibility for federal student aid. We printed any assumptions we made and the word "assumed" for the items on the back of this page. If you need to make corrections, you can go to https://fafsa.gov and use your FSA ID to access your information or you can contact the financial aid office at one of the schools you listed on your application for assistance. The school(s) listed on your FAFSA will receive your information.

10/16/2017 DATA

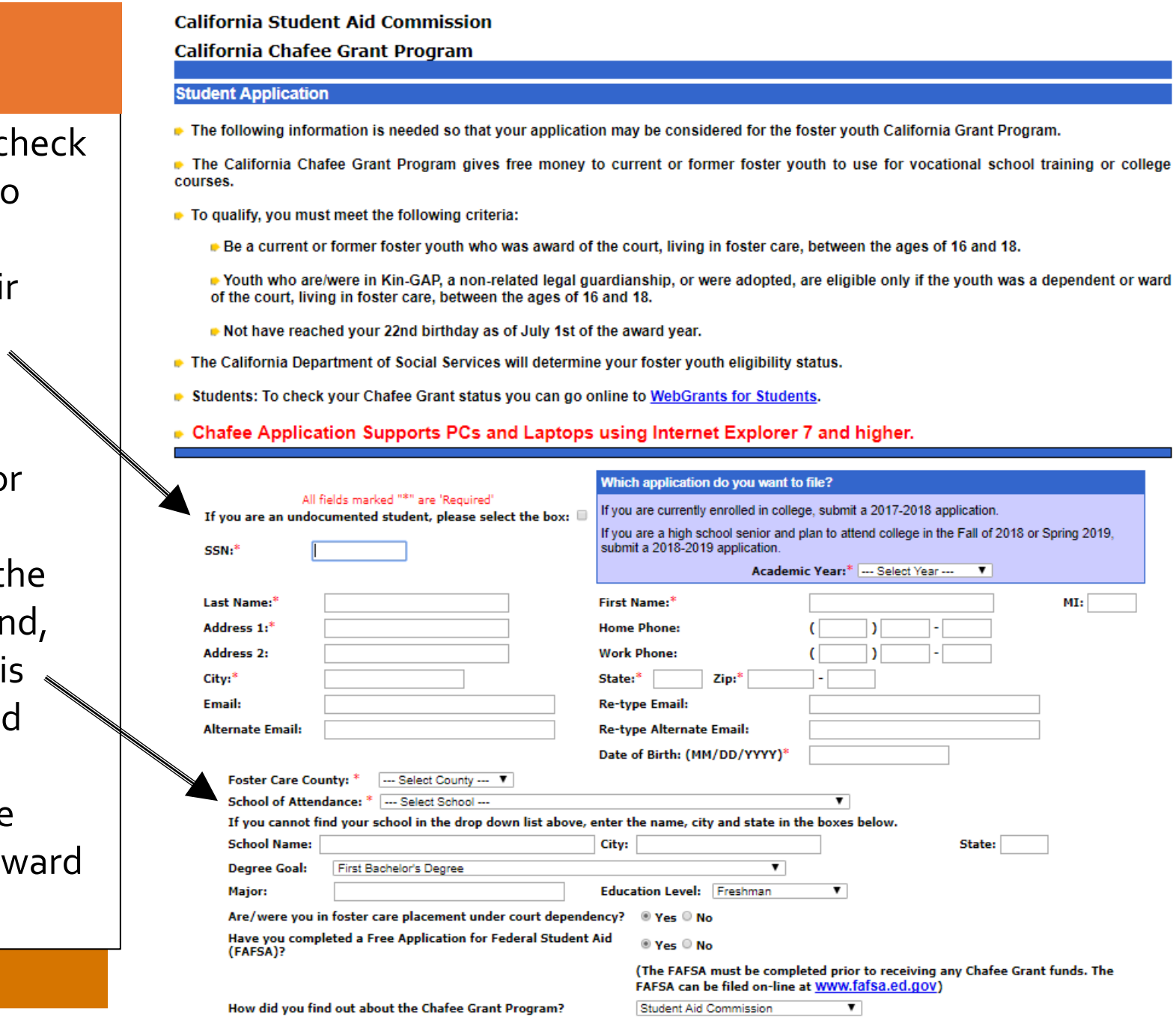
Three Parts to Maximize Financial Aid

Chafee Grant

- After completing a FAFSA or CADAA, students can submit their supplemental Chafee Grant application
- To qualify, youth must:
  - Have been in foster care (e.g. a ward of the court) for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18.
  - Not have reached their 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year
  - Complete a paper or online application, available at www.chafee.csac.ca.gov

