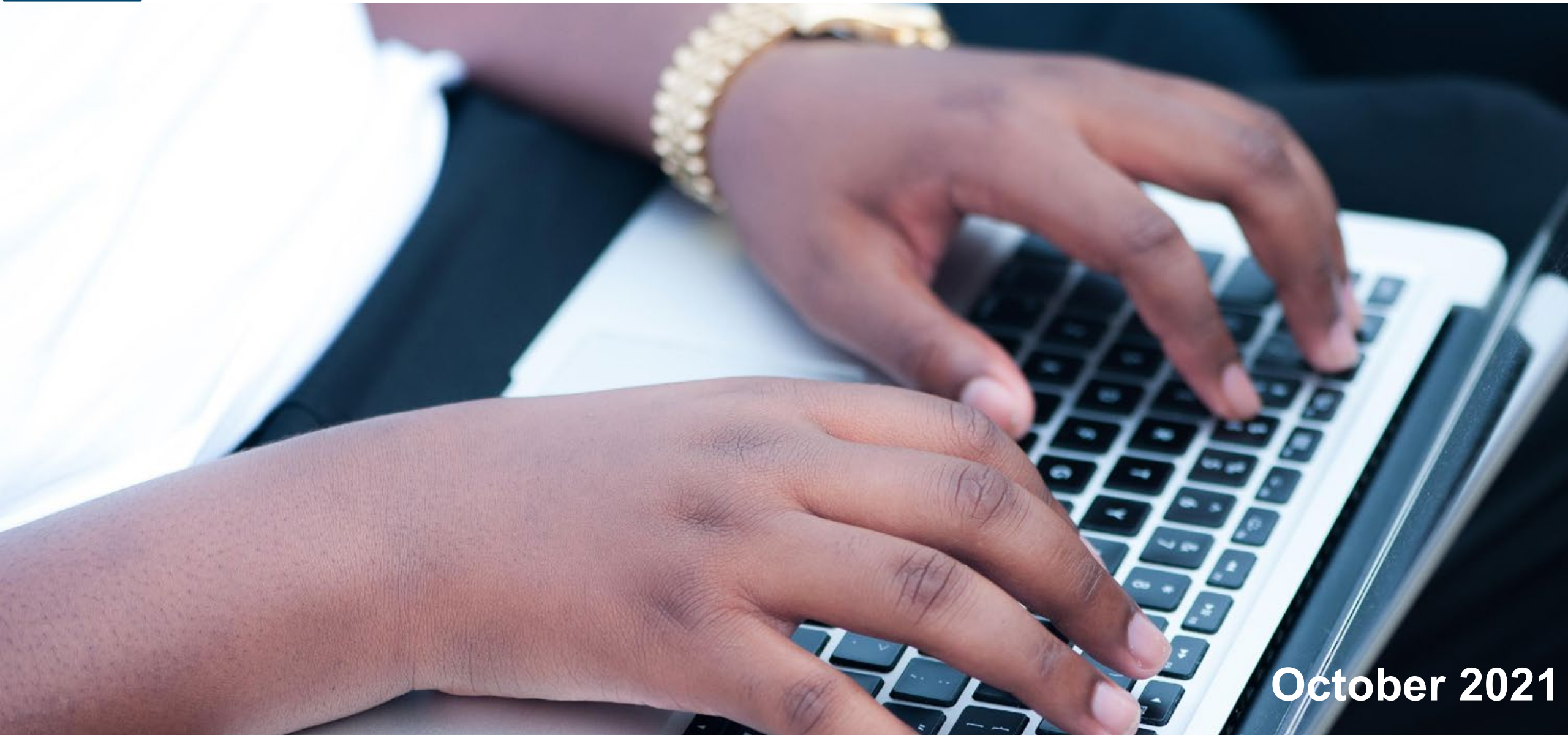




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Visual Step-by-Step FAFSA Guide for CA Youth Who Have Experienced Homelessness

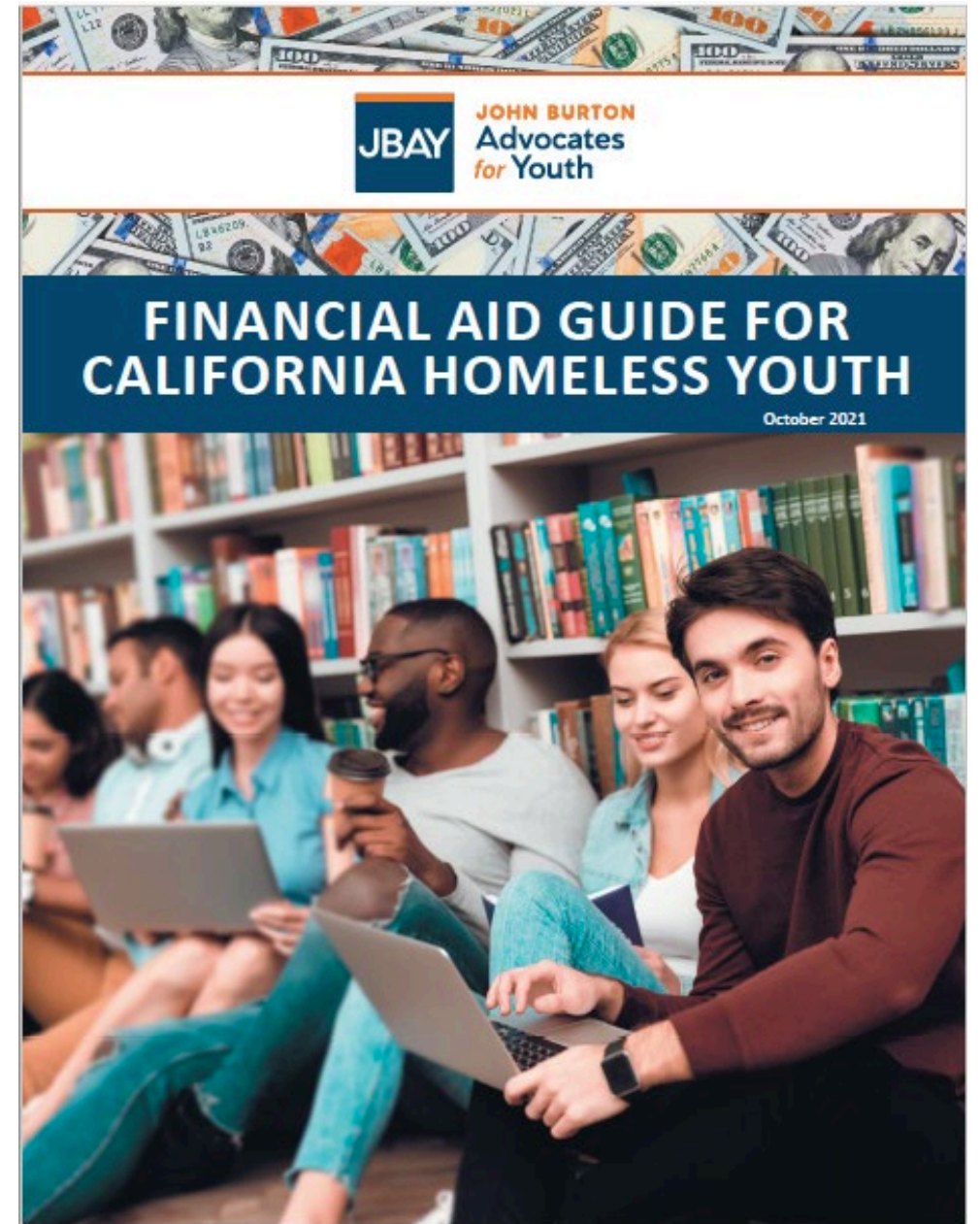


October 2021

This Guide is intended to compliment the Financial Aid Guide for California Homeless Youth with screen shots of the actual online FAFSA application and detailed step-by-step instructions for youth currently or formerly in the foster care system.

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

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



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**, including DACA recipients, remember to fill out the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at dream.csac.ca.gov instead of the FAFSA. If you are a California undocumented student, you should use the CADAA even if you were a DACA recipient and granted a temporary Social Security Number. Visit <https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-ca-homeless-youth/> for a Visual Guide of the CADAA.
- **If you are a current or former foster youth who was in foster care at least one day after your 13th birthday or in a court-ordered legal guardianship**, you may also qualify for “Independent Status” and should visit the financial aid resources for foster youth to learn more: jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Where to Apply for Financial Aid

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

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

Apply at: fafsa.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, however it is recommended to complete the online application to reduce any chances of errors. For those who want to complete the CADAA in Spanish, this is only available in paper at dream.csac.ca.gov under "Information & Resources."


FAFSA App on Smartphones


The FAFSA can also be completed on a mobile phone through the myStudentAid app or online at fafsa.ed.gov. You can start it and stop it on either device. The mobile app has the same questions, but a different layout. This guide is still helpful if you fill it out through the app.




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App Store

myStudentAid 

 Just announced: Student loan payments to restart after Jan. 31, 2022 [Read More](#)

FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone 

[Forgot My Username](#)

Password 

[Show](#)

[Forgot My Password](#)

[Log In](#)

_____ or _____

[Create an Account](#)

[Learn More About the FSA ID](#)

When to Apply

The priority application period is October 1st – March 2nd, before the start of the school year you plan to attend to college.

Students planning on attending a California community college have until September 2nd to apply but are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to qualify for the maximum aid award possible.

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

Students can apply for financial aid before they submit college applications

What to Bring to Apply for Financial Aid

Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number

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

Email Address

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

List of up to 10 colleges you plan to apply to

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

Tax or income info from the prior-prior year.

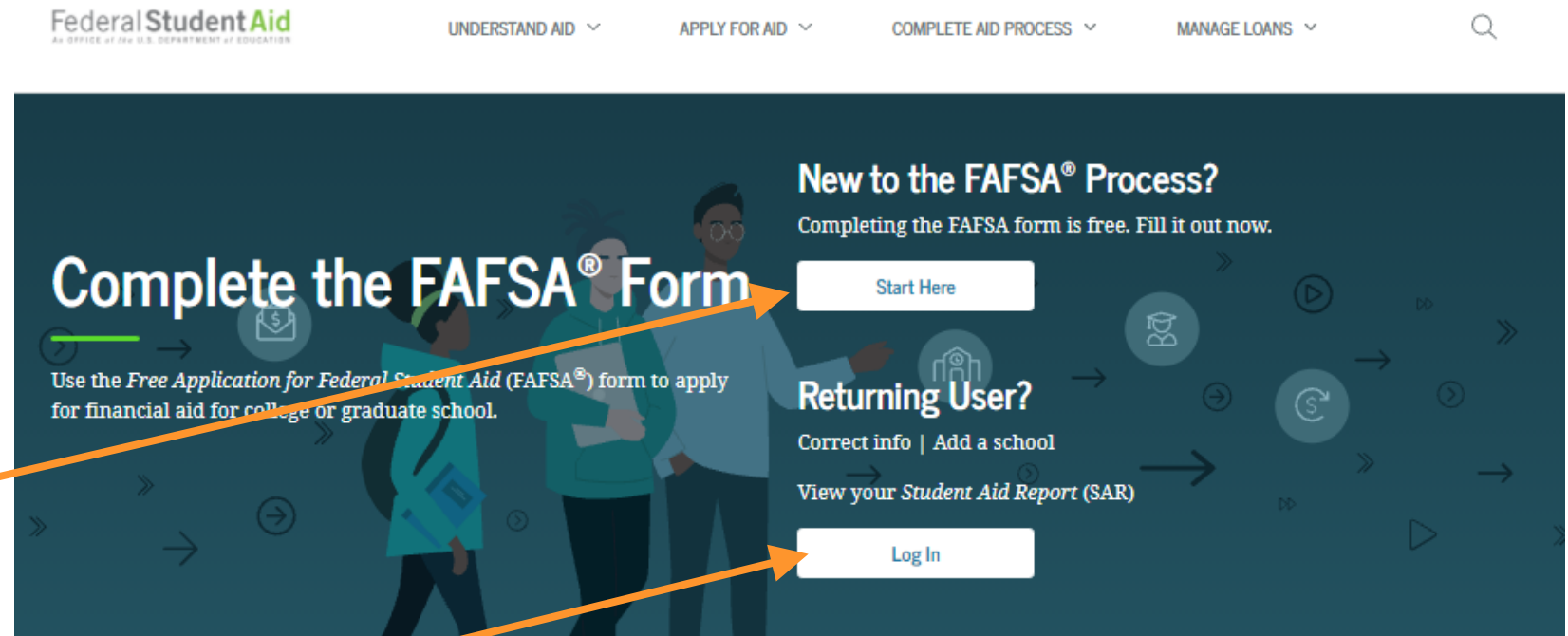
Students may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to transfer tax information from their federal income tax return into the FAFSA, if applicable.

