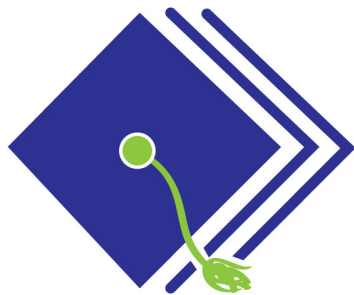


# FAFSA 101

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# Share Your Commitment to Building a College-Going Culture on Social Media



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# Alabama Goes to College Campaign 2020-2021

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# Alabama Goes to College Campaign 2020-2021

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High schools should sign up at  
[alabamapossible.org/register2020-21](https://alabamapossible.org/register2020-21)

# Components of the Campaign

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- Cash for College
- Alabama College Application Week
- College and Career Decision Day



# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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- What is FAFSA?
- Why should students and their families complete it?
- What are the different types of financial aid?
- What are the steps to complete the FAFSA and receive aid?
- How do you promote FAFSA Completion?
- Where can you find resources for help?



# FAFSA #FastFacts

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The FAFSA is the Free Application for  
Federal Student Aid.

# FAFSA #FastFacts

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**PELL GRANT**  
making education possible

The Pell Grant can be used to pay for education after high school and *does not* have to be paid back.

# FAFSA #FastFacts

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Most high school seniors in Alabama  
qualify for a Pell Grant.

# FAFSA #FastFacts

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The maximum Pell Grant a student can receive is \$6,345 per year.

# FAFSA #FastFacts

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The average cost of tuition and fees per year at a 2-year college in Alabama is \$4,770.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#) (*Digest of Education Statistics 2018-2019*)

# FAFSA #FastFacts

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9 out of 10 students who complete the FAFSA enroll in college the following fall.

*Source: U.S. Department of Education*

# Millions Left on the Table Annually

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Data from U.S. Department of Education and  
Alabama State Department of Education as of 6/26/20

<b>57.4%</b>	<b>Percent of High School Graduates Qualifying for a Pell Grant</b>
<b>47.0%</b>	<b>Percent of High School Graduates Who Failed to Complete the FAFSA</b>
<b>23,915</b>	<b>Number of High School Graduates Who Failed to Complete the FAFSA</b>
<b>13,727</b>	<b>Number Who Failed to Complete the FAFSA Who Probably Qualified for a Pell Grant</b>
<b>\$4,303</b>	<b>Average Pell Grant for an Alabama Student</b>
<b>\$59,068,185</b>	<b>Estimated Total Pell Grant Funds Left Unclaimed</b>

# WHAT IS FAFSA?

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FAFSA helps schools determine the type of federal student aid students are eligible to receive based on their financial need.

Completed at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or using the myStudentAid app beginning October 1





# HOW FAFSA CALCULATES AID

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**Cost of Attendance (COA)**

Determined by  
Financial Aid Office



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**Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)**

Determined by  
FAFSA



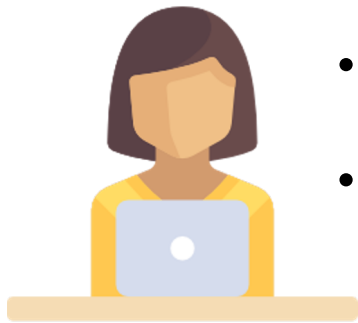
**= Financial Need**

Determines Need-Based  
Aid offered by School



# WHY COMPLETE THE FAFSA?

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- Students may be eligible for up to \$6,345 per year in Pell grants.
- Many scholarships require FAFSA completion.
- Shows College Admissions Office that you are serious about attending school.

# TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

There are **four** main types of financial aid to help you pay for college:

1

## GRANTS

Gift aid that doesn't have to be paid back. Grants are often need-based like the federal Pell Grant.

2

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Another form of gift aid. Can be awarded for anything, including academics, athletics, or volunteer work.

3

## WORK-STUDY

Get a paid part-time job through the federal work-study program to help you cover part of the cost of college.

4

## LOANS

Borrowed money that must be paid back with interest (an extra charge that grows over time).



# TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid Type	Main Qualification
Pell Grant	Demonstrate financial need, up to \$6,345 per year
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant	If parent/guardian died serving
TEACH Grant	Students take courses and commit to a teaching career
Federal Perkins Loan	Low-interest rate for low-income students
Subsidized Federal Direct Student Loan	Some financial need; Government pays interest rate while in school
Unsubsidized Federal Direct Student Loan	No financial need necessary; student responsible for interest at all times
PLUS Loans	Taken out by parents or graduate students; Higher interest rates

# FINANCIAL AID USES

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- Tuition & fees
- Books & supplies (including a reasonable amount for a computer)
- Transportation & child care expenses
- Room & board

# STUDENT & FAMILY THOUGHTS

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- "College isn't for me."
- "I probably don't qualify."
- "I'm going to get a sports scholarship."
- "When am I going to have time to do this on top of classes and extracurricular activities?"
- "How am I going to get this information from my parents/guardians?"
- "Why is my child or school asking for my financial information?"

# KEY MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

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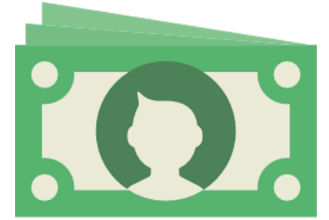
- FAFSA is **free** to complete!
- FAFSA is for technical/professional certificates and academic degrees.
- Students may be eligible for up to **\$6,345** per year in Pell Grants.
- Many scholarships require FAFSA completion.
- Early completion, beginning October 1, is important.
- Be aware of scholarship and FAFSA [priority deadlines](#) at your college.



# KEY MESSAGES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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- FAFSA is safe and secure using [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).
- Only used to determine your student's eligibility for financial aid.
- Your student needs your help getting key information from you to complete the application.
- The sooner you complete the form, the better chance you have of receiving various types of aid.
- Even if you think your family does not qualify, it's good to have on file in case of the unexpected.





# FAFSA ELIGIBILITY

# STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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To be fully eligible to accept federal financial aid, students must:

- Have a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate.
- Be enrolled/accepted as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program.
- Be registered with Selective Service, if male (must register between ages of 18 and 25).
- Have a valid Social Security number (some exceptions).
- Have satisfactory academic progress.
- Sign certifying statements on FAFSA.

# STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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If a student is not a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National, they must be able to provide other documentation, such as:

- Green Card
- Arrival-Departure Record (I-94)
- Battered Immigrant Status (VAWA) or T-Visa or parent with T-1 visa
- Even if an immigrant student does not have one of these records, they may still complete the FAFSA as a record of family need. However, they will not be eligible to receive federal aid. They may still be available for state/private aid.

# SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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- Must be accredited by the U.S. Department of Education's Office on Postsecondary Education.
- Type of aid available varies by institution.
- Call the institution to confirm.

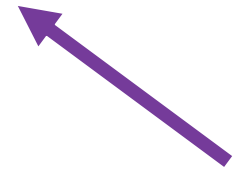
# FAFSA COMPLETION PROCESS

# WHICH FAFSA DO I SUBMIT?

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The **2021-22 FAFSA** is used to apply for financial aid for fall semester 2021 through summer semester 2022.

The **2020-21 FAFSA** is used to apply for financial aid for fall semester 2020 through summer semester 2021.



# 2021-2022 FAFSA CHANGES

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# Updates

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- The income threshold for an automatic-zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC) has increased from \$26,000 to \$27,000 for the 2021–22 award year.



# Updates

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## Schedule 1 Question

The Schedule 1 question in both the Parent Financials and Student Financials sections of the FAFSA form has been revised.

The answer to the “Did you/your parent file a Schedule 1 with the IRS Form 1040?” can now be transferred by the IRS if the user utilizes the IRS DRT.

The instructions on how to answer the Schedule 1 question in the event the applicant does not use the DRT have also been updated to provide additional clarity when answering the question.