A FEW NOTES FOR THE CHAFEE GRANT APPLICATION

- Once **undocumented students** check this box, they will be instructed to complete the paper application. Students will be asked to list their CADAA number instead of SSN.
- Undocumented students and providers can contact the **CSAC Specialized Programs Branch** for assistance at (888) 224-7268 #3.
- **School of Attendance** refers to the college the student plans to attend, not the student's high school. This information can be estimated and updated later if it changes.
- Students can update their Chafee grant applications and monitor award status on **WebGrants**



California Student Aid Commission

California Chafee Grant Program

Student Application

- The following information is needed so that your application may be considered for the foster youth California Grant Program.
- The California Chafee Grant Program gives free money to current or former foster youth to use for vocational school training or college courses.
- To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:
  - Be a current or former foster youth who was award of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18.
  - Youth who are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship, or were adopted, are eligible only if the youth was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18.
  - Not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year.
- The California Department of Social Services will determine your foster youth eligibility status.
- Students: To check your Chafee Grant status you can go online to WebGrants for Students.
- Chafee Application Supports PCs and Laptops using Internet Explorer 7 and higher.

All fields marked "*" are 'Required'

If you are an undocumented student, please select the box:

SSN:*

Which application do you want to file?

If you are currently enrolled in college, submit a 2017-2018 application.

If you are a high school senior and plan to attend college in the Fall of 2018 or Spring 2019, submit a 2018-2019 application.

Academic Year:* --- Select Year ---

Last Name:* First Name:* MI:

Address 1:* Home Phone: ( ) -

Address 2: Work Phone: ( ) -

City:* State:* Zip:* -

Email: Re-type Email:

Alternate Email: Re-type Alternate Email:

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)*

Foster Care County:* --- Select County ---

School of Attendance:* --- Select School ---

If you cannot find your school in the drop down list above, enter the name, city and state in the boxes below.

School Name: City: State:

Degree Goal: First Bachelor's Degree

Major: Education Level: Freshman

Are/were you in foster care placement under court dependency? Yes No

Have you completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Yes No

(The FAFSA must be completed prior to receiving any Chafee Grant funds. The FAFSA can be filed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov)