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.



FAFSA® Announcements

New Application Launch

The new 2022-23 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don't delay! To begin your application, select the "Start Here" button on the FAFSA homepage.

What to Do If Your or Your Family's Financial Situation Has Changed

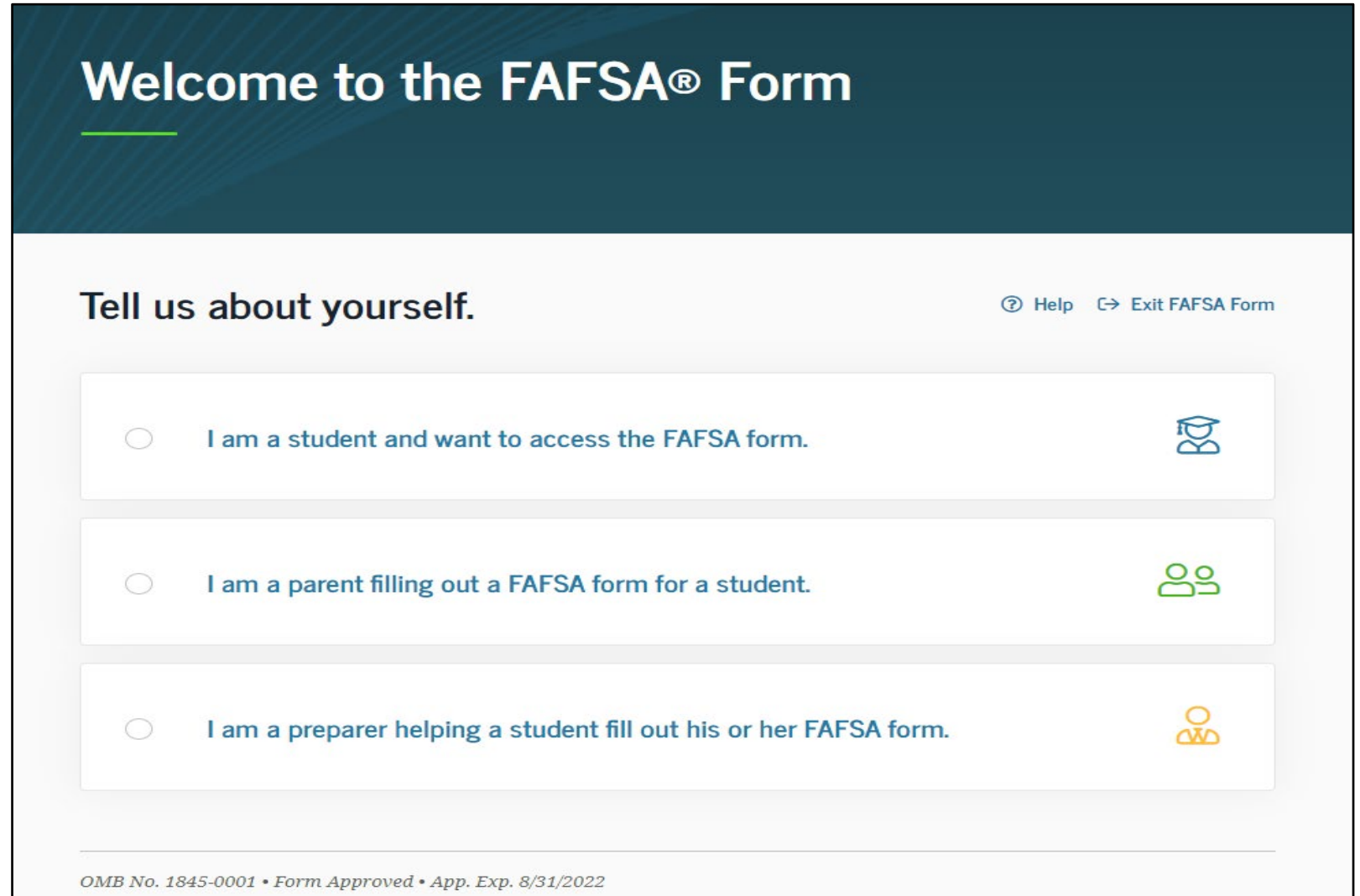
Many FAFSA applicants have experienced recent financial changes due to the COVID-19 emergency or other reasons.

Has your (or your family's) financial situation changed from what is reflected on your federal income tax return? For example, you or a family member has lost a job or claimed [unemployment benefits](#). If so, you may be eligible to have your FAFSA form adjusted to qualify

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

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


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



The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the FAFSA® Form' page. The title is in white text on a dark teal background. Below the title, the instruction 'Tell us about yourself.' is followed by links for 'Help' and 'Exit FAFSA Form'. There are three radio button options, each with a corresponding icon: a student icon, a parent icon, and a preparer icon. The first option is selected.

Welcome to the FAFSA® Form

Tell us about yourself. [Help](#) [Exit FAFSA Form](#)

- ☒ I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form. 
- ☐ I am a parent filling out a FAFSA form for a student. 
- ☐ I am a preparer helping a student fill out his or her FAFSA form. 

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

Log in:


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

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

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA login interface. At the top, it says "Tell us about yourself." with links for "Help" and "Exit FAFSA Form". Below this is a selection box with the option "I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form." selected. To the right of this box is a graduation cap icon. Below the selection box are two buttons: "Log In to Continue" and "Create an FSA ID". Below these buttons is the text "or" and a link "Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form." Two orange arrows originate from the text in the left sidebar. One arrow points from the underlined link "Create an FSA ID." to the "Create an FSA ID" button. The other arrow points from the text "click 'Exit FAFSA Form'" to the "Exit FAFSA Form" button in the bottom modal.

Tell us about yourself. [Help](#) [Exit FAFSA Form](#)


☒ I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form. 

[Log In to Continue](#)

[Create an FSA ID](#)

or

[Use personal identifiers](#) to access the FAFSA form.

☒ I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form. 

You are leaving the FAFSA® form.

To create an FSA ID, select "Save and Exit." You'll leave the FAFSA® form, and your progress will be saved.

[Close](#) [Exit FAFSA Form](#)

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

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

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

Use personal identifiers to access the FAFSA form.

Enter your personal identifiers.

Your First Name

 ?

Your Full Last Name

 ?

Your Date of Birth

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

Your Social Security Number

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

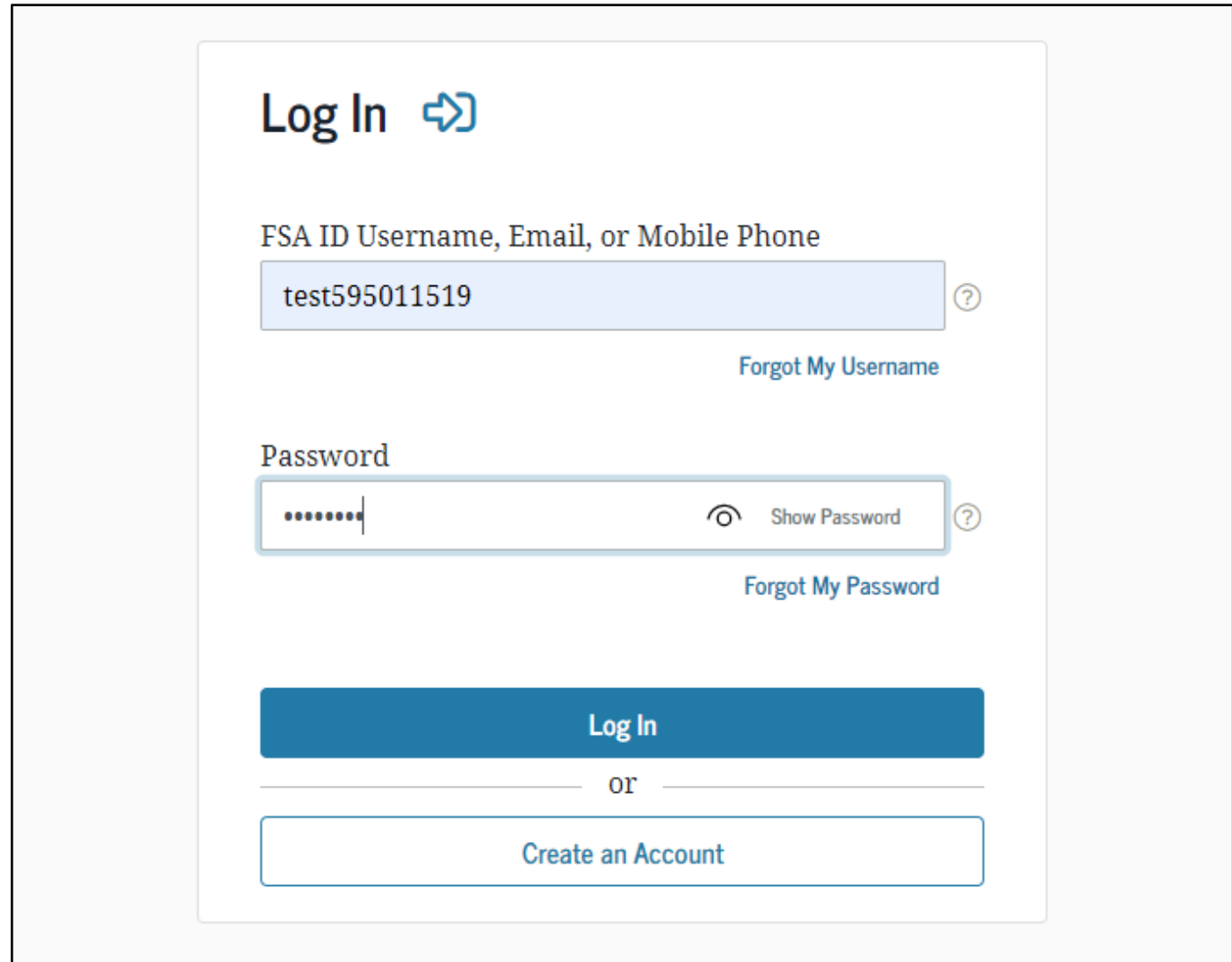
If you are a returning trust territory student who has previously submitted the FAFSA form, enter the entire 666 number we previously assigned to you.

