2027–28 FAFSA®
Preview Presentation

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Overview

The 2027–28 FAFSA® Preview Presentation is a guide to filling out and submitting the online 2027–28 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA ®) form.

These slides explain how applicants can complete, submit, and correct a FAFSA form. Find inside

1. step-by-step directions for scenarios that many applicants will face,*
2. screenshots of the form for cycle year 2027–28, and
3. explanations of key pages in the process.

The office of Federal Student Aid creates this guide for counselors, advisors, financial aid administrators, and anyone else who helps students and families complete and submit the online FAFSA form. Use it as-is or adapt it for your own purposes. For more resources, visit StudentAid.gov.

*One rare scenario is included. In April 2026, we added an identity verification process to the FAFSA form. *Very few users will be asked to verify their identity.* But we've added slides to aid awareness since it will be a new part of the form experience for some.

New for the 2027–28 FAFSA® Form

The 2027–28 FAFSA® experience includes several improvements compared to the 2026–27 form. These streamline the experience and use plainer language to make questions clearer.

As of August 2026, these are the key updates:

1. Most students can submit their FAFSA form and receive their results immediately, rather than wait one to three days for their form to be processed.
2. The “State of Residence” question now includes “Military Location.”
3. The “Personal Circumstances” section has been renamed “Background.”
4. The wording of the student questions about college/career school plans, homelessness, and high school completion has been changed based on user research.
5. The “Signature” section has been renamed “Review & Sign,” and the signing process now occurs in one page.
6. Students and additional contributors are asked about filing a 2025 income tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory.

For detailed information, visit FAFSA Central’s Product Log.

How This Guide Works

The guide explains how to fill out and submit the online FAFSA® form in common user scenarios. It includes overviews of individual pages and user scenarios that feature different user roles.

USER ROLES

Anyone who fills out a FAFSA form is a **contributor**.

A **contributor** is someone who

- signs a student's FAFSA form, and
- consents to and gives approval for having their federal tax information transferred from the IRS directly into the student's form.

This guide includes contributors in the roles of **dependent student**, **independent student**, **parent,*** and **student spouse**.

USER SCENARIOS

A **user scenario** shows the pages and fields a student or contributor fills out to complete a FAFSA form or a specific task related to a FAFSA form.

Common scenarios are represented in their entirety.

Less-common scenarios are represented only by the pages that show how they diverge from more common scenarios.

If a user's answers affect the pages and fields the user would face next, they are specified. If the answers would not affect the scenario, they are not.

*Students can use the Who's My FAFSA Parent? wizard to help them identify who must contribute to their FAFSA form.

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Overview of FAFSA Submission Summary

Note: The 2026–27 FAFSA Preview Presentation released in August 2025 included a scenario focused on a parent submitting a required FAFSA correction for missing consent and approval. FAFSA data shows that is a very rare user scenario, so we've removed it from the presentation. We'll research more-common scenarios involving a parent making a correction to consider adding to next cycle's presentation.

STARTING A FAFSA® FORM

Scenarios for creating a StudentAid.gov account and accessing the FAFSA form

Scenario 1: Creating a StudentAid.gov Account

Overview

The process for creating a StudentAid.gov account is not part of the FAFSA® form. But an account is required to start, sign, submit, and edit the online FAFSA form.

Students and other contributors, such as a parent or spouse, each need their own StudentAid.gov account. Accounts can't be shared. An email address can be linked to only one account.

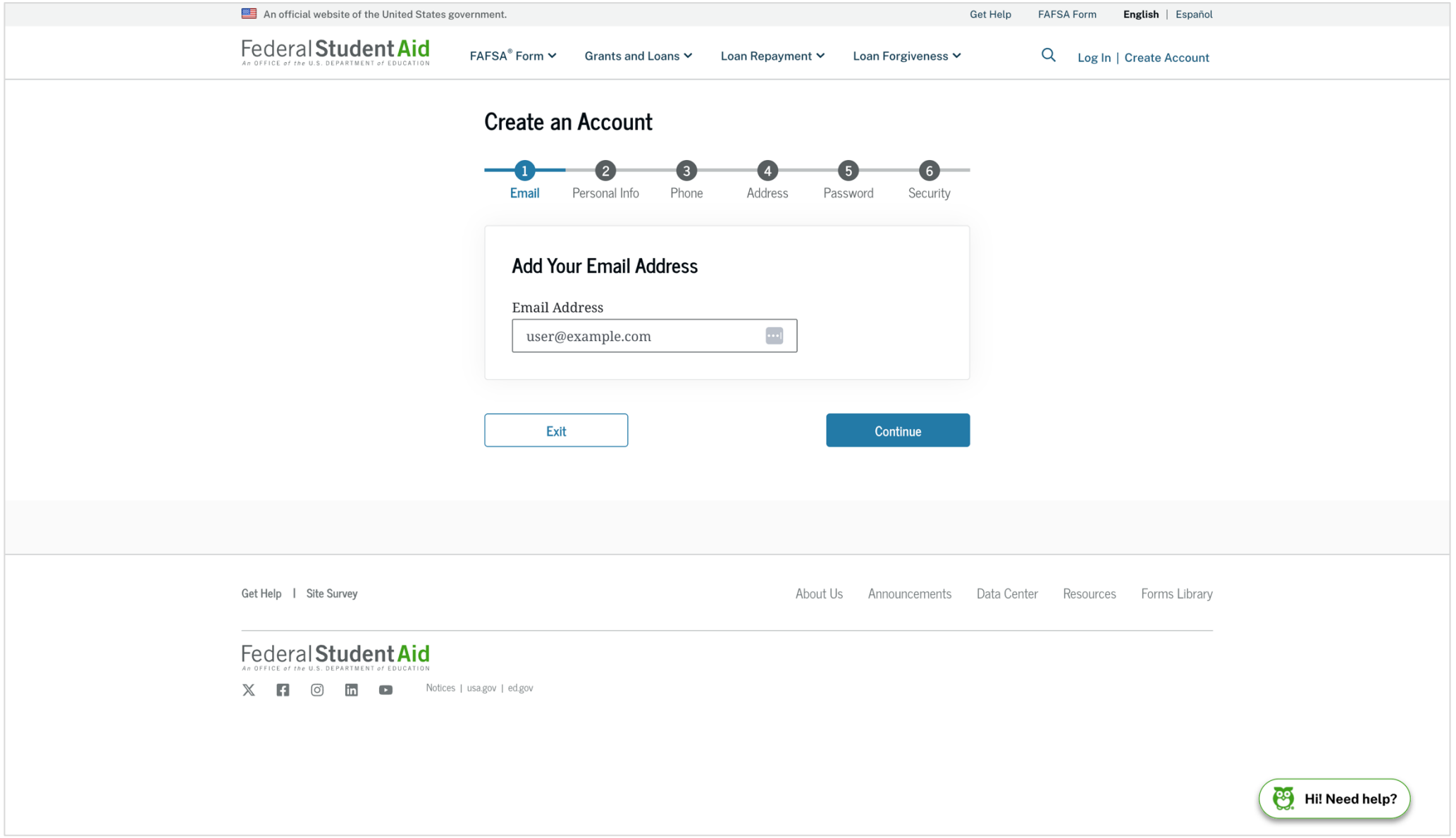
This user scenario involves the following actions:

- The user provides and verifies their email address.
- The user enters their personal information.
- The user provides and verifies their mobile phone number.
- The user creates a username and password.
- The user confirms their two-step verification methods.

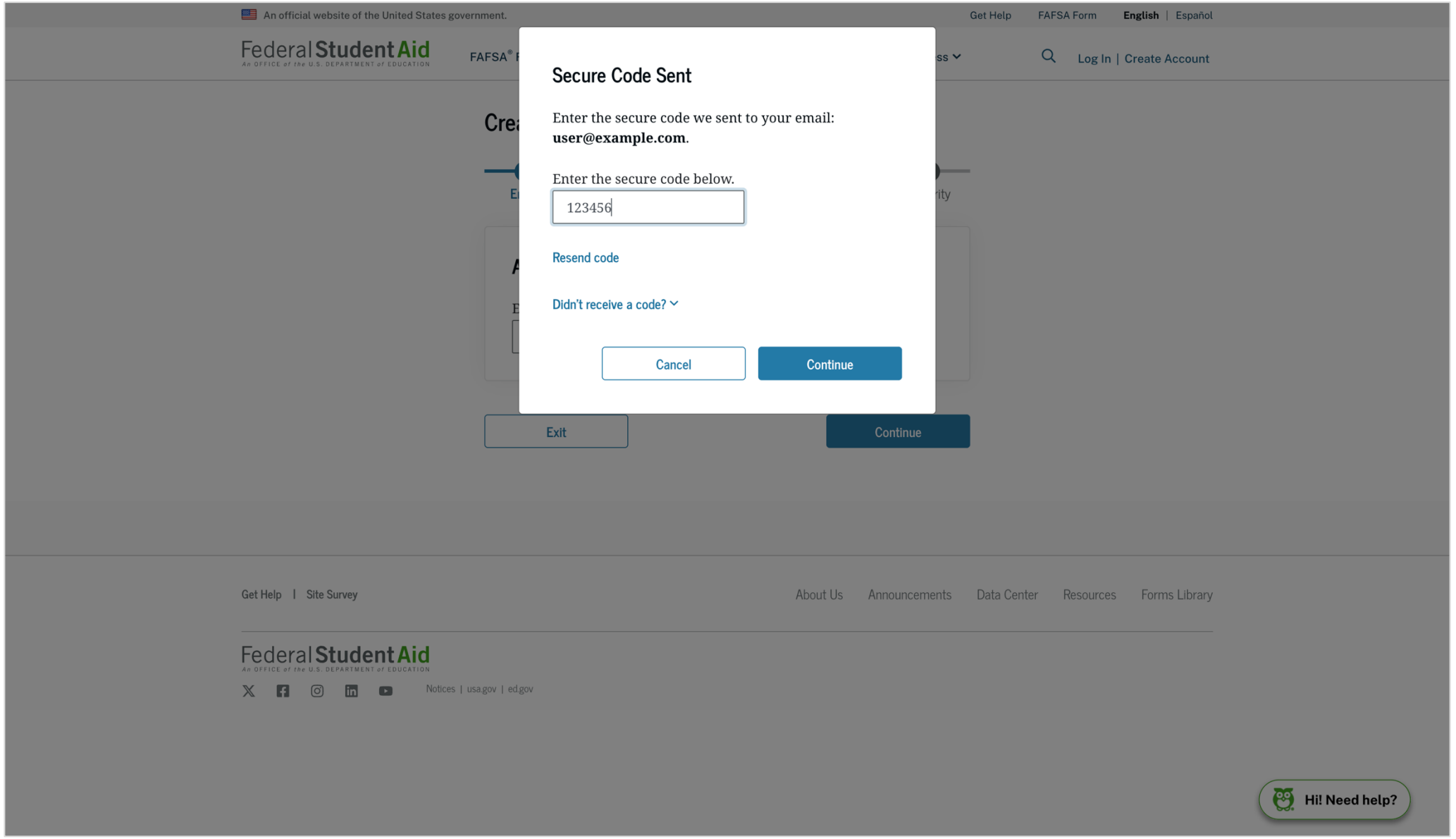
For more information about StudentAid.gov accounts, read our "Key Facts About Your StudentAid.gov Account" article.

StudentAid.gov Account Creation: Language Preference

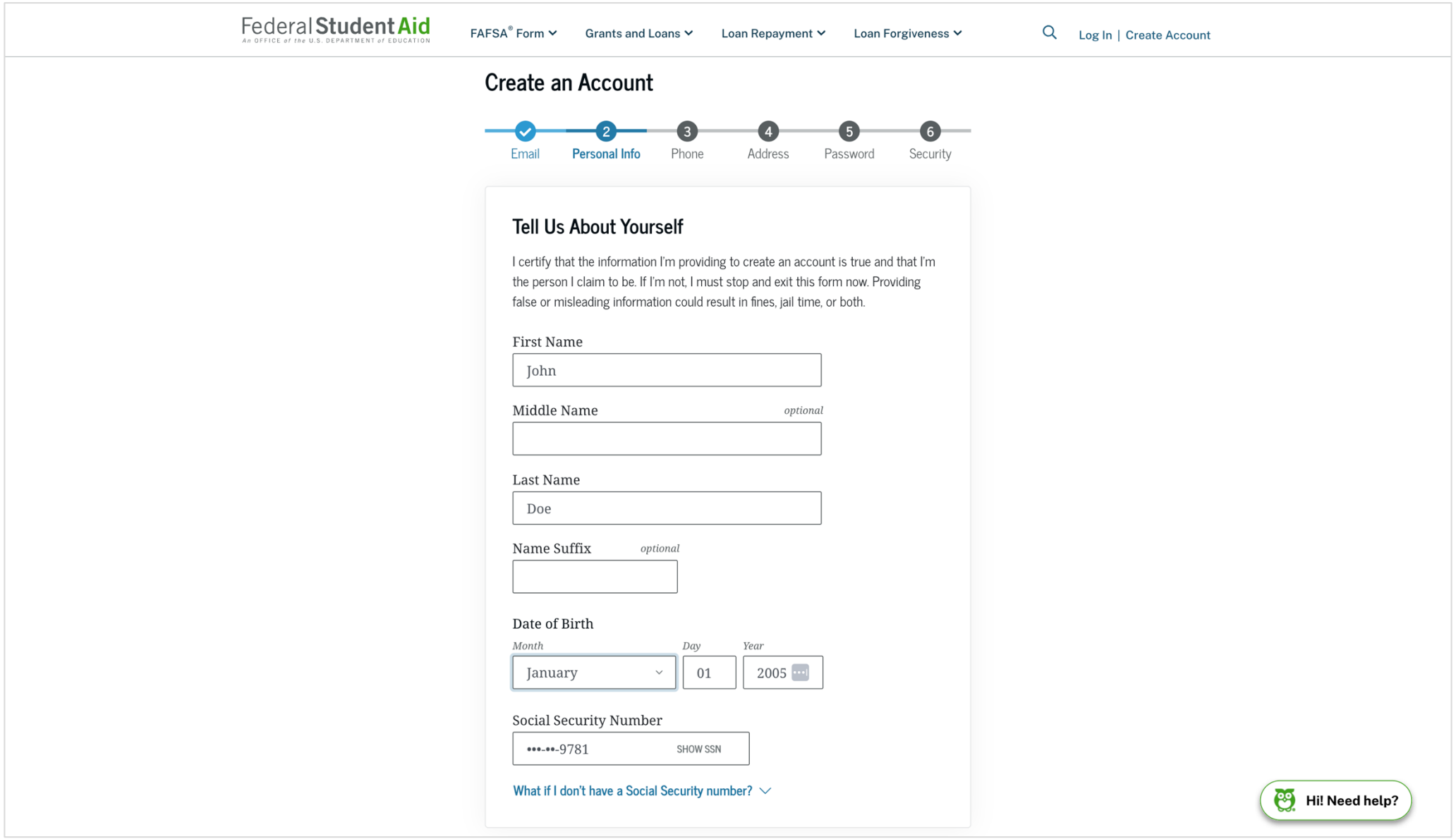
StudentAid.gov Account Creation: Add Email



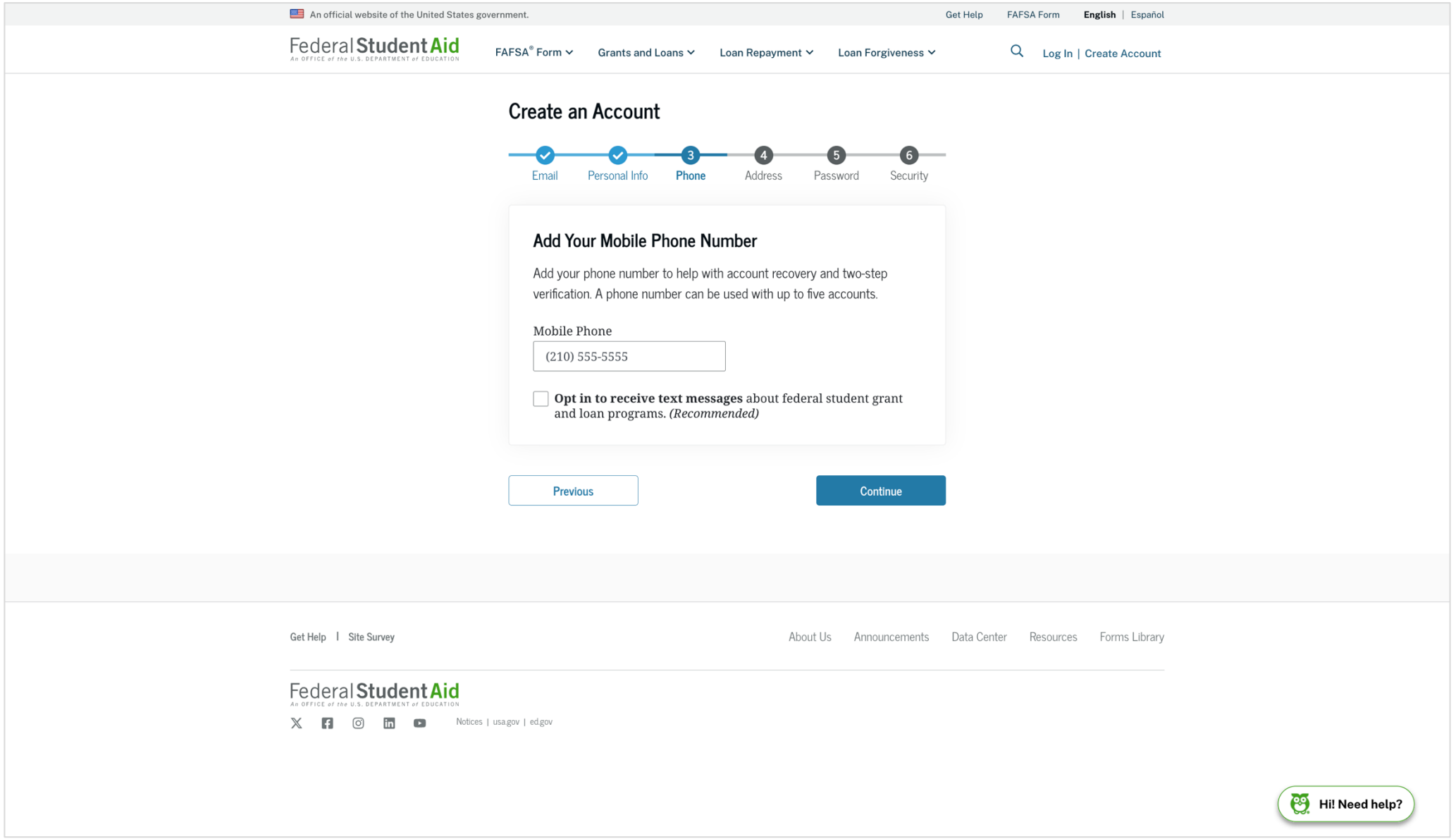
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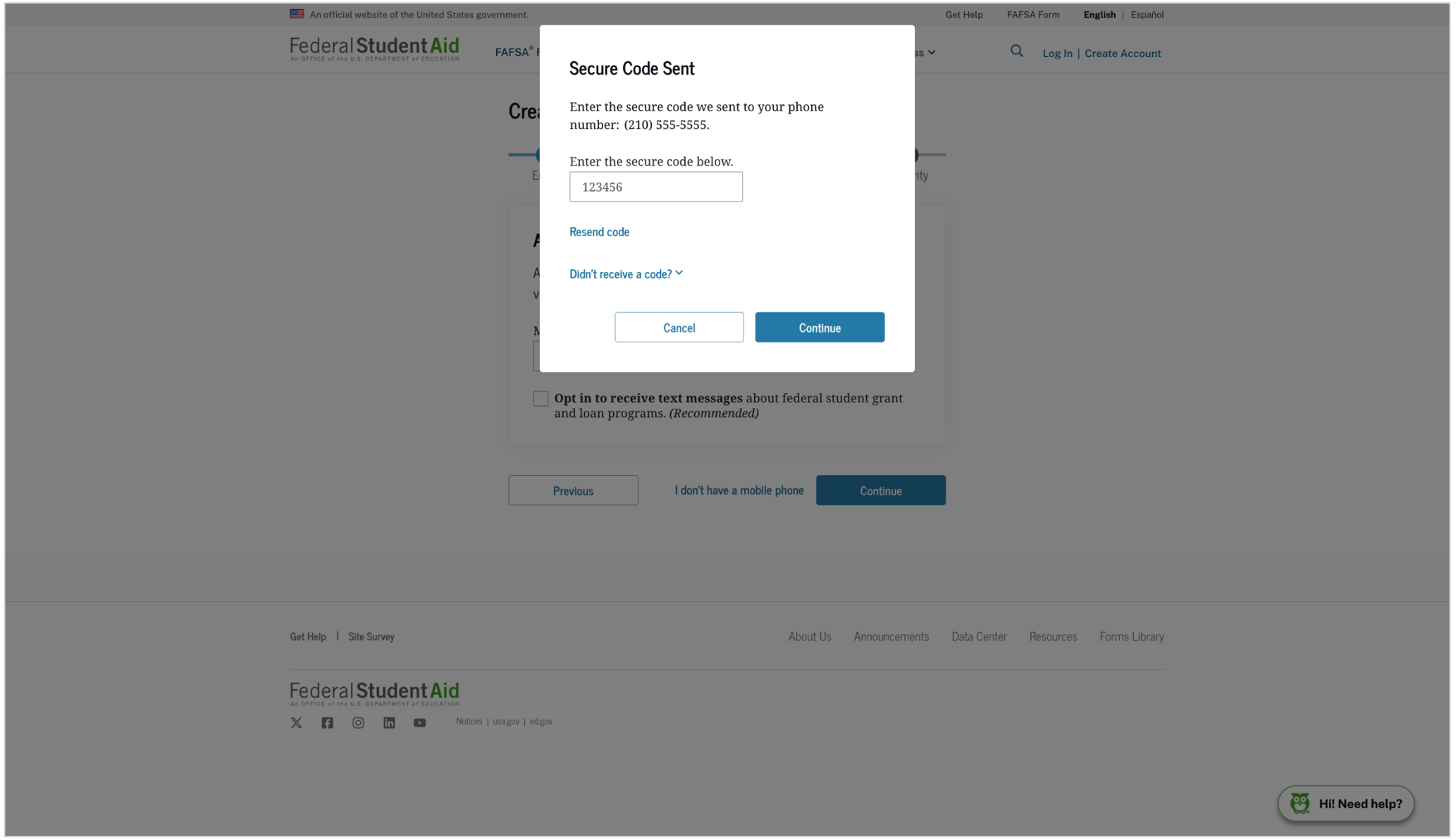
StudentAid.gov Account Creation: Tell Us About Yourself



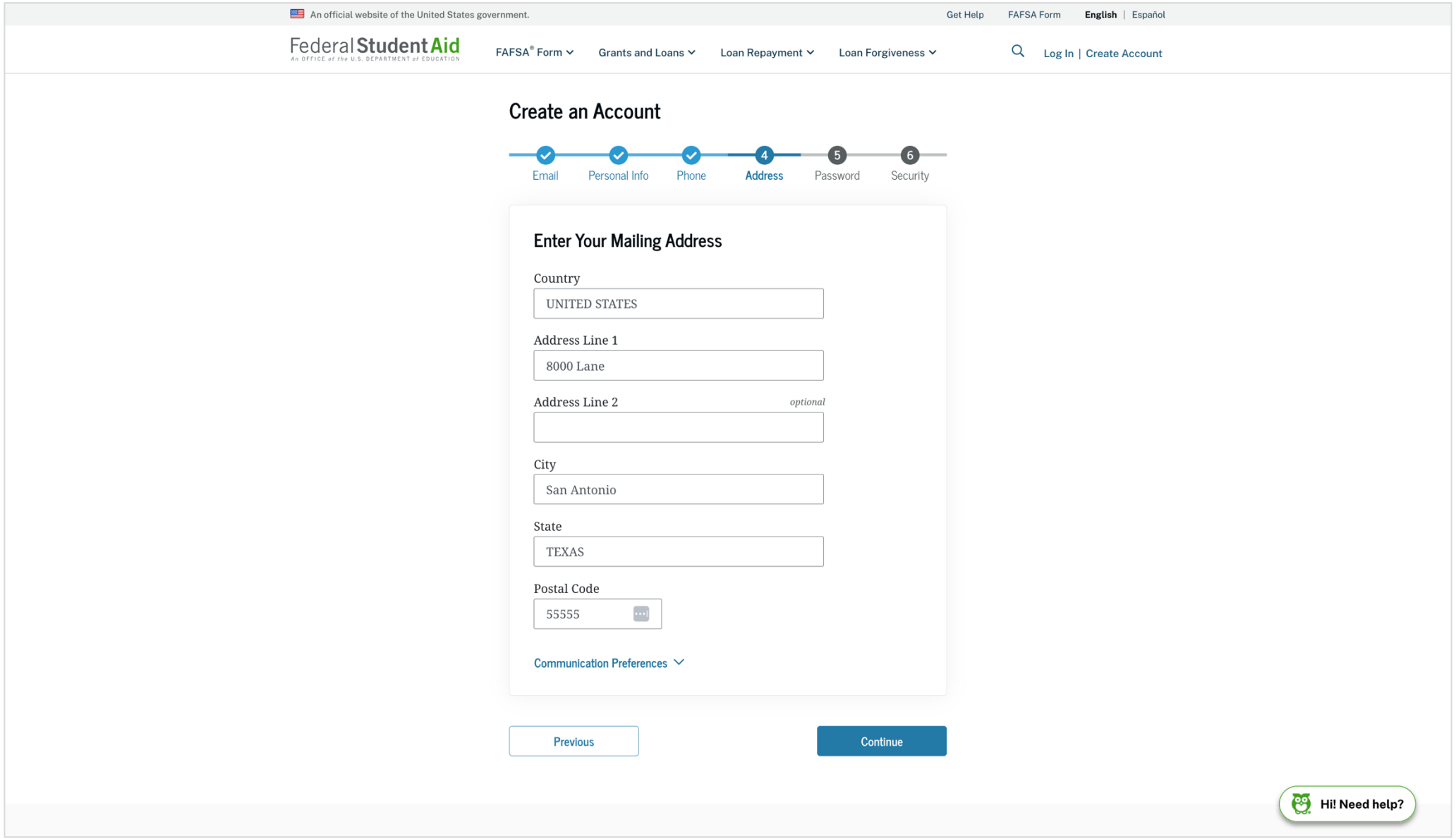
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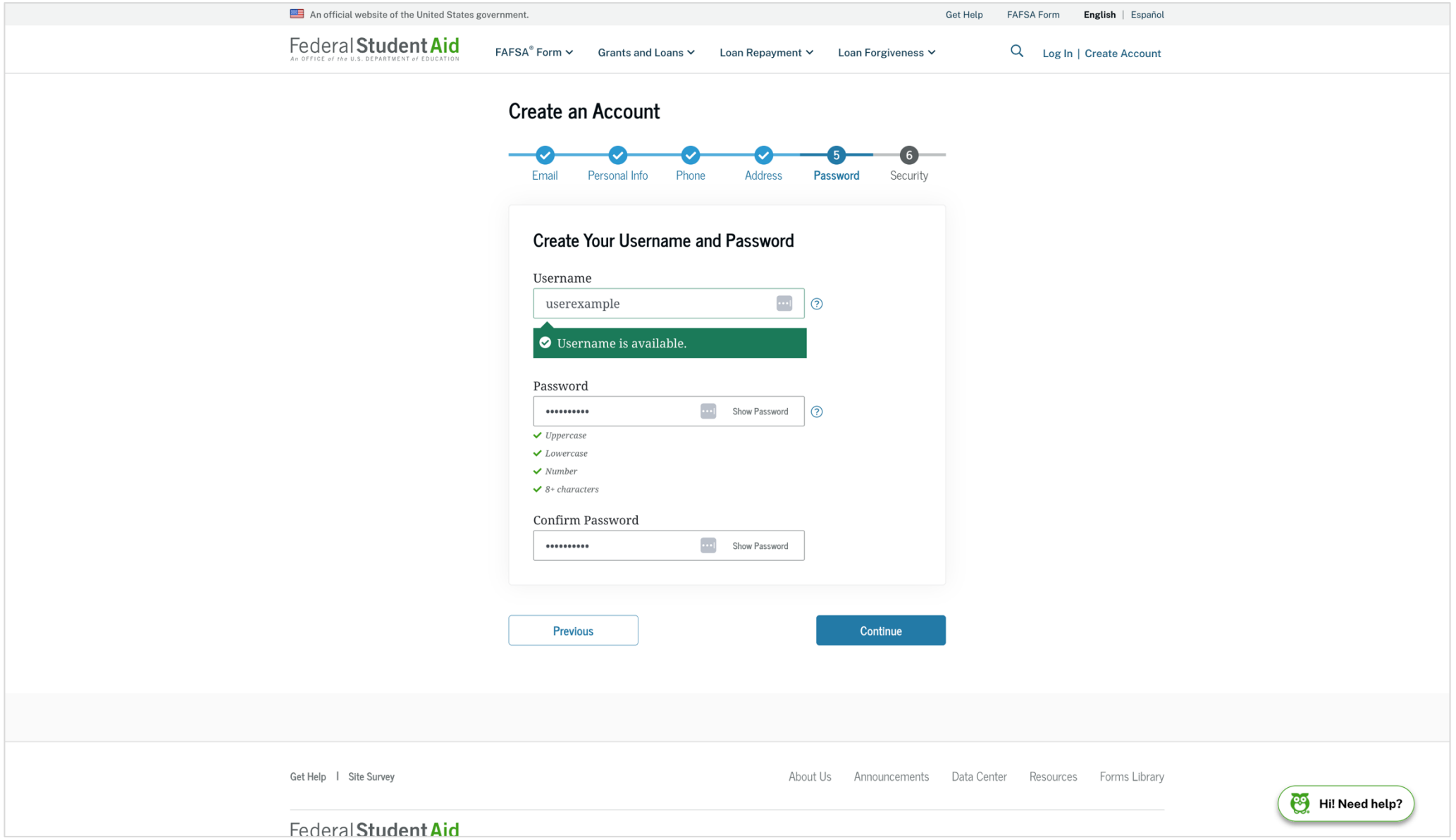
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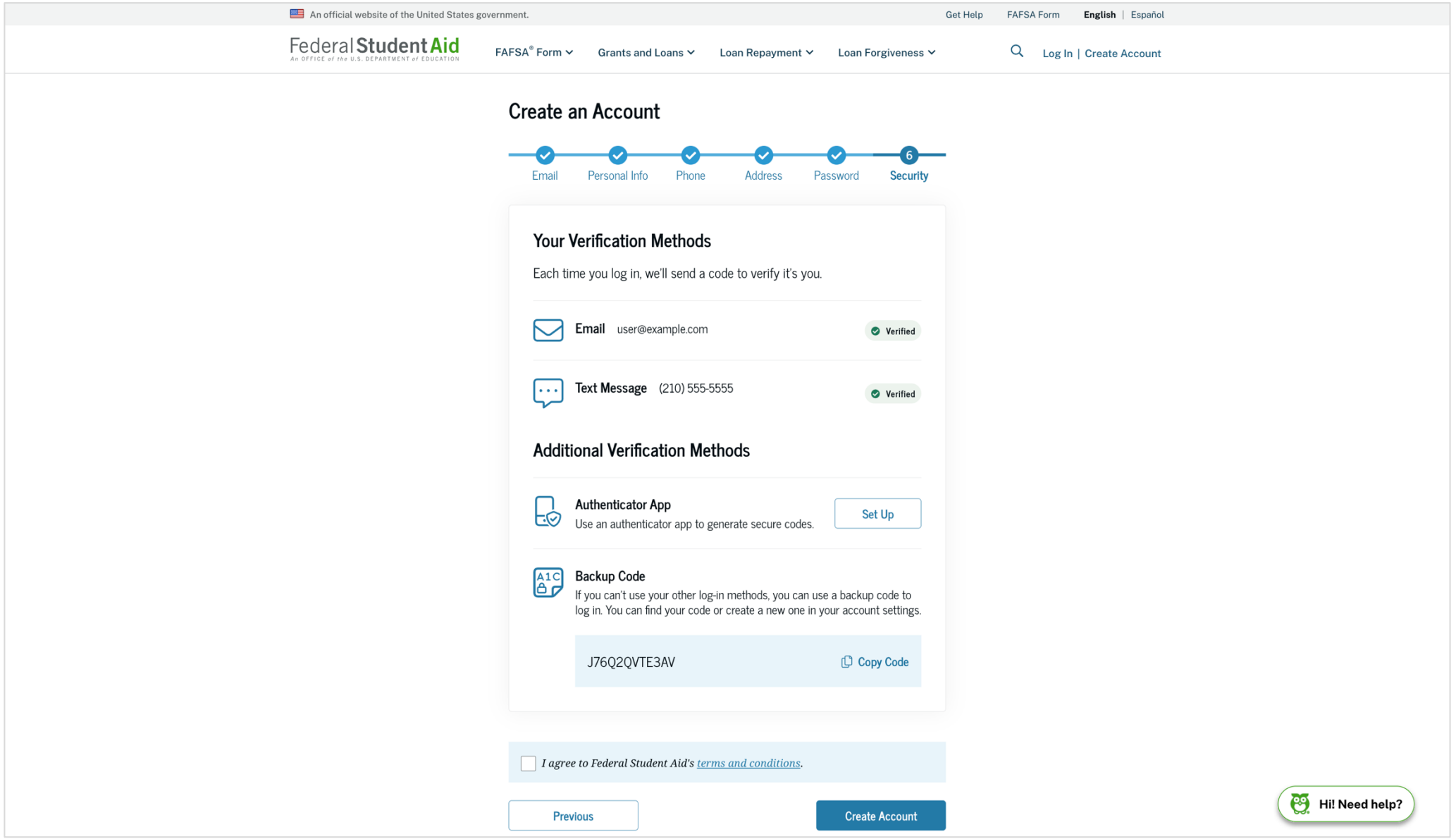
StudentAid.gov Account Creation: Enter Mailing Address



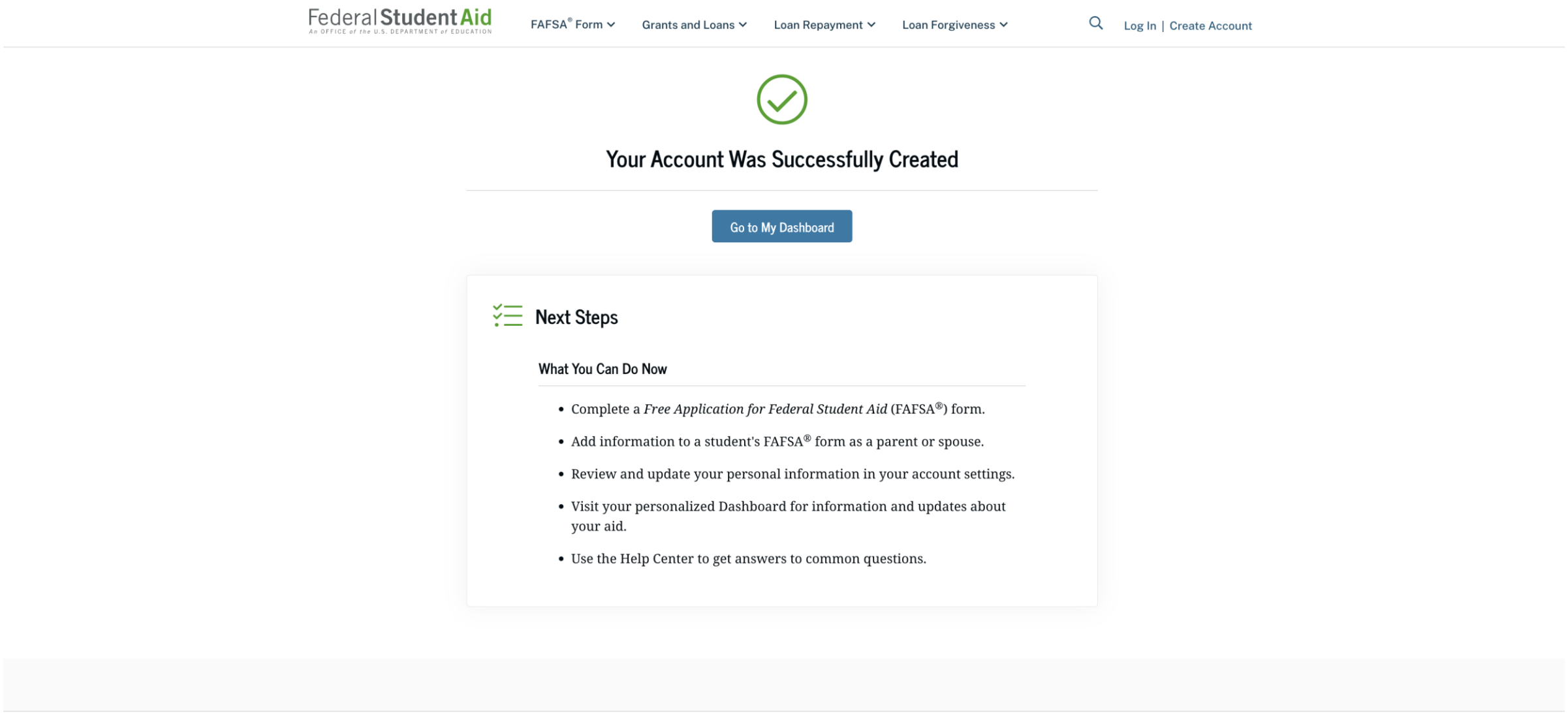
StudentAid.gov Account Creation: Create Username and Password



StudentAid.gov Account Creation: Verification Methods



StudentAid.gov Account Creation: Success



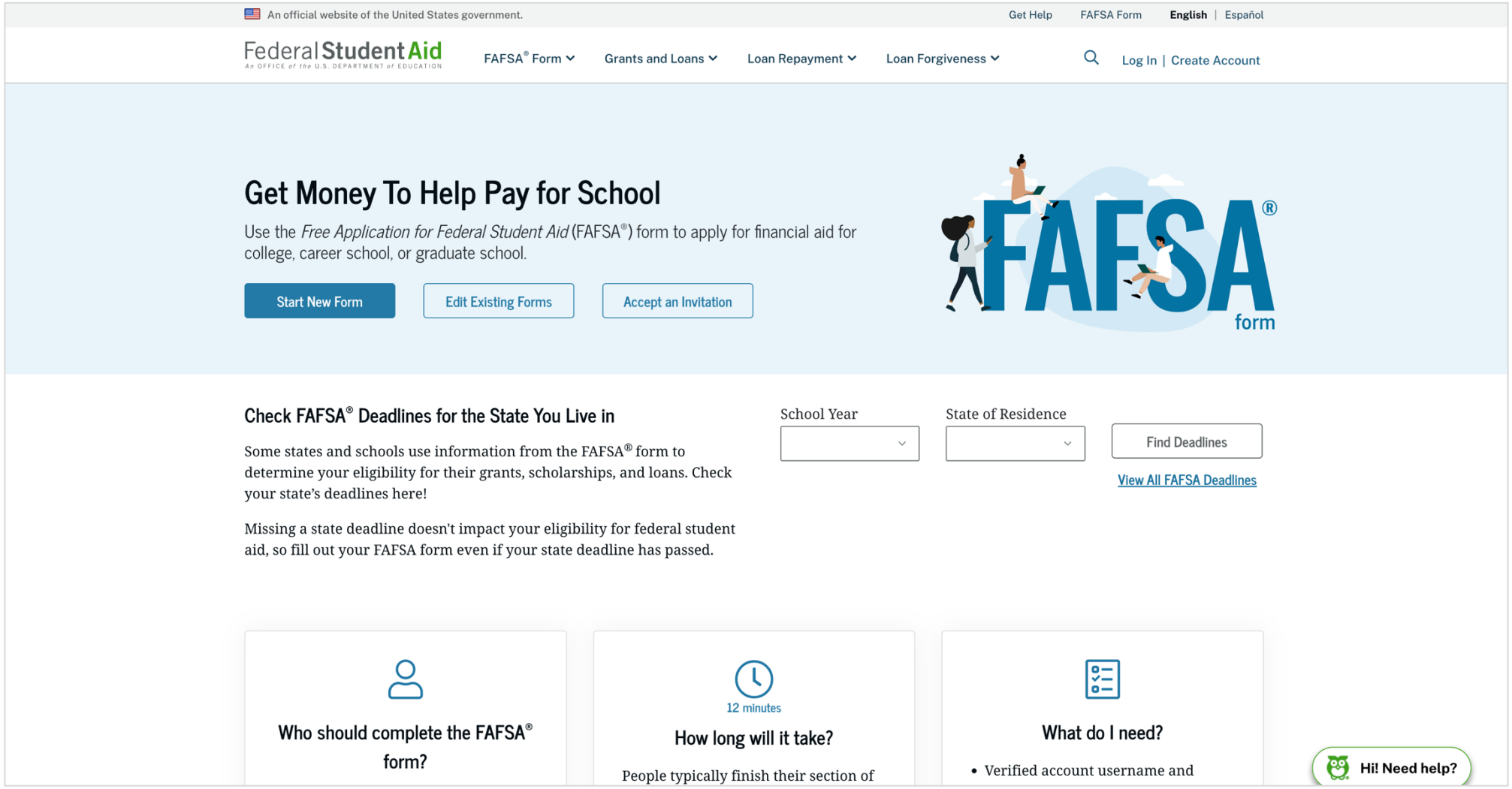
Scenario 2: The FAFSA® Landing Page and Logging In

Overview

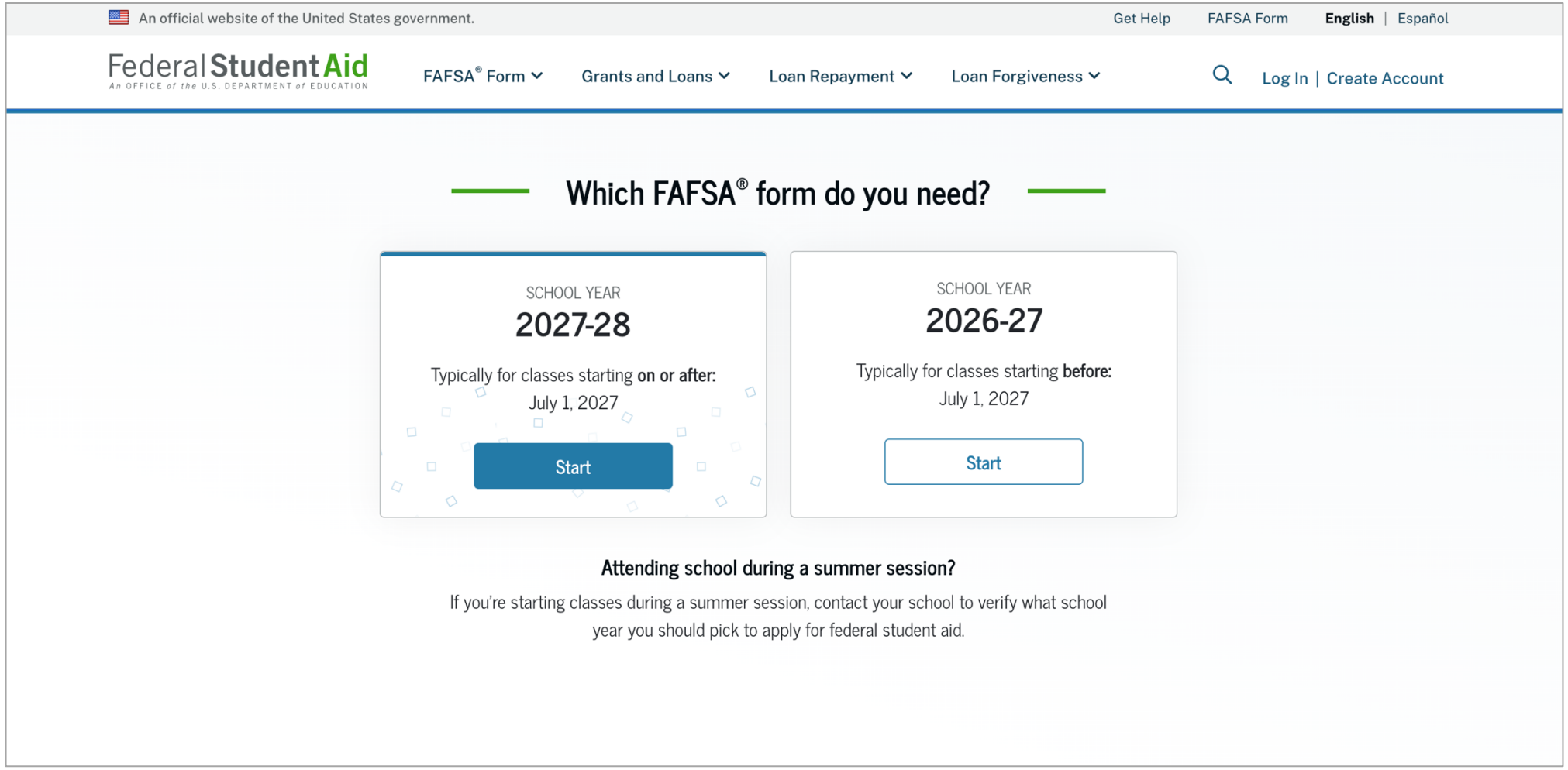
These slides explain

- all the actions a user can take on the FAFSA® landing page, including starting a FAFSA form, and
- logging in to StudentAid.gov, which a user must do to access a FAFSA form.

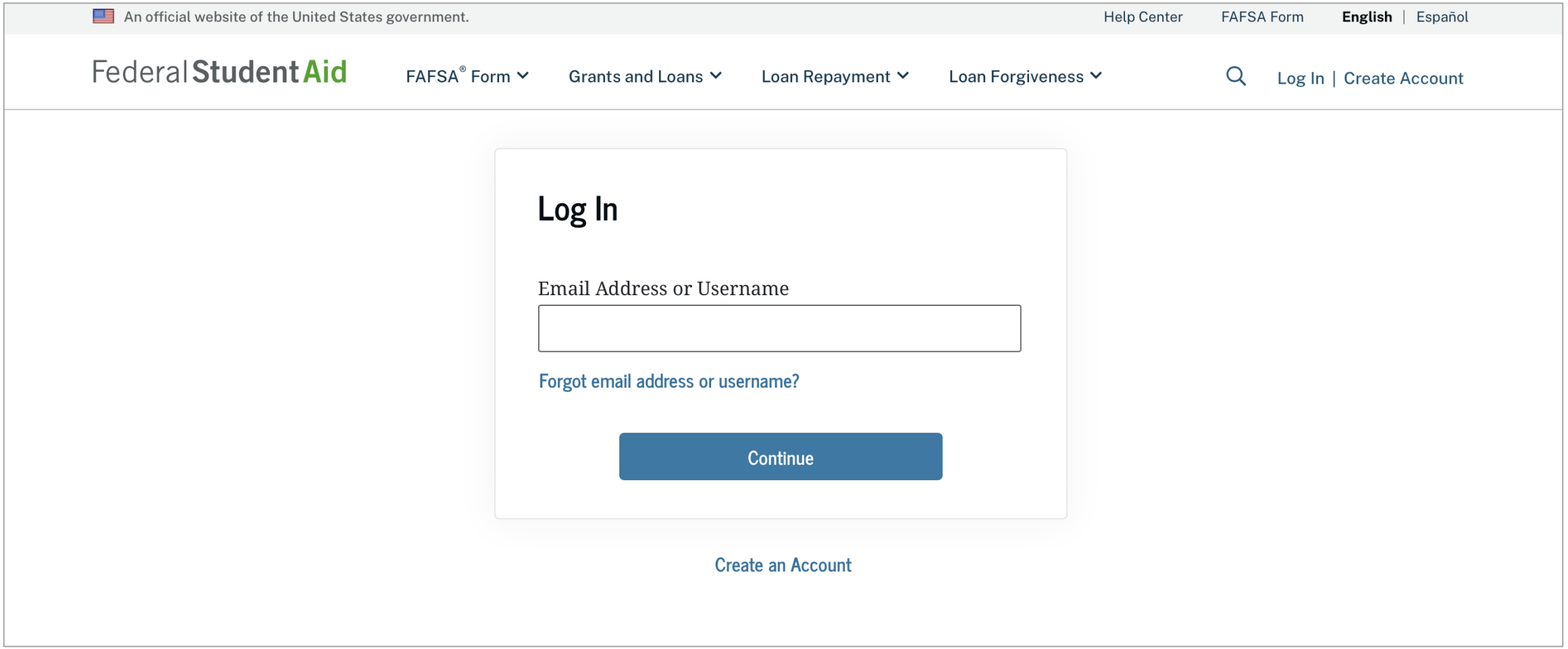
Main FAFSA® Landing Page for 2027–28



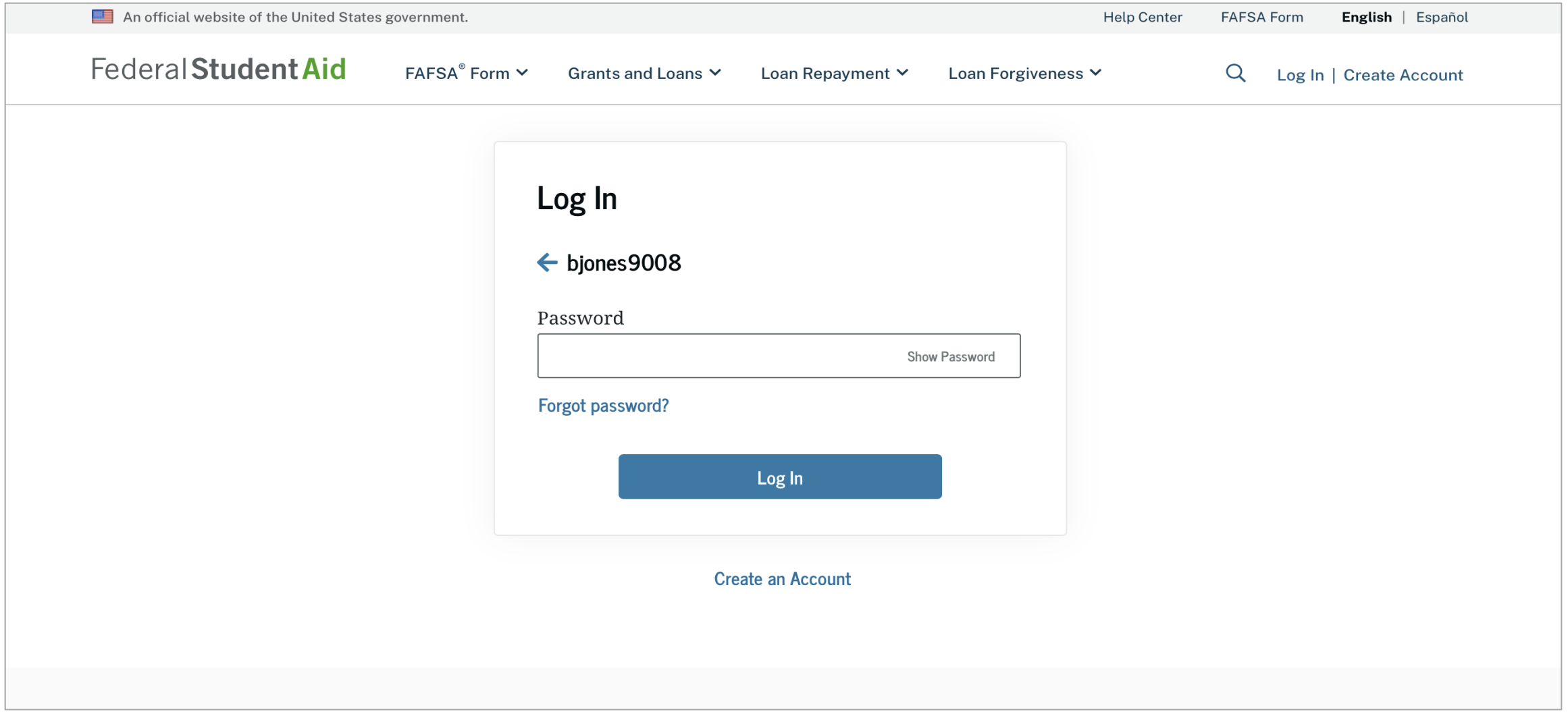
FAFSA® Cycle Year Select Page



StudentAid.gov Log-In Page: Email or Username



StudentAid.gov Log-In Page: Password



Scenario 3: Finding a Contributor Invite Code To Access a FAFSA® Form

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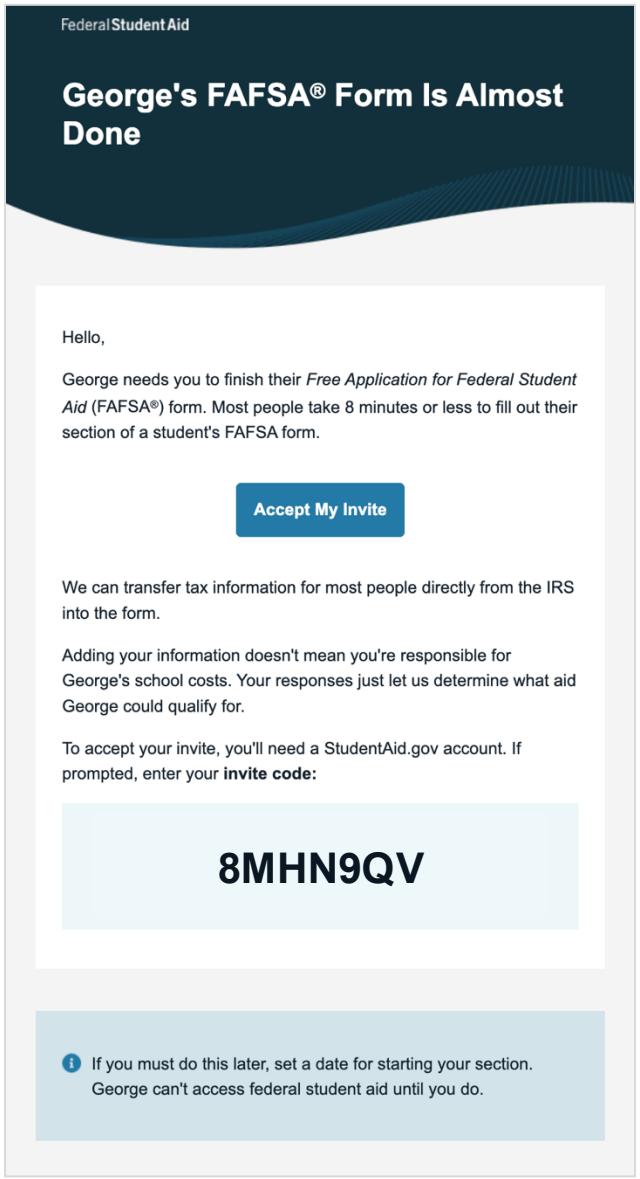
Most dependent students are required to invite a parent contributor to their FAFSA® form. Married students who didn't file taxes jointly with their spouse are required to invite a spouse contributor to their FAFSA form.

To access a FAFSA form they've been invited to, a contributor will need their unique invitation code.

This set of slides shows the following actions:

- The contributor accesses the FAFSA form using the invite code they receive in their contributor invite email.
- The student shares the unique invitation link and code from their FAFSA form.
- The student finds the unique invitation link and code on their StudentAid.gov account Dashboard.

Invited Contributor: Email (1 of 2 Slides)



Federal Student Aid

George's FAFSA® Form Is Almost Done

Hello,

George needs you to finish their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form. Most people take 8 minutes or less to fill out their section of a student's FAFSA form.

Accept My Invite

We can transfer tax information for most people directly from the IRS into the form.

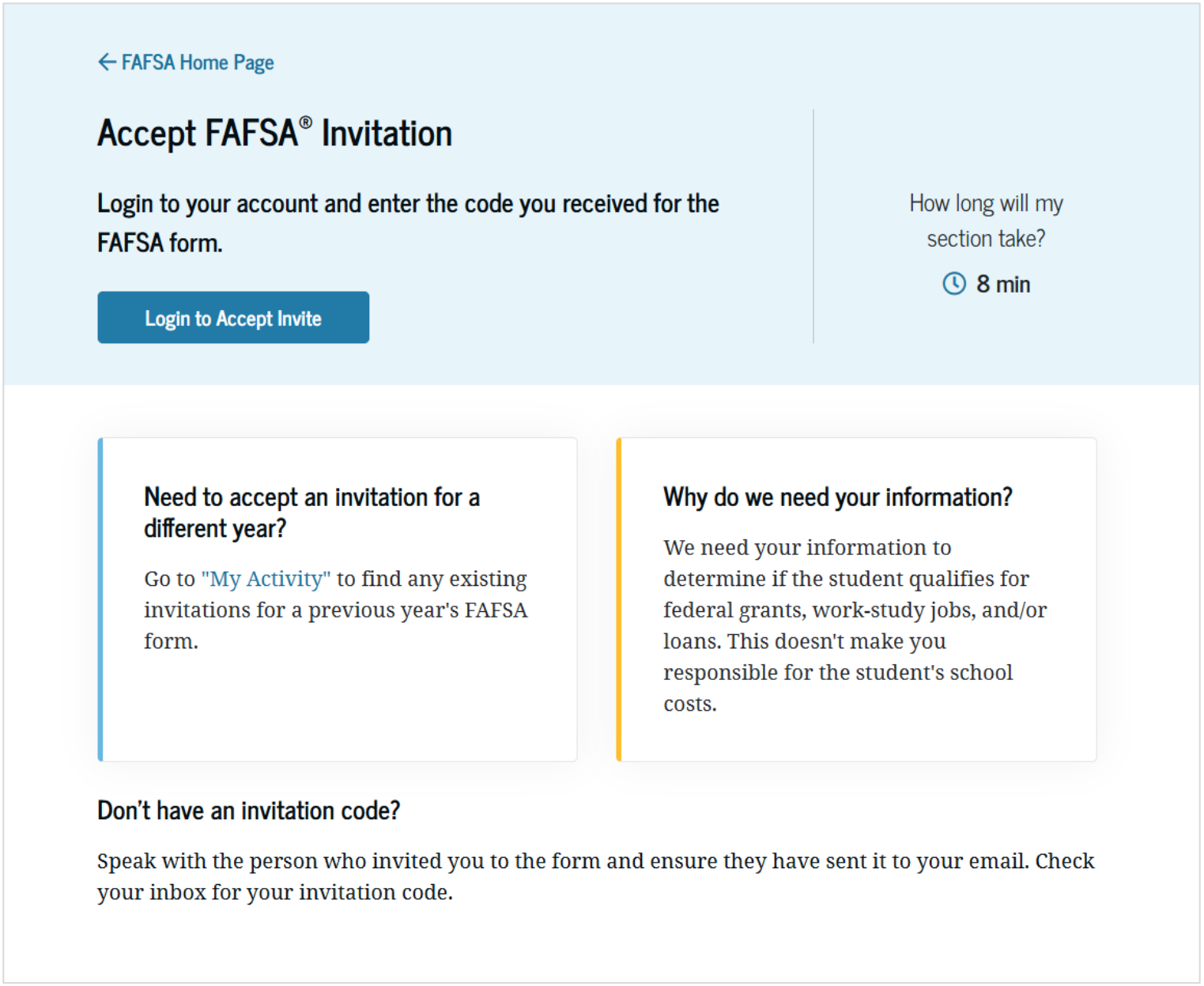
Adding your information doesn't mean you're responsible for George's school costs. Your responses just let us determine what aid George could qualify for.

