Financial Aid 101: The Application

November 7th, 2022





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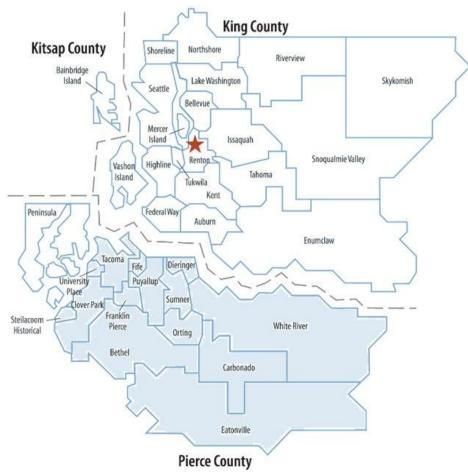


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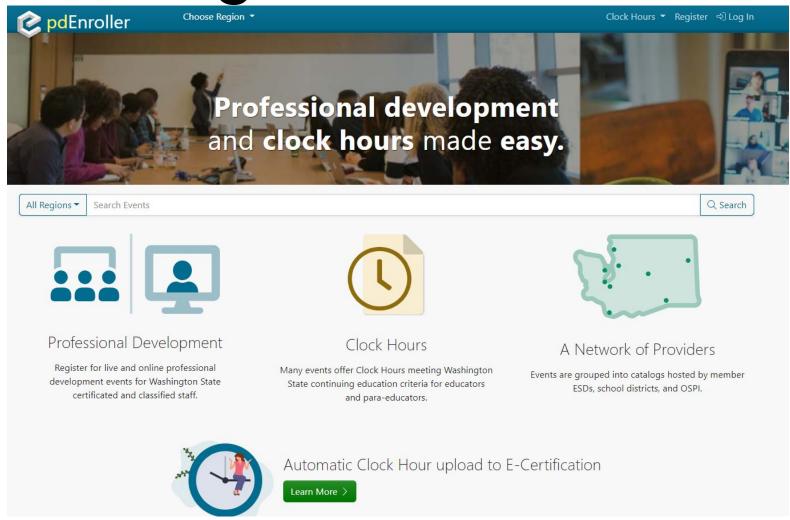
We are committed to **removing barriers** so **first generation**, **low income**, and **students of color** have the opportunity to access & obtain postsecondary credentials.







Where to Register for Clock Hours



Who is in the room? Please enter in the chat box: Name, position, organization

Poll: On scale from 1 to 5, how comfortable are you with financial aid? 1 being not comfortable at all and 5 being "I can do this presentation, make me the presenter".

What Will I Learn Today?

Why is Financial Aid Important FAFSA Line by Line WASFA Line by Line Financial Aid Myths & Challenges Common Errors & How to Fix Them **Supporting Student Applicants** Resources & Next Steps Questions

Why is financial aid important?





Over Half of WA Seniors Didn't Complete a FAFSA

FAFSA Completion in Washington State

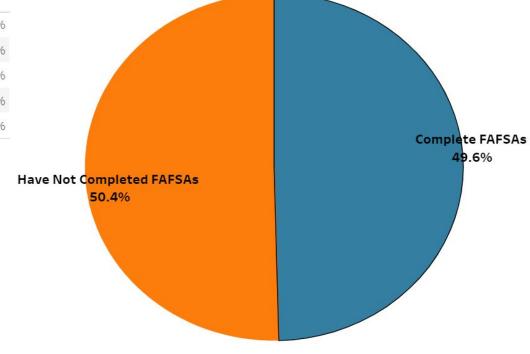
Counts & Rates: 9/26/2022

76,960	100.0%
37,205	48.3%
39,755	51.7%
1,581	4.0%
38,174	49.6%
	37,205 39,755 1,581

Rate Calculations

Submission rate and completion rate are calculated as a percentage of the total number of seniors expected to graduate in the class of 2022 who completed a 2022-2023 FAFSA.

Error rate is calculated as a percentage of the number of submitted FAFSAs.



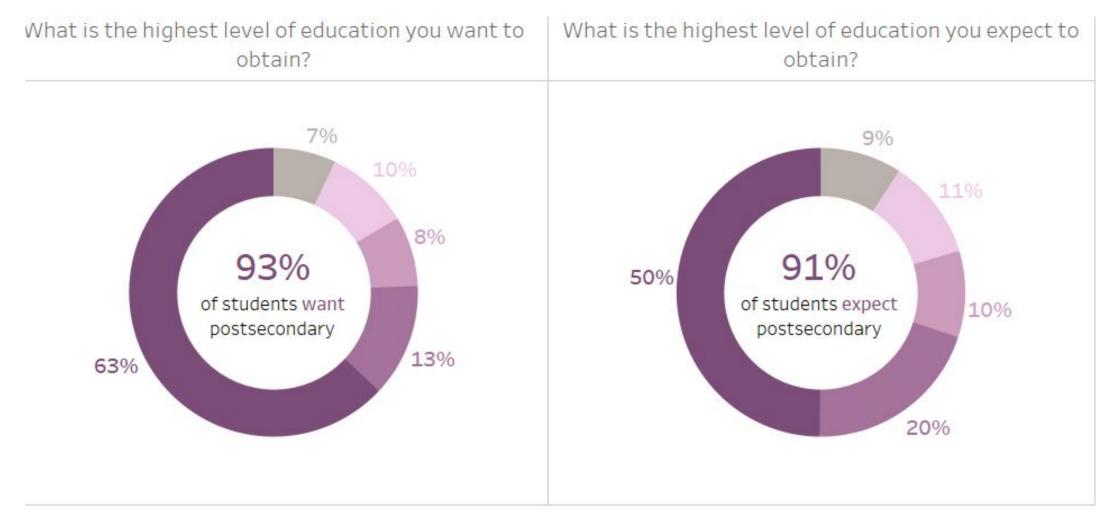




FAFSA for every student

Arizona	48	42.5%
Washington	49	42.0%
Utah	50	38.6%

Student Aspirations & Expectations



FAFSA Line by Line





FAFSA 23-24 Updates

Changes on the 2023–24 FAFSA Form and FSA ID

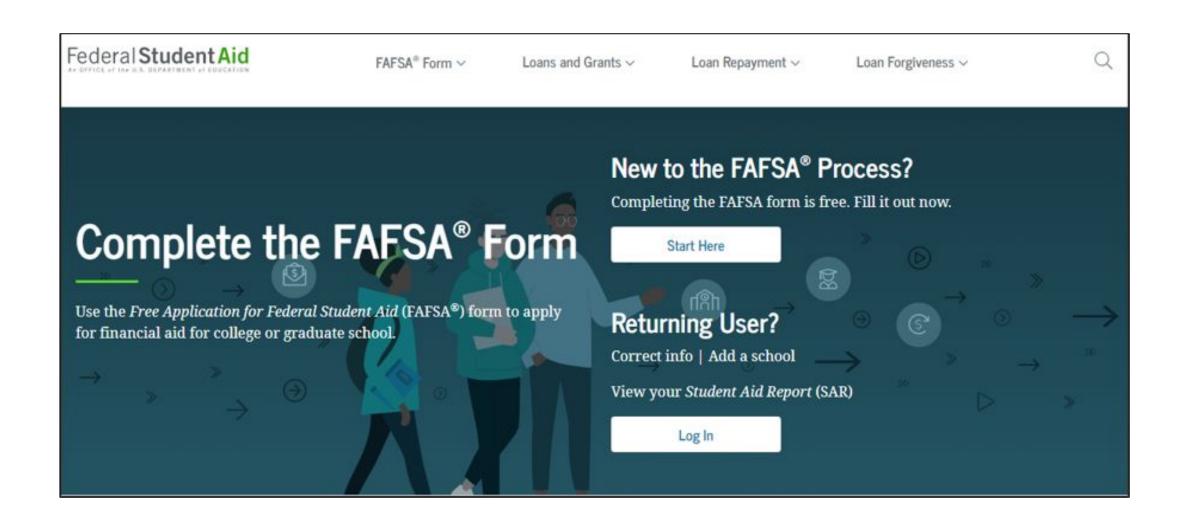
Selective Service and drug conviction eligibility questions will be removed from the FAFSA form.

The myStudent Aid app retired on June 30, 2022.

A multi-factor authentication (MFA) process has been added when using an FSA ID to log-in to studentaid.gov. The process took effect on July 10, 2022.

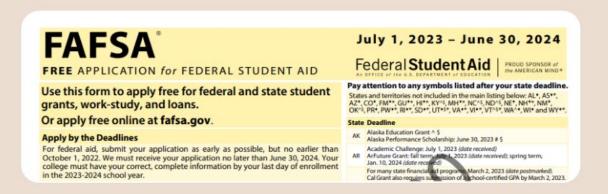
Addition of a demographic survey with questions related to gender, ethnicity, and race.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



Two Ways to Apply





Website

Paper FAFSA

FAFSA Website Language Options





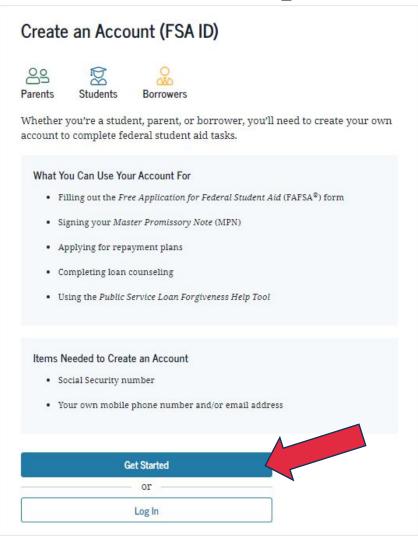
English

Spanish

FSA ID - The First Step

Social Security
Number

Their own mobile phone number and/or email address



Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 1 of 7

First Name

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.

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FSA ID Resources

Help > Managing Your Account

Managing Your Account

Get answers to questions about how to review your loan amounts, manage your payments, and update your personal information. You can also browse common account questions.

FSA id

Search

Can I change my account username and password (FSA ID)?

A person can change their password by visiting Edit My Account. Their FSA ID username cannot be changed. If they think the security of their FSA ID has been compromised, they must change their password.

Can I create an account username and password (FSA ID) for my child, parent, or spouse?

You may only create and use an FSA ID if you are the account owner.

Do I need an account username and password (FSA ID)?

You need an FSA ID if you are a student, borrower, or parent to complete FAFSArelated items and other tasks on the Student Aid website.

Do I need to have a permanent address, mobile phone, or email address to create my account username and password (FSA ID)?

No, you are not required to provide a permanent address. You are required to provide either a verified email address or mobile phone number when you create an FSA ID.

Does my account username and password (FSA ID) expire?

Your ESA ID username and password do not expire. You will be prompted to

Related Pages

Create an Account

Retrieve Your Username

Reset Your Password

Unlock Your FSA ID

Make a Student Loan Payment

Have more questions?

We're here to help. Call, email, or chat with a representative.

Contact Us



Student Support Module

FSA ID Worksheet

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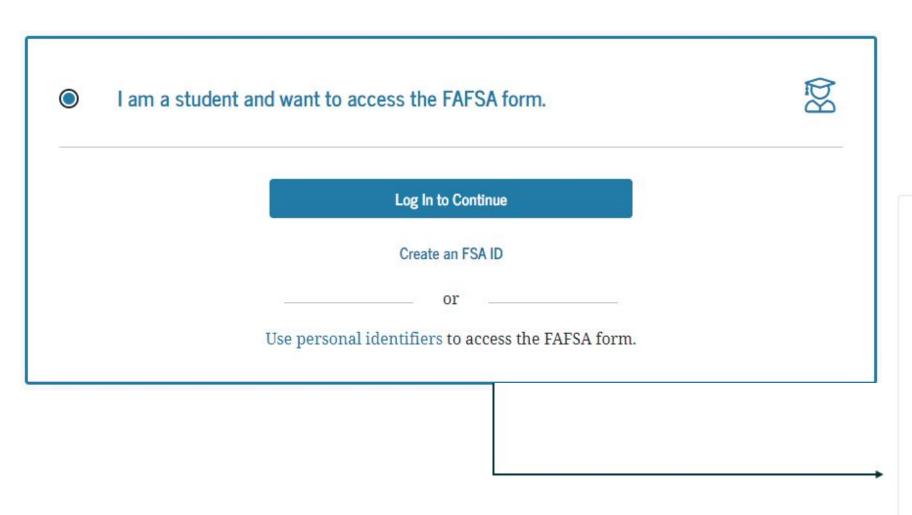
Federal Student Aid FAQ and Help Center

• fsaid.ed.gov/npas/pub/faq.htm

FAFSA Login Page



Student Login Page



Number	O Username, Email Address, or Mobi
	Forgot Username Create an FSA ID
Student's FSA II) Password
	Show
	Forgot Password
	Log In
	or —
	Create Account

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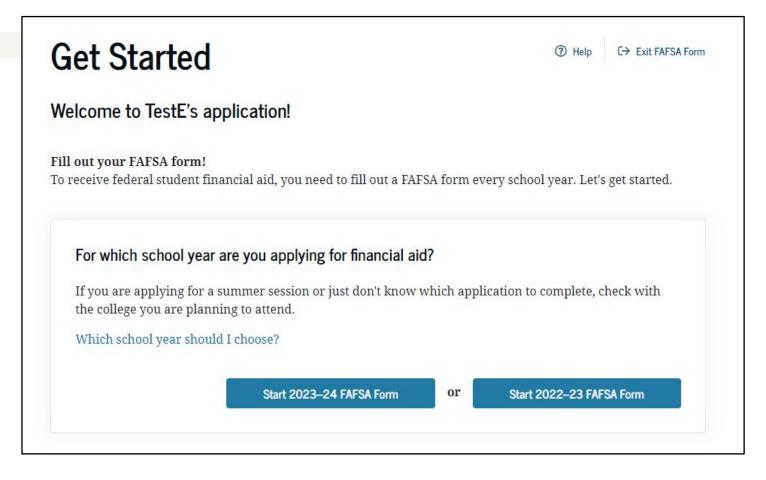
- any access by an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, who is not the
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 the commercial entity or third party is providing a service to an authorized user of the system); and
- any access in furtherance of any criminal or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

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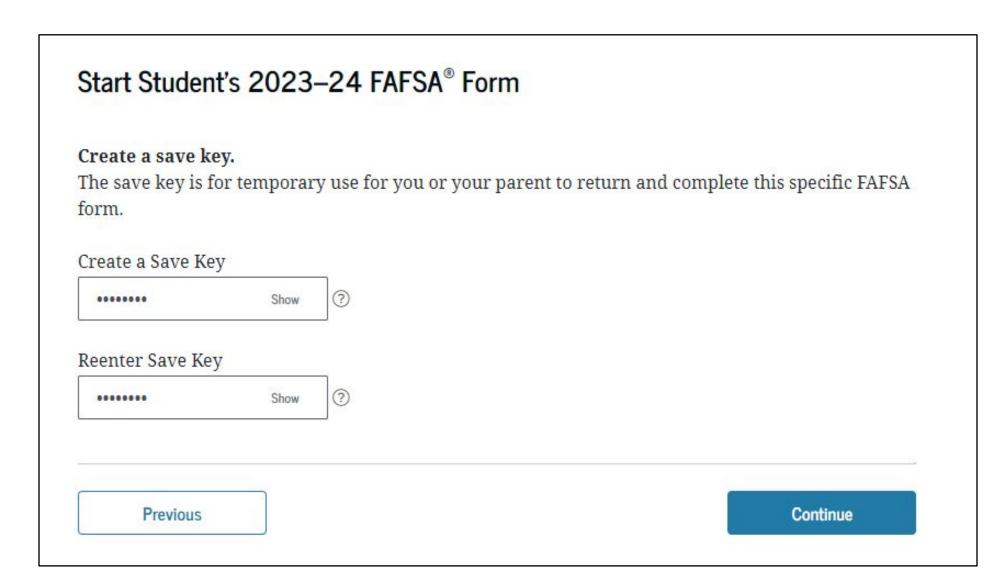
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Selecting the Correct FAFSA Year

Those wanting to attend college next year including the high school class of 2023 will complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA



Creating a Save Key

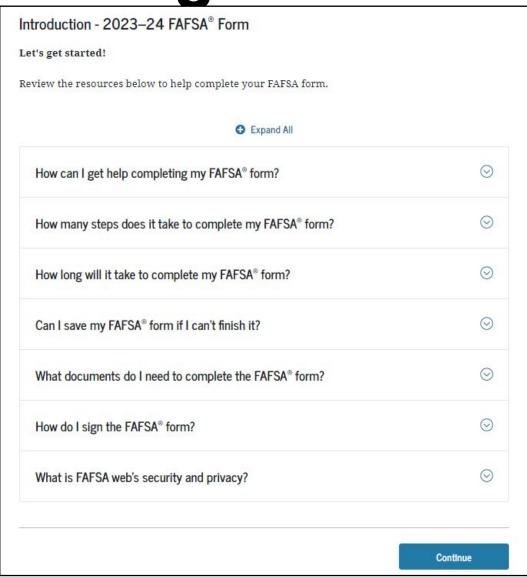


45 Day Rule

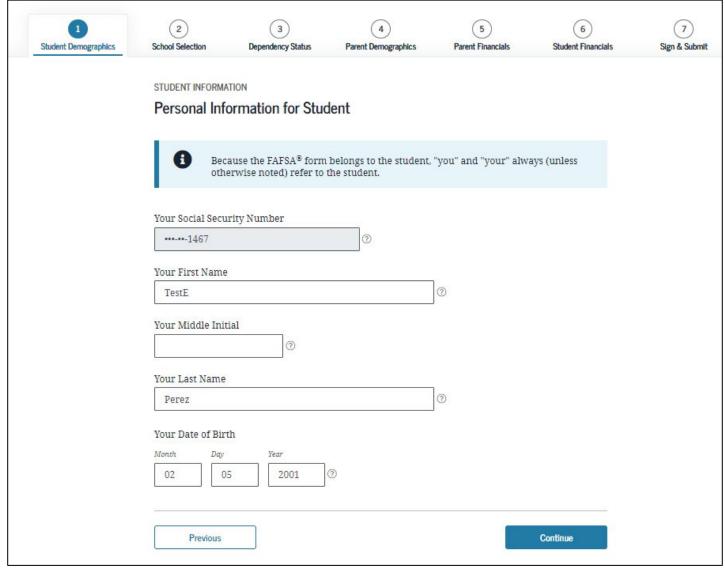
If you do not log into your application for 45 days all the data will be deleted.