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

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

Log in:

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



The screenshot shows the FAFSA login interface. At the top, it says "Log In" with a blue icon of two arrows pointing right. Below this is a label "FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone" followed by a text input field containing "test595011519". To the right of the input field is a question mark icon. Below the input field is a link "Forgot My Username". Below that is a label "Password" followed by a password input field with masked characters ".....". To the right of the password field is an eye icon and a link "Show Password", with a question mark icon to the right of the link. Below the password field is a link "Forgot My Password". At the bottom, there is a blue "Log In" button, followed by the word "or" in the center, and a white "Create an Account" button with a blue border.

Log In ➡

FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone

test595011519 ?

[Forgot My Username](#)

Password

..... ?

[Show Password](#)

[Forgot My Password](#)

Log In

or

Create an Account

Next: Create an “FSA ID”




Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID)

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

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

→ Click "Get Started"

Create an Account (FSA ID)

 Parents  Students  Borrowers

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

What You Can Use Your Account For

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

Items Needed to Create an Account

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

Get Started

or

Log In

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

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

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

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

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account (FSA ID) is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name



Middle Initial



Last Name



Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year



Social Security Number (SSN)



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

Cancel

Continue

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

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

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

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 2 of 7

Account Information

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

Username



Email Address



Confirm Email Address



Password

Show Password



✓ Uppercase

✓ Lowercase

✓ Number

✓ 8+ characters

Confirm Password

Show Password



Previous

Continue

CREATE AN “FSA ID” (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

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

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

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 3 of 7

Contact Information

Permanent Address

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

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.

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[Continue](#)

CREATE AN “FSA ID” (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

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

→ Indicate your preferred language.

Step 4 of 7

Communication Preferences

Required Communications

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

I want to receive these communications:

☒ By email *Recommended*

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

☐ By postal mail

Informational Communications

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

I want to receive these communications:

☐ By email

☐ By text message

Preferred Language

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

Language

English



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CREATE AN “FSA ID” (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION)

→ Choose “Challenge Questions” and answers that can easily be remembered 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

Select ?

Answer

Show Answer ?

Challenge Question 2

Question

Select ?

Answer

Show Answer ?

Challenge Question 3

Question

Select ?

Answer

Show Answer ?

Challenge Question 4

Question

Select ?

Answer

Show Answer ?

Previous

Continue

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

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

Step 6 of 7

Confirm and Verify

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

Personal Information

Edit 

NAME

Joe F Blow

DATE OF BIRTH

01/01/2000

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)

***-**-7897

Account Information

Edit 

USERNAME

joeblow1984

EMAIL ADDRESS

joeblow1984@gmail.com

PASSWORD

Contact Information

Edit 

PERMANENT ADDRESS

1 Harmony Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

(949) 285-2345

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

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

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

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](#)



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

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

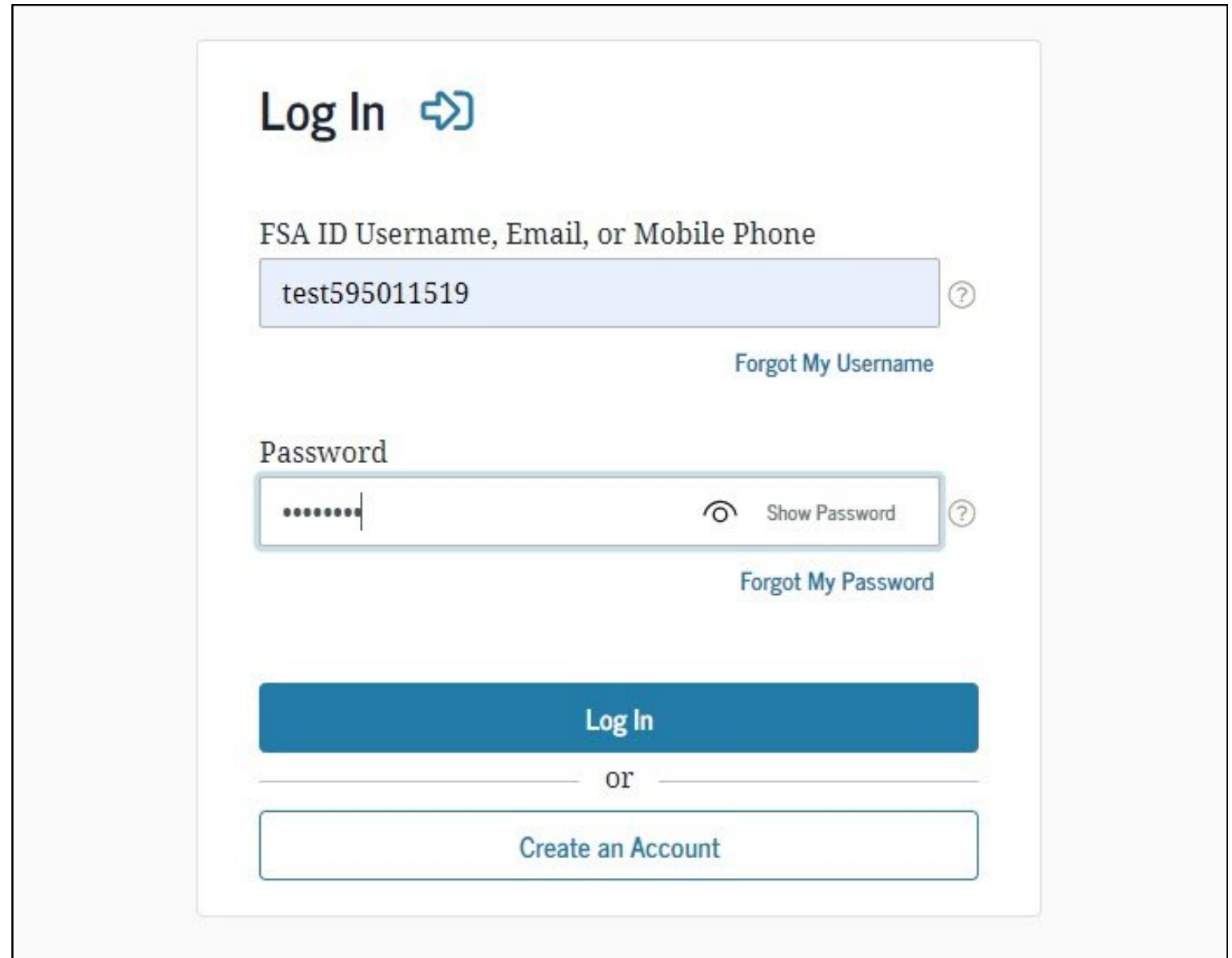
You're Now Ready to Start Your Online FAFSA

Login with your new FSA ID and begin the FAFSA

LOG-IN TO THE FAFSA

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

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



The screenshot shows the FAFSA Log In interface. At the top, it says "Log In" with a blue double-right arrow icon. Below this is a text input field labeled "FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone" containing the text "test595011519". To the right of the input field is a small blue question mark icon. Below the input field is a link that says "Forgot My Username". Below that is a text input field labeled "Password" containing seven dots. To the right of the password field is a blue eye icon and the text "Show Password", followed by a small blue question mark icon. Below the password field is a link that says "Forgot My Password". At the bottom of the form is a large blue button labeled "Log In". Below the button is a horizontal line with the word "or" in the center. At the very bottom is a white button with a blue border labeled "Create an Account".

Log In ➡

FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone

test595011519 ?

[Forgot My Username](#)

Password

..... Show Password ?

[Forgot My Password](#)

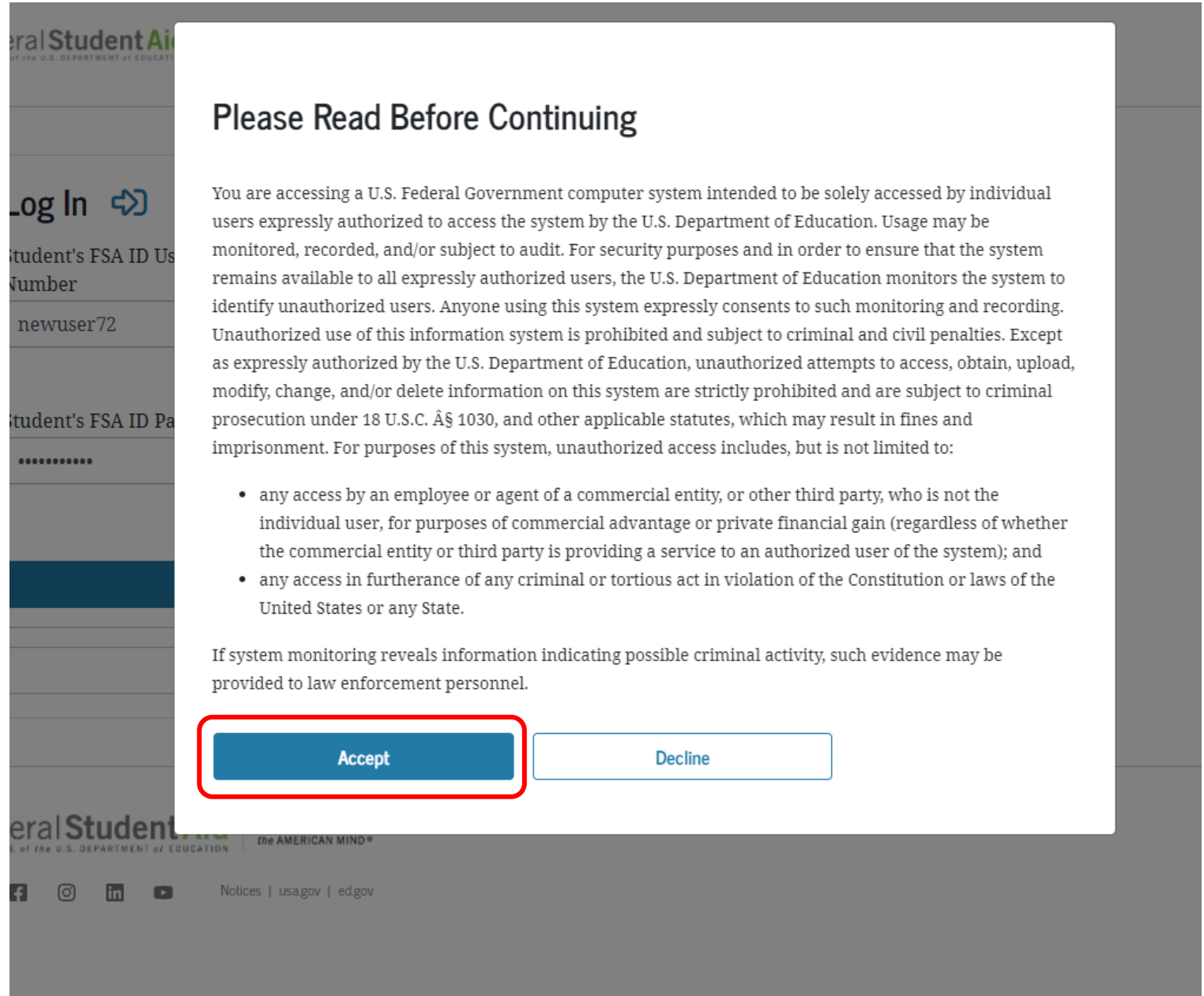
Log In

or

[Create an Account](#)

READ THE DISCLAIMER

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



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid login interface. A white disclaimer box is overlaid on the login form. The background form includes the 'Federal Student Aid' logo, a 'Log In' button with a key icon, and input fields for 'Student's FSA ID Username' (containing 'newuser72') and 'Student's FSA ID Password' (masked with dots). At the bottom of the page, there are social media icons and links to 'Notices', 'usa.gov', and 'ed.gov'.

