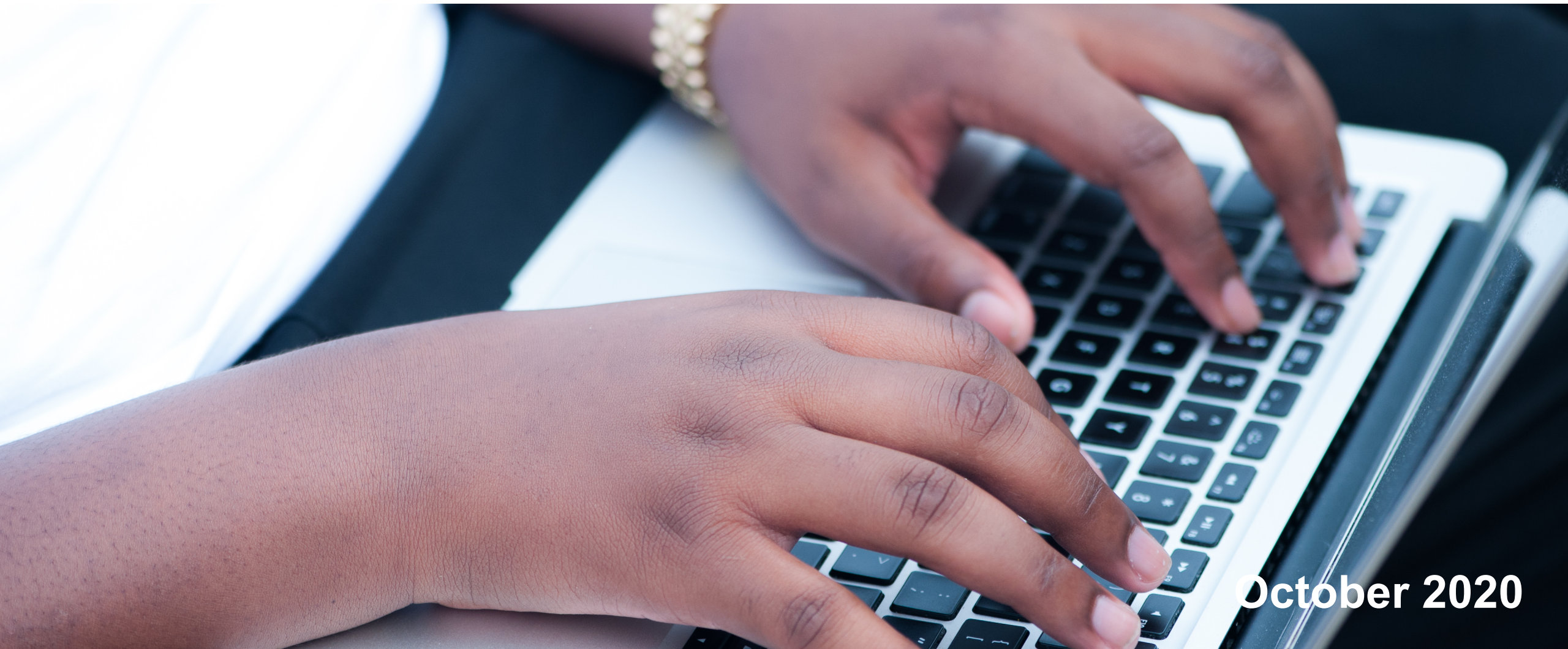




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Visual Step-by-Step FAFSA Guide for CA Youth Who Have Experienced Homelessness



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Disclaimer

- While we have made every effort to be accurate in this guide, financial aid programs change. Be sure to get current information.
- **This guide is intended for youth who have experienced homelessness in California who qualify for “Independent Student Status” on the FAFSA.** If you do not qualify for “Independent Student Status,” you will need to complete the Parental Demographics section and provide financial information about you and your parent(s). Information about this process is not included in this guide.
- **If you are an undocumented student,** 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 apply even if you were a DACA recipient and granted a temporary Social Security Number. Most of the questions in the CADAA mirror the questions in the FAFSA; this guide can still be a helpful tool.

How to Apply for Financial Aid

What to Bring to Apply for Financial Aid

Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number

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

Statewide Student Identifier Number (SSID)

This is recommended for California Dream Act Applicants only

Email Address

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

List of up to 10 colleges

You can update this later, if needed.

Tax or income info from the prior-prior year.

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

Where to Apply for Financial Aid

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



Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Apply at: fafsa.ed.gov

What is an eligible non-citizen?

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

OR

IF YOU ARE AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT



Complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

Apply at: dream.csac.ca.gov

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

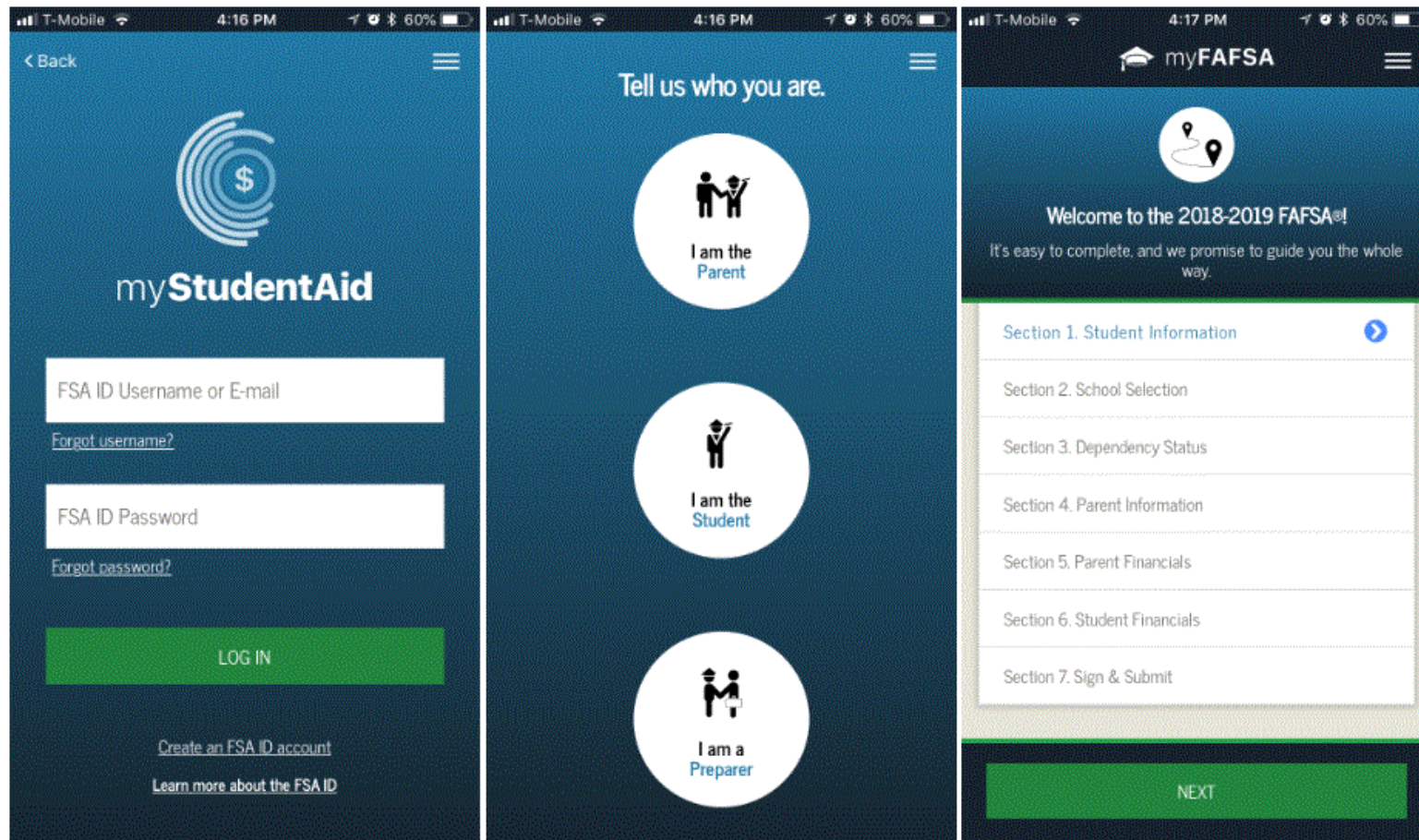
Paper applications are also available for the FAFSA and CADAA by calling 1-800-433-3243 and 1-888-224-7268, respectively. Ask a counselor or other adult mentor for help completing the application. Most students say that they find the online application easier.