To accept your invite, you'll need a StudentAid.gov account. If prompted, enter your **invite code:**

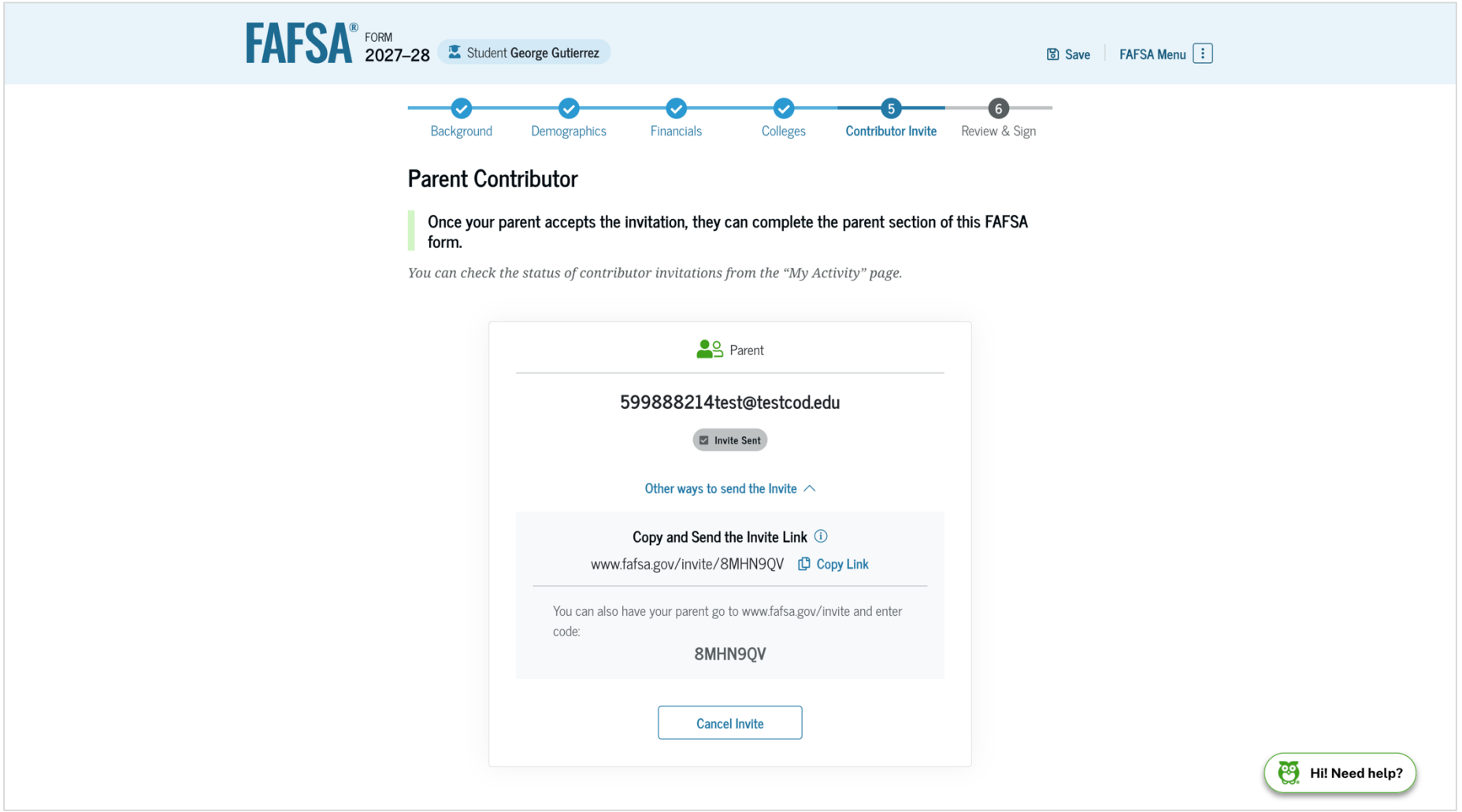
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If you must do this later, set a date for starting your section. George can't access federal student aid until you do.

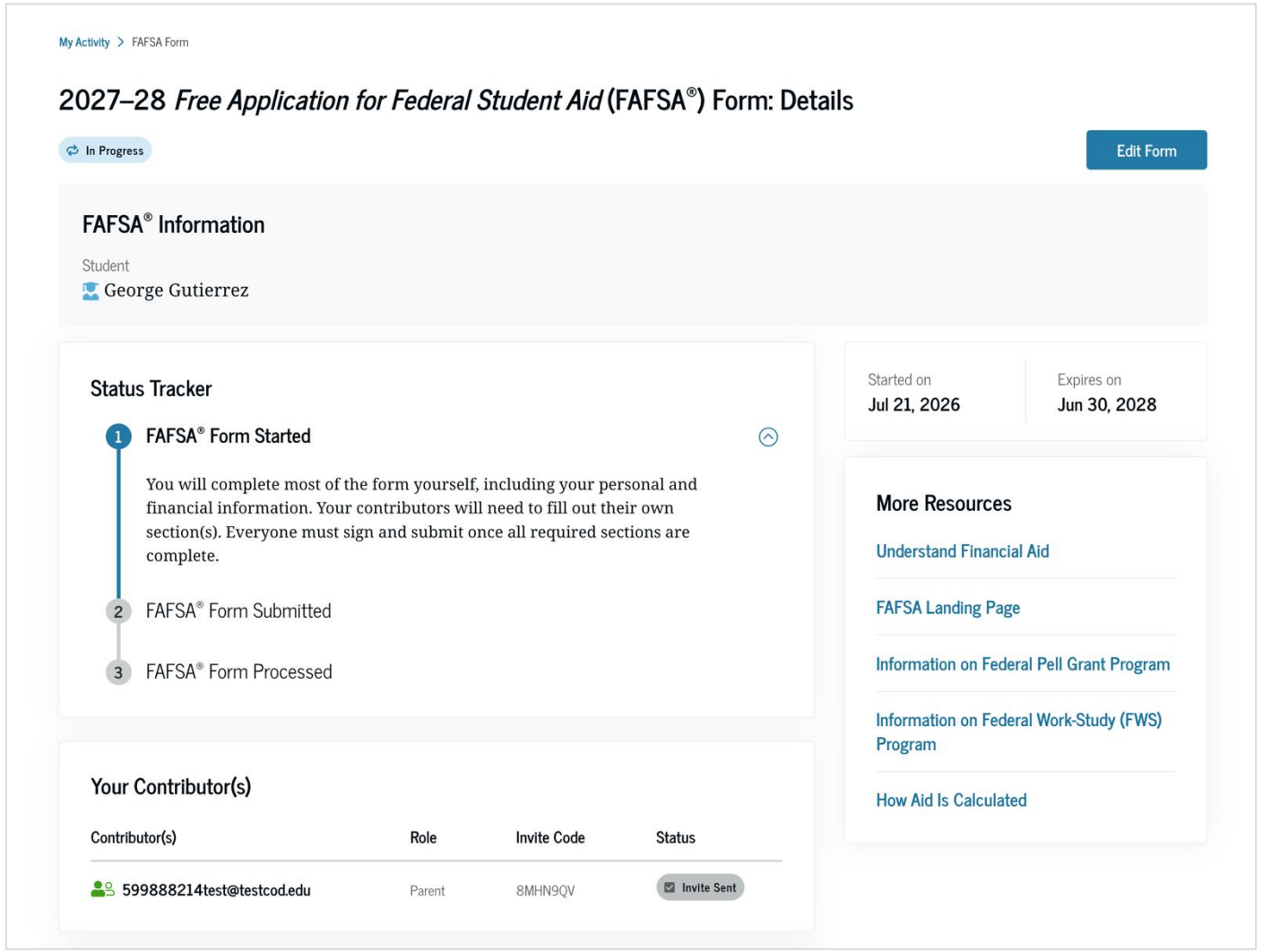
Invited Contributor: Email (2 of 2 Slides)



Invited Contributor: Student Invite



Invited Contributor: Student Dashboard



COMPLETING A FAFSA® FORM

Scenarios for dependent and independent students, from starting a FAFSA® form through submission

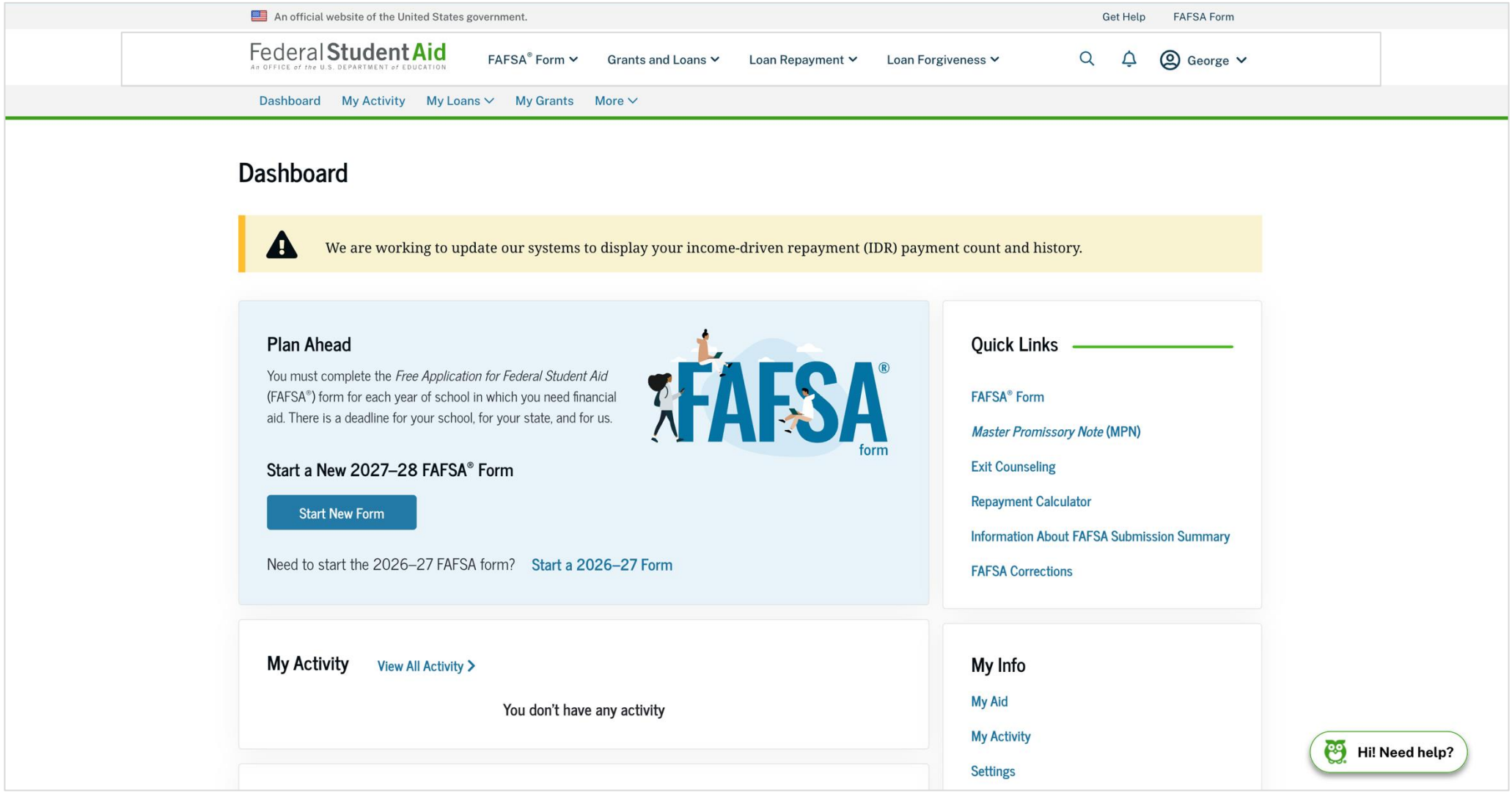
Scenario 4: Dependent Student Invites Parent

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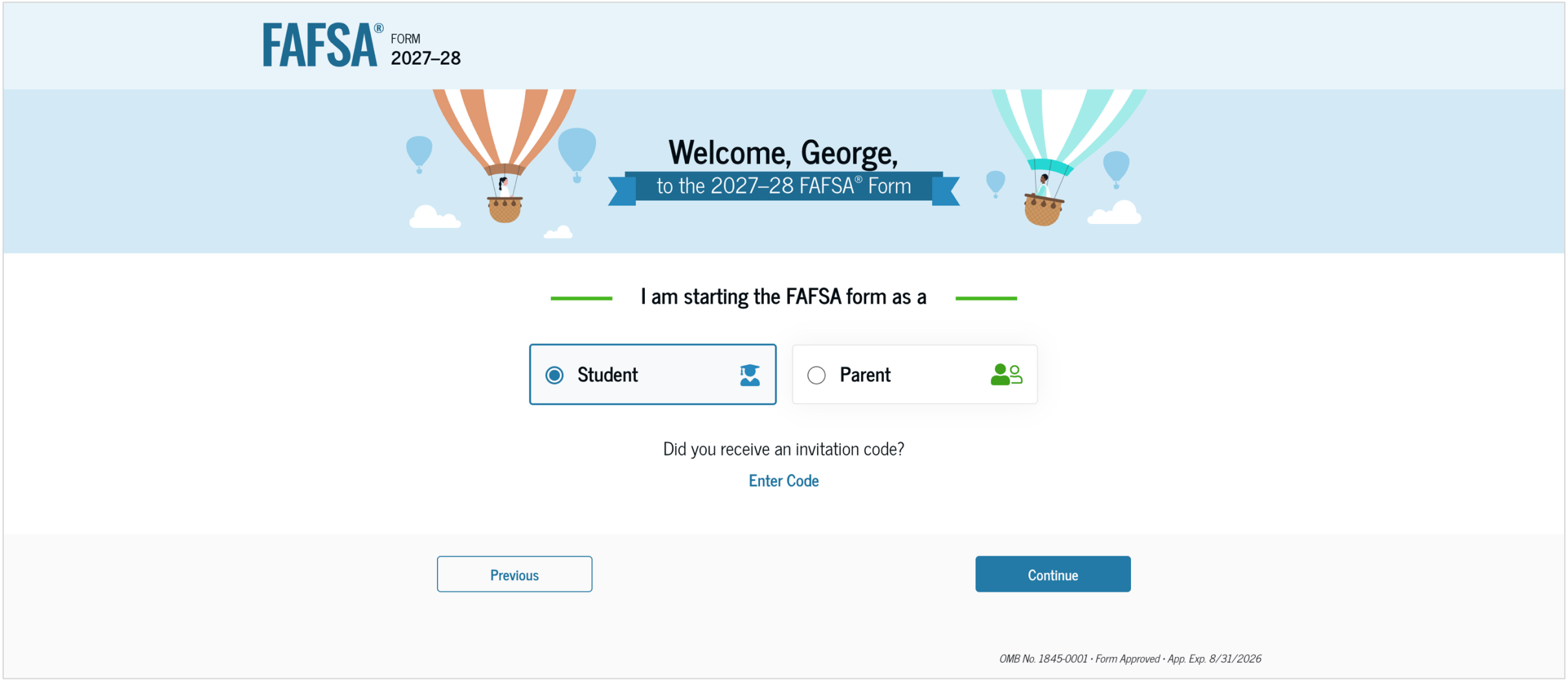
This user scenario involves the following user roles and actions:

- A user fills out a 2027–28 FAFSA® form in the student user role.
- The student's answers determine them to be a dependent student.
- Because the student is a dependent, they invite a required parent contributor to their FAFSA form to add their information.
- The student signs the form and completes the student section.
- The parent receives an email inviting them to the student's form.
- The parent fills out the parent's section of the student's FAFSA form.
- The parent signs the form.
- Because both the student's and parent's sections of the form are complete, the form is submitted by the parent for processing.

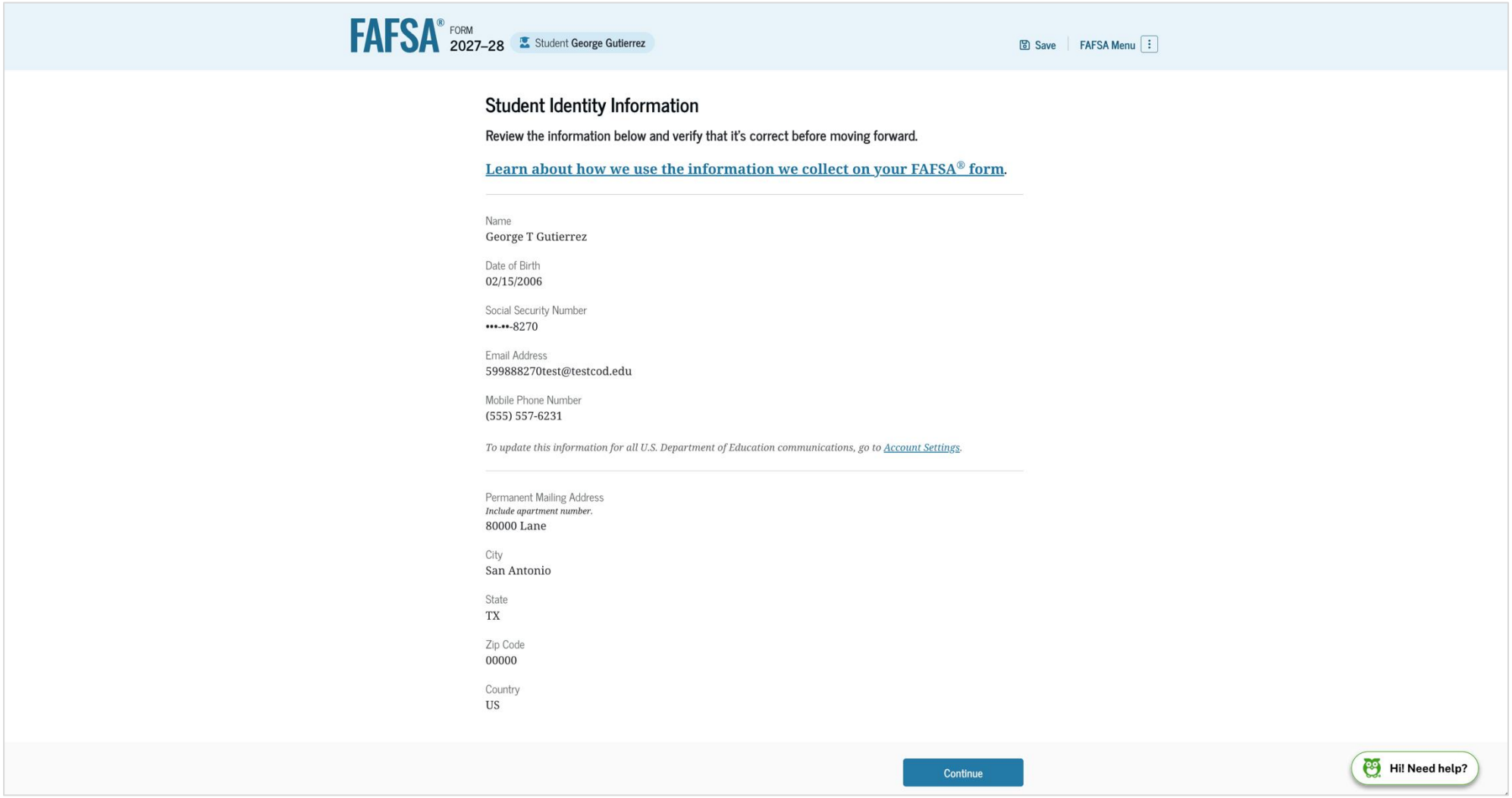
Dependent Student: Dashboard Page



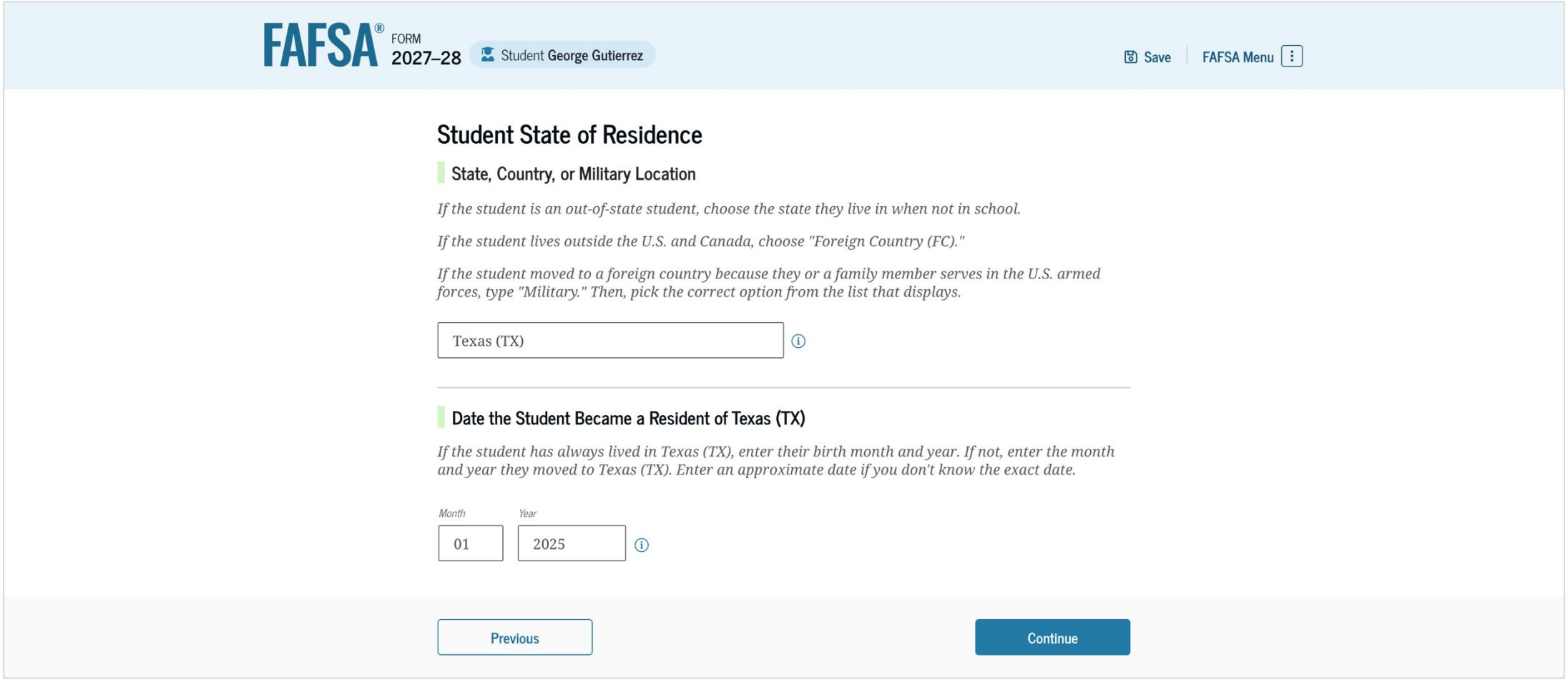
Dependent Student: Role



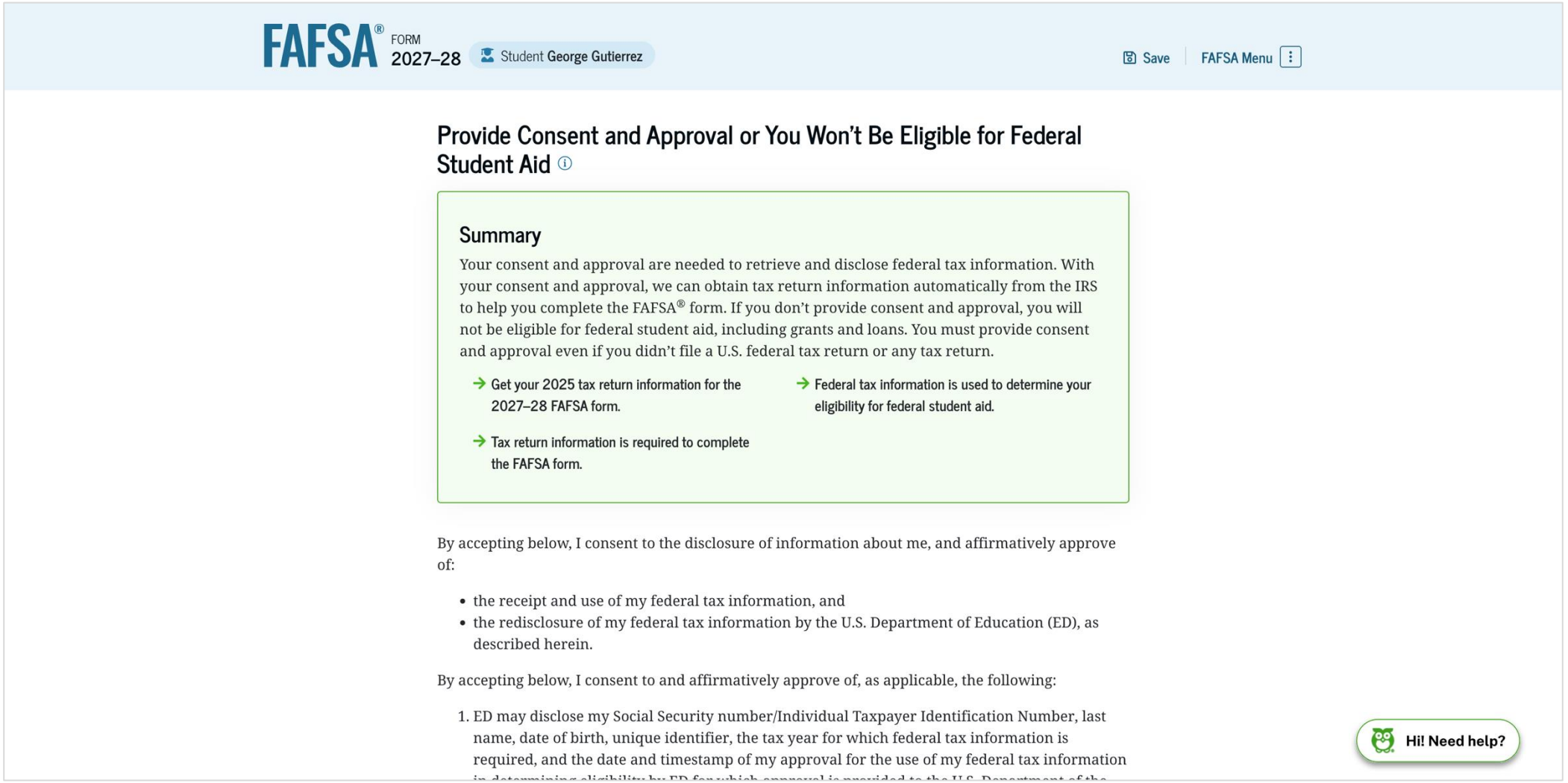
Dependent Student: Identity Information



Dependent Student: State of Residence



Dependent Student: Provide Consent and Approval (1 of 3 slides)



Dependent Student: Provide Consent and Approval (2 of 3 slides)

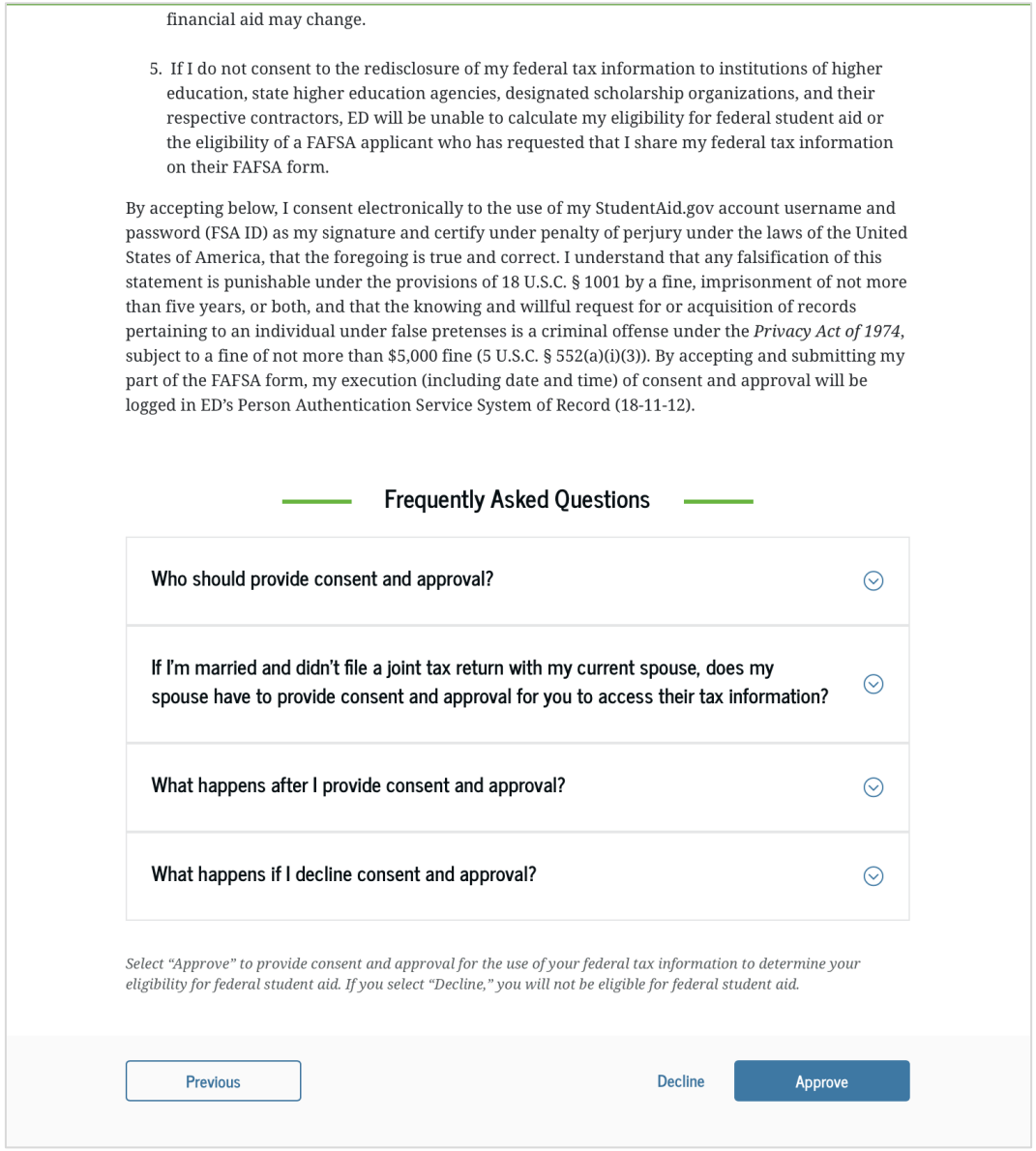
3. ED may redisclose my federal tax information received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
    - Institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended
    - State higher education agencies
    - Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education
    - Contractors of institutions of higher education and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or state agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid
4. ED may redisclose my federal tax information to another FAFSA applicant's FAFSA form(s) for which I elect to participate. By accepting an invitation and affirmation to participate in another individual's FAFSA form, my federal tax information will be redisclosed to the additional application. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my federal tax information to that FAFSA form.

By consenting and providing my affirmative approval, I further understand the following:

1. My consent and affirmative approval are required, as a condition of my eligibility or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form, for federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
2. I am providing my written consent for the redisclosure of my federal tax information by ED to include, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors and auditors, other family members participating in the FAFSA form, Office of Inspector General, under 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D), and with my further express written consent obtained by an institution of higher education, the redisclosure of FAFSA information pursuant to the terms and conditions of 20 U.S.C. § 1098h(c).
3. Any federal tax information received from the IRS at a later date shall supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
4. ED may request updated federal tax information from the IRS once my consent and approval are provided. If federal tax information has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised information), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.
5. If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information to institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, and their respective contractors, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I consent electronically to the use of my StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID) as my signature and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records

Dependent Student: Provide Consent and Approval (3 of 3 slides)



financial aid may change.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent and approval?

If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent and approval for you to access their tax information?

What happens after I provide consent and approval?

What happens if I decline consent and approval?

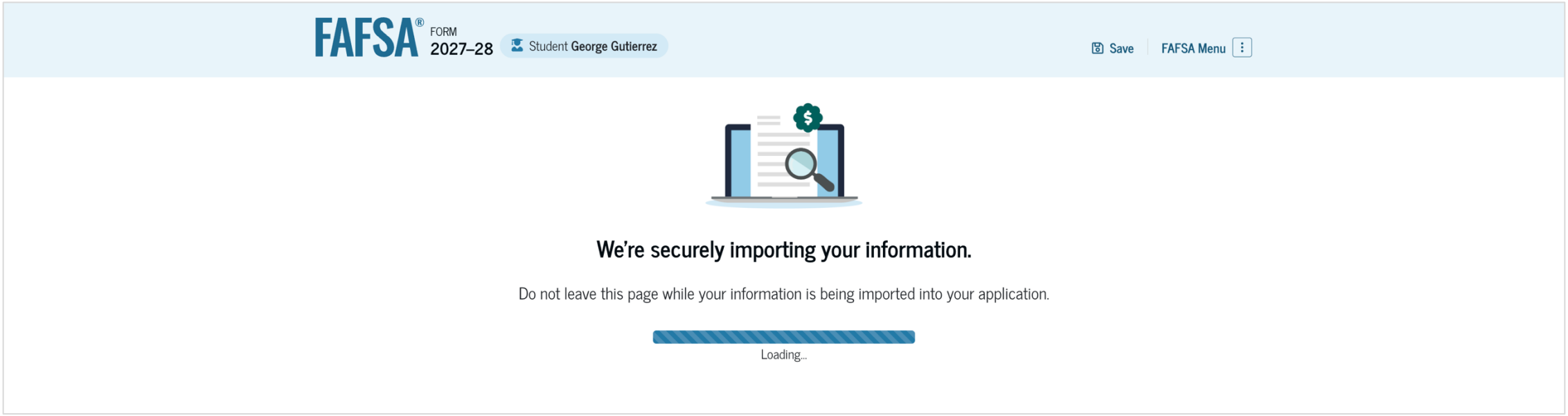
Select "Approve" to provide consent and approval for the use of your federal tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

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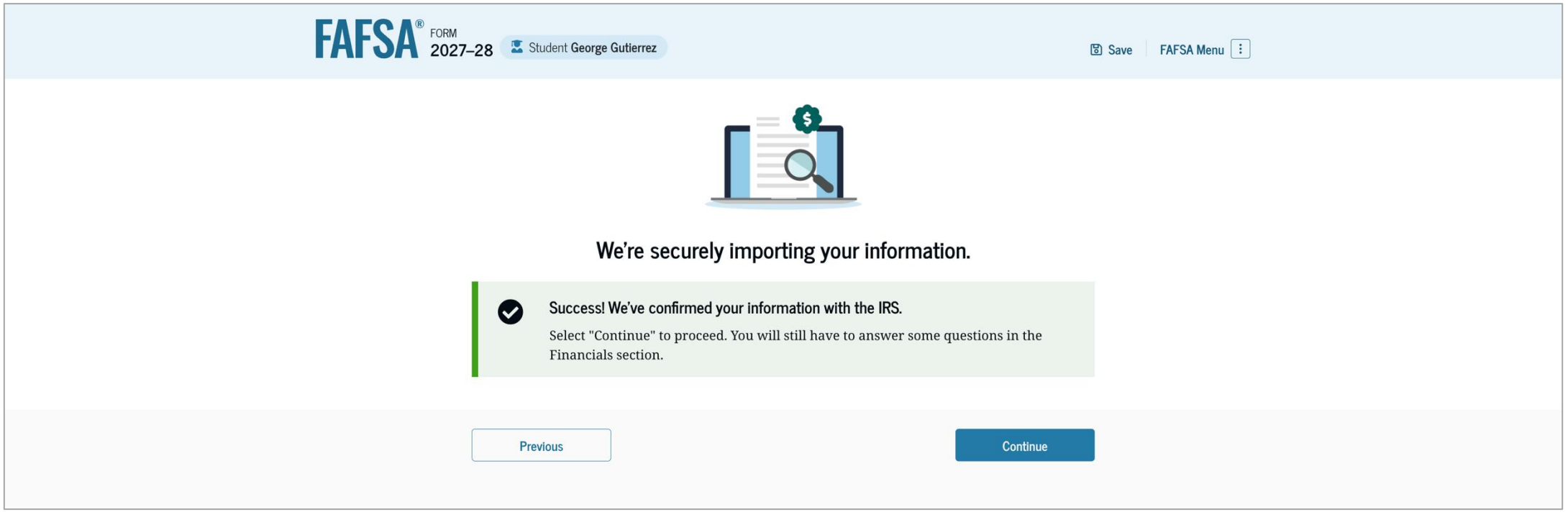
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Approve

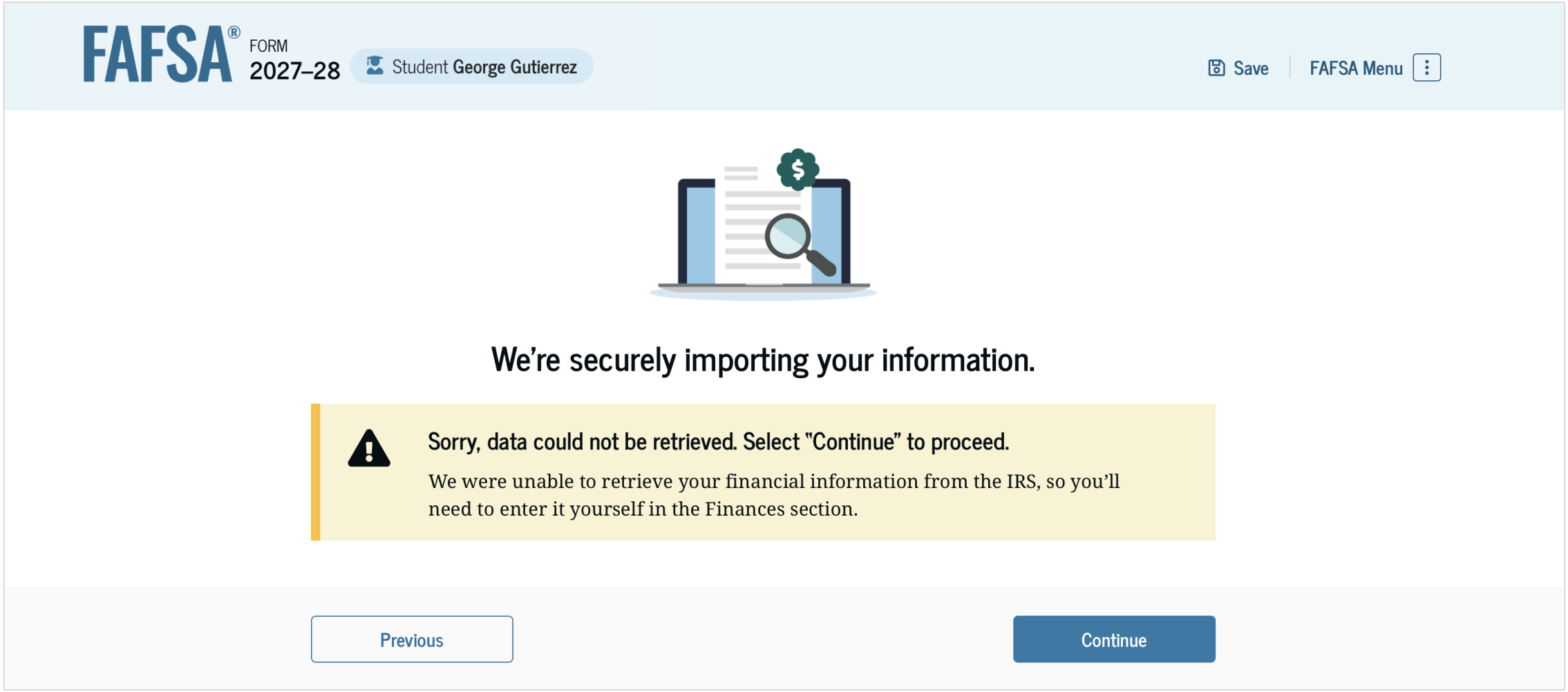
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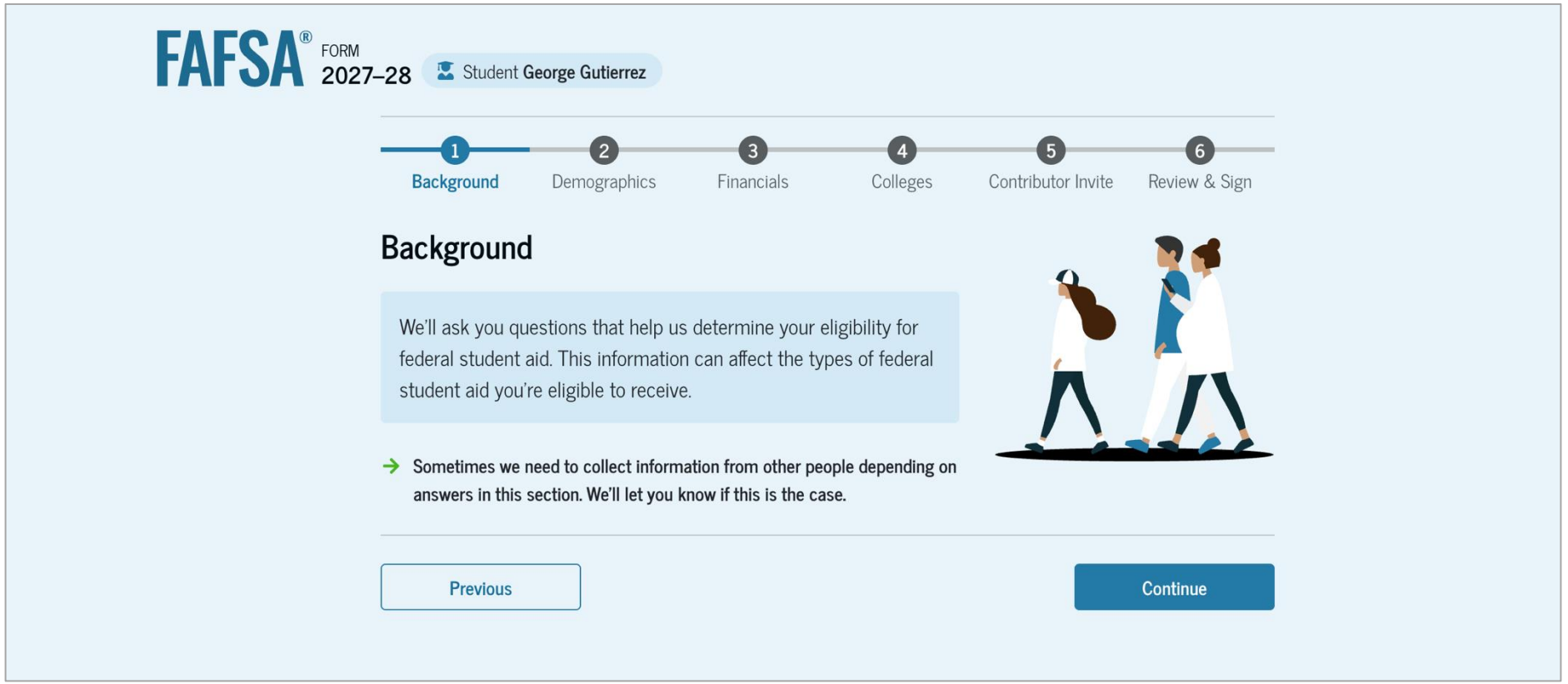
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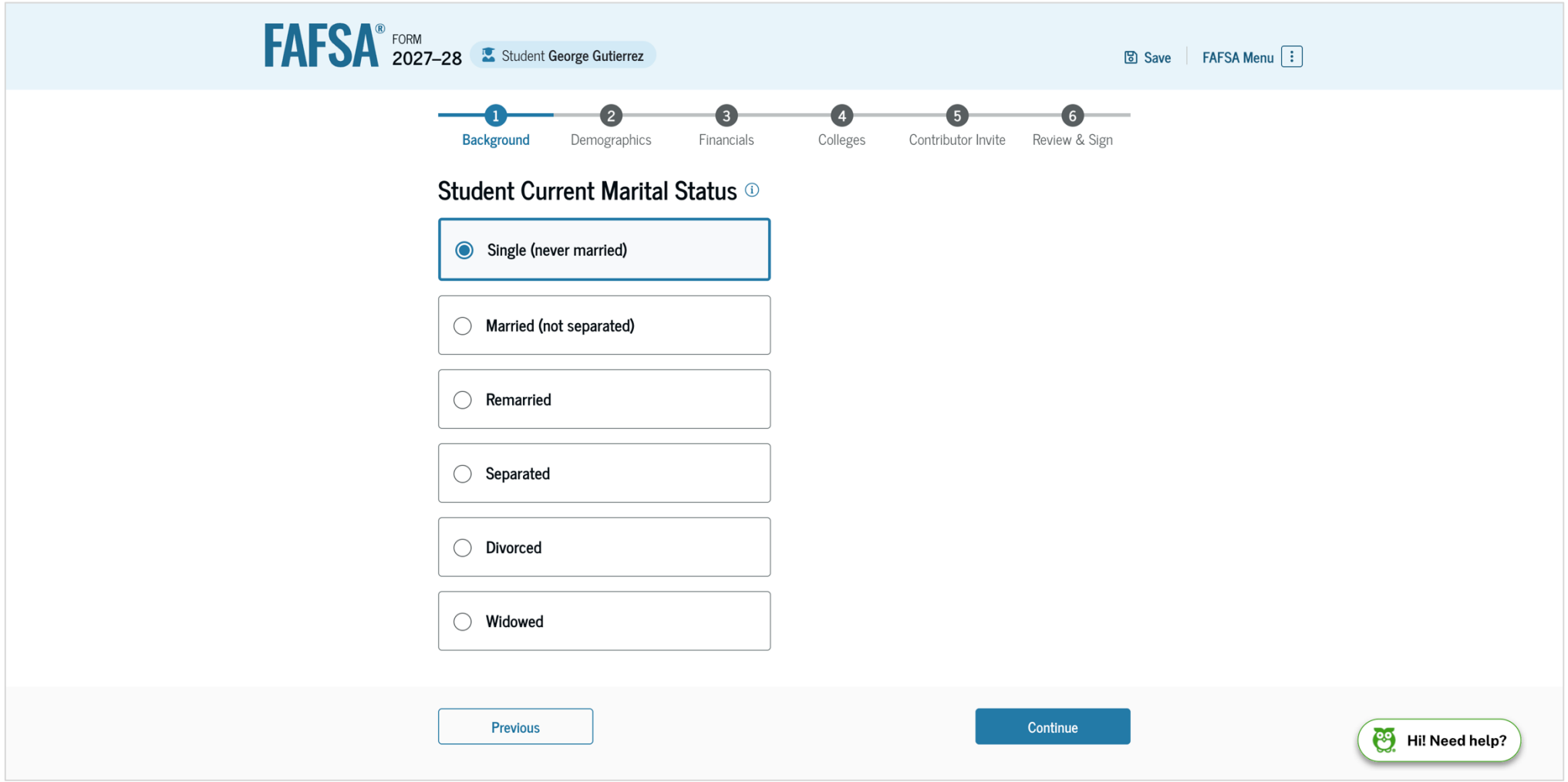
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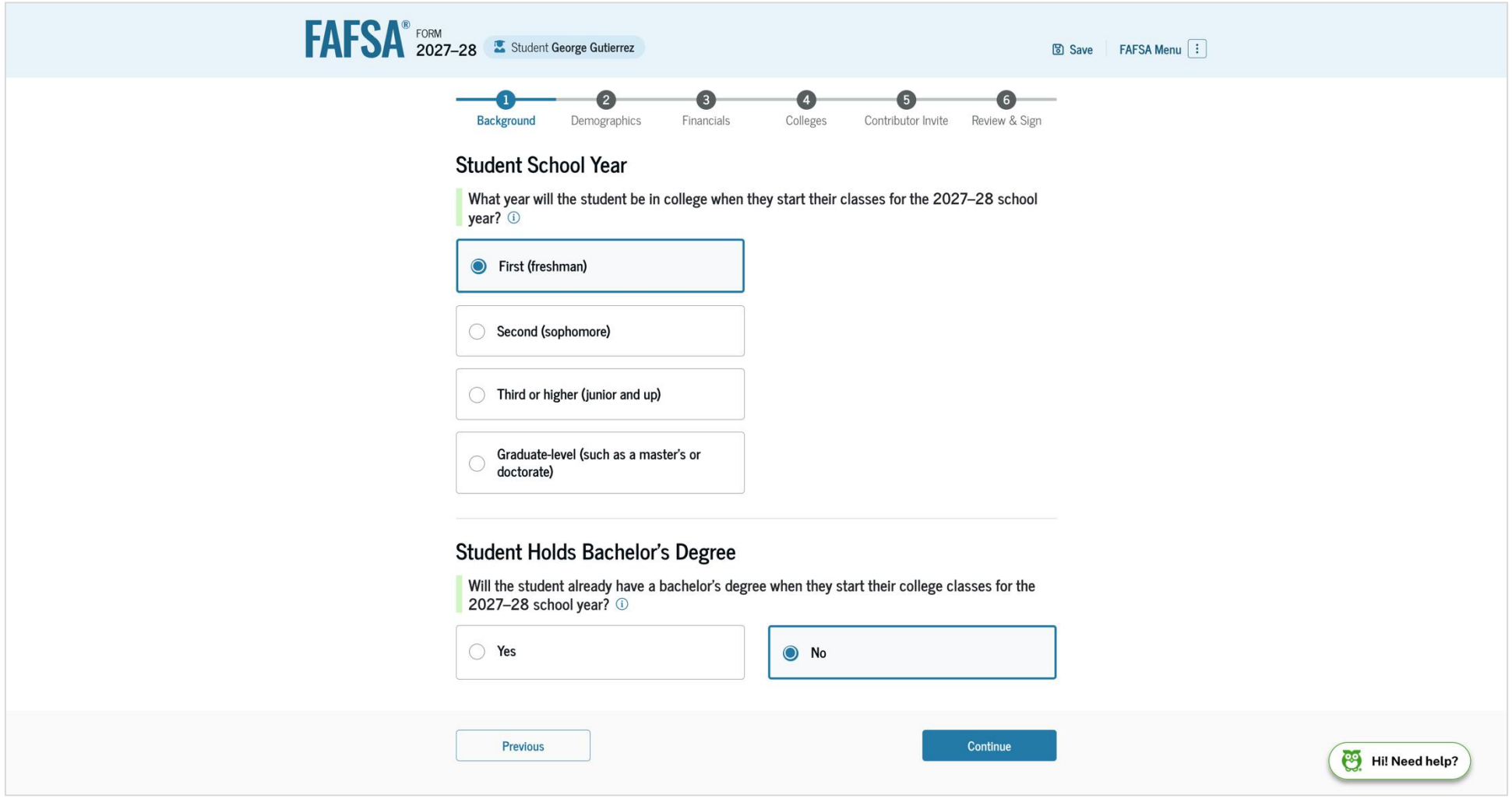
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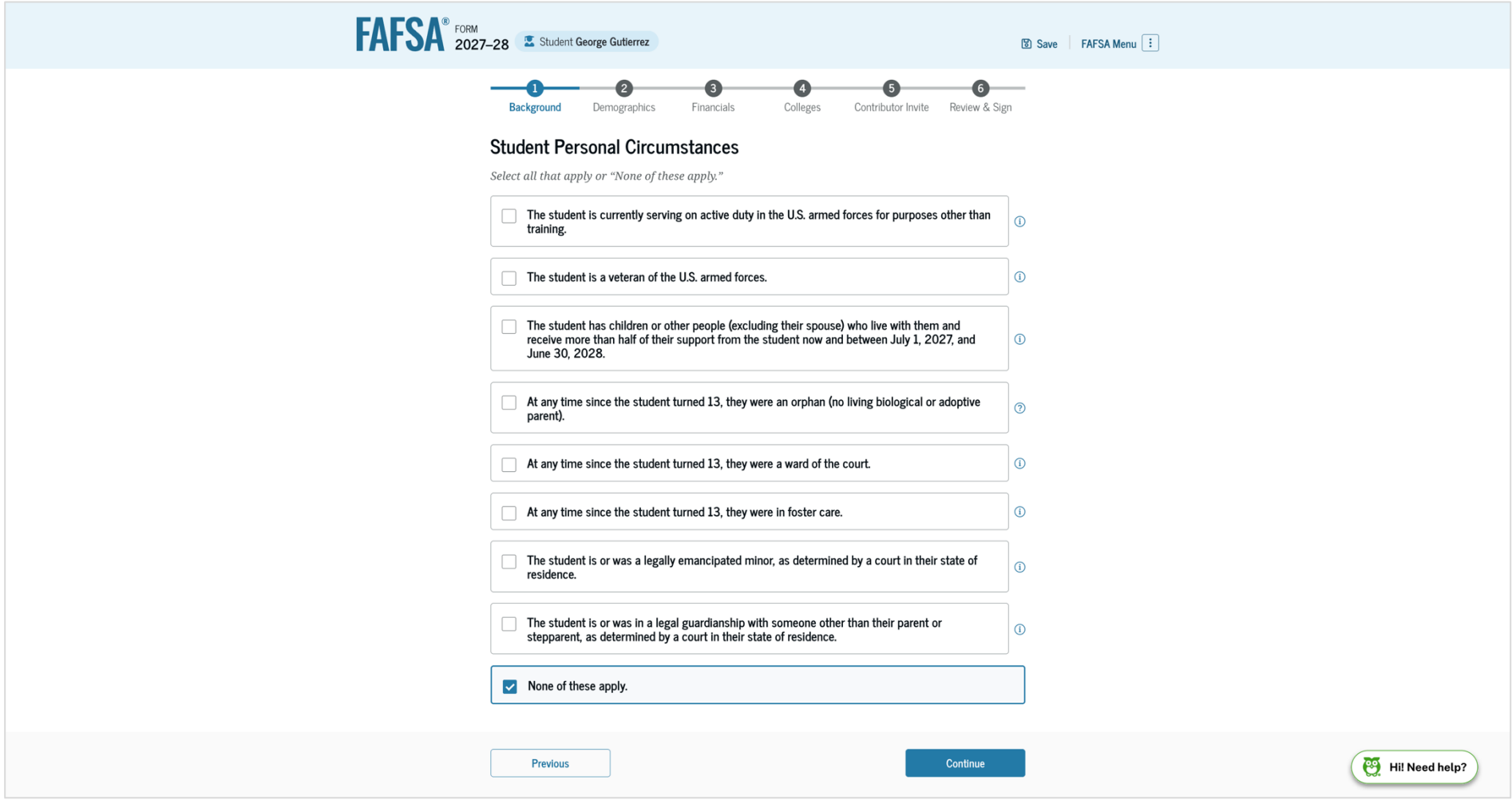
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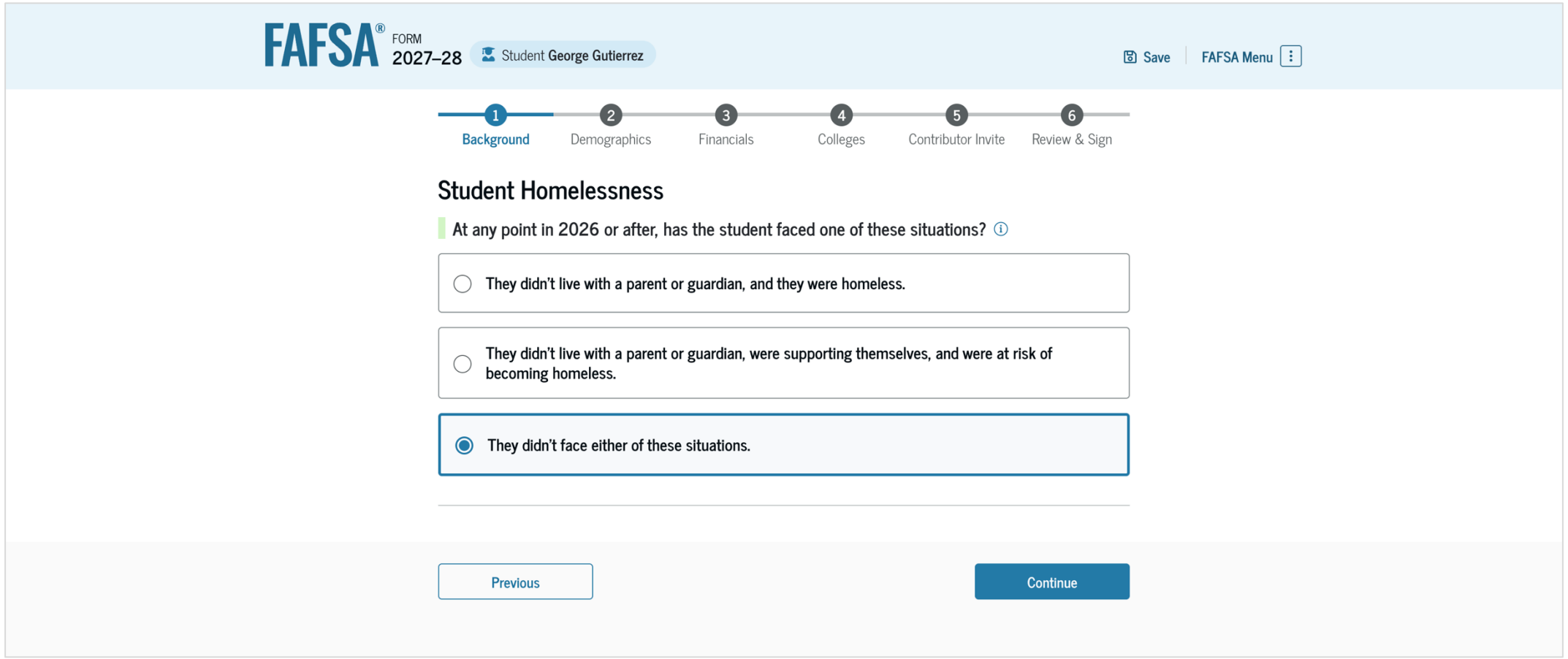
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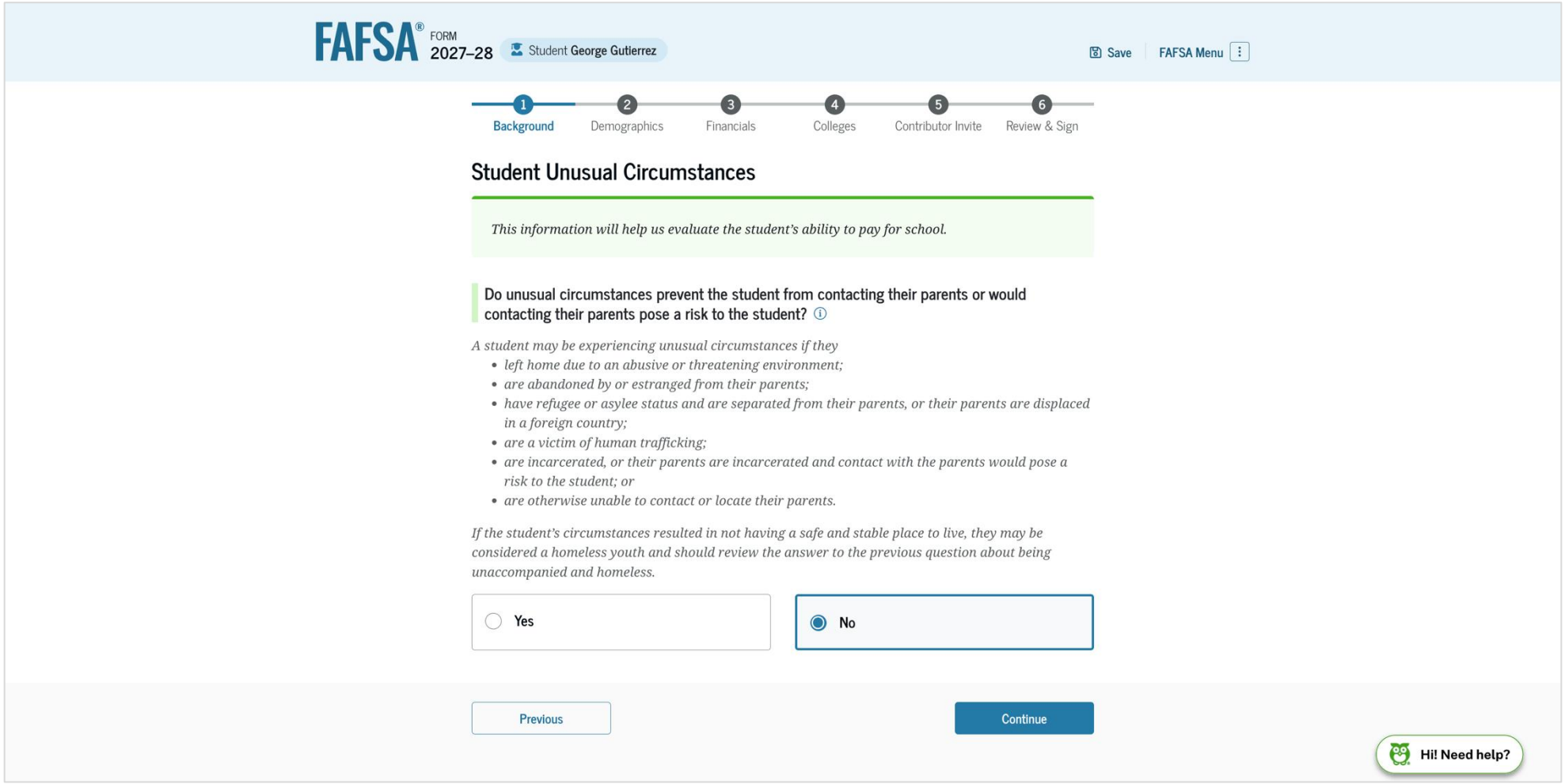
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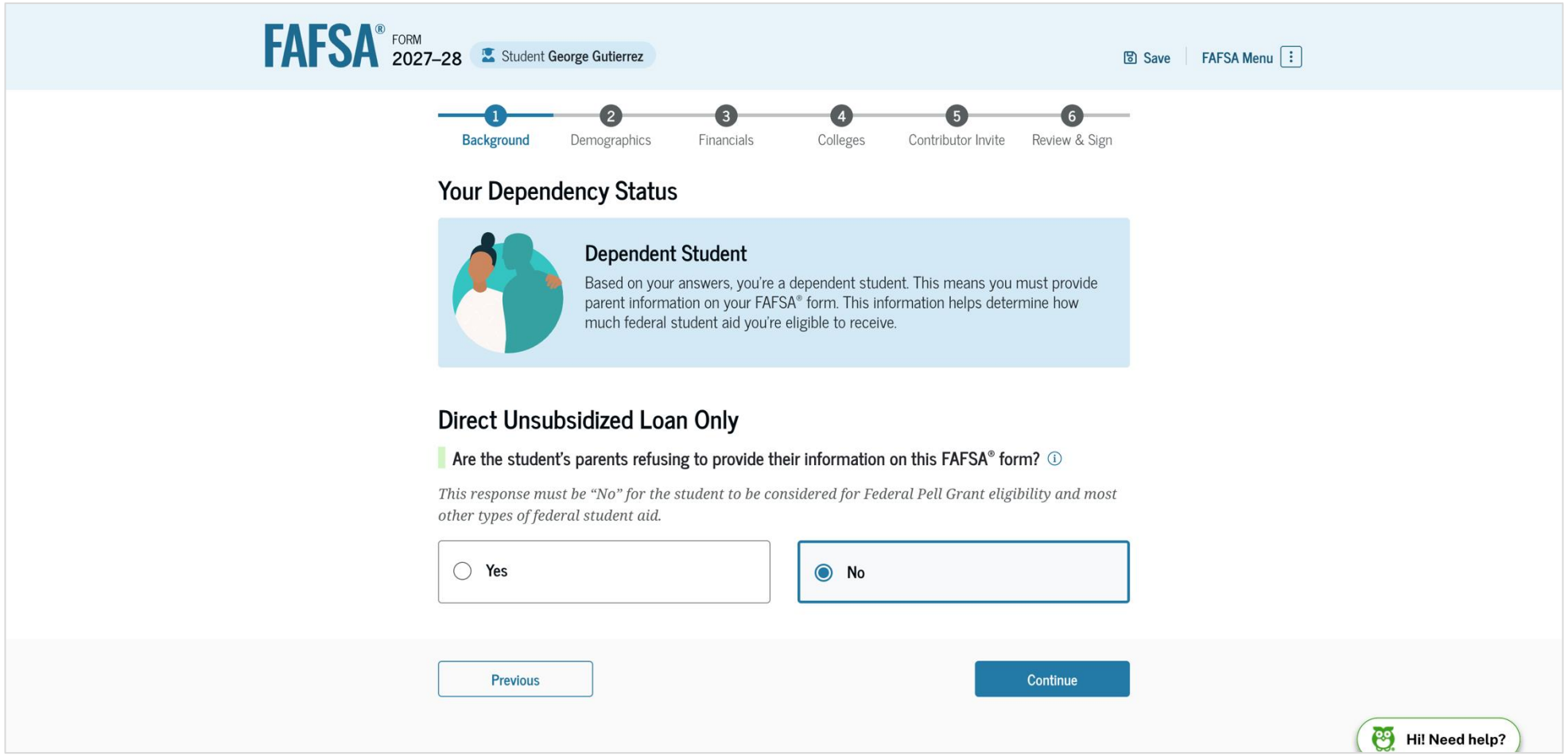
Dependent Student: Homelessness Status