Provide additional supports to ensure students are progressing through the FAFSA.

Introduction Page



Student Demographic Information

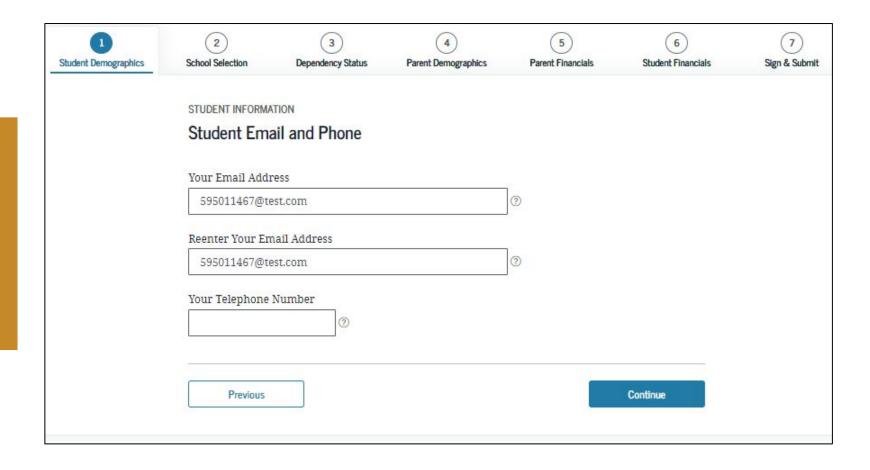


Student Contact Information

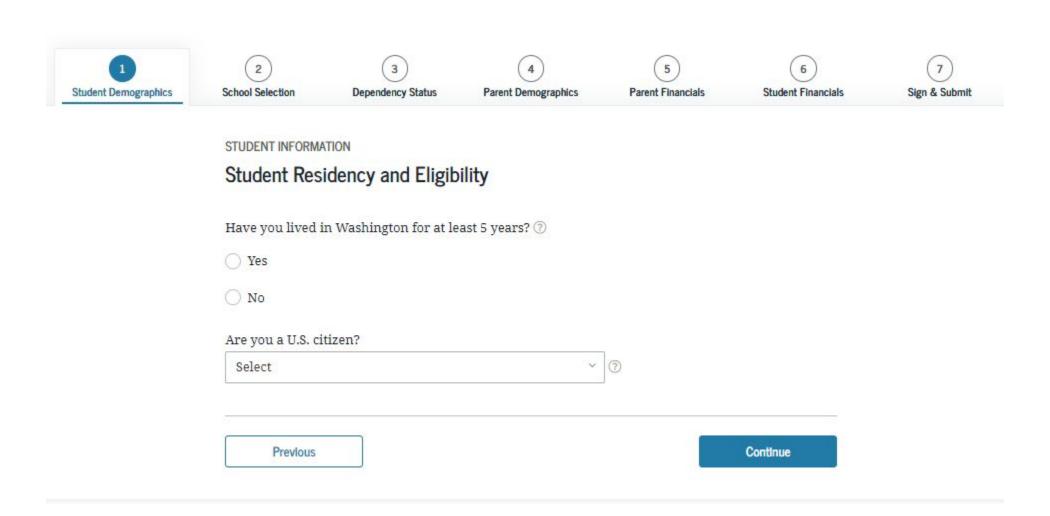
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Reenter Your Email Address		
newuser@fafsademo.com	③	
our Telephone Number		

Student Contact Information

High School students should not use their HS email address. As they will not typically have access after they graduate.



Student Residency and Eligibility



Eligibility Tips

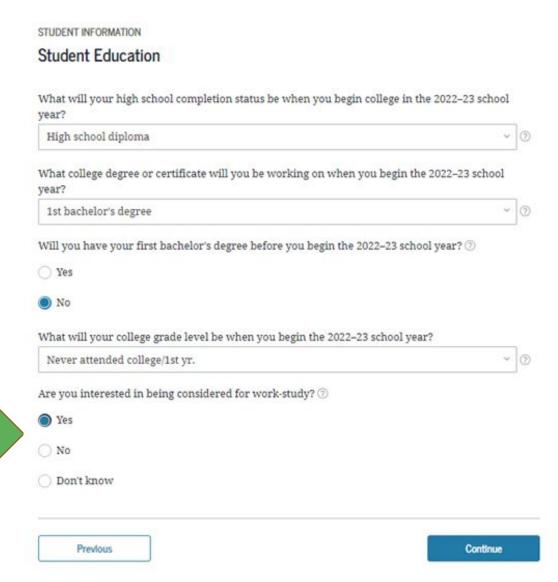
A parent's citizenship status is not an eligibility requirement

Gender designation does not impact a student's eligibility for financial aid

If a student is not eligible for federal funding, have them assess themselves for state funding eligibility using the WASFA

Student Education

If a student wants to be considered for work-study please have them select yes. Some schools will not consider a student for work study if they check Don't Know



Student Education Grade Level

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

This is question **26** on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) PDF.

This question can't be left blank.

Select the college grade level you will be in from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. If you're currently a senior in high school or will be a first-time college student, select "Never attended college/1st yr."

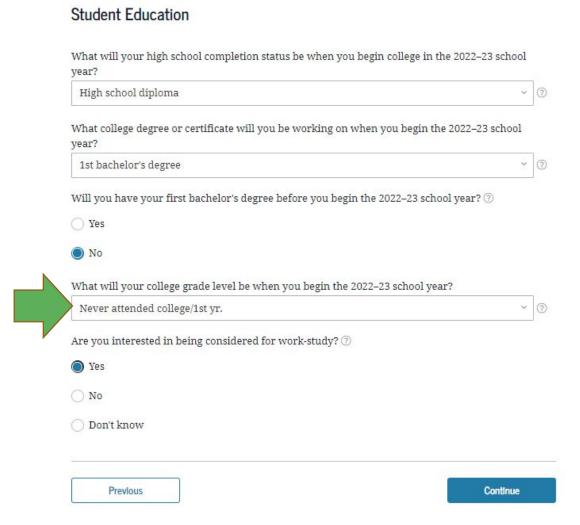
"Grade level" doesn't mean the number of years you have attended college, but it refers to your grade level in regard to completing your degree or certificate. A student who isn't enrolled full-time will require more years than a full-time student to reach the same grade level.

If a student has dual credit they will want to use their credit year:

1-45 credits they will select:

1st year undergraduate and has attended college before 45-90 credits they will select:

2nd year undergraduate/sophomore



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Student Education Work-Study

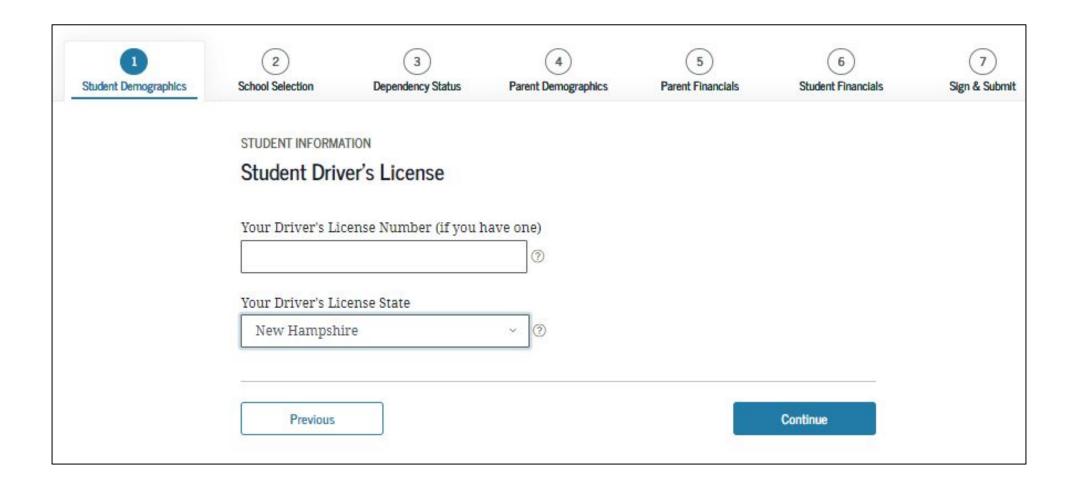
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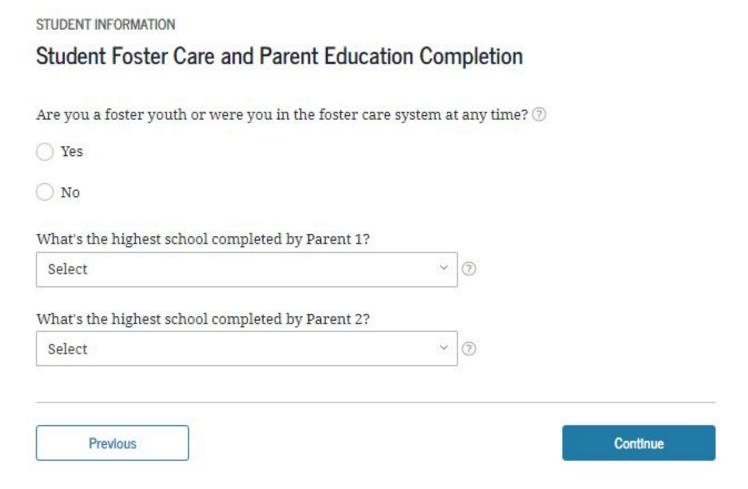
Student Education

High school diploma	~
What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2 year?	2022–23 school
1st bachelor's degree	Ÿ
Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2022–23 school	year? ⑦
○ Yes	
● No	
What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2022–23 school year?	Ü.
Never attended college/1st yr.	~
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Are you interested in being considered for work-study? ⑦	V
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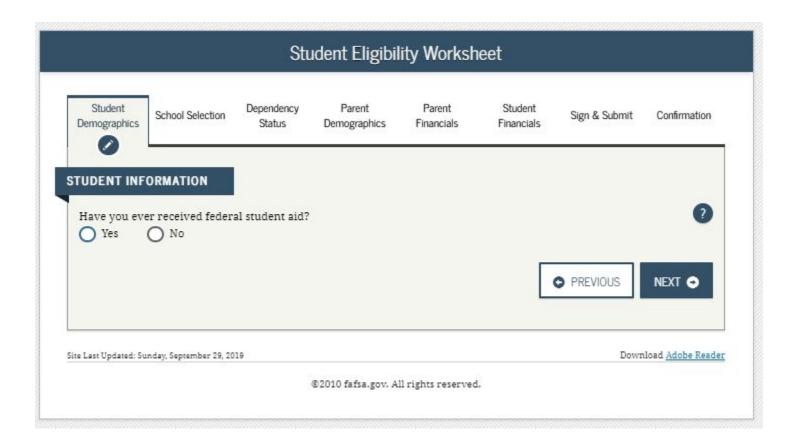
Student Driver License



Student Foster Care and Parent Education

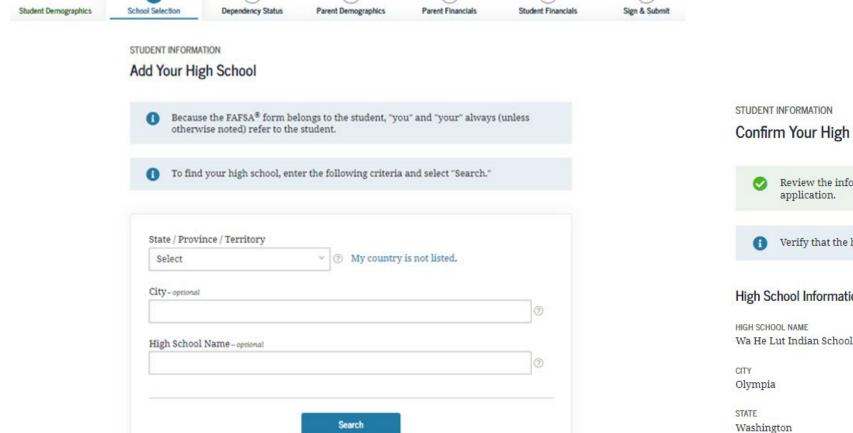


Student Eligibility



Confirming High School

(5)



Confirm Your High School

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

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

High School Information

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College Selection

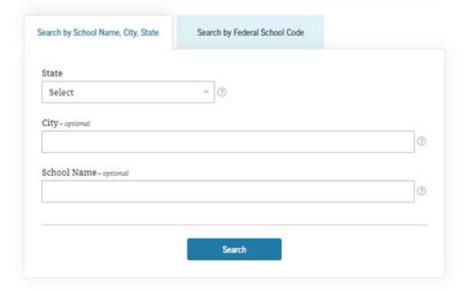
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College Search

- Judith, based on the information you provided, we've determined that you may qualify for federal student aid. Continue through the application for us to determine how much aid you can receive.
- Here's where you'll search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA[®] information. You can add up to 10 colleges at a time to your FAFSA form. Learn what to do if you're applying to more than 10 colleges.

Make sure you add ALL colleges you're interested in, even if you haven't applied or been accepted yet.

Complete the fields below to search for a college to add to your FAFSA® form. Need help refining your search? Try these search tips.



College Housing Plan

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Selected Colleges and Housing Info

You may change the positioning of any school in this list. To do so, use the UP and DOWN arrow buttons to move the school one position up, or one position down. The "Remove" button in the bottom right 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. Columbia Basin College Federal School Code: 003774 | Pasco, WA | View College Info 01 Housing Plan On Campus Remove V Evergreen State College (The) Federal School Code: 008155 | Olympia, WA | View College Info 02 Housing Plan On Campus Remove V Add More Schools

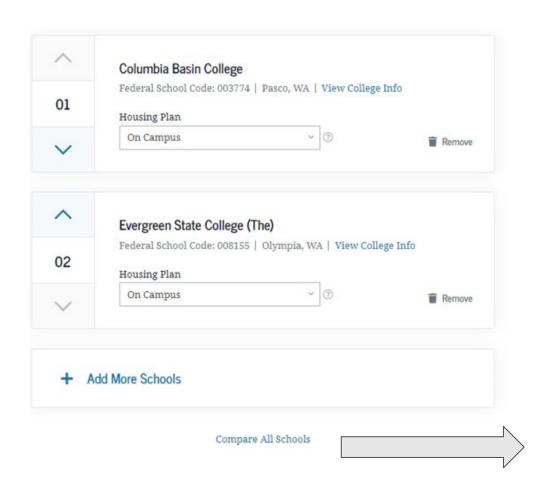
Students can list up to 10 schools and rank their college choices.

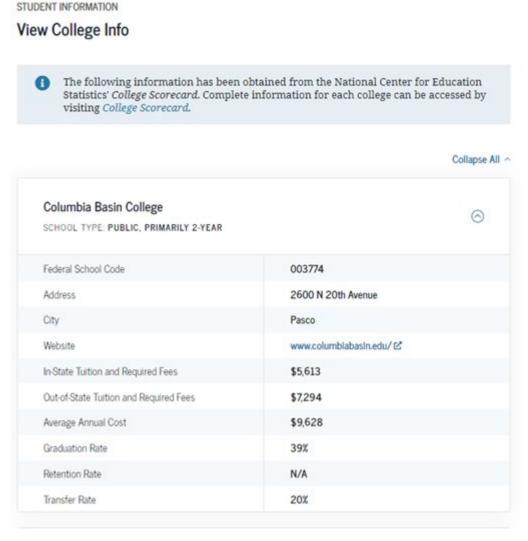
The order of schools for your college list will not impact your eligibility for state aid programs.

Students must list an eligible in-state college to be considered for state aid.

Students will also list their housing plan while attending.

Optional: Viewing School Information





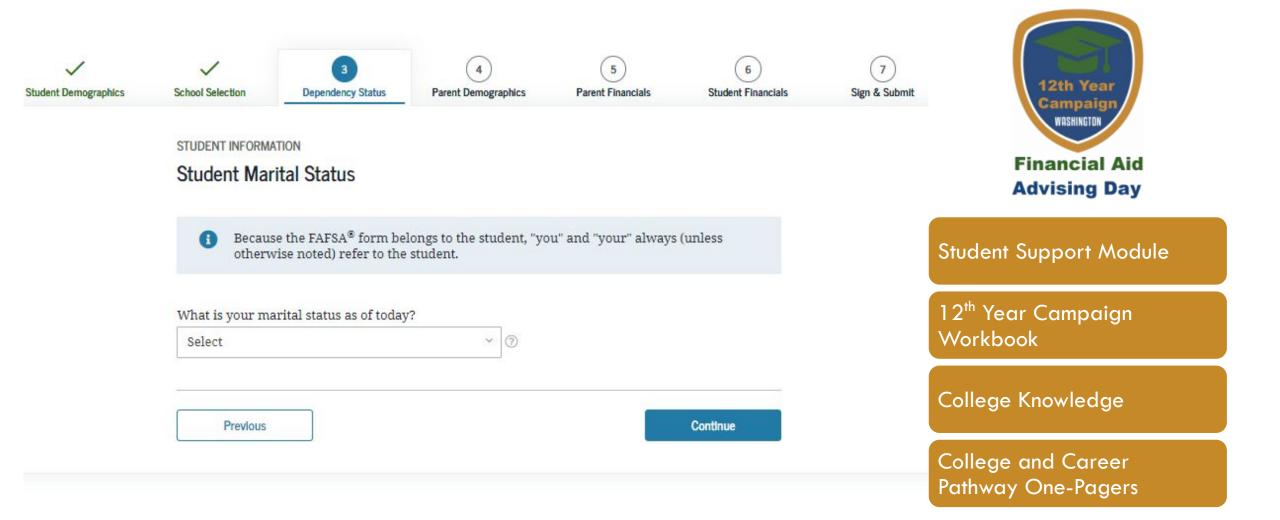
Financial Aid Dependency Status

Dependent

• Under the age of 24 with no special circumstances. If a student is dependent, they will report their own and their parent's information.

Independent

 Independent students will report their own (and their spouse if they are married) income.