FAFSA App on Smartphones



myStudentAid 4+
U.S. Department of Education
Office of Federal Student Aid
#200 in Finance
★★★★☆ 3.9, 27 Ratings
Free

The FAFSA can now be completed on a mobile phone through the myStudentAid app or online at fafsa.ed.gov.



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

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

New to the FAFSA Process:
Click "Start Here"

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "An official website of the United States government" on the left, "Help Center" and "English | Español" on the right, and the "Federal Student Aid" logo in the center. Below the logo are four menu items: "UNDERSTAND AID", "APPLY FOR AID", "COMPLETE AID PROCESS", and "MANAGE LOANS". A search icon is on the far right. The main content area has a dark blue background with the heading "Complete the FAFSA® Form". Below this heading is a sub-heading: "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." To the right of the heading is a "Start Here" button with a green arrow pointing right. Below the heading and sub-heading are two sections: "New to the FAFSA® Process?" with the text "Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now." and a "Log In" button with a green arrow pointing right; and "Returning User?" with the text "Correct info | Add a school" and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR)". Below these sections is a "FAFSA® Announcements" section with a sub-heading "Changes to Your Family's Financial Situation" and a paragraph of text. Two yellow callout boxes with black borders point to the "Start Here" and "Log In" buttons. The first callout box contains the text "Reminder: The FAFSA must be filled out EVERY year! This is a FREE application." The second callout box contains the text "New to the FAFSA Process: Click 'Start Here'". The third callout box contains the text "Returning User: Click 'Log In.' This allows you to prefill the current year's FAFSA with some data from last year's FAFSA."

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Federal Student Aid
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

UNDERSTAND AID ▾ APPLY FOR AID ▾ COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾ MANAGE LOANS ▾

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

Start Here

Returning User?
Correct info | Add a school
View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

Log In

FAFSA® Announcements

Changes to Your Family's Financial Situation

If your or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you've lost a job or otherwise experienced a drop in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. Complete the FAFSA questions as instructed on the application (including the transfer of tax return and income information), submit your FAFSA form, then contact the school you plan to attend to discuss how your current financial situation has changed. Note that the school's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education. Visit [StudentAid.gov/coronavirus](https://studentaid.gov/coronavirus) for more information.

STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT FAFSA.ED.GOV or STUDENTAID.ED.GOV

Home page continued:
The home page now also allows you to search for the deadlines in your state.

FAFSA® Deadlines

Many states and colleges set priority deadlines by which you must submit the FAFSA form to be considered for the aid programs they administer.

There is also a federal deadline each academic year.

Select your state of legal residence and the school year for which you're applying for federal student aid.

State

Year

[View Deadlines](#)

[View All State FAFSA Deadlines](#)

Create an “FSA ID”

Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID)

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

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

→ Choose the option that says: **"I am the student"**

→ Then click the blue link that says **"[Create one](#)"**. This takes you to the FSA ID website.

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA login interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the word "Login" in white. Below the header, the main content area has a light gray background. On the left, there is a section titled "Log in to the FAFSA" with a sub-header "Log in to the FAFSA". Below this, there is a paragraph of text: "Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the Save Key that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)". To the right of this text is a small box containing the text: "Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001 App. Exp. 12/31/2022". Below the text, there are two radio button options: "I am the student" (which is selected and highlighted with a red box) and "I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State". Between these two options is a dark blue circle with the word "OR" in white. Below the radio buttons, there is a warning: "Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student." followed by "Don't have an FSA ID? [Create one](#) or login using the [student's identifiers](#)." The "Create one" link is highlighted with a red box. Below this, there are two input fields: "Student's FSA ID Username, E-mail Address, or Mobile Number" with a question mark icon and a "Forgot Username" link below it; and "The student's FSA ID Password" with a question mark icon and a "Forgot Password" link below it. The first input field contains the text "BenTest2020". At the bottom right of the form area is a dark blue button with the word "NEXT" and a right-pointing arrow. At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 29, 2019" on the left and "Download [Adobe Reader](#)" on the right. In the center of the footer is the copyright notice "©2010 fafsa.gov. All rights reserved."

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

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

→ Click "Get Started"

Create an Account (FSA ID)



Parents



Students



Borrowers

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

What You Can Use Your Account For

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

Items Needed to Create an Account

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

Get Started

or

Log In

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

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

** Visit <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/> to request a copy of your social security card. If you don't know your Social Security Number, if you've worked in the past, you can find it on the W-2 you received, or your school may have it on record.

** 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.

STEP 2: 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

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ Enter your mailing address, mobile phone number, and indicate if you want to set-up Mobile Phone Account Recovery in case you are locked out.

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 3 of 7

Contact Information

Permanent Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Confirm Mobile Phone Number

[+ Add Alternate Phone Number](#)

Mobile Phone Account Recovery

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

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

[Previous](#)

[Continue](#)

STEP 2: 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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STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

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

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 5 of 7

Challenge Questions

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

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

Challenge Question 1

Question

 ⓘ

Answer

 ⓘ

Challenge Question 2

Question

 ⓘ

Answer

 ⓘ

Challenge Question 3

Question

 ⓘ

Answer

 ⓘ

Challenge Question 4

Question

 ⓘ

Answer

 ⓘ

Previous

Continue

STEP 2: 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

STEP 2: 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 below.

Make sure you know the log-in information to your email address, if you provided it.


→ Click Finish

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 7 of 7

Account Recovery

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

 Verify My Email Address
NOT VERIFIED

Previous


Finish

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 7 of 7

Account Recovery

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

 Verify My Email Address
NOT VERIFIED

Previous

Finish

Close X

Verify Your Email Address

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

Enter the secure code below.

[Resend Secure Code](#)

Continue



TIP

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

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

You're Now Ready to Start Your Online FAFSA!

Login with your new FSA ID and begin the FAFSA

STEP 3: COMPLETE THE FAFSA

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

→ **Click "I am the student"**

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

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Below the text, there are two radio button options. The first, "I am the student", is selected and highlighted with a red rounded rectangle. The second, "I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State", is unselected. An "OR" button is positioned between them. Below these options, a warning states: "Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student. Don't have an FSA ID? [Create one](#) or login using the [student's identifiers.](#)"

The login form itself is highlighted with a large red rounded rectangle. It contains two input fields. The first is labeled "Student's FSA ID Username, E-mail Address, or Mobile Number" and contains the text "BenTest2020". Below it is a link for "Forgot Username". The second field is labeled "The student's FSA ID Password" and contains seven dots. Below it is a link for "Forgot Password".