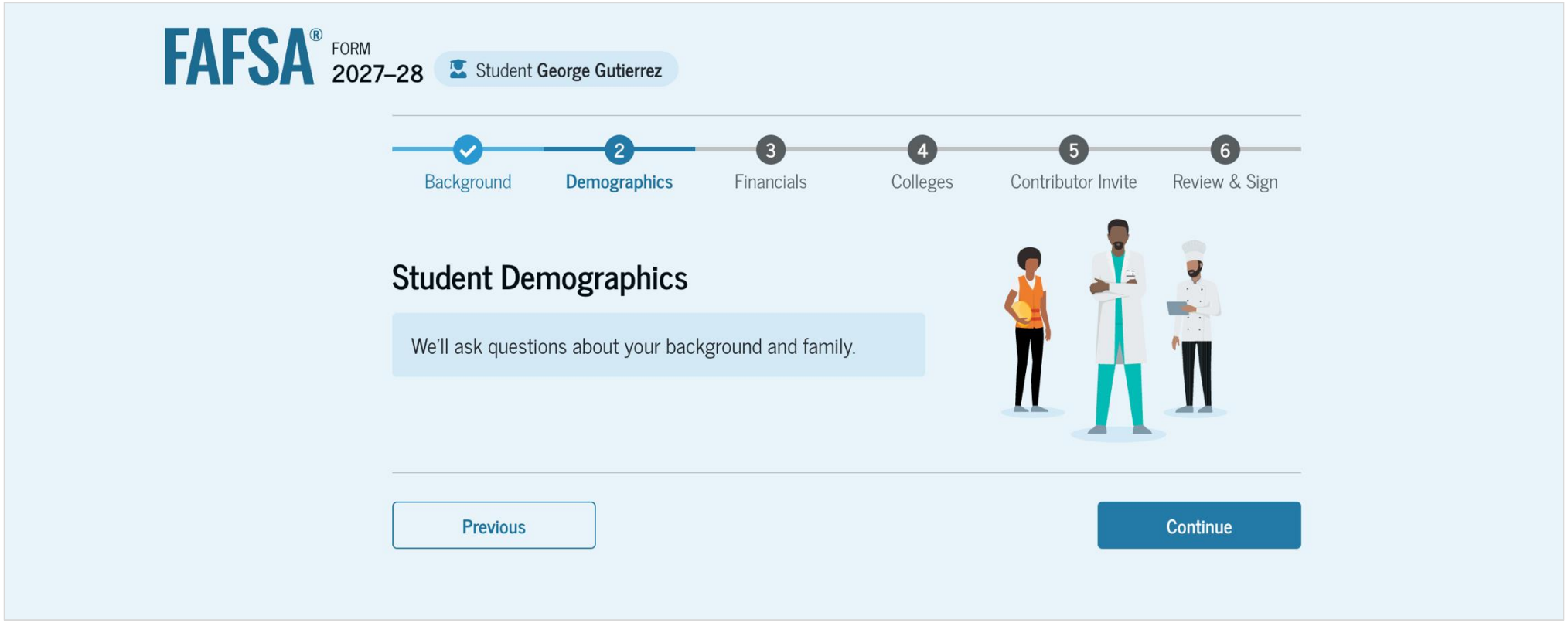
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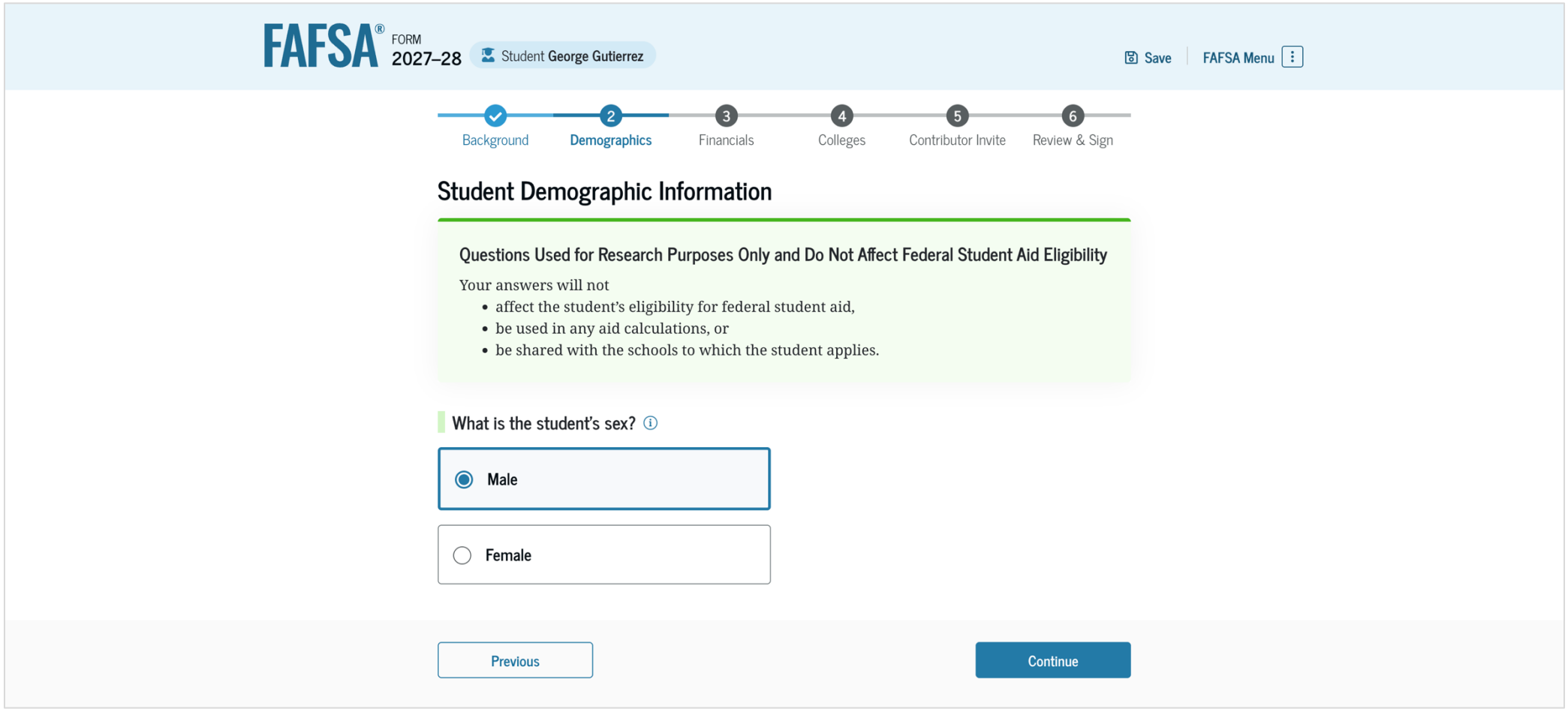
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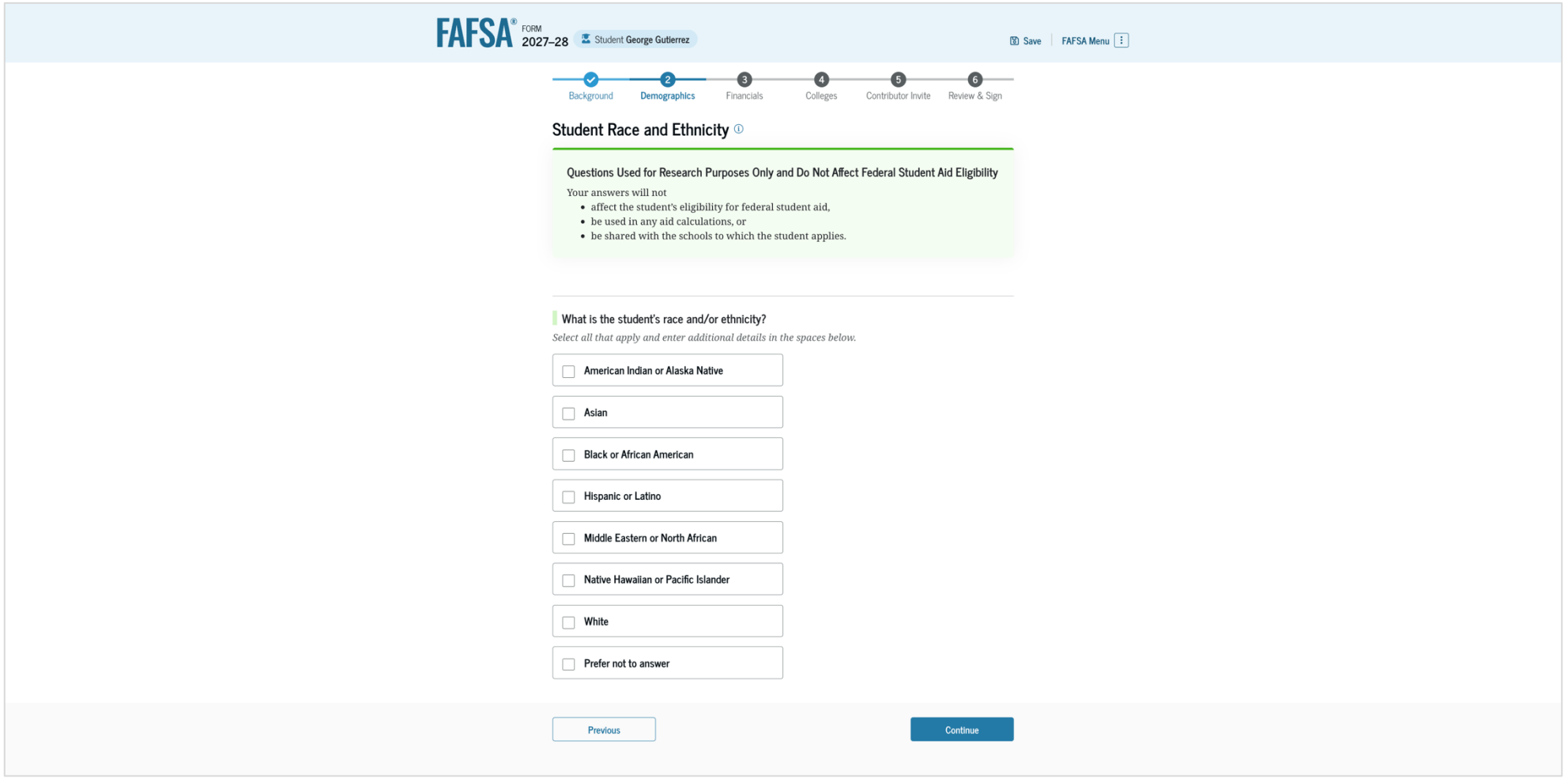
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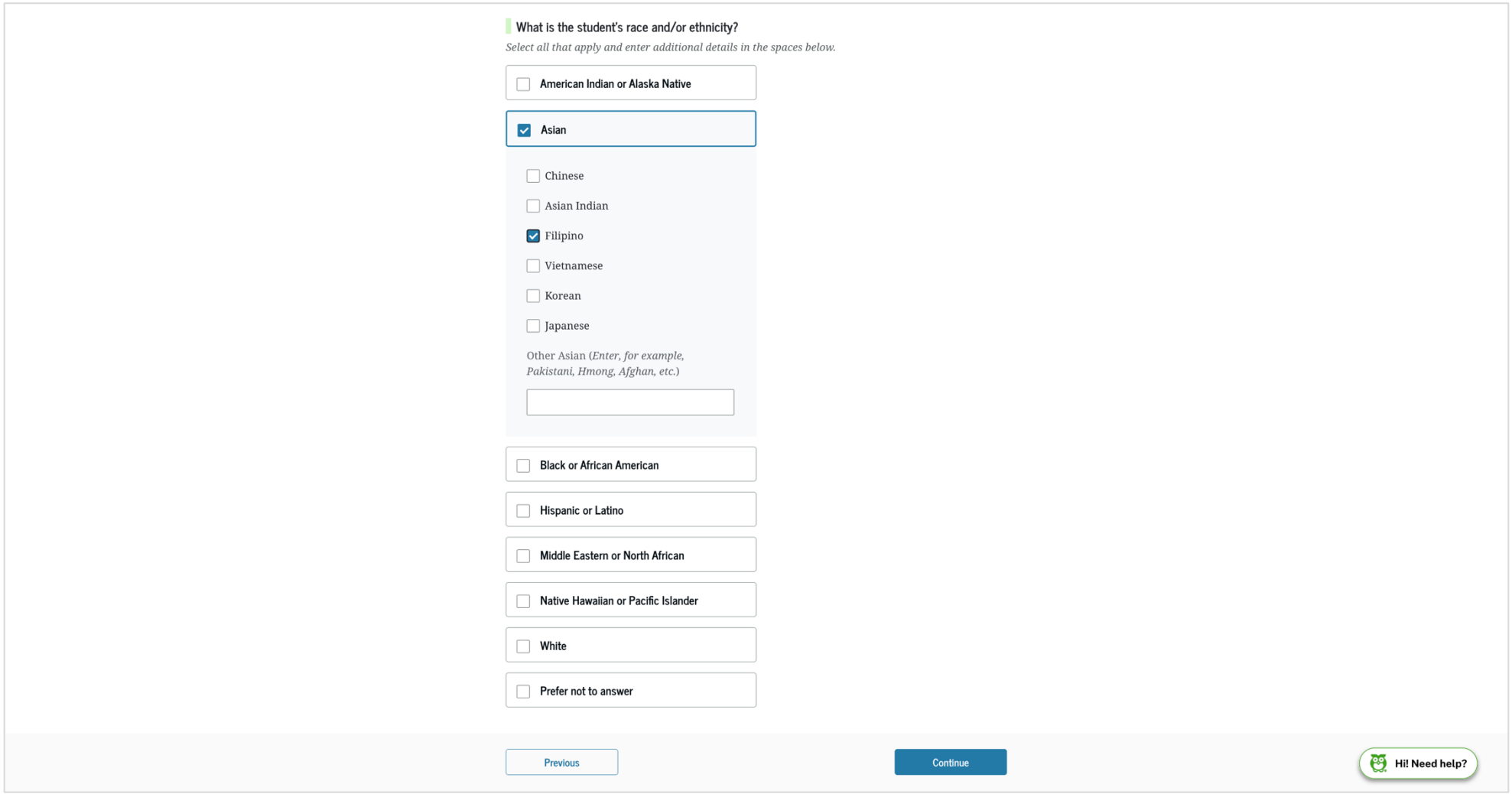
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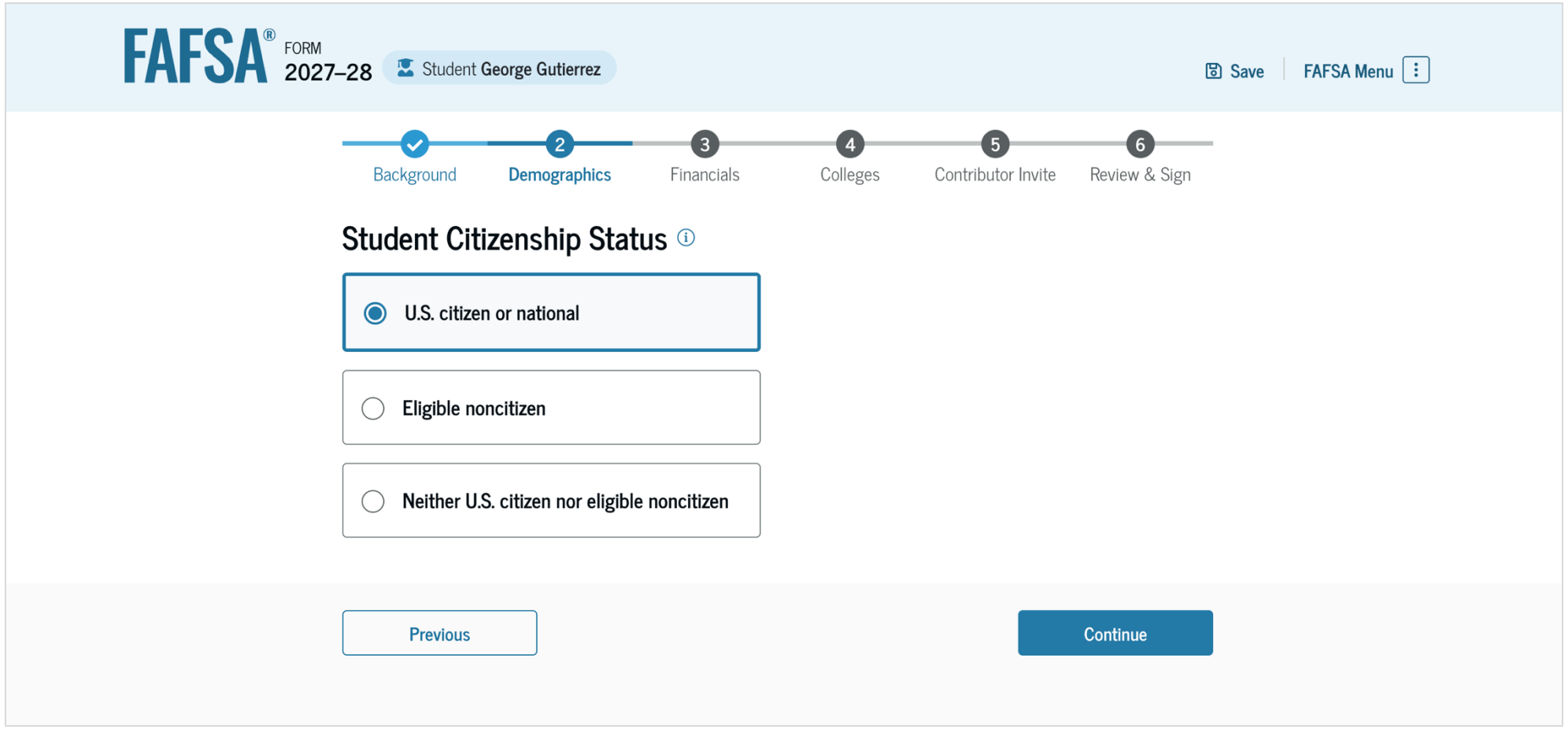
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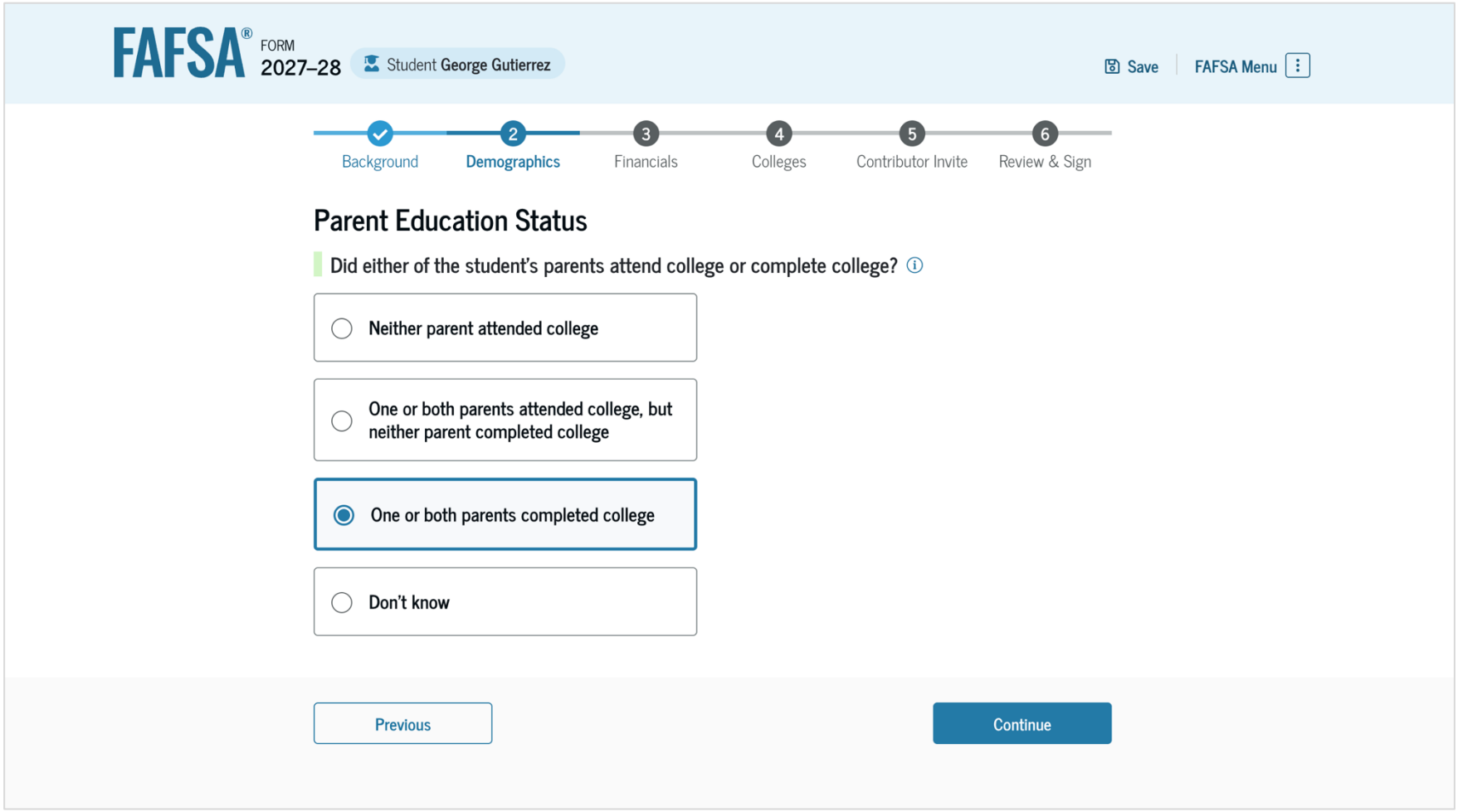
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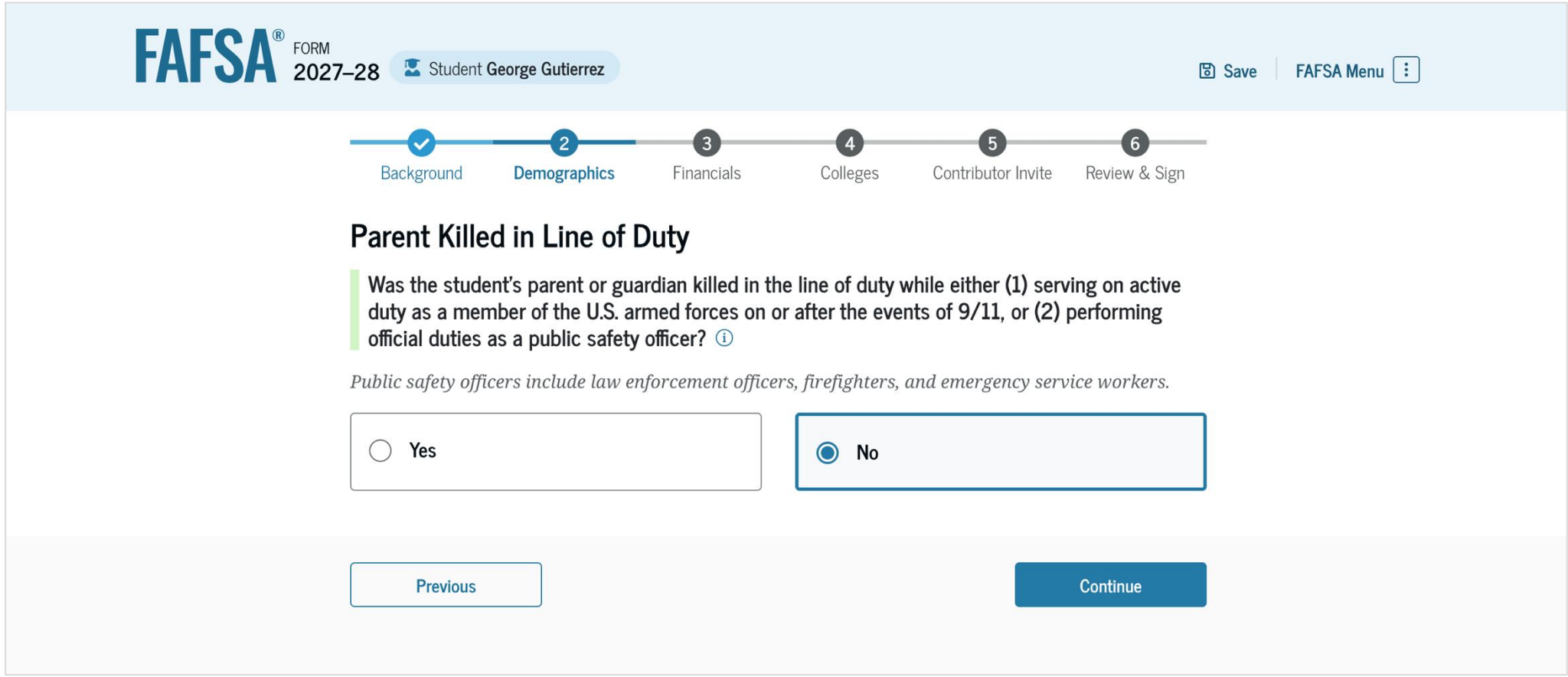
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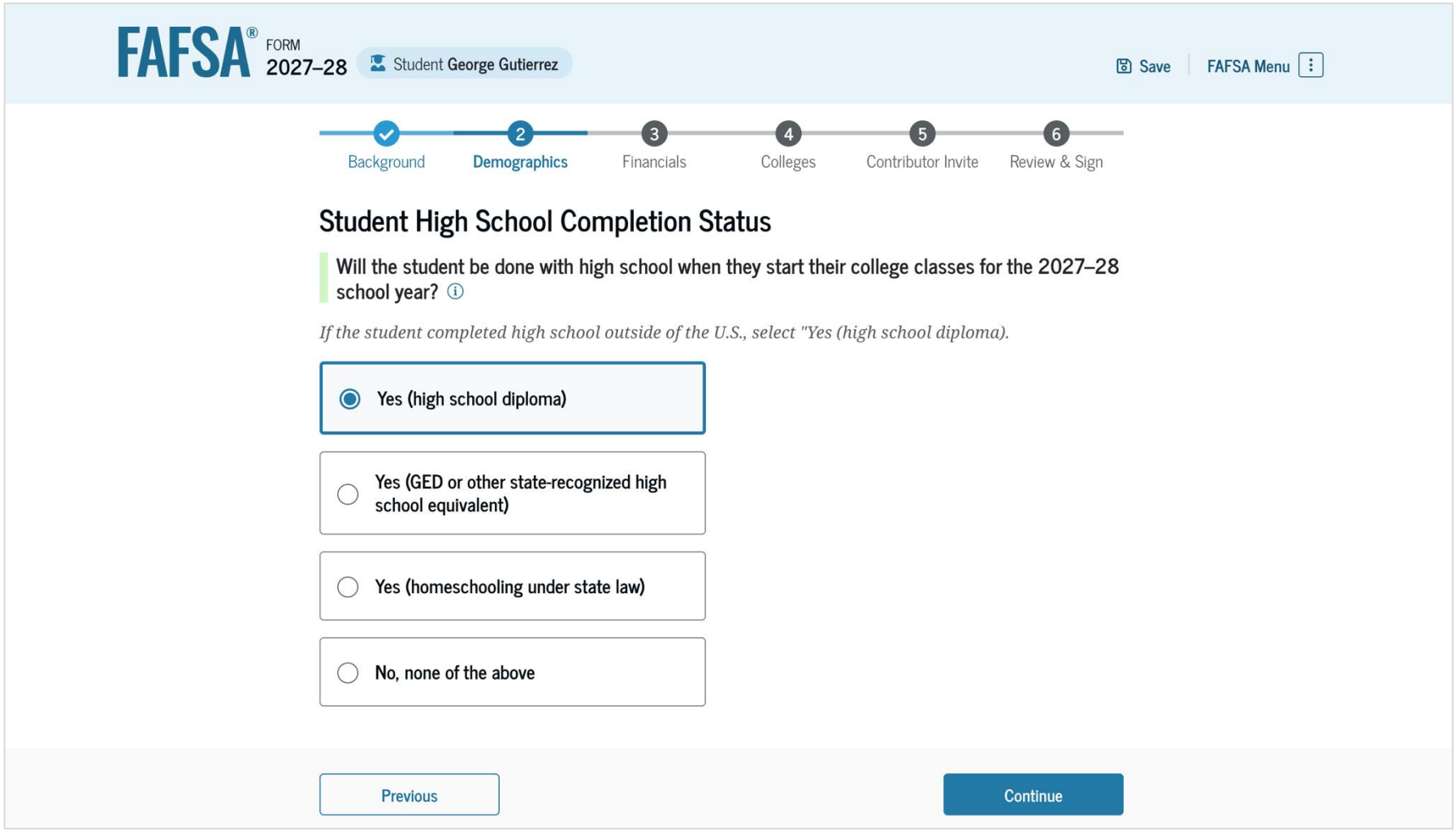
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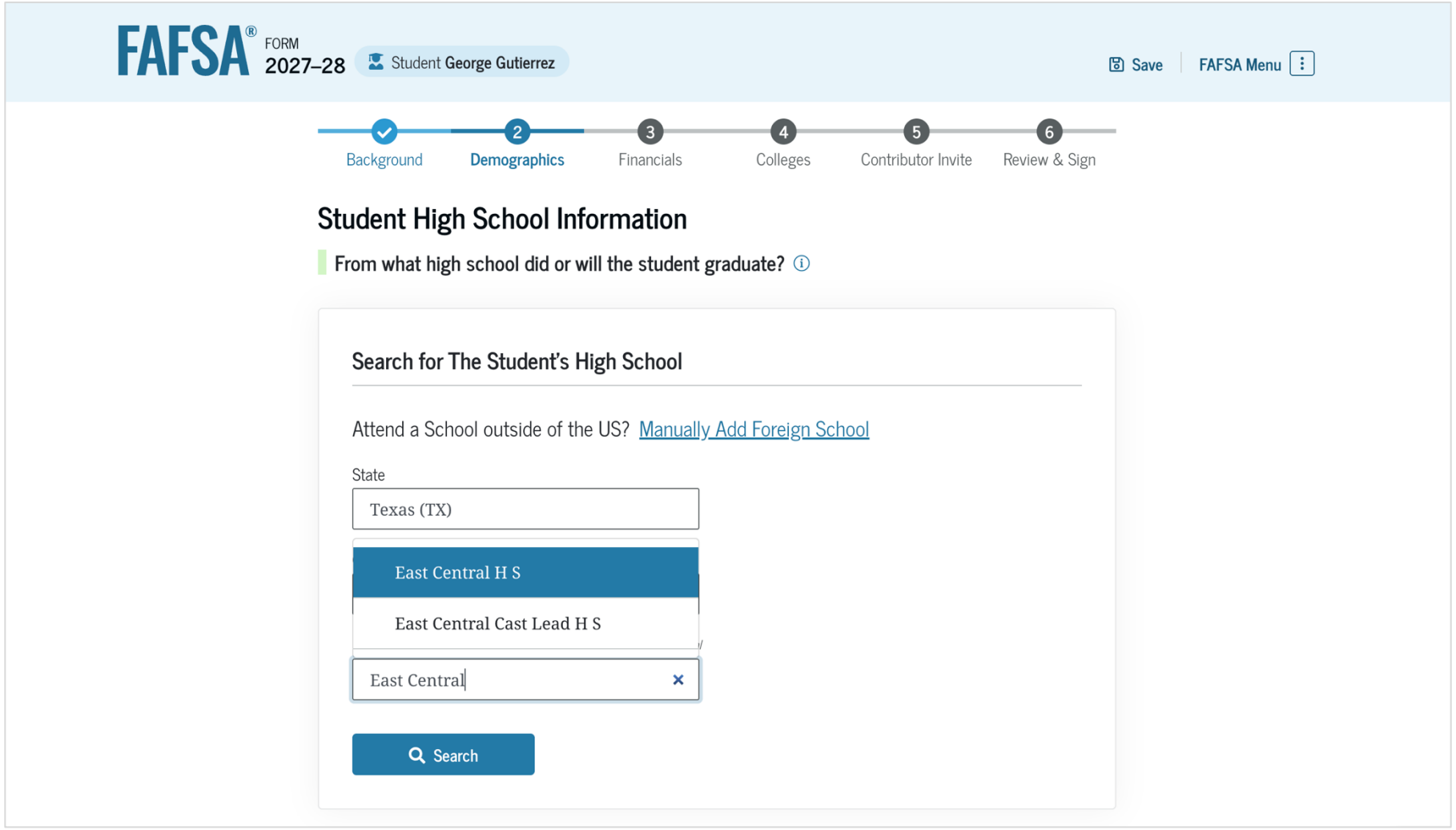
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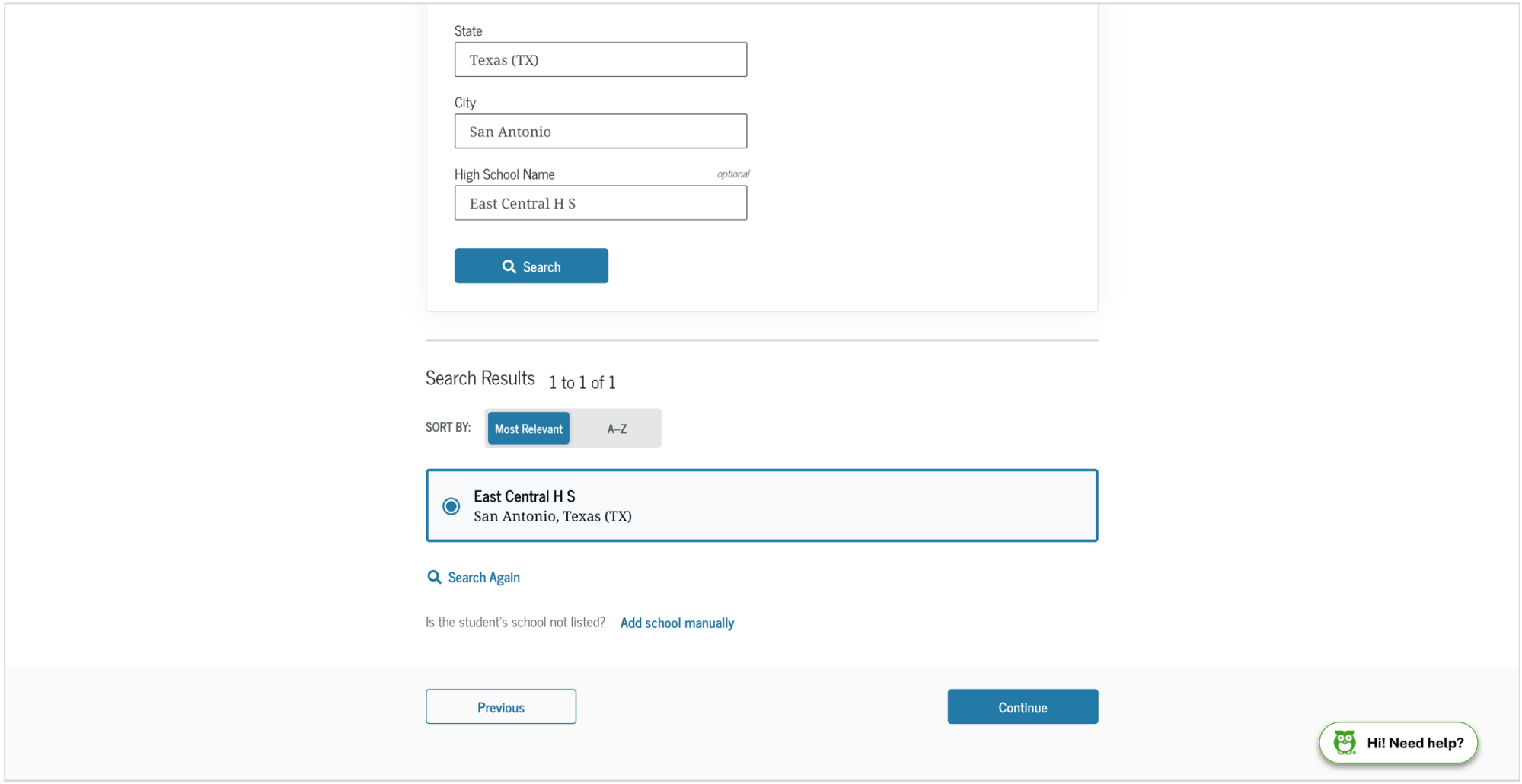
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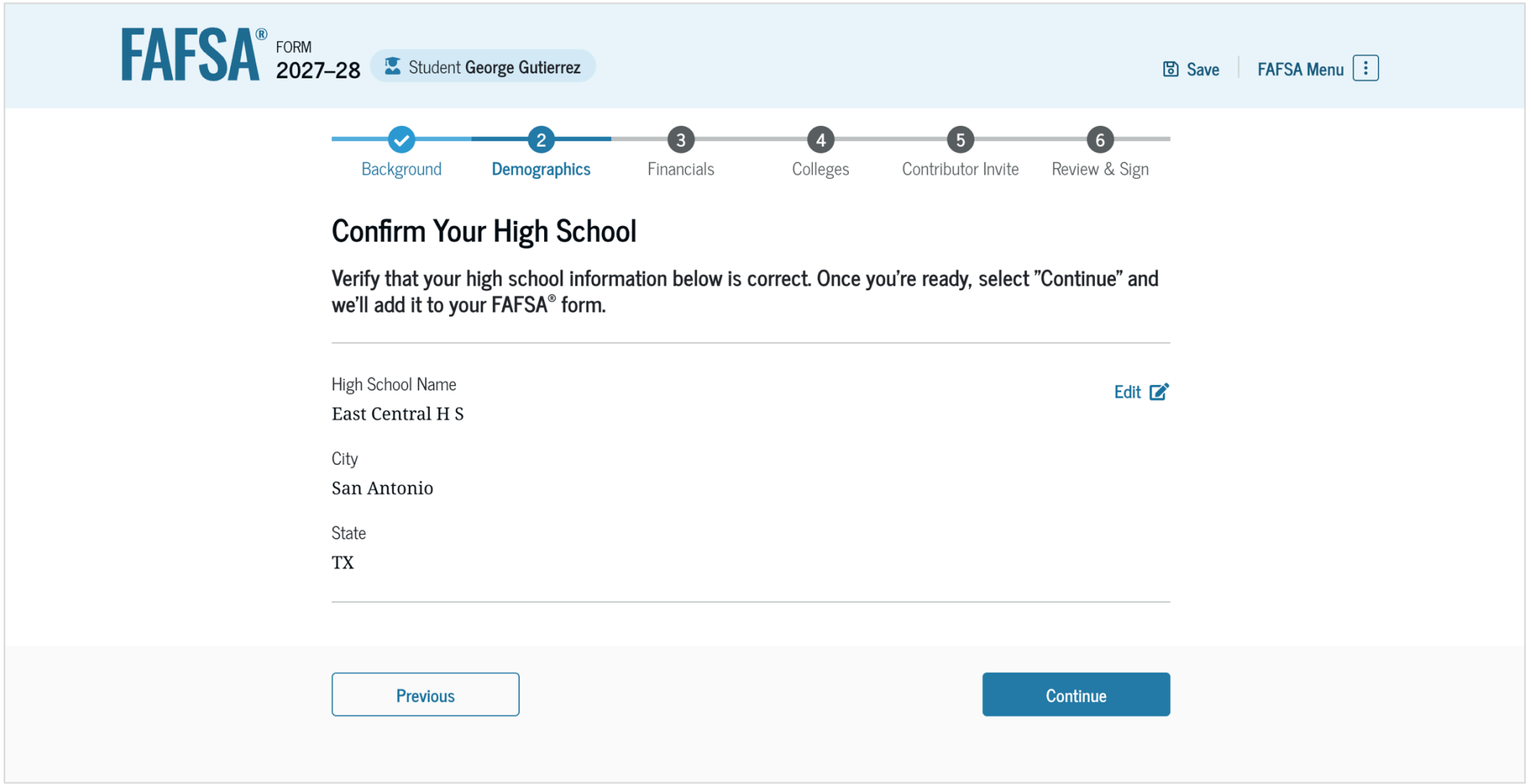
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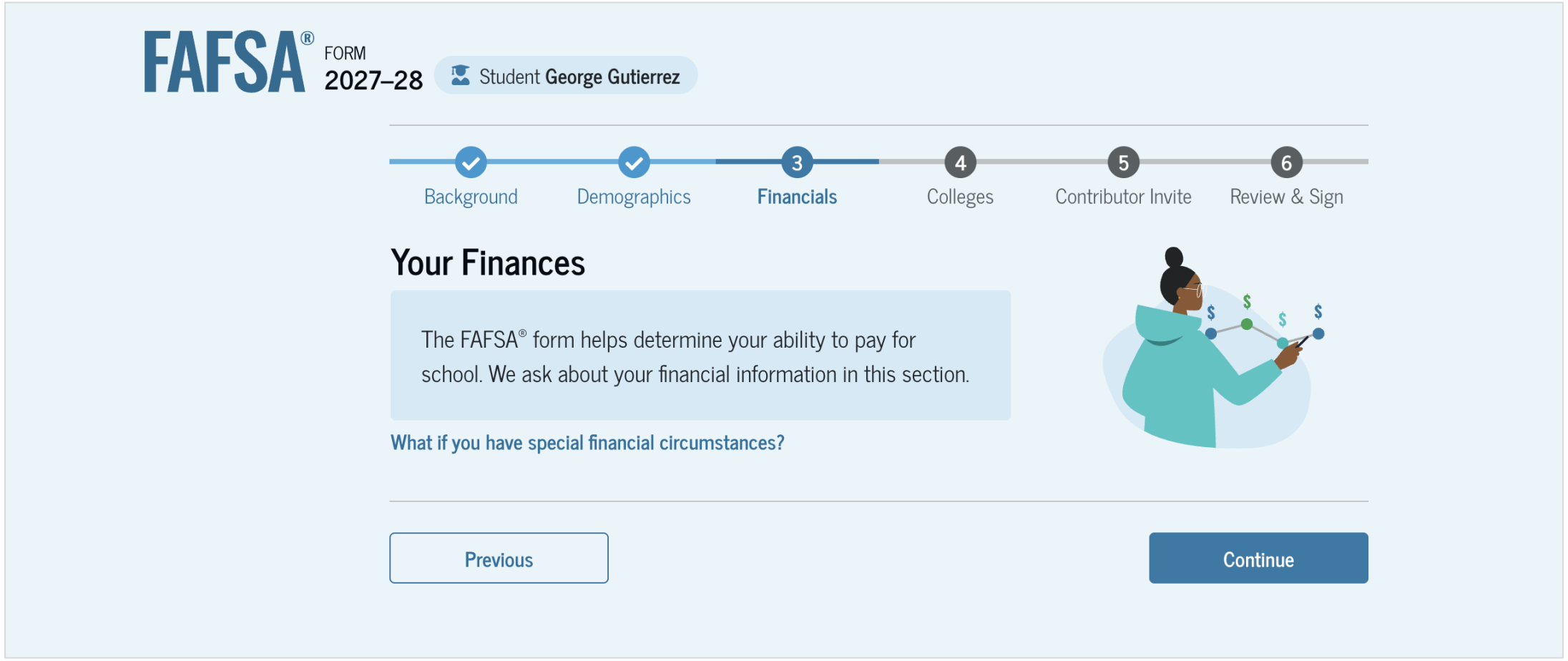
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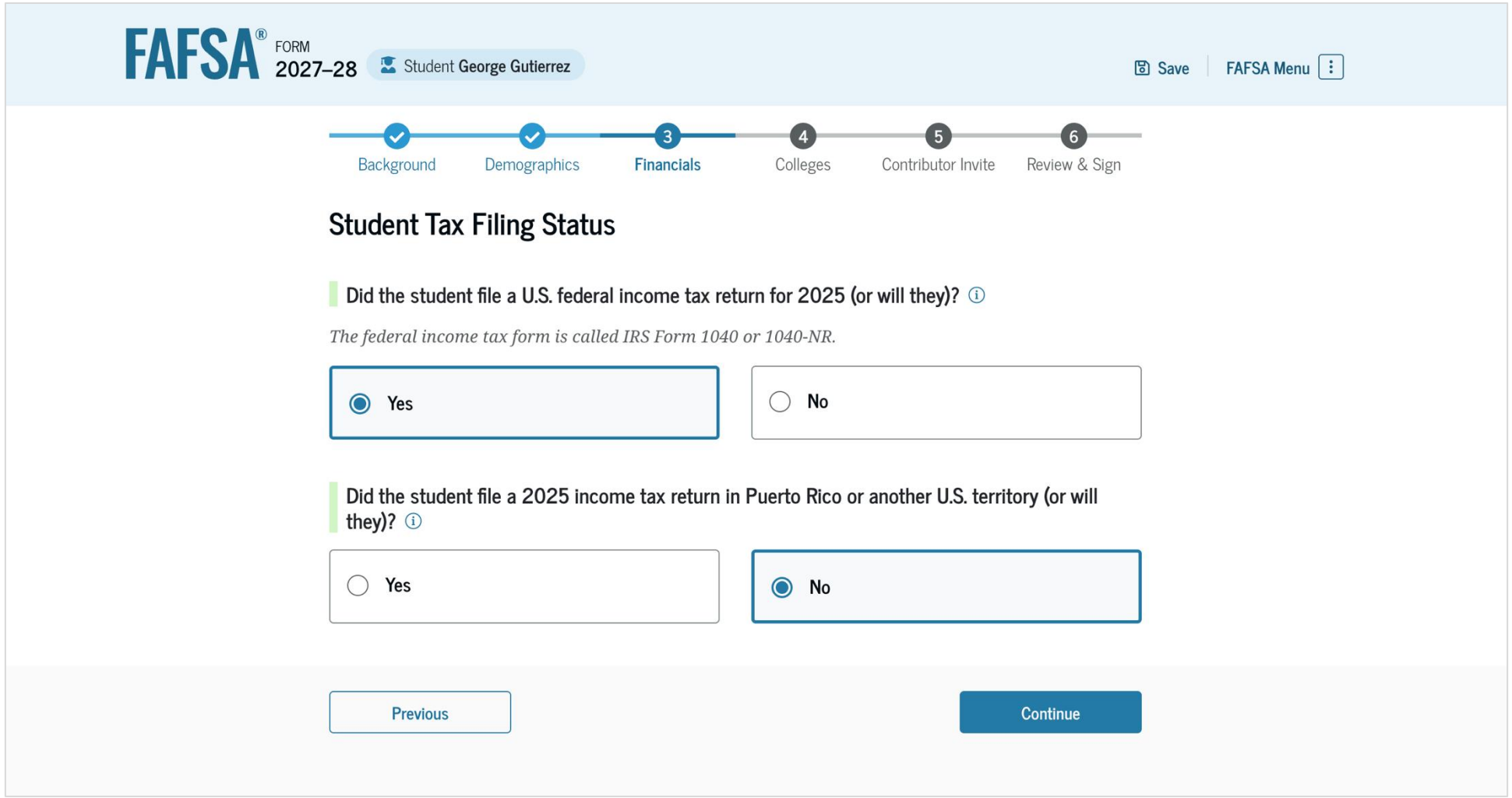
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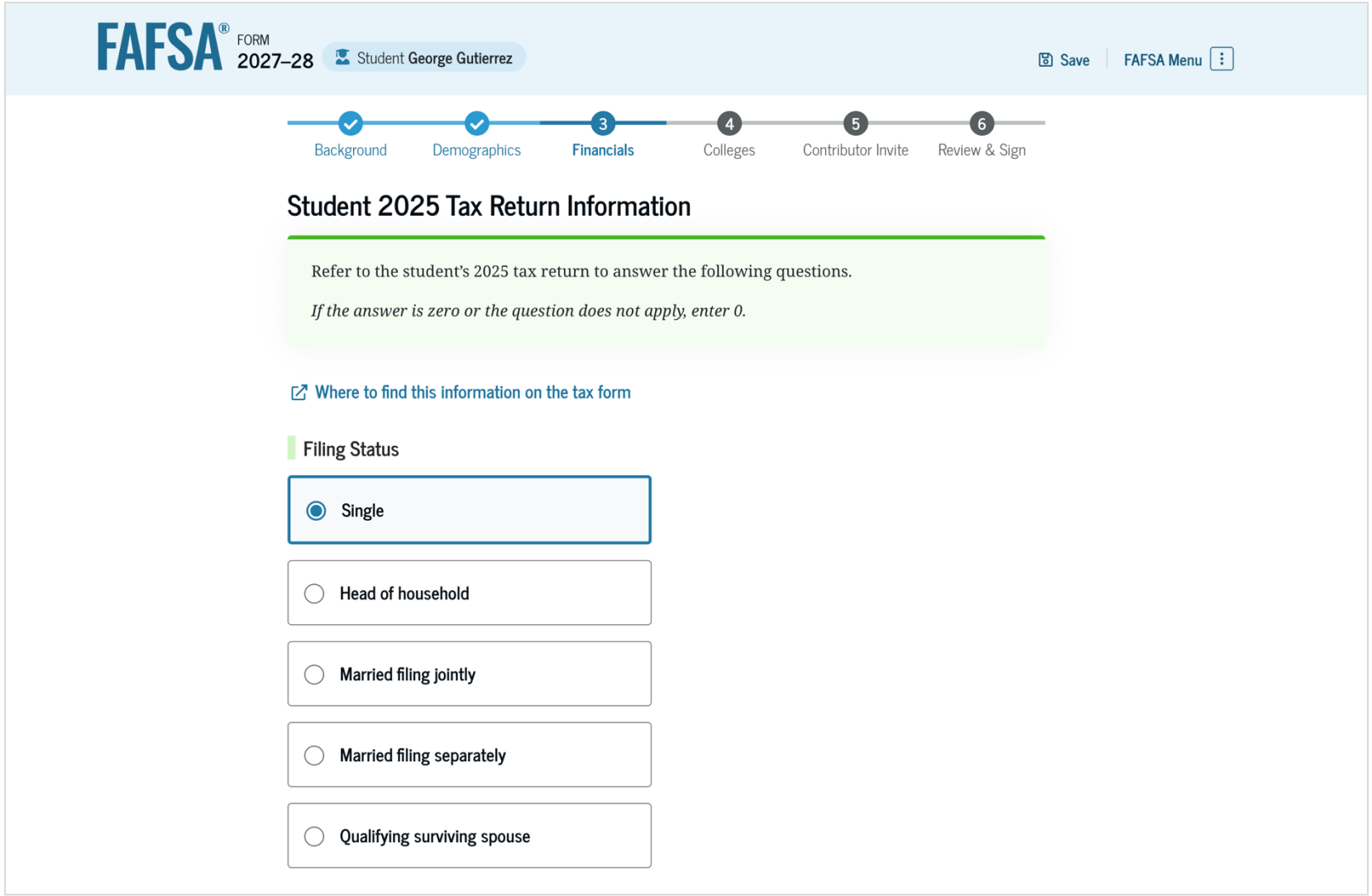
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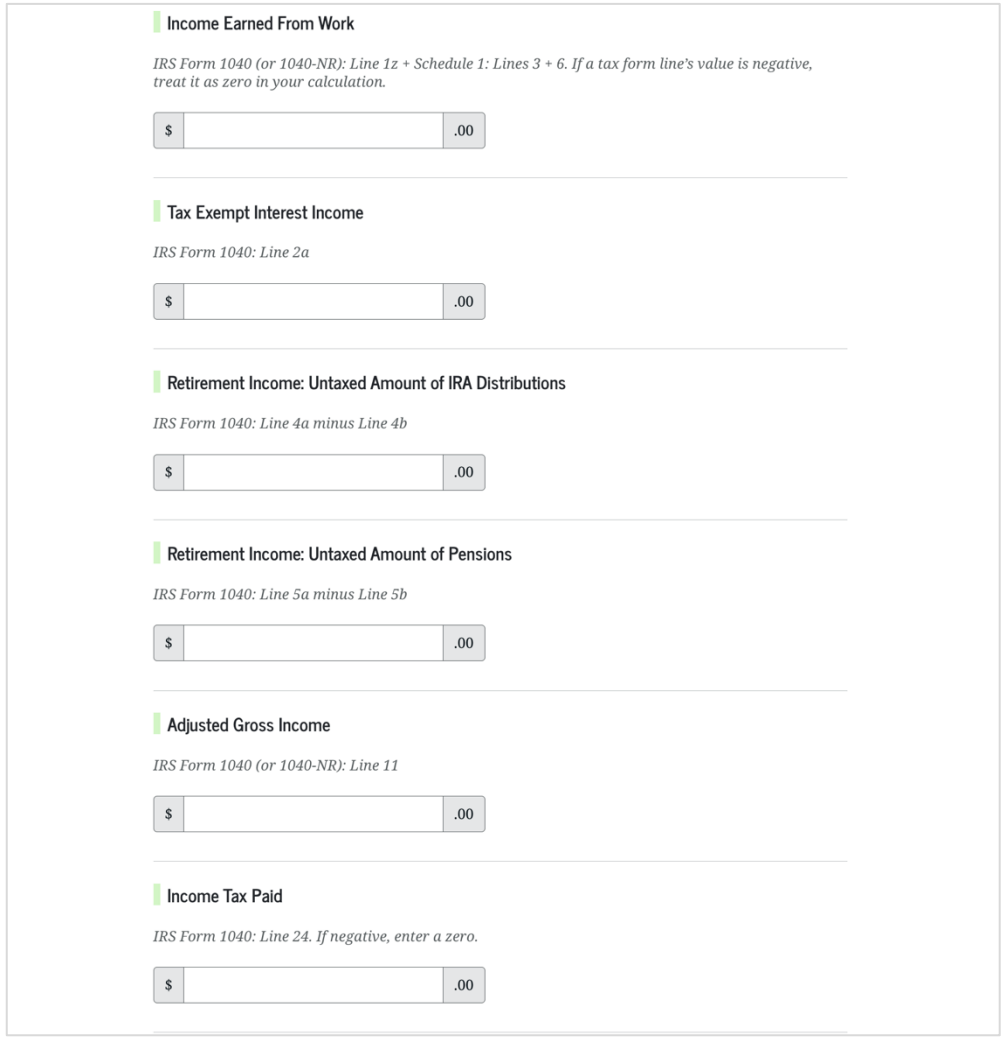
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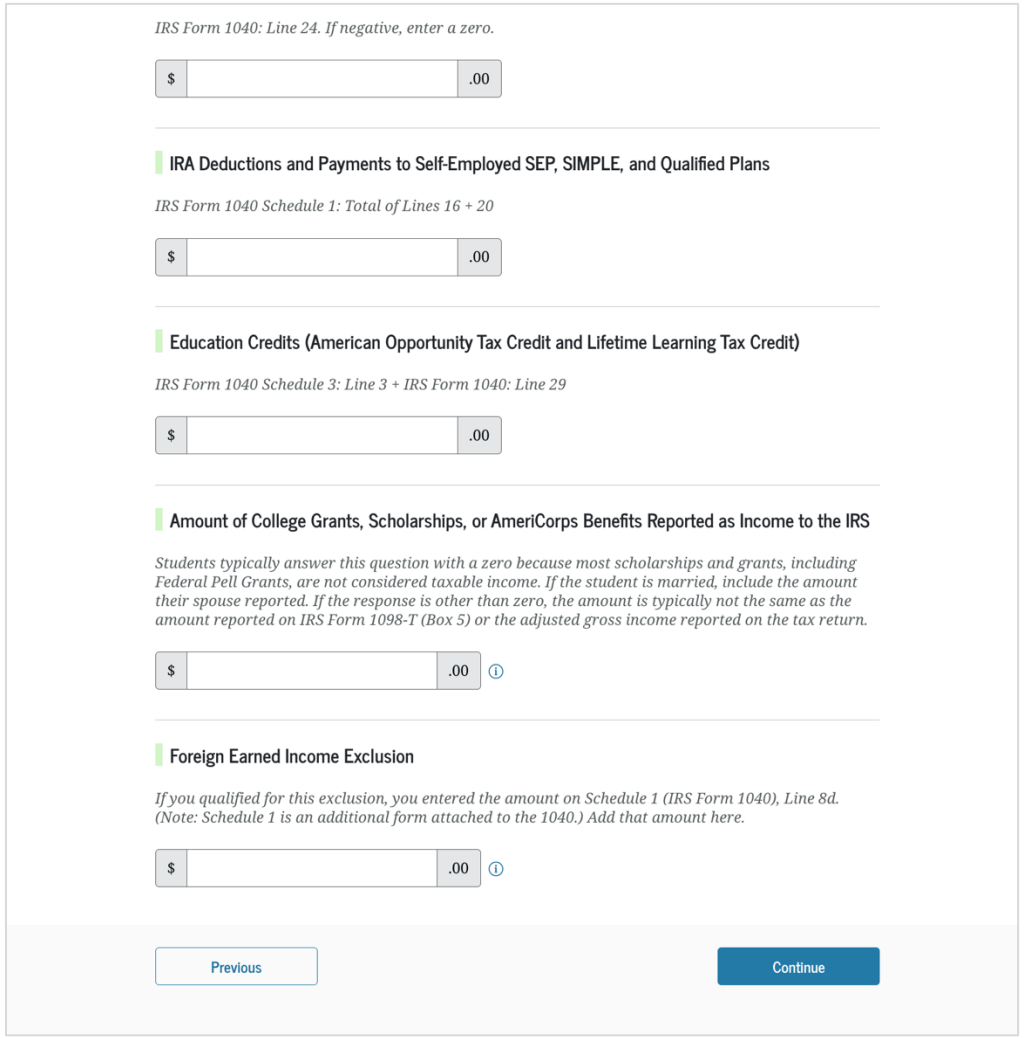


