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FAFSA Completion Night

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Sources - Types of Aid*

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- Federal
- State of New Jersey
- The College/University



Types of Financial Aid

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Loans
- Employment Opportunities

*By completing the FAFSA you will apply for ALL aid.





General Eligibility Requirements For Students

- Must have a valid Social Security Number
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
 - If you are an undocumented student you can apply for ***STATE financial aid only*** through the DREAMER Application
 - <https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx>
- Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible program of study (matriculated) AND pursuing a degree, certificate, or other recognized credential





Application: FAFSA

- FAFSA stands for: **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
- Does data checks – Social Security Number, Citizenship Status – NO ERRORS please!
- You can file the FAFSA before you apply to colleges/Universities for Admissions and are accepted (up to 20 schools)
- For 2025/2026 the FAFSA will use 2023 income information
- **Students/parent(s) must provide consent to automatically transfer income data from the IRS to the FAFSA**





Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

Student and parent(s) MUST have an FSA ID to apply for aid!

- Student and contributors must create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at www.studentaid.gov by clicking on 'create account'
- Student identifies who the information contributor(s) are and invites them to contribute to the FAFSA. Each contributor must have an FSA ID and password.
- Contributors include: Biological Parent, Stepparent, and Adoptive Parent
 - One parent - if parents filed jointly
 - Parent who provided more financial support in the last 12 months (Divorced/Separated parents)
 - If married or unmarried/living together but did not file taxes jointly, then both contributors will need an FSA ID

All contributors must be verified by individual email when creating the FSA ID
Undocumented parents will also need to create an FSA ID



How to Create An FSA ID

YouTube search results for "fsa id".

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The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides approximately \$112 billion in financial aid to help pay for college or career school each year.

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In School
I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.

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I want to help my child pay for college.

In Repayment
I have loans I need to repay.

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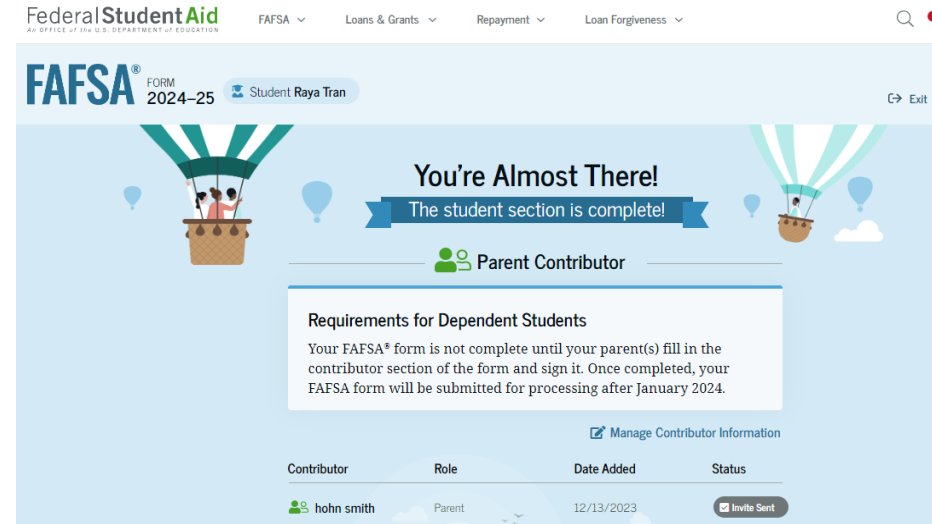
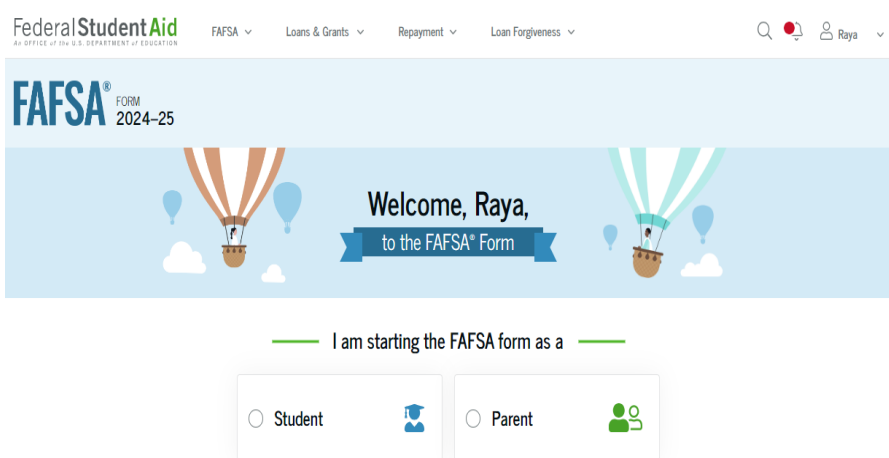


FAFSA

For 2025/2026, there are approximately 39 questions on the FAFSA.

How long does it take to complete the FAFSA: The estimate is 1 hour.

The form is split into 2 sections, once started, if not completed within 45 days it will be deleted.



Questions?