At the bottom right of the form is a dark blue button with the text "NEXT" and a right-pointing arrow. At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer with "Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 29, 2019" on the left and "Download [Adobe Reader](#)" on the right. The copyright notice "©2010 fafsa.gov. All rights reserved." is centered at the bottom.

STEP 3: COMPLETE THE FAFSA

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

Disclaimer

Warning

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. § 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.

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STEP 3: COMPLETE THE FAFSA

- 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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome, first last!

Fill out your FAFSA form!
To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA 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 2021-2022 FAFSA OR START 2020-2021 FAFSA

FSA ID Last Time, Date FSA ID Used:

FSA ID Status:
[User Account Management](#)
You can use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA.

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STEP 3: COMPLETE THE FAFSA

- 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 2021-2022 FAFSA

STUDENT INFORMATION

Form Approved
OMB No. 1845-0001
App. Exp. 12/31/2022

Create a Save Key.
The Save Key is for temporary use for you or your parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA.

Create a Save Key ?

Re-enter Save Key ?

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TIP

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

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

STEP 3: COMPLETE THE FAFSA

The Introduction Page includes general information about the FAFSA

→ Click "Next" at the bottom of each page to go to the next page.

Introduction – 2021-2022 FAFSA

STUDENT INFORMATION [Expand All](#)

- > **How can I get help completing my FAFSA?**
Get help with each FAFSA question by clicking on the Help (?) icon. You can also search FAFSA Help or view the [FAFSA Help](#) page.
- > How many steps does it take to complete?
- > How long will it take to complete?
- > Can I save my FAFSA if I can't finish it?
- > Documents needed to complete the FAFSA
- > Signing the FAFSA
- > *FAFSA on the Web* Security and Privacy

NEXT →

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STEP 3: COMPLETE THE FAFSA

- Complete the eight sections listed as tabs at the top of the screen. The website will take you through each section.
- When you complete a section, be sure to click "Save." Then, click "Next" at the bottom of the page to go to the next section.
- Note that if you don'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.
- For detailed instructions and information about each question, click the question mark icon.

Exit Reset FAFSA View FAFSA Summary Save Help

Personal Information for Student

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

Application was successfully saved.

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

Your Social Security Number
966-10-3011

Your first name
Susan

Your middle initial

Your last name
Lastname

Your date of birth
11/02/1984

PREVIOUS NEXT

Student Demographics Section

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **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 and Social Security Number matches **exactly** as it appears on your Social Security Card.

The screenshot displays the 'Personal Information for Student' section of the FAFSA application. At the top, there are navigation links: Exit, Reset FAFSA, View FAFSA Summary, Save, and Help. Below this is a horizontal menu with tabs for Student Demographics (selected), School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. A blue box highlights the 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section, which contains a green checkmark and the message 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this is an information icon and the text: 'Because the FAFSA belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.' A red circle highlights the following fields: 'Your Social Security Number' (966-10-3011), 'Your first name' (Susan), 'Your middle initial' (empty), 'Your last name' (Lastname), and 'Your date of birth' (11/02/1984). At the bottom right of the form are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' 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!
- **Telephone number:** This field is optional.

The screenshot shows the 'Student E-mail and Phone' section of the FAFSA application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Exit', 'Reset FAFSA', 'View FAFSA Summary', 'Save', and 'Help'. Below this is a dark blue header with the title 'Student E-mail and Phone'. A horizontal menu contains several tabs: 'Student Demographics' (which is selected and highlighted with a pencil icon), 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and contains three input fields: 'Your e-mail address' (with the value 'newuser@fafsademo.com'), 'Re-enter your e-mail address' (with the value 'newuser@fafsademo.com'), and 'Your telephone number' (which is empty). Each field has a question mark icon to its right. At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT'. Below the form, there is a footer with the text 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 29, 2019' and a link to 'Download Adobe Reader'.

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 the student can receive postal mail, such as a P.O. Box.
- If you don't have a permanent mailing address, you can use a P.O. Box or another address where you can receive mail. You can also ask the financial aid office at your college for help.

The screenshot shows the 'Student Address' section of the FAFSA application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Exit', 'Reset FAFSA', 'View FAFSA Summary', 'Save', and 'Help'. Below this is a dark blue header with the text 'Student Address'. A horizontal menu contains several steps: 'Student Demographics' (which is highlighted with a pencil icon), 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and contains four input fields, each with a question mark icon to its right:

- 'Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)' with the text '1122 STRAIGHT STREET' entered.
- 'Your city (and country if not U.S.)' with the text 'LEESBURG' entered.
- 'Your state' with a dropdown menu showing 'Maryland'.
- 'Your ZIP code' with the text '20705' entered.

At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT'.

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.
- **Are you a U.S. Citizen?** If you select “No, but I am an eligible noncitizen”, you will be asked to provide your Alien Registration Number.

The screenshot shows the 'Student Residency and Eligibility' section of the FAFSA application. The navigation bar includes 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The 'Student Demographics' tab is active. The 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section contains the following questions:

- Have you lived in California for at least 5 years?
 Yes No
- Select
 Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)
 No, but I am an eligible noncitizen
 No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen

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FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

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

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2021-2022 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.”**

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 Federal Work-Study job.

The screenshot shows the 'Student Education' section of the FAFSA form. The 'STUDENT INFORMATION' tab is active. The form includes the following questions and selected options:

- What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2021-2022 school year?
Selected: High school diploma
- What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2021-2022 school year?
Selected: 1st bachelor's degree
- Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2021-2022 school year?
Selected: No
- What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2021-2022 school year?
Selected: Never attended college/1st yr.
- Are you interested in being considered for work-study?
Selected: Don't know

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FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

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

→ If you haven't registered yet, you will be able to use the FAFSA to automatically register with the Selective Service.

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

→ CADAA applicants must register via mail.

The screenshot shows the 'Student Selective Service' registration interface. At the top, a dark blue header contains the title 'Student Selective Service'. Below this is a navigation bar with several tabs: 'Student Demographics' (highlighted with a pencil icon), 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' in a dark blue box. It contains three questions, each with a help icon (question mark) to its right:

- Question 1: 'Are you male or female?' with radio buttons for 'Male' (selected) and 'Female'.
- Question 2: 'Are you registered with the Selective Service System?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No' (selected).
- Question 3: 'Do you want us to register you with the Selective Service System?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'.

An information box with a blue border and an 'i' icon is positioned between the first and second questions, containing the text: 'Most male citizens and male immigrants must register with the Selective Service System to receive federal student aid.' At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' (with a left arrow) and 'NEXT' (with a right arrow).

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 'Student Driver's License' section of the FAFSA application. At the top, a dark blue header contains the title 'Student Driver's License'. Below this is a horizontal navigation bar with several steps: 'Student Demographics' (highlighted with a pencil icon), 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' in a dark blue box. It contains two input fields: 'Your driver's license number (if you have one)' with a text input box and a question mark icon, and 'Your driver's license state' with a dropdown menu currently showing 'Select' and a question mark icon. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' with a left arrow and 'NEXT' with a right arrow.

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 if necessary, to select 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 shows the 'Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion' section of the FAFSA application. The navigation bar includes 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The 'Student Demographics' tab is active. Below the navigation bar is a 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section. A red box highlights the question: 'Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. Another red box highlights two dropdown menus: 'Highest school completed by Parent 1' and 'Highest school completed by Parent 2', both set to 'Other/unknown'. At the bottom right, there are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons.