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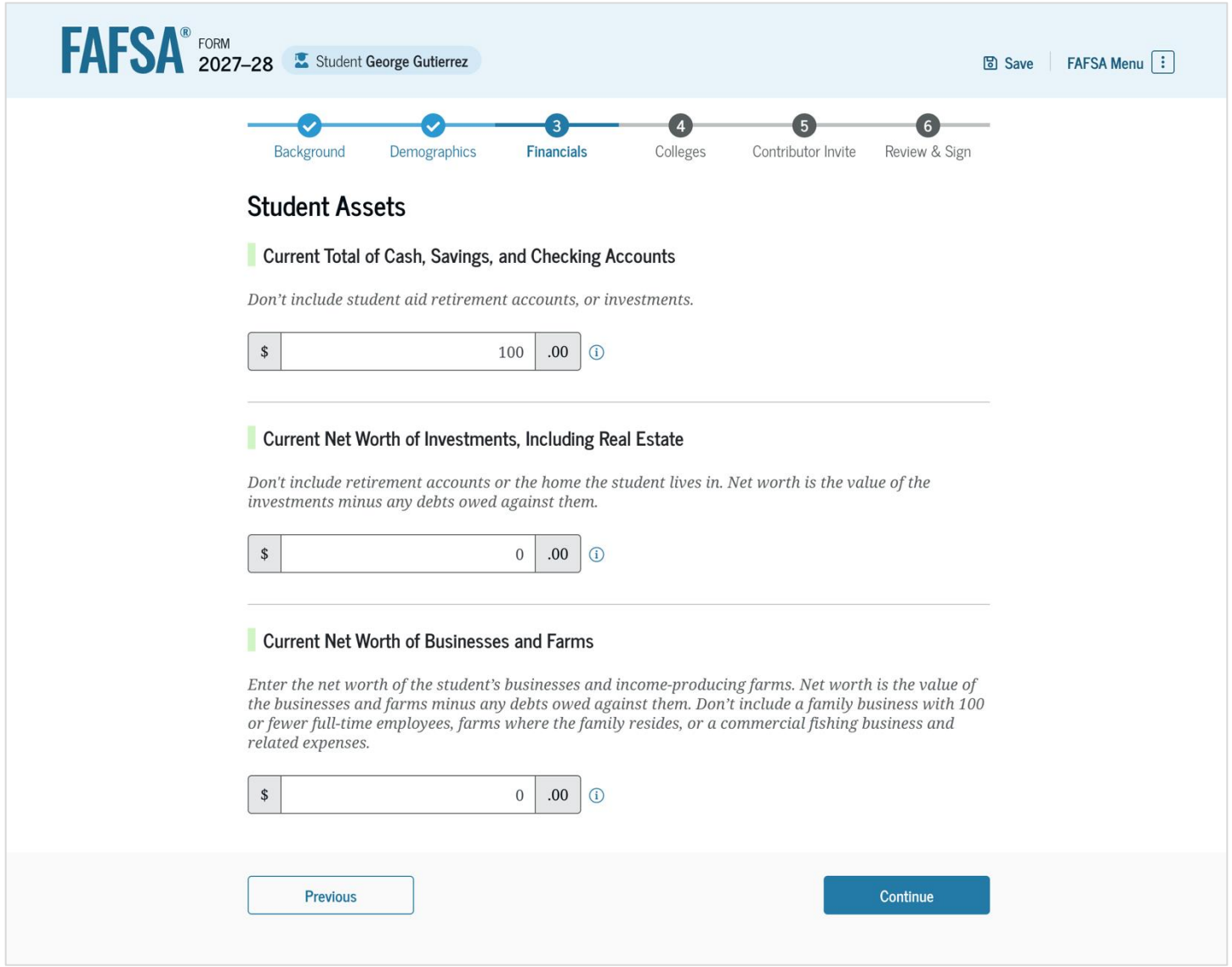


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Dependent Student: Assets



Introduction: Dependent Student Selects Schools

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Select Colleges and Career Schools

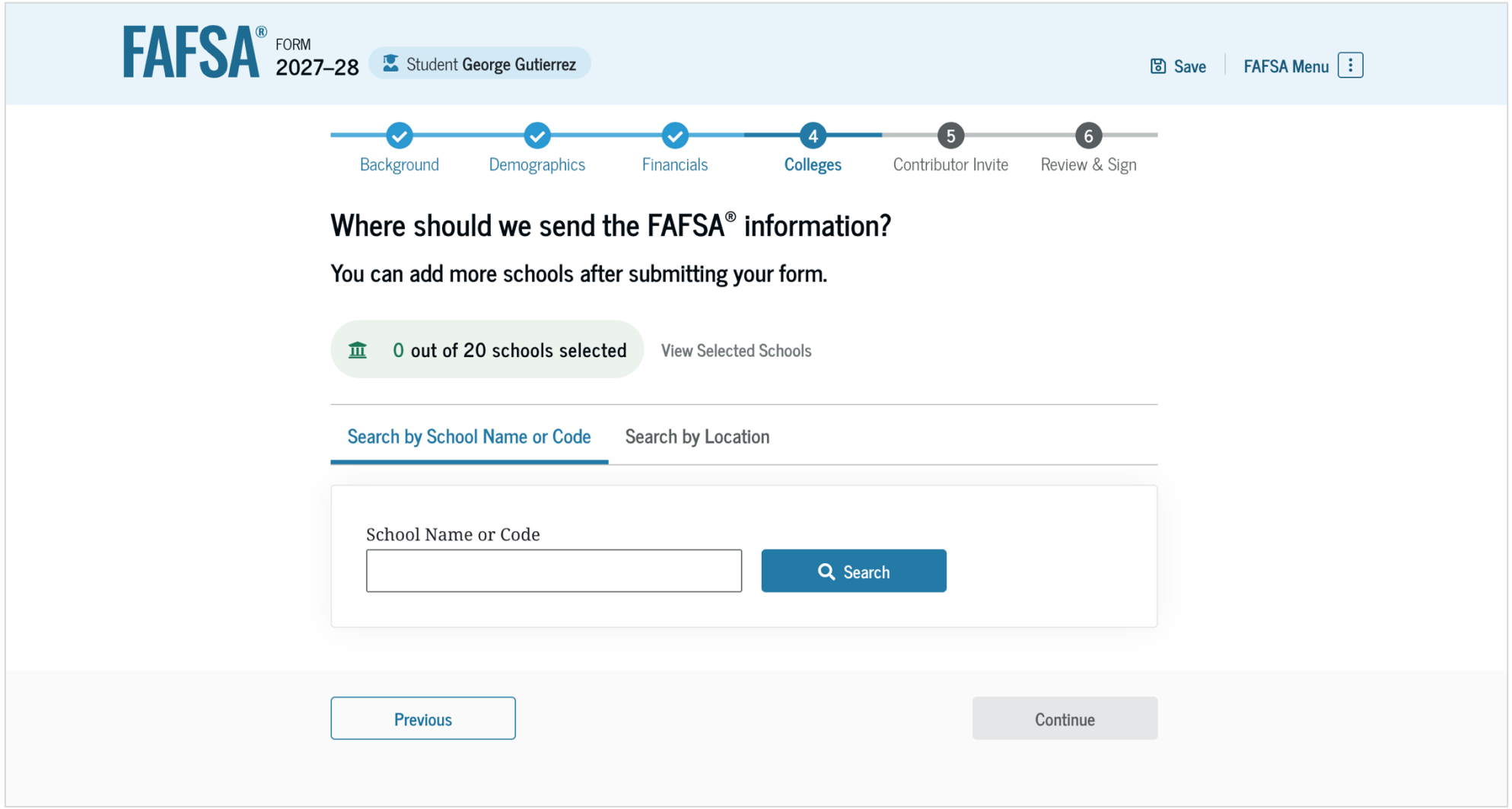
Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA® form.



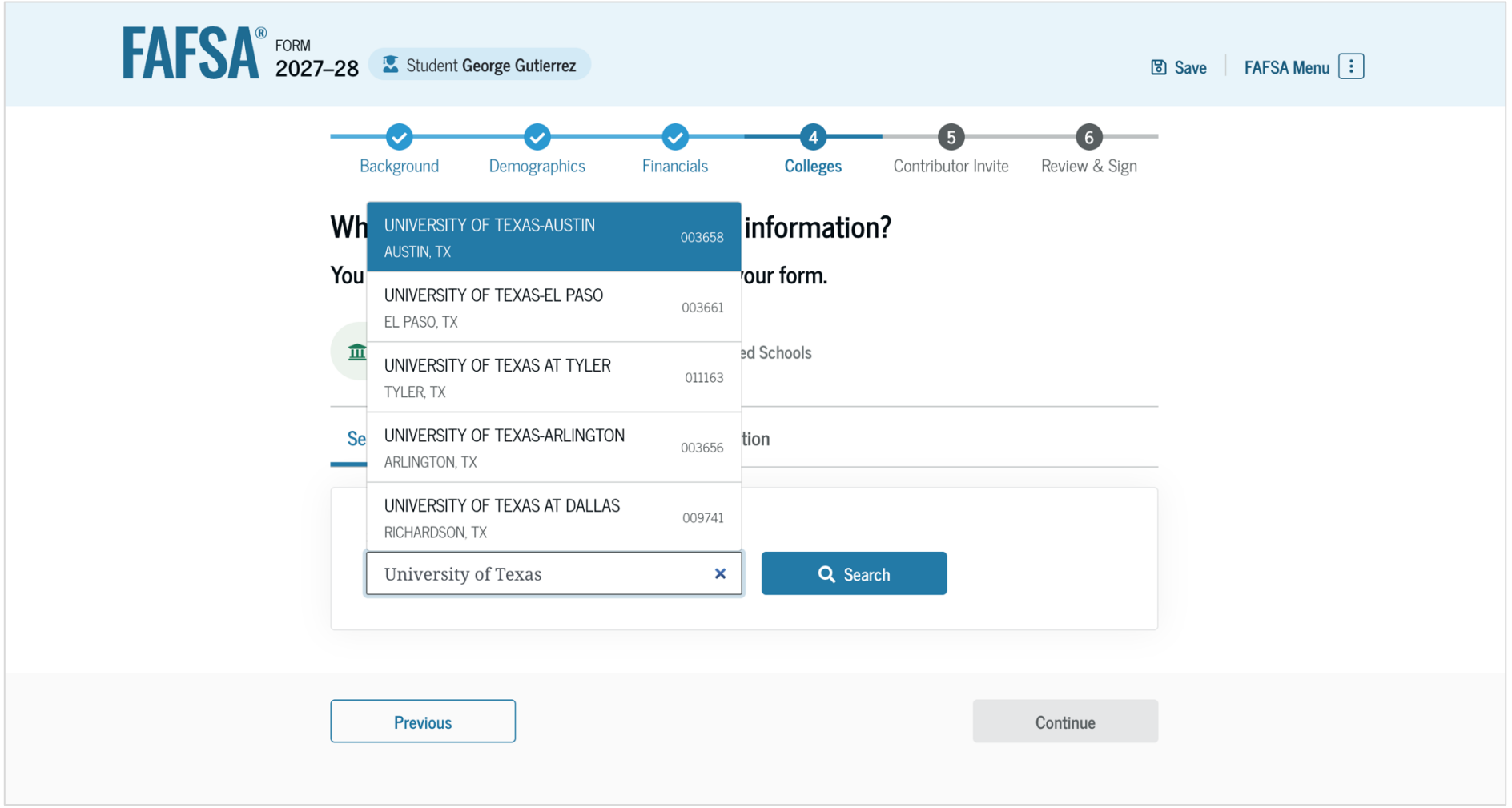
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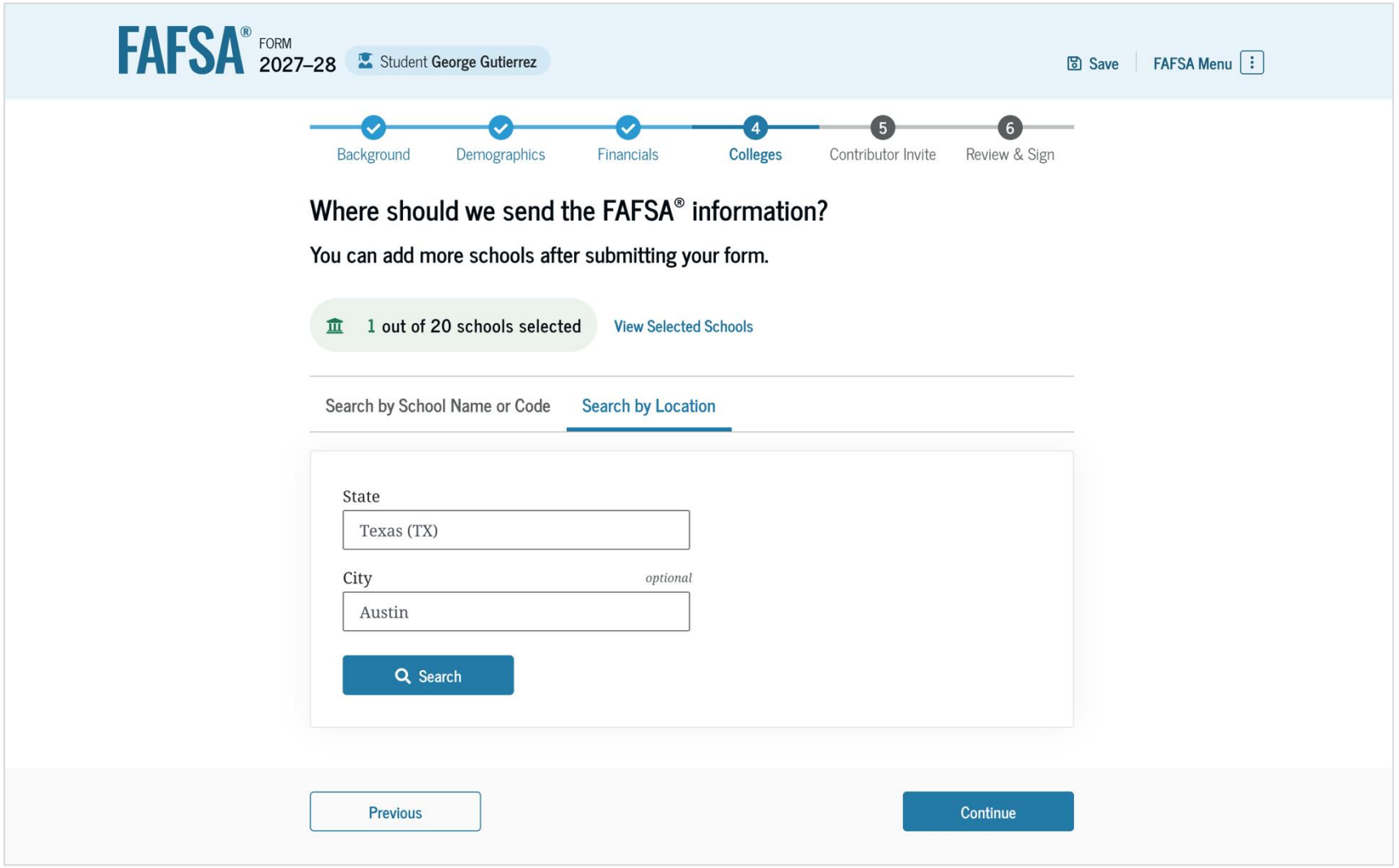
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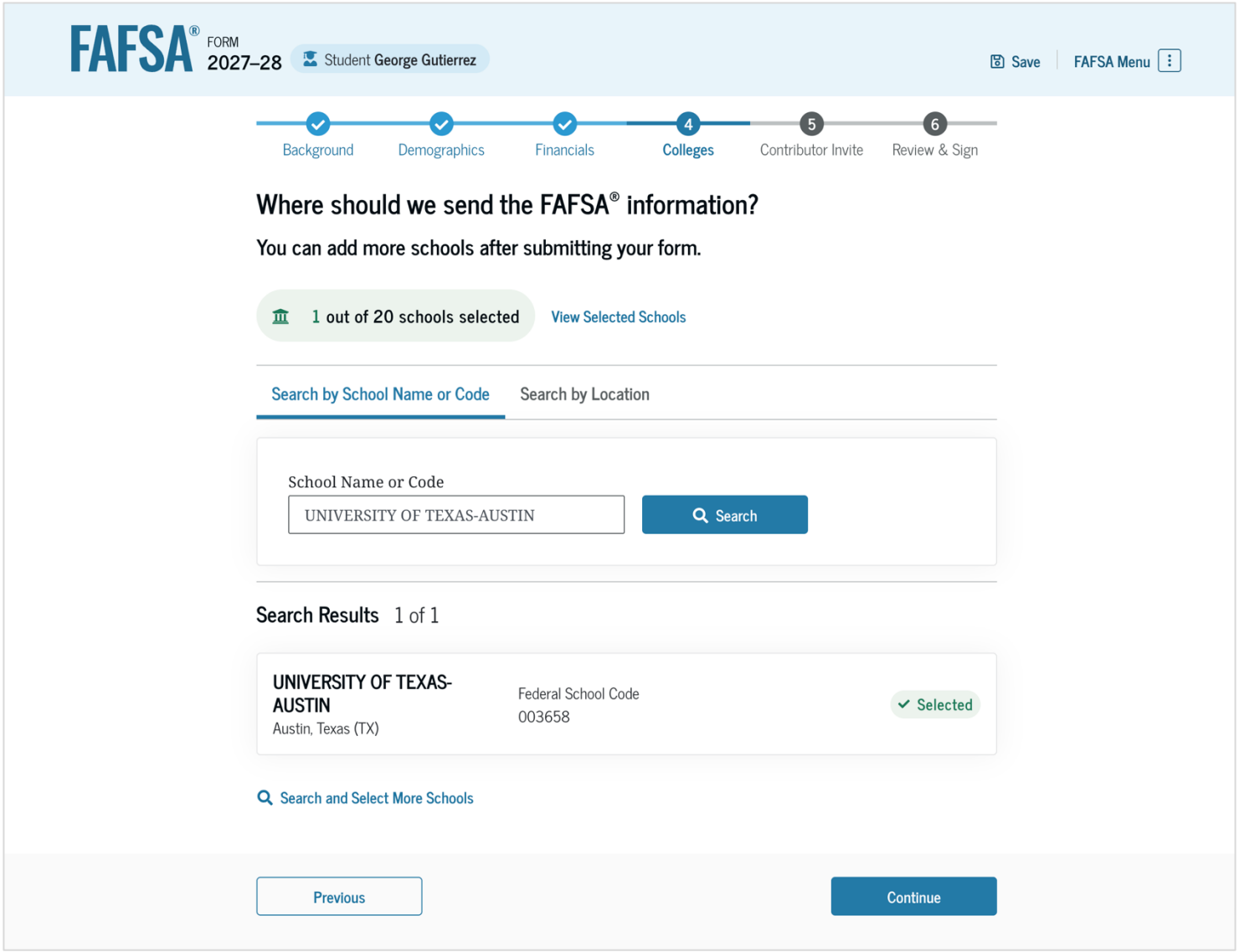
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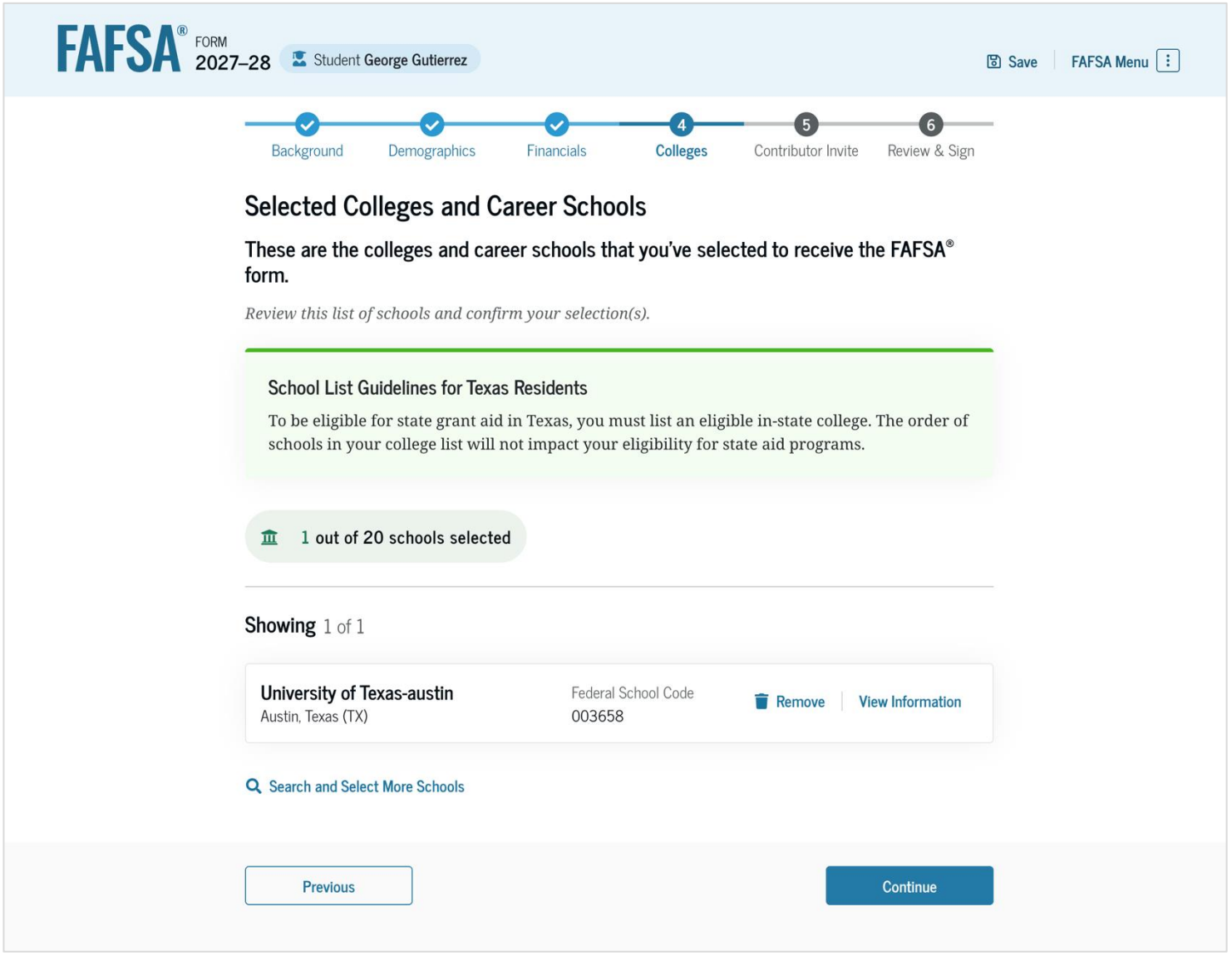
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Dependent Student: Selected Colleges



Introduction: Dependent Student Invites Contributor

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Invite a Parent as a Contributor



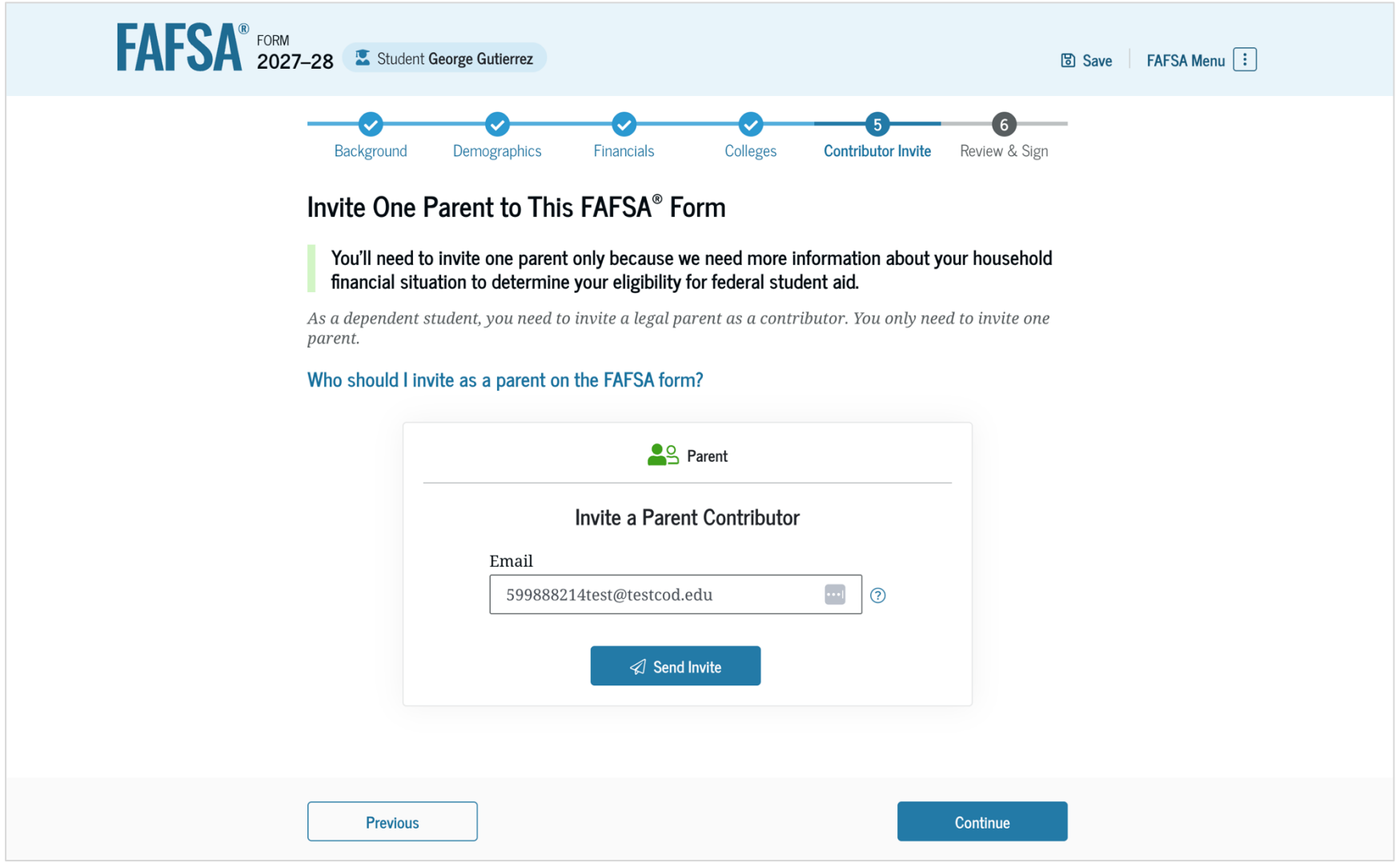
A contributor is anyone who's required to provide information on your FAFSA form. In this section, you must invite a legal parent—a biological or adoptive parent as determined by the state.

You shouldn't invite a stepparent or legal guardian (such as a grandparent or foster parent) unless they have legally adopted you. Your legal parent will invite your stepparent to the form if needed. Stepparents and other types of guardians do not count unless they have legally adopted the student.

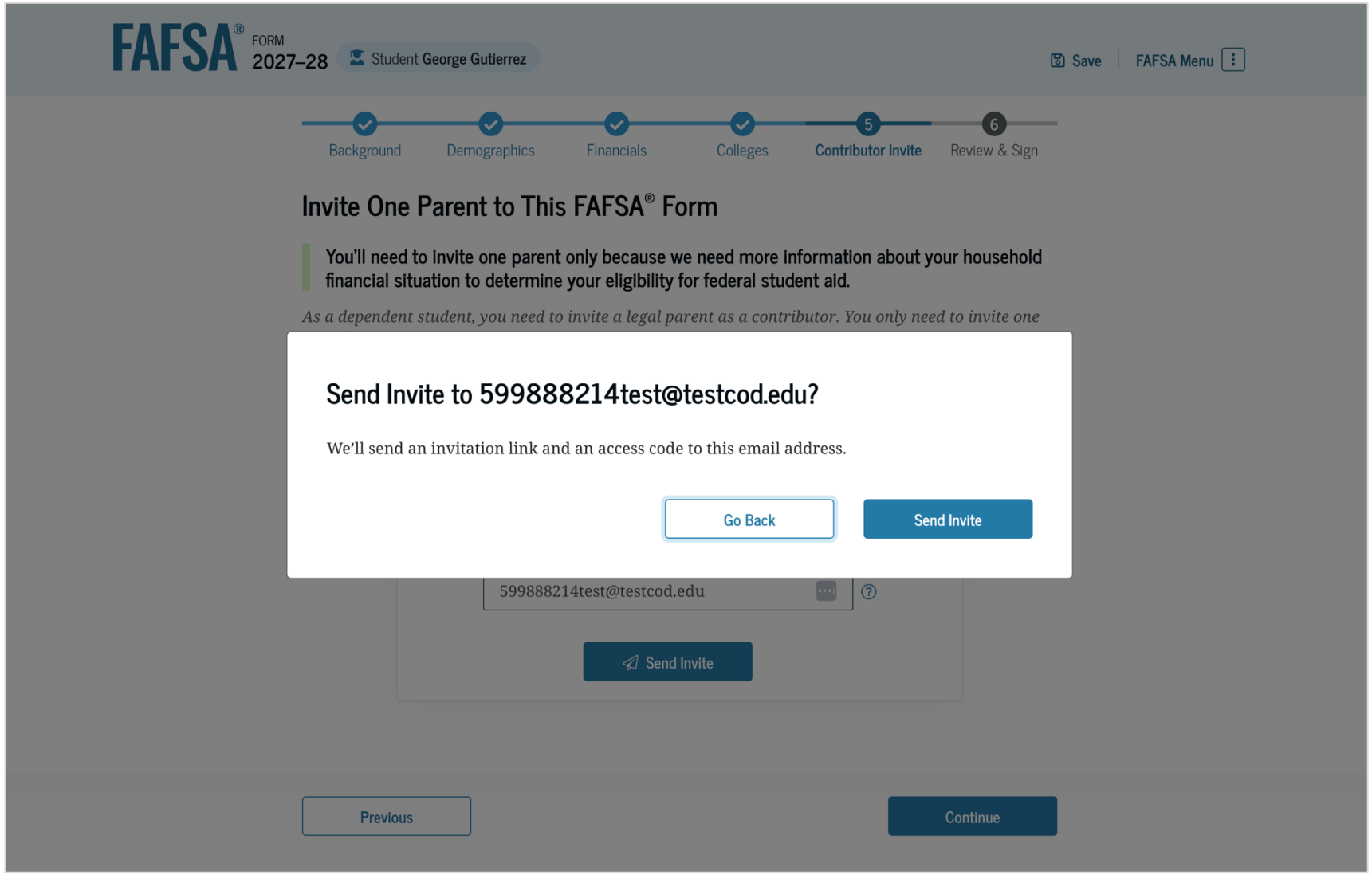
Who should I invite as a parent on the FAFSA form?

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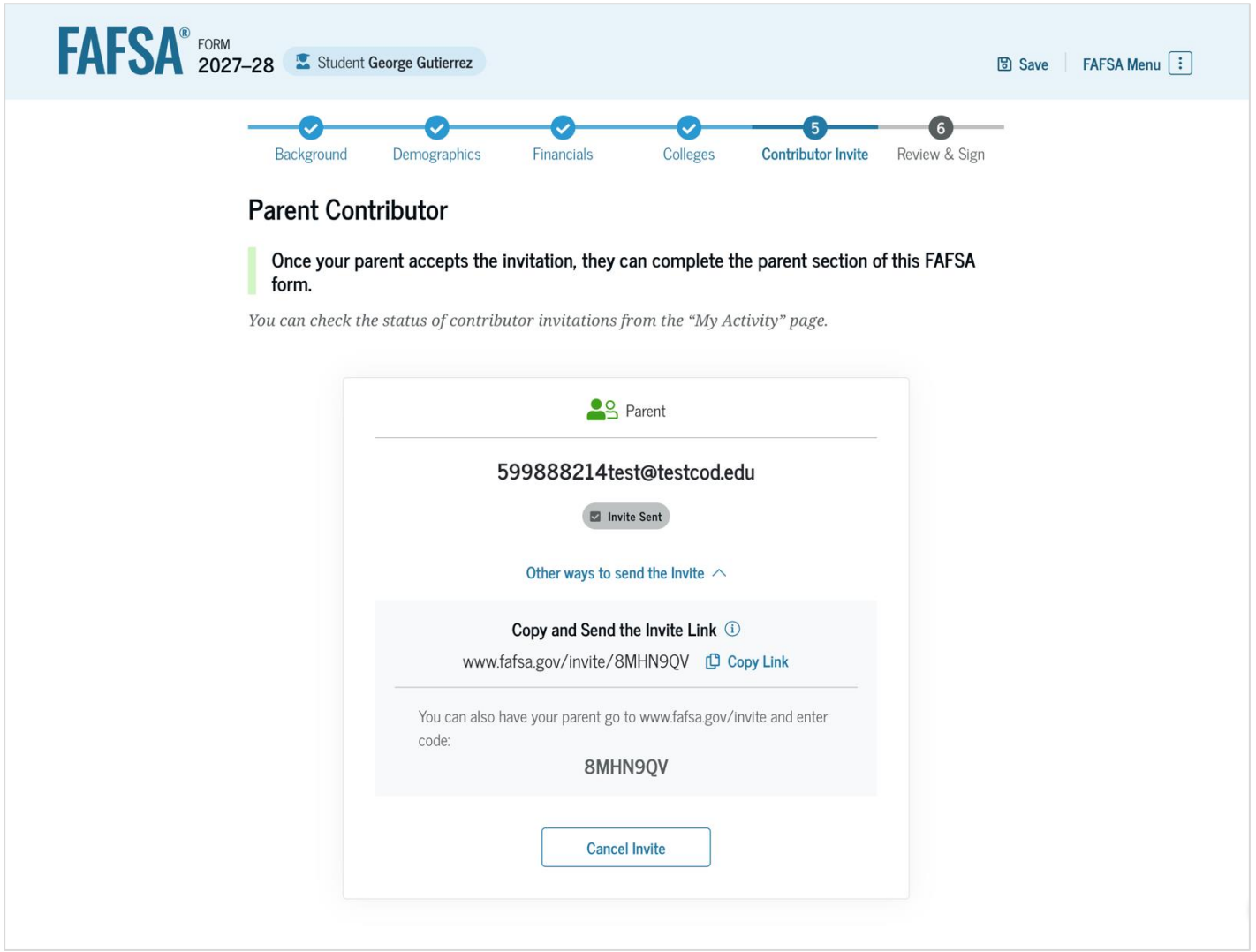
Dependent Student: Invite Contributor (1 of 3 slides)



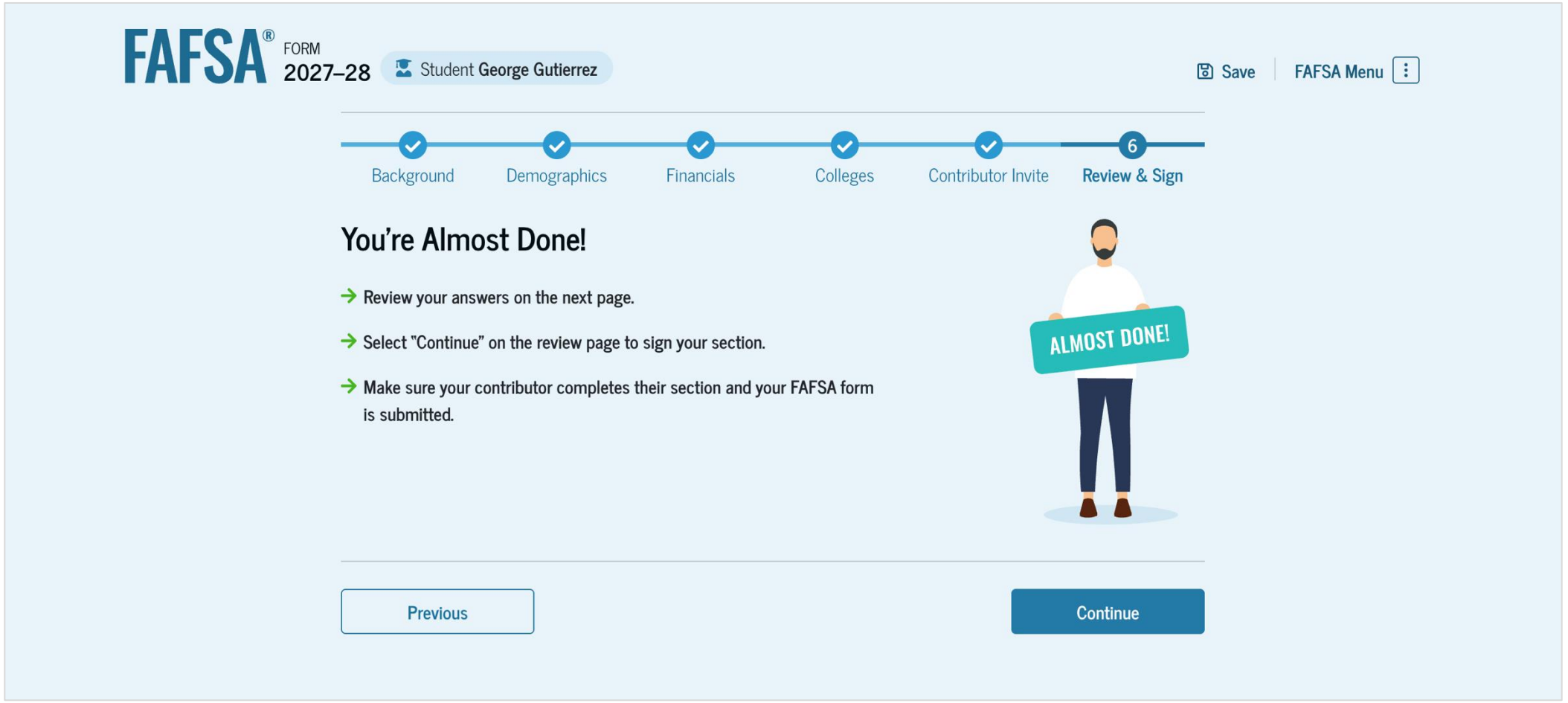
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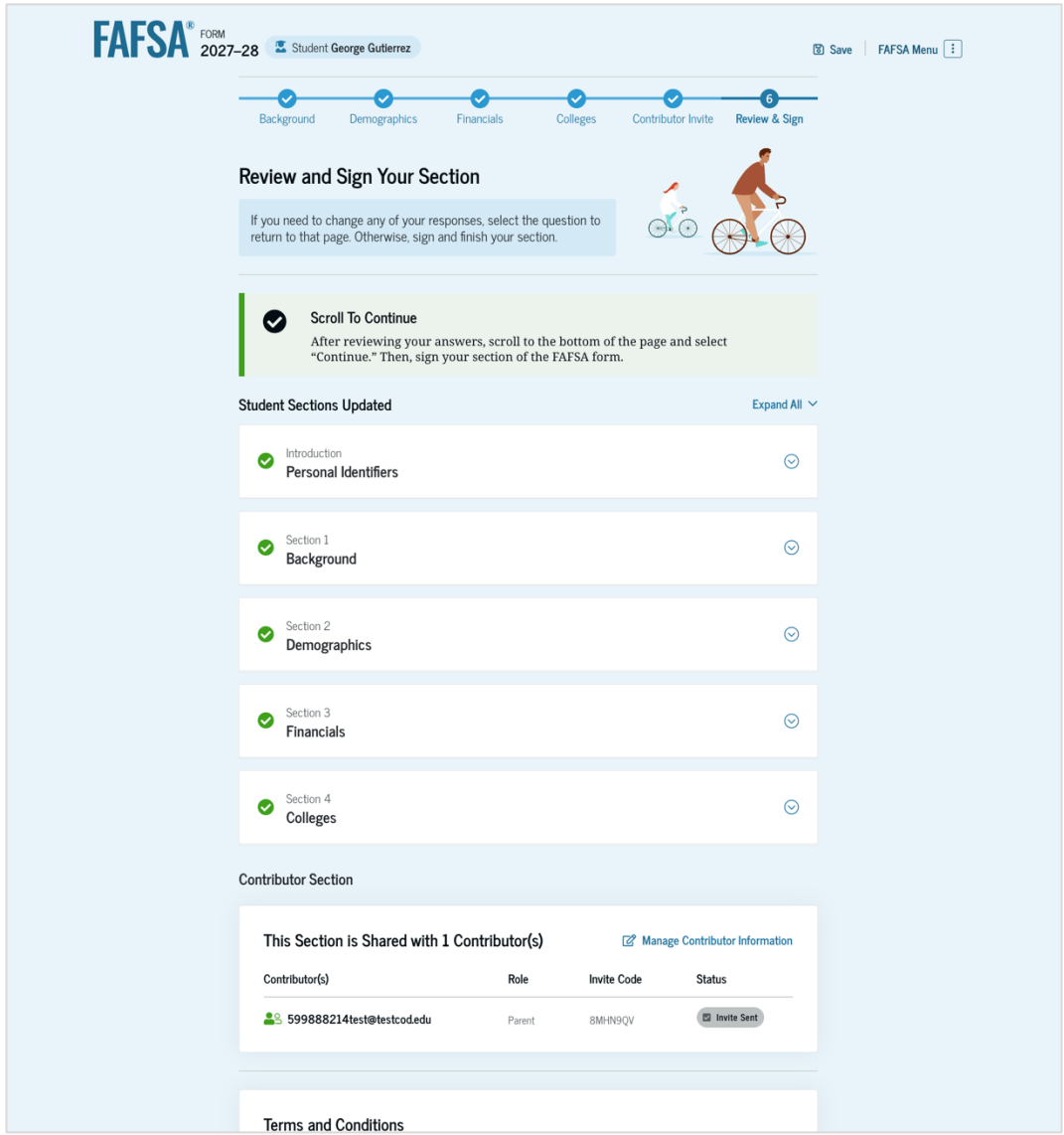
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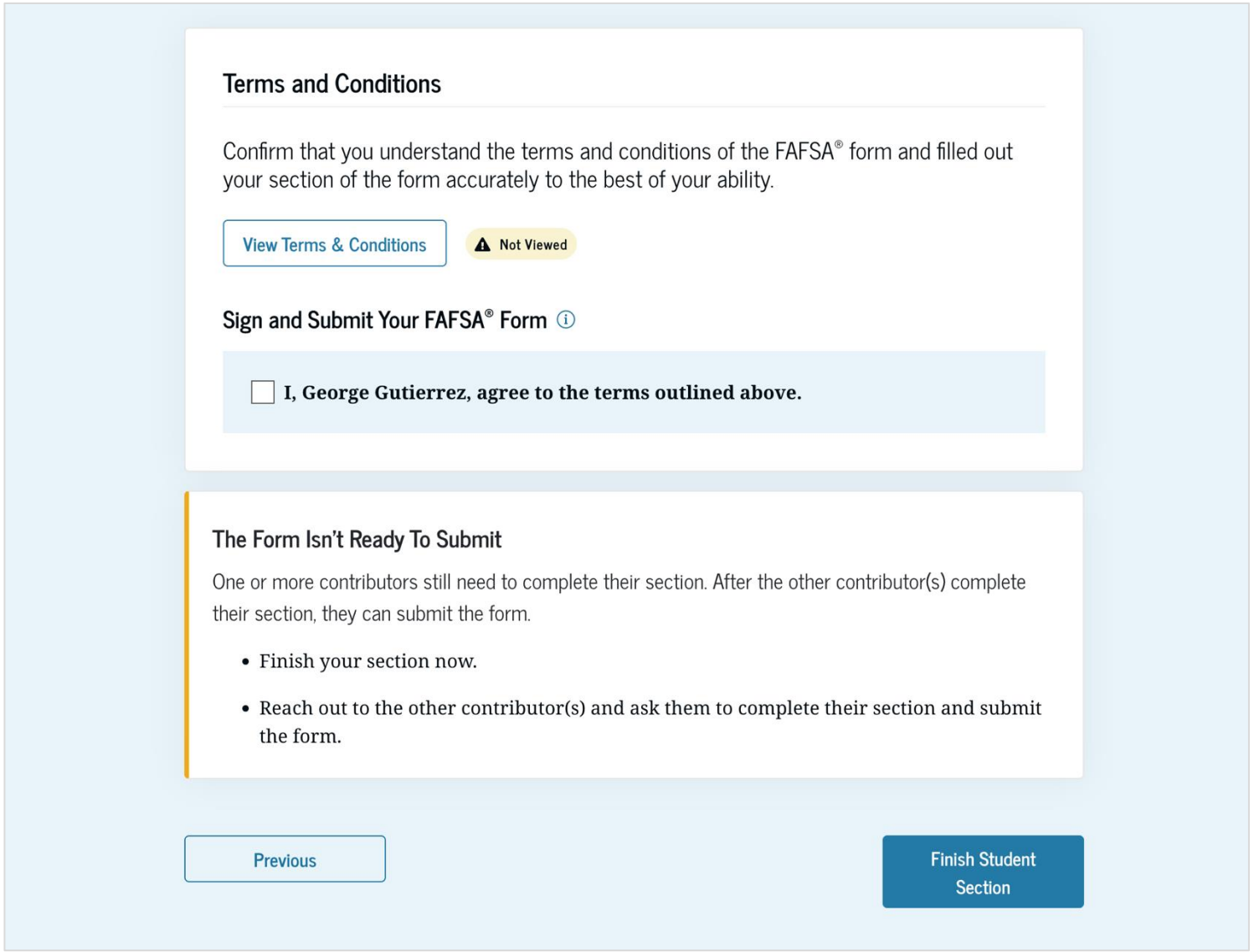
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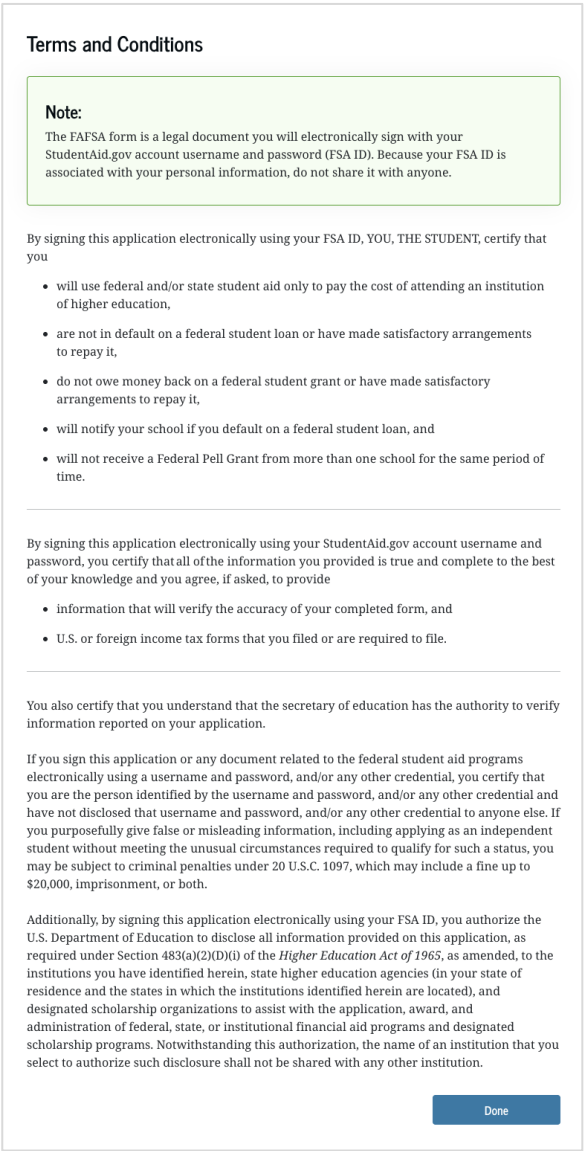


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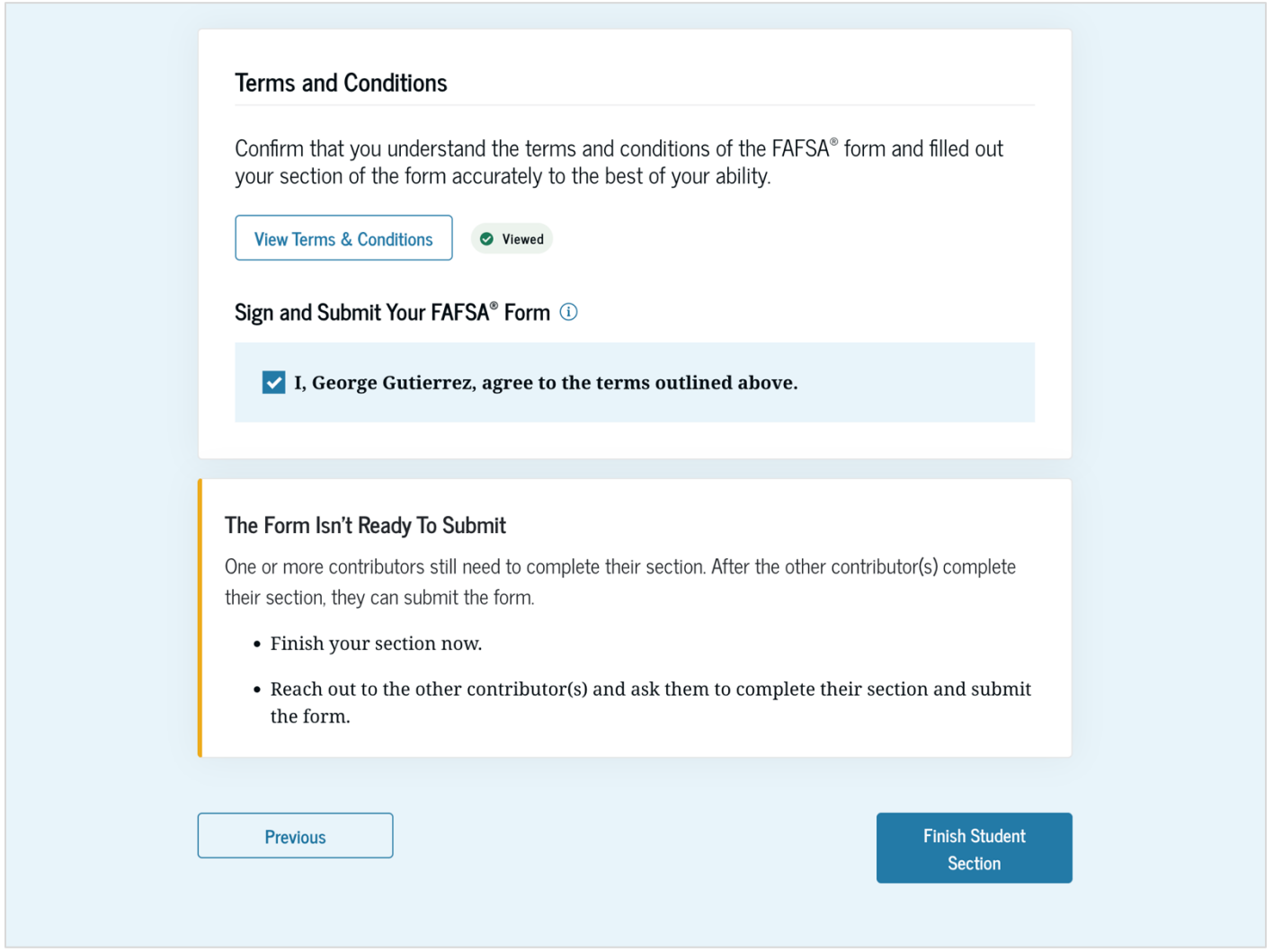


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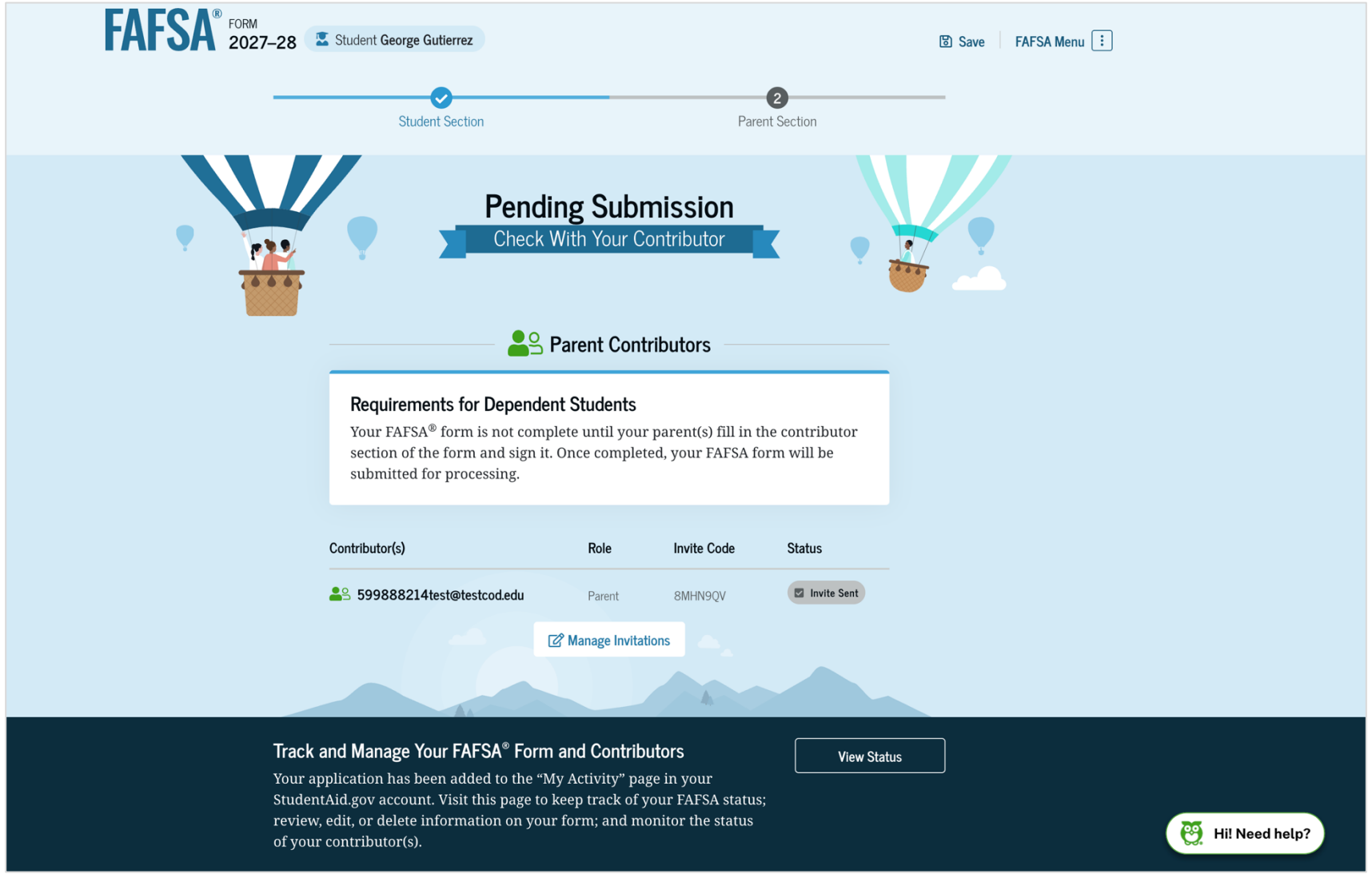




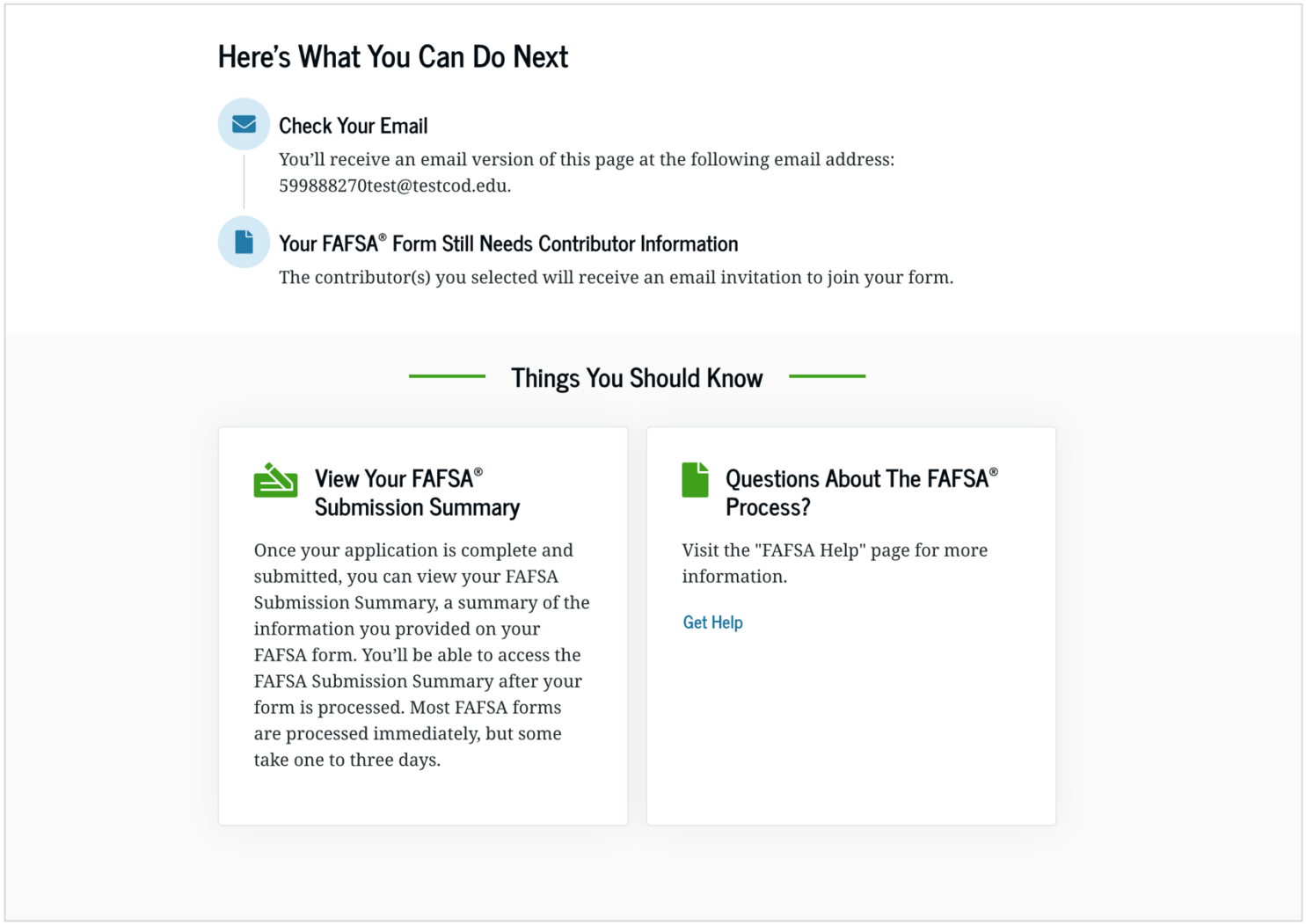
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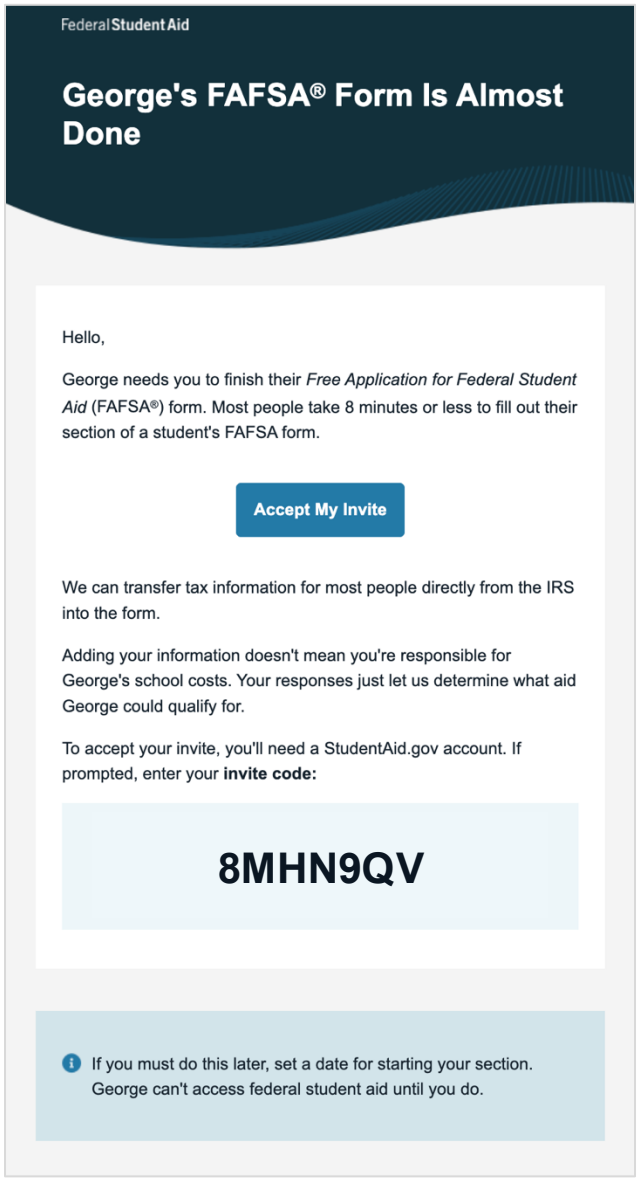
Dependent Student: Section Complete (1 of 2 slides)



Dependent Student: Section Complete (2 of 2 slides)



Dependent Student: Parent Email



Federal Student Aid

George's FAFSA® Form Is Almost Done

Hello,

George needs you to finish their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form. Most people take 8 minutes or less to fill out their section of a student's FAFSA form.