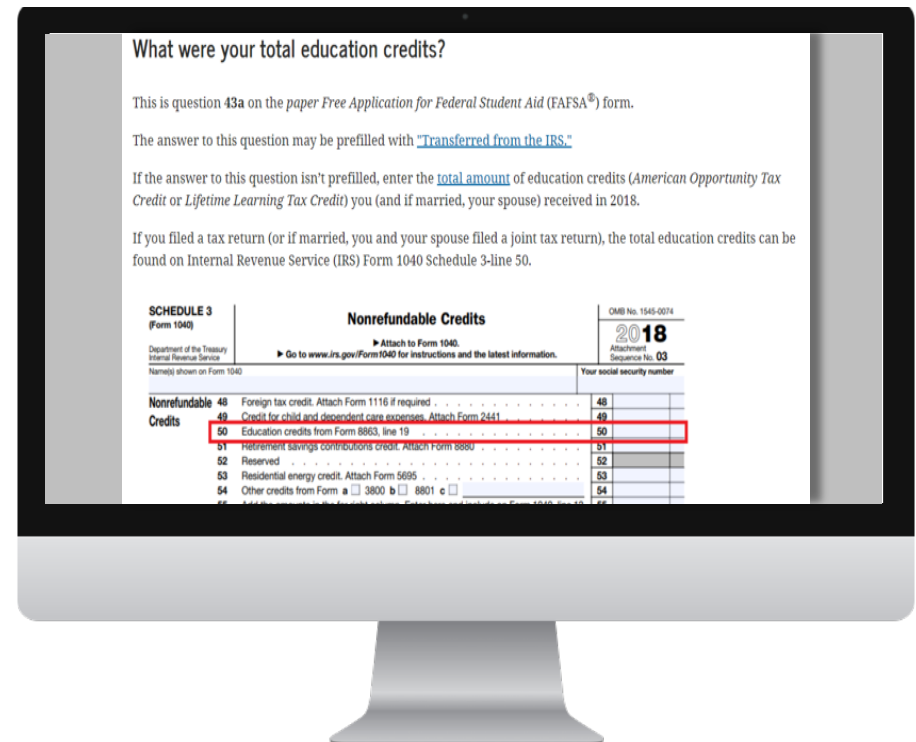
# Updates

- The online FAFSA form provides faster feedback. For example, students might receive error notifications that can be immediately addressed as they complete the form's fields.

The screenshot shows the 'Parent Tax Filing Status' section of the FAFSA form. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (checked), Financial Information (active), Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. Below the progress bar, a blue banner reads 'PARENT INFORMATION'. A green box with a checkmark states 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this, a red-bordered box with an exclamation mark icon contains the following text: 'You indicated that your parents will file taxes. If your parents have missed the 2017 tax filing deadline of April 2018 but still plan to file a 2017 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), click "OK." Otherwise change your answer.' Below the error message, there are two questions: 'For 2017, has your mother completed her IRS income tax return or another tax return?' with a dropdown menu showing 'Will file' and an 'OK' button; and 'For 2017, what will your mother's tax filing status be according to her tax return?' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select'. At the bottom right, there are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons.