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

- If yes, you will be asked if you have been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred *while* receiving federal student aid.
- Note: This applies to federal student aid and is not part of the CADAA.
- 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.

Select NO if:

- the selection wasn't a state or federal offense
- it occurred before you were 18, unless you were tried as an adult.
- the conviction was removed from your record; or
- the offense that led to your conviction didn't occur during a period of enrollment for which you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study funds, or loans).

Even if you aren't eligible for federal student aid, complete and submit your FAFSA form because you might be eligible for state or school financial aid.

The screenshot displays the 'Student Eligibility Worksheet' interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes tabs for 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The 'Student Demographics' tab is active, showing a pencil icon. Below the navigation bar, the 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section is highlighted in a dark blue header. The first question is 'Have you ever received federal student aid?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. Below this is the 'Eligibility Worksheet' section, which contains four questions, each with a question mark icon in a blue circle to its right. The questions are: 1. 'Have you been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study, and/or loans)?' with 'Yes' selected. 2. 'Have all of your federal or state drug-related convictions been removed from your record?' with 'No' selected. 3. 'Did the offense for possessing or selling illegal drugs occur during a period of enrollment for which you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study, and/or loans)?' with 'Yes' selected. 4. 'Have you completed an acceptable drug rehabilitation program since your last conviction?' with 'Yes' selected. At the bottom of the worksheet, there is an information box with a blue header containing an 'i' icon. The text inside reads: 'Based on the answers you provided, we have determined that your eligibility for federal student aid is not affected by the previous question(s). If you are convicted of possessing or selling drugs after you submit your FAFSA, you must notify the financial aid administrator at your college immediately. You will lose your eligibility for federal student aid and will be required to pay back all aid you received after your conviction.' At the very bottom of the page, there are two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' with a left arrow and 'NEXT' with a right arrow.

School Selection Section

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

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

Search for High School

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

The high school you selected was added to your application. Click **Next** to continue.

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

Enter the name, city, and state of your high school, then click **Search**.

What is the name of your high school?
SAN FRANCISCO HIGH (HOMEBOUND)

In what city is your high school located?
SAN FRANCISCO

In what state is your high school located?
California

SEARCH PREVIOUS NEXT

STUDENT INFORMATION

i We found 34 results that meet your criteria. Click the **Select** link next to the correct high school to add it to your application.

To narrow your results click **New Search** and change the information in the entry fields to better clarify your request.

If your high school is not listed, click **Next** to continue and make sure the high school name, city and state have all been entered correctly.

Search Results: 1 to 34 of 34.

SELECT	School Name: West Senior High School City: Iowa City	▲
SELECT	School Name: West High School City: Sioux City	
SELECT	School Name: West Academy Alternative School City: Newton	
SELECT	School Name: West Bend-mallard High School City: West Bend	
SELECT	School Name: West Branch High School City: West Branch	▼

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NEW SEARCH 

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FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

High School Search Results:

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

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- 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.

Search for Colleges

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

i John, based on the information you provided, we have 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. If you're applying to more than 10 colleges, [follow these instructions](#).

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.

Do you know the college's [Federal School Code](#)? **?**
 Yes No

State **?**
Select

City (optional) **?**

School Name (optional) **?**

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TIP

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

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

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- Select at least one college and up to 10 colleges by clicking on the box on the left side of the college(s) you'd like to select or "ADD MORE 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 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.

The screenshot displays the 'College Search Results' page in the FAFSA application process. The top navigation bar includes tabs for 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The 'School Selection' tab is active, indicated by a pencil icon. Below the navigation bar, a 'STUDENT INFORMATION' section contains two informational boxes. The first box states: 'You can add up to 10 colleges to your FAFSA. All of the information you include on your FAFSA, with the exception of the list of colleges, will be sent to each of the colleges you list. In addition, all of your FAFSA information, including the list of colleges, will be sent to your state grant agency.' The second box states: 'To select schools from the Search Results, click the checkbox to the left of each school you'd like to add to your FAFSA, then click Next or Add More Schools to continue.' Below these boxes, the search results are displayed: 'Search Results: 1 to 1 of 1. You have 1 school selected.' A 'Sort By:' dropdown menu is set to 'Best Match'. A table lists the selected school: Pasadena City College, with details for City (Pasadena), State (CA), and Federal School Code (001261). At the bottom of the page, there are three buttons: 'VIEW COLLEGE INFO', 'ADD MORE SCHOOLS', and 'NEXT'. The 'ADD MORE SCHOOLS' and 'NEXT' buttons are highlighted with a red box.

College Search Results

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

i You can add up to 10 colleges to your FAFSA.

All of the information you include on your FAFSA, with the exception of the list of colleges, will be sent to each of the colleges you list. In addition, all of your FAFSA information, including the list of colleges, will be sent to your state grant agency.

i To select schools from the Search Results, click the checkbox to the left of each school you'd like to add to your FAFSA, then click **Next** or **Add More Schools** to continue.

Search Results: 1 to 1 of 1. You have **1 school** selected.

Sort By: Best Match

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Name: Pasadena City College City: Pasadena State: CA Federal School Code: 001261
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VIEW COLLEGE INFO ADD MORE SCHOOLS NEXT

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

- 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."** This is crucial for getting all the money that is available to you to pay for your living expenses.
- Note that the order in which you list the colleges does not make a difference in California.

Selected Colleges and Housing Plans

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

You may change the positioning of any school in this list. To do so, click the icon to the left of the school name and then use the buttons displayed to change the position of the selected school. The UP and DOWN buttons will move the school one position up, or one position down. The REMOVE button will delete the school from your list.

For federal student aid purposes, it does not matter in what order you list your selected schools. However, the order in which you list schools may affect your eligibility for state aid. Find more information on your state's preferences for listing schools [here](#).

For each school listed, select the appropriate housing plan from the dropdown list.

School Name:	Pasadena City College
Federal School Code:	001261
Housing Plans	Off Campus

School Name:	San Francisco State University
Federal School Code:	001154
Housing Plans	On Campus

VIEW COLLEGE INFO

ADD MORE SCHOOLS

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Dependency Status Section

Dependency Determination

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 2021, will you be 24 or older as of January 1, 2021)

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

Student Marital Status

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

✓ Application was successfully saved.

What is your marital status as of today? ?

I am 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 sections and will automatically skip the questions on the next slide.

Does Student Have Dependents?

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022? ?

Yes No

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, 2022? ?

Yes No

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

Otherwise, select “none of the above.”