			1 -		_		Student Additional Dependency Questions	
Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Parent Financials	Student Financials	7 Sign & Submit	Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA® form. Select all that apply or "None of the above." ③	
	STUDENT INFORMATION							
	Does the st	tudent have deper	ndents?	Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?				
	Dependent Children						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?	
	Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from							
	you between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024? ⑦ Yes							
	No							
	Other Depende	ents			As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?			
	Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024? ③						Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	
	○ Yes							
	● No						None of the above	
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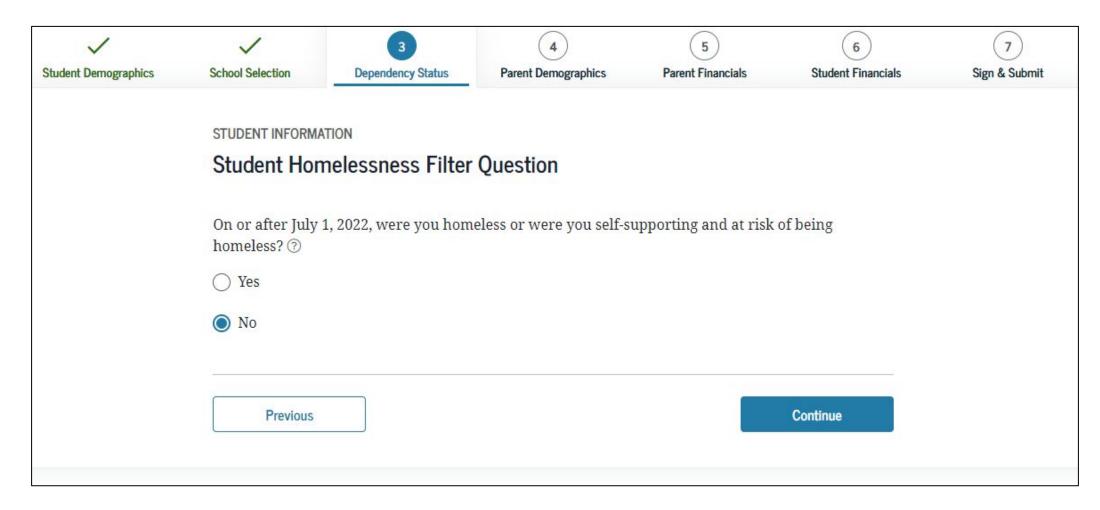
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Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?
Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?
At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you 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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Continue



Dependency Status Results - Independent

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Independent Student Status

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

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

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

Would you like to answer questions about your parents? ⑦

Independent students
do not have to
answer questions
about their parents.

Students over the age
of 24 are
automatically
considered
independent

Independent students will move directly to the tax filing status section.

Dependency Status Results - Dependent

Most students under the age of 24 are considered dependent and are required to answer questions about their parents.

Students under the age of 24 may have special circumstances that could allow them to be considered independent.

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Dependent Student Status

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, you are considered a "dependent" student. This means you must provide parental information. Select the "I will provide information about my parent(s)" option and "Continue" to continue filling out your FAFSA® form.

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

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

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Dependency Status Results - Dependent

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Impact of Not Providing Parent Information

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

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

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Dependency Override

Though the following reasons may be relevant when combined with other circumstances, these situations do not on their own qualify as reasons for students to request a dependency override.

- The student demonstrates total financial independence or self-sufficiency.
- The student's parents are unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification.
- The student does not live with their parents.
- The student's parents do not claim the student on their federal or state tax forms.

Whose Information Should I Provide?

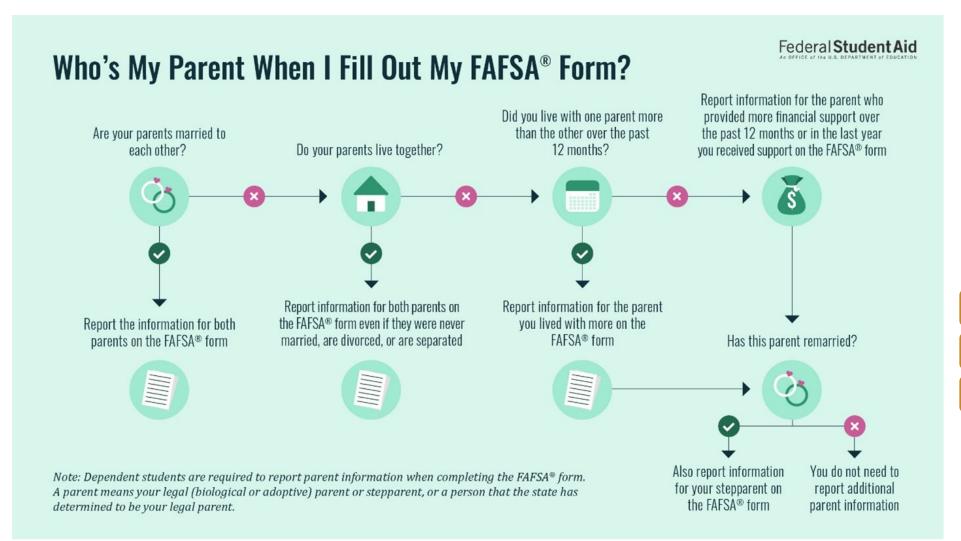
PARENT INFORMATION Whose Information Should I Provide?

For additional assistance determining what parent information to report on the FAFSA® form, refer to Who's my Parent When Filling Out the FAFSA form? fact sheet.

Since you have been identified as a dependent student, you will need to provide information about your parent(s). You must identify and report information about your parent(s) even if you don't live with him or her. Use the following criteria to determine whose information you should report in the "Parent Demographics" and "Parent Financials" sections of the FAFSA® form:

My parents live together (married or unmarried).	0
My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with one parent more than the other.	0
My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with both parents equally.	0
I was legally adopted.	0
Previous Contri	nue

Who Is My Parent?





Student Support Module

12th Year Campaign Workbook

College Knowledge

Who Is My Parent?

MarriedBoth parents

Remarried

The parent (and stepparent) you live with most.

Single or Widowed

The single or surviving

parent



Unmarried,
Separated, or
Divorced but Living
Together

Both parents

Divorced or Separated and not living together

The parent you live with most.

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College Knowledge

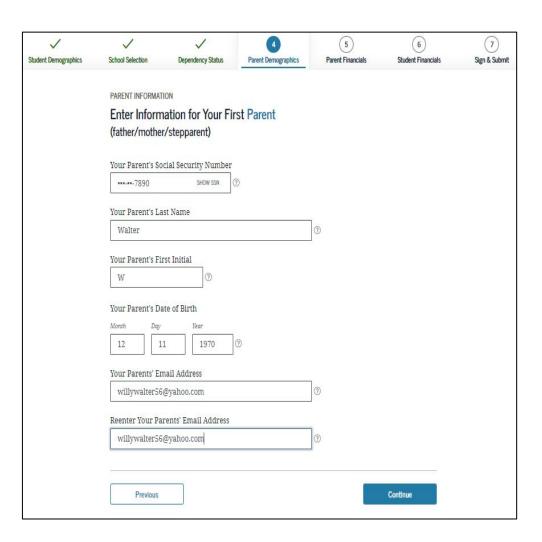
Parent Demographics

PARENT INFORMATION **Parent Marital Status** Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student. As of today, what is the marital status of your parents? Select V Previous Continue

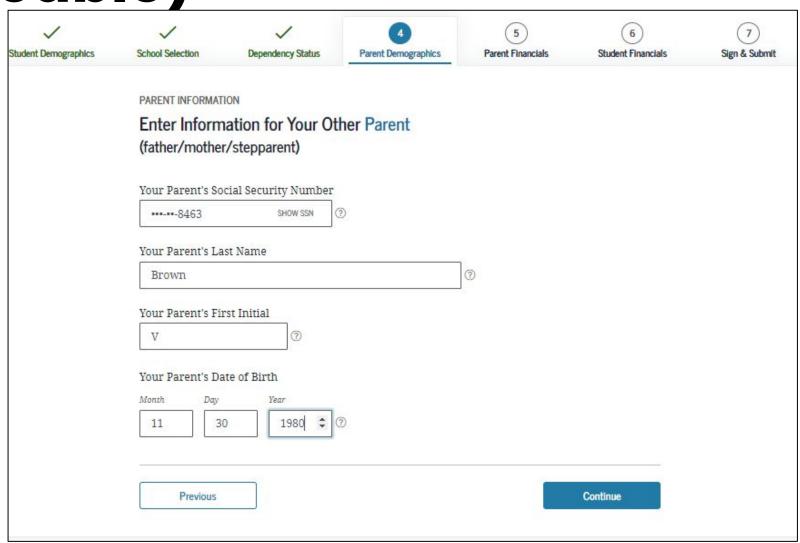
Parent Information

If a parent does not have a Social Security Number they will need to enter 000-00-0000 in the SSN box.

Parents do not use their ITIN.



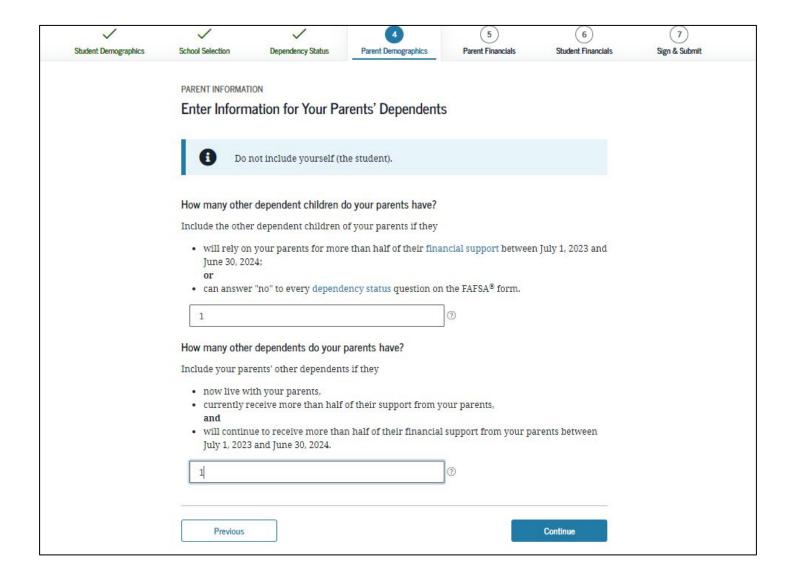
Other Parent Information (If applicable)



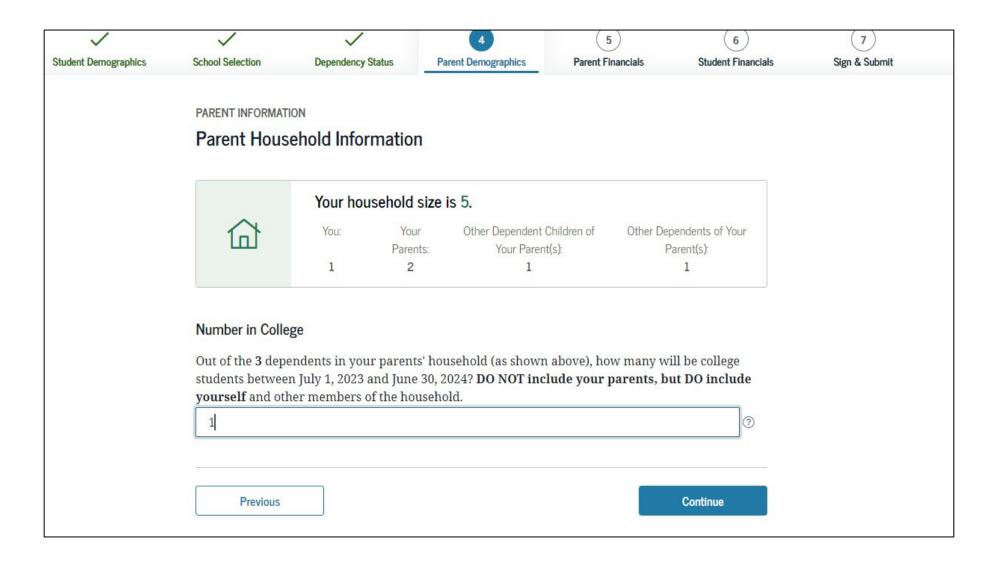
Parent State of Residence

Parent State of Legal Residence	
Has your mother lived in Maryland for at least 5 years? ⑦	
○ Yes	
○ No	
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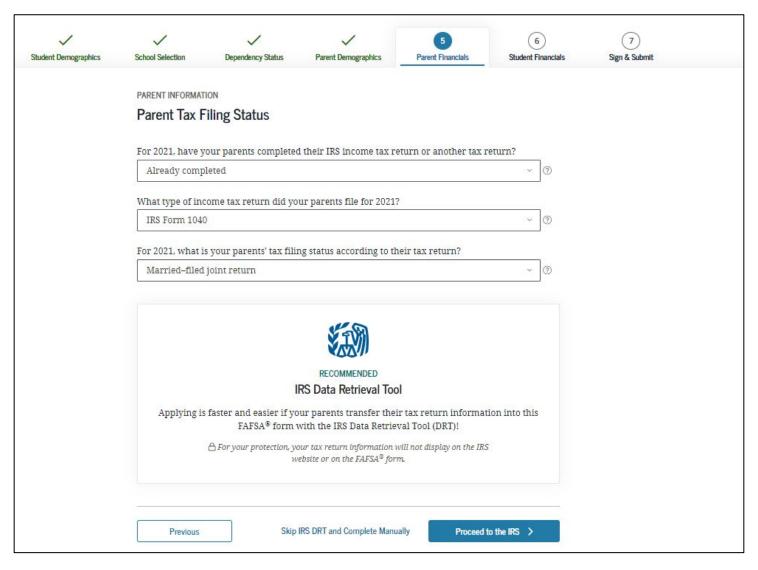
Parent Household Info



Parent Household Info



Parent Tax Filing Status



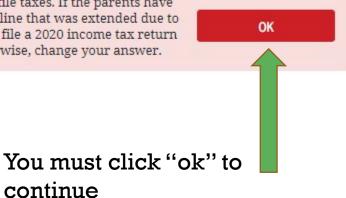
Parent Tax Information

If a family hasn't filed 2021 taxes but plans to in the future, they can select "Will File".



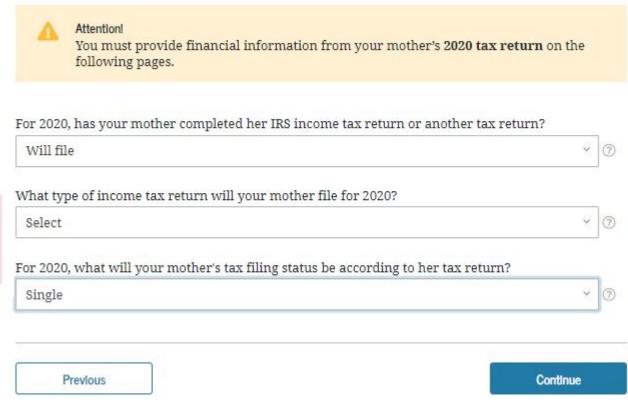
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You indicated the parents will file taxes. If the parents have missed the 2020 tax filing deadline that was extended due to COVID-19, but they still plan to file a 2020 income tax return with the IRS, select "OK." Otherwise, change your answer.



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Parent Tax Filing Status



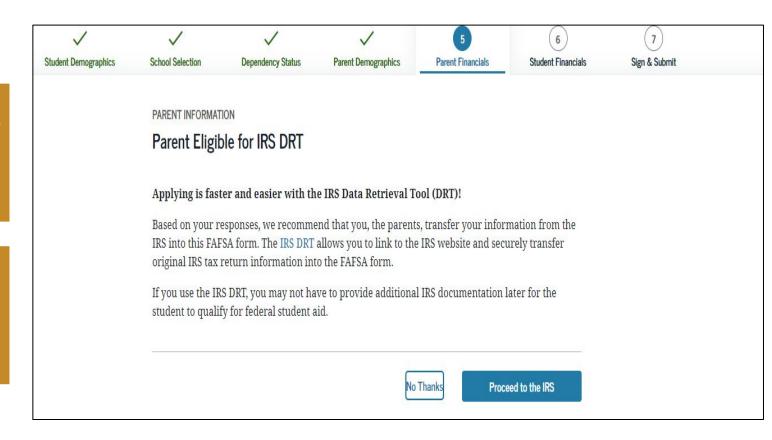
Data Retrieval Tool & Tips

All data is masked, students will need their taxes to complete the process

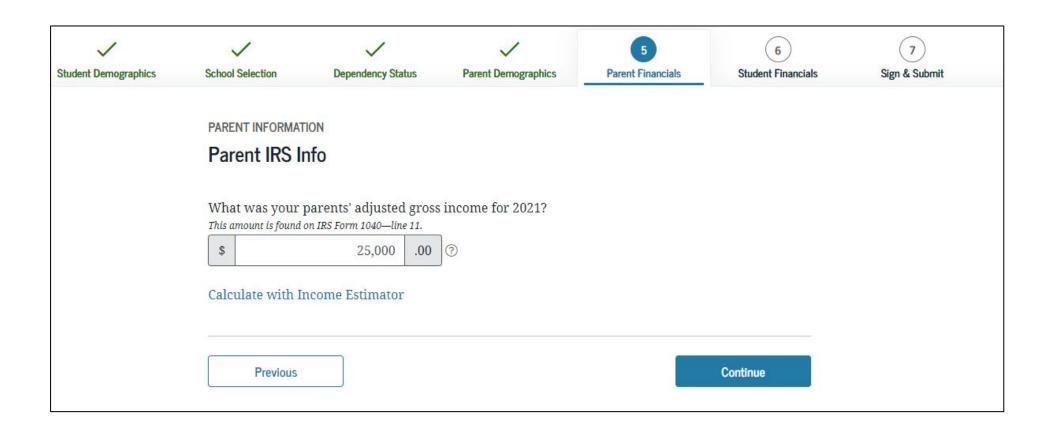
Address/Names must be entered exactly as listed on taxes

You must have an FSA ID to use the DRT

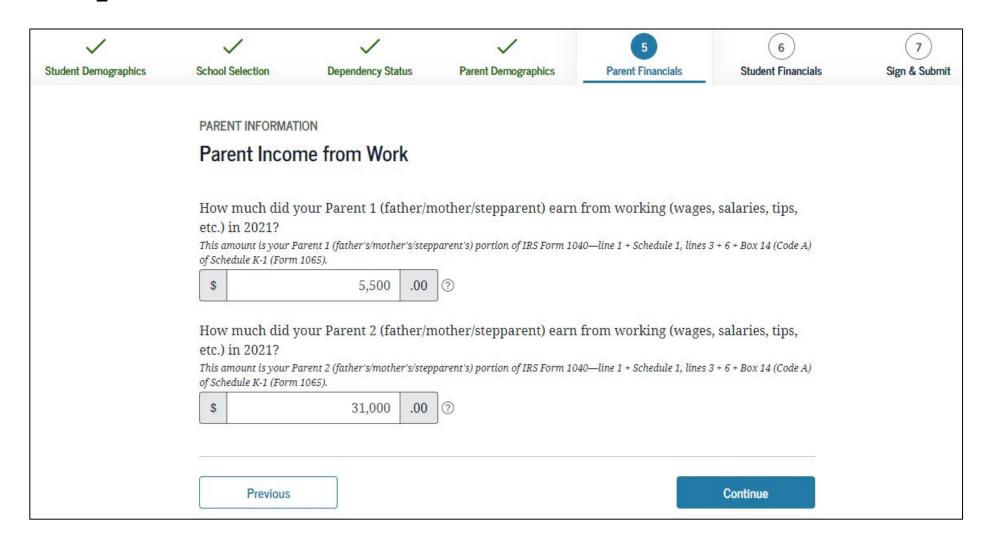
Using this tool reduces chances of verification