Accept My Invite

We can transfer tax information for most people directly from the IRS into the form.

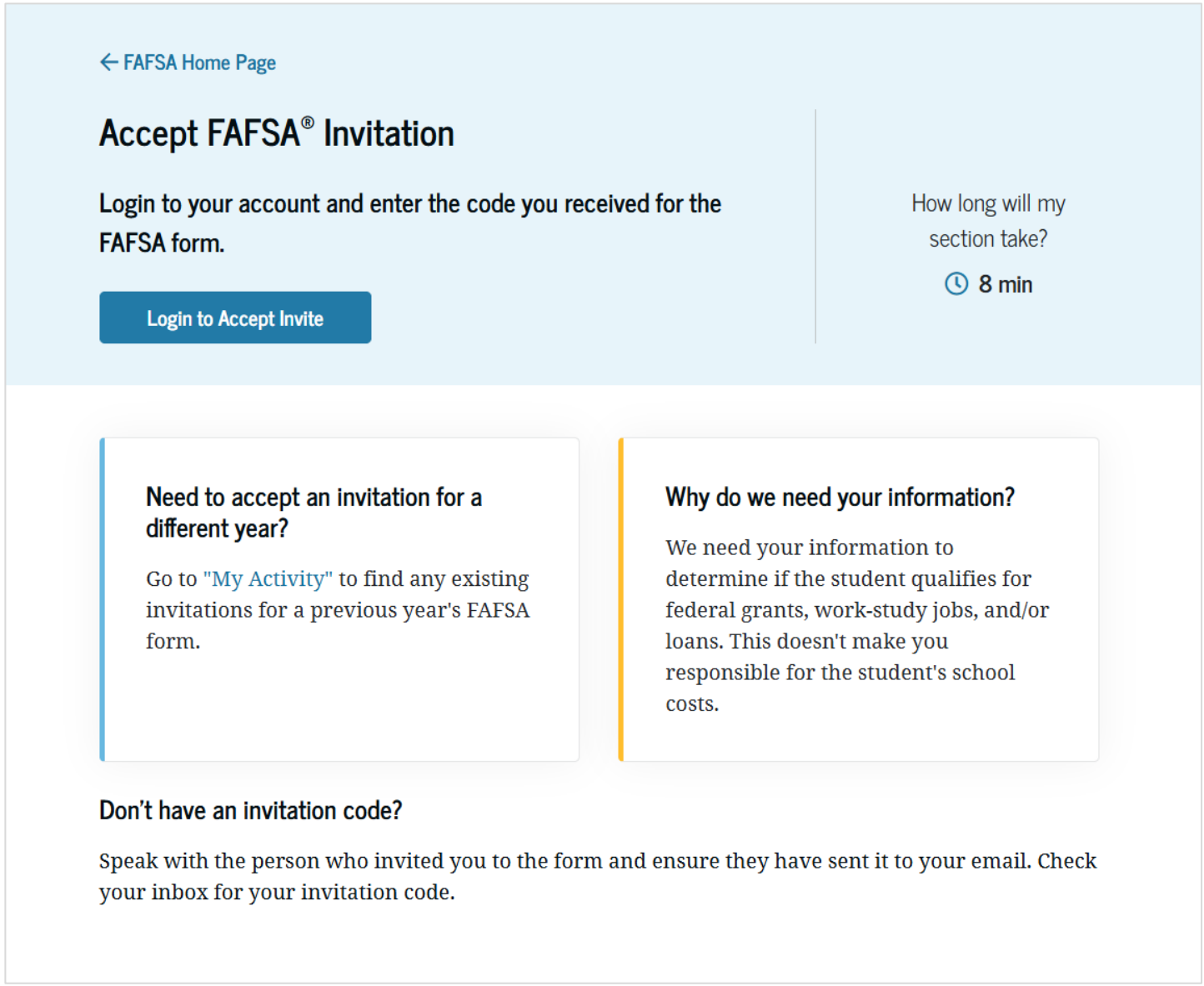
Adding your information doesn't mean you're responsible for George's school costs. Your responses just let us determine what aid George could qualify for.

To accept your invite, you'll need a StudentAid.gov account. If prompted, enter your **invite code:**

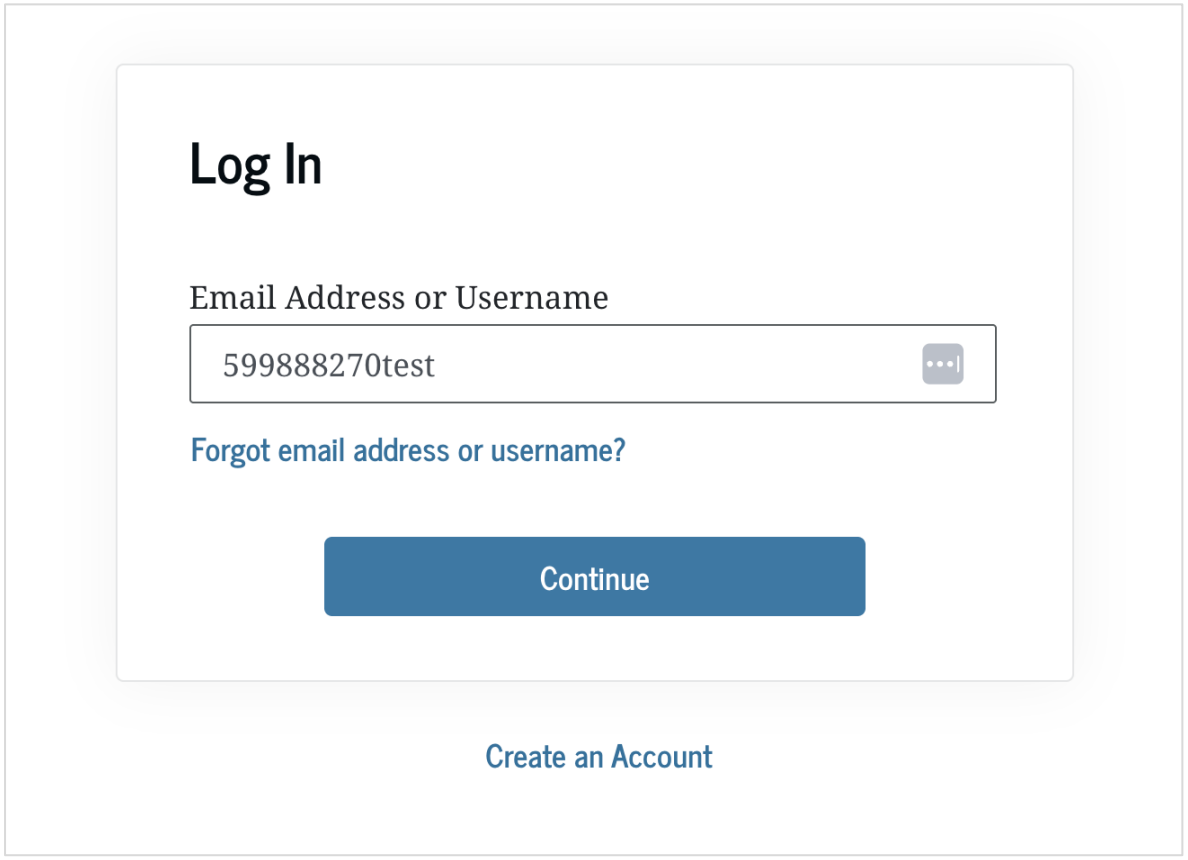
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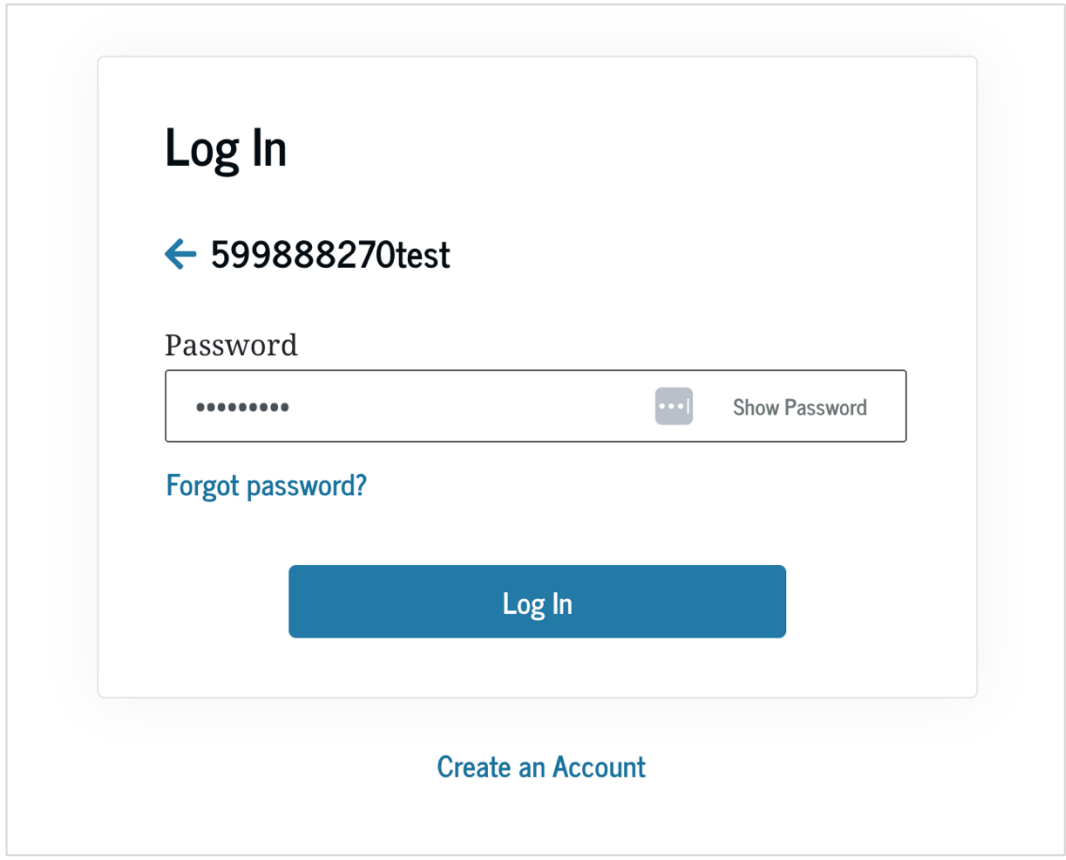
If you must do this later, set a date for starting your section. George can't access federal student aid until you do.

Dependent Student: Parent Login To Accept Invite

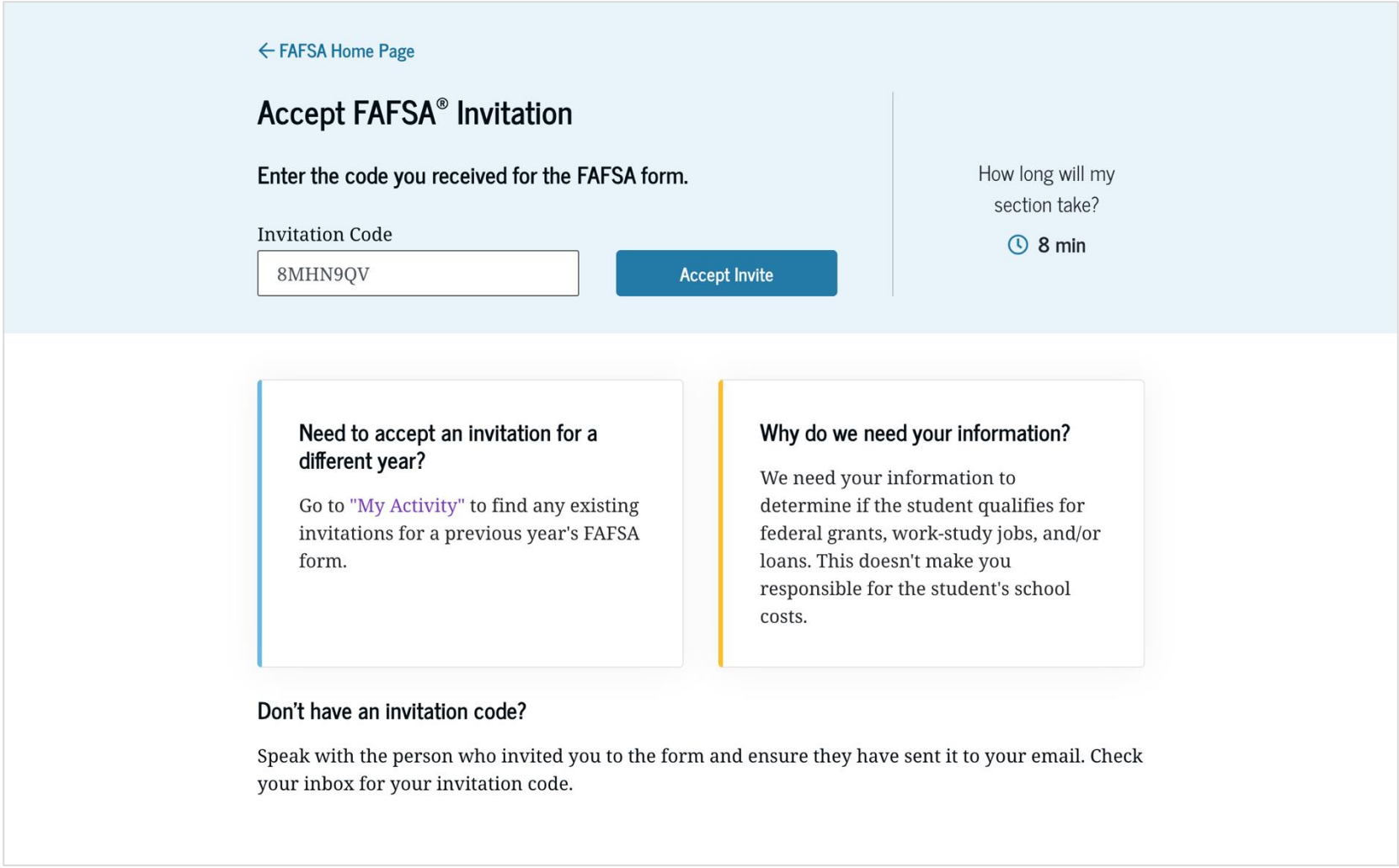


Dependent Student: Parent Log In

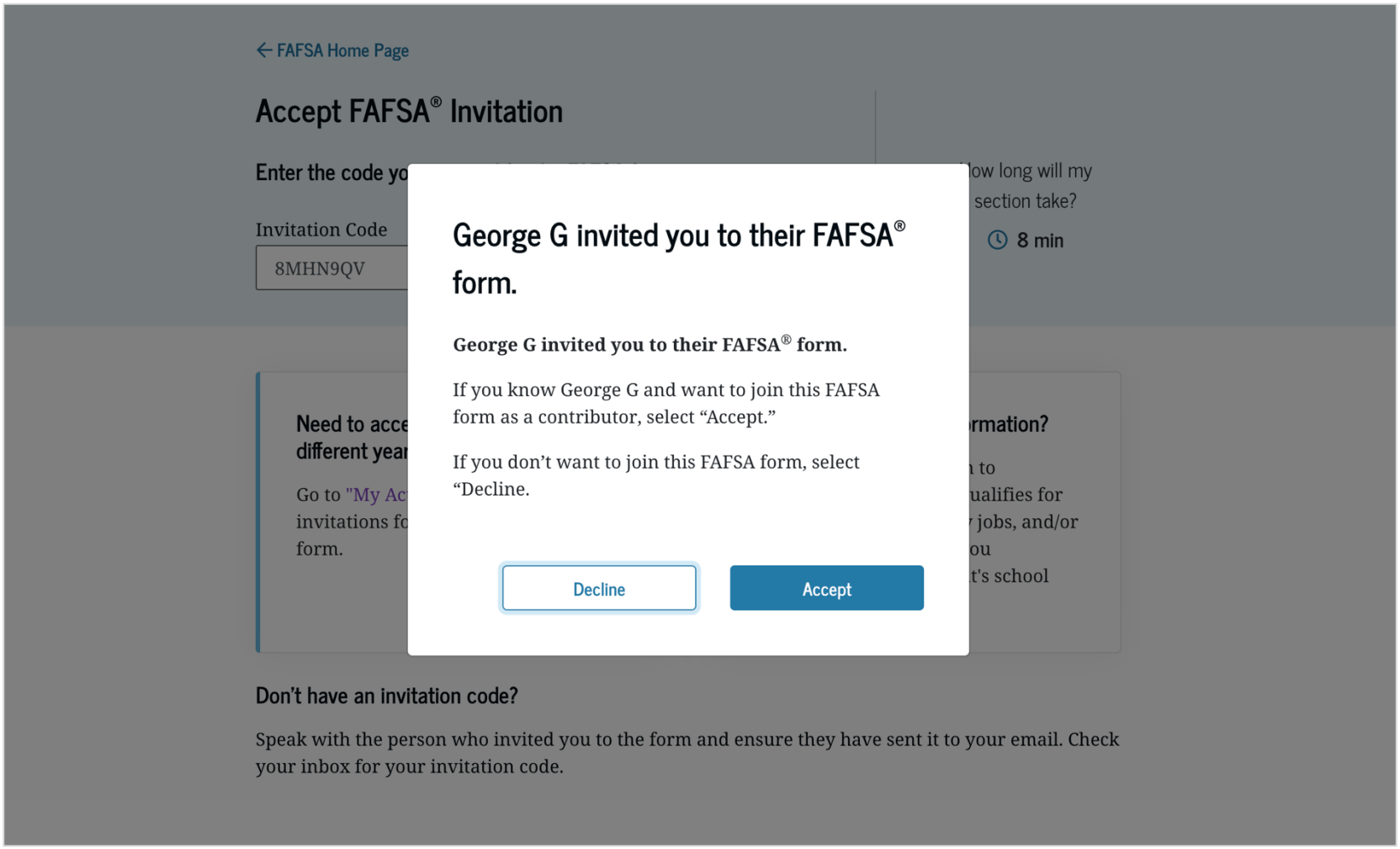




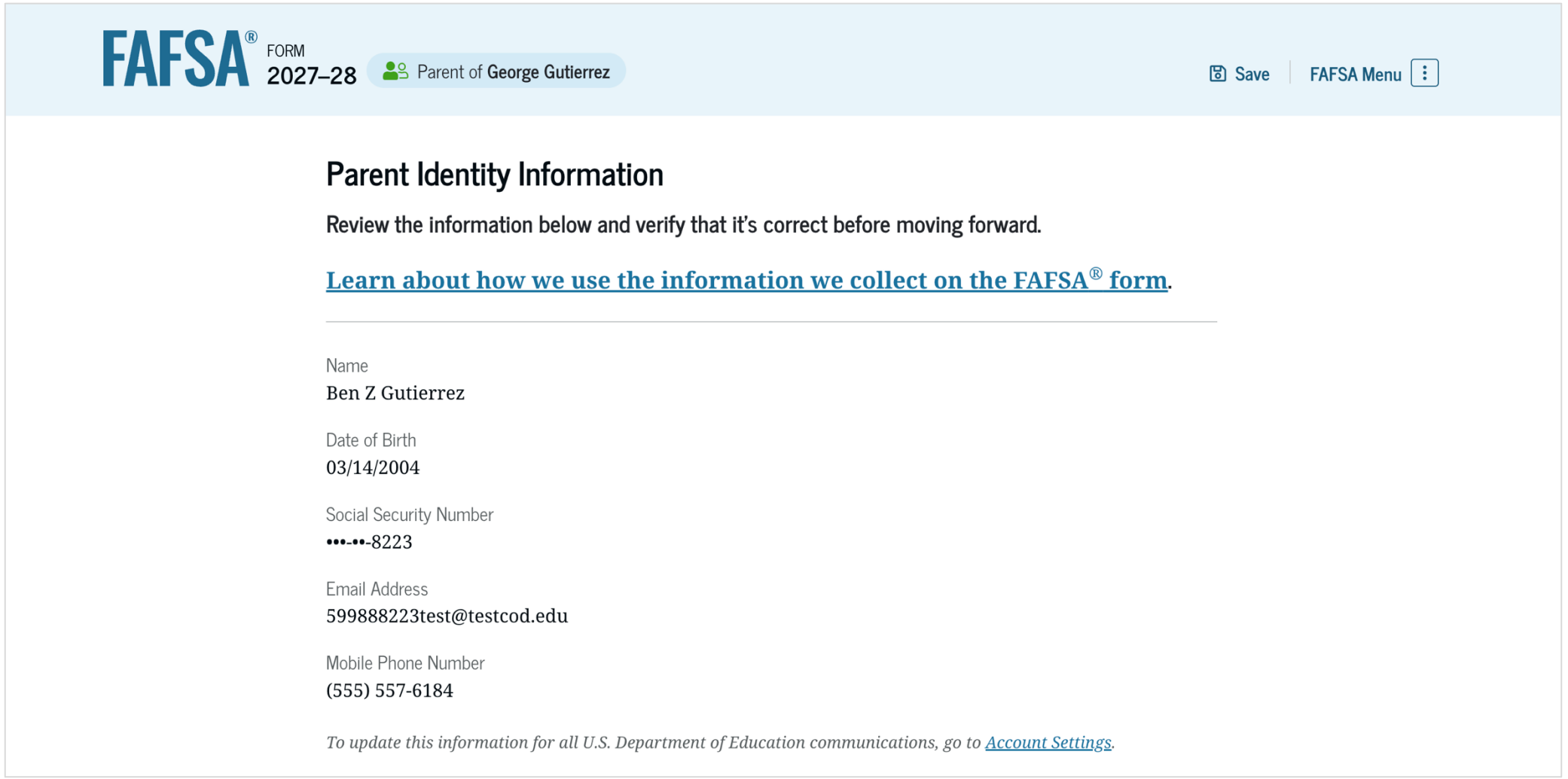
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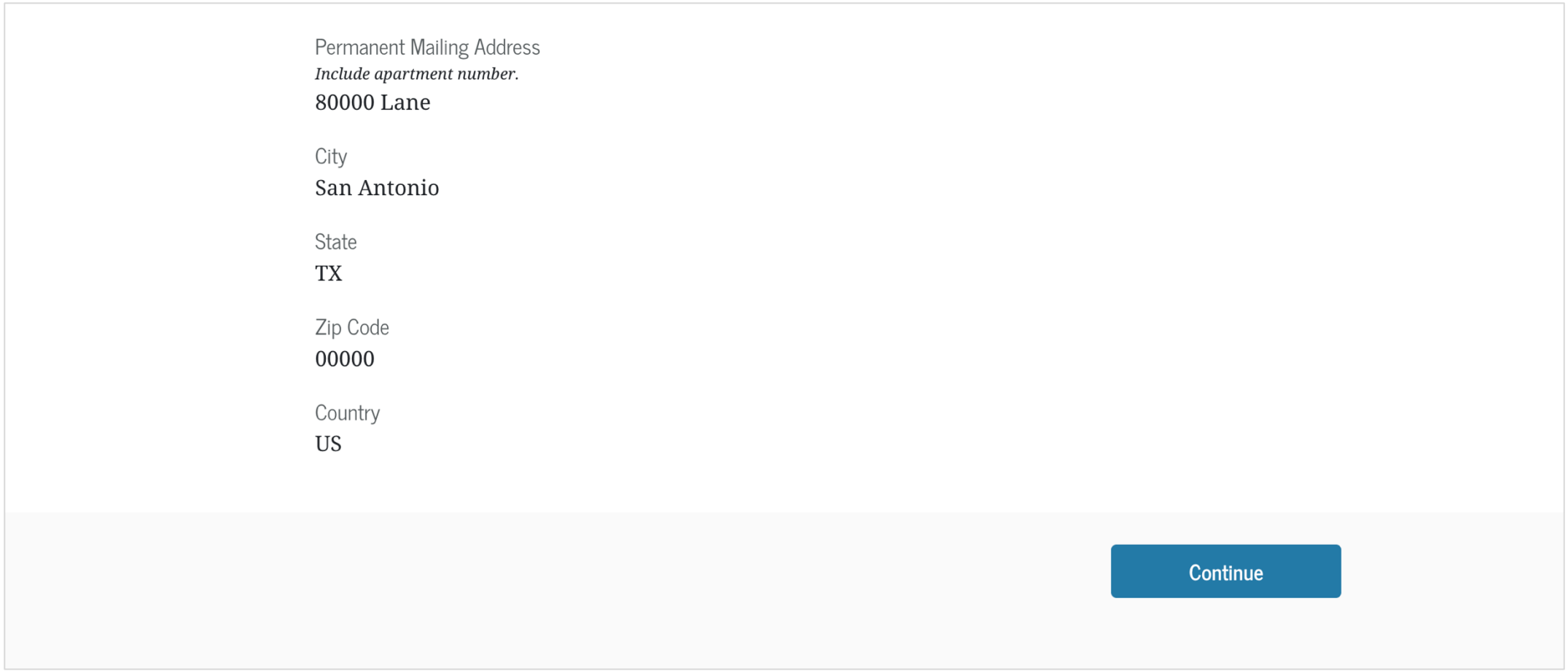
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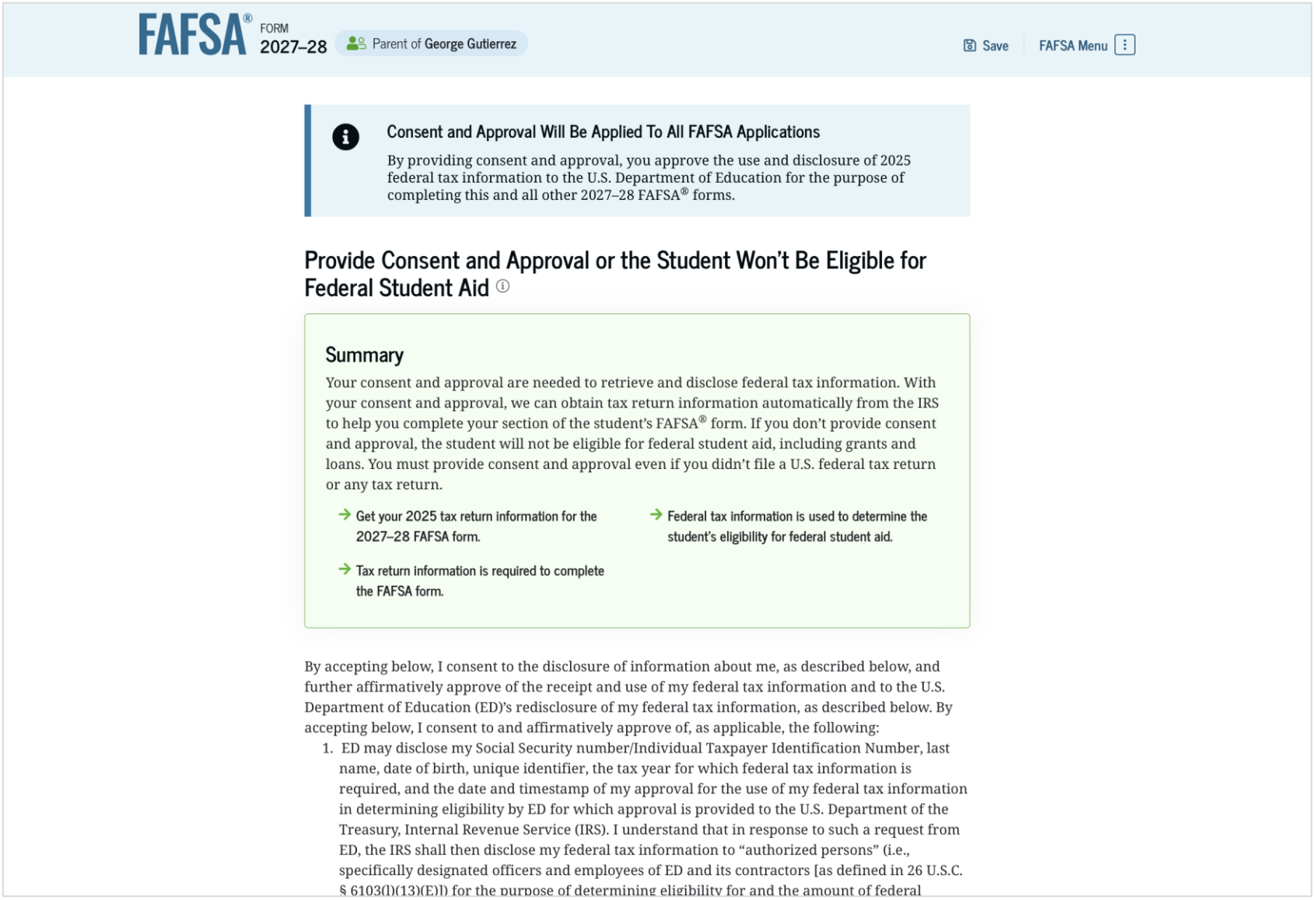
Dependent Student: Parent Identity Information (1 of 2 slides)



Dependent Student: Parent Identity Information (2 of 2 slides)



Dependent Student: Parent Provides Consent and Approval (1 of 2 slides)



Dependent Student: Parent Provides Consent and Approval (2 of 2 slides)

3. ED may redisclose my federal tax information received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
   - Institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended
   - State higher education agencies
   - Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education
   - Contractors of institutions of higher education and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or state agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid
4. ED may redisclose my federal tax information to another FAFSA applicant's FAFSA form(s) for which I elect to participate. By accepting an invitation and affirmation to participate in another individual's FAFSA form, my federal tax information will be redisclosed to the additional application. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my federal tax information to that FAFSA form.

By consenting and providing my affirmative approval, I further understand the following:

1. My consent and affirmative approval are required, as a condition of my eligibility or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form, for federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
2. I am providing my written consent for the redisclosure of my federal tax information by ED to include, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors and auditors, other family members participating in the FAFSA form, Office of Inspector General, under 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D), and with my further express written consent obtained by an institution of higher education, the redisclosure of FAFSA information pursuant to the terms and conditions of 20 U.S.C. § 1098h(c).
3. Any federal tax information received from the IRS at a later date shall supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
4. ED may request updated federal tax information from the IRS once my consent and approval are provided. If federal tax information has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised information), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.
5. If I do not consent to the rediscloure of my federal tax information to institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, and their respective contractors, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form.

5. If I do not consent to the rediscloure of my federal tax information to institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, and their respective contractors, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I consent electronically to the use of my StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID) as my signature and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the *Privacy Act of 1974*, subject to a fine of not more than $5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(i)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA form, my execution (including date and time) of consent and approval will be logged in ED's Person Authentication Service System of Record (18-11-12).

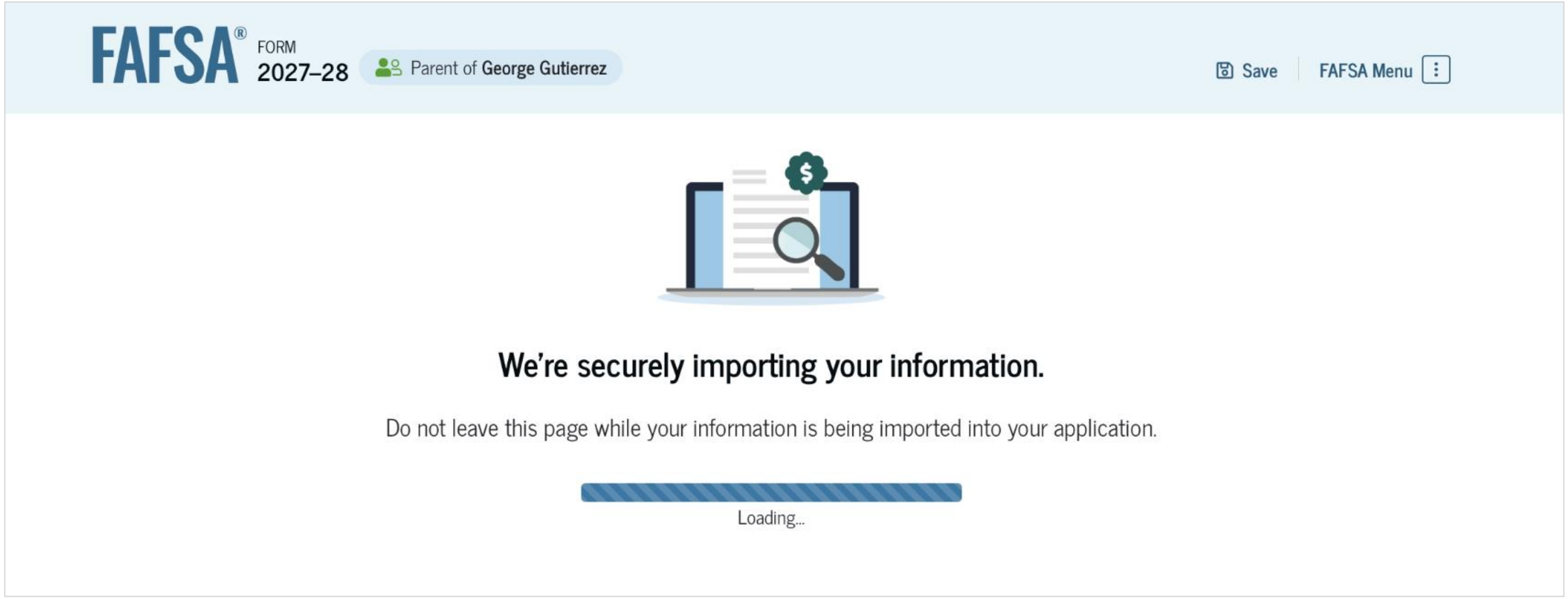
Frequently Asked Questions

- Who should provide consent and approval?
- If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent and approval for you to access their tax information?
- What happens after I provide consent and approval?
- What happens if I decline consent and approval?

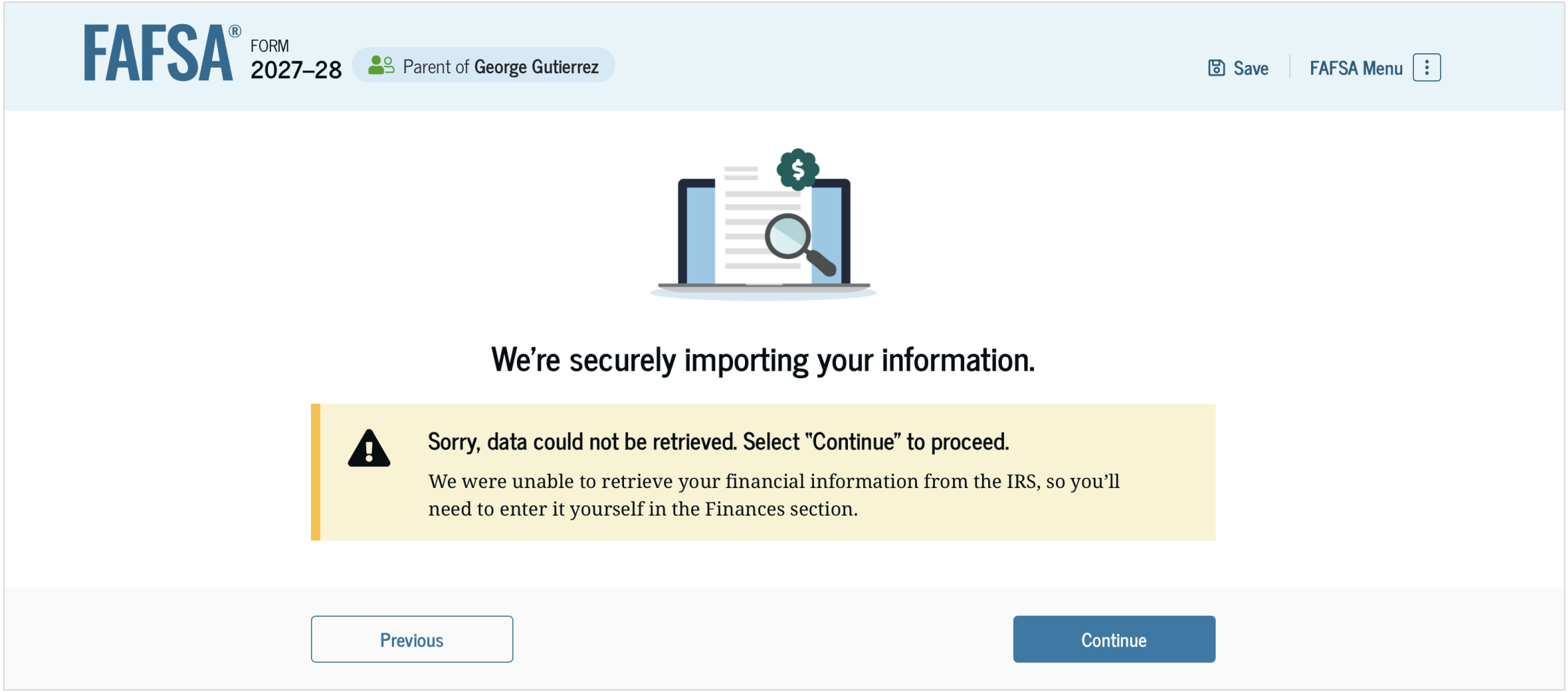
Select "Approve" to consent and approve to the use of your federal tax information to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," the student will not be eligible for federal student aid.

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Dependent Student: Parent Imports IRS Information (1 of 2 slides)



Dependent Student: Parent Imports IRS Information (2 of 2 slides)



Introduction: Dependent Student's Parent Demographics

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Parent Demographics

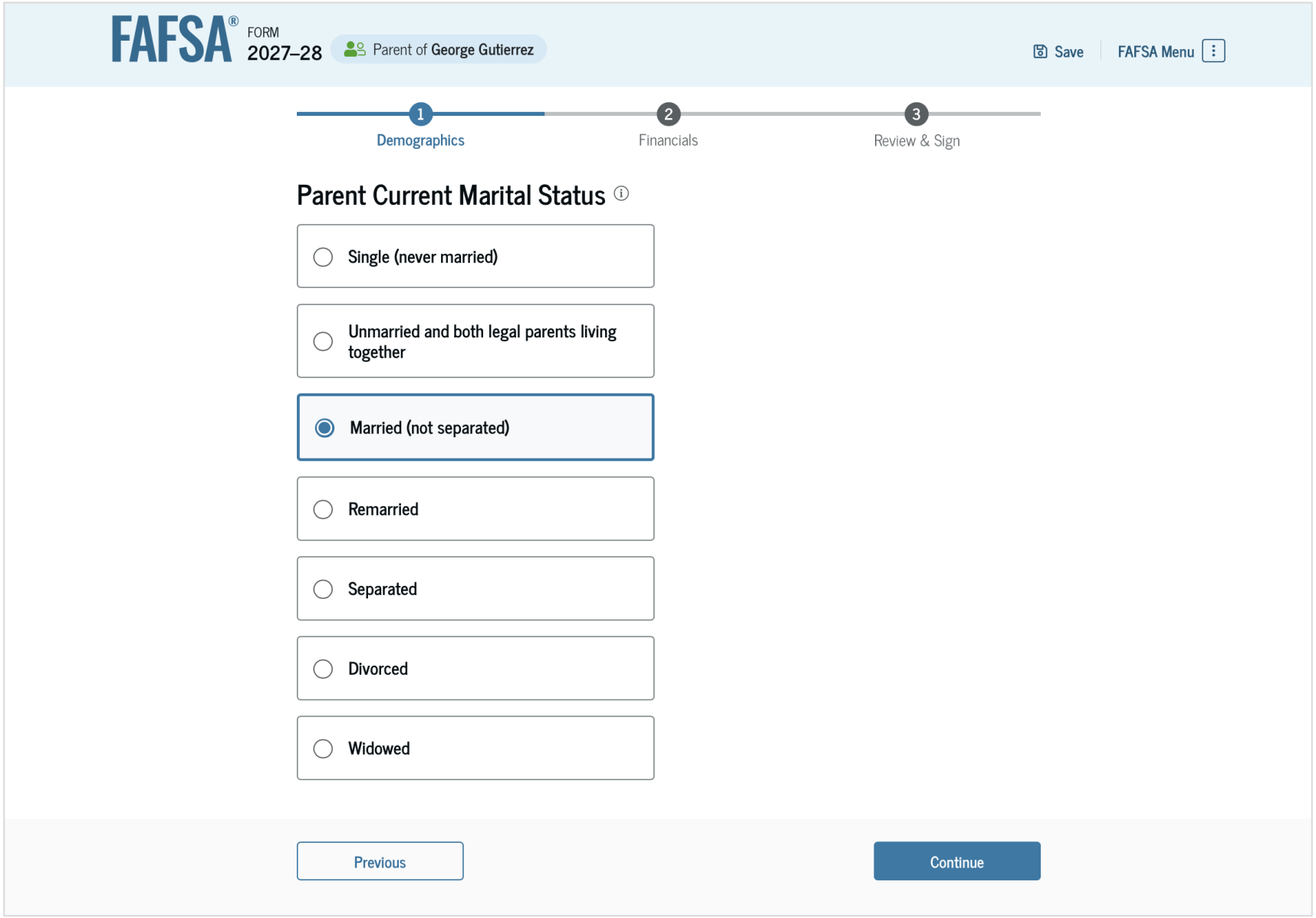
We'll ask questions about you and your family. These questions will help determine how much federal student aid the student is eligible to receive for school.



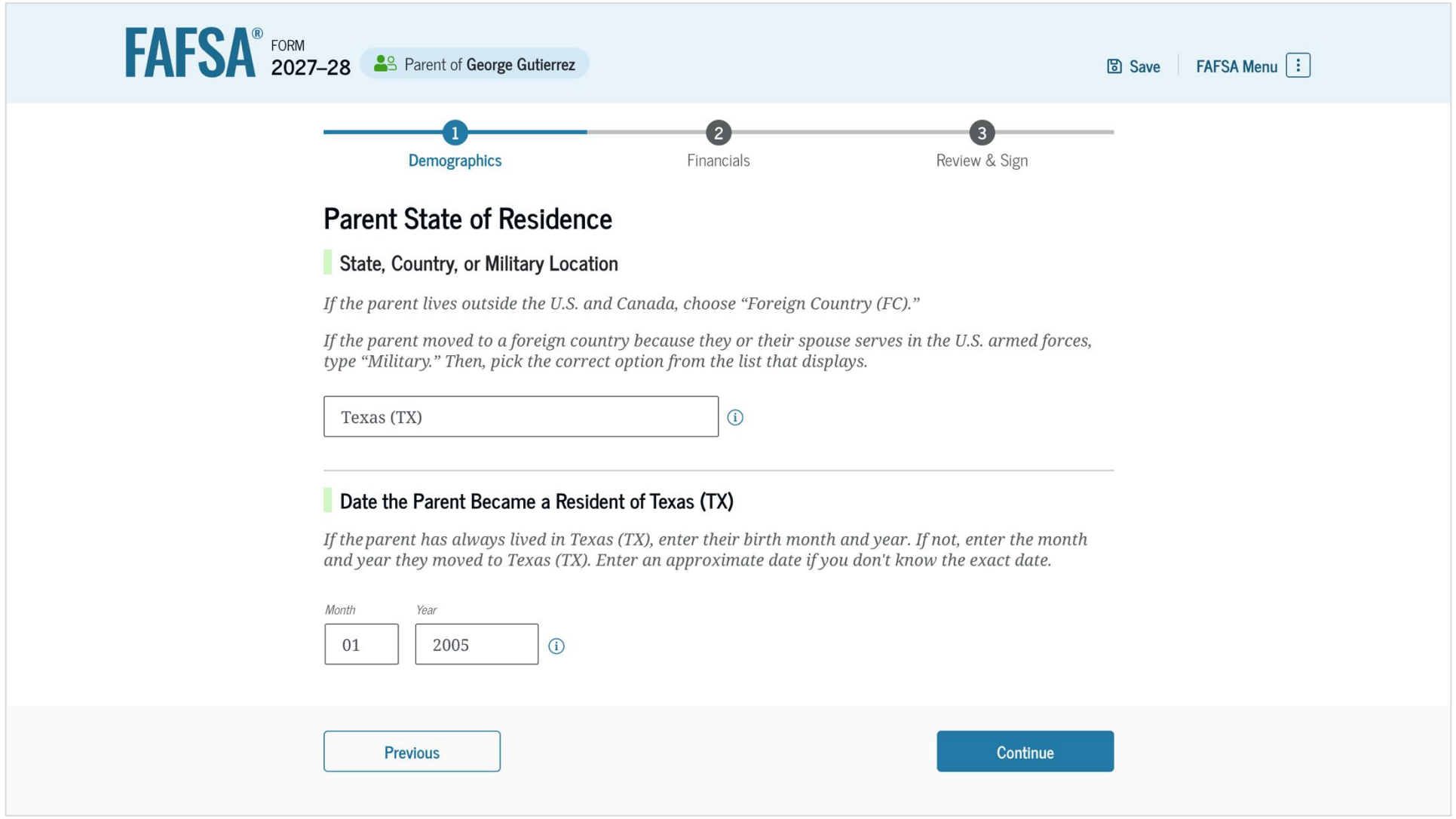
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Dependent Student: Parent Current Marital Status



Dependent Student: Parent State of Residence



Introduction: Dependent Student's Parent Finances

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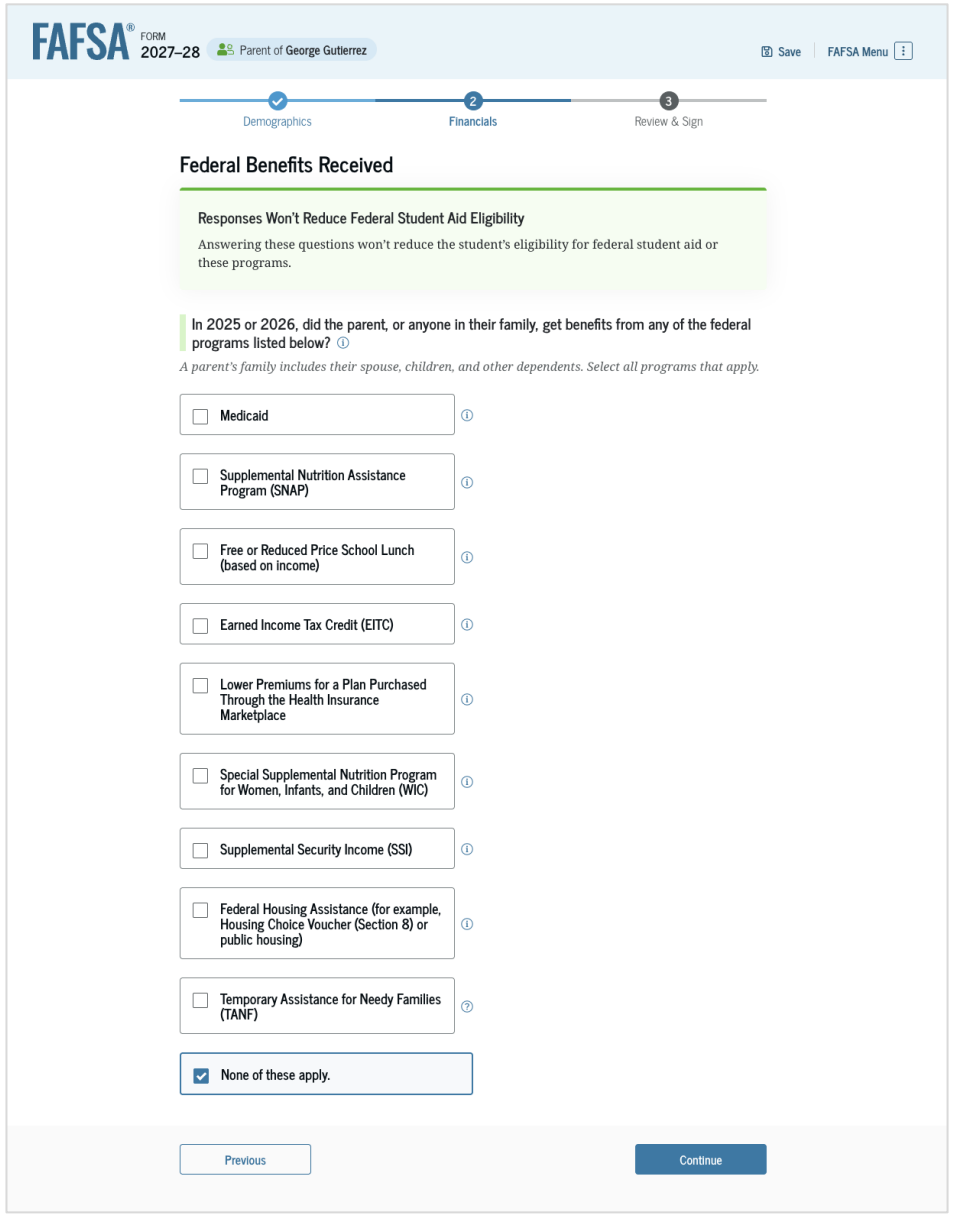
Parent Finances

The FAFSA® form helps determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. We ask about your financial information in this section.