# Updates

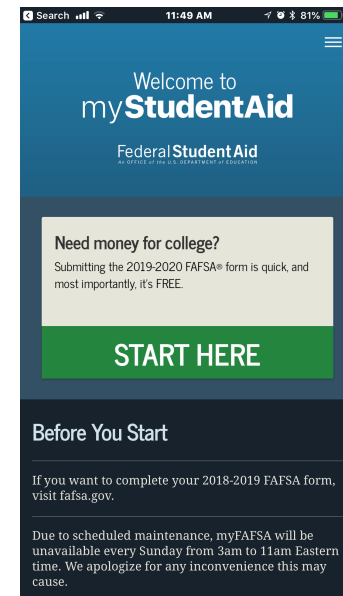
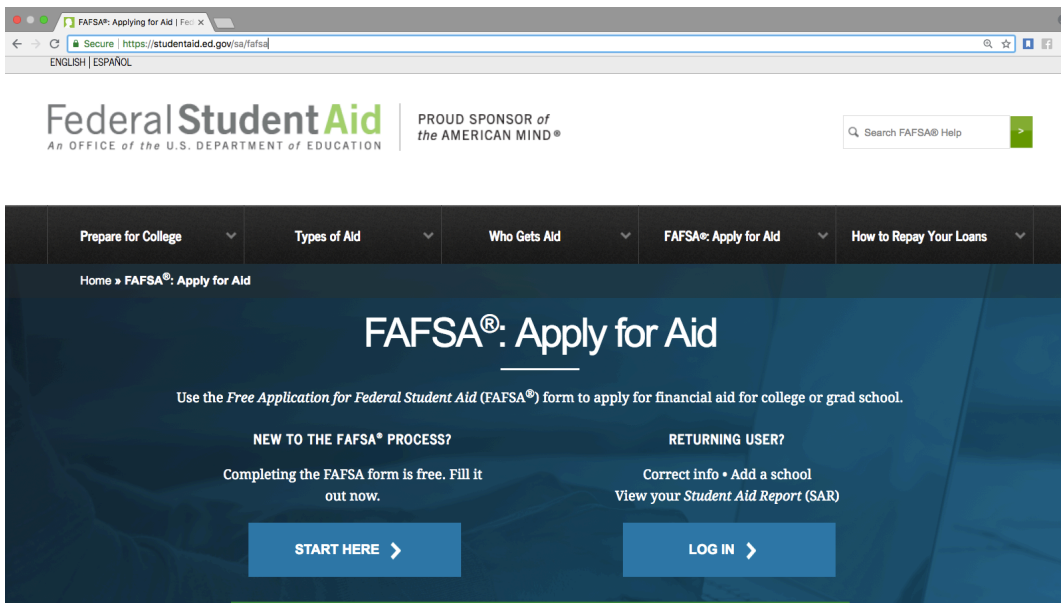
- Many help topics on [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) referencing financial forms now feature images of those forms with relevant line numbers visually highlighted. For example:



# FILING YOUR FAFSA

Students can complete the FAFSA in several locations:

1. Online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
2. Through the official mobile app, myStudentAid



# STEPS

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**STEP 1:** Gather Documents

**STEP 2:** Create FSA IDs

**STEP 3:** Fill out the Application

**STEP 4:** Sign and Submit

**STEP 5:** Review Student Aid Report

**STEP 6:** Verification

**STEP 7:** Financial Aid Award Letters



*These can be done in either order!*

# STEP 1: DOCUMENTS

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It can save time and ensure accuracy if students/families have the necessary paperwork:

- Student's Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number
- Dates of Birth for student and parents/guardians
- Parent's/Guardian's Social Security Number (if student is dependent)
- Prior-Prior Year Tax Returns
- Records of untaxed income
- Benefits like Social Security, Disability, SNAP, TANF, etc.
- Information on cash, savings and checking account balances, real estate assets (not including home)

# STEP 2: FSA ID

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- Can create FSA ID before October 1
- Go to [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- Both the student and one parent/guardian must have one unless the student is independent under federal guidelines
- Serves as electronic signature when submitting the application

**TIP: Encourage families to use a personal email account not subject to change like school or work!**

## Login

### Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the Save Key that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

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

I am the student

OR

I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

**Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.**

Don't have an FSA ID? [Create one](#) or login using the [student's identifiers](#).

Student's FSA ID Username, E-mail Address, or Mobile Number ?


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[Forgot Username](#)

The student's FSA ID Password ?

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[Forgot Password](#)

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# STEP 3: APPLICATION

### Personal Information for Student

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

#### STUDENT INFORMATION

✔ Application was successfully saved.

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

Your Social Security Number

472-20-2020

Your first name ?

first

Your middle initial ?

Your last name ?

last

# STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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- Name entered must match SSN card.
- If student has driver's license, it is helpful to add for identity verification (but not required).
- "Are you interested in being considered for work-study?" Students should put yes and can later decline.

# SCHOOL SELECTION

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- Must put at least one school.
- We encourage every student to put at least one local college or university.
- In Alabama, do not need to list a state school first for state aid eligibility.
- Can search by school name/location or code.
- Can add up to 10 schools on initial application
- After submitting, can log in and add additional schools.

## Search for Colleges

Student Demographics



School Selection



Dependency Status

Parent Demographics


Parent Financials


Student Financials

Sign & Submit


Confirmation


### STUDENT INFORMATION

 first, based on the information you provided, we have determined that you may qualify for federal student aid. Continue through the application for us to determine how much aid you can receive.