Please Read Before Continuing

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

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

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

Accept Decline

SELECT THE SCHOOL YEAR YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

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

Get Started

[? Help](#) | [Exit FAFSA Form](#)

Welcome to Maxine Lastname's application!

Fill out your FAFSA form!

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA form every school year. Let's get started.

For which school year are you applying for financial aid?

If you are applying for a summer session or just don't know which application to complete, check with the college you are planning to attend.

Which school year should I choose?

Start 2022–23 FAFSA Form

or

Start 2021–22 FAFSA Form

FSA ID Status:

Last Successful FSA ID Log In: 08:32, 09/28/2021

 Matched

[Manage FSA ID](#)

You can use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA® form electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA form.

CREATE A SAVE KEY

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

2022–23 FAFSA® Form

[? Help](#)

[↪ Exit FAFSA Form](#)

Start Student's 2022–23 FAFSA® Form

Create a save key.

The save key is for temporary use for you or your parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA form.

Create a Save Key

 Show [?](#)

Reenter Save Key

 Show [?](#)[Previous](#)[Continue](#)



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

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

REVIEW THE INTRODUCTION PAGE

- The Introduction Page includes general information about the FAFSA

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

Introduction - 2022–23 FAFSA® Form

Let's get started!

Review the resources below to help complete your FAFSA form.

[+ Expand All](#)

How can I get help completing my FAFSA® form?



How many steps does it take to complete my FAFSA® form?



How long will it take to complete my FAFSA® form?



Can I save my FAFSA® form if I can't finish it?



What documents do I need to complete the FAFSA® form?



How do I sign the FAFSA® form?



What is FAFSA web's security and privacy?



Continue

COMPLETE THE SEVEN SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA

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



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[FAFSA Home](#) [Help](#) [Save FAFSA Form](#) [Review FAFSA Form](#) [Reset FAFSA Form](#) [Exit FAFSA Form](#)

1
Student Demographics

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School Selection

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Dependency Status

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Parent Demographics

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Parent Financials

6
Student Financials

7
Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

Personal Information for Student

✔ Application was successfully saved.

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

Your Social Security Number

.....-3012

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Your First Name

Brian

?

Your Middle Initial

?

Your Last Name

Lastname

?

Your Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

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SECTION 1 OF THE FAFSA:

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Personal Information for Student

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

Your Social Security Number

***-**-1519

Your First Name

TestE

Your Middle Initial

Your Last Name

Perez

Your Date of Birth

Month	Day	Year
02	05	2001

Previous Continue

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked with a green checkmark), 2. School Selection (checked with a green checkmark), 3. Dependency Status (checked with a green checkmark), 4. Parent Demographics (highlighted with a blue circle and number 4), 5. Parent Financials (circled with a number 5), 6. Student Financials (circled with a number 6), and 7. Sign & Submit (circled with a number 7). Below the progress bar, the section is titled "STUDENT INFORMATION" and "Student Email and Phone". There are three input fields: "Your Email Address" (containing "test595011519@test.com"), "Reenter Your Email Address" (containing "test595011519@test.com"), and "Your Telephone Number" (empty). Each field has a question mark icon to its right. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (active), 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the heading 'STUDENT INFORMATION' is followed by 'Student Address'. The form contains four input fields, each with a help icon (question mark in a circle): 'Your Permanent Mailing Address (include apt. number)' with the value '3333 Wilshire Blvd,', 'Your City (and country, if not U.S.)' with the value 'Los Angeles', 'Your State' with a dropdown menu showing 'California', and 'Your ZIP Code' with the value '90032'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

1 Student Demographics

2 School Selection

3 Dependency Status

4 Parent Demographics

5 Parent Financials

6 Student Financials

7 Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Address

Your Permanent Mailing Address (include apt. number)

3333 Wilshire Blvd,

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

Los Angeles

Your State

California

Your ZIP Code

90032

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- **State of Legal Residence:** If you select that you have lived in CA for at least 5 years, you may be eligible for California student financial aid (the Cal Grant).
- A separate application is not required, but you need to make sure that your high school has submitted your verified GPA and that it has been matched to your FAFSA. Create a WebGrants account to verify if your GPA has been matched to your FAFSA.
 - Visit www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-high-school-entitlement-award to see minimum GPA requirements.
 - Learn more on pages 106-110.
- **Are you a U.S. Citizen?** If you select “**No, but I am an eligible noncitizen**”, you will be asked to provide your Alien Registration Number (Don’t enter the “A” before the number).

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

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

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

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

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 2022-2023 school year?

If you took college courses while in high school, and were dually enrolled, you are still considered a first-time college student and can select the option: **"Never attended college/1st yr."**

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

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

The first question is "What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2022-23 school year?" with a dropdown menu showing "High school diploma".

The second question is "What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2022-23 school year?" with a dropdown menu showing "Associate degree (occupational or technical program)". This section is highlighted with a red box.

The third question is "Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2022-23 school year?" with radio buttons for "Yes" and "No". The "No" option is selected.

The fourth question is "What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2022-23 school year?" with a dropdown menu showing "Never attended college/1st yr.". This section is highlighted with a red box.

The fifth question is "Are you interested in being considered for work-study?" with radio buttons for "Yes", "No", and "Don't know". The "Yes" option is selected. This section is highlighted with a red box.

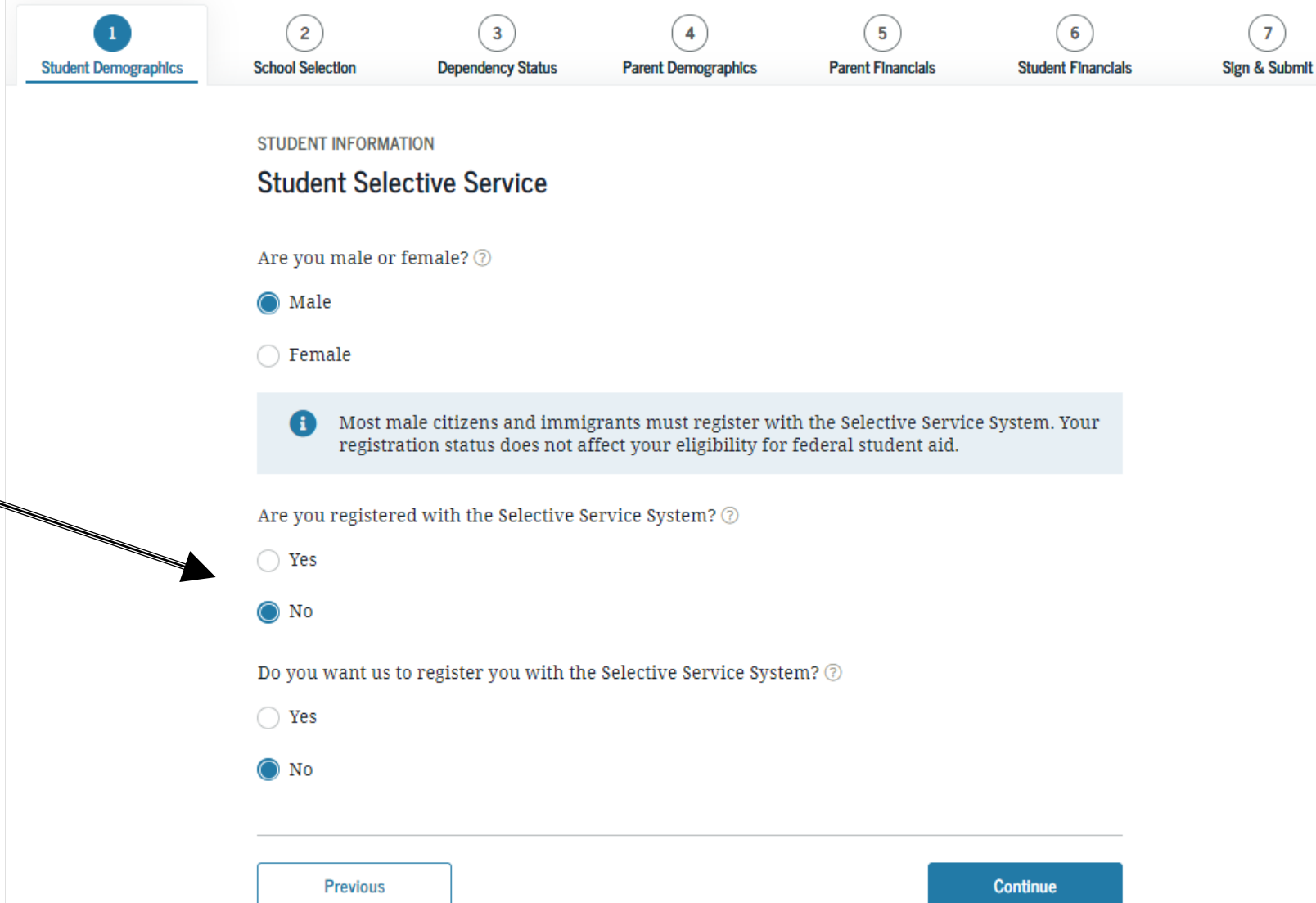
At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

Annotations: Three arrows point from the text on the left to the form. The first arrow points to the "High school diploma" dropdown. The second arrow points to the "Never attended college/1st yr." dropdown. The third arrow points to the "Yes" radio button for the work-study question.

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Selective Service is no longer required to qualify for state or federal financial aid, but the question remains on the FAFSA and allows you to register via the FAFSA form.



The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (active), 2. School Selection, 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Selective Service'. It contains three questions with radio button options. The first question, 'Are you male or female?', has 'Male' selected. The second question, 'Are you registered with the Selective Service System?', has 'No' selected. The third question, 'Do you want us to register you with the Selective Service System?', also has 'No' selected. An informational message states: 'Most male citizens and immigrants must register with the Selective Service System. Your registration status does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid.' At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Selective Service

Are you male or female? ?

☒ Male

☐ Female

i Most male citizens and immigrants must register with the Selective Service System. Your registration status does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid.

Are you registered with the Selective Service System? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do you want us to register you with the Selective Service System? ?