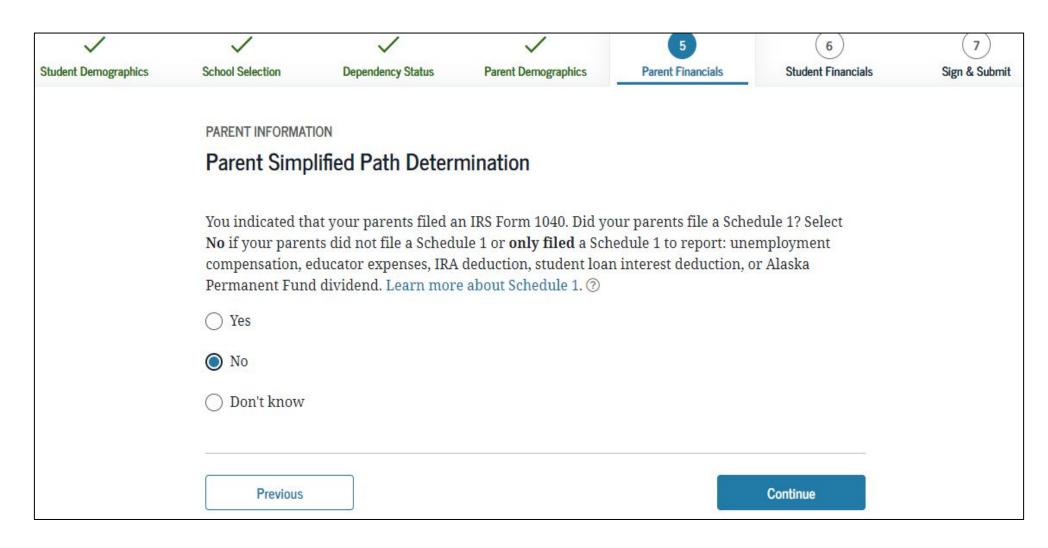
Parent Tax Information Manual Entry



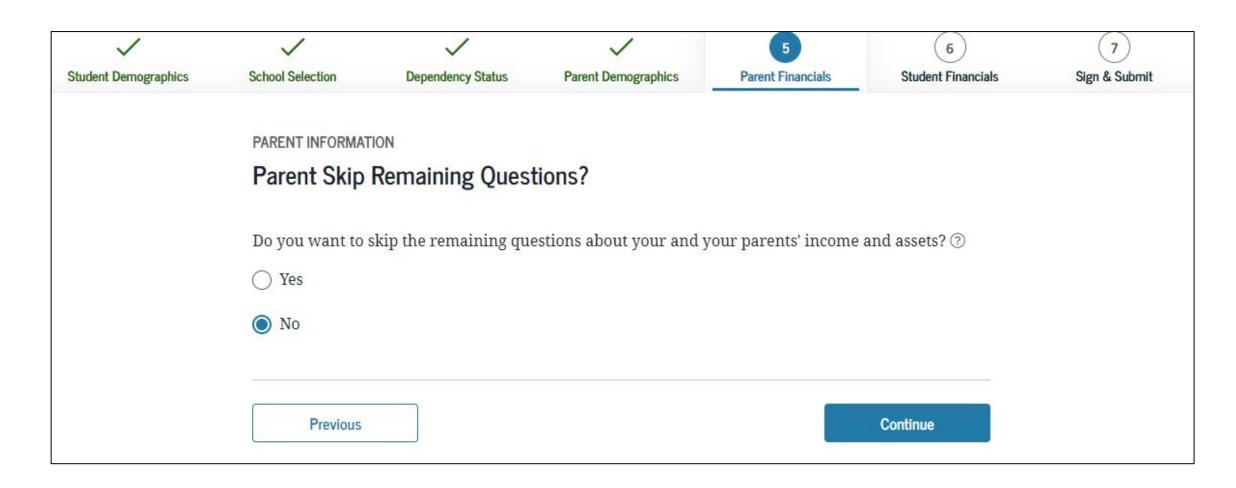
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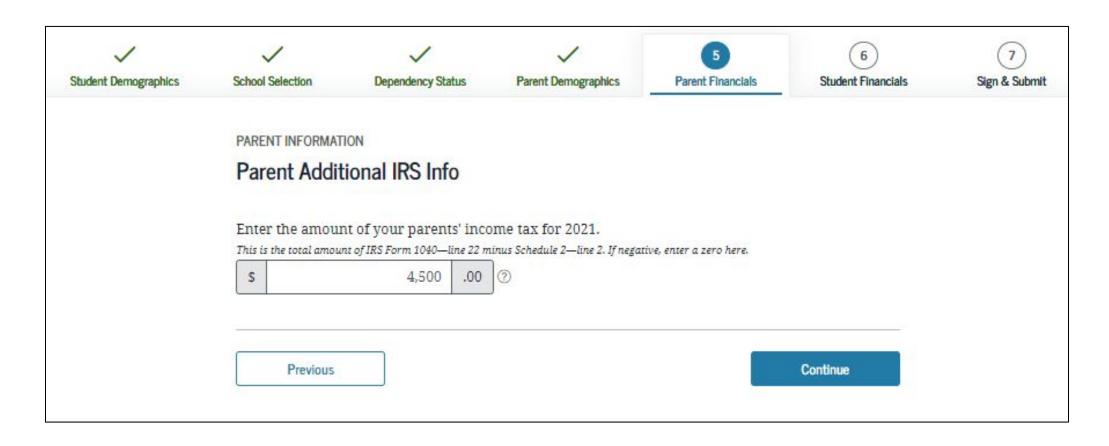
Parent Questions Simplified Path Determination



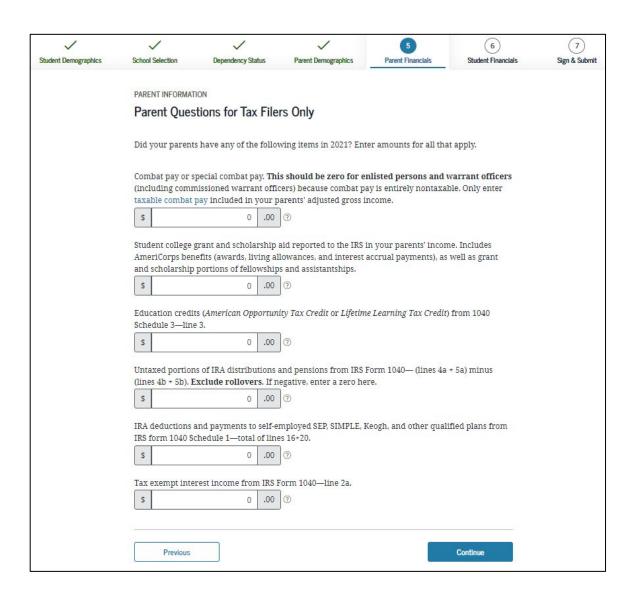
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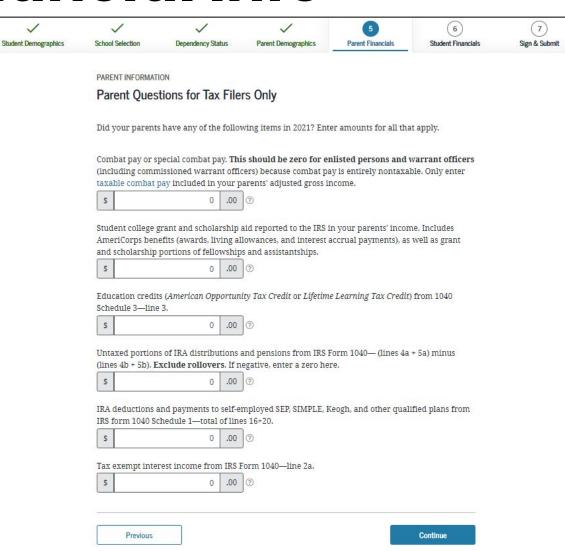


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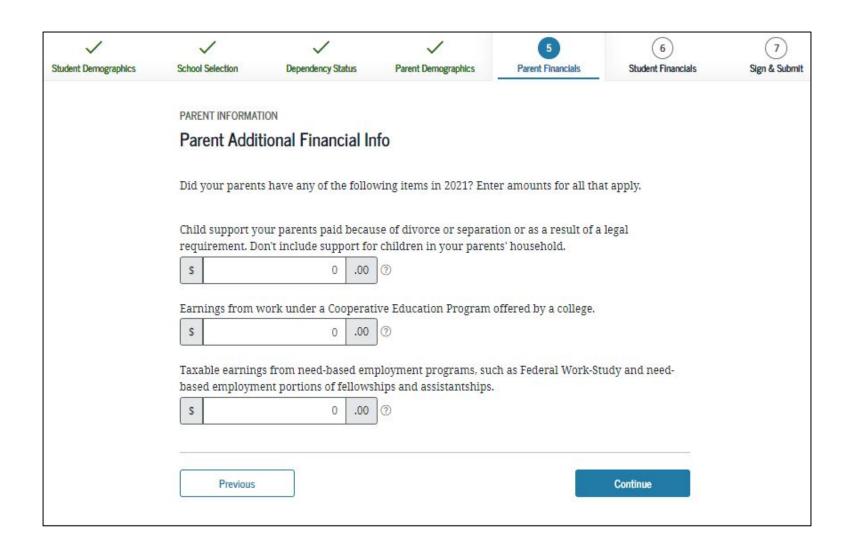


Parent Additional Financial Info

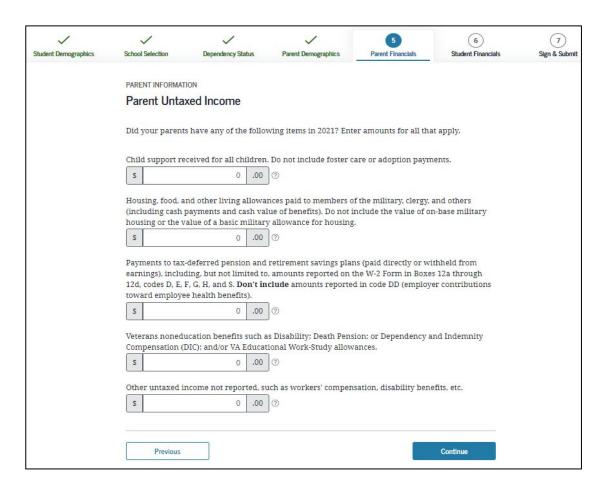




Parent Additional Financial Info



Parent Untaxed Income



Don't include

- Untaxed unemployment benefits
- Extended foster care benefits
- Student aid
- Earned income credit
- Child tax credit
- Welfare payments
- Untaxed Social Security benefits
- Supplemental Security Income
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act educational benefits
- On-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay
- Benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans)
- Foreign income exclusion, or credit for federal tax on special fuels.

Parent Assets

Assets Cash, savings, checking

accounts

Investments

Real estate, trust funds, stocks,

CD, special minor accounts,

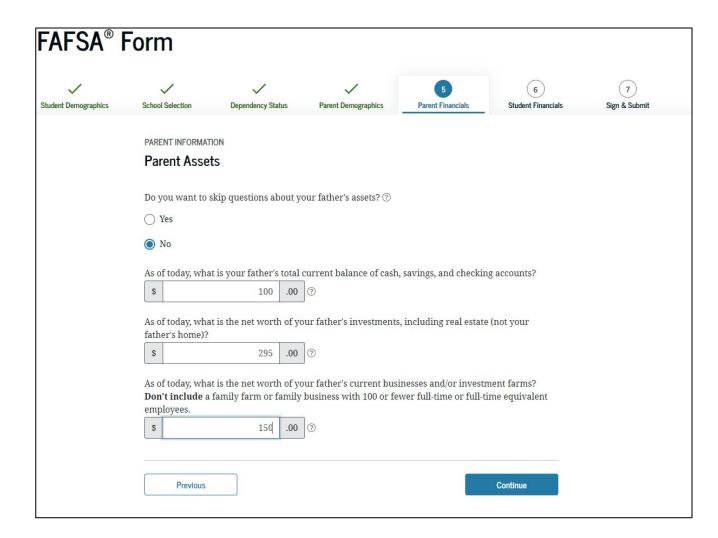
money market funds, securities,

commodities, college savings

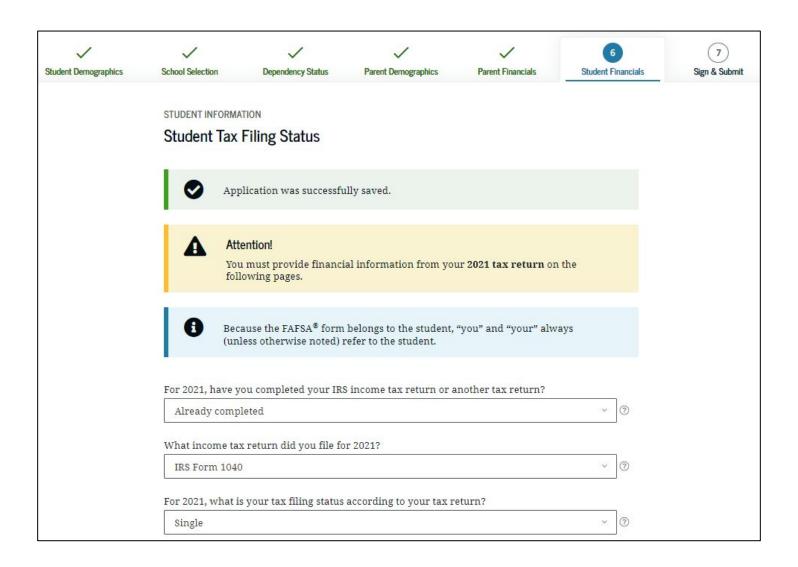
plans (529 college

savings/prepaid tuition plans),

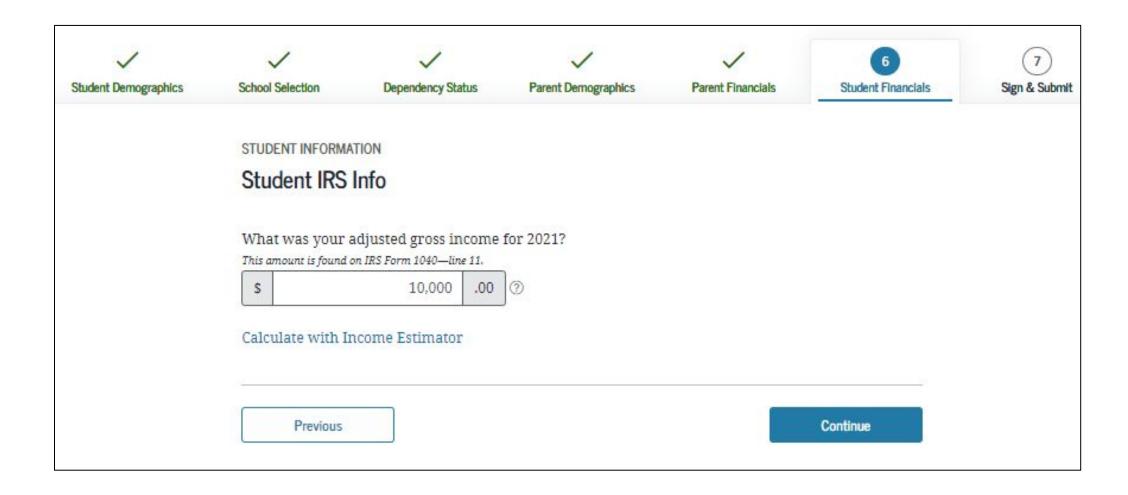
mutual funds, bonds, etc

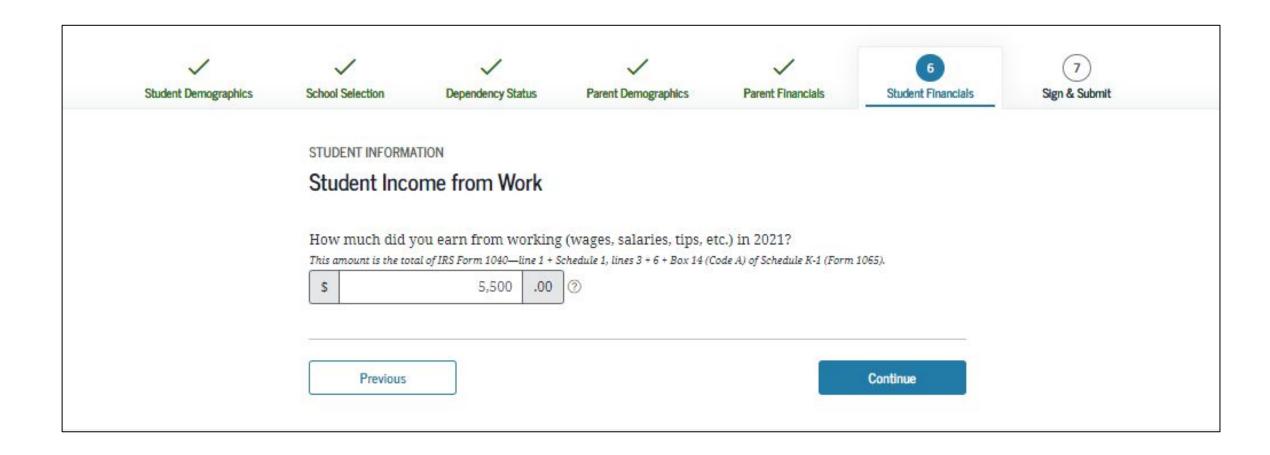


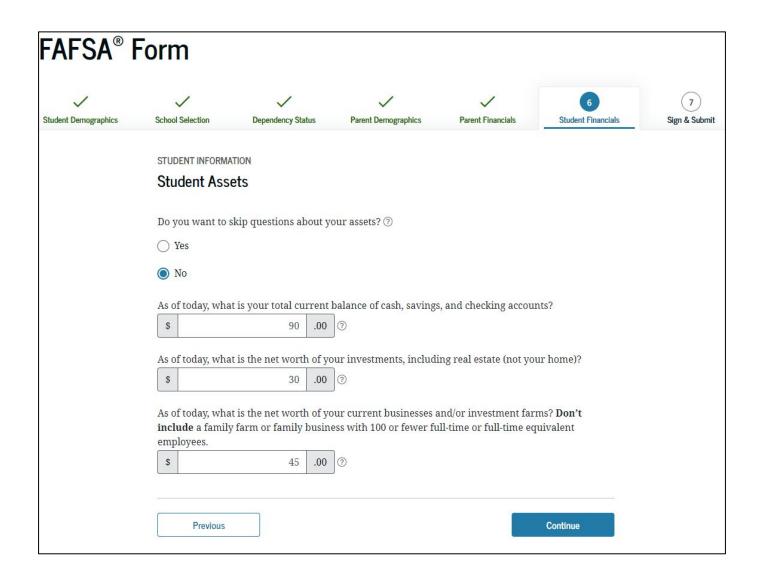
Student Financial Information



Student Financial Information







STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Additional Financial Info



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

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

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



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

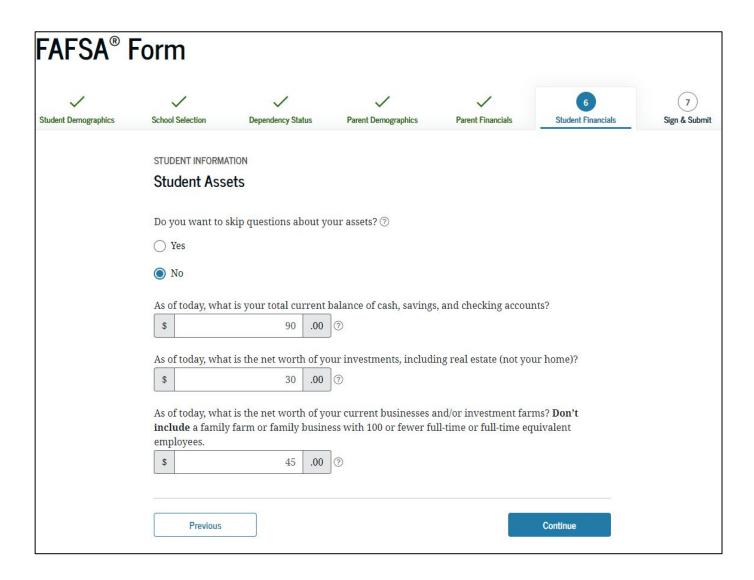


Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.

