

Do you want to graduate?
Well...listen up!



Federal Student Aid
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What is FAFSA and why do I need to complete it?



- FAFSA is The Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Colleges use the information to determine aid eligibility.
- Some colleges use it to determine eligibility for scholarships for students who demonstrate a financial need.
- Texas requires FAFSA because it is a strong indicator of college enrollment.
- Students are more likely to attend college if they know they have the money and resources to attend.

If you do not upload FAFSA, TASFA or an OPT OUT agreement, you will NOT graduate.

Step 1 - Choose the correct form



As part of Texas Graduation requirements, you must complete 1 of the following forms:

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid)	Opt Out Form
• <u>U.S. Citizens/</u> U.S. National. • <u>Must have:</u> ◦ a Social Security Number, a Green Card, an Arrival-Departure Record, a Battered Immigrant Status or a T-VISA • Planning on attending a Trade School, Community College, or 4 year College/University	• <u>Non-Citizens</u> or NOT a permanent <u>Texas residents</u>. • Must have lived in Texas for at least 36 months • Do <u>NOT</u> need to have a Social Security Number • Planning on attending a Trade School, Community College, or 4 year College/University	For those who are planning on going straight into the workforce or military. For any senior (with parent approval) that chooses not to apply for either the FAFSA or the TASFA

Step 2 - Completing the form



FAFSA

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

TASFA

<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/blank-forms-templates/tasfa-2025-26-english-application-and-instructions/>

**Opt Out
Form**

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/opt-outrevised10.2021finalenglish.pdf>

Step 3 - Upload your completion page



FAFSA

Save or download the completion page. Then upload it to the QR Code.

TASFA

Upload your completed form to the QR Code.

Opt Out Form

Upload your completed form to the QR Code.



<https://forms.gle/QR9dffqpd6R5D6Au9>

If you do not upload 1 of these completed documents, you cannot graduate.

Getting Prepared - FAFSA Only



Create your FSA ID

- We encourage you to create your FSA ID as soon as possible. The Federal Department of Education can take 1-3 business days to verify an FSA ID.

Complete the FAFSA

- Available October 1st each year. The application can be found at [StudentAid.Gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- TASFA
- OPT OUT

Information Needed

- Student's and Parent's
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Income Documentation

Creating an FSA ID - FAFSA Only



FSA ID

Be aware of new requirements

1. Two-step verification
2. All FAFSA® contributors must have an FSA ID to log into online form
3. New process to get an FSA ID for parents and spouses without a Social Security number

A smartphone screen displaying the 'studentaid.gov' website. The page is titled 'Create an Account (FSA ID)' and shows 'Step 1 of 7: Personal Information'. There are input fields for 'First Name', 'Middle Initial', and 'Last Name'. A small owl icon is visible next to the 'Last Name' field. The status bar at the top shows the time as 9:41 and signal strength.

Creating an FSA ID - FAFSA Only



Go to:

www.studentaid.gov

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FAFSA® Form ▾

Loans and Grants ▾

Loan Repayment ▾

Loan Forgiveness ▾

Log In | Create Account



Creating an FSA ID - FAFSA Only



Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to apply for, receive, and manage your federal student aid.

[Get Started](#)

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Do With Your Account

You must have an account to do the following:

- Fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form online
- Complete other online forms (such as the *Master Promissory Note*) required to receive aid
- Review the federal student aid you've received

What You'll Need

- Your Social Security number (if applicable)
- Your own email address

Create an Account



Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account 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

Student Consent



- 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.

If a student does not provide consent, the FAFSA will be incomplete and not transmitted to any schools.



FAFSA® Form Processed

Processed on Jan. 16th, 2024

Errors Found in Your Application

Update the entries on your FAFSA® form to address any errors and ensure that your form is processed with the right information.



Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Provide Consent

We need your consent and approval to disclose your federal tax information in order to populate the FAFSA® form with the necessary tax return data. Without your consent and approval, the student will be ineligible for federal student aid. Select "Provide Consent" to do so now.

Parent Consent



Beginning in 2024/2025, the FSA ID is the only way for students and parents to access the FAFSA and provide consent.

If a parent does not provide consent, the FAFSA will be incomplete and not transmitted to any schools.

Raya Tran Wants Your Help on a FAFSA® Form

Raya Tran has identified you as a parent on their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

Parents are required to provide their financial and demographic information on the student's FAFSA form. This does not make you financially responsible for Raya's educational costs or any federal student loans they decide to accept.

[Visit the 2024-25 FAFSA Help Center](#)

Accept Invitation

Decline Invitation

Status Tracker

⚠ FAFSA® Form Started

The student should complete most of the form themselves, including their personal and financial information. You must fill out the section assigned to you. Once all required sections are complete, everyone must sign and submit.



Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Provide Signature

Federal student aid will not be granted unless you provide a signature within the FAFSA® form. Select "Provide Signature" to do so now.

Nov. 28, 2023

You accepted the request to enter the form as a contributor.

Congratulations!



- Upon signing the student section, the student is presented the completion page. This page displays information for the student regarding next steps. On this page the student is reminded that their form is or is not complete.

The image shows a screenshot of the FAFSA Form 2024-25 completion page for Student Raya Tran. The page has a light blue background with a hot air balloon illustration on the left. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2024-25), and the student's name (Raya Tran). The main heading says "Congratulations, the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!". Below this, the student's name "Raya Tran" is displayed with a graduation cap icon. A table provides the following information: Completion Date (11/28/2023), Data Release Number (2572), and Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) (123456789). A note states: "The SAI is not a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility." A box at the bottom mentions eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,000.00 and other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study programs. The top right corner has links for "Exit" and "FAFSA Menu".

Completion Date	Data Release Number	Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI)
11/28/2023	2572	123456789

What Happens Next



Check Your Email

You will receive an email version of this confirmation page at the following email address: **raya.tran@email.com**.



Receive Notification of Processing

After January 2024, in one to three days, you will receive a notification by email that your FAFSA form was processed and sent to your schools.



You Will Receive School Communications

We use the information collected on your FAFSA form to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI lets schools determine the aid you're eligible to receive. Your schools will reach out to you if they need more information. They will also contact you with your financial aid offers. Once received, you can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their student aid packages.

FAFSA Demonstration is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3CxBRT7V8A>

Questions?



If you have any questions, please contact your counselor:



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