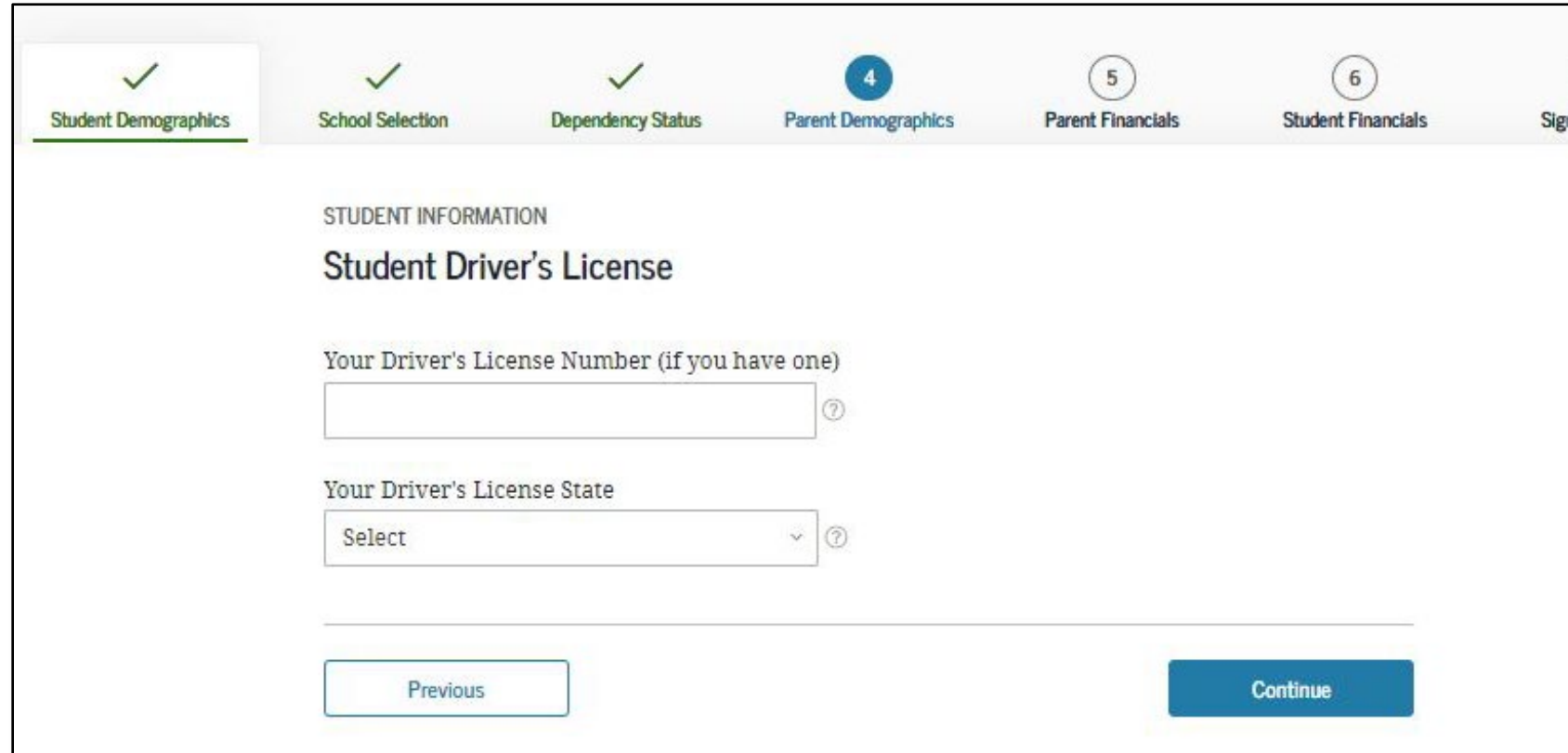
☐ Yes

☒ No

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- **Driver's License:** A driver's license is not required to complete the application but can help prevent identity theft. Driving record and parking tickets do not affect eligibility for financial aid.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Demographics' section. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Student Demographics (completed, marked with a green check), School Selection (completed, marked with a green check), Dependency Status (completed, marked with a green check), Parent Demographics (current step, marked with a blue circle containing the number 4), Parent Financials (marked with a grey circle containing the number 5), and Student Financials (marked with a grey circle containing the number 6). Below the progress bar, the heading 'STUDENT INFORMATION' is followed by the sub-heading 'Student Driver's License'. The form contains two input fields: 'Your Driver's License Number (if you have one)' with a text input box and a help icon (?), and 'Your Driver's License State' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select' and a help icon (?). At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Driver's License

Your Driver's License Number (if you have one)

Your Driver's License State

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You will be asked: “Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?”

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

[Note: This question is not on CADAA]

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

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

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion

Are you a foster youth or were you in the foster care system at any time? ?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What's the highest school completed by Parent 1?

Select ?

What's the highest school completed by Parent 2?

Select ?

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FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Student Eligibility Worksheet-

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.
- If **yes**, you will be asked several additional questions. While these questions remain on the FAFSA, they no longer impact your eligibility for federal financial aid

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Eligibility Worksheet

Have you ever received federal student aid? ?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have you been convicted of the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study funds, and/or loans)? ?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have all of your federal or state drug-related convictions been removed from your record? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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 funds, and/or loans)? ?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have you completed an acceptable drug rehabilitation program since your last conviction? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Student Eligibility Worksheet Continued-

If you answered that you were convicted of the possession or sale of illegal drugs while receiving federal student aid you will be asked additional questions.

While these questions remain on the FAFSA, they no longer affect a student's eligibilty for federal student aid.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Eligibility Worksheet Convictions

How many convictions do you have for possessing drugs?

1

What was the date of your conviction for possessing drugs?

Month

01

Day

01

Year

2019

How many convictions do you have for selling drugs?

0



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 form, a recent federal law states that students are eligible for federal student aid even if their conviction is for the sale or possession of illegal drugs while receiving student aid.

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SECTION 2 OF THE FAFSA:

SCHOOL SELECTION

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.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 'Add Your High School' section. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (active), 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the heading 'STUDENT INFORMATION' is followed by 'Add Your High School'. A green message box states 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this, two blue information boxes provide guidance: 'Because the FAFSA® form belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.' and 'To find your high school, enter the following criteria and select "Search."'.

The form fields include:

- 'State / Province / Territory' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select' and a link 'My country is not listed'.
- 'City - optional' with a text input field.
- 'High School Name - optional' with a text input field.
- A blue 'Search' button, which is highlighted with a red box and has an arrow pointing to it from the text on the left.
- A 'Previous' button at the bottom left.

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 and select Continue.

Search Results 1 to 10 of 100.

SORT BY:

Best Match

A-Z

☐ School Without Walls Hs
Washington, DC

☐ Archbishop Carroll High School
Washington, DC

☐ Capital City High School Pcs
Washington, DC

☐ Gonzaga College High School
Washington, DC

☐ Hospitality High School
Washington, DC

☐ St Johns College High School
Washington, DC

☐ Academy for Ideal Education Middle/Hs
Washington, DC

☐ Anacostia Hs
Washington, DC

☐ Ballou Hs
Washington, DC

☐ Ballou Stay Hs
Washington, DC

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I can't find my school

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FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

Confirm your high school:

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application process at the 'School Selection' step. A progress bar at the top indicates the sequence of steps: 1. Student Demographics (completed with a green checkmark), 2. School Selection (current step, highlighted with a blue circle and underline), 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit.

Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Confirm Your High School'. There are two instructional boxes: a green one with a checkmark icon stating 'Review the information below and then select "Continue" to add this school to your application.', and a blue one with an information icon stating 'Verify that the high school information you entered is correct, then select "Continue."'

The 'High School Information' section contains the following details:

- HIGH SCHOOL NAME: Asa Academy
- CITY: Oakland
- STATE: California

At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' (outlined in blue) and 'Continue' (solid blue). In the bottom right corner, there is a small owl icon inside a speech bubble.

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.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application process, specifically the 'SCHOOL SELECTION' section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (active), 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit.

Below the progress bar, the 'SCHOOL SELECTION' heading is followed by 'College Search'. Three informational boxes provide guidance:

- TestE:** Based on the information you provided, we've determined that you may qualify for federal student aid. Continue through the application for us to determine how much aid you can receive.
- Search Instructions:** 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.
- Search Help:** Complete the fields below to search for a college to add to your FAFSA® form. Need help refining your search? [Try these search tips.](#)

The search interface includes two tabs: 'Search by School Name, City, State' (selected) and 'Search by Federal School Code'. The form fields are:

- State:** A dropdown menu with 'Select' and a help icon.
- City - optional:** A text input field with a help icon.
- School Name - optional:** A text input field with a help icon.

A blue 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the form. A 'Previous' button is visible at the bottom left of the page.

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

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

Search Results 1 to 10 of 39.

SORT BY: Best Match A-Z

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Howard University Federal School Code: 001448 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	American University Federal School Code: 001434 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	Catholic University of America Federal School Code: 001437 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gallaudet University Federal School Code: 001443 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	George Washington University Federal School Code: 011950 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	George Washington University Federal School Code: 001444 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgetown University Federal School Code: 001445 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgetown University - Graduate School Federal School Code: E01671 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	Southeastern University Federal School Code: 001456 Washington, DC View College Info
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strayer University Federal School Code: 001459 Washington, DC View College Info

FAFSA SECTION 2: SCHOOL SELECTION

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 'School Selection' section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (completed with a green checkmark), 2. School Selection (active), 3. Dependency Status, 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit.

Below the progress bar, the heading 'STUDENT INFORMATION' is followed by 'Selected Colleges and Housing Info'. A table lists the selected colleges. The first entry is 'East Los Angeles College' with Federal School Code 001222, located in Monterey Park, CA. A 'View College Info' link is provided. The 'Housing Plan' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Select Housing Plan' (highlighted in blue), 'On Campus', 'With Parent', and 'Off Campus'. A 'Remove' button is visible next to the college entry.

Below the table, there is a '+ Add More Schools' button and a 'Compare All Schools' link. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.



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.

SECTION 3 OF THE FAFSA:

DEPENDENCY STATUS

Dependency Determination

- Students who are determined to be independent do not need to provide information about parents.
- For independent students, eligibility for financial aid is based on the student's income only (and spouse if applicable)
- Students who will be 24 years old or older as of January 1 of the year for which they are applying for aid are automatically independent and will not be asked the questions in this section. (e.g., if you plan to start school in August 2022, will you be 24 or older as of January 1, 2022)

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

Marital Status:

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

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Section 3: Dependency Status form. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (checked), 3. Dependency Status (active), 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the section is titled "SCHOOL SELECTION" and "Student Marital Status". A green success message states "Application was successfully saved." Below this, a blue information box explains that "you" and "your" refer to the student. The main question is "What is your marital status as of today?", with a dropdown menu currently set to "Single". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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

SCHOOL SELECTION

Student Marital Status

✓ Application was successfully saved.

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

What is your marital status as of today?

Single

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Section 3: Dependency Status form. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (checked), 3. Dependency Status (active), 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. The main content area is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and contains the question 'Does the student have dependents?'. Below this is a section for 'Dependent Children' with the question 'Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023?'. There are two radio buttons: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. Below this is a text input field for 'How many children will receive over half of their support from you?' with the value '2' entered. The next section is 'Other Dependents' with the question '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, 2023?'. There are two radio buttons: 'Yes' and 'No' (selected). At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Does the student have dependents?

Dependent Children

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023? ?

☒ Yes
☐ No

How many children will receive over half of their support from you?

2 ?

Other Dependents

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2023? ?

☐ Yes
☒ No

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

Student Household Info:

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


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

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

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

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

STUDENT INFORMATION
Student Household Info

 Your household size is 3.
You: 1 Your Children: 2

Number in College
Out of the 3 people in your household (as shown above), how many will be college students between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023? Include yourself in this number.
 ?

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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

Otherwise, select "none of the above."