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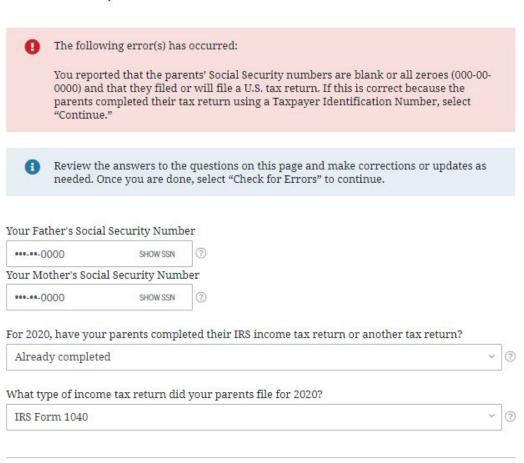
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Verifying Information

Verification Required



FAFSA Summary

Student's Social Security Number (question 8)	1467
Student's First Name (question 2), Student's Middle Initial (question 3)	TestE
Student's Last Name (question 1)	Perez
Student's Date of Birth (question 9)	02/05/2001
Student's Email Address (question 13)	595011467@test.com
Student's Telephone Number (question 10)	
Student's Permanent Mailing Address (question 4)	100 Main St
Student's Permanent City (question 5)	Manchester
Student's Permanent State (question 6), Student's Permanent ZIP Code (question 7)	New Hampshire, 03245
Has the student lived in state for at least five years?	Yes
Student's State of Legal Residence (question 18)	New Hampshire
Was the student a legal resident before January 1, 2018? (question 19)	Yes
Student's Legal Residence Date (question 20)	
Student's Citizenship Status (question 14)	Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national).
Student's Alien Registration Number (question 15)	
Has the student completed high school or an equivalent? (question 23)	High school diploma
Type of Degree/Certificate (question 27)	1st bachelor's degree

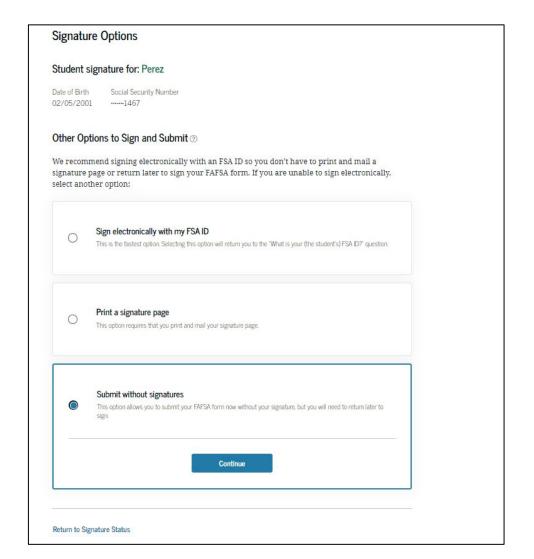
Did the student complete his or her first bachelor's degree before 2023–24 school year? (question 25)	No
Student's Grade Level in College in 2023–24 (question 26)	Never attended college/1st yr.
Is the student interested in Work-Study? (question 28)	No
Student's Driver's License Number (question 11)	
Student's Driver's License State (question 12)	New Hampshire
Is the student in foster care?	No
Parent 1 Educational Level (question 21)	High school
Parent 2 Educational Level (question 22)	College or beyond

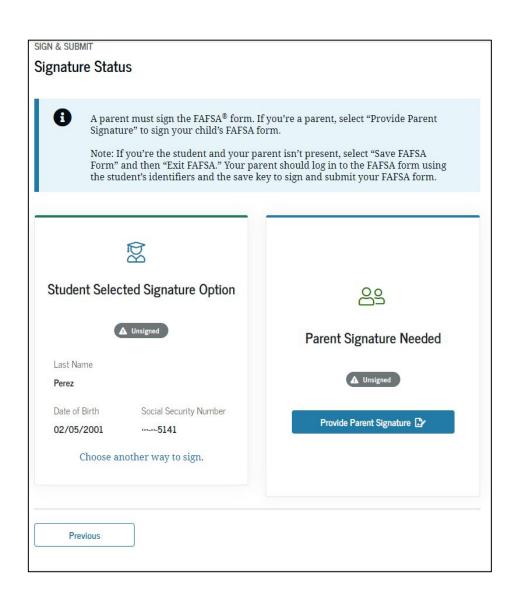
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	These questions don't affect aid eligibility. Your answers to questions in this survey will not affect your eligibility for federal student aid and will not be used in any aid calculations.
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) Male	
● Female	
) Nonbina	rv
	to answer
Are you trai	isgender?
○ Yes	
No No	
) Decline	to answer
What is you	r ethnicity? Choose all that apply.
Not Hisp	anic nor Latino origin
Cuban d	escent
Mexicar	, Mexican-American, or Chicano descent
Puerto F	ican descent
Other Sp	anish, Hispanic, or Latino origin

What is your race? Choose all that apply.	
☐ White	
Black or African American	
✓ Asian	
Chinese	
Filipino	
Asian Indian	
☐ Vietnamese	
☐ Korean	
☐ Japanese	
Other Asian origin	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
Decline to answer	
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Signature Page





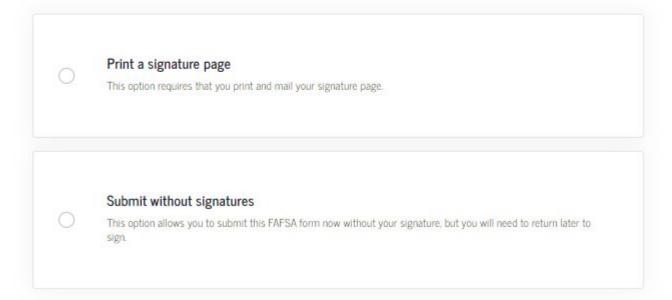
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SIGN & SUBMIT

Signature Options

Other Options to Sign and Submit ?

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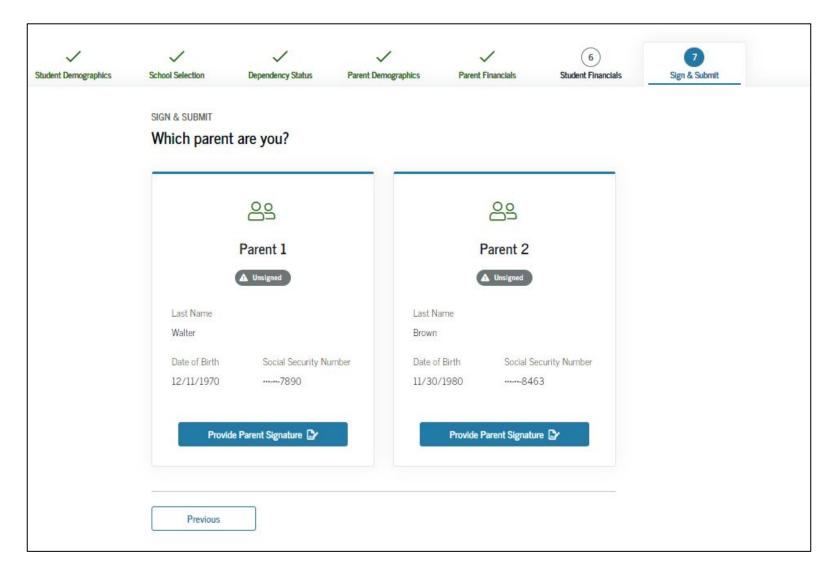


Student Support Module

12th Year Campaign Workbook

College Knowledge

Parent Signature Options



Signature Options - Parent

FAFSA® Signature Page

2022-23



You're not done yet! You still need to submit your application. After you print this page, select "Finish" to return to your FAFSA® form.

Print Signature Page



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Abe Lastname

Ref. 114205307 02 LA

Demo Site

Date Printed: 10/19/21

Demo Site City Demo Site State, Demo Site Zip

Step One: Read the following.

Students: By signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you certify that you

- will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an
 institution of higher education,
- are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it.
- · will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and
- will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time.

Sign Electronically With FSA ID

Fastest way to sign

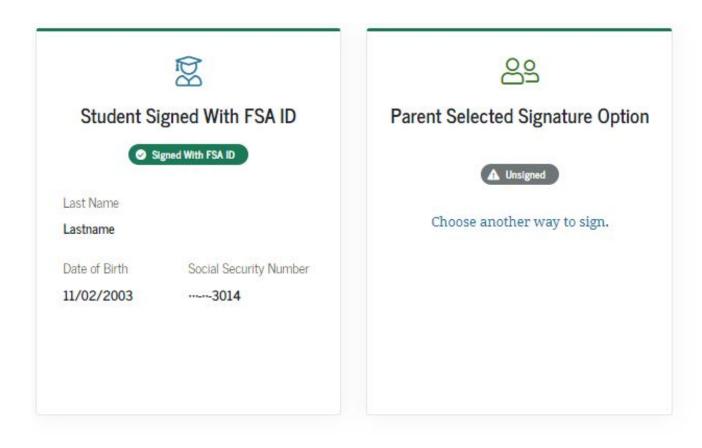
Print A Signature Page

 This option requires the parent to print and mail their signature

Submit Without Signatures

 This option allows students to submit their application, but they need to sign back into their account and provide signature or a signed student aid report.

Submitting the FAFSA

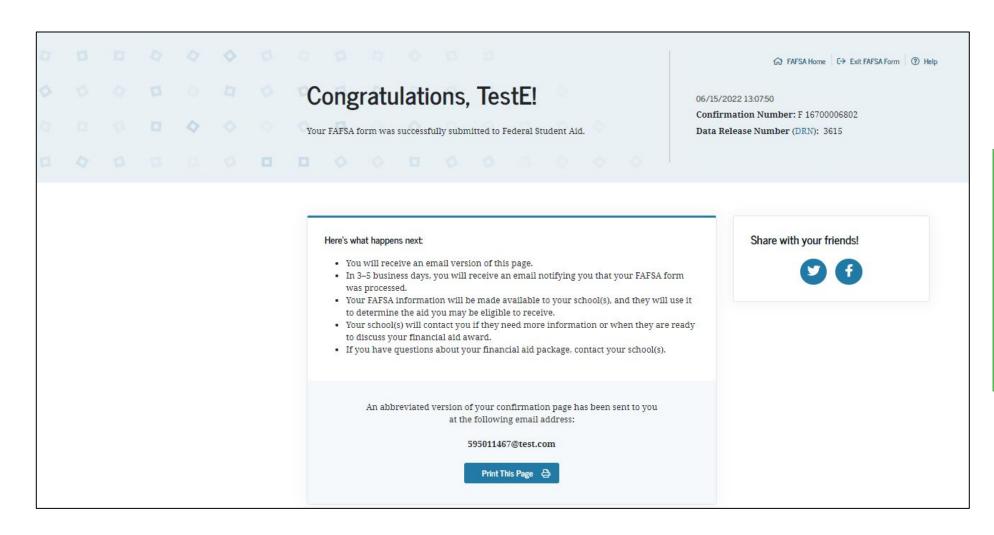


Don't forget to submit the application, even if the student's parents haven't signed.

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Submit My FAFSA Form Now

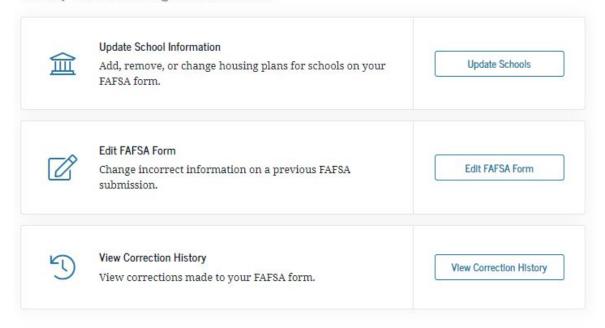
Confirmation Page



Students will have their Student Aid Report sent to the email they listed.

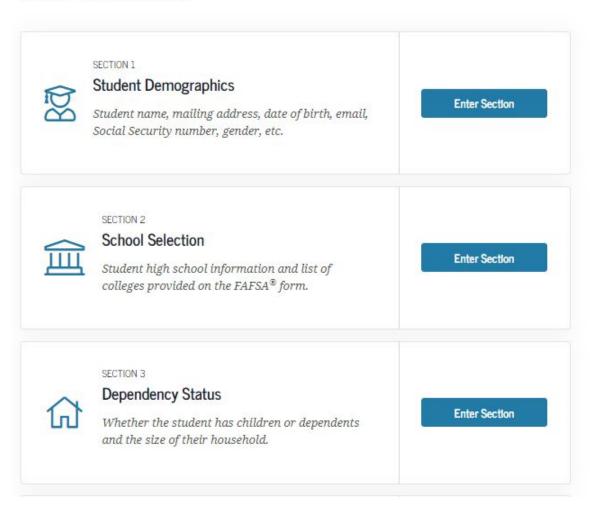
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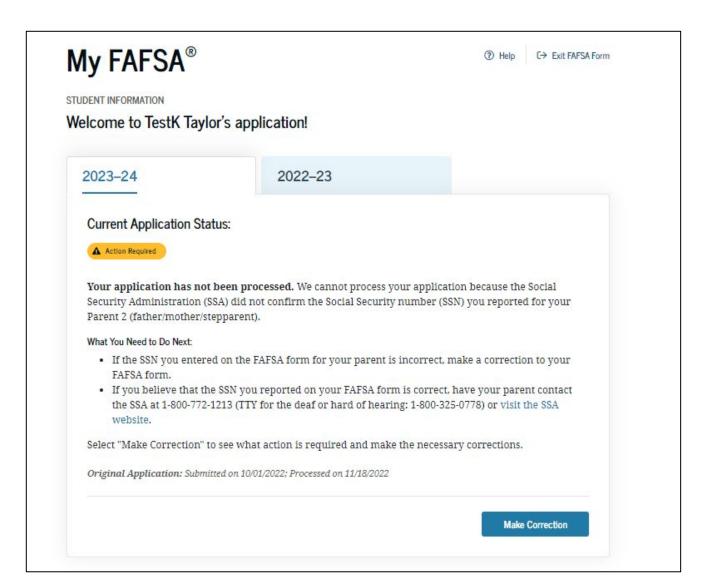


FAFSA® CORRECTIONS

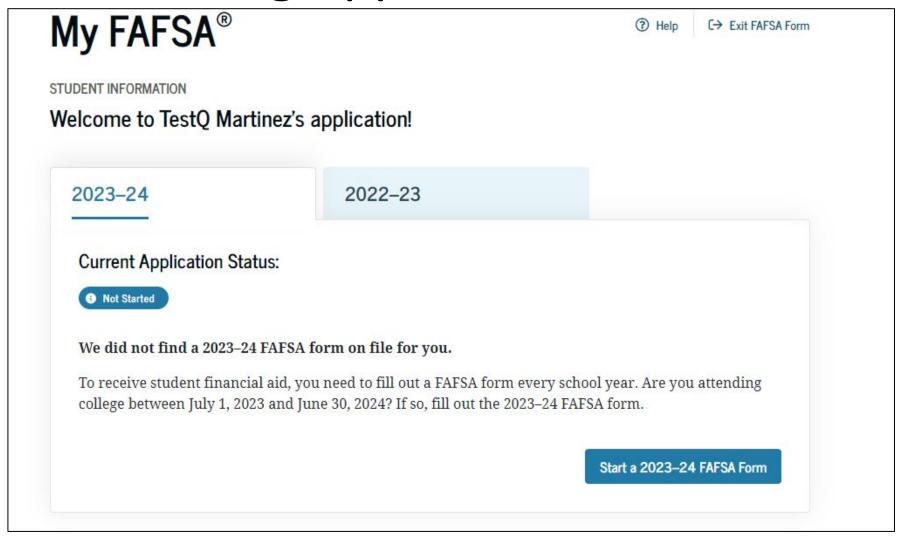
FAFSA® Form Sections



FAFSA Correcting Errors



FAFSA Checking Application Status



WASFA Line by Line





WASFA General Tips

Your job is to assist, not prepare a WASFA for someone else.