 Here's where you'll search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA information. You can add up to 10 colleges at a time to your FAFSA. If you're applying to more than 10 colleges, [follow these instructions](#).

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


 Complete the fields below to search for a college to add to your FAFSA.

Do you know the college's [Federal School Code](#)? 


Yes  No

State 

Iowa 

City (optional) 

Iowa City

School Name (optional) 

# DEPENDENCY STATUS

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- Application walks student through a series of questions to determine if a Dependent or Independent Student.
- Independent Students do not require a parent or guardian to complete the FAFSA, but may require additional documentation to verify status.

**Resources:**

Dependency questionnaire in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)  
Who's My Parent Flow Chart in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

## Student Additional Dependency Questions

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

### STUDENT INFORMATION

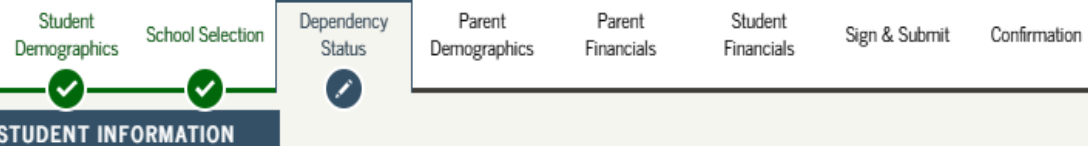
Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA. Check all that apply or check **None of the above**. ?

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

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## Dependent Student



Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, **you are considered a dependent student. This means you must provide [parental information](#).** Select “I will provide information about my parent(s)” and click **Next** to continue filling out your FAFSA.

**If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information**, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA without parental information. Select “I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)” and click **Next** to get additional information. ?

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

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# PARENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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- Marital status and month/year that were married/remarried/separated/divorced/widowed.
- Type of tax return filed (if any).
- Number of people in parents' household.



## Parent Household Info

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

### PARENT INFORMATION

#### Household Size

Your parents

2

Yourself, even if you do not live with your parents

1

Your parent's other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if:

- a. Your parents will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 or
- b. These children can answer "No" to every [Dependency Status question on the FAFSA](#)

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Other people if:

- a. they now live with your parents,
- b. your parents provide more than half of their support, and
- c. your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

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

3

#### Number In College

How many people in your parents' household (as reported above) will be college students between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022? Do not include your parents.

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# BENEFIT INFORMATION

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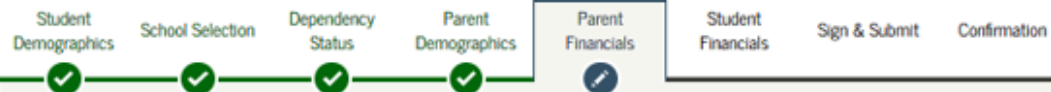
- Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

# IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

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- Allows you to securely and accurately transfer tax return information to the FAFSA.
- Must enter correct address information for return.
- If a family is unable to use, have tax return available.
- Ineligible: Students or parents who are married and filed as Married Filing Separately, are married and filed as Head of Household, or filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return are not eligible to use the IRS DRT, and will need to enter their tax return information manually.

## Parent Eligible for IRS DRT



### PARENT INFORMATION

**Applying is faster and easier with the IRS DRT!**

Based on your responses, we recommend that you, the mother, transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA. The [IRS Data Retrieval Tool \(IRS DRT\)](#) allows users to link to the IRS Web site and securely transfer original IRS tax return information into their FAFSA.

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

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

[LINK TO IRS ↔](#)

[No Thanks](#)

# IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

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- FAFSA now uses Prior-Prior Year (PPY) tax information, meaning taxes from two years ago.
- Means families can complete FAFSA sooner.
- For the 2021-2022 FAFSA, families will use their 2019 tax return filed in 2020.

# WHAT IS TAX INFORMATION USED FOR?

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A family's income information is used to determine the need-based aid the student is eligible to receive.

## STEP 4: SIGN AND SUBMIT

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- Both the child and parent must sign using their FSA ID if submitting electronically.
- Application may be printed, signed, and mailed.



# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?





# WHAT'S NEXT?

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- It takes 3-5 business days for the Department of Education to process a FAFSA.
- The student will receive their **Student Aid Report** when the results are ready to review. Be sure to review carefully and make any corrections needed.
- The Financial Aid Office will let the student know if additional information is needed.