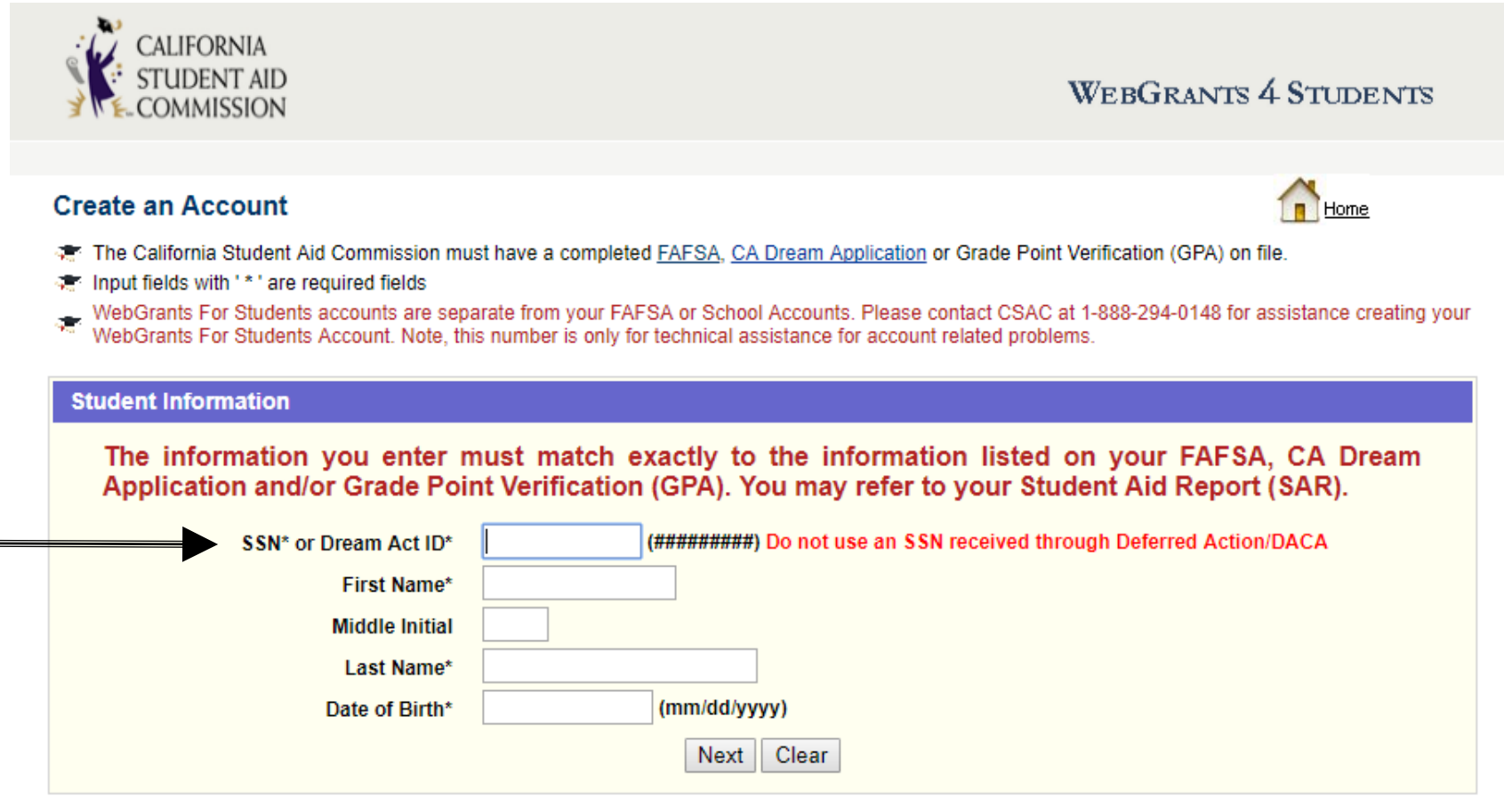
How did you find out about the Chafee Grant Program? Student Aid Commission

WebGrants Account

- WebGrants is the secure online portal where students can manage their Cal Grant and Chafee Grant awards
- Students can also update school information, address changes, and make other corrections
- Students can verify if their GPA verification has been received
- Select "**Create an Account**" to begin