Be mindful of sensitive information.

Assesses state financial aid eligibility.

If you need help:

- https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa
- WASFA application guide
- Questions? Contact the Washington Student Achievement Council by email at wasfa@wsac.wa.gov, or call 888-535-0747 and select option 2.

Washington State Residency



Washington is making college more affordable than ever before.

Undocumented Washingtonians who have lived in Washington for a year may qualify for in-state tuition and money for college and apprenticeships.



- Both U.S. citizens and non-citizens can be Washington residents, and Washington residents pay less for college.
- In most cases, a Washington resident is someone who lives in the state for one year immediately before starting college.

NEW REQUIREMENT AS OF 6/9/22: The Washington residence must be for purposes other than college

Earn a high school diploma, GED, or diploma equivalent before their first term at the college determining residency.

Maintain a primary residence in Washington for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before their first term at the college determining residency.

They will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States (green card) as soon as they are eligible to apply or they are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. permanent resident.

State Financial Aid for Undocumented Students and Other Select Applicants

If a student is eligible for federal aid, they should complete the FAFSA in order to maximize financial aid awards. There are limited circumstances, beyond the applicant's immigration status, in which a person may choose to complete a WASFA instead of a FAFSA, including:

Your parents are undocumented, or your family members do not wish to file a FAFSA.

You or your parent(s) do not and will not file federal income taxes.

You have federal loans that are in default.

You owe a repayment on federal grants.

Washington College Grant (WCG)

Washington State has made a groundbreaking commitment to financial aid for low-and middle-income people of all ages with the Washington College Grant (WCG).



Washington College Grant (WCG)

With the Washington College Grant (WCG), more families are eligible for financial aid than ever before.

Family Size	Full Award	Partial Award
Eligible Student Family of 1	Income \$33,500 or less	Income Up to \$55,500
Eligible Student Family of 4	\$64,500 or less	Up to \$107,000

Award amounts vary based on income, family size, and the school or program attended.



Start on WSAC

wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig

WASFA Privacy Statement

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) administers state financial aid including the Washington College Grant (formerly known as the State Need Grant), the College Bound Scholarship, and the Washington Application for State Financial Aid, or WASFA, for undocumented individuals. The Council is committed to providing opportunities and support to ensure every Washington student is able to pursue education beyond high school.

Regarding concerns that students, parents, and other partners may have about the confidentiality of information submitted on the WASFA, the purpose of the application is to provide eligibility information to colleges and universities in Washington that offer the Washington College Grant (formerly known as the State Need Grant) and the College Bound Scholarship. WSAC shares application information with campuses listed by the student so those schools may determine eligibility for resident tuition and financial aid. Campuses are not permitted to use the information for other purposes or share the data with other parties.

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Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

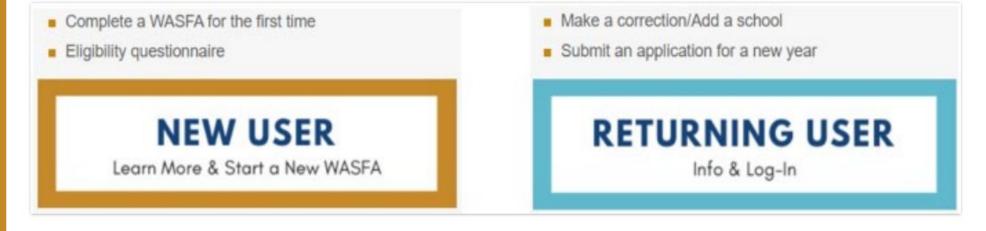
If you have previously registered on this site, and received a registration email titled "WASFA Registration", use your username (email address) and password to log into this site. If you forgot your password, use the "Forgot Password" link, below. Otherwise, please create a new user account.

Email Address:	NEED AN ACCOUNT
Password: Forgot your password?	To access the WASFA, please create an account.
Sign In	Create Your Account

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Starting a WASFA

Those wanting to attend college next year including the high school class of 2023 will complete the 2023-2024 WASFA



WASFA QUESTIONNAIRE

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for people who don't file a federal FAFSA application. People who complete a WASFA are applying for state aid. There are various reasons to complete a WASFA instead of a FAFSA:

- · A person may not be eligible for federal aid due to:
 - Citizenship or immigration status, including being undocumented.
 - Defaulted federal student loans.
 - Repayments owed on federal grants.
- A person may choose not to apply for federal aid due to:
 - Family members who do not want to file the FAFSA.
 - Other personal reasons.

After you complete the WASFA, the college(s) or program(s) you choose will determine whether you meet state residency requirements and state financial aid eligibility. State financial aid could include Washington College Grant, the College Bound Scholarship, Passport to Careers, National Guard Grant, or State Work Study.

The following questions will confirm if the WASFA is the correct application for you.



WASFA QUESTIONNAIRE

1) Are you any of the following?

- U.S. citizen.
- U.S. permanent resident with a Permanent Resident Card (also known as a "Green Card").
- U.S. national (including American Samoa or Swains Island).
- Citizen of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Federated States of Micronesia.
- T-Visa holder.
- · Person with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) status.
- Person with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing any of the following:
 - Refugee
 - Asylum Granted
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant
 - Conditional Entrant (if issued before April 1, 1980)
 - Parolee (you must be paroled for at least one year, and you must be able to show that you are in the United States for other-than-temporary reasons with the intention of becoming a U.S. citizen or permanent resident)









WASFA QUESTIONNAIRE

Submit the WASFA to apply for Washington state aid

Based on your responses, you should complete a WASFA to apply for Washington state financial aid.

Click the link below to complete your WASFA on the Regent website. For more information, or to update your application in the future, please visit: wsac.wa.gov/wasfa.

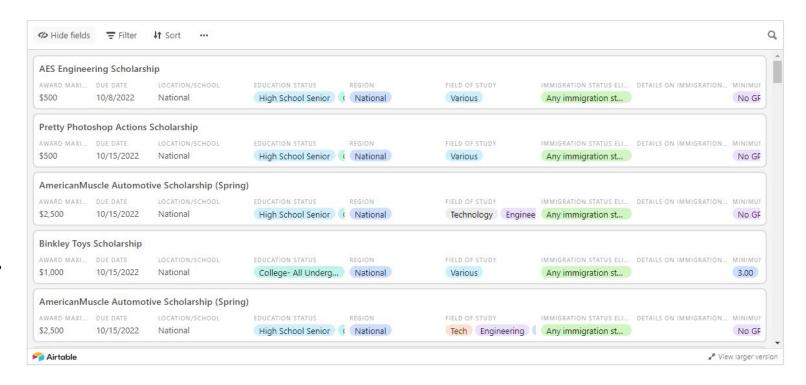
Click here for WASFA

We encourage you to create a profile on thewashboard.org. On this free site, you can search and apply for scholarships that match your qualities and interests.

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Students That Don't Qualify for FAFSA or WASFA

- There are scholarships for students who aren't U.S. citizens, and some are specifically for undocumented students.
- Colleges have the best information about what's available to their students.
- Check with a college's financial aid office, undocumented student center, or multicultural center.



https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-scholarships-and-fellowships/

Instructions and Information

PRIVACY NOTICE TO WASFA APPLICANTS

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A third party application servicer, Regent Education Inc., hosts the WASFA application for the state of Washington.

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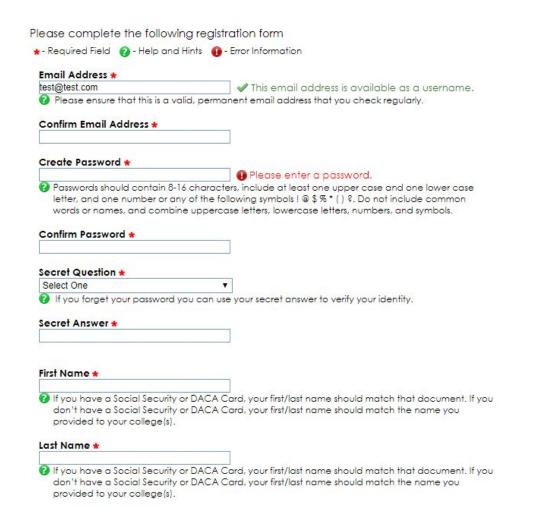
CHECKLIST

To complete the WASFA, you will need:

- Your income information. This includes bank statements, a W-2 or pay stub and/or federal income tax return.
 - If you filed a federal tax return, use tax return information from two years prior to the award year. FOR EXAMPLE, for the 2019-20
 application cycle, you must use information from your 2017 tax return. If you did not file a federal tax return, report the income earned
 in 2017
- Additional financial information such as child support statements, TANF or welfare information, real estate, stocks or bonds investments, family business or farm info.
- Your Social Security card or I-797 Form, if you have current or expired DACA status. (Optional)
- If you are a dependent student (most students under 24 years old), you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s).

Creating an Account

CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT





REGISTER

CANCEL

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Home Screen – Applicant Information

Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

STEP 1:

Start WASFA

Start the WASFA application process.

STEP 2:

Select Schools

Select the schools that you want to receive a copy of your WASFA.

STEP 3:

Sign WASFA

Sign your WASFA.

Select the action to the right of the WASFA application, in the table below, to process your WASFA for each available academic year. You will be provided a list of schools that will receive your WASFA and must electronically sign the document to complete the process. Dependent students will be instructed to invite a parent to sign their WASFA before the application will be submitted. You may make changes at any time by selecting the action for starting and completing an application.



Start, edit or complete an application.



Invite a parent to sign an application.



Sign an application.



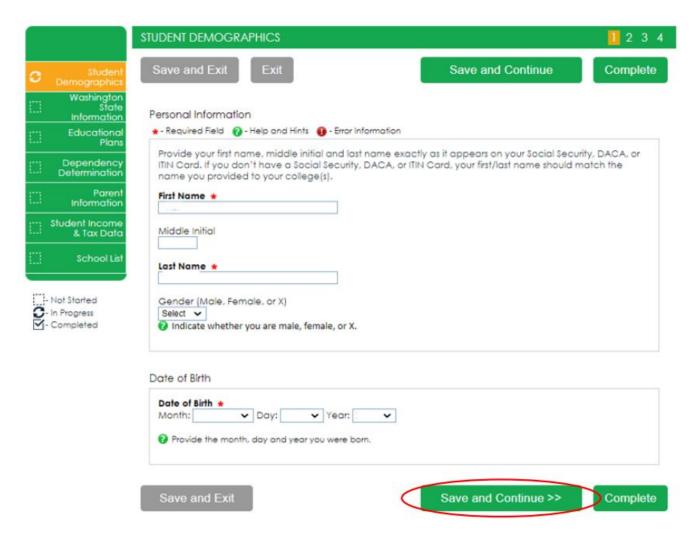
View an application.

Download an application.

Document Name	Status	Actions	
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Starting the WASFA

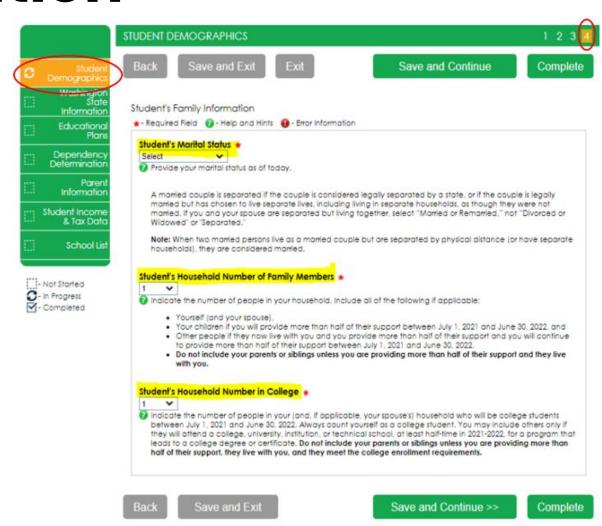
Student Demographics



Student Demographics – Driver License & DACA

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Student Demographics – Family Information



Washington State Residency Information

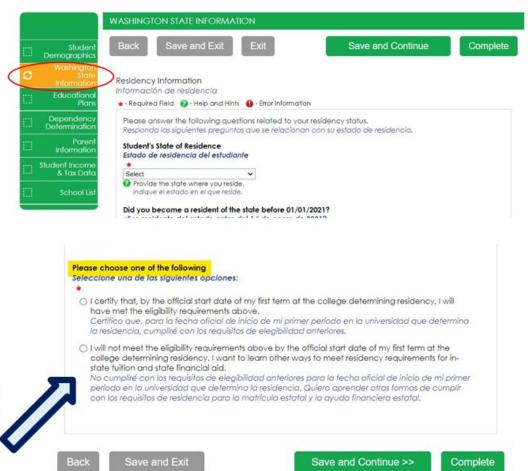
New Residency Information

Answer all the residency questions carefully and accurately. The residency law changed on July 25, 2021, making it easier for more students to qualify.

In this section, you are certifying that you meet the requirements shown in the: "WA State Higher Education Residency Affidavit" and "Certification Regarding Permanent Residency Application and Related Responsibilities." Please read the descriptions carefully. (Sample affidavit on next page)

Choosing "I will not meet" will open questions

for you to answer regarding DACA.



Washington State Residency Information

Residency Affidavit Update

NEW REQUIREMENT AS OF 6/9/22: The Washington residence must be for purposes other than college. reasons.

WA State Higher Education Residency Affidavit

Declaración jurada de residencia de enseñanza superior del estado de WA

Students must be residents to qualify for Washington in-state tuition rates at public institutions and meet residency requirements for state financial aid programs at participating schools. The Residency Affidavit is one way to show you are a resident. The affidavit is a promise between you and the institution determining residency. To be able to certify this affidavit, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Earn a high school diploma, GED, or diploma equivalent before your first term at the college determining residency,
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- · Promise that one of the following is true:
 - You will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States as soon as you
 are eligible to apply. And, that you are also willing to engage in activities designed to prepare
 you for citizenship, including citizenship or civics review courses, or
 - You are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. permanent resident.

Washington State Residency Information

Residency Information

On **Residency Information** answer all the residency questions carefully and accurately.

If you answer "I will not meet the eligibility requirements" in this section, you will need to answer the DACA question, then click Save and Continue.

If you answer "**No**" to the DACA question, continue filling out the WASFA to the end. Your school will determine if you meet eligibility based on the information you provide.

Note: You will not get the DACA question if you answered, "I certify that, by the official start date of my first term at the college determining residency, I will have met the eligibility requirements above."

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 - You are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. permanent resident.

Please choose one of the following *

- I certify that, by the official start date of my first term at the college determining residency, I will have met the eligibility requirements above.
- I will not meet the eligibility requirements above by the official start date of my first term at the
 college determining residency. I want to learn other ways to meet residency requirements for instate tuition and state financial aid.

Do you have current or expired DACA status, a current work authorization card, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), or a U visa? *

Q Yes O No

Students with one of these statuses may be eligible for in state tultion and state tinancial aid.

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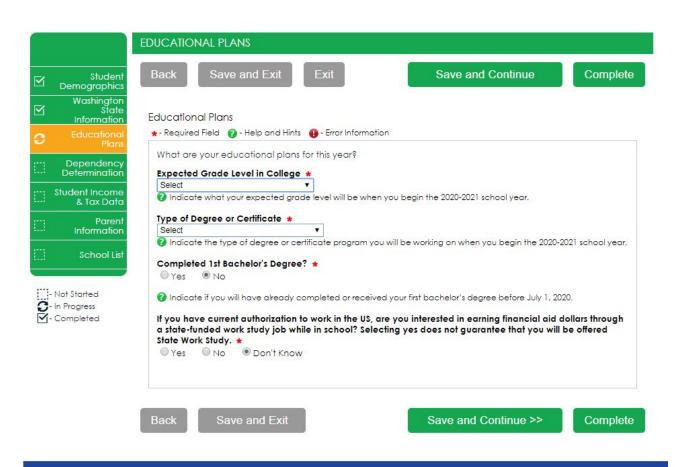
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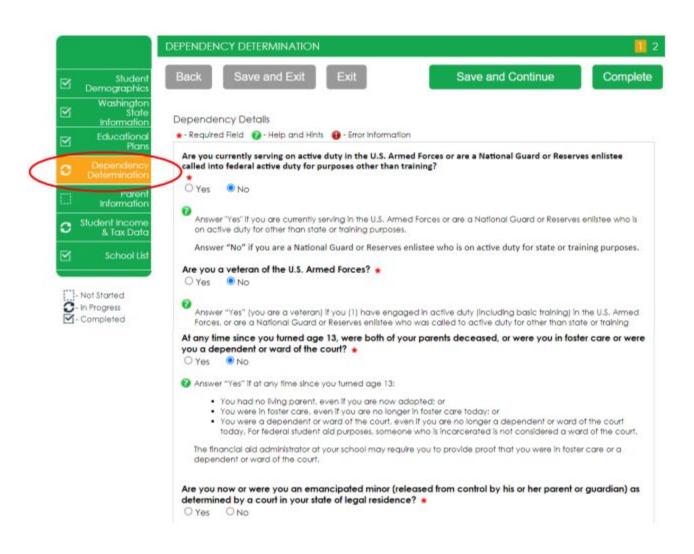
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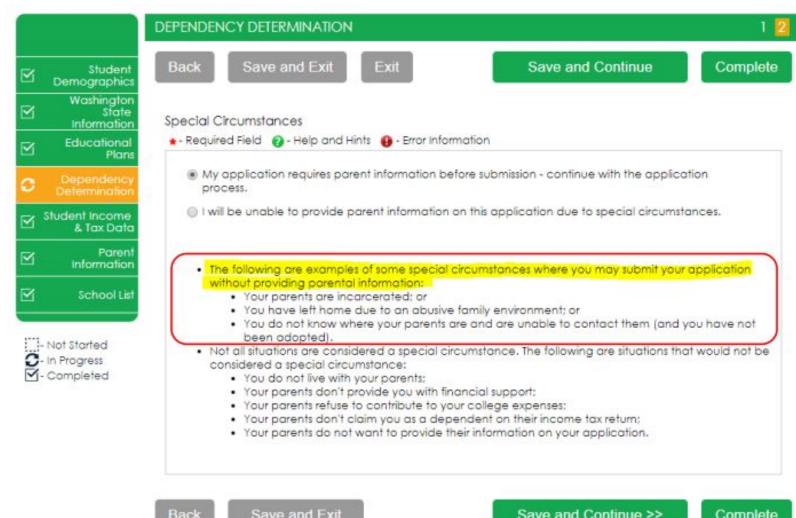
Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)



Dependency Determination



Dependent Status

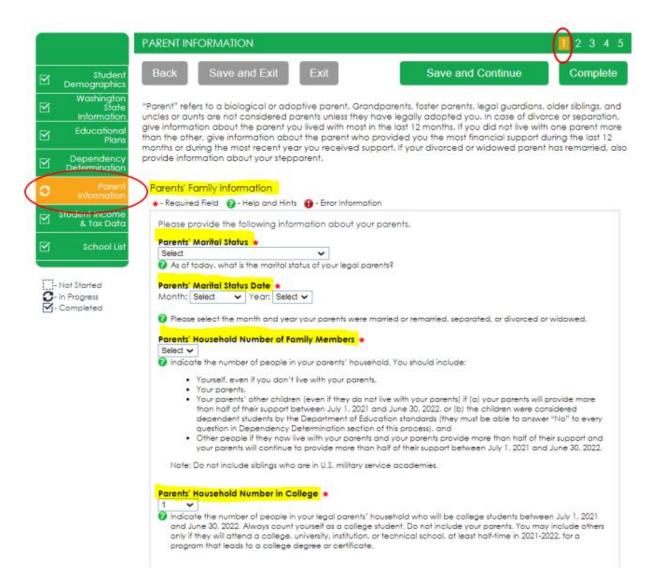


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Parent Information



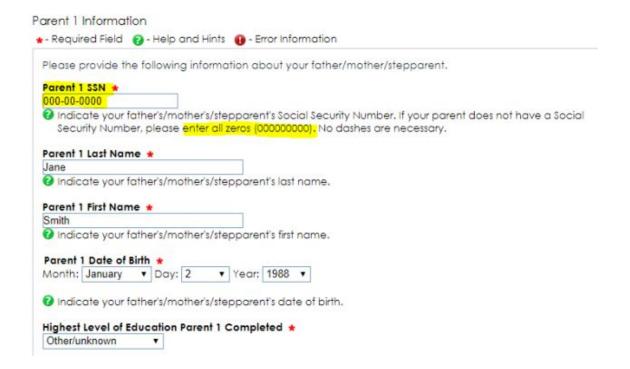
Parent Information

If a parent does not have a Social Security Number they will need to enter 000-00-0000 in the SSN box.