Student Additional Dependency Questions

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA. Check all that apply or check **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

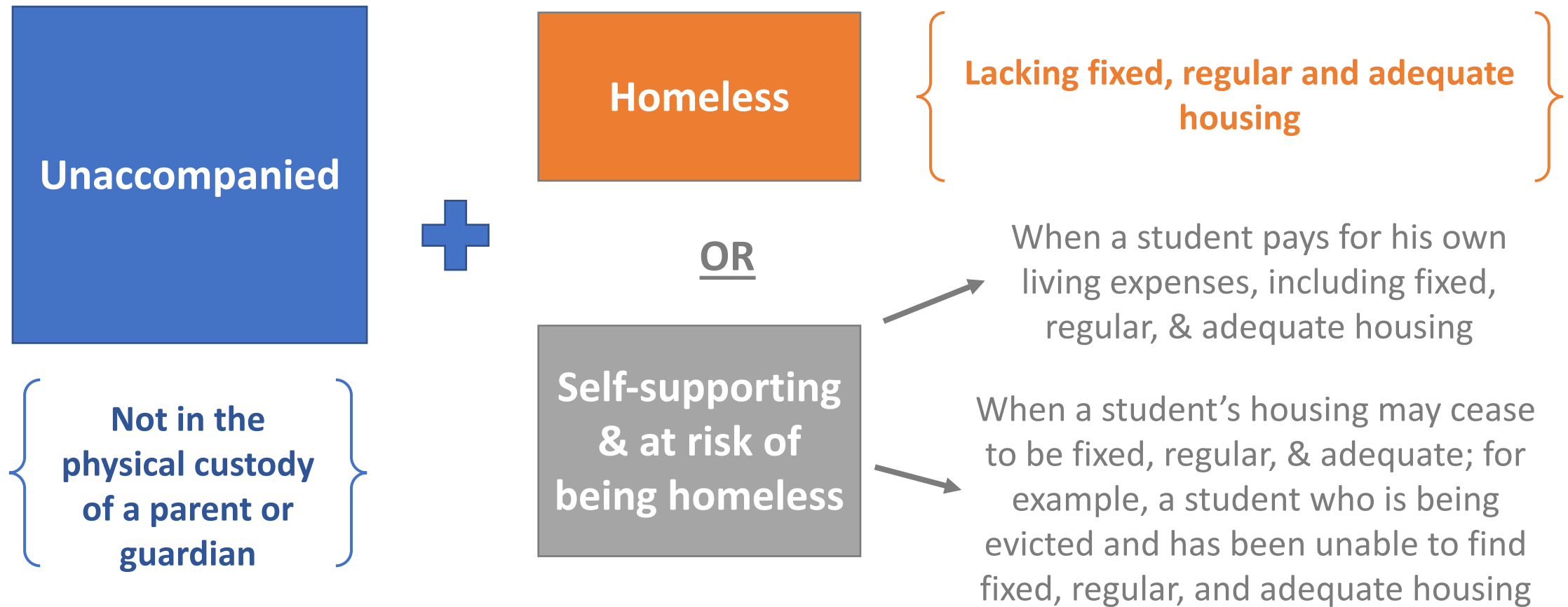
If you selected “none of the above,” you will then be asked whether on or after July 1st of the year prior to the award year, you were homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

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

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

The screenshot shows the 'Student Homelessness Filter Question' screen in the FAFSA application process. At the top, a dark blue header contains the title 'Student Homelessness Filter Question'. Below this is a progress bar with eight steps: 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The first two steps are marked with green checkmarks, and the third step, 'Dependency Status', is currently active and highlighted with a blue pencil icon. A dark blue box labeled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' is positioned over the 'Dependency Status' step. The main content area contains the question: 'On or after July 1, 2020, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?' with a question mark icon to the right. Below the question are two radio button options: 'Yes' (which is selected) and 'No'. At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' with a left arrow and 'NEXT' with a right arrow.

Definition of Homeless Youth



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?

Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing including students who

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

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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

Note: The listed individuals are permitted to continue to make determinations in subsequent years as long as the liaison has access to the information necessary to make such a determination

If the student cannot get a determination from any of the listed parties, select “None of the above” and go to page 57. They’ll still have the opportunity to verify homeless status through their college’s financial aid office.

Student Homelessness Questions

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STUDENT INFORMATION

At any time on or after July 1, 2020, did you receive a determination from any of the entities listed below that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Check all that apply, or check **None of the above**.

- Your high school or school district homeless liaison
- The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program
- None of the above

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Template for Determination Letter



SchoolHouse Connection:

<https://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*

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

Household Size: The numbers for you, and if you indicated that you are married, your spouse, will automatically populate on this screen.

If you indicated in the dependency section that you have children, you must enter the number of children.

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 who will also be attending college at least half-time.

Student Household Info

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Household Size

You
1

Your spouse, based on your marital status
0

Your number of family members in 2021-2022 (household size)
1

Number in College

How many people in your household (as reported above) will be in college in 2021-2022? ?

1

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

-You are determined to be an Independent Student.

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

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

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Independent Student

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

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.

Do you want to answer questions about your parents? ?

Yes No

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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 “Next.”

Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

i **Important:** You indicated that 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; and
- **You are unaccompanied**, which means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

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, click **Next** to 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.

Impact of Not Providing Parent Information

STUDENT INFORMATION

If you continue to complete the application without providing parent information


- 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; and
- in order to find out how much student aid you are eligible to receive, you must follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend.

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

Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless Acknowledgement

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Choose the appropriate option below based on your circumstances. 

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

I will provide information about my parent(s)

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Information Regarding Homeless Determinations

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

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

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

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

A new determination must be made each year for the FAFSA

Parent Demographics Section

FAFSA SECTION 4 & 5: PARENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND FINANCIALS

If you were determined to be **“Independent”** in the previous Dependency Status section, you will **not** be required to complete the Parent Demographics and Financials sections. You will automatically proceed to the next section and only need to provide financial information for yourself.

Independent Student

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

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.

Do you want to answer questions about your parents?

Yes No

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Student Financials Section

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

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

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

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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 2021/2022 FAFSA which is filled out between October 1, 2020 – March 2, 2021 will ask for 2019 tax & income information.

Any 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

Option a).

If you select *“Already Completed”*

IRS Income Tax Return

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

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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 free transcript at [irs.gov/transcript](https://www.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.

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- 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”** or **“SKIP IRS DRT”** if you would like to enter the information manually.

Exit Reset FAFSA View FAFSA Summary Save Help

Student Leaving FAFSA

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

 **Leaving *FAFSA on the Web***

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

You are now leaving *FAFSA on the Web* and will be transferred to the IRS Web site to access your IRS tax information. Your FAFSA information will be saved.

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

For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS Web site or on the FAFSA.

SKIP IRS DRT PROCEED TO IRS SITE

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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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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.

 [Return to FAFSA](#) | [Help](#) | [Logout](#) | [Español](#)

Get My Federal Income Tax Information

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

Enter the following information from your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return. [?](#)

All fields are required unless marked otherwise.

First Name

First

Last Name

Last

Social Security Number

No input required

*** - ** - 2617

Date of Birth

MM/DD/YYYY

01/01/1999 

Filing Status [?](#)

Single 

Street Address [?](#)

Must match your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return

123 Oakdale Dr.


P.O. Box [?](#)

Required if entered on your tax return

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IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 1 continued:

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



Apartment Number

Required if entered on your tax return

Country

United States

City, Town or Post Office

Coralville

State / U.S. Territory

Iowa

ZIP Code

52317

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

SUBMIT

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

CANCEL

2019 Federal Income Tax Information

Edit Data

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSFER NOW [?](#)

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

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

DO NOT TRANSFER [?](#)

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IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 2:

- Check the "Transfer My Tax Information..." box and click "Transfer Now" to carry this data back into your FAFSA

OR

- Check the "Do Not Transfer..." box and click "Do Not Transfer" to discontinue use of the IRS DRT

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

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“Student Information”
page.

After the data has been transferred it will show as “Transferred from the IRS” in *each* field.

This data cannot be changed or viewed.