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Section 3: Dependency Status form. At the top, there is a progress bar with seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (checked), 3. Dependency Status (active), 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the section is titled "SCHOOL SELECTION" and "Student Additional Dependency Questions". The instructions state: "Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA® form. Select all that apply or 'None of the above.' ?". There are five checkboxes with the following questions: "Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?", "Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?", "At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?", "As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?", and "Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?". The "None of the above" option is selected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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SCHOOL SELECTION

Student Additional Dependency Questions

Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA® form. Select all that apply or "None of the above." ?

- ☐ Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?
- ☐ Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?
- ☐ At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- ☐ As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- ☐ Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- ☒ None of the above

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you selected “none of the above,” you will be asked whether on or after July 1st of the year prior to the award year, you were homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. **If you are planning to start college in Fall 2022, you would have been homeless any time after 7/1/21 to answer yes.**

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 displays the FAFSA application interface for the Dependency Status section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: 1. Student Demographics (checked), 2. School Selection (checked), 3. Dependency Status (active), 4. Parent Demographics, 5. Parent Financials, 6. Student Financials, and 7. Sign & Submit. Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'SCHOOL SELECTION' and 'Student Homelessness Filter Question'. The question asks: 'On or after July 1, 2021, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?'. There are two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

Definition of Homeless Youth on the FAFSA:

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

Unaccompanied =

Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian



Homeless =

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

OR

Self-supporting AND at risk of being homeless =

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

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

Who is Included in the definition of homelessness?

Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing includes students who:

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

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

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

Note: The listed individuals are permitted to continue to make determinations in subsequent years if they have 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 62. The student can still verify homeless status through their college’s financial aid office.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Homelessness Questions

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?

Select all that apply or “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:

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

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

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

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

Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

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

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

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

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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

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SCHOOL SELECTION

Impact of Not Providing Parent Information

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

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

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FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless Acknowledgement

Choose the appropriate option below based on your circumstances. ?

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

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Information Regarding Homeless Determinations

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

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

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

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

A new determination must be made each year for the FAFSA

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Independent Student Status

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

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

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

Would you like to answer questions about your parents? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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Student Financials

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

Option a). If you select "*Already Completed*" IRS Income Tax Return (page 69-85)

Option b). If you select "*Will File*" IRS Income Tax Return (page 86-88)

Option c). If you select "*Not Going to File*" IRS Income Tax Return (page 89-95)

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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 2022/2023 FAFSA which is filled out between October 1, 2021 – March 2, 2022 will ask for 2020 tax & income information.

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

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

You must select one of three options:

- Already completed
- Will file
- Not going to file

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Student Tax Filing Status

Attention! You must provide financial information from your **2020 tax return** on the following pages.

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

For 2020, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Select

Select

Already completed

Will file

Not going to file

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Option a).

If you select *“Already Completed”*

IRS Income Tax Return

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

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If you select “Already Completed”:

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

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Tax Filing Status



Attention!

You must provide financial information from your **2020 tax return** on the following pages.



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

For 2020, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed



What income tax return did you file for 2020?

IRS Form 1040



For 2020, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?


Single



RECOMMENDED

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA® form with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)!

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

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Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually

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“Student Financial Information” page.

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

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Student Eligible for IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

Applying is faster and easier with the IRS DRT!

Based on your responses, we recommend that you transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA form. The IRS DRT allows you to link to the IRS website and securely transfer original IRS tax return information into your FAFSA form.

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

No Thanks Proceed to the IRS

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application progress bar at the top, with steps 1 through 7. Steps 1-5 are marked with green checkmarks, and step 6, 'Student Financials', is the current active step. Step 7, 'Sign & Submit', is also visible. Below the progress bar, the heading 'STUDENT INFORMATION' is followed by the title 'Student Leaving Your FAFSA® Form'. The main content area contains three paragraphs of text explaining the process of leaving the FAFSA form and transferring tax information to the IRS website. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Skip IRS DRT and Complete Manually' and 'Proceed to the IRS'.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Leaving Your FAFSA® Form

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Get My Federal Income Tax Information

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

Enter the following information from your 2020 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

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

IRS

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

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

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IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 2:

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

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

The screenshot shows the '2020 Federal Income Tax Information' page. At the top, there's a blue header with the IRS logo and navigation links: 'Return to FAFSA', 'Help', 'Logout', and 'Español'. Below the header, the title '2020 Federal Income Tax Information' is displayed, followed by a 'Edit Data' link. A paragraph explains that the IRS will transfer tax information to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to populate FAFSA questions. Another paragraph states that for protection, the IRS will not display tax information and will further encrypt any transferred information. A third paragraph notes that the data retrieved is limited to items listed below as reported to the IRS. Below this, there's a table with three columns: 'Tax Year', 'Type of Return Filed', and 'Untaxed Portion of IRA Distributions & Pensions/Annuities'. The table lists various tax items like Adjusted Gross Income, Income Earned from Work, Income Tax, Education Credits, Tax-exempt Interest Income, IRA Deductions and Payments, Status of Amended Returns Received, and Schedule 1 Evaluation. A section titled 'Refer to your tax records if you have a question about the values you reported.' follows. Then, there are two main options: 'Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA Form' and 'Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA Form'. Each option has a checkbox, a brief description, and a button ('TRANSFER NOW' or 'DO NOT TRANSFER') with a help icon. The footer contains the IRS logo and links to 'IRS Privacy Policy' and 'Accessibility'.

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2020 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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“Student IRS Info”

After the data has been transferred from the IRS DRT it will show as “Transferred from the IRS.” This data cannot be changed or viewed.

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 'Student Financials' section, which is the sixth step in a seven-step process. The progress bar at the top shows steps 1 through 5 completed (Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials) and step 6, 'Student Financials', as the current step. Step 7, 'Sign & Submit', is the final step. The main heading is 'STUDENT INFORMATION' followed by 'Student IRS Info'. A green confirmation box states: 'You have successfully transferred your 2020 IRS tax information. Your IRS tax information has been successfully transferred into this FAFSA® form. Questions that were populated with tax information will be marked with "Transferred from the IRS." For your protection, IRS tax return information is not displayed on the FAFSA form.' Below this, a question is asked: 'What was your adjusted gross income for 2020?'. The answer field is a dropdown menu showing 'Transferred from the IRS' with a question mark icon to its right. This entire answer area is highlighted with a red rectangular box. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface for the 'Student Financials' section. At the top, a progress bar shows seven steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials (highlighted with a blue circle and number 6), and Sign & Submit (numbered 7). Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Income from Work'. The first question is 'How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?'. The answer is entered as 'Transferred from the IRS' in a text box, with a help icon (?) to its right. The second question is 'Did you file an IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) for 2020?'. Below this question are two radio button options: 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'No' option is selected, indicated by a blue dot. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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Student Income from Work

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?

Transferred from the IRS ?

Did you file an IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) for 2020? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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Student Simplified Path Determination (part 1):

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

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

Note that if you did file a Schedule 1, you can still answer “no” if the only income type reported on the schedule 1 was unemployment benefits or other less common income types noted on the screen. If you answer no, go to slide 79.

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

- were laid off, are receiving unemployment benefits, and are unlikely to return to your previous occupation or
- if you lost self-employment because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you answer “no” or “don’t know” you will be asked the questions on the following slide.

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School Selection

✓
Dependency Status

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Parent Demographics

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Parent Financials

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Student Financials

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Student Simplified Path Determination

You indicated that you filed an IRS Form 1040. Did you file a Schedule 1? Select **No** if you did not file a Schedule 1 or **only filed** a Schedule 1 to report: unemployment compensation, educator expenses, IRA deduction, student loan interest deduction, or Alaska Permanent Fund dividend. [Learn more about Schedule 1.](#) ?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ Don't know

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

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☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ Don't know

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

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

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

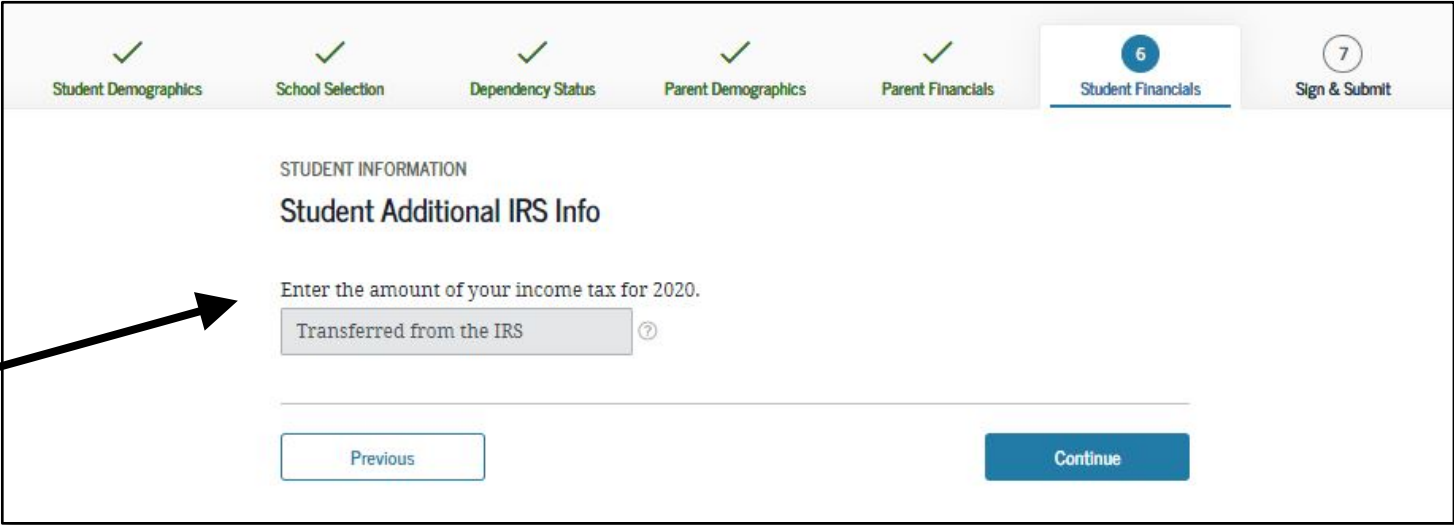
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Learn about SNAP .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Learn about TANF .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Learn about WIC .
<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the above