Parents do not use their ITIN.

IMPORTANT:

Parent/s **do not need** a Social Security Number for their child to apply for financial aid.



Parent Information

Parents' Contact Information Parents' Primary E-Mail Address 🚱 Indicate your parents' primary e-mail address. This e-mail address will also be shared with your state and the colleges listed on your WASFA to allow them to communicate with your parents. Parents' Residency Information

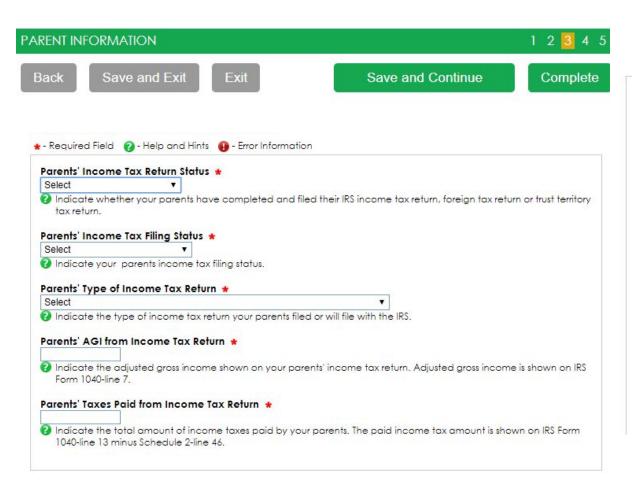
Parents' State of Legal Residency WASHINGTON Indicate the state in which your parents legally reside. Parents' Legal Residency Before 01/01/2015 ● Yes ● No Indicate if your parents became legal residents of this state before January 1, 2015.

Save and Exit Back

Save and Continue >>

Complete

Parent Income Information



Parent 1 Income Earned from Working (\$) * ② Indicate the total amount your father/mother/stepparent earned from working. Include wages, salaries, tips, etc. listed on W-2 forms; or on the tax returns listed on the IRS Form 1040-line 1 + Schedule 1-line 12 + 18 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065)-Box 14 (Code A). If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation. As of today, are either of your parents a dislocated worker? * ③ Yes ⑤ No ⑤ Don't know

- 🔞 In general, a person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she:
 - is receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation;
 - has been laid off or received a lay-off notice from a job;
 - was self-employed but is now unemployed due to economic conditions or natural disaster; or
 - is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces and has experienced a loss of employment because of relocating due to permanent change in duty station; or
 - is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces and is unemployed or underemployed, and is
 experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment; or
 - is a displaced homemaker. A displaced homemaker is generally a person who previously provided unpaid services to the family (e.g., a stay-at-home mom or dad), is no longer supported by the spouse, is unemployed or underemployed, and is having trouble finding or upgrading employment.

If a person quits work, generally he or she is not considered a dislocated worker even if, for example, the person is receiving unemployment benefits.

Parent Income Information

Did you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household receive benefits from any federal benefit programs such as Medicaid or SSI, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Free or Reduced Price School Lunch, TANF or WIC benefits? *



🚱 Indicate if you received benefits from either of these federal benefit programs - 1) Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits; 2) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or related benefits; 3) Free or Reduced Price School Lunch benefits; 4) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or related benefits; 5) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits.

Parents' Cash, Savings, and Checking Account Amounts (\$) *

As of today, indicate the total balance of your parents' cash, savings and checking accounts. Don't include student

Parents' Real Estate or Investment Net Worth (S) *



As of today, indicate the total net worth of your parents' investments. Net worth means the current value, as of today, of investments, businesses, and/or investment farms, minus debts related to those same investments, businesses, and/or investment farms. If net worth is negative, enter 0.

Investments include real estate (do not include the home in which you live), rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts (do not include UGMA or UTMA if you are the custodian, but not the owner). money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

Investments also include qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans).

Investments do not include the home your parents' live in, the value of life insurance, retirement plans (401 [k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or cash, savings and checking accounts already reported in the "student cash, savings, and checking account amounts" question.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Parents' and students, are not required to file taxes to receive state aid. However, if income reported is \$50,000 and over, questions regarding assets and untaxed income will need to be estimated using bank statements, paystubs, etc.

Parents' Businesses or Farm Net Worth (\$) *



As of today, indicate the total net worth of your parents' businesses and/or investment farms. Net worth means the current value, as of today, of investments, businesses, and/or investment forms, minus debts related to those same investments, businesses, and/or investment farms. If net worth is negative, enter 0.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

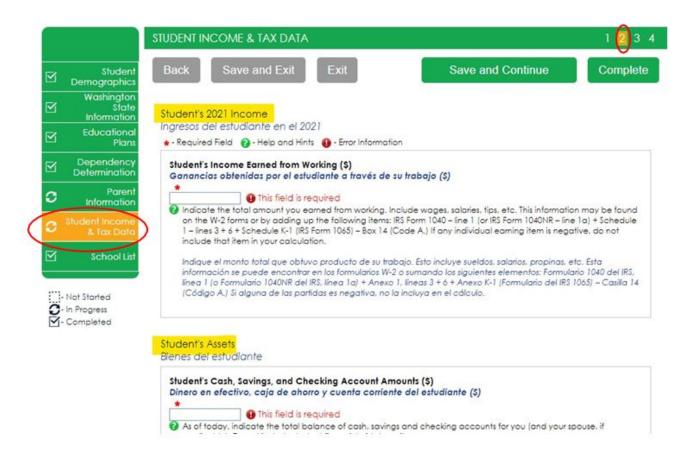
Business value does not include the value of a small business if your family owns and controls more than 50 percent of the business and the business has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. For small business value, your family includes (1) persons directly related to you, such as a parent, sister or cousin, or (2) persons who are or were related to your parent by marriage, such as a spouse, stepparent or sister-in-law.

Investment farm value does not include the value of a family farm that your parents' live on and operate.

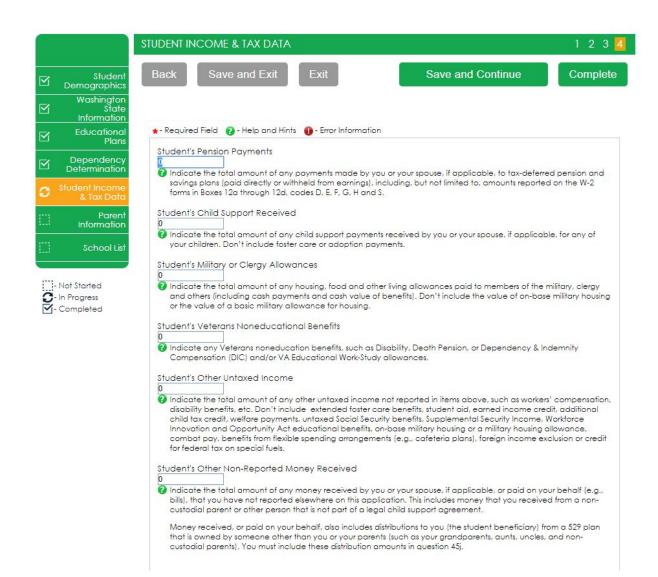
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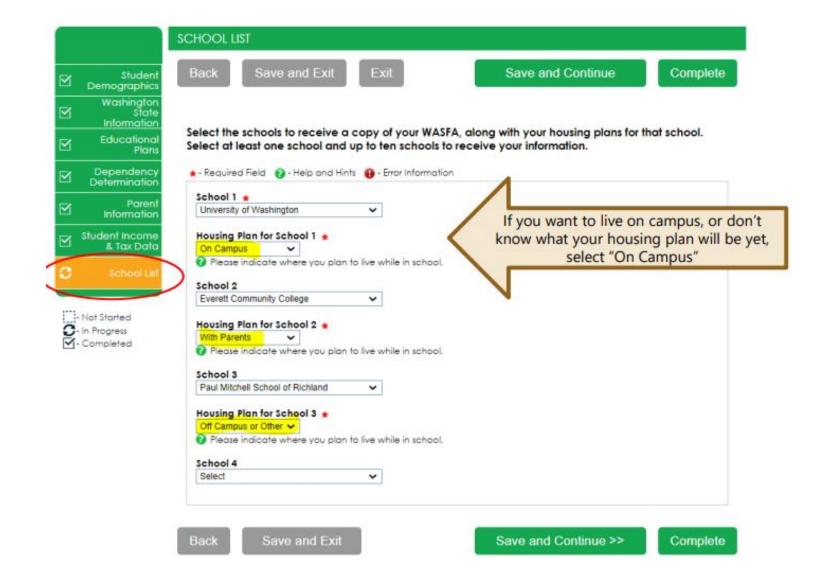
Student Income and Tax Data



Student Income and Tax Data



School Selection



Application Preview

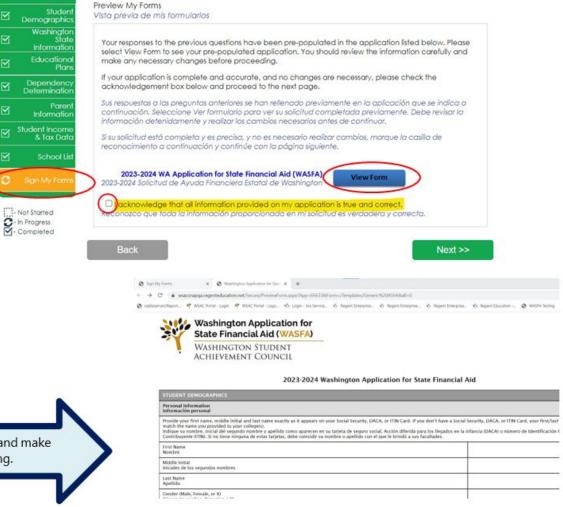
Preview
Application
Responses

Sign My Forms – The Preview My
Forms section is an opportunity to
review all your answers by clicking on
the View Form button. You MUST open
and preview this form before you can
acknowledge that the information is true
and correct.

The form will open in a separate tab.

Once you have viewed it you can close the tab, check the box acknowledging your information is true and correct, then click Next.

Review answers carefully and make corrections prior to signing.



PREVIEW MY FORMS

Electronic Signature Consent and Disclosures





ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE CONSENT & DISCLOSURES

Electronic Signature Consent & Required Disclosures

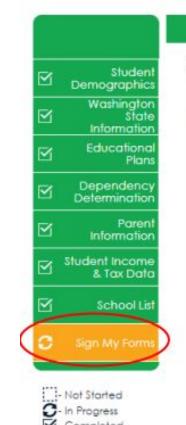
You have chosen to electronically sign your application. To continue with the electronic signature process, please review the information below and provide your response to the consent and use of an electronic signature.

Required Disclosures:

- You should verify and review all data provided prior to electronically signing your application. All
 applications are viewable using Adobe® Acrobat® version 8.0 or higher. An option to download the
 latest version of Adobe® Acrobat® for free is available by clicking here.
- You can print all documents submitted electronically for your records. All recent applications
 electronically signed in this website are available for printing any time after the electronic signature
 process is completed. If your copies are lost or misplaced, you can obtain additional copies by
 logging back into this website to reprint your most current applications.
- All electronic signatures processed within this website are legally binding and can be used to legally
 prove that you signed the application.
- There are no additional monetary costs for processing your applications electronically or the use of electronic signatures.
- Please provide your consent. To opt out of the electronic signature process contact us at 888-535-0747 or at wasta@wsac.wa.gov.

consent to the use of an electronic signature option to complete and submit my application.

Electronic Signature Consent & Software Requirements



ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE HARDWARE & SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Electronic Signature Hardware & Software Requirements

The following system requirements are necessary for conducting an electronic signature within this site.

Please confirm that your computer meets these requirements. Options to download recommended free software on your computer is available.

Hardware:

- . A computer with access to the Internet and capable of running the software listed below.
- A printer capable of printing Adobe Acrobat Reader® PDF documents.

Software:

- A recommended Web Browser.
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher (download now for free)
 - . Chrome 7.0 or higher (download now for free)
 - Firefox 3.6 or higher (download now for free)
 - . Safari 5.0 or higher (download now for free)
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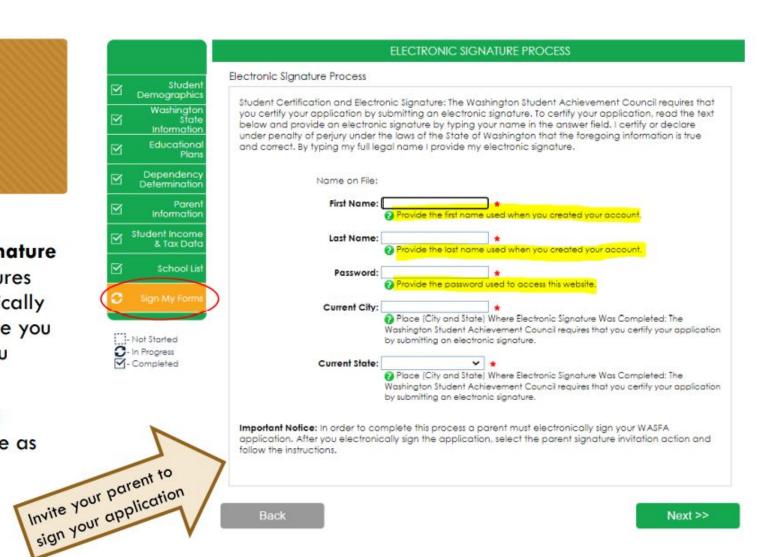
Electronic Signature Process

Electronic Signature (3 of 3)

Sign My Forms – Electronic Signature Process. Please read the disclosures you are certifying when electronically signing your application that state you are certifying the information you provided is true and correct.

Name and password information entered must be exactly the same as when you created your student account.

Then click Next.



Parent Signature Process

Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

STEP 1: Start WASFA

Start the WASFA application process.

STEP 2:

Select Schools

Select the schools that you want to receive a copy of your WASFA.

STEP 3:

Sign WASFA

Sign your WASFA.

Select the action to the right of the WASFA application, in the table below, to process your WASFA for each available academic year. You will be provided a list of schools that will receive your WASFA and must electronically sign the document to complete the process. Dependent students will be instructed to invite a parent to sign their WASFA before the application will be submitted. You may make changes at any time by selecting the action for starting and completing an application.

- - Start, edit or complete an application.

Invite a parent to sign an application.



Sign an application.

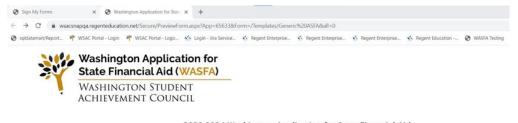


View an application.

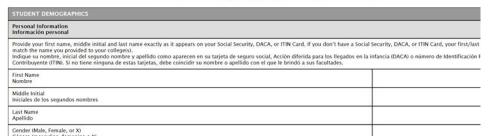
Download an application.

Document Name	Status	Actions
2023-2024 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)	Incomplete – Parent Signature Pending	0
2022-2023 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)	Started	•

WASFA Resources



2023-2024 Washington Application for State Financial Aid



How to Complete the WASFA

Washington Application for State Financial Aid

wsac.wa.gov/wasfa



https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa

Financial Myths & Challenges







Students can't receive financial aid for a quarter or semester if they miss the financial aid application deadline





If a student is College Bound Scholarship eligible, then they will have all school expenses covered. It's a full ride.





Students cannot appeal their financial aid award.



What are some myths you are hearing about in your region?

Other Myths....

Financial Aid Appeals

Many applicants may have experienced recent financial changes.

Students need to apply for aid and then contact the financial aid department of the college.

SwiftStudent is a free tool that helps students understand appeals and provides templates for writing a financial aid appeal letter.

This tool does not share user data with third parties.