The screenshot displays the 'Student IRS Info' page with a progress bar at the top. The progress bar includes steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The 'Student Financials' step is currently active, indicated by a pencil icon. Below the progress bar, a blue header reads 'STUDENT INFORMATION'. The main content area contains the question 'What was your adjusted gross income for 2019?' followed by the text 'Transferred from the IRS'. A red rounded rectangle highlights this text. To the right of the question is a question mark icon. At the bottom right, there are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' navigation buttons. The footer contains the text 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 27, 2010', a link to 'Download Adobe Reader', and the copyright notice '©2010 fafsa.gov. All rights reserved.'

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“Student Financial Information” page.

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

Student Eligible for IRS DRT

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

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. The [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) allows users to link to the IRS Web site and securely transfer original IRS tax return information into their FAFSA.

For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS Web site or on the FAFSA.

If you use the IRS DRT, you may not have to provide additional IRS documentation later to qualify for federal student aid.

[LINK TO IRS](#) ↔

[No Thanks](#)

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Student IRS Info

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

What was your adjusted gross income for 2019? This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 8b. ?

\$.00

Student Income from Work

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2019? This amount is the total of IRS Form 1040-line 1 + Schedule 1 lines 3 + 6 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065). ?

\$.00

Student IRS Info and Income from Work

Enter adjusted gross income, and how much was earned from working.

Tip: The FAFSA tells you on what line of your tax return you can find the requested information.

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Student Simplified Path Determination:

If you filed an IRS 1040, you will be asked if you filed a "Schedule 1." Click to learn more information

Student Simplified Path Determination

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

You indicated that you filed an IRS 1040. Did you file a Schedule 1? Select **No** if you did not file a Schedule 1 or only filed it to report an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend. [View other exceptions.](#)

Yes No Don't know

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Student Additional IRS Info

You will then need to provide the amount of your income tax.

Remember that the instructions tell you what line to find this information on from your tax return.

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Student Questions for Tax Filers Only

Based on the answers to the previous questions, you may be asked if you would like to skip the remaining questions about your income and assets. There is no penalty for choosing yes and skipping the remaining questions.

Otherwise, the student will be asked about various other forms of income.

Student Questions for Tax Filers Only

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Did you have any of the following items in 2019? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Combat pay or special combat pay. **This should be zero for enlisted persons and warrant officers** (including commissioned warrant officers) because their combat pay is entirely nontaxable. Only enter [taxable combat pay](#) included in your (and, if married, your spouse's) adjusted gross income. ?

\$.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. ?

\$.00

Education credits (*American Opportunity Tax Credit* or *Lifetime Learning Tax Credit*) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3-line 3. ?

\$.00

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form 1040-lines (4a + 4c) - (4b + 4d). **Exclude rollovers.** If negative, enter a zero here. ?

\$.00

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1-total of lines 15 + 19. ?

\$.00

Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040-line 2a. ?

\$.00

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Student Additional Financial Info

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?” and then in this section.

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 Additional Financial Info

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

Did you have any of the following items in 2019? Enter amounts for all that apply.

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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Student Untaxed Income

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

→ Extended Foster Care (AB 12) benefits—including Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) payments or payment from a THP-NMD 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

→ Untaxed Social Security benefits

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

*There are other less common types of untaxed income that do not need to be reported. Check the “Help” page for “Other Untaxed Income” to see the complete list.

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Did you have any of the following items in 2019? Enter amounts for all that apply.

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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

\$.00

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student Assets:

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

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

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- As of today, what is your total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?
- As of today, what is the net worth of your investments, including real estate (not your home)?
- 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.

At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT'.

Option b). If you select “Will File” IRS Income Tax Return

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

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

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

Click “OK” if this is true.

Student Tax Filing Status

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Application was successfully saved.

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

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

For 2019, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Will file OK

What income tax return will you file for 2019?

IRS 1040

For 2019, what will your tax filing status be 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.

Click **Next** to 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.

*****To view the additional financial information screens that follow, see pages 73-80. .**

Student IRS Info

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

i You indicated you "Will file" a 2019 tax return.

If your 2019 income is similar to your 2018 income, use your 2018 tax return to provide estimates for questions about your income. If your income is not similar, click **Income Estimator** for assistance estimating your adjusted gross income, and answer the remaining questions about your income to the best of your ability.

Once you file your tax return, you **must** correct your FAFSA, changing 1) your filing status from "Will file" to "Already completed" and 2) your estimated answers to the final amounts on your 2019 tax return. At that time, you may be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer your tax return information into the FAFSA.

What was your adjusted gross income for 2019? This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 8b. **?**

\$.00 **INCOME ESTIMATOR**

PREVIOUS **NEXT**

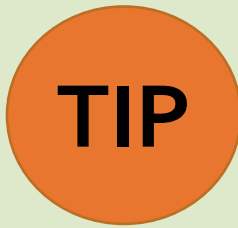
Option c).

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.

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Unsure if you made enough money to file taxes? Each year the income requirement is different.

Ex. In 2019, if you were single, under 65 and your gross earned income was at least \$12,200, then you needed to file a tax return.

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

Select **“Not going to file”** if you did not work or did not make enough money that requires you to file taxes for the requested year.

You may be required to submit a **Verification of Non-Filing Letter to the IRS**. However, recent guidance from DOE dated July 9th allows students to waive this requirement and sign an affidavit (letter) stating that they did not file taxes. Students should consult with their financial aid office for assistance.

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

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student Income from Work

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

Student Income from Work

Progress: Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✓ Parent Demographics Parent Financials **Student Financials** Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2019? ?

\$.00

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Additional Financial Info

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 Additional Financial Info

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

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\$.00

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\$.00

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\$.00

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

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\$.00

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\$.00

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\$.00

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\$.00

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\$.00

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\$.00

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

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Sign & Submit Section

The final section of the FAFSA!

FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

Preparer Info:

- Are you a preparer?
(This is rare)

Select "No" even if an adult or mentor is assisting you in completing the application. They are not considered "preparers."

The screenshot displays the 'Preparer Info' section of the FAFSA application. At the top, a dark blue header contains the title 'Preparer Info'. Below this is a progress bar with seven steps: 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Parent Financials', 'Student Financials', and 'Sign & Submit'. The first six steps are marked with green checkmarks, while 'Sign & Submit' is marked with a pencil icon. A green-bordered box contains a green checkmark and the text 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this, the question 'Are you a preparer? (This is rare.)' is displayed with a help icon. Two radio buttons are present: 'Yes' (unselected) and 'No' (selected). At the bottom right, there are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons. At the bottom left, there is a link '> Show Application Data'.

FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

- “**Expand All**” to review all the information from the application. Print, read and check the information on this screen. 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**”.
- If everything is ok, move on to the next page.

The screenshot shows the 'FAFSA Summary' page. At the top, a progress bar indicates the completion status of various sections: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The first six sections are marked with green checkmarks, while 'Sign & Submit' is marked with a blue pencil icon. Below the progress bar, a message states: 'You're not done yet! You still need to submit your FAFSA. After you print this page, click Next to return to your FAFSA form.' The page title is '2020-2021 FAFSA SUMMARY' with the student ID 'XXX-XX-3012 LA'. A red link labeled 'Expand All' is located in the top right corner. Below this, there is a list of sections with expandable arrows: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'PREVIOUS', 'PRINT THIS PAGE', and 'NEXT'. The 'PRINT THIS PAGE' and 'NEXT' buttons are highlighted with a red box.

FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

Agreement of Terms

Read and check the box indicating agreement with the signing statement and move onto the next page.

Agreement of Terms

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

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

I, the student, agree to the terms outlined above.