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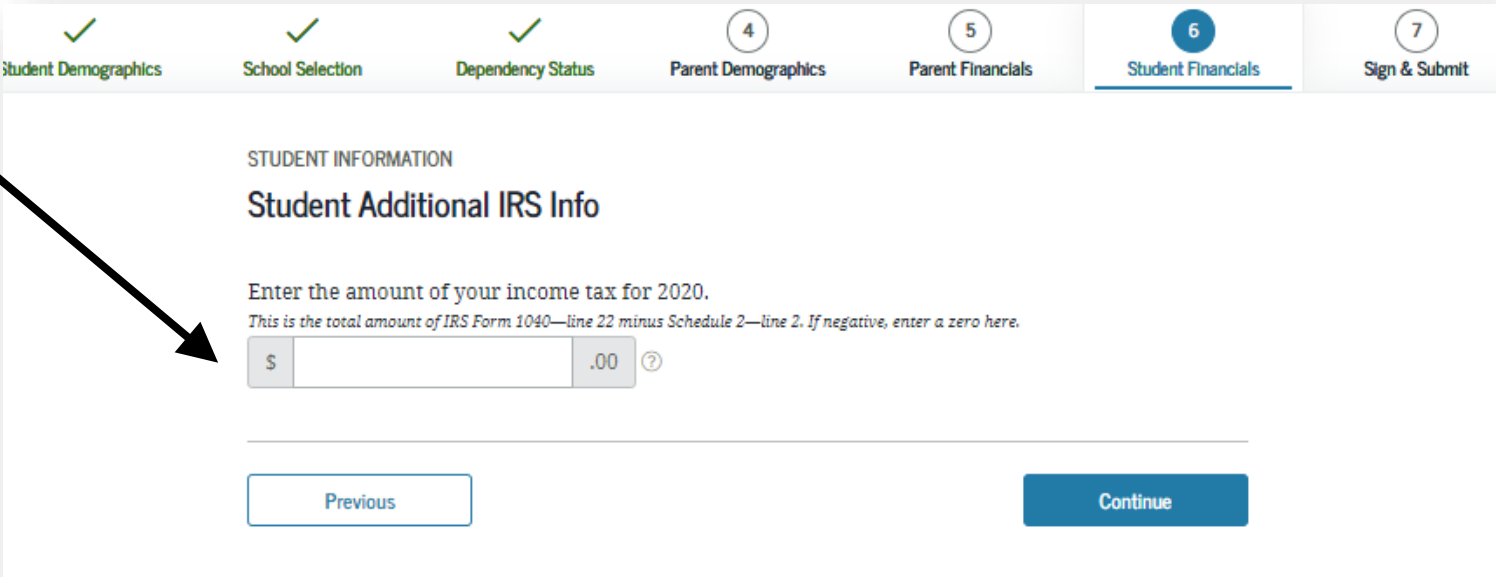
Student Additional IRS Info

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

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



The screenshot shows the FAFSA progress bar at the top with steps 1 through 7. Step 6, 'Student Financials', is highlighted. Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Additional IRS Info'. The main instruction is 'Enter the amount of your income tax for 2020.' Below this, a text box contains the text 'Transferred from the IRS' with a question mark icon to its right. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA progress bar at the top with steps 1 through 7. Step 6, 'Student Financials', is highlighted. Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Additional IRS Info'. The main instruction is 'Enter the amount of your income tax for 2020.' Below this, a smaller instruction reads: 'This is the total amount of IRS Form 1040—line 22 minus Schedule 2—line 2. If negative, enter a zero here.' Below the instruction, there is a text box with a dollar sign on the left, a numeric input field, and a decimal field with '.00' and a question mark icon to its right. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

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“Student Questions for Tax Filers Only”

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

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

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

✓ Student Demographics

✓ School Selection

✓ Dependency Status

✓ Parent Demographics

✓ Parent Financials

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Student Questions for Tax Filers Only

Did you have any of the following items in 2020? 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 combat pay is entirely nontaxable. Only enter **taxable combat pay** included in your (and, if married, your spouse's) adjusted gross income.

\$

0

.00

?

Student college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.

\$

0

.00

?

Education credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit) from IRS.

Transferred from the IRS

?

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions from IRS Form.

Transferred from the IRS

?

IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form.

Transferred from the IRS

?

Tax Exempt Interest Income from IRS Form

Transferred from the IRS

?

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Student Additional Financial Info

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

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

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

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 'Student Financials' section. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps are complete: School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, and Parent Financials. The current step, 'Student Financials', is highlighted with a blue circle containing the number 6. Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Additional Financial Info'. A yellow warning box states: 'Please provide a valid response for all questions. If there is nothing to report, the answer should be zero.' The main question is: 'Did you have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.' Below this, there are three input fields, each with a dollar sign icon, a numeric input field, and a decimal input field with a question mark icon. The first input field is for '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.' The second input field is for 'Earnings from work under a Cooperative Education Program offered by a college.' The third input field is for 'Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.' The second and third input fields are highlighted with red rectangles. At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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✓ School Selection

✓ Dependency Status

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5 Parent Financials

6 Student Financials

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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.

\$ 0 .00 ?

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

\$ 0 .00 ?

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

\$ 0 .00 ?

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

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

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

✓ Student Demographics

✓ School Selection

✓ Dependency Status

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Sign Out

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Student Untaxed Income

⚠

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

\$?

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.

\$?

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

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

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

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

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student Assets:

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

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application progress bar at the top, with steps 1 through 7. Steps 1-3 are marked with green checkmarks, indicating completion. Steps 4 and 5 are circled in white. Step 6, 'Student Financials', is the current step, highlighted with a blue circle and underline. Step 7, 'Sign & Submit', is also circled in white. Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Assets'. The question 'Do you want to skip questions about your assets?' is followed by two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Assets

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? ⓘ

☒ Yes

☐ No

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TIPS

What if you received unemployment benefits?

Reporting this information on the FAFSA is complicated. We recommend you contact the FAFSA help line (see page 102) for guidance. After you submit your FAFSA, contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend to inform them that you received unemployment benefits. They may be able to adjust your income on the FAFSA to ensure you qualify for the maximum funding possible.

What if your income has changed since 2020?

If your income has decreased since 2020, for example, you lost a job or had your hours significantly reduced, contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend. They can recalculate your financial aid award to reflect your current income.

Option b).

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

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

FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

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

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

Click **“OK”** if this is true.

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Sign & Submit

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Tax Filing Status

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

For 2020, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Will file

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


OK

What income tax return will you file for 2020?

IRS Form 1040

For 2020, what will be your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Single



IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Based on your responses, you are not eligible to transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA® form.

Select “Continue.”

Previous

Continue



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

FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student IRS Info

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

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

******You will then be asked the same questions as tax filers based on your estimations. To view the additional financial information screens that follow see pages 77-85.**

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Student IRS Info

i You indicated you "Will file" a 2020 tax return.

If your 2020 income is similar to your 2019 income, use your 2019 tax return to provide estimates for questions about your income. If your income is not similar, select "Calculate with Income Estimator" for assistance estimating your adjusted gross income, and answer the remaining questions about your income to the best of your ability.

Once you file your tax return, you **must** correct your FAFSA® form by changing 1) your filing status from "Will file" to "Already completed," and 2) the estimated answers to the final amounts on your 2020 tax return. At that time, you may be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer your tax return information into the FAFSA form.

What was your adjusted gross income for 2020?
This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 11.

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[Calculate with Income Estimator](#)

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

Option c).

If you select *“Not Going to File”*

IRS Income Tax Return

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

FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

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

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

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

Unsure if you made enough money to file taxes? Each year the income requirement is different. Ex. In 2020, if you were single, under 65 and your gross earned income was at least \$12,400, then you needed to file a tax return.

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

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Parent Financials

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Student Financials

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Tax Filing Status

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Attention!
You must provide financial information from your 2020 tax return on the following pages.

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

For 2020, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Not going to file



IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Based on your responses, you are not eligible to transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA® form.

Select "Continue."

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Continue

FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student Income from Work

You will be asked to report how much money you made from **working**. Include the information from your W-2 forms (box numbers 1 +8).

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

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application progress bar at the top, with seven steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (4), Parent Financials (5), Student Financials (6, highlighted), and Sign & Submit (7). Below the progress bar, the section is titled 'STUDENT INFORMATION' and 'Student Income from Work'. The question asks, 'How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?'. The input field shows '\$' on the left, a text box with a cursor, and '.00' on the right, followed by a help icon. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Income from Work

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2020?

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Additional Financial Info

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

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

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

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Additional Financial Info

Did you (or your spouse) have any of the following items in 2020? Enter amounts for all that apply.

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

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

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

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS

Student Untaxed Income – Part 1


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

- Economic Impact Payments, or stimulus checks, due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Emergency financial aid grants from the government in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. If you aren’t sure, talk to your financial aid office for assistance.
- Extended Foster Care (AB 12) benefits—including SILP payments or payment from a THP-Plus FC program (even if your SILP payment is sent directly to you). This also includes the infant supplement.
- Welfare (CalWORKs) payments
- Untaxed Social Security benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - do not confuse with Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

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

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Untaxed Income

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FAFSA SECTION 6: STUDENT FINANCIALS


Student Untaxed Income- Part 2

You DO have to report Unemployment Benefits under untaxed income.

TIP: If you did receive unemployment benefits in 2020, contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend to inform them that you received unemployment benefits. They may be able to adjust your income on the FAFSA to ensure you qualify for the maximum funding possible.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Untaxed Income

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

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

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

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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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STUDENT INFORMATION
Student Assets

Do you want to skip questions about your assets? ⓘ

☒ Yes
☐ No

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

The final section of the FAFSA!

FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

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.”

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

SIGN & SUBMIT

Preparer Info

✓ Application was successfully saved.

Are you a paid preparer? (This is rare.) ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

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

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SIGN & SUBMIT

FAFSA[®] Summary

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You're not done yet!

You still need to submit your FAFSA[®] form. After you print this page, select "Continue" to sign your FAFSA form.

FAFSA Summary: 2022–23

Student ID: *****3012 LA

COLLAPSE ALL ^

SECTION 1 Student Demographics

Student's Social Security Number (question 8)

*****3012

Student's First Name (question 2), Student's Middle Initial (question 3)

Brian

Student's Last Name (question 1)

Lastname

Student's Date of Birth (question 9)

11/02/2003

Student's Email Address (question 13)

newuser@fafsademocom

Student's Telephone Number (question 10)

Student's Permanent Mailing Address (question 4)

1122 STRAIGHT STREET

FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

Agreement of Terms- Read and check the box indicating agreement with the signing statement and click “Sign and Submit FAFSA Form”.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar at the top with steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, and Sign & Submit (highlighted with a blue circle and the number 7). Below the progress bar, the heading "SIGN & SUBMIT" is followed by "Read Before Proceeding". A light blue information box contains an 'i' icon and the text: "Carefully read and acknowledge whether you agree to our terms outlined below by selecting the checkbox at the bottom of this page. Select 'Sign and Submit FAFSA Form.'". Below this, a white box contains the following text: "By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you". This is followed by a numbered list of five items: 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. Below the list, another white box contains the text: "By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked to provide". This is followed by a numbered list of two items: 1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and 2. U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

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

SIGN & SUBMIT
Read Before Proceeding

i Carefully read and acknowledge whether you agree to our terms outlined below by selecting the checkbox at the bottom of this page.
Select "Sign and Submit FAFSA Form."

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

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

By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked to provide

1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
2. U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

This screenshot continues the FAFSA application from the previous one. It shows the text: "By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked to provide". This is followed by a numbered list of two items: 1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and 2. U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file. Below this, a white box contains the text: "You also certify that you understand that the secretary of education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies." This is followed by another white box containing the text: "If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both." Below this, a checkbox is checked and followed by the text: "I, T Perez, agree to the terms outlined above." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Sign and Submit FAFSA Form" (with a document icon).

By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked to provide

1. information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
2. U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the secretary of education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

☒ I, T Perez, agree to the terms outlined above.

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FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

Signature Options

- If you logged into the FAFSA with an FSA ID, this page will not show and you will be directed to the “Congratulations” page [next slide].
- If you logged into the application without an FSA ID, you will be shown this signature option page. It is recommended that you create an FSA ID to sign your FAFSA form electronically and then click “Sign This FAFSA Form.”