**TIP: Use the ACHE Student Lookup Portal to verify your student's FAFSA is complete**

# STEP 5: STUDENT AID REPORT

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- Check email for SAR (or mail if did not provide an email). Takes 3 days to 3 weeks.
- Check for accuracy and make corrections at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).
- Check for the *Estimated Family Contribution* (EFC).
- If EFC is missing, it means the FAFSA is incomplete.
- There might be a note that some information needs to be corrected or that you have been selected for Verification.
- Important to read it carefully and take any required action.

## Processed Information

Federal Student Aid | FAFSA.gov | 2021-2022 Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)  
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	XXX-XX-2020 LA 01
Processed Date: 01/01/2021	EFC: 25823 C
	DRN: 0783

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### > Comments About Your Information

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

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 25823. You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant but you may be eligible for other aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for other federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school.

We have forwarded your name to Selective Service for registration, as you requested.

There is a limit to the total amount of subsidized Federal student loans that you may receive. Visit <https://StudentAid.gov> and select Types of Aid/Loans for more information.

Your school may request additional information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

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

Contact the following agency(ies) regarding your defaulted or fraudulent federal student loan(s):

Oklahoma College Assistance Program, Collection Office, 1-800-331-2314 or 1-800-442-8642 (GA 740)

# VERIFICATION

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Making corrections and providing additional information is **normal!** This process is called Verification.



# STEP 6: VERIFICATION

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- Many students will be selected for verification, especially if could not use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.
- Does not mean the student is in trouble.
- Verification process varies by each school.
- Important to respond quickly to requests for documentation to clarify information.
- Most families will need to order a free tax transcript.
- College's Financial Aid Offices are there to help.

# STEP 7: FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

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- Each college that accepts the student will send a Financial Aid Award Letter.
- For the school the student wants to attend, they must accept or decline each type of aid.
- Generally it's best to accept aid in the following order:
  - 1) Free money (scholarships and grants)
  - 2) Earned money (work-study)
  - 3) Borrowed money (federal student loans)

# COMMON MISTAKES

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- Not using the correct website.
- Not 100% completing the FAFSA.
- Not completing the FAFSA as soon as its available.
- Inputting incorrect information.
- Listing only one college or not adding additional schools.
- Not using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.
- Not reading definitions carefully.
- Not signing the FAFSA.
- Not submitting FAFSA within 45 days of starting it.
- Not filing by the deadline for the school or scholarship.
- Waiting until after graduation to complete the FAFSA.

## Student Additional Dependency Questions

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

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA. Check all that apply or check **None of the above**.

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- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
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- 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 + COVID

# COVID CONCERNS

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**Question:** What if the financial situation of the student and their family changed significantly because of financial hardships or unemployment related to COVID?

**Answer:** The student and their family will submit 2019 tax information which might not reflect their current financial situation. The student should communicate this to the financial aid office at the school immediately after completing the FAFSA and before receiving an award offer.

# COVID CONCERNS

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**Question:** What if my student's financial aid award still doesn't reflect their financial need?

**Answer:** Appeal directly to the college with documents. Colleges can use *professional judgment* to adjust the information on the FAFSA, which could impact their EFC and grant eligibility. Use appeal templates on [SwiftStudent](#).

# FAFSA COMPLETION

# BEST PRACTICES

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- Use prior-year data to set goals and monitor progress. We have [dashboards](#) for that!
- Communicate through multiple channels (e.g., email, social media, website, text, Remind/Signal Vine). We have [templates](#) for that!
- Convey the benefits of completing the FAFSA early and keep students updated on priority deadlines! We have a [spreadsheet](#) for that!

# Cash for College Data Dashboard

## Cash for College Data Dashboard

State Overview | By School | By District/County | School Detail | District Detail



Most Alabama high school seniors who file their FAFSA get financial aid to help pay for education after high school - including Pell Grants of up to \$6,345/year. This money can be used for technical and academic programs at two- and four-year colleges and universities and does not have to be paid back. Alabama's 2019 high school graduates left approximately \$60 million in grants on the table because they did not complete their FAFSA. You can see FAFSA completion data for more than 350 Alabama high schools with the dashboard and search tools below.