Financial Aid Appeals Resource: SwiftStudent



Ask the financial aid office to exclude parental information when they calculate my financial aid



Ask for financial aid to cover my child care costs



Ask for financial aid to cover expenses associated with my disability



Ask for more financial aid if my financial situation changes after I fill out the FAFSA



Ask for financial aid to cover my dependent care costs



Ask for my financial aid to be reinstated if I miss Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements



Ask for more financial aid if FAFSA does not capture a financial difficulty I am currently facing



Ask for financial aid to help with a car repair



Ask for additional help if I have a financial emergency



Ask for financial aid to cover a computer or other supplies that I need for school

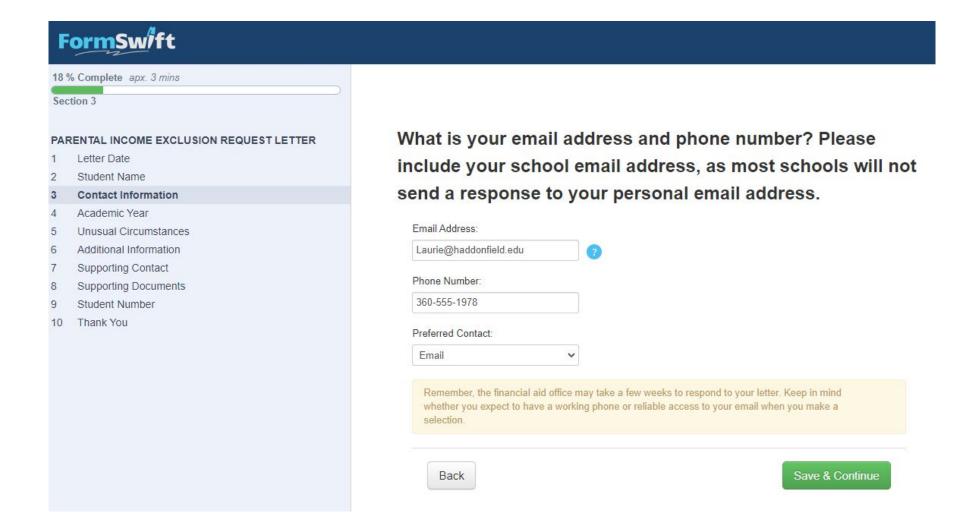


Ask for financial aid to help with food or housing



Ask for an extension if I miss a financial aid deadline

Financial Aid Appeals Resource: SwiftStudent



Common Errors & How to Fix Them





Common Financial Aid Errors

Inaccurate Legal information:
Name, Social Security Number

Incorrect Financial
Aid Year

Incorrect Tax information

Using the incorrect parent information for dependent students

Parent using ITIN if they don't have an SSN instead of 000-00-0000

Not submitting the application.

Name/SSN Mismatch



Student will need their Social Security Card to make sure they have entered their name correctly



If the student does not have an SSN, have them assess themselves for WASFA eligibility.

Incorrect
Financial Aid
Year



Students going to college next year will complete the 2023-2024 application.



Have the student verify which year they completed by asking them to look at their SAR.

AGI Equals
Taxes Paid



Student will need their and/or their parent's taxes to verify the income and taxes paid.



Utilizing the Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) can reduce this error.

Incorrect
Parent Listed
for Financial
Aid



Have the student use the Student Aid infographic to determine who their parent is.



The student may also be independent and not need parental information.

Common Mistakes and How to Fix Them

Parent without
SSN used their
Individual
Taxpayer
Identification
Number



Have the parent log back into the FAFSA and replace ITIN with 000-00-0000



Parent will have to complete a signature page when done updating the application.

Common Mistakes and How to Fix Them

Financial aid application not submitted



This can happen when the student prints a signature page. But forgets to submit when they close the page. (FAFSA)



The student should receive an email confirming the submission of the FAFSA. If they do not receive one, have them log back into their account.

Supporting Student Applicants





Supporting Student Applicants

Provide resources in appropriate languages.

Students access to technology may vary.

Students applying for the FAFSA can create an FSA before the application opens.

Students applying for the WASFA can create an account before the application opens.

Refer students to large scale completion events when possible.

High School
Students

Returning Adults

Current College Students

High School Students

- New to college processes
- May need additional support understanding financial aid.
- Special considerations are needed for first-generation, youth in care, undocumented, mixed status families, and students experiencing homelessness.
- Should receive financial aid information from their high school during Financial Aid Advising Day. (September 1st -December 1st)

Returning Adults

- Students will want to make sure they are eligible for aid if they have received financial aid in the past.
- The application can look different than previous years applications.
- May be enrolled training programs like Worker Retraining or Commissioner Approved Training with specific requirements.
- Childcare and other needs will need to be considered.

Current College Students

- Need to renew their application each year they go to college.
- May forget to re-apply for aid in October.
- May need to apply for scholarships if there is unmet need.
- Can receive assistance from their current college with the financial aid process.
- Other institutional funding opportunities may become available as the student progresses through their degree.

What is Verification?

Verification is the process institutions use to confirm that the data reported on a student's financial aid application is accurate.

Verification

There are many reasons students are selected for verification

Random/standard practice

Clarify information



Different schools have different ways of communicating (e.g. email, portal)

Send in requested items as soon as possible

Resources: ASK QUESTIONS!

Don't be afraid – admissions and financial aid staff want to help!

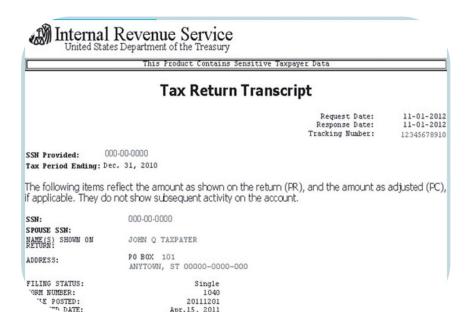
Commonly Asked for Documents

- IRS Tax Return Transcript
- Verification of Non-Filing Letter from IRS (non-workers, under minimum to file earners) - signed statement if cannot obtain after reasonable attempt
- Copy of student or parent W-2's

Tax Return vs. Tax Transcript

the Treasury—Internal Revenue Servi		2019	OMB No. 1545-0	0074 IRS Use Only	y-Do
Married filing jointly ked the MFS box, enter the name not your dependent. ▶	Married filing separ of spouse. If you		Head of household or QW box, enter		lifying the q
itial	Last name				You
ame and middle initial	Last name				Spo
street). If you have a P.O. box, see	instructions.			Apt. no.	Pre- Check jointly
e, and ZIP code. If you have a fore	ign address, also	complete spaces b	elow (see instruct	ions).	Check tax or
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an claim: You as a depende itemizes on a separate return or y born before January 2, 1955	ou were a dual-st	pouse as a depend atus alien Spouse:	dent Was born before	January 2, 1955	F

A tax return is the original document.



A tax transcript is a summary of this information and is retrieved from the IRS database once your tax return has been processed in their system.

Resources & Next Steps





PSCCN Financial Aid Toolkit

The PSCCN Financial Aid Toolkit is an online resource (http://psccn.org) designed for schools, district staff and community organizations to access financial aid resources to support students and families with the financial aid application process.



Promotional Materials

- Banner (English & Spanish)
- Event Flyer
- Poster
- Sticker
- Desktop Wallpaper



Financial Aid Strategies

Common scenarios: Includes guidance on how to move forward with scenarios identified by educators and financial aid navigators, as well as financial aid school and district strategies



Student And Family Resources

- Powerpoint presentations
- Worksheets
- family education and Outreach Letter/text templates

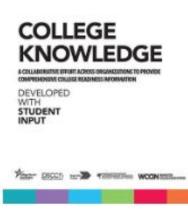
Resource: College Knowledge

Develop in collaboration with OSPI, PSCCN, Road Map Project, WSAC, and WCAN

Digital Resource:

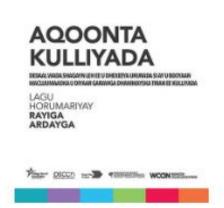
https://www.psccn.org/resources/college-knowledge

Physical copies in English can be ordered from 12th Year Campaign Spanish copies are currently being reordered and will be available mid November. A supplemental update is also available for 22-23.











Resources: FAFSA Demo System

FAFSA demo system lets you provides Federal Student Aid a way for you to show students, parents, and staff, how to use FAFSA on the Web



https://fafsademo.test.ed.gov/webdemo.htm

Welcome to Federal Student Aid's CPS Web Applications Demo System

This Web site is a demonstration version of Federal Student Aid's 2022-2023 and 2021-2022 FAFSA on the Web and FAA Access to CPS Online sites. The site provides a way for financial aid administrators to show students and parents, as well as financial aid office staff, how to use FAFSA on the Web and FAA Access to CPS Online. It offers most of the features of the production versions of the FAFSA on the Web and FAA Access to CPS Online Web sites, except that no data is processed.

Note: The following information applies to this Web site

- We authenticate users when they log into FAA Access to CPS Online. We ask users to provide a Federal Student Aid User ID. (FSA User ID) and Password to access federal student aid information through the Internet. Since this is a demonstration Web site and user authentication is not required to access test data, the authentication step is skipped
- Saved data and submitted data are cleared from the database each evening
- Actual personal identifying information should never be used on this Demo site.
- Unlike the production site, an estimated EFC is not calculated after an application is submitted. The EFC value is always all 9s
- Printed signature pages include a "test sample" watermark and should not be mailed to the processor. The demo signature
- If another user saves a renewal or correction application in FAFSA on the Web, other users will not know the save key and will
- Unlike the production site, the "CPS Web Applications Demo System" page is considered the FAFSA "Home" page. When a user selects "Exit" or "Home" from the Demo site, they will be directed to the "CPS Web Applications Demo System" page.

Pre-loaded test data is provided for applications that depend on historical data such as renewal applications, corrections, print SAR. application status check, student inquiry, and electronic signatures. Multiple transactions exist for test cases where the highest transaction number is greater than 01. FAA login information is also provided for FAA Access to CPS Online applications on the Demo

The student IDs and FSA IDs to access the test data for each available cycle are given below.

2021-2022

Preloaded Test Data

2022-2023 Renewal FAFSAs

Test Case	SSN	Last Name	First Name	DOB	FSA ID Username	FSA ID Password	Dependency Model
	966-12-1001	Lastnamerapp	Susan	11021986	renewal81	Renewapp81	Independent
2	966-12-1002	Lastnamerapp	Brian	11022003	renewal82	Renewapp82	Independent
3	966-12-1003	Lastnamerapp	Maxine	11022003	renewal83	Renewapp83	Independent
4	966-12-1004	Lastnamerapp	Abe	11022003	renewal84	Renewapp84	Independent
	966-12-1005	Lastnamerapp	Judith	11022003	renewal85	Renewapp85	Independent
	966-12-1006	Lastnamerapp	Harvey	04192003	renewal86	Renewapp86	Dependent
7	066-12-1007	Lactnamerann	Larny	0/192003	renewal87	Renewann97	Dependent

Resource: The 12th Year Campaign

The 12th Year Campaign boosts college and financial aid application rates in Washington by helping those working with high school seniors and their families complete applications for college admissions and financial aid.

- Free training
- Printed and digital resources
- Online financial aid completion events

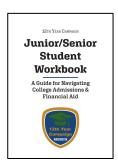








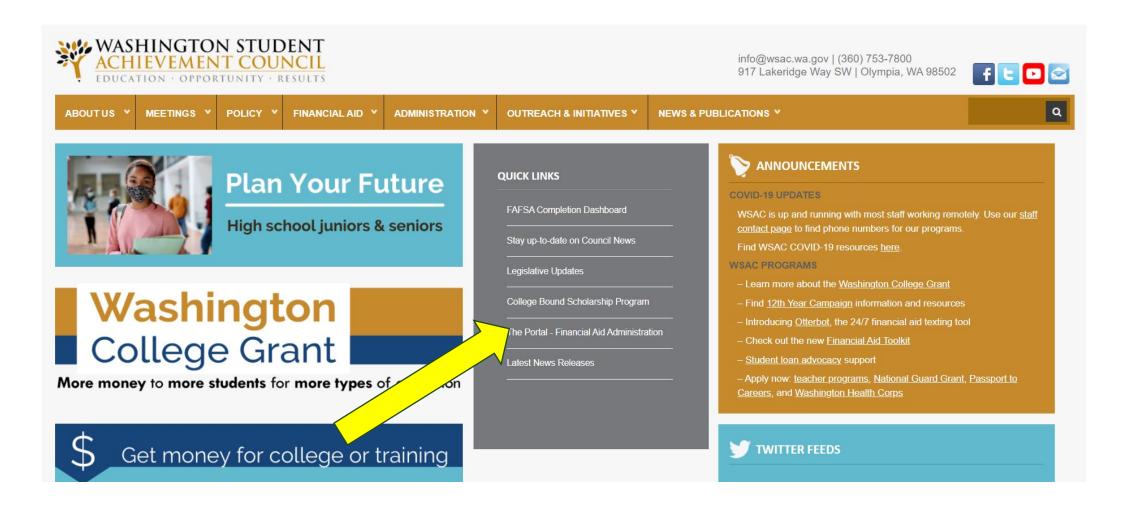






https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign

Resource: FAFSA Completion Portal



Resource: FAFSA Completion Portal

Data Sharing Agreement

- Districts must have a signed Data Sharing Agreement and Non-Disclosure Agreement to access student specific data.
- Anyone can access aggregate data.

Webinars & Publications

PSCCN resources (http://psccn.org)

- Financial Aid Toolkit: regionally developed financial aid resources
- College Knowledge: 9th-12th grade college (T-2-4) readiness materials
- College Transition Checklists: School-specific overview of key transition items

WSAC Webinars & Resources

- WASFA and FAFSA line-by-line, resources, and other FA trainings https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign
- WASFA Instruction: https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa

Undocu-student Resources

- WA Dream Coalition Educator Toolkit: <u>bit.ly/EducatorGuideWA</u>
- UW Leadership Without Borders: http://depts.washington.edu/ecc/lwb/

Federal Student Aid/Department of Education Resources

- FSA Toolkit (includes handbooks, handouts, etc. made by FSA)
- Student and parent-facing web-based information and support: <u>StudentAid.gov/fafsa</u>
- FAFSA Demo Site: https://fafsademo.test.ed.gov/webdemo.htm

Washington Financial Aid for Education and Training Videos

Informational videos about education after high school in the following languages:

- •English
- Mandarin
- Russian
- •Somali
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Vietnamese













Resources for Youth in Care

FOSTERING COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE:

Planning & Paying for Higher Education for Youth in Care

If you have been in foster care at any time after age 13, money and resources are available to help you go to college - including vocational training, 2-, and 4-year options - for most Washington State schools.

All of the resources listed in this guide are specific to youth who have been in foster care. Use this guide to learn how you can find money and support to pursue education beyond high school! You can also check out www.readysetgrad/fostercare for additional information and links.



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Get Organized

Create a binder to get prepared and stay organized. Keep information related to admissions, financial aid, scholarships, test scores, and more in your binder. Remember to keep information secure and private.

	Grade	Ready Explore	Set Prepare	Grad Pay	
	06	Think about Your Interests	Do Your Best in School	Start a Savings Account	
	07	Talk to Adults about College.	Take Challenging Classes to Prepare for High School	Learn about the College Bound Scholarship	
	08	Create a High School and Beyond Plan	Successfully Complete Pre-Algebra	Learn How to Stay Eligible for the College Bound Scholarship	
	09	Get Involved In School- or Community-Based Activities	Create a Student Portfolio	Register for theWashBoard.org, a Free Scholarship Service	
d	10	Research College and Career Options	Take Challenging Courses that Meet the Minimum College Admission Standards	Take ACT Aspire or PSAT	
	11	Participate in College Fairs and Campus Visits	Register and Take a College Admissions Exam (ACT, SAT, ASVAB or ACCUPLACER)	Apply for Scholarships	
	12	Research Careers and Do a Job Shadow	Apply to 3 or More Postsecondary Schools	Complete the FAFSA or WASFA	

The most important things you can do to help yourself prepare for life after high school are attend school regularly, take challenging courses to meet the Minimum College Admission Standards, and talk to your school counselor and other adults about your plans.

If you have been in foster care any time after age 13, there are money and resources are available to help you go to college — including vocational training, 2—, and 4—year options for most Washington State schools.

Find more information about these financial aid programs, their updates, and their eligibility requirements at:

www.readysetgrad/fostercare or www.independence.wa.gov

INFORMATION FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

COLLEGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

- Supplemental Education Transition Planning Program (SETuP). SETuP can provide information to you and your foster family about post-high school education and training opportunities.
- Extended Foster Care Program. This program provides an opportunity for you at age 18 to voluntarily agree to continue receiving foster care services, including placement services, while you complete high school or a post-high school academic or vocational program, or participate in a program or activity designed to promote employment.

FOSTER CARE-SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

College Bound Scholarship. The College Bound Scholarship is a state-funded program managed by the Washington Student Achievement Council. It is an early promise of state financial aid to help pay for education after high school. The scholarship combines with other state financial aid to cover college tuition at similar public college rates, some fees, and some money for books. If you have been in foster care any time from grade 7 to age 21, you are automatically enrolled in the College Bound Scholarship program. You will still need to apply for financial aid with a FAFSA or a WASFA beginning your senior year.

Passport to Careers Program. This scholarship encourages Washington's youth in foster care to prepare for and succeed in college, pre-apprenticeships, and apprenticeships. You can receive scholarships and other forms of financial aid that will help pay tuition and living expenses for up to five years of college at approved schools in Washington. You will receive guidance from college academic and financial aid counselors, assistance with finding housing during school breaks and over the summer, and special consideration for the Washington College Grant and State Work Study financial aid programs.

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program. This national program offers financial assistance to eligible youth to attend an approved college, university, vocational or technical college. You may receive funding for qualified school-related expenses, including Running Start. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible students. ETV can help pay for expenses such as tuition, fees, books, housing, food, transportation, and other educational costs.

Washington State Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth. This scholarship helps youth in foster care continue their education and earn a college degree. Scholarship amounts vary depending on the college you attend, and are available for up to five years. You must be enrolled full time and maintain satisfactory grades in order to renew the scholarship each year.



Resource: Student Loan Advocate



loanadvocate@wsac.wa.gov





https://www.studentloaned.wa.gov/

Upcoming Trainings:

Financial Aid: 201 - After the Application

- March 1, 2023
- Will be on our website and will go out in our newsletter (can sign up for on our website: psccn.org)

Dual Credit Summit Fall Virtual Series (Sept.-Nov.)

www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/dual-credit-programs

Poll: On scale from 1 to 5, how comfortable are you with financial aid? 1 being not comfortable at all and 5 being "I can do this presentation, make me the presenter".

Next Steps & Survey

Survey & Attendance Verification for Clock Hours

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Questions?









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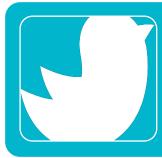
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- •www.get.wa.gov



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