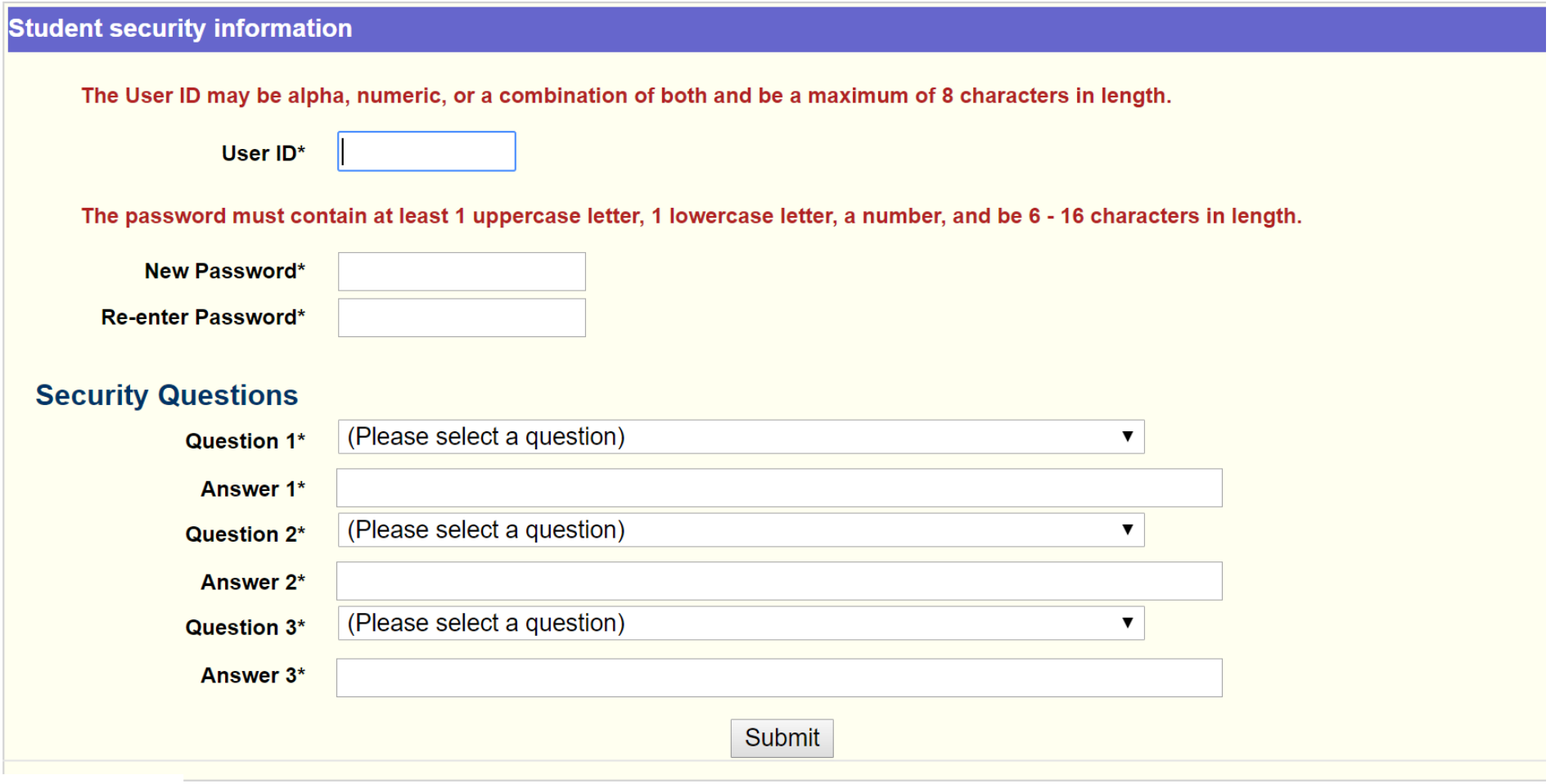
WebGrants Account

- When creating an account, undocumented students should use their CADAA ID instead of a SSN.
- DACA recipients should **not** use their temporary SSN.



WebGrants Account

- Students will be prompted to create a **User ID** and **Password**.
- Passwords will need to be updated every 90 days
- **Security Questions** will be important to help students maintain their account.