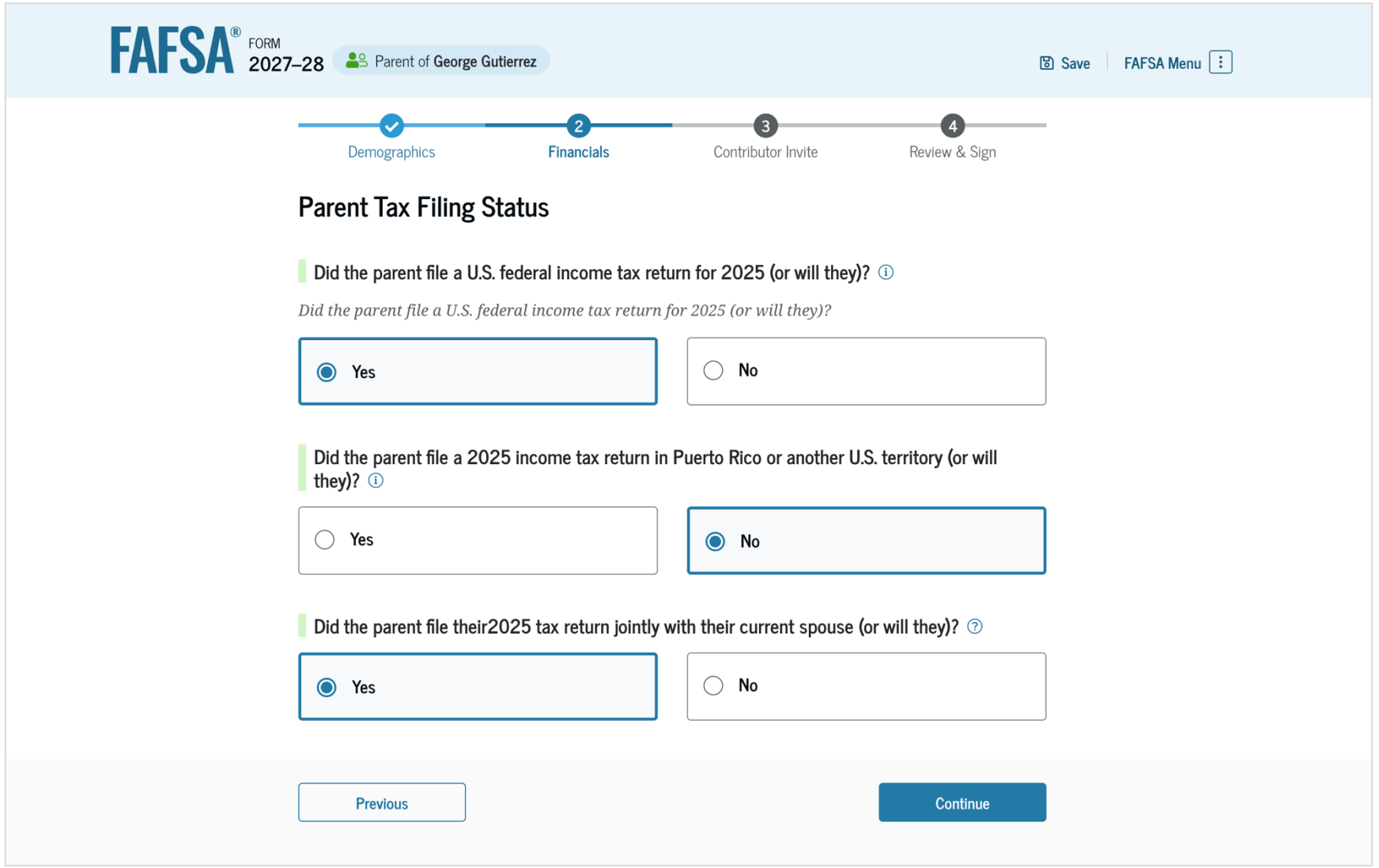


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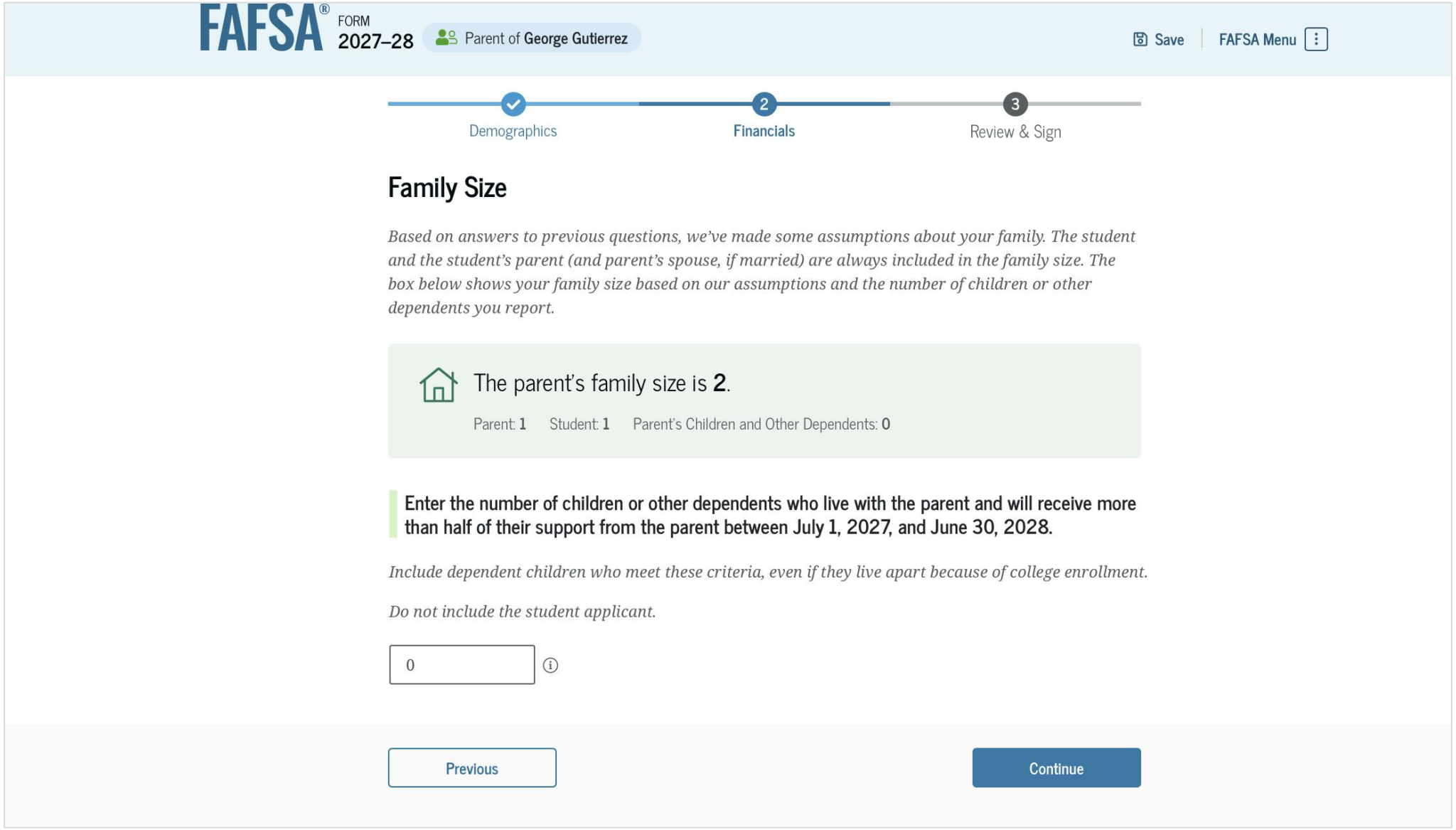
Dependent Student: Parent Federal Benefits Received



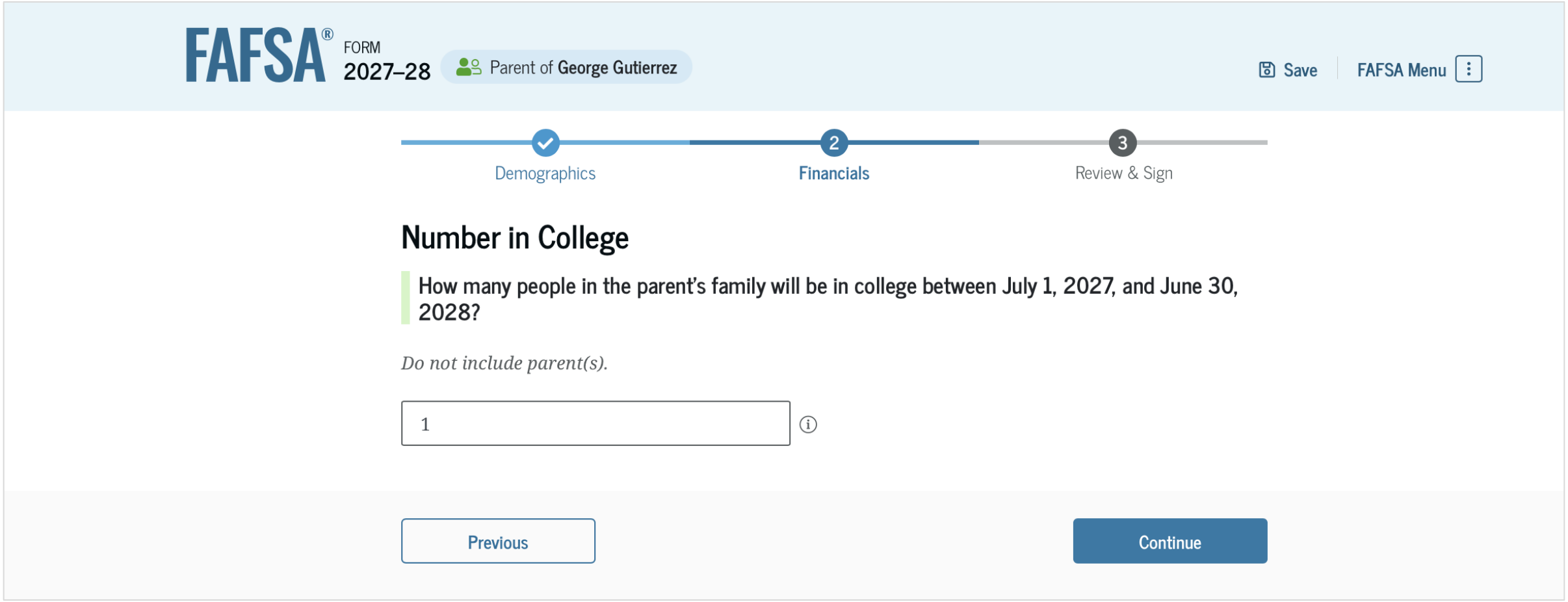
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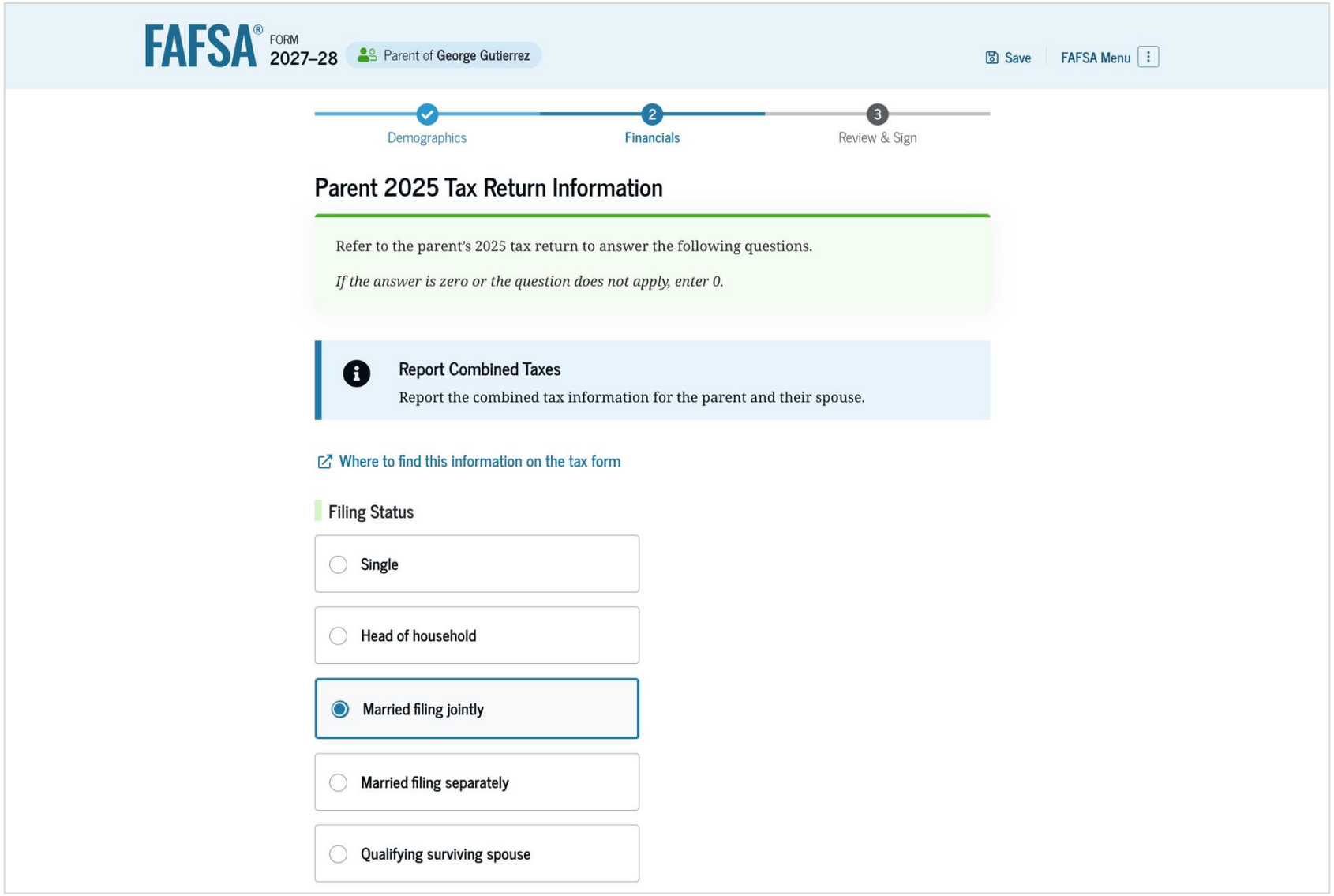
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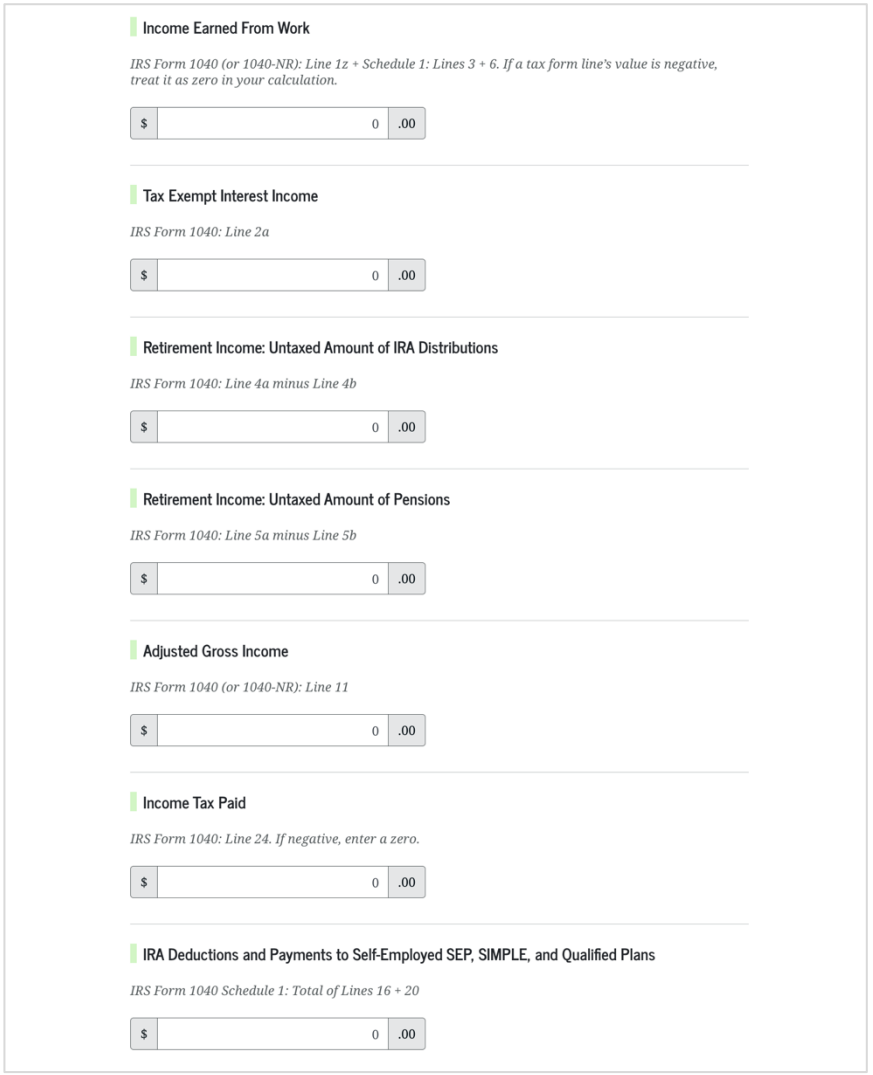
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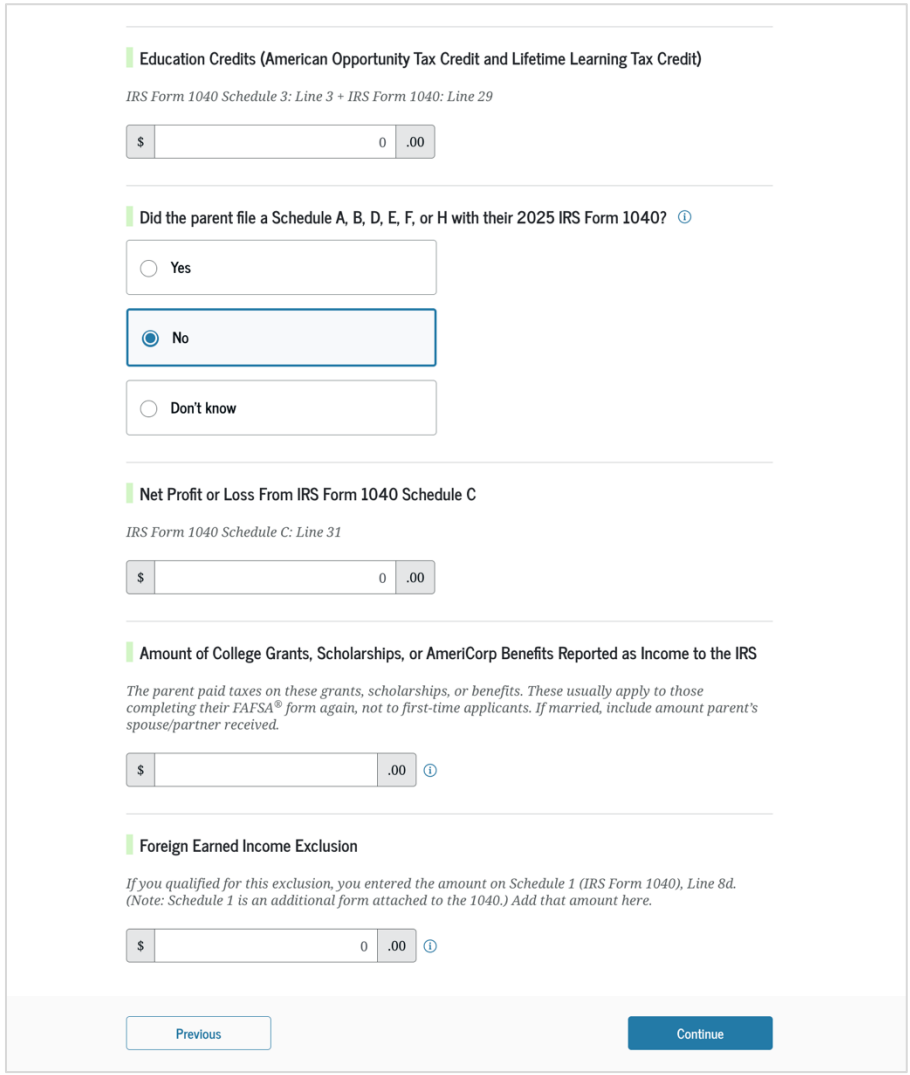


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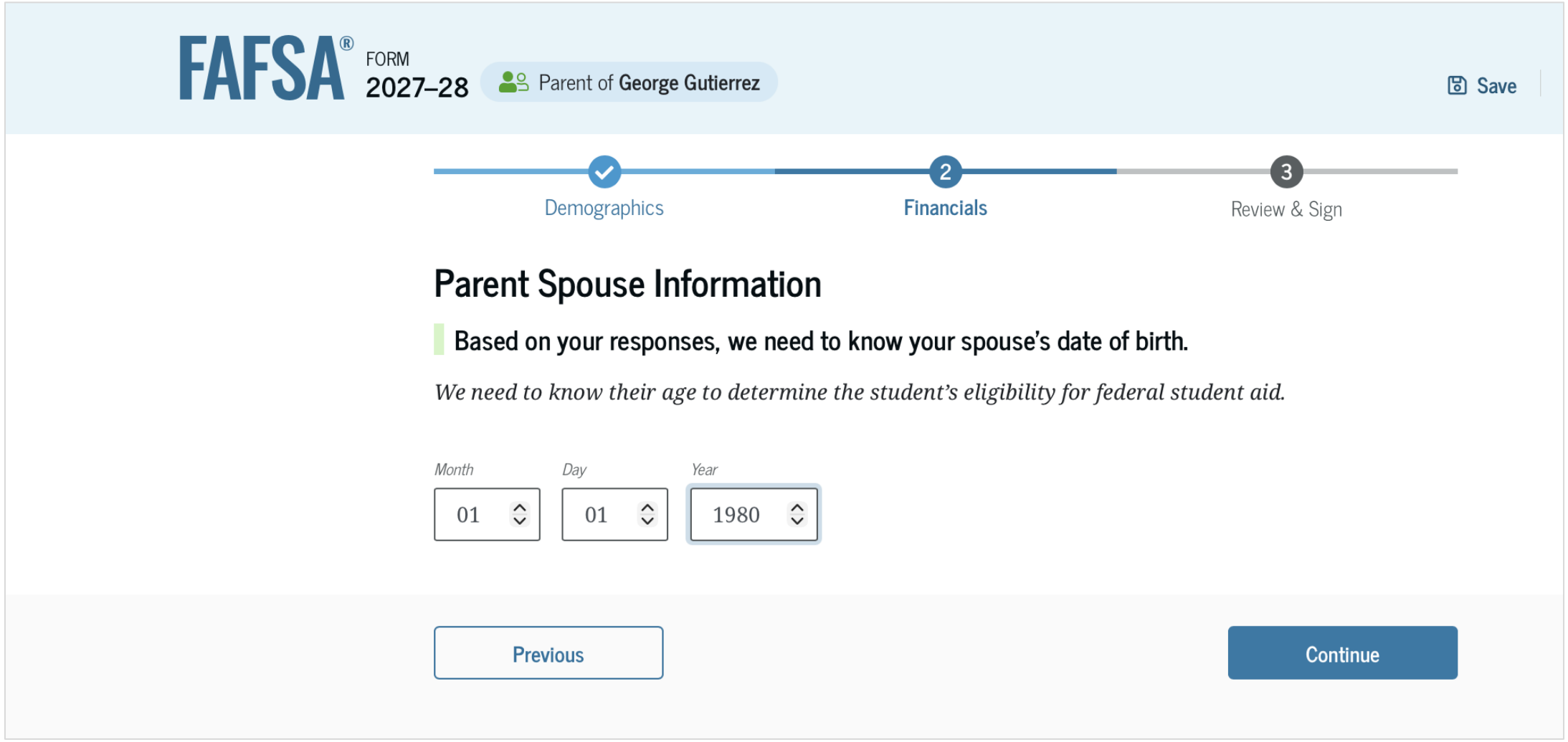


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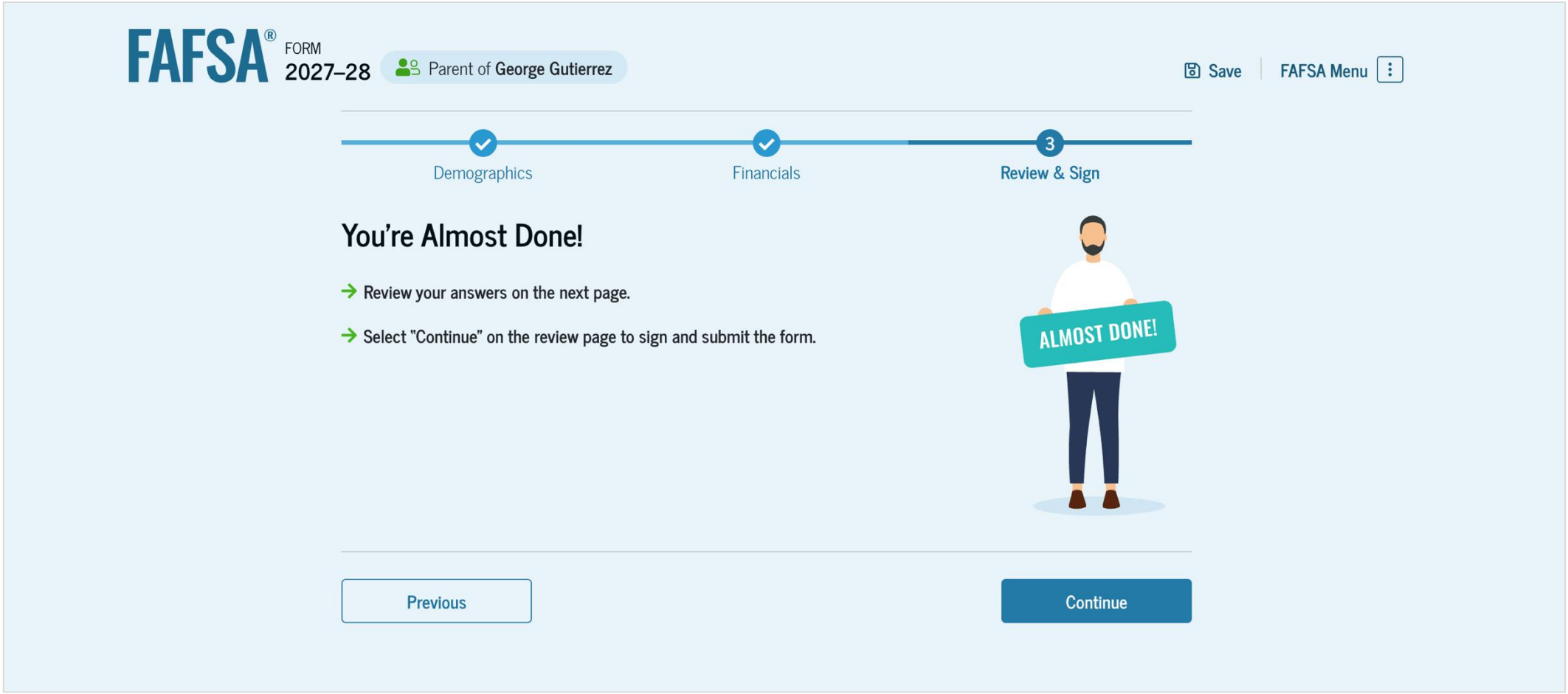




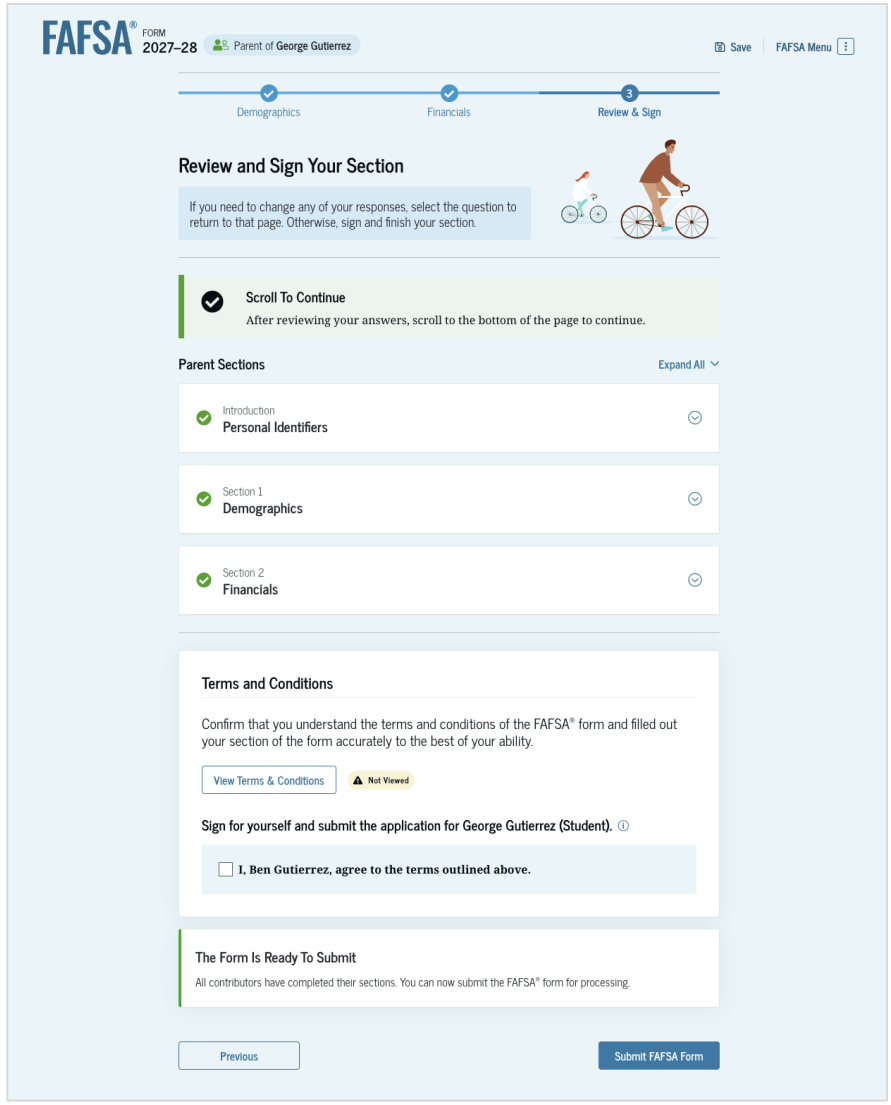
Dependent Student: Other Parent Information

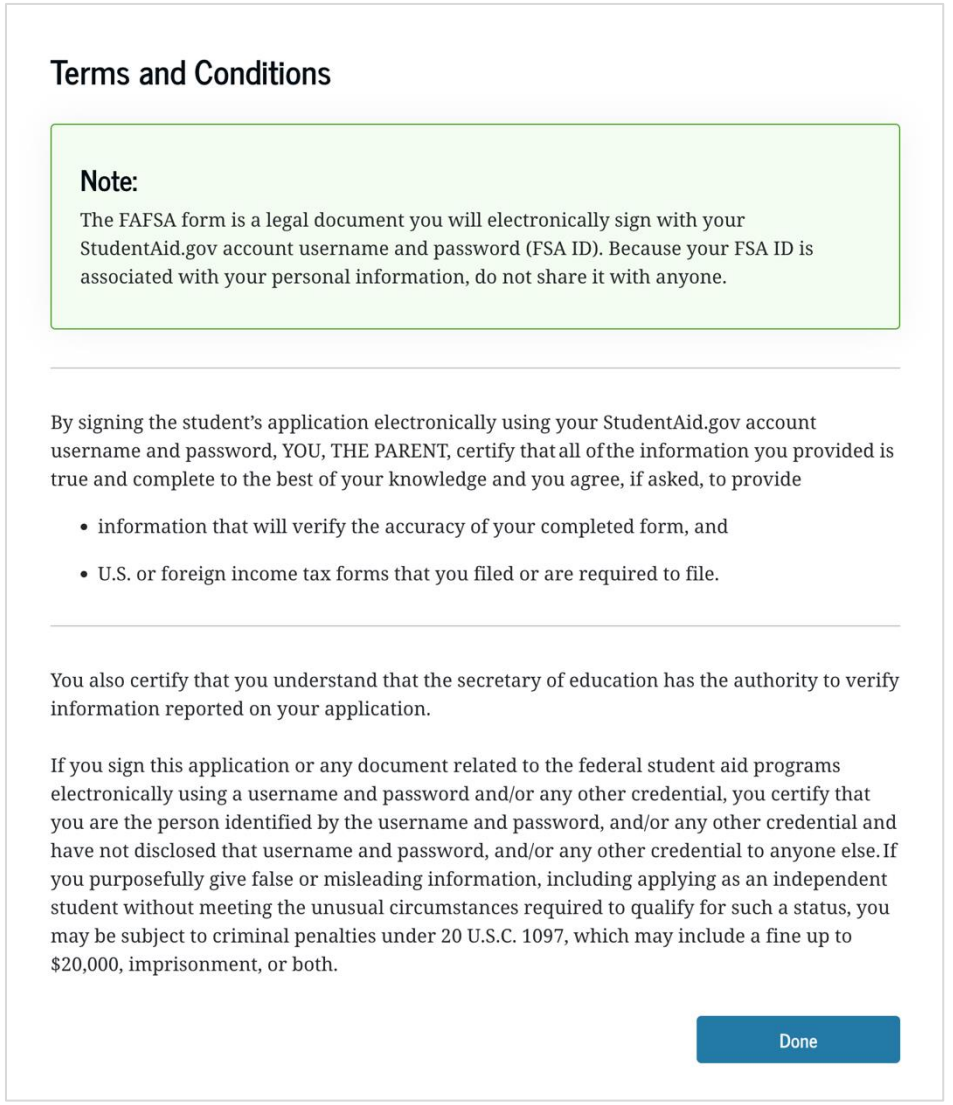


Introduction: Dependent Student's Parent Reviews and Signs Their Form

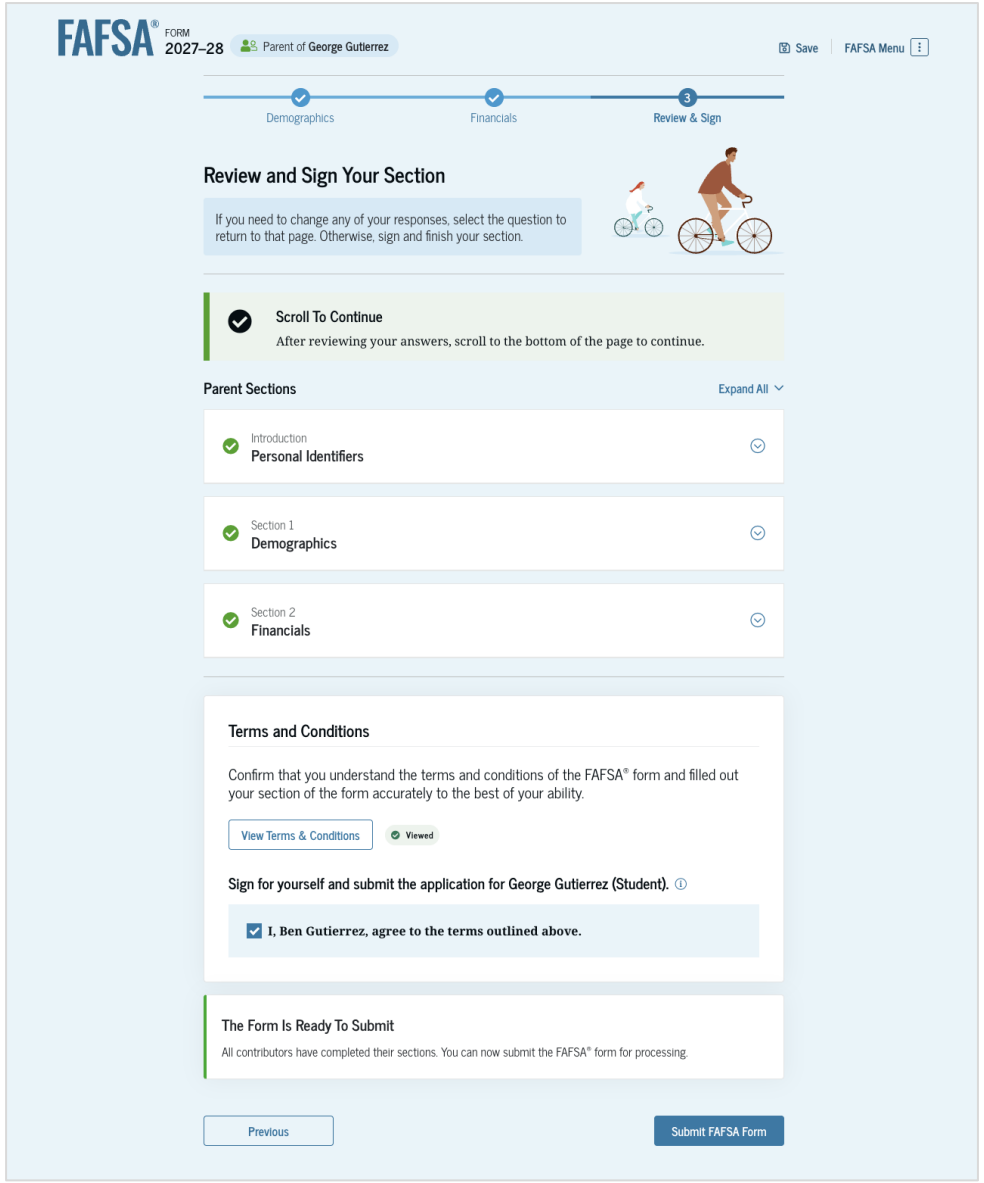


Dependent Student: Parent Review Page (1 of 2 slides)





Dependent Student: Parent Review Page (2 of 2 slides)



Dependent Student: Parent Confirmation (1 of 2 slides)

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Hold tight—we're processing your FAFSA® form.

Stay on this page to see your next steps.

Sending for Processing

Dependent Student: Parent Confirmation (2 of 2 slides)

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Congratulations!

The student's FAFSA® form has been processed!

What to Know Now

1. The student's FAFSA Submission Summary has estimates of their eligibility for federal student aid.
2. The student should review the "Next Steps" section of their FAFSA Submission Summary to make sure there are no issues with their form. They'll also get an email.
3. Schools will contact the student. If a school needs more information to determine how much aid the student is eligible for, they'll reach out. Schools will also send financial aid offers. If the student has a question about a school's student aid package, they should contact the school's financial aid office directly.

Return to My Dashboard

Scenario 5: Student Completes Identity Verification

Overview

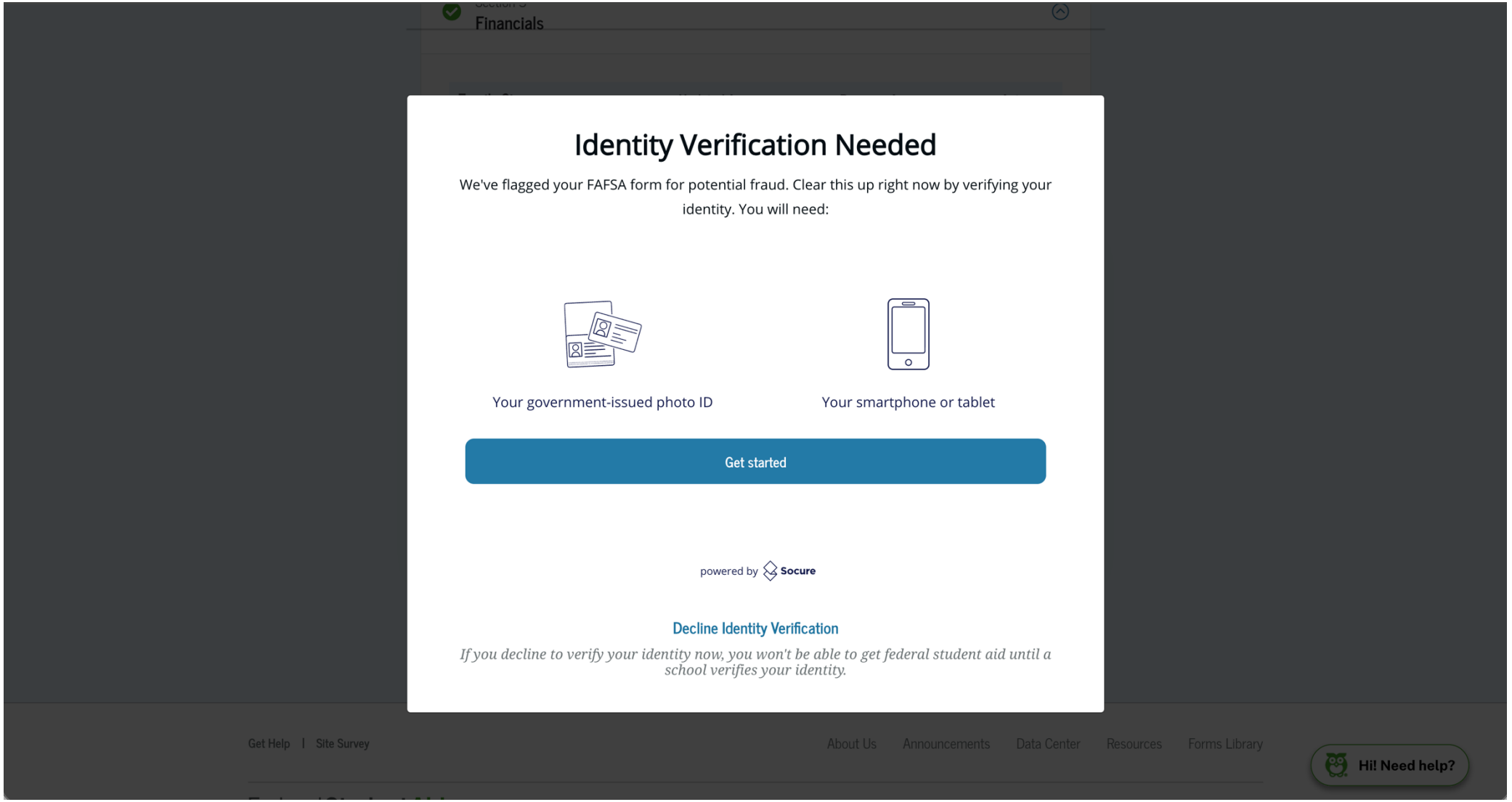
This is a partial user scenario.* It involves a student user who has completed their FAFSA® form up to the Review and Sign page and is asked to complete the automated identity verification process.

It shows the following actions:

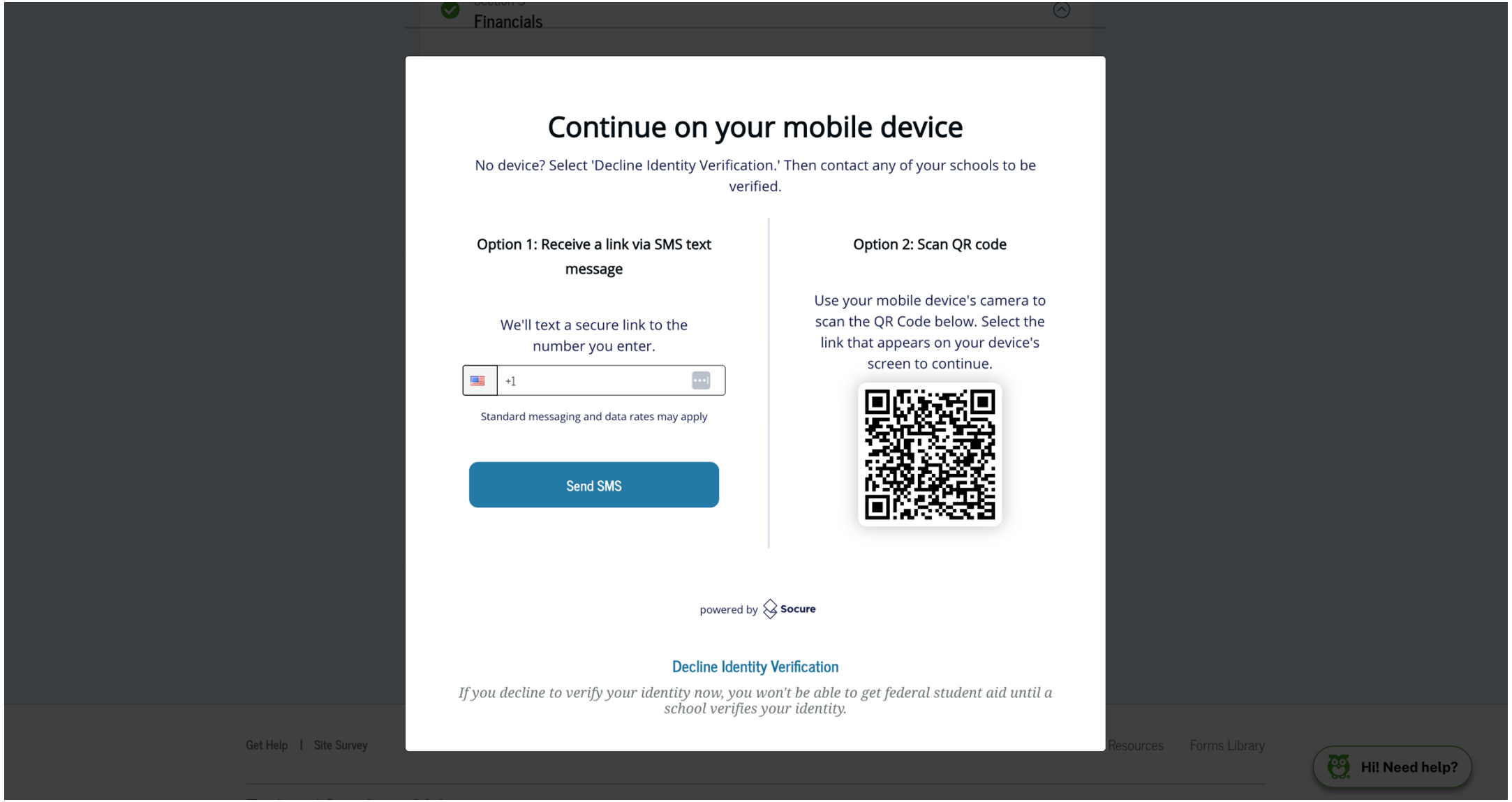
- The student sees a pop-up window that asks them to complete identity verification.
- The student chooses to complete identity verification using a mobile device.
- The student scans the QR code to begin the process.
- The student uses a mobile device to complete identity verification.
- The student successfully completes identity verification and returns to their FAFSA form.

*Very few students will be asked to complete identity verification. We've included this scenario for awareness since it's new to the form experience.

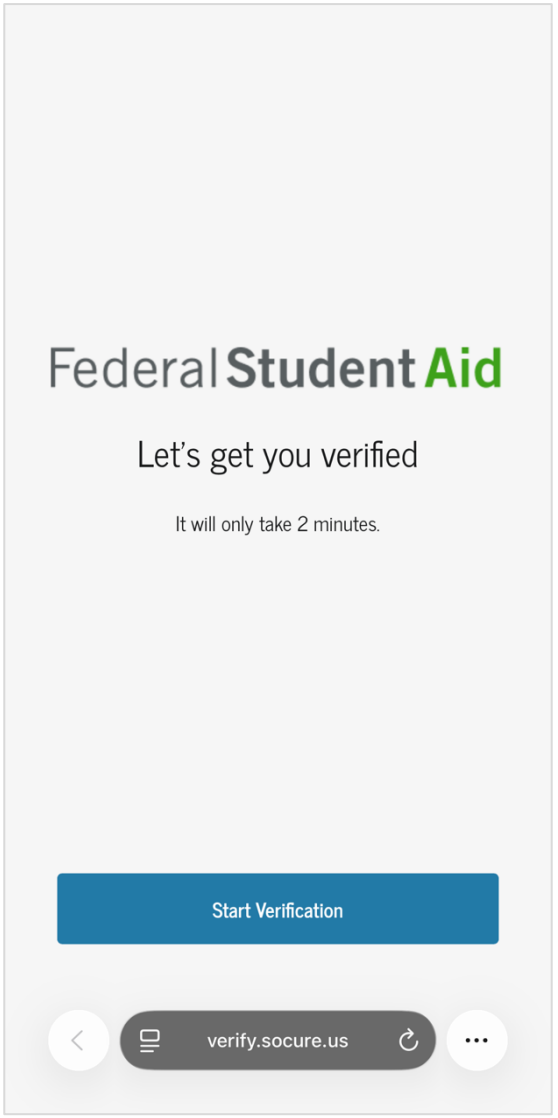
Student: Identity Verification Needed

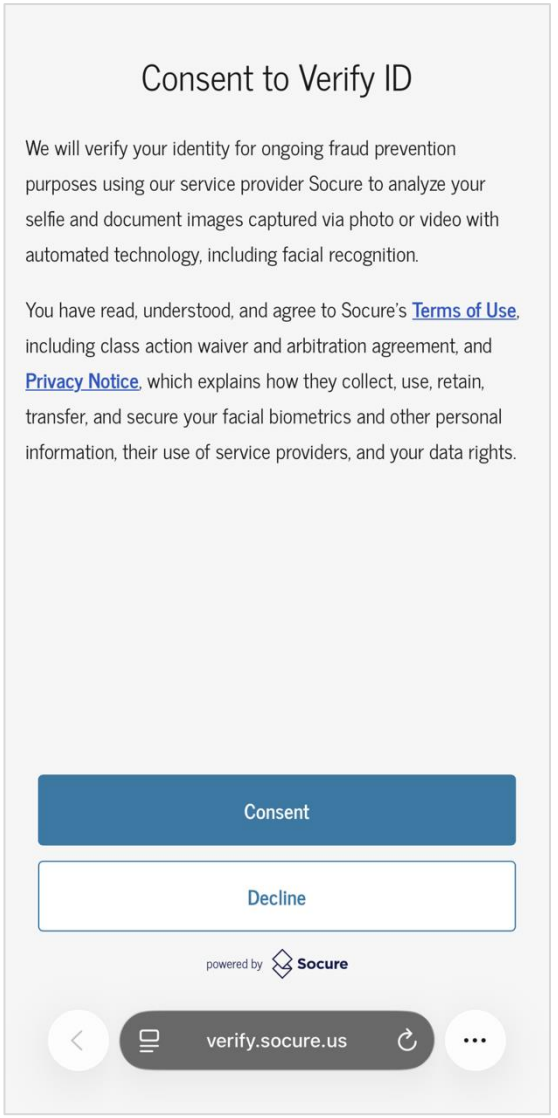


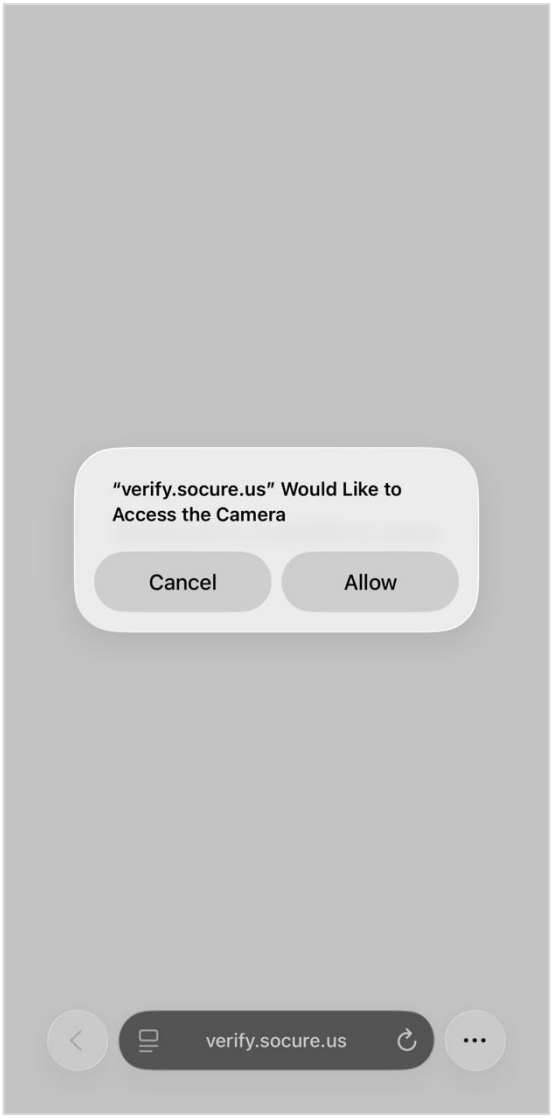
Student: Identity Verification Hand-off to Mobile Device



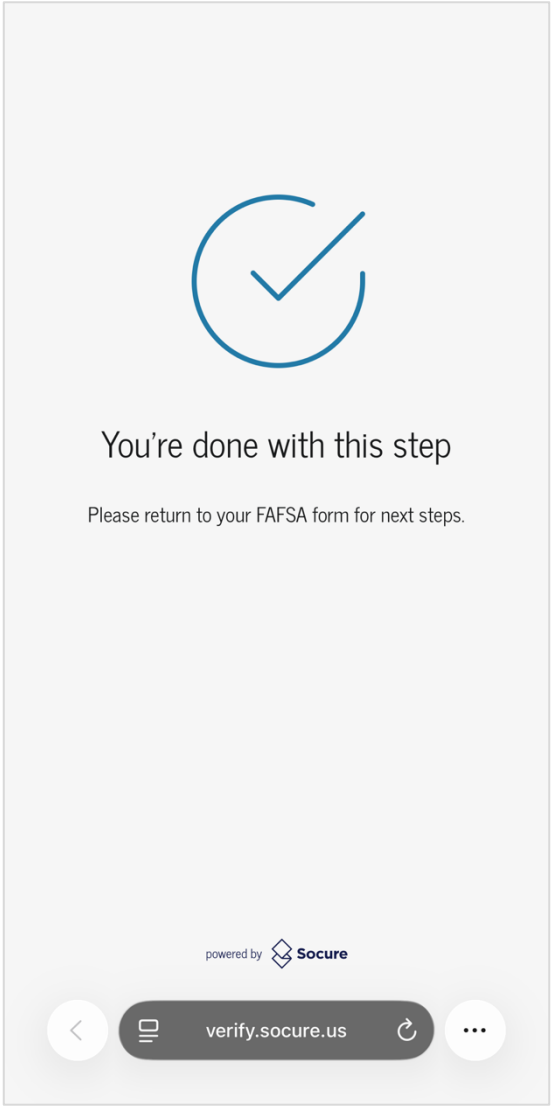
Student: Identity Verification Mobile Screenshots



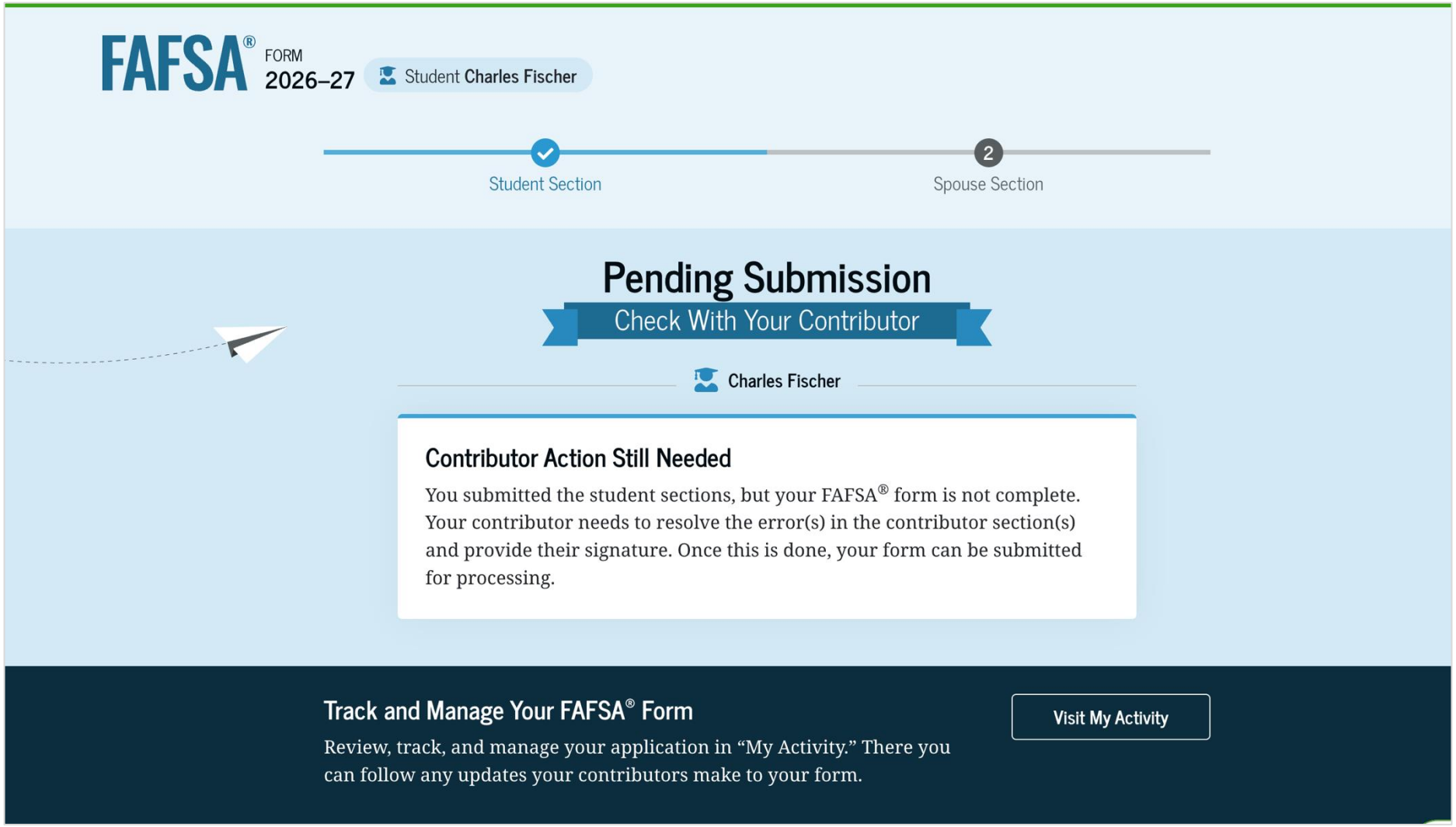




Student: Identity Verification Success



Student: Identity Verification FAFSA® Form Complete



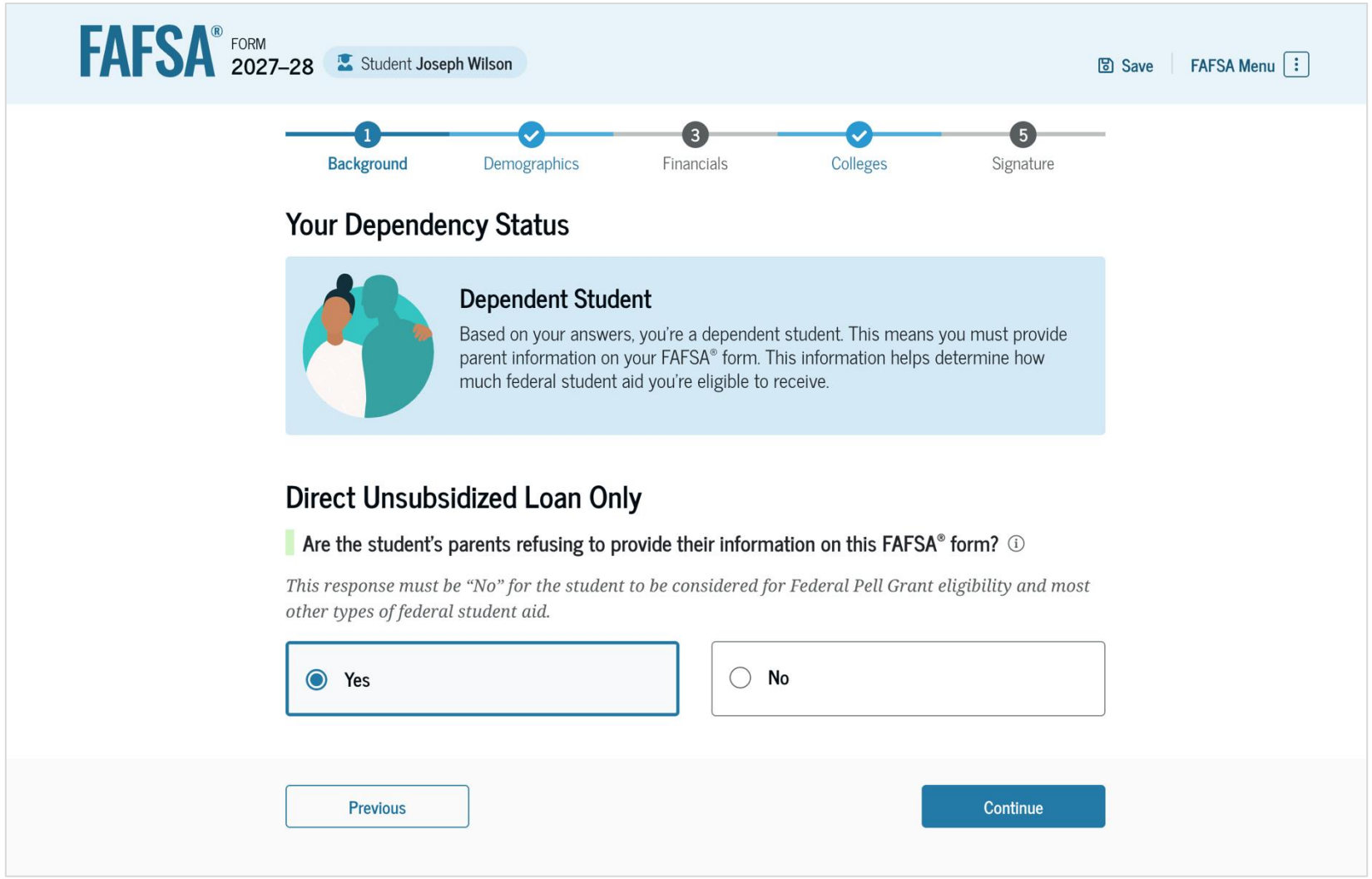
Scenario 6: Dependent Student and Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Overview

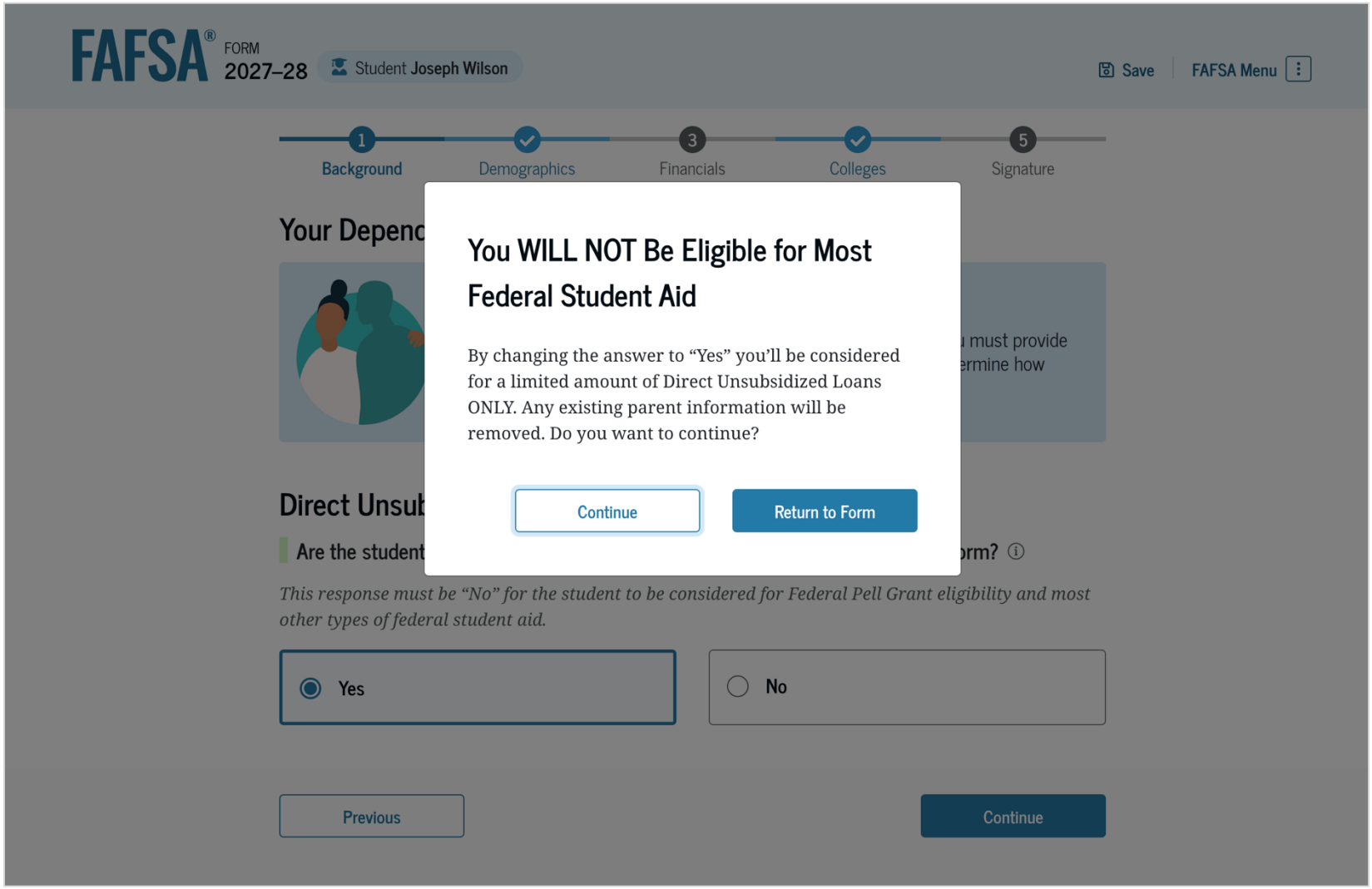
This is a partial user scenario. It involves a student user who is a dependent student with a parent who refuses to add their information to the FAFSA® form.