Agree Disagree

PREVIOUS NEXT

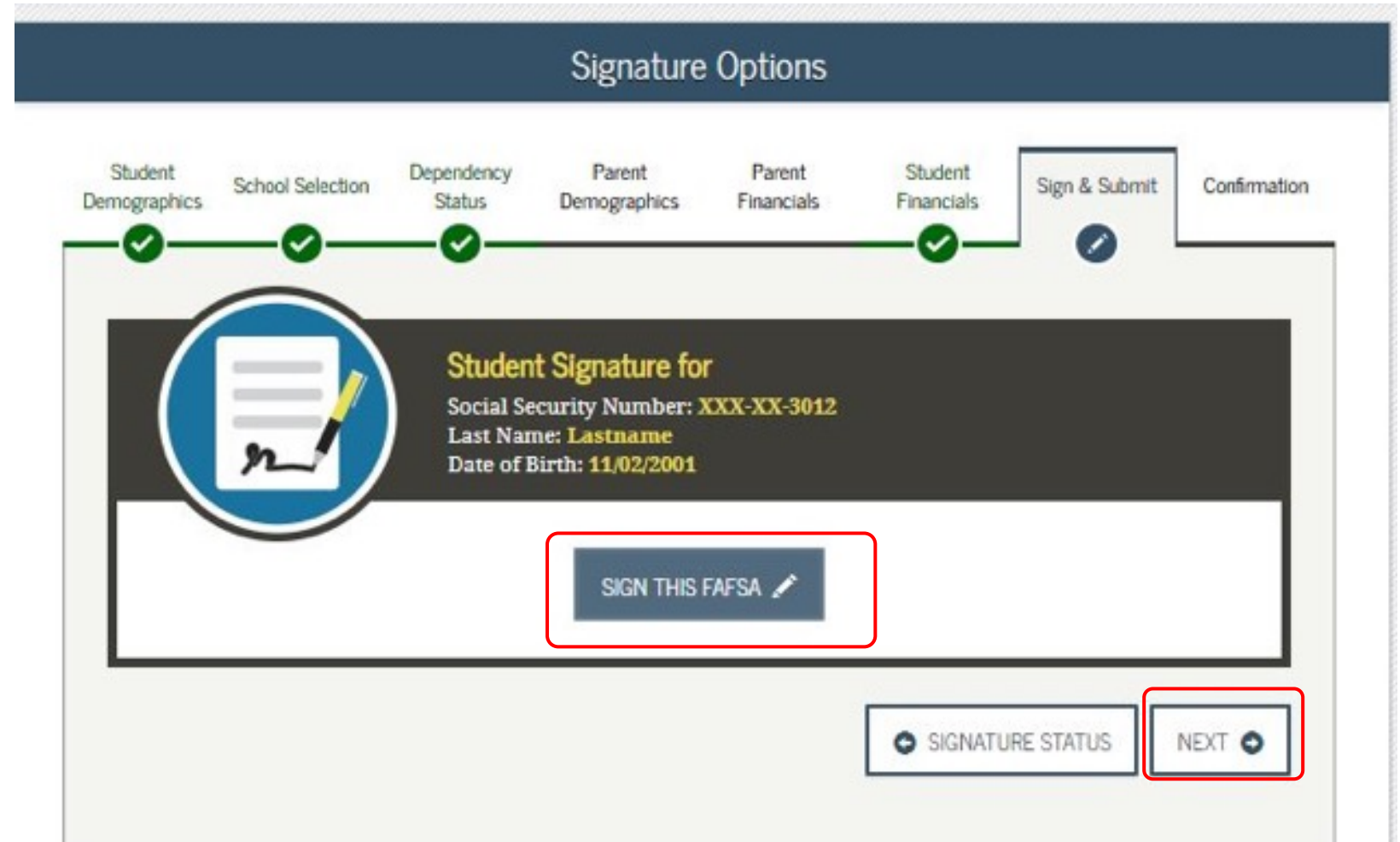
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FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

Signature Options

- Click **“SIGN THIS FAFSA”** and then **“NEXT”**
- Since you entered your FSA ID to login to the FAFSA, you don't have to enter it again.



FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

Signature Status

- Click "SUBMIT MY FAFSA NOW"

Signature Status

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

i You have provided all necessary signatures. Click **Submit My FAFSA Now** to submit your FAFSA.


Student Signed With FSA ID

Social Security Number: XXX-XX-3012
Last Name: Lastname
Date of Birth: 11/02/2001
Signature Status: **Signed Electronically**

PREVIOUS SUBMIT MY FAFSA NOW

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 was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.


Confirmation Number: F 11210582707 10/14/2019 11:52:47

Data Release Number (DRN):9999

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).

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address: newuser@fafsademo.com

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> **Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 999999**

> **IRS Information**

> **Foster Care Information**

> **School(s) on your FAFSA:**

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Additional Information from <i>College Scorecard</i>
PASADENA CITY COLLEGE	35%	76%	8%	NA

Free Help Completing the FAFSA

- **Schoolhouse Connection: Resources for homeless students**
<https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/fafsa/>
- Live Help built into FAFSA on the Web
- U.S. Department of Education's toll-free hotline:
 - 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 1-334-523-2691
 - 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

After the FAFSA

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

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

If you choose **“Make FAFSA Corrections,”** you will be taken to a page asking for your FSA ID Username, FSA ID Password and Save Key.

Choosing **“View or Print your Student Aid Report”** will take you to a page asking for your FSA ID Username & FSA ID password. From there, you’ll be able to view your SAR.

My FAFSA - 2021-2022

STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome, first last!

2021-2022 2020-2021

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

What Happens Next

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

You can also:

- [View or Print your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)
- [Make FAFSA Corrections](#) to make a change, add a school, or transfer IRS data into your FAFSA
- [Create a shareable file with some of your student information using MyStudentData Download.](#)

Transaction History

Original Application

- Submitted: 10/01/2020
- Processed: 01/01/2021

FSA ID Last Time, Date FSA ID Used: 09:44, 06/09/2020

FSA ID Status:
[User Account Management](#)
You can use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA.

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Student Aid Report

If you click “View or Print your 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 “0000000” (or “0”) which means they will likely qualify for more 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.

At bottom of page, students can **“PRINT THIS PAGE”** or **“VIEW STUDENT AID REPORT (PDF)”**

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date: 10/01/2019	XXX-XX-0002 DE 03
Processed Date: 08/09/2019	EFC: 0 +
	DRN: 4877

[▼ Collapse All](#)

> Comments About Your Information

Learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC)*.

Based on the information we have on record for you, your 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, and possible funding from your state and school.

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

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates you have one or more student loans in a status associated with identity theft. Before you can receive additional federal student loans, you must contact the financial aid office at your school.

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page using your FSA ID. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online.

Based on your EFC of 0, you may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,195 for the 2020-2021 school year provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program.