Helpful Resources

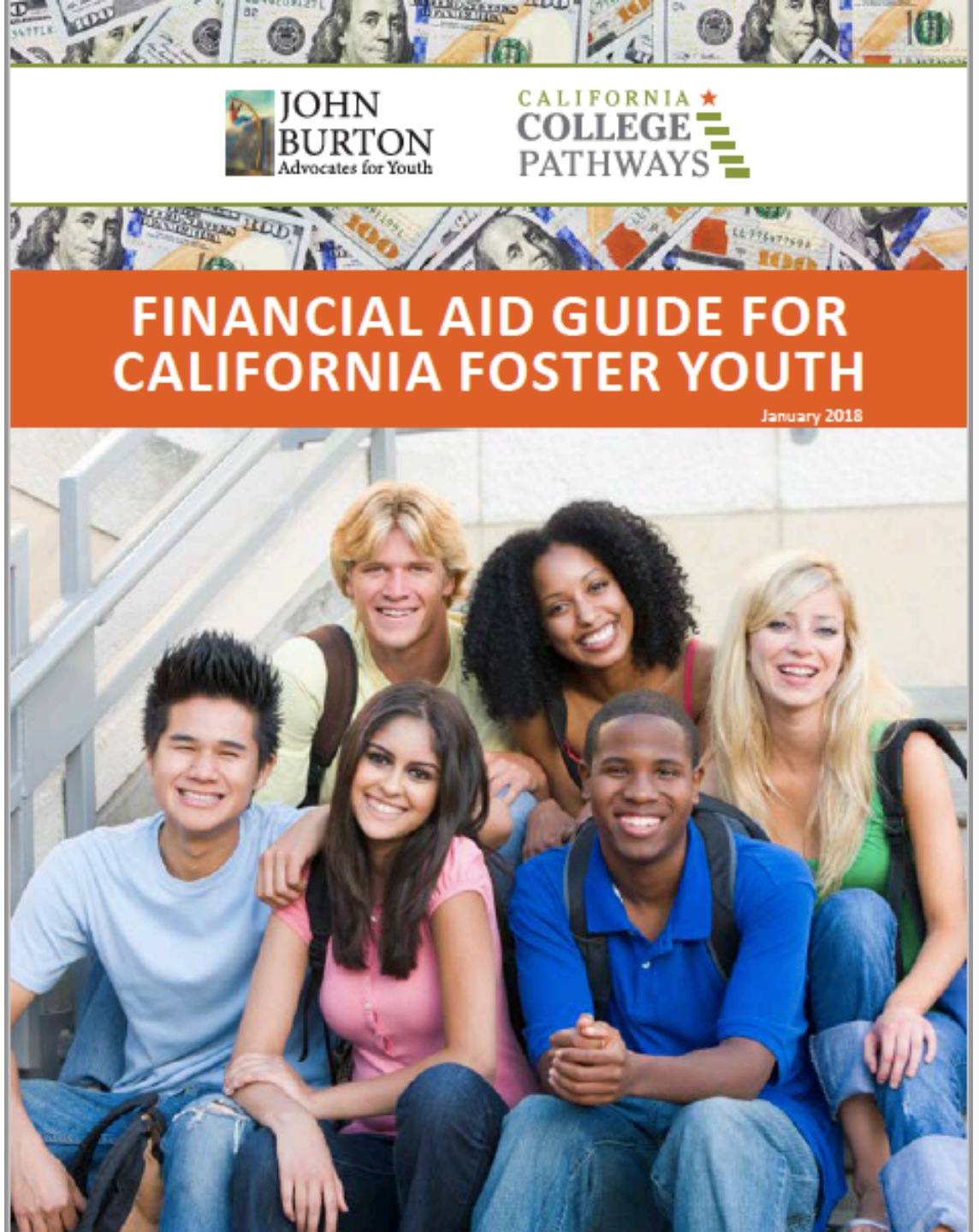
Financial Aid Guide for California Foster Youth

Can be found at:

jbaforyouth.org/fafsachallenge

cacollegepathways.org/financial-aid

student.cacollegepathways.org/financial-aid



Visual FAFSA Guide

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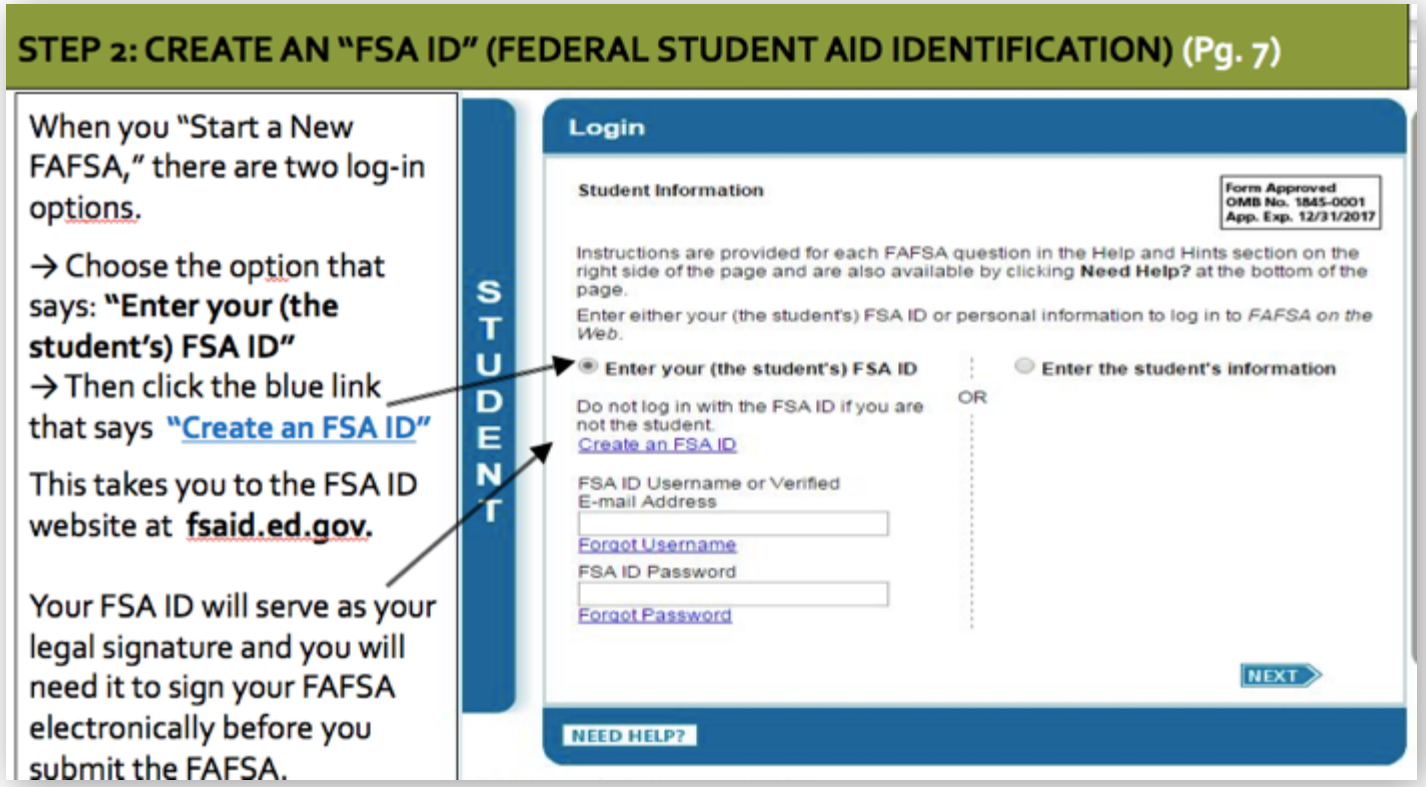

Cash for College

- CSAC partners with high schools, community colleges, and nonprofit organizations across the state to help students file the FAFSA and CADAA.
- Cash for College Workshops are free but do not always have staff with specialized foster youth expertise. Workshops do provide free computer lab space and general application assistance.
- Workshops hosted by community colleges generally have more specific resources and information for foster youth.
- Foster youth service providers and caregivers can accompany youth to any of these workshops to provide more individualized assistance.

Find a workshop near you: ***cash4college.csac.ca.gov***

Free Help Completing the FAFSA

- Live Help built into FAFSA on the Web
- U.S. Department of Education's toll-free hotline
  - 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 1-334-523-2691
  - TTY (hearing impaired): 1-800-730-8913
- FSA ID problems: 1-800-557-7394
- Email the U.S. Department of Education at:

  FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov

Question & Answer

CLICK ON THE "QUESTIONS" PANEL, TYPE AND HIT "SEND"