## Cash for College Data Dashboard

State Overview | By School | By District/County | School Detail | District Detail

Select School:

Parker High School, Birmingham

### Parker High School

City: Birmingham District: Birmingham City  
Low-income rate: 61.0%

This Year (10/1/19 - 6/26/20)	Last Year (10/1/18 - 6/28/19)	Improvement
FAFSAs Completed: <b>79</b>	FAFSAs Completed: <b>64</b>	Compared to same period last year
12th Grade Enrollment: <b>108</b>	12th Grade Enrollment: <b>150</b>	FAFSAs Completed: <b>+ 15</b>
Completion Percentage: <b>73.1%</b>	Completion Percentage: <b>42.7%</b>	Improvement Rate: <b>+ 71.4%</b>

### Current FAFSAs Completed



# ACHE Student Lookup Portal

**FAFSA Completion** Log In

Summary Resources District Maps



**2020-2021 FAFSA Completion Project**  
 Student Cohort: 51,129 | Submitted: 25,247 (49.4%) | Completed: 24,101 (47.1%)

Disclaimer: Data in this table are compiled from the U.S. Department of Education and other sources. Various matching techniques have been applied to maximize identification of eligible students. This information is dynamic and changes occur on a regular basis. As a result, representations may be slightly higher or lower than that shown in an earlier reporting period. Please check the Contact page for information on how to reach us.

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Paging:  Size:

Type a whole or partial value and tab/click out of the textbox. Data will refresh automatically.

District Name:  School Name:

\* is shown in place of cohort counts 50 or less

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District Name	School Name	# Cohort	# Submitted	% Submitted	# Complete	% Complete
Alabama School for the Blind	Alabama School for the Blind	*	*	100.0	*	100.0
Alabama School of Fine Arts	Alabama School of Fine Arts	61	51	83.6	51	83.6
Alabaster City	Thompson High School	542	312	57.6	300	55.4
Albertville City	Albertville High School	332	181	54.5	173	52.1
Alexander City	Benjamin Russell High School	197	145	73.6	141	71.6
Andalusia City	Andalusia High School	98	*	43.9	*	40.8
Anniston City	Anniston High School	119	50	42.0	*	37.8
Arab City	Arab High School	200	133	66.5	129	64.5
Athens City	Athens High School	240	138	57.5	137	57.1
Athens City	Athens Renaissance School	79	*	25.3	*	24.1

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First Name	Last Name	State ID	DOB	Completed FAFSA	FAFSA Detail	Date App Submitted	Selected for Verification
				Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	2019-04-22	N
				Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	2019-01-26	N
				Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	2018-12-11	Y
				Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	2018-10-12	Y
				Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	2018-10-08	Y
				Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	2018-12-30	N



# BEST PRACTICES

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- Collaborate with other teachers to discuss financial aid during relevant classes (e.g., economics and government). We have a [lesson plan](#) for that!
- Partner with local organizations and community colleges to host virtual events promoting the FAFSA (record these for later viewing!) and to provide prizes or incentives.



# EDUCATOR RESOURCES

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- [FSA Financial Aid Toolkit](http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov): financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov
- [Cash for College Toolkit](http://alabamagoes2college.org): alabamagoes2college.org
- [NCAN FAFSA Resource Library](http://ncan.org): ncan.org
- Partner with Financial Aid Offices
- Call Alabama Possible at 334-316-6155 or email us at [algoestocollege@alabamapossible.org](mailto:algoestocollege@alabamapossible.org)

# STUDENT RESOURCES

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- [Fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- Call Federal Student Aid at 1-800-433-3243
- Call Financial Aid Offices
- Call Alabama Possible at 334-316-6155 or email us at [algoestocollege@alabamapossible.org](mailto:algoestocollege@alabamapossible.org)

# UPCOMING

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- **October 20-21: FSA Financial Aid Bootcamp**  
Webinars covering Understanding the FAFSA, FSA Tools and Resources, and FAFSA Line by Line Demo
- **TBA: Advanced FAFSA Completion**  
with Alabama Possible

QUESTIONS?

# THANK YOU



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