

## How To Correct or Update Your FAFSA® Form

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct/correct>

Most of the questions on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form want to know your situation as of the day you sign the application. However, there are some instances in which you'll want to (or be required to) change the information you reported.

### 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

#### What kinds of changes can I make to my FAFSA® form once it's been processed?

##### **Corrections: If You Made a Mistake**

If you made a mistake in what you reported on the FAFSA form, you'll need to make a correction. Find out [how to make changes to your FAFSA information](#).

##### **Corrections: If FAFSA® Form Is Missing a Contributor's Consent and Approval**

If your FAFSA form is missing a contributor's consent and approval, your contributor must do the following:

1. Log in and go to their account Dashboard.
2. Select the FAFSA form that indicates "Action Required" under the "My Activity" section.
3. Select "Approve."
4. Provide their consent and approval.
5. Navigate through the form.
6. Sign and submit their section of the form.

##### **Corrections: If You Filed a FAFSA® Form Using an Incorrect Social Security Number (SSN)**

**If you filed a 2024–25 FAFSA form using an incorrect SSN, do the following:**

1. Log in and update your information in your Account Settings.
2. Once the Social Security Administration (SSA) verifies your account status, update the information on your FAFSA form by selecting "Make a Correction."
3. Once the information on your FAFSA form has been updated, navigate through the rest of the form.
4. Sign and submit the form.

##### **If you believe that the SSN you reported is correct, then follow the instructions for updating the SSA and the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC):**

1. Contact the SSA by calling 1-800-772-1213 or by visiting [ssa.gov](https://ssa.gov) to either confirm your SSN or request that they update their records.
2. Once SSA resolves the issue, contact the FSAIC at 1-800-433-3243.
3. Ask the FSAIC to manually sync their data with the SSA. You'll be notified by email once a match is confirmed.
4. Reach out to your college's or career school's financial aid office to inform them of the update.

##### **Changes to Federal School Codes: If You Want to Add or Delete a School**

If you want to make your FAFSA information available to an additional school after filing the FAFSA form, you may add that school's Federal School Code.

Once your 2024–25 FAFSA form is processed, you can add or delete a school on your FAFSA form by doing the following steps:

1. Log in and go to your account Dashboard.
2. Select the submitted FAFSA form.
3. Select the processed FAFSA submission in the "My Activity" section.
4. Select the "Add or Remove Schools" button.
5. Search for the school by entering either the school code or the state, city, and/or school name and then select "Search."

6. Select the school from the search results. The school's Federal School Code will appear in the form.

7. Submit the update.

Note: No more than 20 schools may be listed on your 2024–25 FAFSA form at one time. (The FAFSA PDF has space for only 10 schools, while the online FAFSA form allows 20 to be listed.) If there are 20 schools on your FAFSA form, any new school codes that are added will replace one or more of the school codes already listed. Any school removed from the list won't have automatic access to new FAFSA information you provided after you removed that school. However, the school will still have the data you submitted when you listed that school on the FAFSA form.

### **Updates: If Your Situation Has Changed**

Most information cannot be updated because it must be accurate as of the day you originally signed your FAFSA form. For example, if you spent some of your savings after filing the FAFSA form, you may not update your information to show a change in that amount. You should speak to the financial aid office at the college or career/trade school you plan to attend if there will be a significant change in your or your parent's income for the present year or if your family has other circumstances that cannot be reported on the FAFSA form. If your personal circumstances change and impact your [dependency status](#) after you submit your FAFSA form, contact your school's financial aid office to ask if they have a policy that allows you to update your answers to the personal circumstance questions. The financial aid staff will tell you what to do.

### **How do I make changes to my FAFSA® form?**

You can make changes in one of the following ways:

- Make changes by [logging in](#) to your StudentAid.gov account. If you're a dependent student and you change information about your parent(s), one of your parents must sign your FAFSA form electronically using their own StudentAid.gov account.
- If you received a paper FAFSA Submission Summary by mail, you can make your changes, sign it, and send it to the address listed on your FAFSA Submission Summary.
- Contact the college or career school you plan to attend and ask them to make the changes.

Note: Federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS cannot be changed on your online FAFSA form. If you filed an IRS Form 1040-X amended return, contact your college's or career school's financial aid office to discuss whether it would be appropriate for the school to adjust the information on your FAFSA form.

### **2024–25: Change Answer to “Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only” Question**

On the 2024–25 FAFSA form, dependent students have the option to indicate that their parents are unwilling to provide their information and therefore want to apply for only a [Direct Unsubsidized Loan](#). However, if a dependent student doesn't provide parent information, their eligibility for other types of federal student aid can't be calculated. This means they won't be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study, or a Direct Subsidized Loan.

If you selected to apply for only a Direct Unsubsidized Loan by mistake, follow the steps below to change your answer to this question and invite your parent(s) to your form.

#### **Step One**

Log in to StudentAid.gov and select your FAFSA submission from the “My Activity” section of your account Dashboard. You'll then see your submission details, including your form's status. Select “Start Your Correction” from under the “Student Actions Needed” section.

#### **Step Two**

Select “Continue” on the “Correct Your FAFSA® Form” page.

#### **Step Three**

Select “Start Student Section” on the “Error Summary” page.

#### **Step Four**

Navigate through the Personal Circumstances section until you reach the “Your Dependency Status” page. You'll see that “Yes” is selected as the answer to the “Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only” question.

#### **Step Five**

Change your answer to the “Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only” question to “No.” Then, select “Continue” to navigate through the rest of the form and invite your parent(s).

### **Step Six**

When you reach the “Review Changes” page, confirm that your answer to the “Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only” question has been changed to “No.” Then, select “Continue” to sign and submit your section of the correction.

### **Step Seven**

Review the next steps included on the “Section Complete” page. To complete your form, your parent(s) must log in, complete their section, provide their consent and approval and signature, and submit the correction.

### **2024–25: Add a Missing Signature**

All required contributors (you, your parent[s], your spouse) must provide a signature on your 2024–25 FAFSA form. If your form is missing one or more required signatures, it isn’t complete, and you won’t be eligible for federal student aid.

Once your form is processed, you and your contributor(s) can follow the steps below to add a missing signature.

Note: The images included in these instructions show a parent’s view of the form. However, the steps for adding a signature to the form are the same for students and parents.

### **Step One**

Log in to StudentAid.gov and select the FAFSA submission from the “My Activity” section of your account Dashboard. You’ll then see a submission details page. Under “FAFSA® Form Processed,” select “Provide Signature.”

### **Step Two**

On the “Correct Your FAFSA® Form” page, select “Provide Signature.”

### **Step Three**

On the “Review Changes” page, select “Continue.”

Note: If a missing signature is your only error, you’ll be taken directly to this page. If your section of the form has other errors, you’ll be taken to the first page that needs additional information and will reach the “Review Changes” page once you’ve fixed all issues.

### **Step Four**

On the “Signature” page, select “Sign and Submit.”

### **Step Five**

After selecting “Sign and Submit,” you’ll be taken to a page that confirms the FAFSA form is complete.