- The student has already filled out the "Background" section of the 2027–28 FAFSA form. Based on the student's answers, they are determined to be a dependent student. Because the student is dependent, they must invite a parent contributor to their form.
- The student acknowledges that their parent is refusing to add their information to their form.
- The student is informed that:
  - Schools will determine their eligibility for only Direct Unsubsidized Loans.
  - A dependent student can't qualify for other types of federal student aid without their parent's information in their form.
- The student acknowledges that they understand the consequences of not having their parent's information in their form.

Dependency Status: Dependent Student and Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only (1 of 2 slides)



Dependency Status: Dependent Student and Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only (2 of 2 slides)



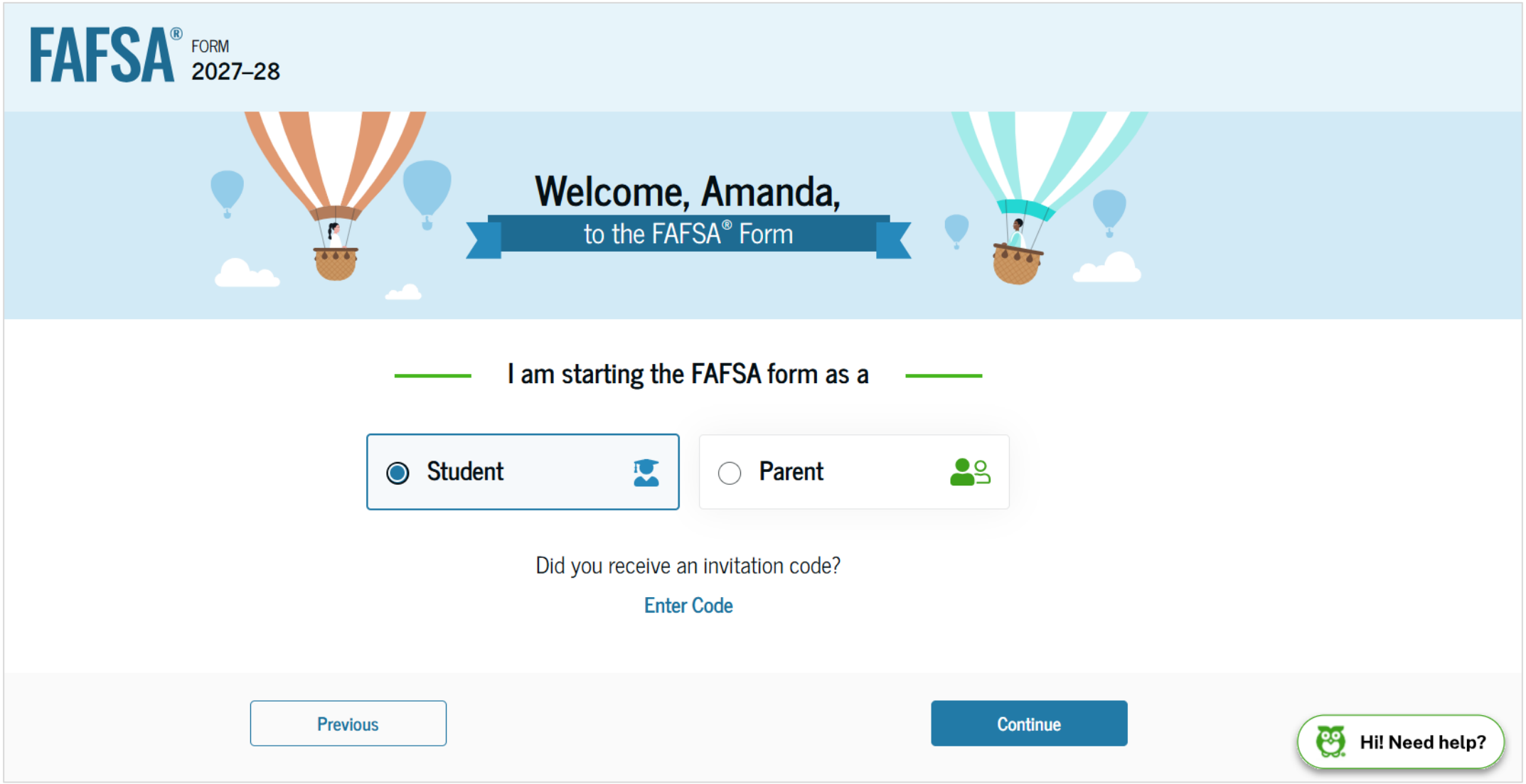
Scenario 7: Independent Student Invites Their Spouse

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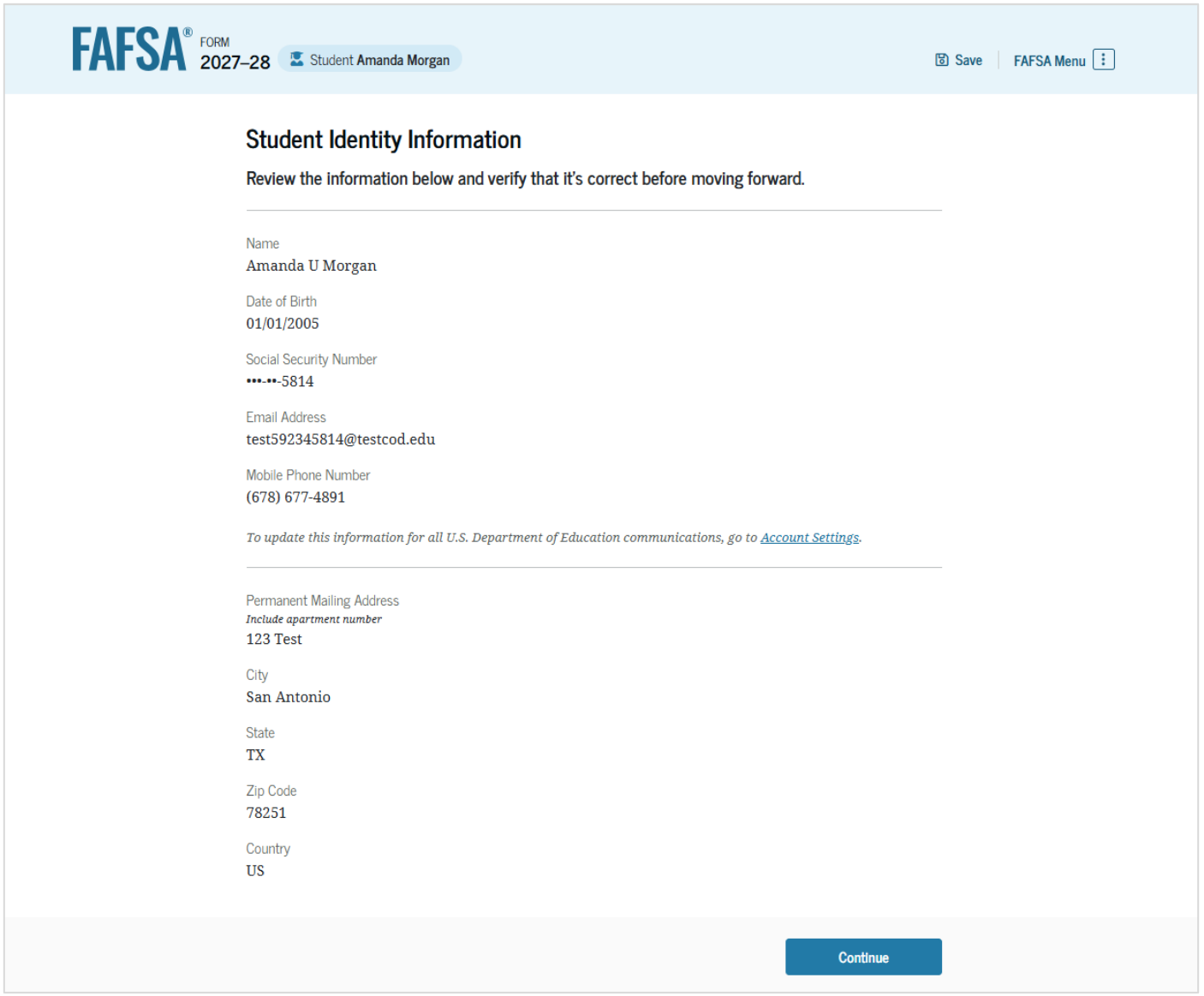
This user scenario involves the following user roles and actions:

- A user fills out a 2027–28 FAFSA® form in the student user role.
- Based on the student's answers, they are determined to be an independent student.
- Because the student is married and didn't file taxes jointly with their spouse, they must invite their spouse as a contributor to their form to add their information.
- The student signs the form.
- The student's spouse receives an email inviting them to the student's form.
- As a contributor, the student's spouse fills out their section of the student's form.
- The student's spouse signs the form. Because both the student's and contributor's sections of the form are now complete, the form is submitted for processing.

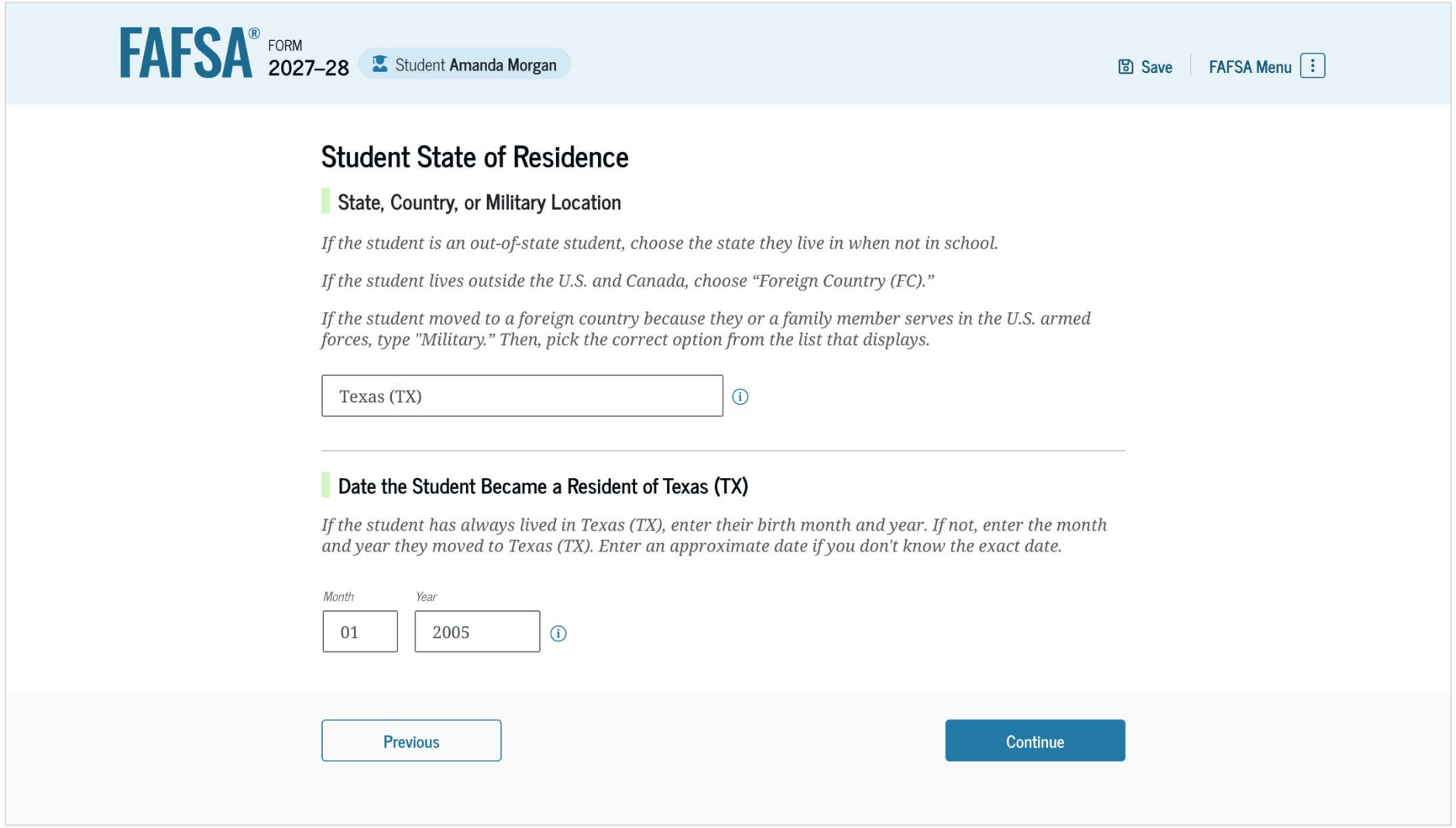
Married Student: Role



Married Student: Student Identity Information



Married Student: State of Residence



Married Student: Provide Consent and Approval (1 of 2 slides)



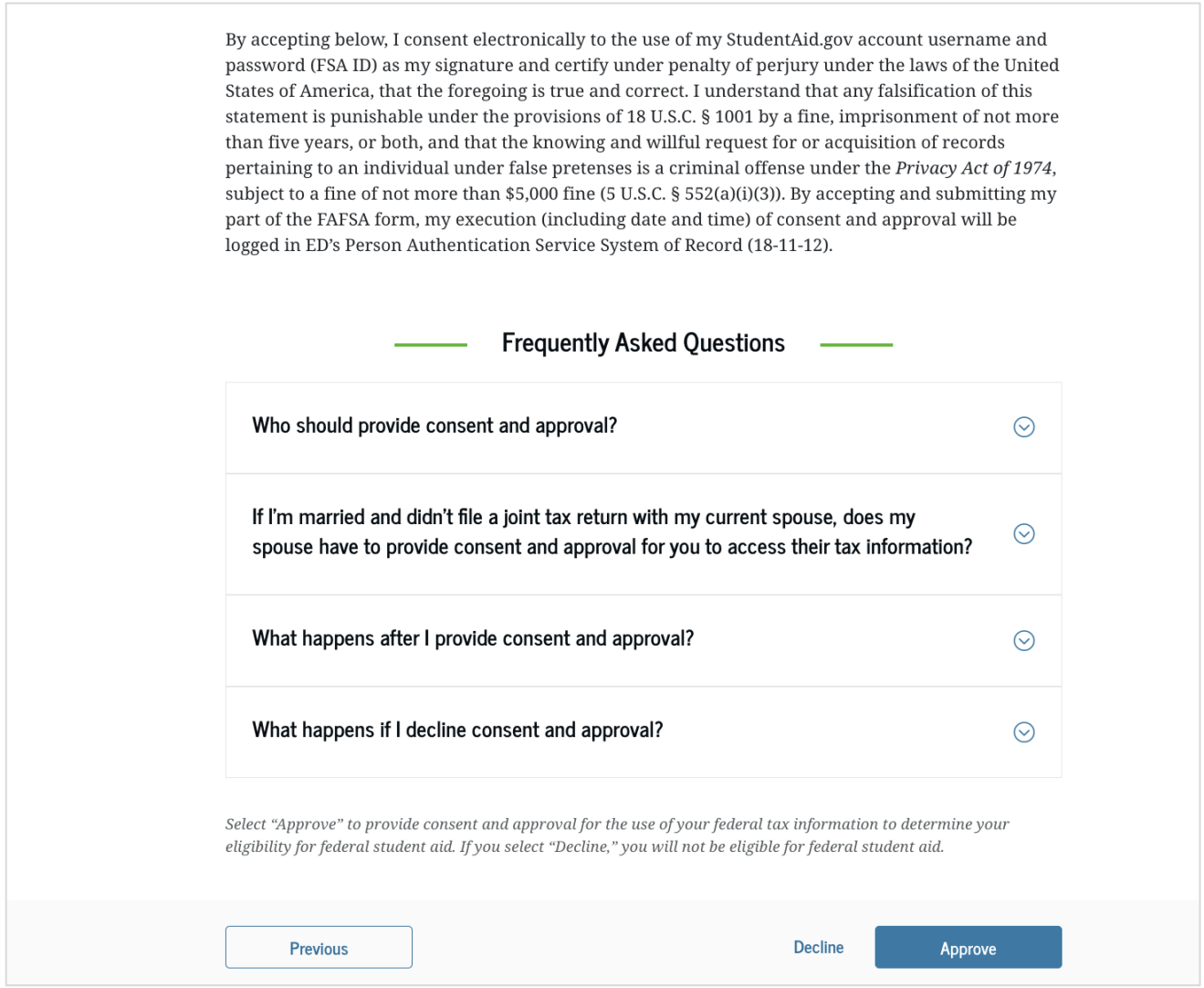
Married Student: Provide Consent and Approval (2 of 2 slides)

3. ED may redisclose my federal tax information received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
   - Institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended
   - State higher education agencies
   - Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education
   - Contractors of institutions of higher education and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or state agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid
4. ED may redisclose my federal tax information to another FAFSA applicant's FAFSA form(s) for which I elect to participate. By accepting an invitation and affirmation to participate in another individual's FAFSA form, my federal tax information will be redisclosed to the additional application. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my federal tax information to that FAFSA form.

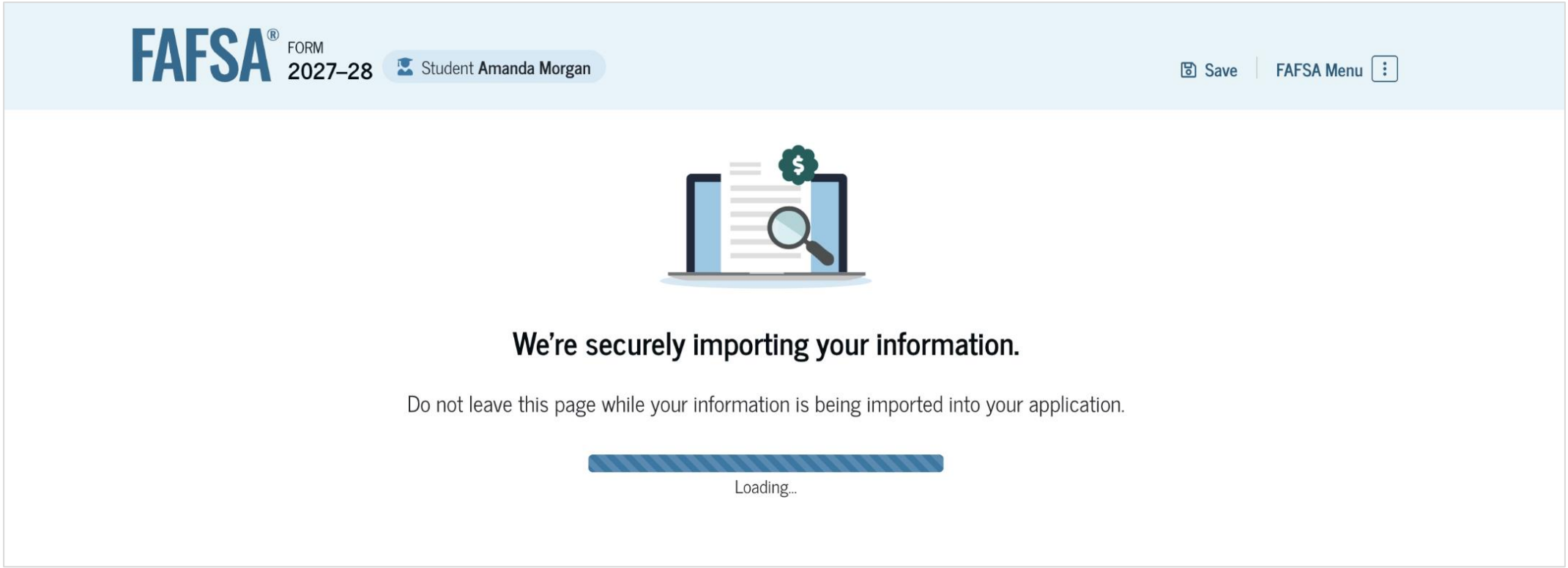
By consenting and providing my affirmative approval, I further understand the following:

1. My consent and affirmative approval are required, as a condition of my eligibility or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form, for federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
2. I am providing my written consent for the redisclosure of my federal tax information by ED to include, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors and auditors, other family members participating in the FAFSA form, Office of Inspector General, under 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D), and with my further express written consent obtained by an institution of higher education, the redisclosure of FAFSA information pursuant to the terms and conditions of 20 U.S.C. § 1098h(c).
3. Any federal tax information received from the IRS at a later date shall supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
4. ED may request updated federal tax information from the IRS once my consent and approval are provided. If federal tax information has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised information), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.
5. If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information to institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, and their respective contractors, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form.

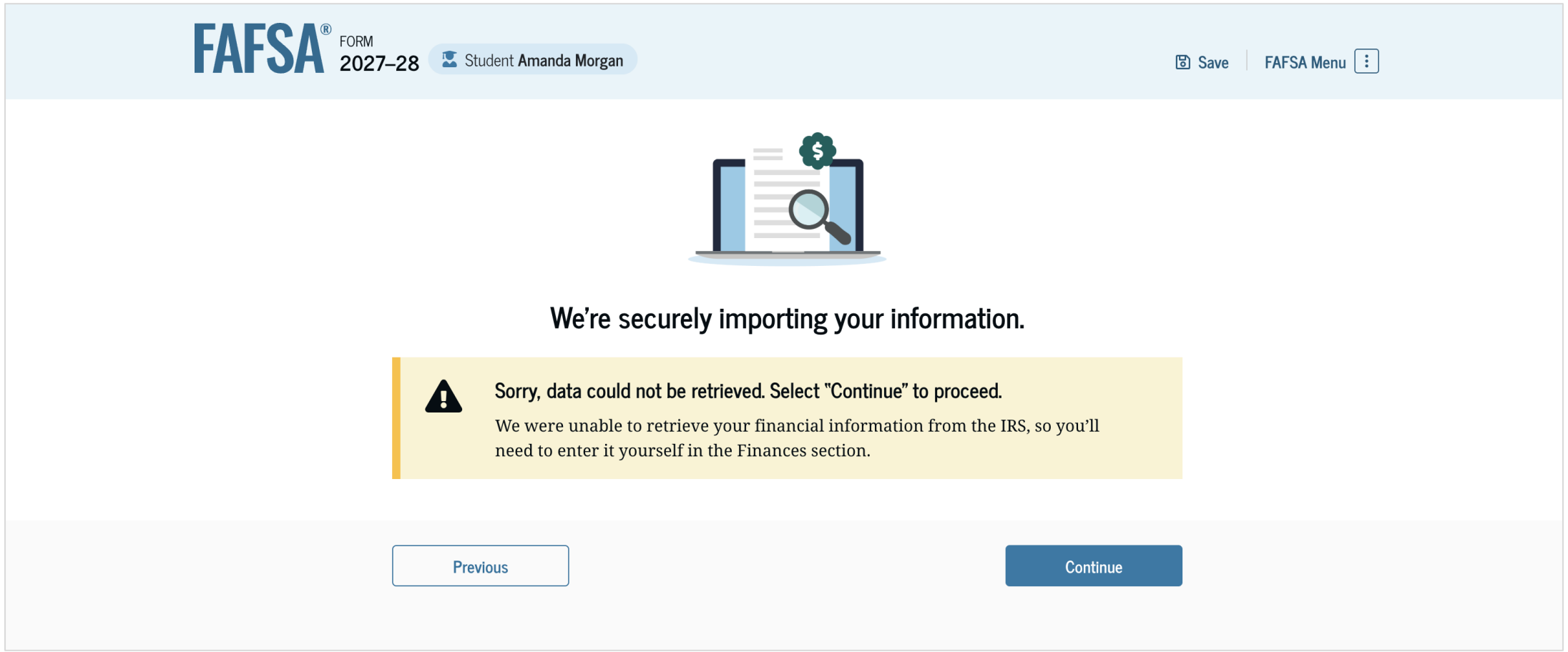
By accepting below, I consent electronically to the use of my StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID) as my signature and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the *Privacy Act of 1974*, subject to a fine of not more than $5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(i)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA form, my execution (including date and time) of consent and approval will be logged in ED's Person Authentication Service System of Record (18-11-12).



Married Student: Imports IRS Information (1 of 2 slides)



Married Student: Imports IRS Information (2 of 2 slides)



Introduction: Married Student Background

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Student **Amanda Morgan**

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Background

We'll ask you questions that help us determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This information can affect the types of federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

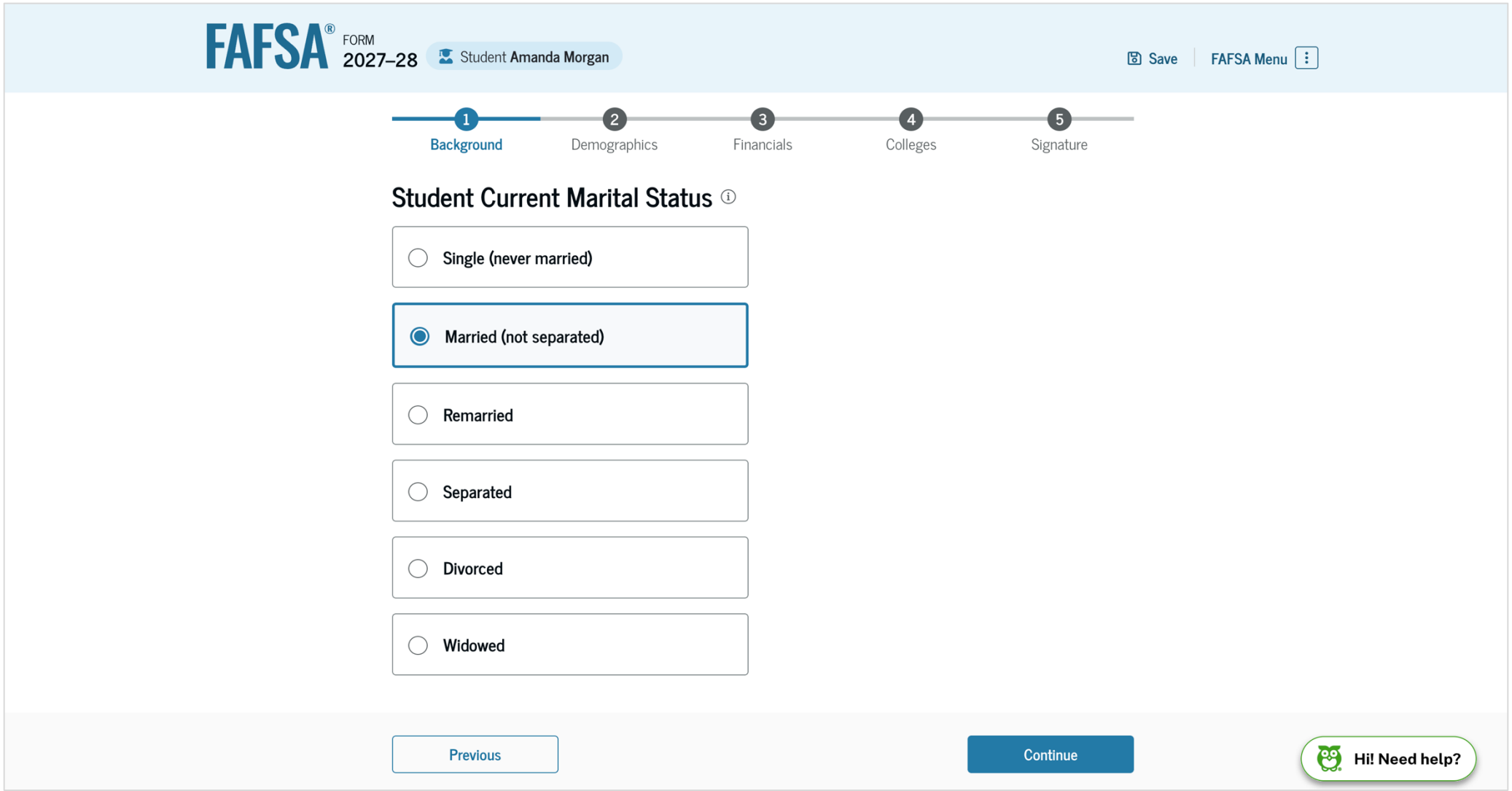


→ **Sometimes we need to collect information from other people depending on answers in this section. We'll let you know if this is the case.**

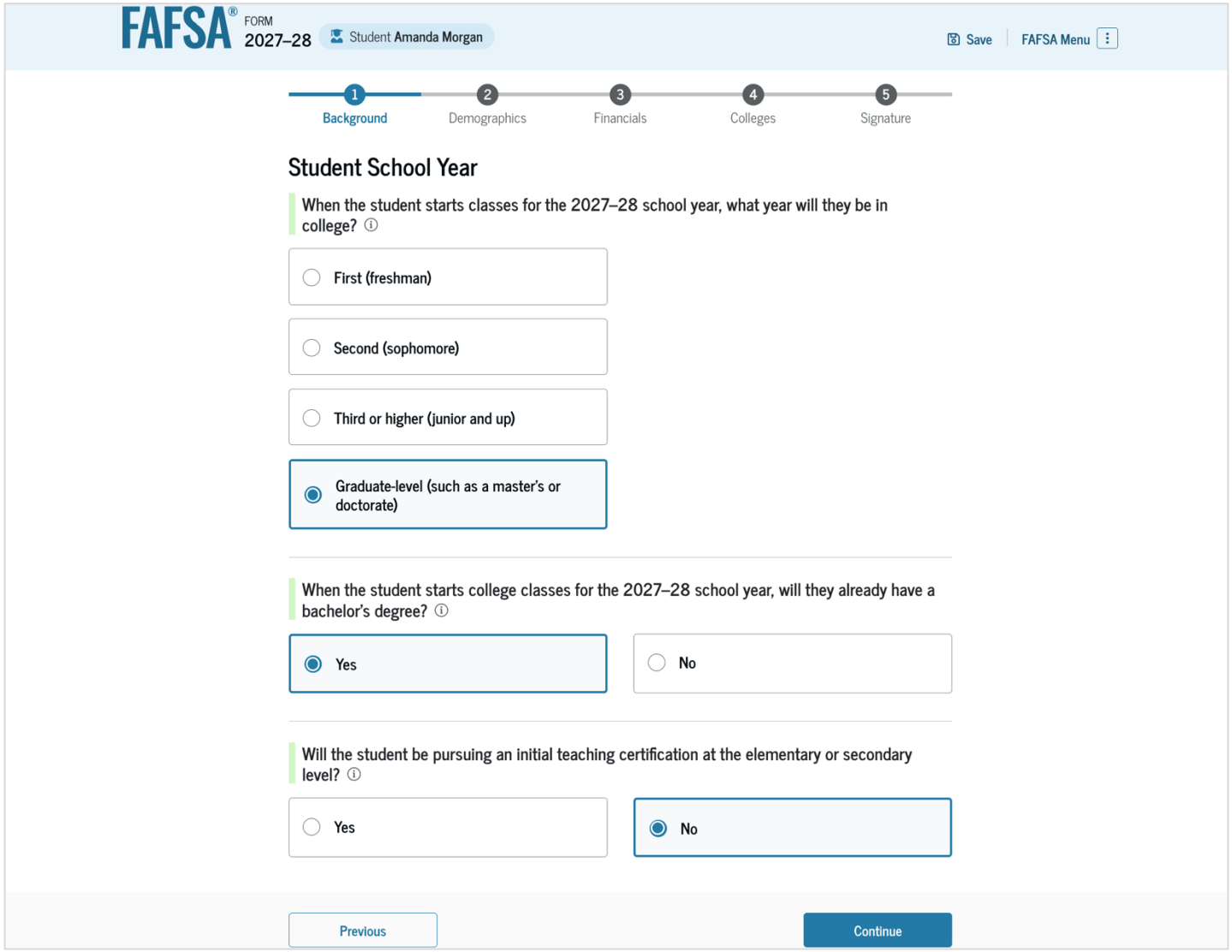
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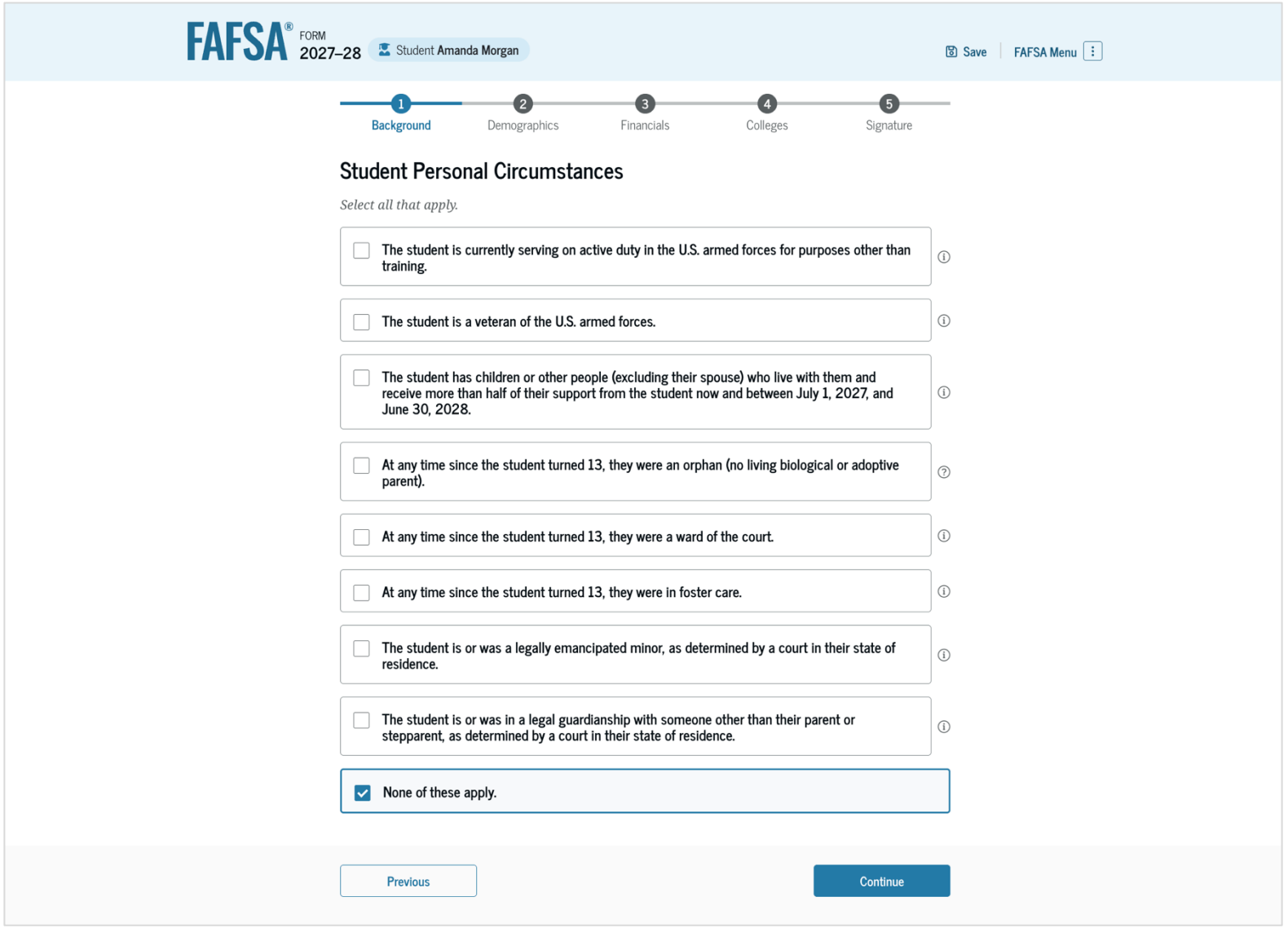
Married Student: Marital Status



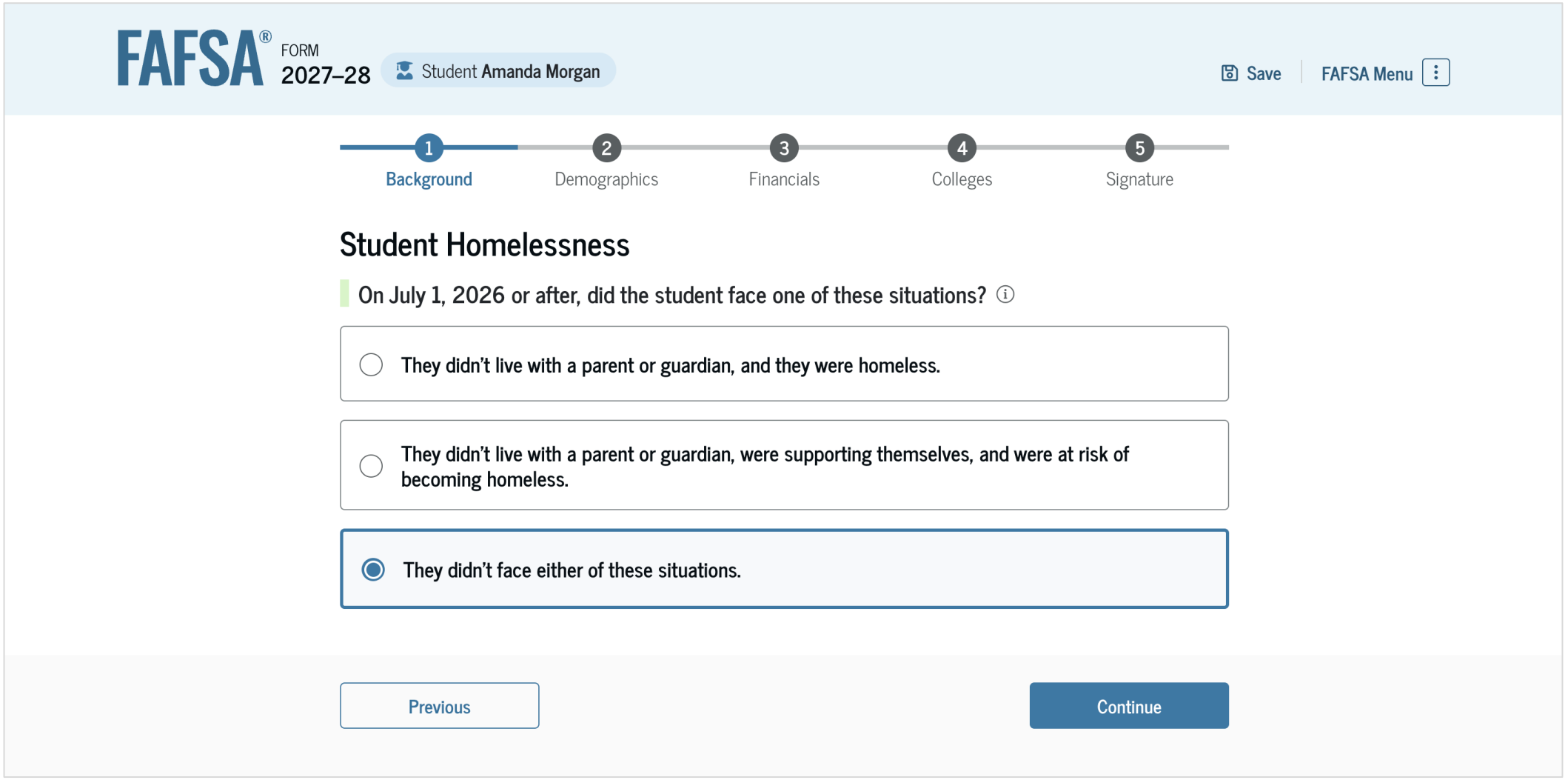
Married Student: College or Career School Plans



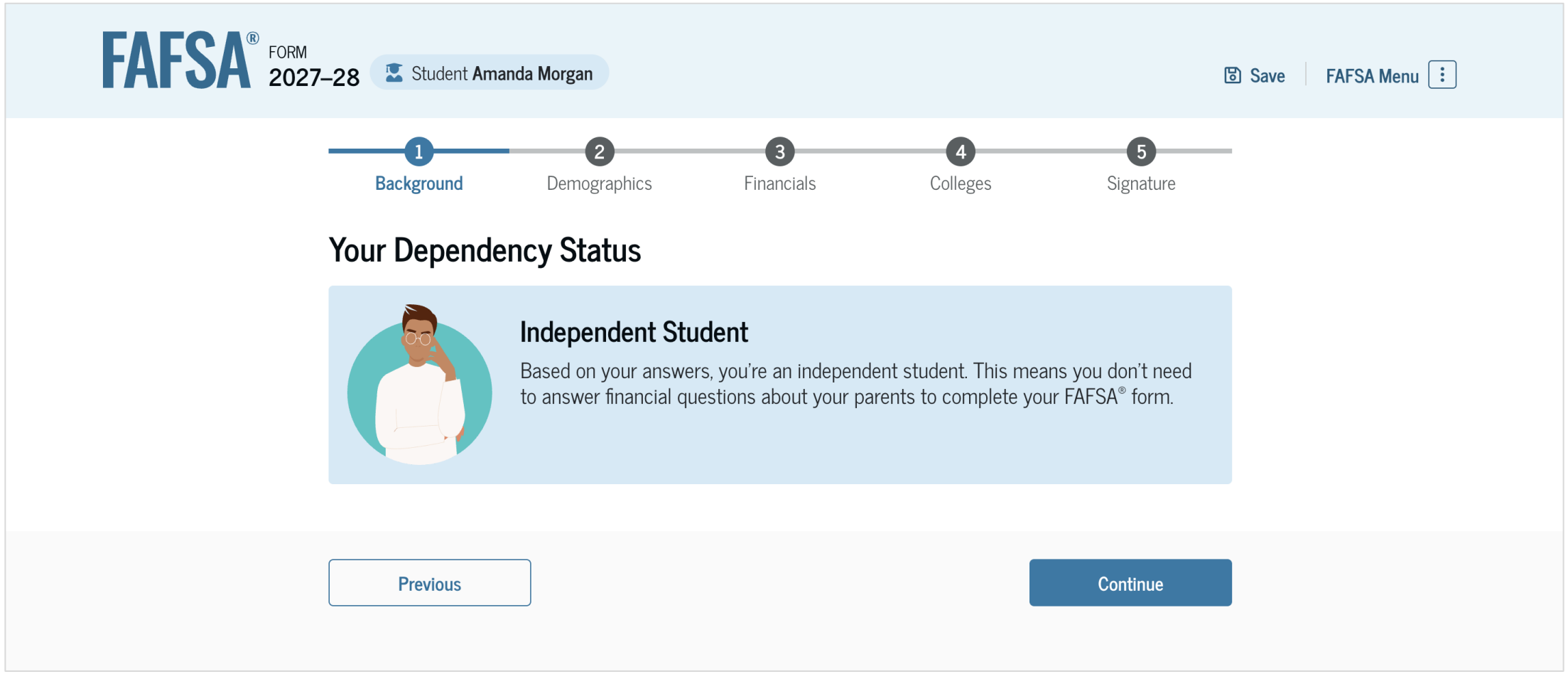
Married Student: Personal Circumstances



Married Student: Homelessness Status



Married Student Dependency Status: Independent Student



Introduction: Married Student Demographics

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Student Demographics

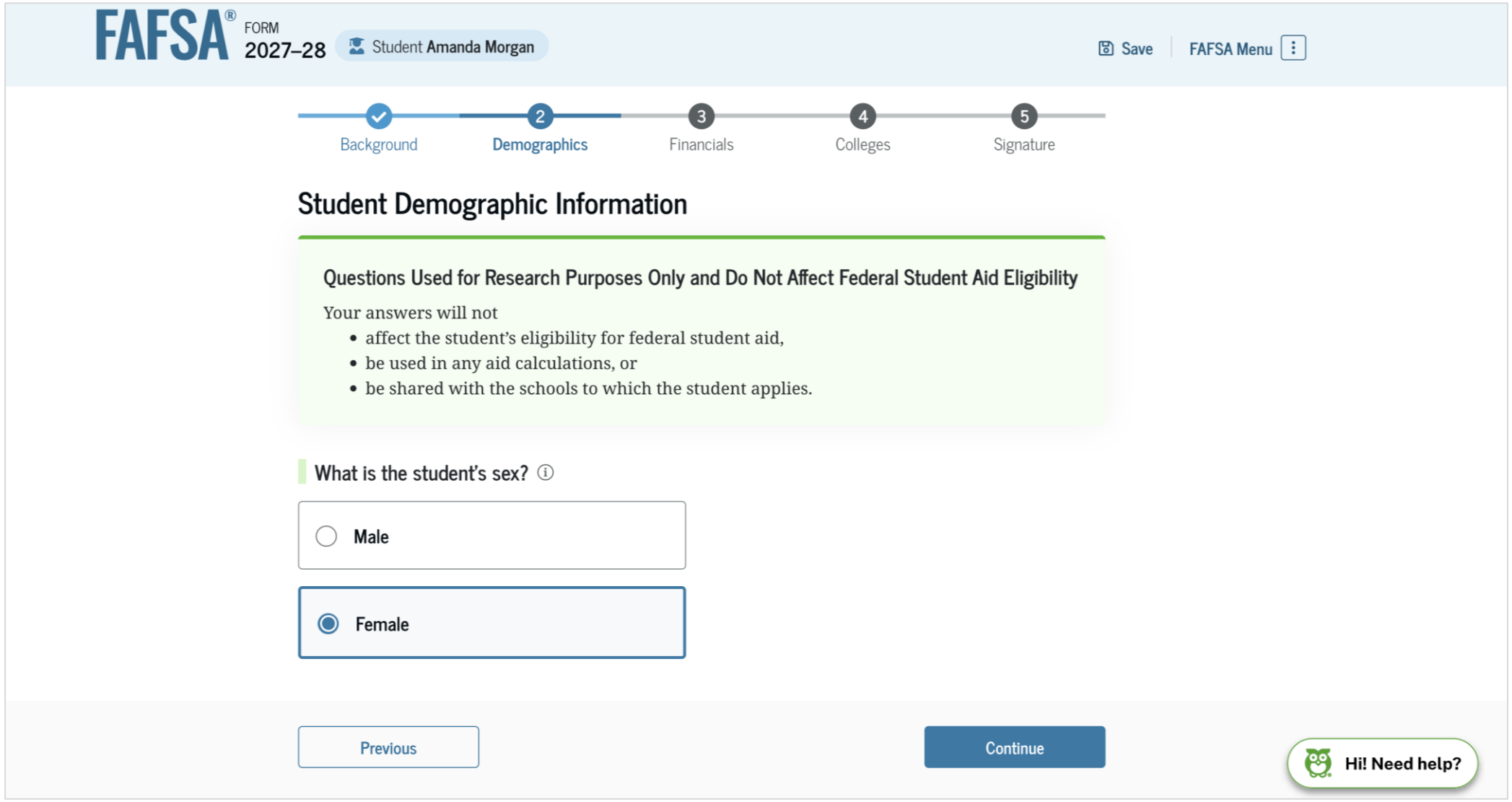
We'll ask questions about your background and the education levels of your parent(s). Some of these questions will help determine how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive for school.



