2027–28 FAFSA Prototype Tip Sheet

The 2027–28 FAFSA Prototype landing page (password: prototype2728) offers a partial preview of the 2027–28 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

The prototype landing page lists several user scenarios. Several of these also enable a user to navigate through scenarios that aren't described on the landing page. Follow the instructions on this tip sheet to find those unlisted scenarios.

General Tips for Using the Prototype

The two scenarios in the "New Application" section are the most comprehensive and flexible. They begin with the user starting a new FAFSA form, allow the most choice in selecting responses, and end by submitting the form.

- New Application, Raya Tran: Because Raya's date of birth is May 5, 2006, you can use this scenario to select responses that will allow you to see pages, questions, and/or information for a dependent, independent, or provisionally independent student.
- New Application, Alcina Tran: Because Alcina's date of birth (May 5, 1973) is before the 2027–28 FAFSA form's automatic cut-off date for dependency status, the FAFSA form considers Alcina an independent student by default. Also use this scenario to start a student's FAFSA form as a parent.

Instructions for Finding Unlisted Scenarios

Dependent student who has …	Use this prototype scenario:	To see this scenario:
Parents who file taxes separately	New Application, select "Raya Tran"	1. Select responses that make Raya a dependent student. 2. After you submit the student section, select the link for "View Parent Contributor" scenario in the pop-up window. 3. In the parent section: a. Approve consent for FTI transfer. b. Select "Married (not separated)" for Parent Current Marital Status. c. The page to Invite the Parent's Spouse to this FAFSA® Form will appear.

		4. After you submit the parent section, select the link for "View Parent Spouse or Partner Contributor" scenario in the pop-up window.
Parents who file taxes jointly	**(Coming in mid-August 2026)**	
Parents who refuse to participate on form	**(Coming in mid-August 2026)**	
Parent who didn't file taxes	**(Coming in mid-August 2026)**	
Unusual circumstances	New Application, select "Raya Tran"	1. Select responses that make Raya a dependent student. 2. For the Student Unusual Circumstances question, select "Yes." This will enable you to see the Your Dependency Status page for provisionally independent or unaccompanied homeless youth.
Scenarios: Independent Student	**Use this prototype scenario**	**To see this scenario, make sure you:**
Is single with a dependent	New Application, select "Alcina Tran"	1. Decline consent of FTI transfer. (This will allow you to see questions in the Student Financials section that won't appear in the online FAFSA form if a student consents.) 2. In the Student Financials section, you can add a dependent in the Family Size question.
Is single with no dependents	New Application, select "Alcina Tran"	Select responses that indicate Alcina has no dependents.
Is single and didn't file taxes	**(Coming in mid-August 2026)**	
Is married and files taxes jointly	**(Coming in mid-August 2026)**	
Is married and files taxes separately	**(Coming in mid-August 2026)**	
Scenarios: Post-Processing and Corrections	**Use this prototype scenario**	**To see this scenario, make sure you:**
How to find the Submission Summary	Processed Application, Raya Tran	1. On the "My Dashboard" page, in "My Activity," select the link for "2027-28 FAFSA® Form." 2. On the "Form Details" page, in the "Status Tracker," select "FAFSA Submission Summary."

Adding colleges to a processed form	Correction Application, Raya Tran, dependent student making a voluntary correction, adding schools	1. On the “My Dashboard” page, in “My Activity,” select the link for “2027-28 FAFSA® Form.” 2. On the “Form Details” page, select “Actions” (button at top right of page). 3. From the “Actions” menu, select “Add or Remove Schools.” 4. On the “Correct Your FAFSA Form” page, select “Add or Remove Schools.” 5. On the “Selected Colleges and Career Schools,” select “Search and Select More Schools.” 6. On the “Where should we send the FAFSA information?” page, type any letter in the search field and select a school(s) from the available options. The selected school will display in the “Search Results” section. Select “Continue.” 7. The “Selected Colleges and Career Schools” page will display again with the added school(s). Select “Continue.” 8. The “You’re Almost Done!” page will display with a note that you’ve added some schools. (**Note**: The schools that display are sample schools. They will not necessarily match the ones you selected from the prototype’s list of options.) View the Terms & Conditions, sign the form, and select “Submit FAFSA form.”