Set Up a WebGrants account

Create this to view the status of your FAFSA/CADAA & Chafee 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 CSAC:
- (888) 224-7268 or studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

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WebGrants 4 Students

Login

Create an Account

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

INFORMATION

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

FORMS/APPLICATIONS

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

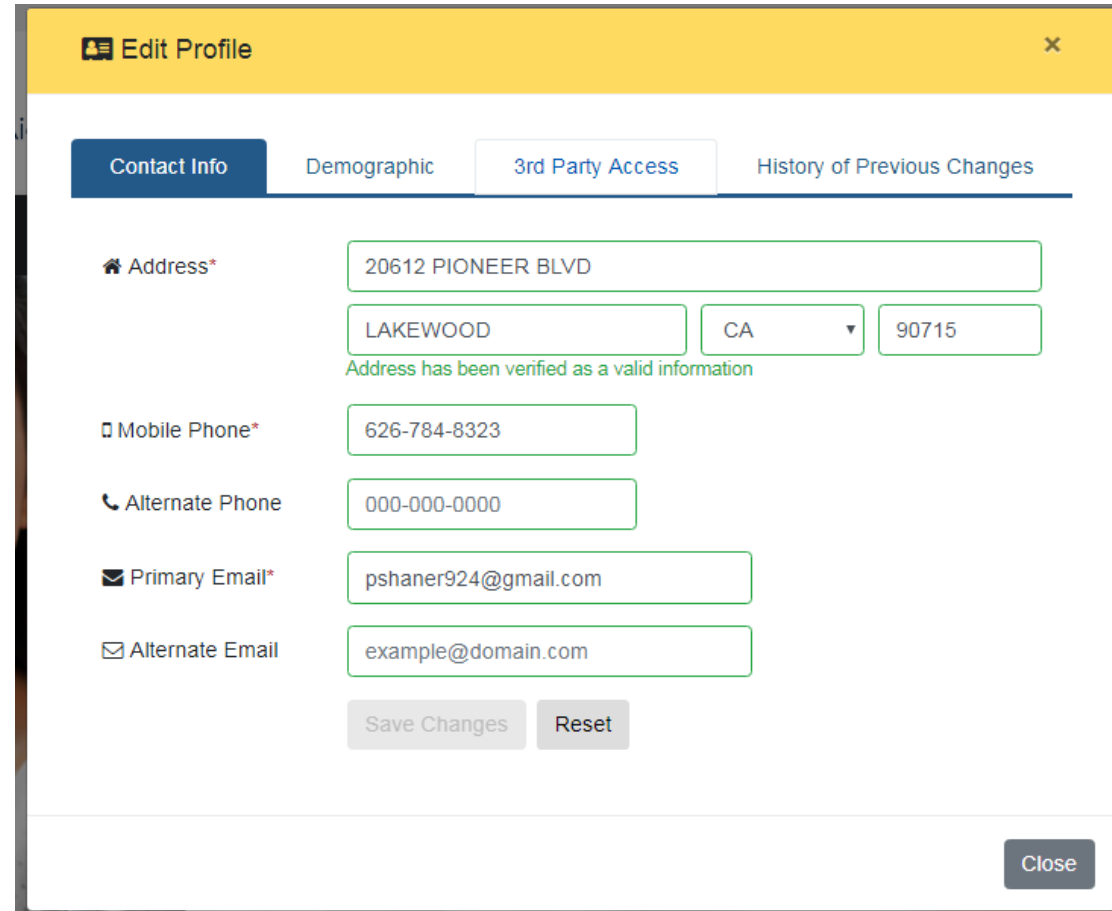
RESOURCES

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

Edit Profile – Contact Info

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

Here is the screen where you can edit contact information. As a future enhancement, CSAC will be adding an indicator to show that the address has been verified as valid.



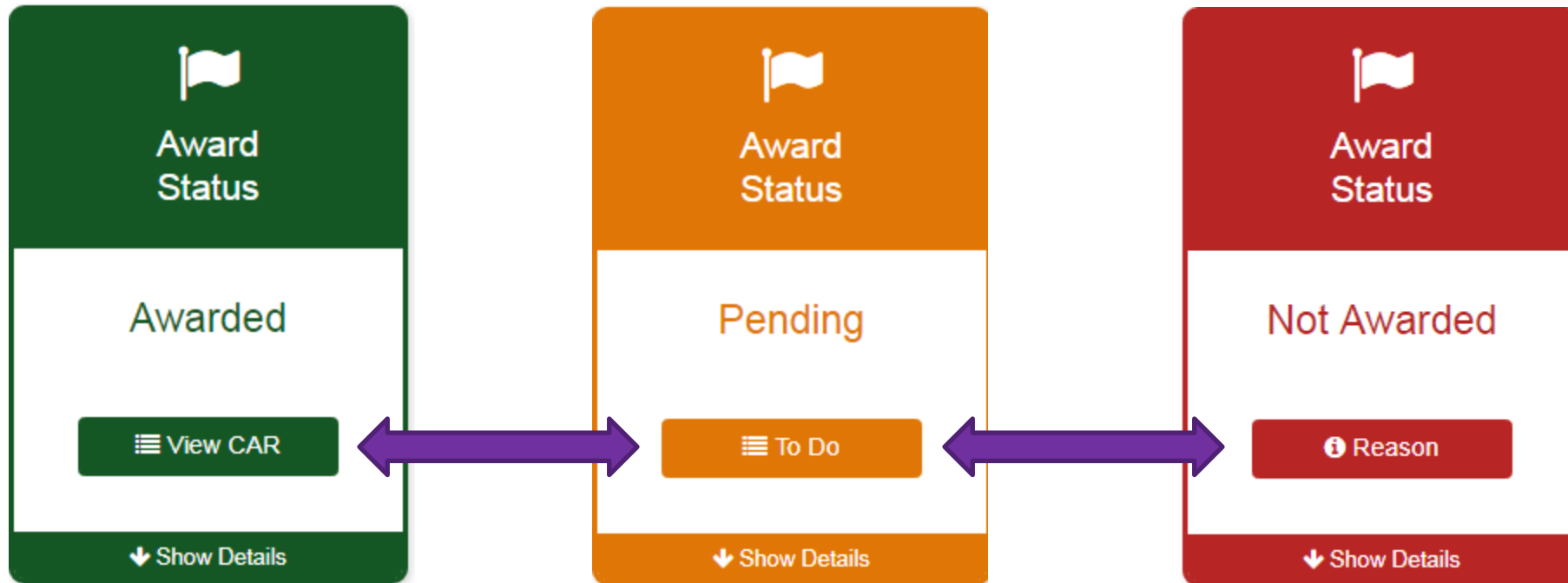
The screenshot displays the 'Edit Profile' interface with the 'Contact Info' tab selected. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Address***: A text input field containing '20612 PIONEER BLVD'. Below it, a green message states 'Address has been verified as a valid information'.
- City**: A text input field containing 'LAKEWOOD'.
- State**: A dropdown menu showing 'CA'.
- Zip**: A text input field containing '90715'.
- 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 modal window.

Cal Grant Award Status

Possible Award Status Cards



↑ Hide Details

↓ Show Details

↓ Show Details

↓ Show Details

Application Status(2018-2019)

Award Status

Awards	Status	Award Cycle Type i
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Application Information [i](#)

Application Type:

Number of Household Member(s) in College:

Date of First Submission:

Expected Family Contribution (EFC): \$0

Total Household Income:

Dependency Status:

Total Net Worth/Assets:

Marital Status:

Household Size:

[How to Update incorrect Information](#)

GPA [i](#)

GPA: 2.72

Submitted by: CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Date Received: 08/31/2018

Type: Reestablished GPA



WebGrants To Do's



1. Check your award status and amount for the Cal Grant and Chafee Grant



2. Verify if there are any "pending" items or forms that still need to be completed



3. Confirm that your school of attendance is accurate. This is referring to the college you plan to attend, not your high school.



4. *Verify that your GPA has been received. If not, contact your high school counselor or the California Student Aid Commission.*



5. Enter your high school graduation date. This will become available on the 1st day of the month of your planned graduation month.