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 'SIGN & SUBMIT' page. At the top, a progress bar shows six steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, and Student Financials, all marked with green checkmarks. The final step, 'Sign & Submit', is highlighted with a blue circle containing the number 7. Below the progress bar, the page title 'SIGN & SUBMIT' is followed by the section header 'Signature Options'. The student's name, 'Anderson', is displayed. Below this, the 'Date of Birth' is listed as 08/09/2002 and the 'Social Security Number' is partially visible as1483. A central box titled 'Enter the student's FSA ID' contains instructions: 'Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the student.' It features two input fields: 'Student's FSA ID Username, Email Address, or Mobile Number' and 'Student's FSA ID Password'. The first field has a 'Forgot Username' link and a 'Create an FSA ID' link. The second field has a 'Show' button and a 'Forgot Password' link. A blue button labeled 'Sign This FAFSA Form' with a document icon is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: 'Return to Signature Status' and 'Other Options to Sign and Submit'.

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

SIGN & SUBMIT
Signature Options

Student signature for: Anderson

Date of Birth 08/09/2002 Social Security Number1483

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

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

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

[Sign This FAFSA Form](#)

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

FAFSA SECTION 7: SIGN & SUBMIT

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

Congratulations, Brian!

Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

09/28/2021 09:31:45

Confirmation Number: F 11220423803

Data Release Number (DRN): 9999

Here's what happens next:

- You will receive an email version of this page.
- In 3–5 business days, you will receive an email notifying you that your FAFSA form was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the following email address:

newuser@fafsademocom

Print This Page

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) =999999

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

ESTIMATED ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- Based on the [eligibility criteria](#), you may be eligible for the following federal student aid:

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
- FSA ID problems: 1-800-557-7394
- Submit questions to the U.S. Department of Education at:
<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>

AFTER THE FAFSA

Filling out the FAFSA is just the first step.

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

You can make a correction by choosing **“Edit FAFSA Form.”**

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

My FAFSA®

HelpExit FAFSA Form

STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome to TestUU Perez's application!

2022-23

2021-22

Current Application Status:

Processed Successfully


Congratulations, your FAFSA form was successfully processed.

What Happens Next

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

Original Application: Submitted on 10/01/2021; Processed on 12/09/2022


You may take the following additional actions:



Edit FAFSA Form

Change incorrect information on a previous FAFSA submission.

Edit FAFSA Form



View Student Aid Report

View your EFC, FAFSA answers, and financial aid history.

View Student Aid Report

Student Aid Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TRANSACTION 01

Processing Results

Application Receipt Date: 10/01/2021	Processed Date: 12/09/2022	Data Release Number (DRN) 4431
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[Learn about federal tax benefits for education, including the American Opportunity tax credit.](#)

Expected Family Contribution: 0*

Based on the information we have on record for you, your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is 0. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study funds, and possible funding from your state and school.

Your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form 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).

There is a limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive, which is the equivalent of six school years. Based on information reported to the *National Student Loan Data System* (NSLDS®) database by the schools you have attended, you have received Federal Pell Grants for the equivalent of between one-half and one school year.

There is a limit to the total amount of subsidized Federal student loans that you may receive. Visit [StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub](#) for more information.

You reported that you are or were in foster care. You may be eligible for assistance through federal programs for foster youth, such as the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and/or the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program. For more information contact your state ETV coordinator. Find contact information at [childwelfare.gov/organizations](#).

Based on your EFC of 0, you may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,495 for the 2022–23 school year provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program.

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CREATE A WEBGRANTS ACCOUNT

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

WebGrants 4 Students: mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

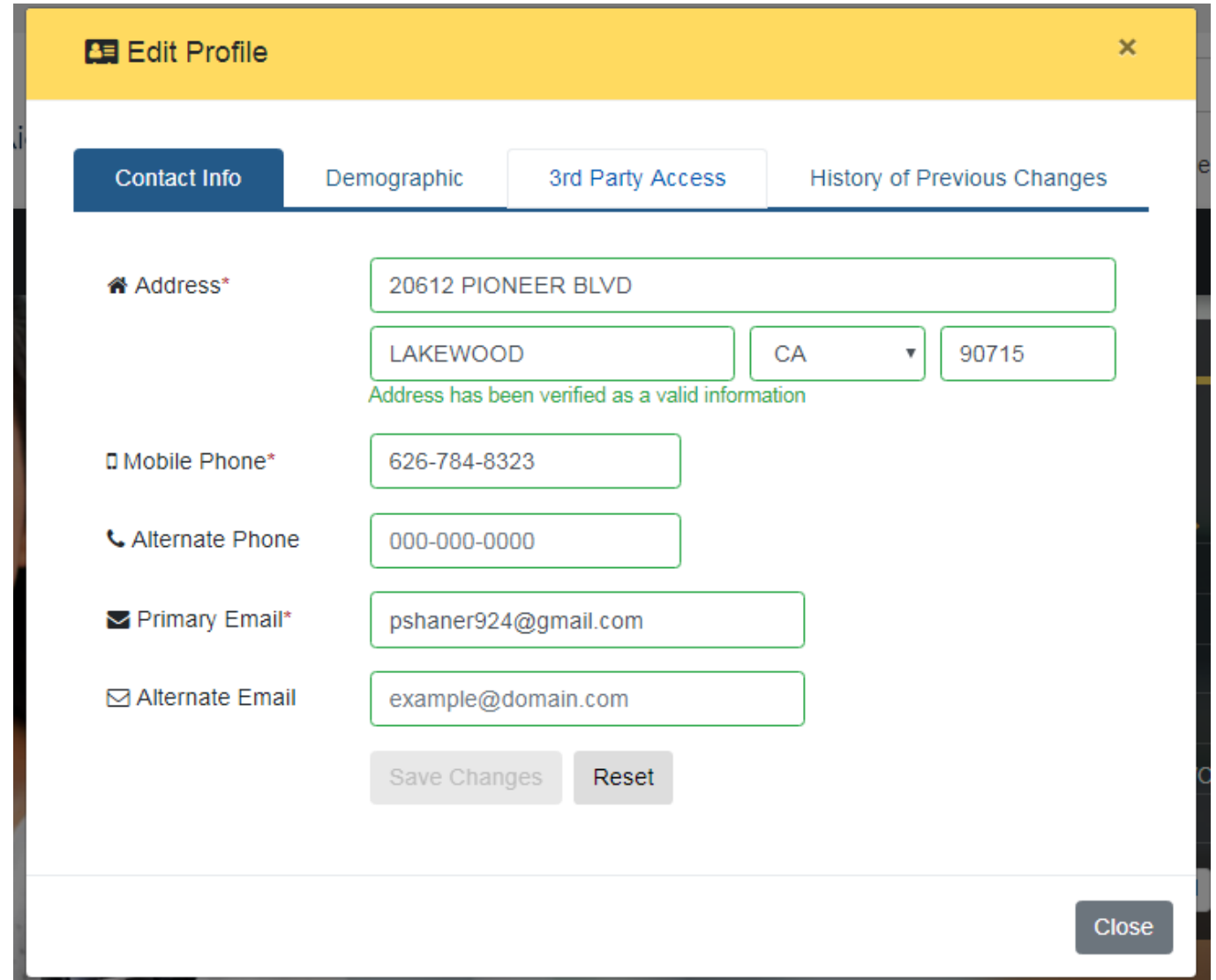
- **Students will need to wait to create a WebGrants account until their FAFSA or CADAA is processed.** It can take 1-2 weeks for the FAFSA to process and link to WebGrants.
- If there are any issues, they should contact the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC):
 - (888) 224-7268
 - 1-800-735-2929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



Edit Profile – Contact Info

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

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



The screenshot shows a web application window titled "Edit Profile" with a yellow header bar. Below the header, there are four tabs: "Contact Info" (selected), "Demographic", "3rd Party Access", and "History of Previous Changes". The "Contact Info" tab contains several input fields with green borders. The "Address*" field is split into three parts: a street address field containing "20612 PIONEER BLVD", a city field containing "LAKEWOOD", and a state/zip field containing "CA" and "90715". Below these fields, a green message states "Address has been verified as a valid information". The "Mobile Phone*" field contains "626-784-8323". The "Alternate Phone" field contains "000-000-0000". The "Primary Email*" field contains "pshaner924@gmail.com". The "Alternate Email" field contains "example@domain.com". At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Save Changes" and "Reset". A "Close" button is located in the bottom right corner of the window.

Edit Profile

Contact Info Demographic 3rd Party Access History of Previous Changes

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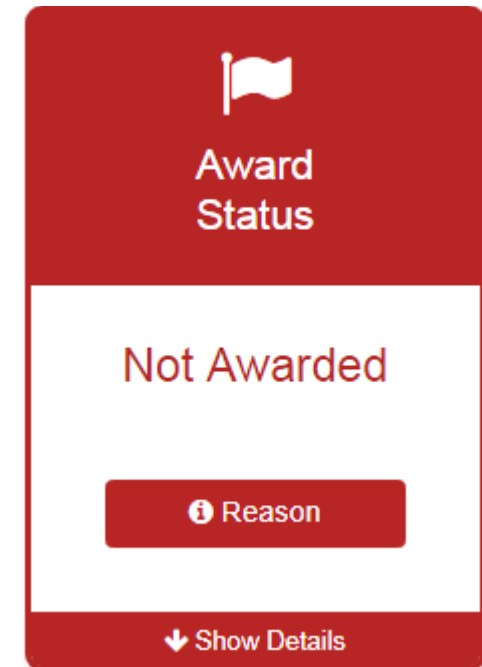
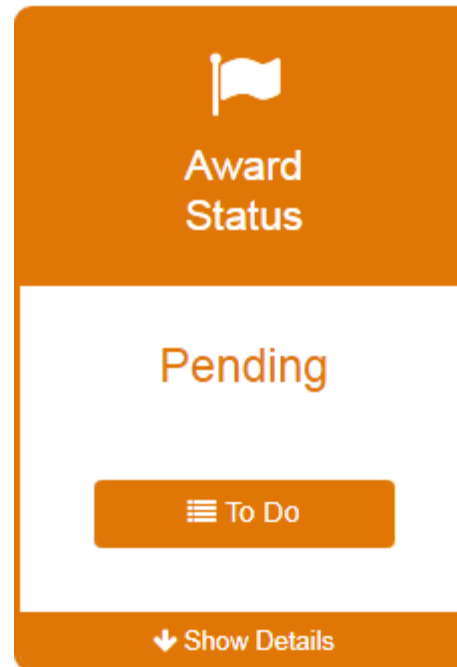
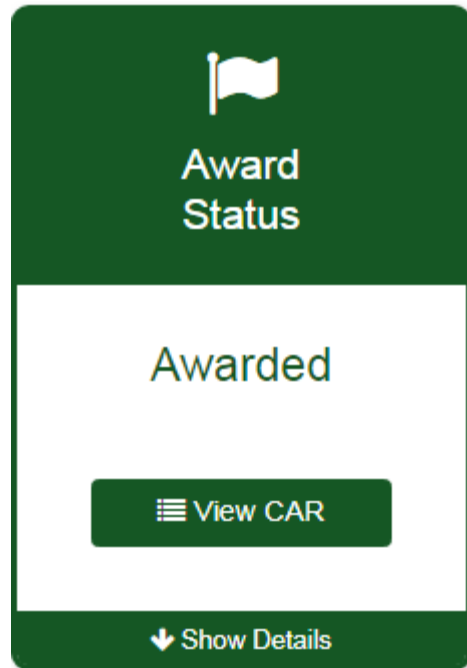
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Save Changes Reset

Close

Check Your Award Status

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





WebGrants To Do's

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

Congrats! You Did It!

Remember:

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