24–25 FAFSA

24–25 version of the FAFSA form will be available by December 31, 2023.
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Major Changes
To The 2024-2025 FAFSA FORM

• An FSA ID (account username and password) required to access the FAFSA form
  • Users without a Social Security number can create an FSA ID and access the FAFSA form
• A roles-based FAFSA form
  • Roles = Student (Applicant), Parent, and Preparer
  • Once all required data has been provided and all sections have been signed, any role can submit the FAFSA form
• Introduction of contributors to the FAFSA form
  • Contributors = Parent, Other Parent, Student Spouse, and Student (when invited by Parent or Preparer)
  • Contributors must provide the required information and sign their respective section for a FAFSA form to be considered complete
The following are key features of the FAFSA® form on StudentAid.gov:

- Students, parents, and preparers may begin, complete, and submit a new FAFSA form for the 2024–25 FAFSA processing cycle.
- Dependent students must invite their parent(s) to contribute to their form if parent information is required.
- Independent students and a dependent student’s parent must invite their spouse to contribute to the student’s form if spouse information is required.
- Students and contributors must provide consent to retrieve and disclose federal tax information from the IRS for the student to be eligible for federal student aid.
If the student selects "Start a New Form" from the FAFSA® landing page and they are not logged in to StudentAid.gov, they are taken to the “Log In” page to enter their login credentials. To access the FAFSA form, all students are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the student doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account."
Dependent Student Roles

When the student starts the 2024–25 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. The first onboarding page provides an overview of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video.

The second FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about the different roles that may be required to participate in the student’s FAFSA form and documents that may be needed to fill out the form.

The third FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about the types of questions the student can expect to see and how they can get additional help with filling out the FAFSA form.

The last FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about what to expect once the FAFSA form is completed and submitted. On this page, the student can select “Start the FAFSA form” to begin.
Dependent Student Identity Information

This is the first page within the student section. The student can verify that their personal information is correct. To update any of the personal information, the student must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov. For fields related to the student’s mailing address, the student can edit them directly on this page.
Dependent Student Provides Consent

This page informs the student about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the student’s federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Student Financials section. The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.
Dependent Personal Circumstances

This is the first page within the Student Personal Circumstances section. It provides an overview of the section.

The student is asked about their marital status. The student selects the "Single (Never Married)" option.

The student is asked about their college grade level for the 2024–25 school year and if they will have their first bachelor's degree. The student selects that they will be a "First Year (freshman)" and that they will not have their first bachelor’s degree.
The student is asked if they were homeless or at risk of being homeless. The student selects...

The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting their parent(s).
Dependent Student: Tell Us About Your Parents

As the student is considered dependent, they are asked to provide information about their parents. The FAFSA® form considers their “Parent” to be their legal (biological or adoptive) parent. The student is asked if their parents are married. The student selects “Yes” and is required to invite their parents to their FAFSA form to complete the required parent sections.
Dependent Student Invites Parents to FAFSA® Form

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.
Introduction: Dependent Student Demographics

The student is asked about their gender identity and if they are transgender. The student selects their response from the options for both questions.

The student is asked if they are of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin. They are also asked about their race. The student selects checkboxes to answer both questions.

The student is asked about their citizenship status. The student selects the "U.S. citizen or national" option.

The student is asked if their parent was killed in the line of duty.

The student is asked about what their high school completion status will be when they start the 2024–25 school year. The student selects the "High school diploma" option.
The student is asked which high school they did or will graduate from. The student enters their high school’s state and city. After selecting "Search," they select the correct high school from the search results.

The student has the option to edit the high school information presented on this page by selecting "Edit," which will return them to the high school information page. The student confirms their high school information and selects "Continue" to proceed to the next section.
Introduction: Dependent Student Financials

This is the first page within the Student Financials section. It provides an overview of the section.

The student is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The student enters a response in each entry field.

The student is asked about their assets. The student enters a response in each entry field.
Introduction: Dependent Student Select Colleges

The student is asked to search for the colleges and/or career schools they would like to receive their FAFSA® information. The student searches for a school by entering a state, city, and/or school name. After selecting "Search," they select the correct school from the search results. Students can select to send their FAFSA information to a maximum of 20 schools.
The review page displays the responses that the student has provided in the FAFSA® form. The student can view all their responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the student can select the question’s hyperlink and will be taken to the corresponding page. Additionally, since the student invited their parent into the form, they see the parent contributor section and the status of their parent’s invite.
Dependent Student Signature

On this page, the student acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and signs their section. After agreeing and signing, the student is able to submit their section of the FAFSA form. Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can’t be processed yet.
Dependent Student Section Complete

Upon signing the student section, the student is presented the student section complete page. This page displays information for the student about next steps, including tracking their FAFSA® form. The student is reminded that their form is not completed and can’t be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it. Next, in this scenario, the student’s invited parent will enter the FAFSA form and complete the parent section.
Dependent Student’s Parent Email

This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects “Log In” and is taken to StudentAid.gov.
After successfully logging in, the parent is taken to their “My Activity” page. The parent sees an invitation to be a contributor on the student’s FAFSA® form.
Dependent Student’s Parent Identity Information

Parent Identity Information
Review the information below and verify that it’s correct before moving forward.

Permanent Mailing Address
Include apartment number:
12345 Sesame Street
City
New York
State
New York (NY)
Zip Code
67891
Country
United States of America (US)

To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to Account Settings.
This page informs the parent about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the parent’s federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Parent Financials section.
Dependent Student’s Parent Demographics

This is the first page in the Parent Demographics section. It provides an overview of the section.

Parent Current Marital Status

- Single (Never Married)
- Unmarried and both legal parents living together
- Married (not Separated)
- Remarried
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

Continue
Parent State of Legal Residence

State:
New York (NY)

Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident
- Month: 
  - 01
- Year: 
  - 1985

Parent Financials

Your Finances

The FAFSA form helps schools determine the student’s ability to pay for college without financial aid, so we ask in this section if you receive any federal or state entitlement benefits and if you have any investments, real estates, or other assets.
Parent Federal Benefits Received

Federal Benefits Received

Questions Don’t Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

These answers to these questions will not affect the student’s eligibility for federal student aid or these federal benefits.

Did you reside in the United States for any of the following federal programs?

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Federal Housing Assistance
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Medicaid
- Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- None of these apply

Parent Tax Filing Status

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Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?

- Yes
- No

Continue
Parent Family Size

Family Size

Is the parent’s family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2022 tax return?

- Yes
- No

The parent’s family size is 3
- Parent: 1
- Other Parent: 1
- Student: 1
- Parent’s Children and Other Dependents: 1

Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

Do not include the student applicant.

Number in College

How many people in the parent’s family will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025?

Do not include the parent.

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Tax Return Information

Student’s Parent Assets
Parent Review Page

The review page displays the responses that the parent has provided in the FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the parent can only view responses within the parent section of the student’s FAFSA form. The parent can view all their responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the parent can select the question’s hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page.
The parent acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and signs their section. Since all required sections are complete, the parent can both sign and submit the student’s FAFSA form.

Upon submitting the student’s FAFSA® form, the parent is presented an abbreviated confirmation page. This page displays information about tracking the student’s FAFSA form and next steps. The student will receive an email with the full, detailed confirmation. With the student and parent sections completed and signed, the FAFSA form is now considered complete and submitted for processing.
Remember FAFSA application opens December by 31, 2023