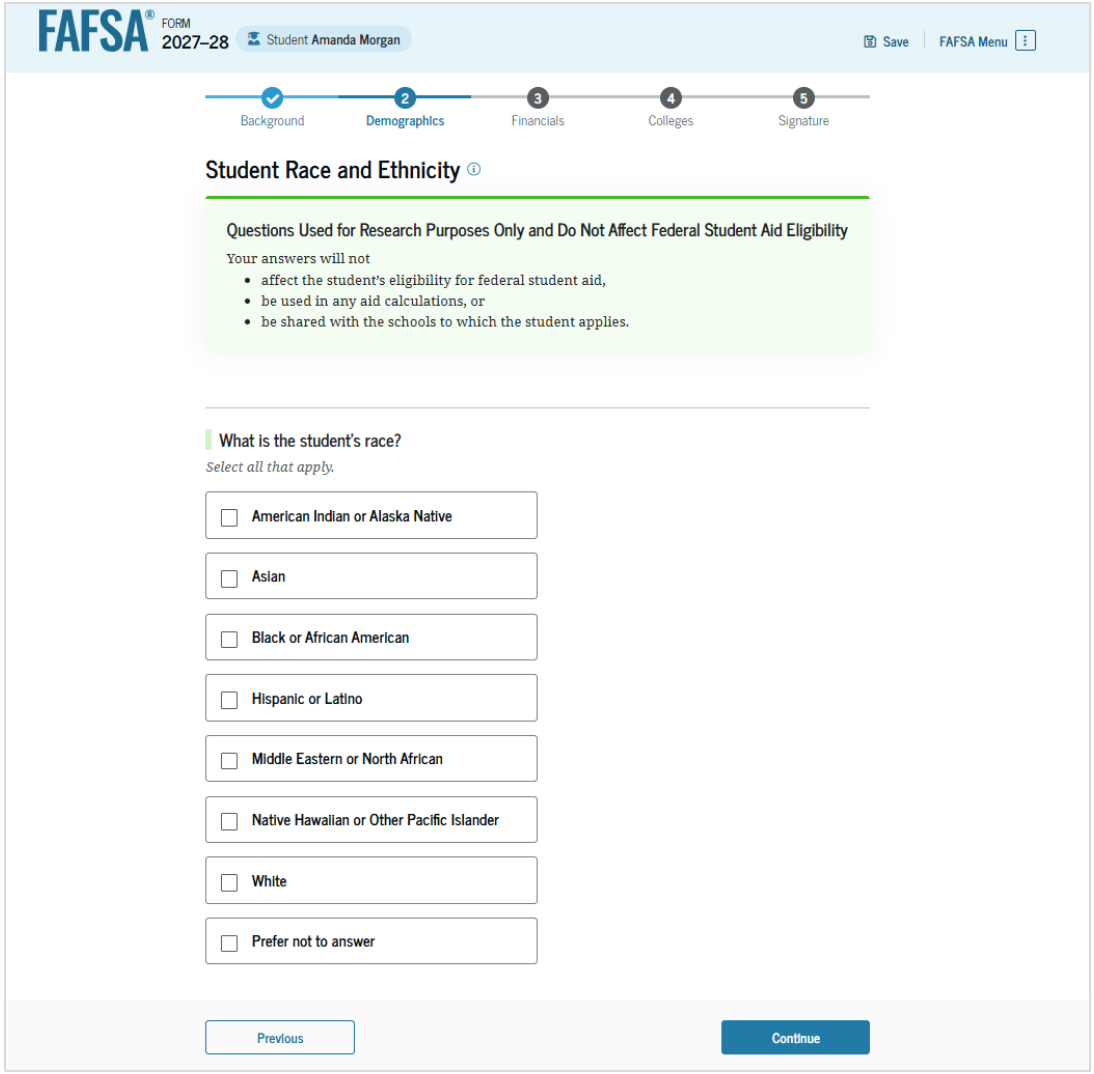
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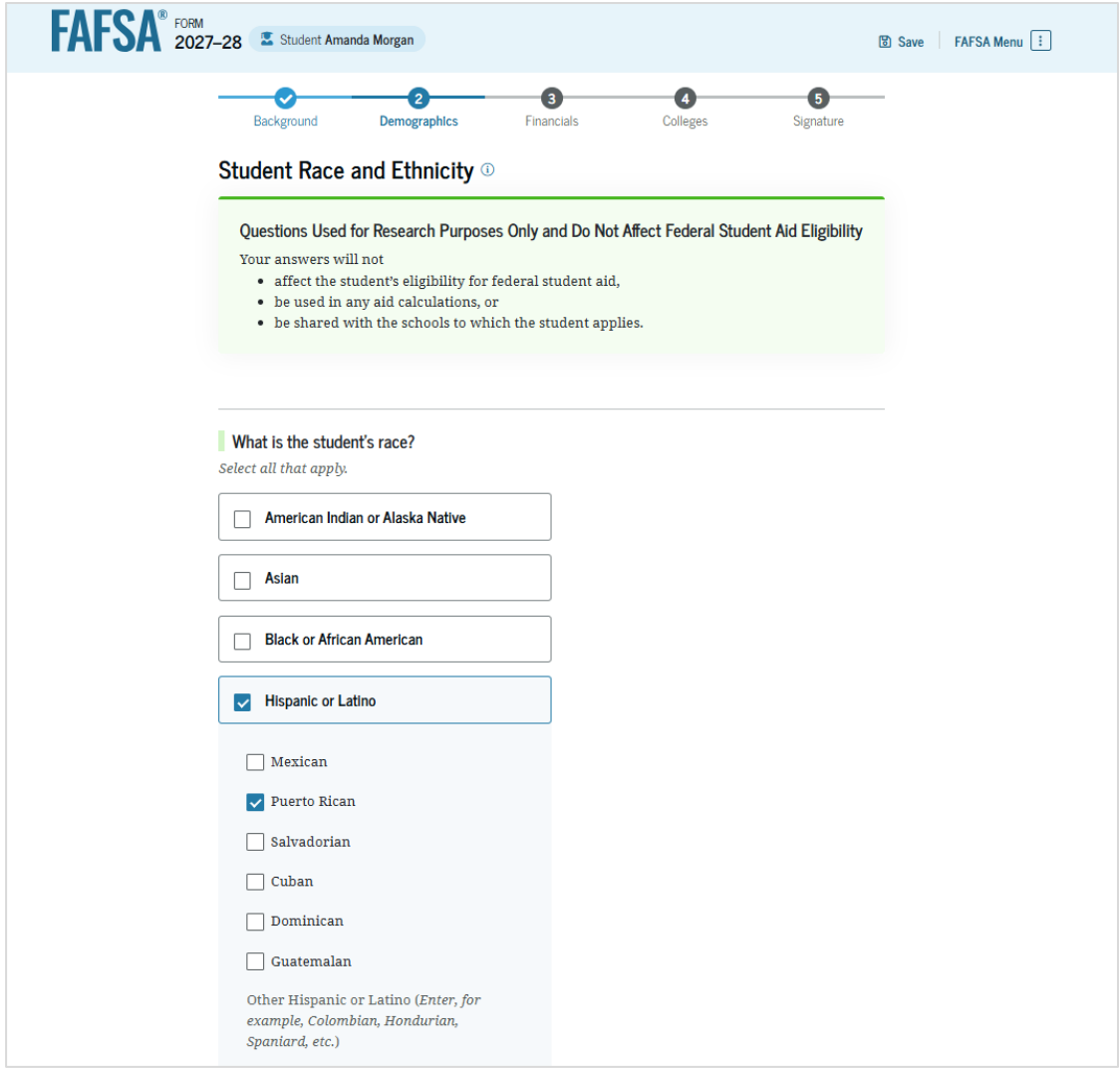
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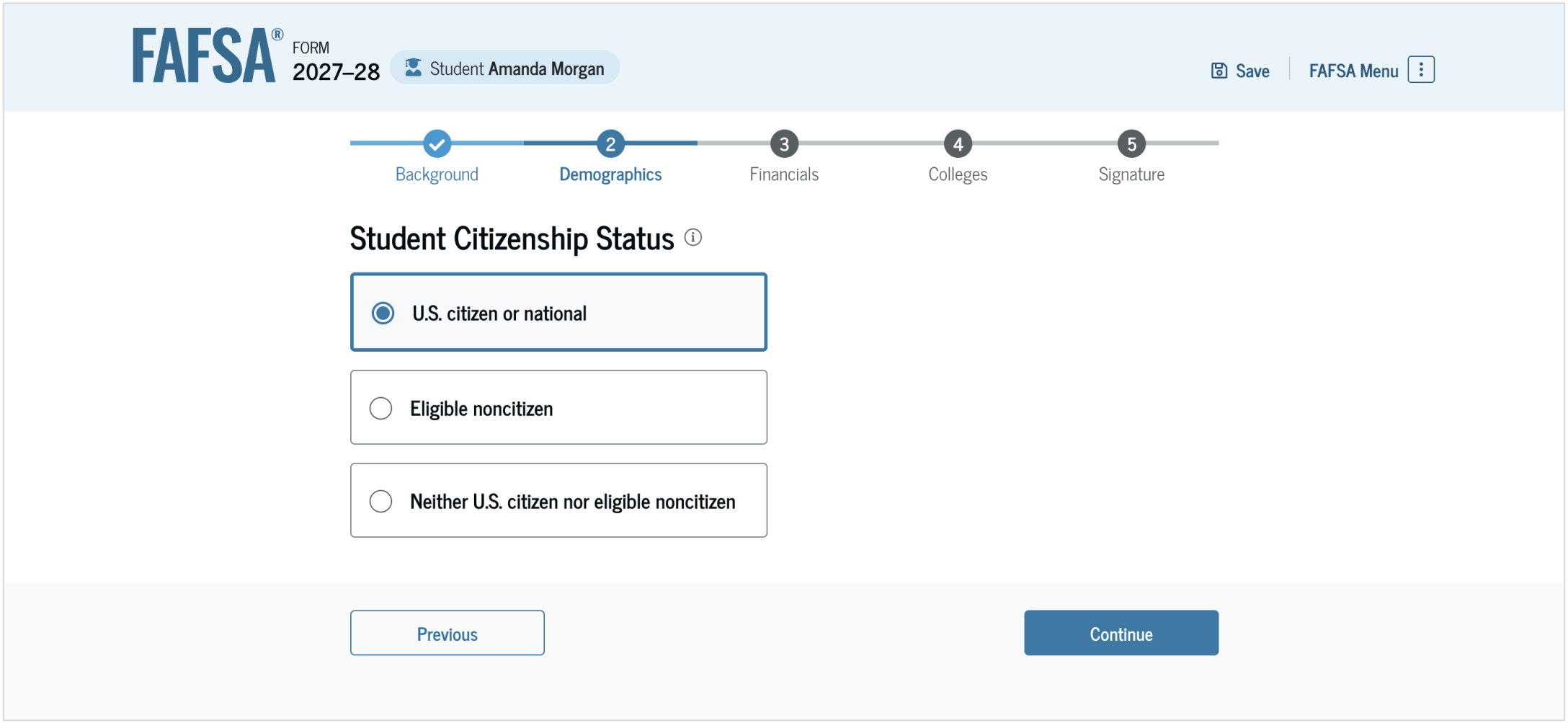


Married Student: Race and Ethnicity

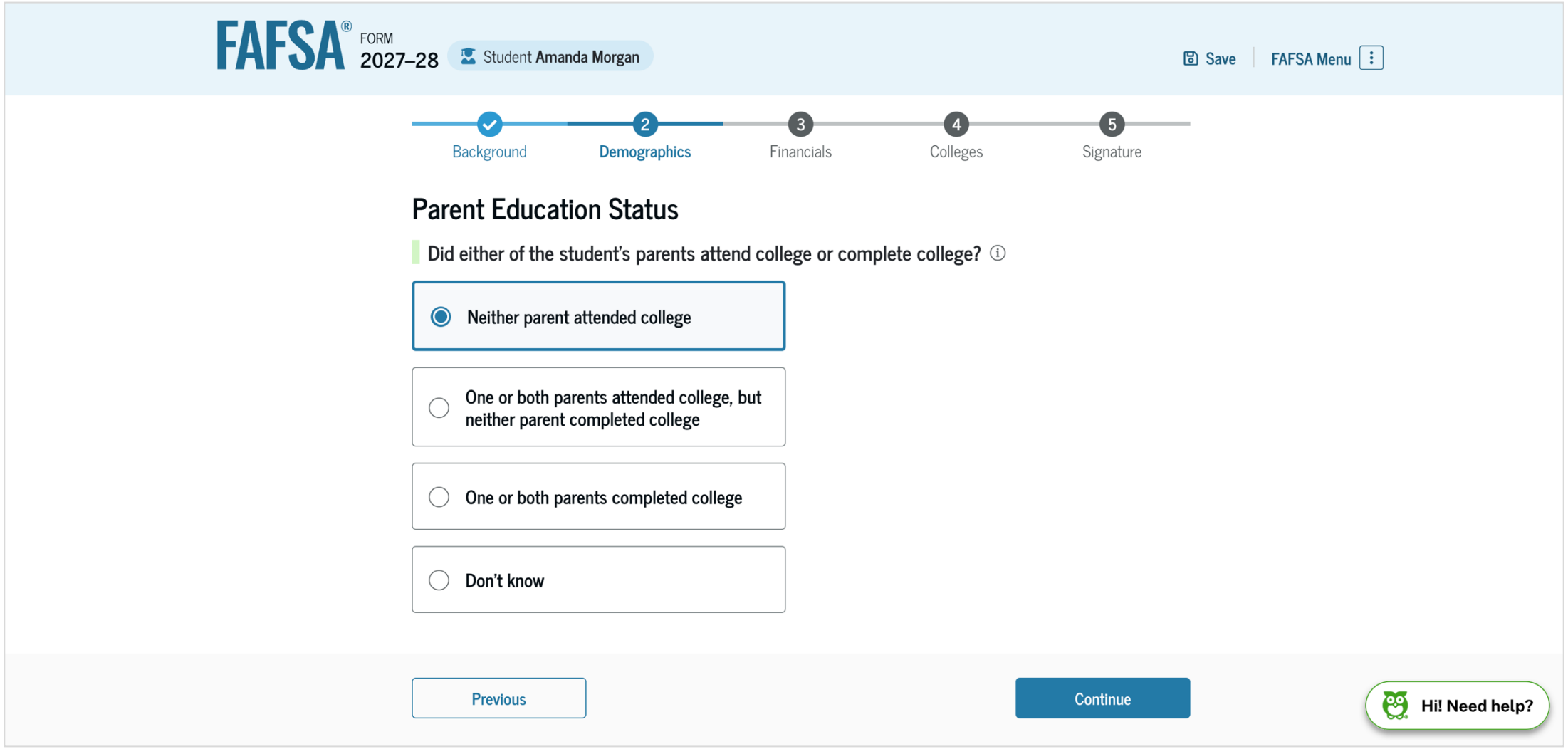




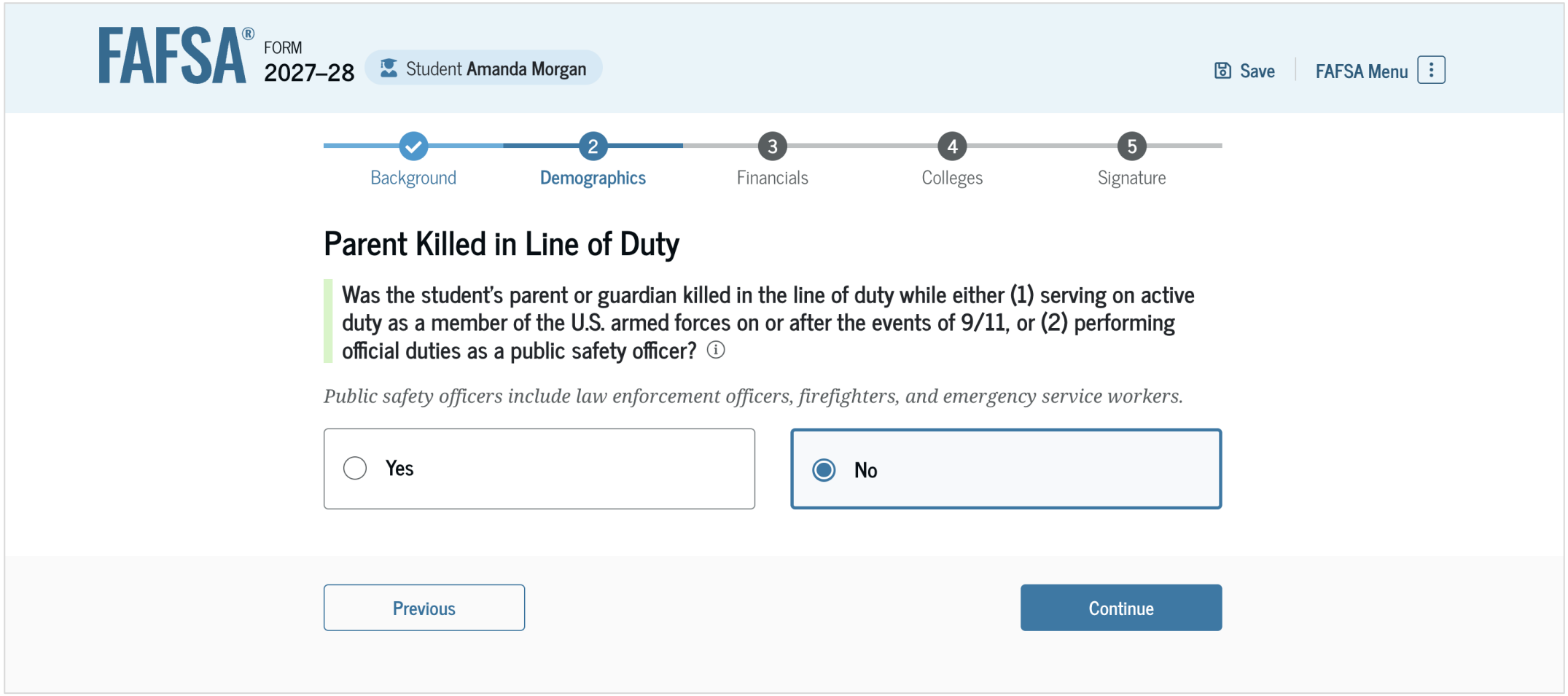
Married Student: Citizenship Status



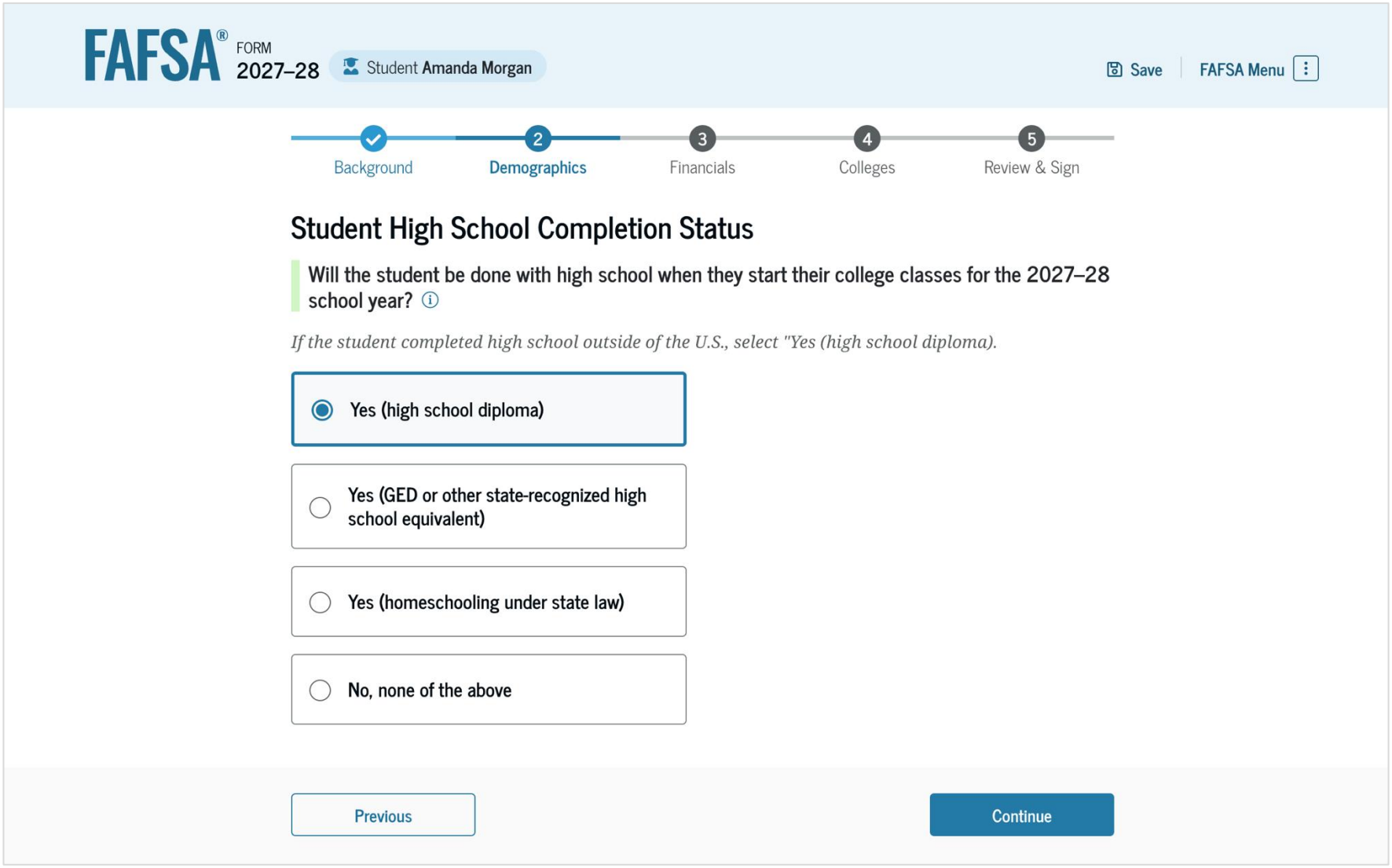
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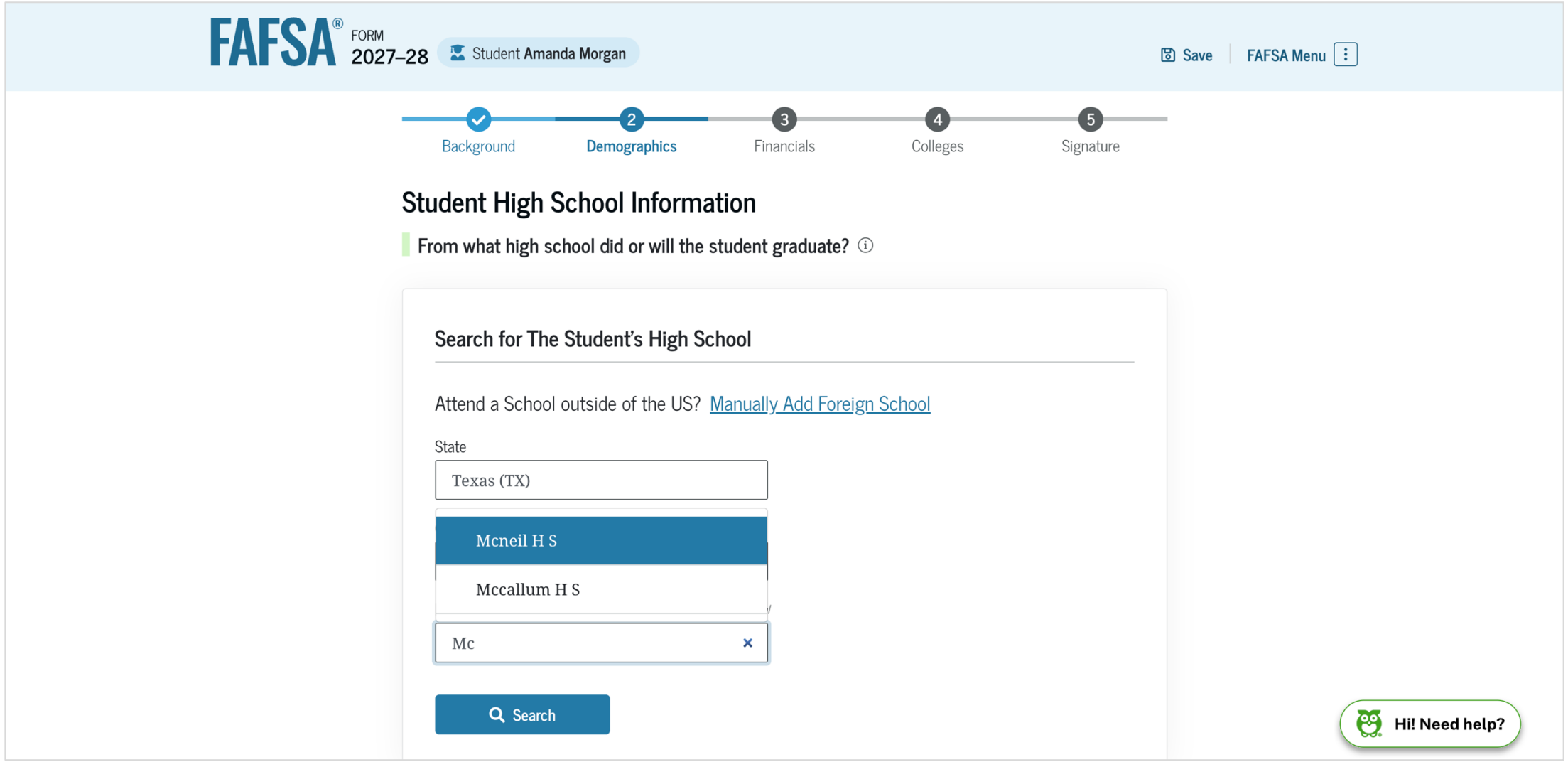
Married Student: Parent Killed in Line of Duty



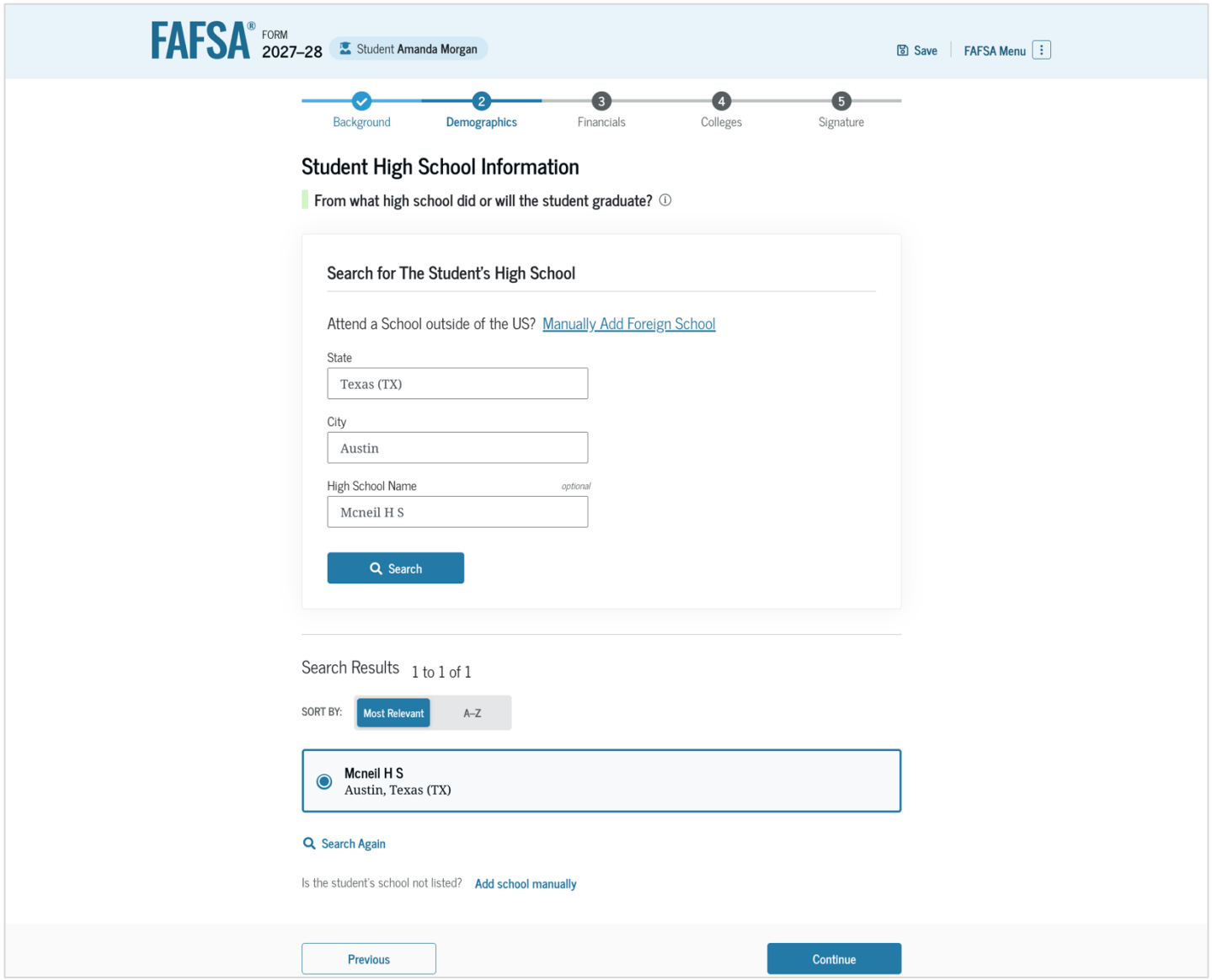
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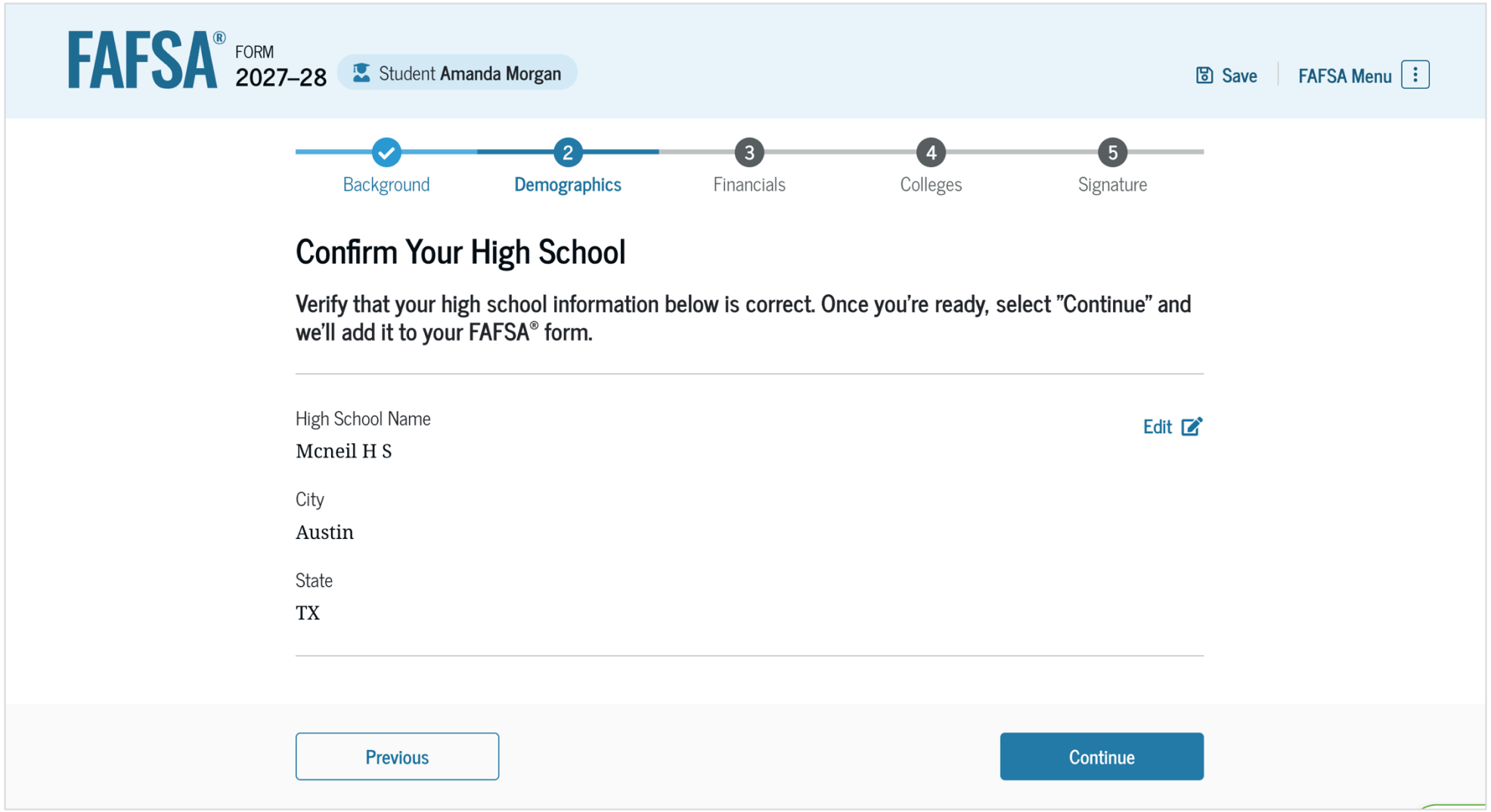
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Married Student: Confirm High School



Introduction: Married Student Financials

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Student **Amanda Morgan**

Background ✓ | Demographics ✓ | 3 Financials | 4 Colleges | 5 Signature

Your Finances

The FAFSA® form helps determine your ability to pay for school. We ask about your financial information in this section.



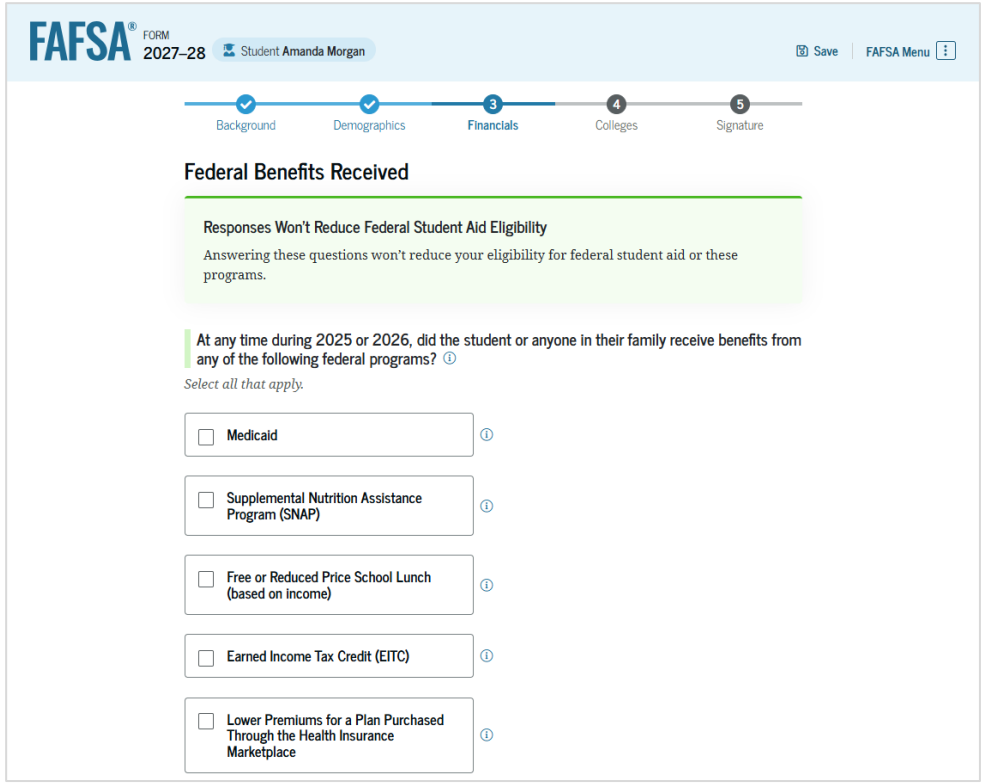
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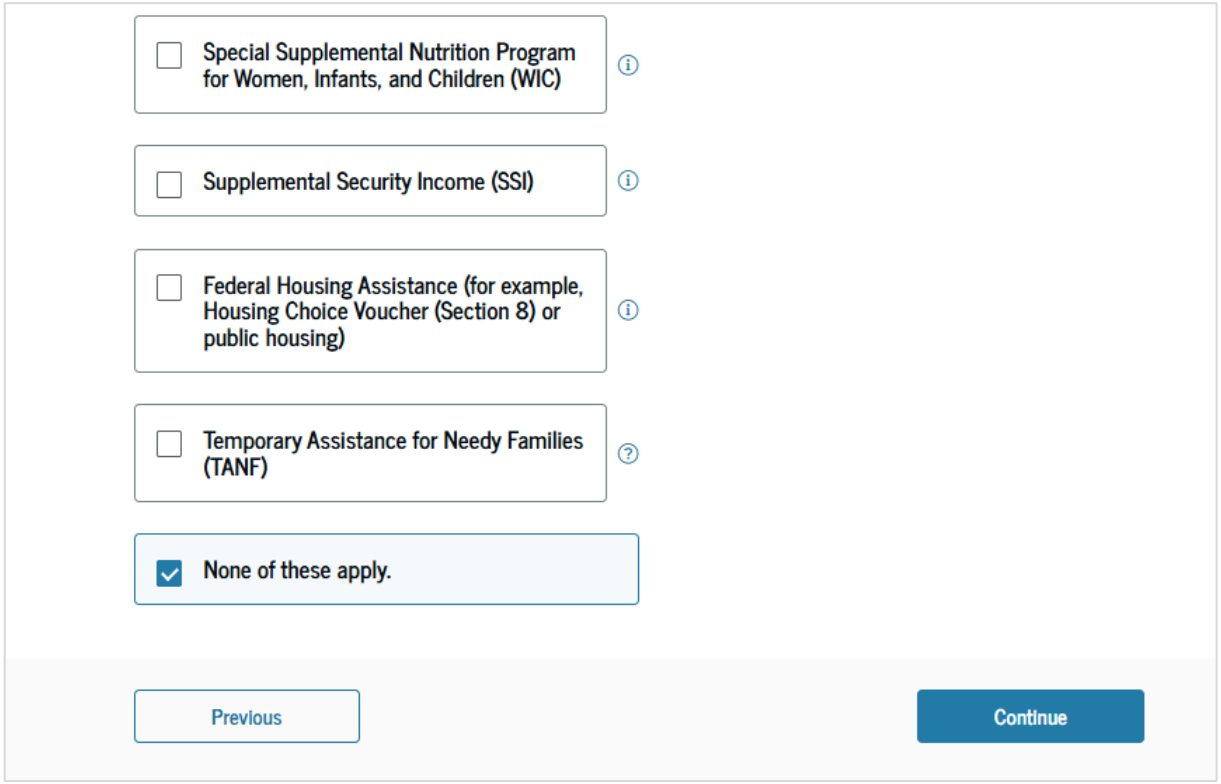
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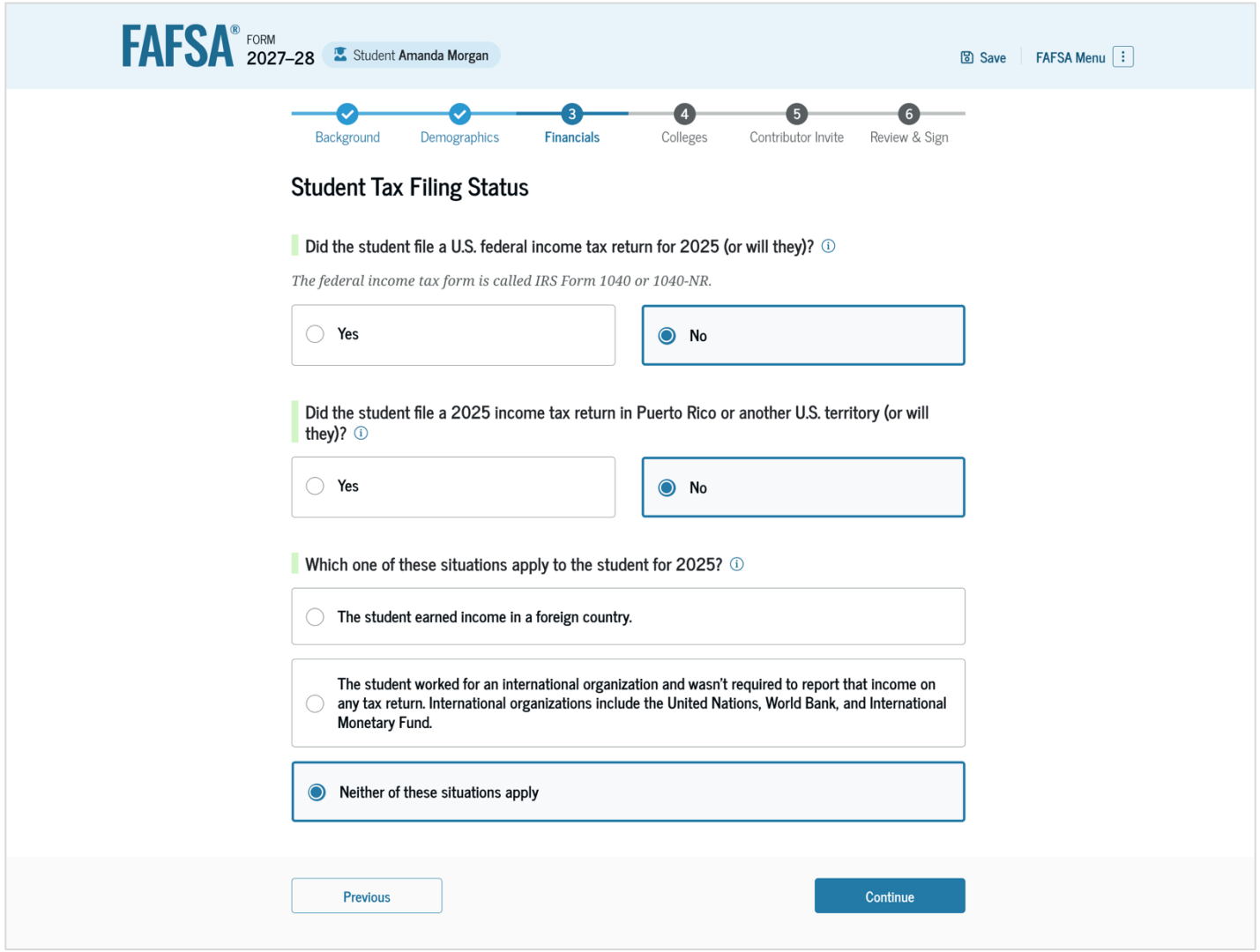
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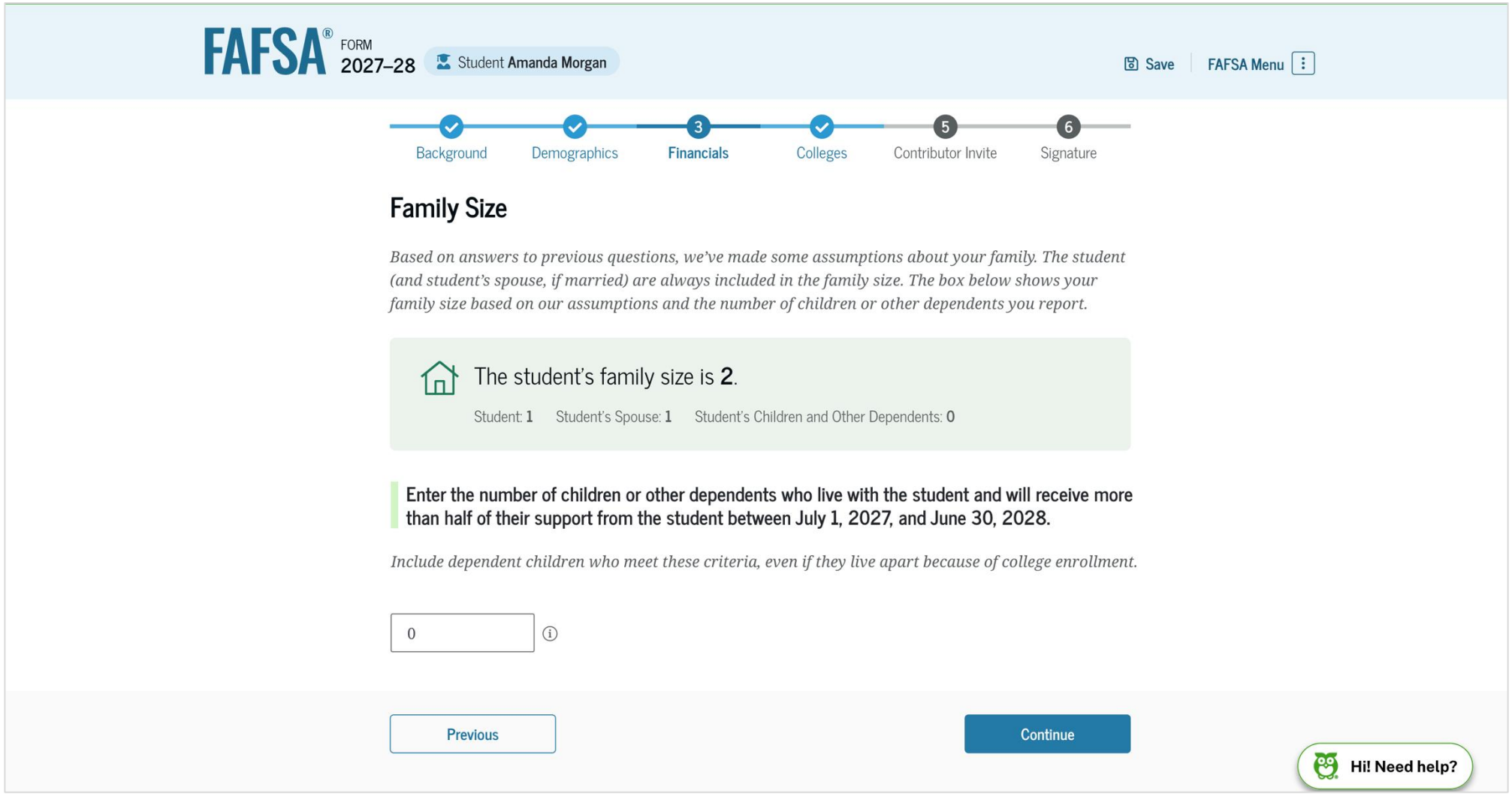




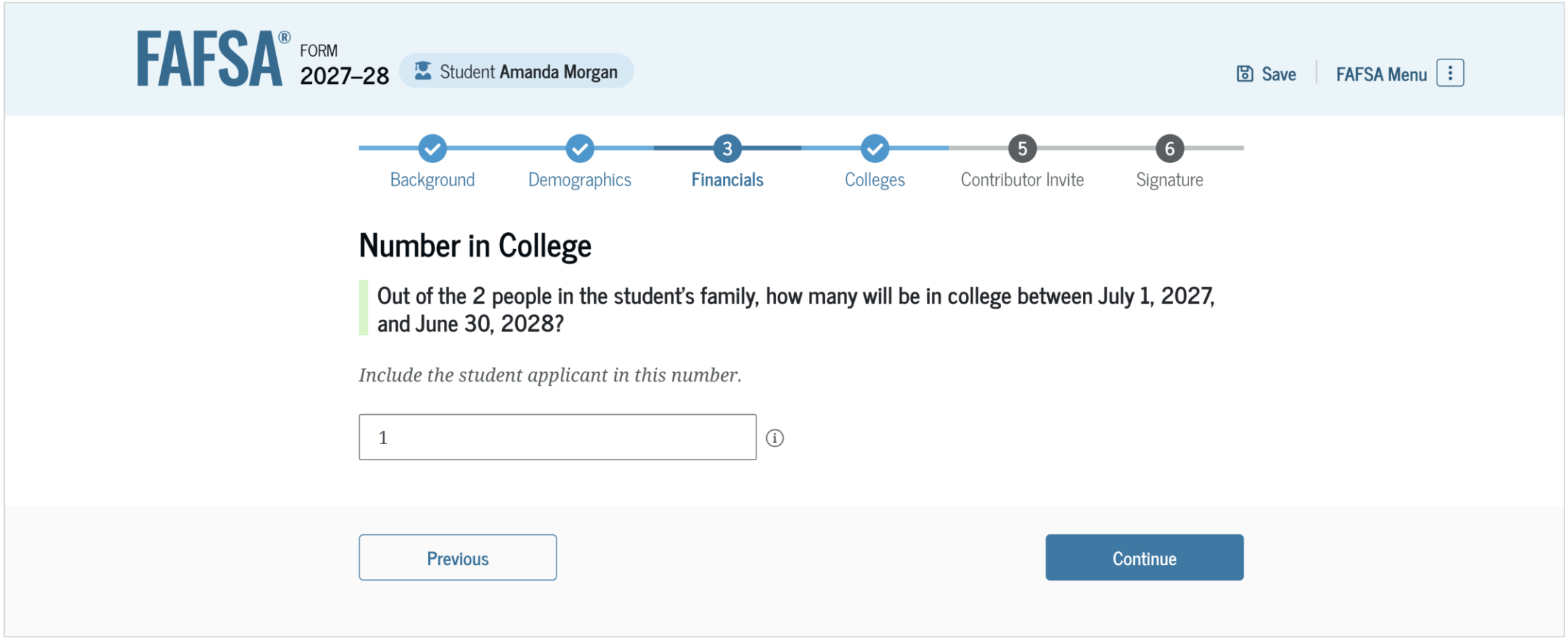
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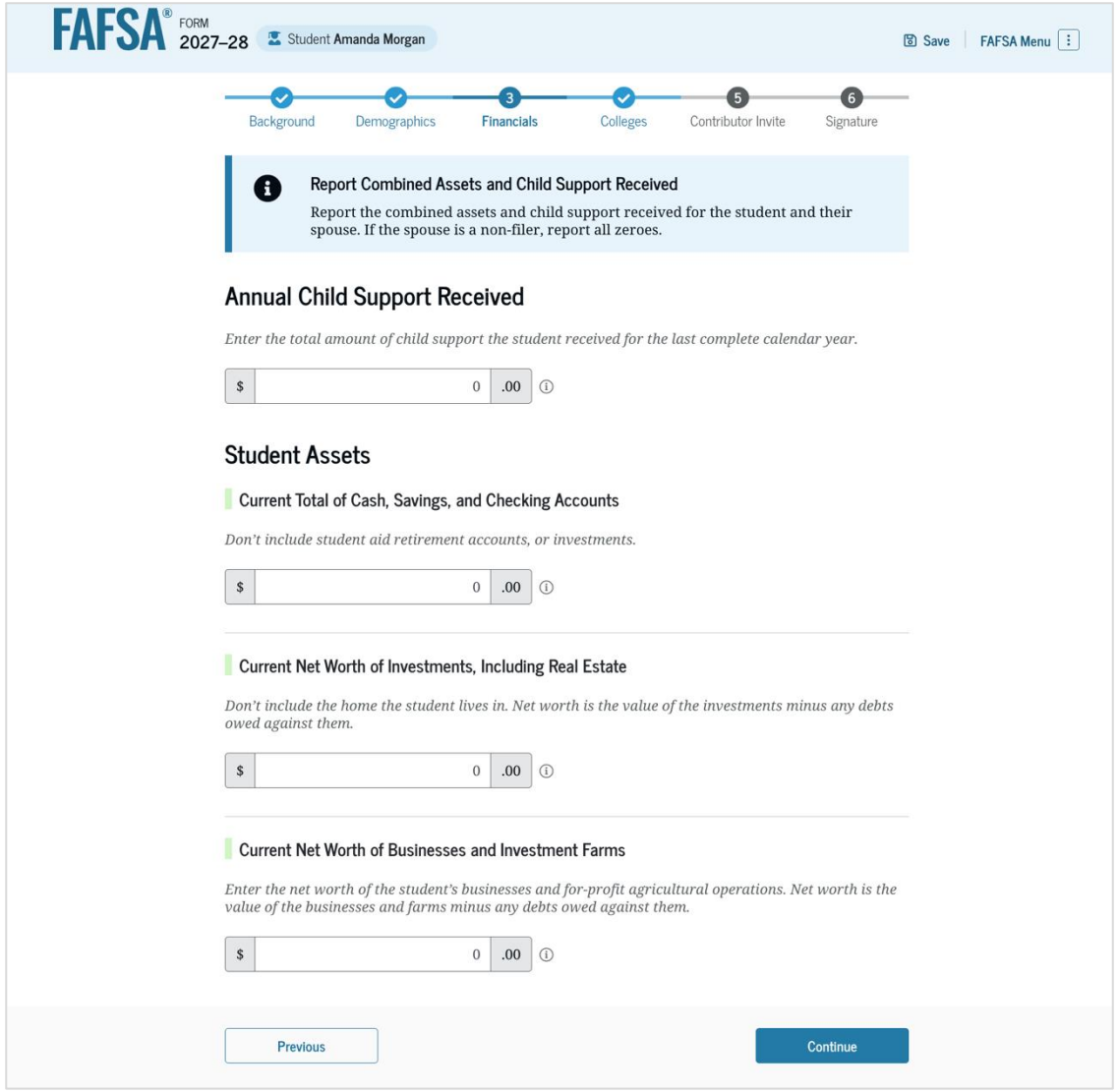
Married Student: Family Size



Married Student: Number in College



Married Student: Assets



Introduction: Married Student Select Colleges

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Student **Amanda Morgan**

Background ✓ | Demographics ✓ | Financials ✓ | 4 Colleges | 5 Contributor Invite | 6 Signature

Select Colleges and Career Schools

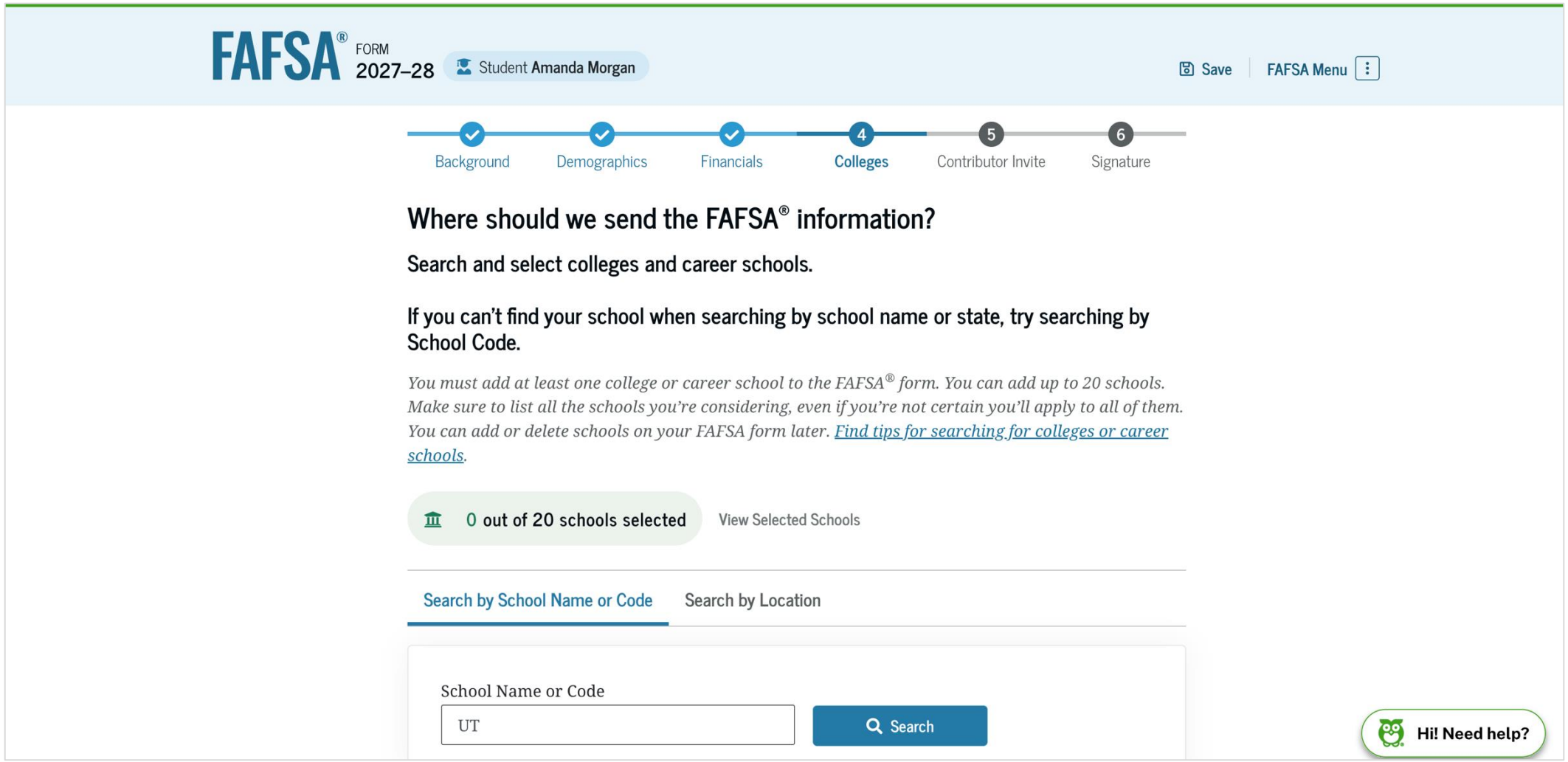
Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA® form.



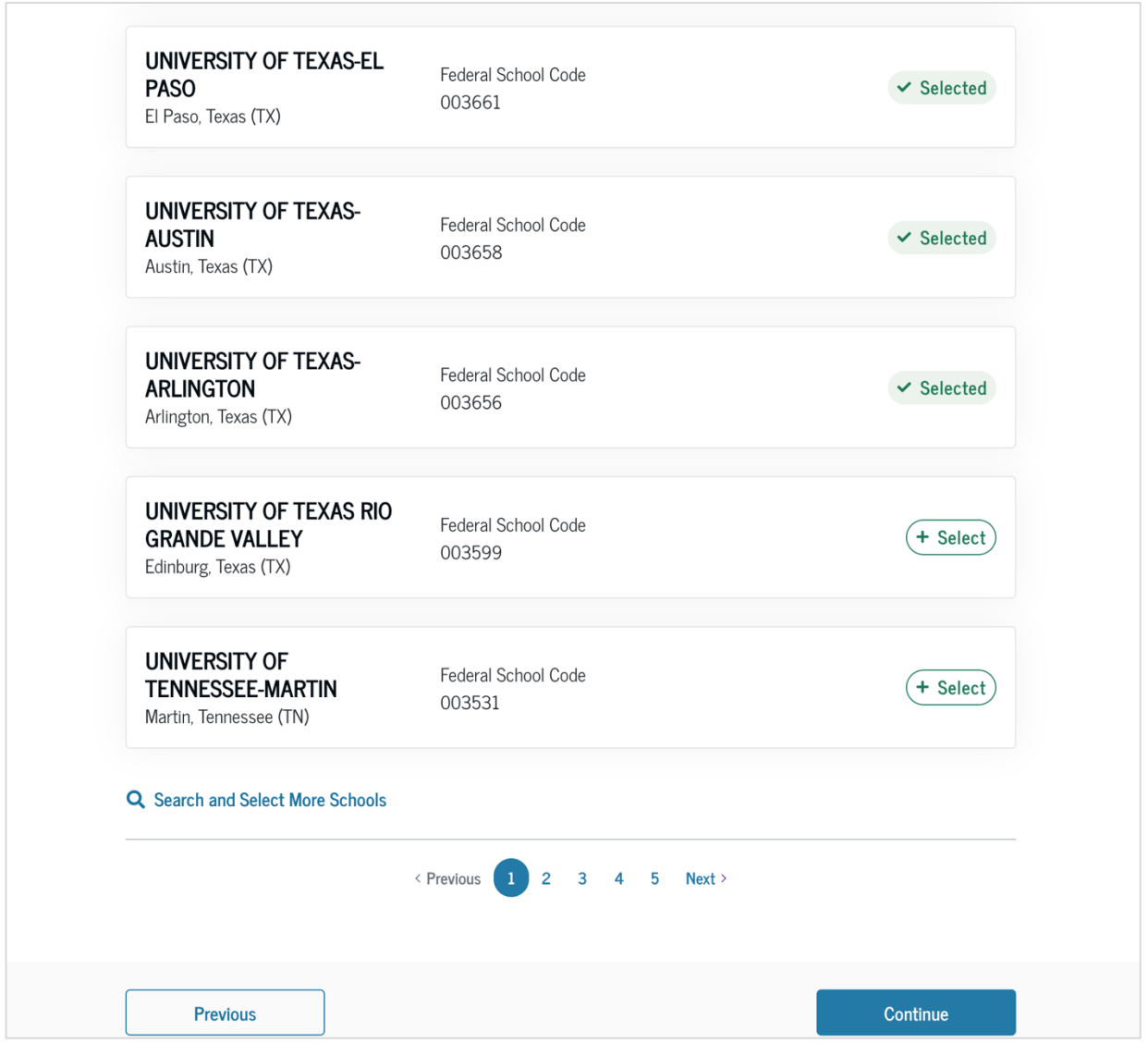
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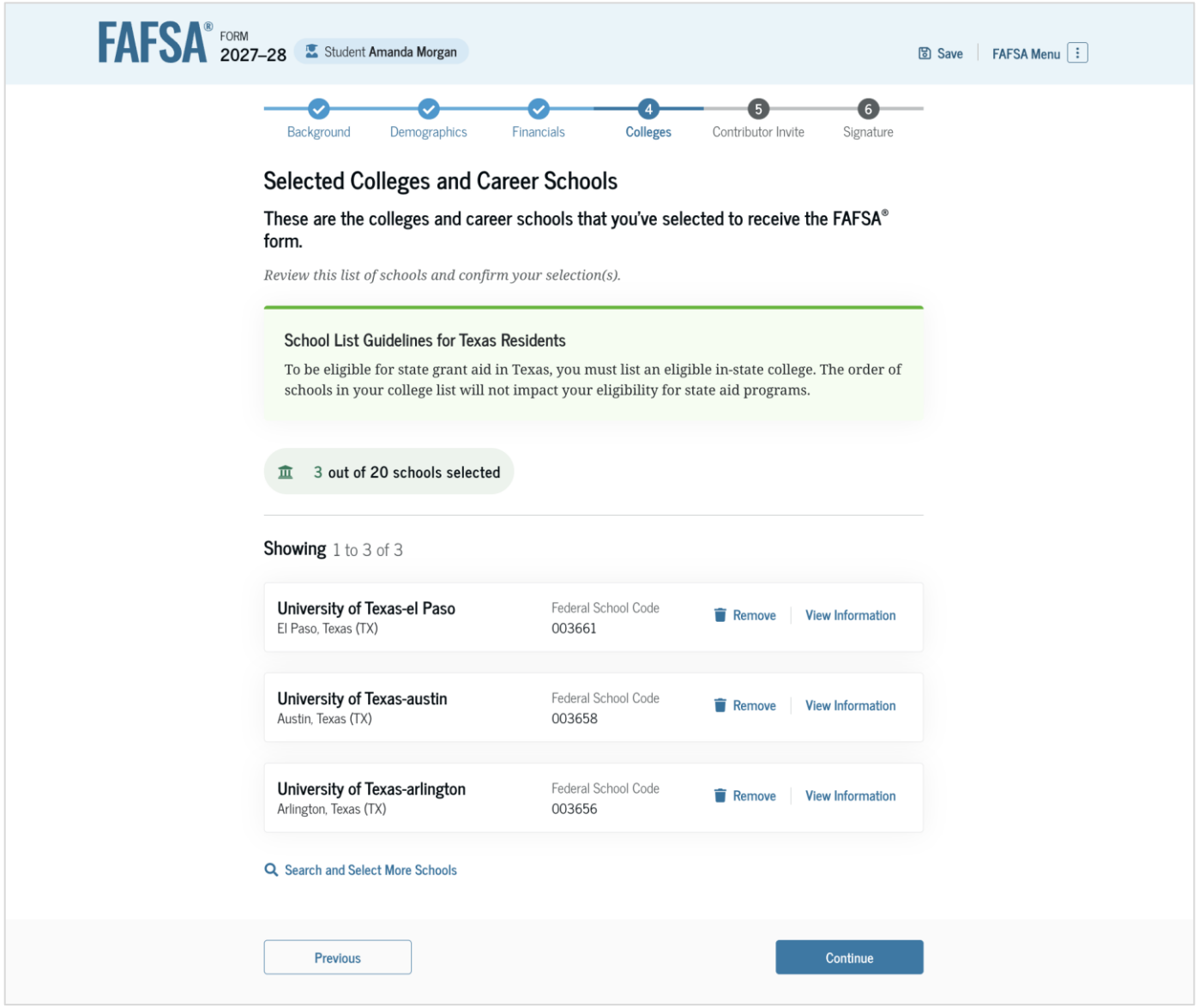
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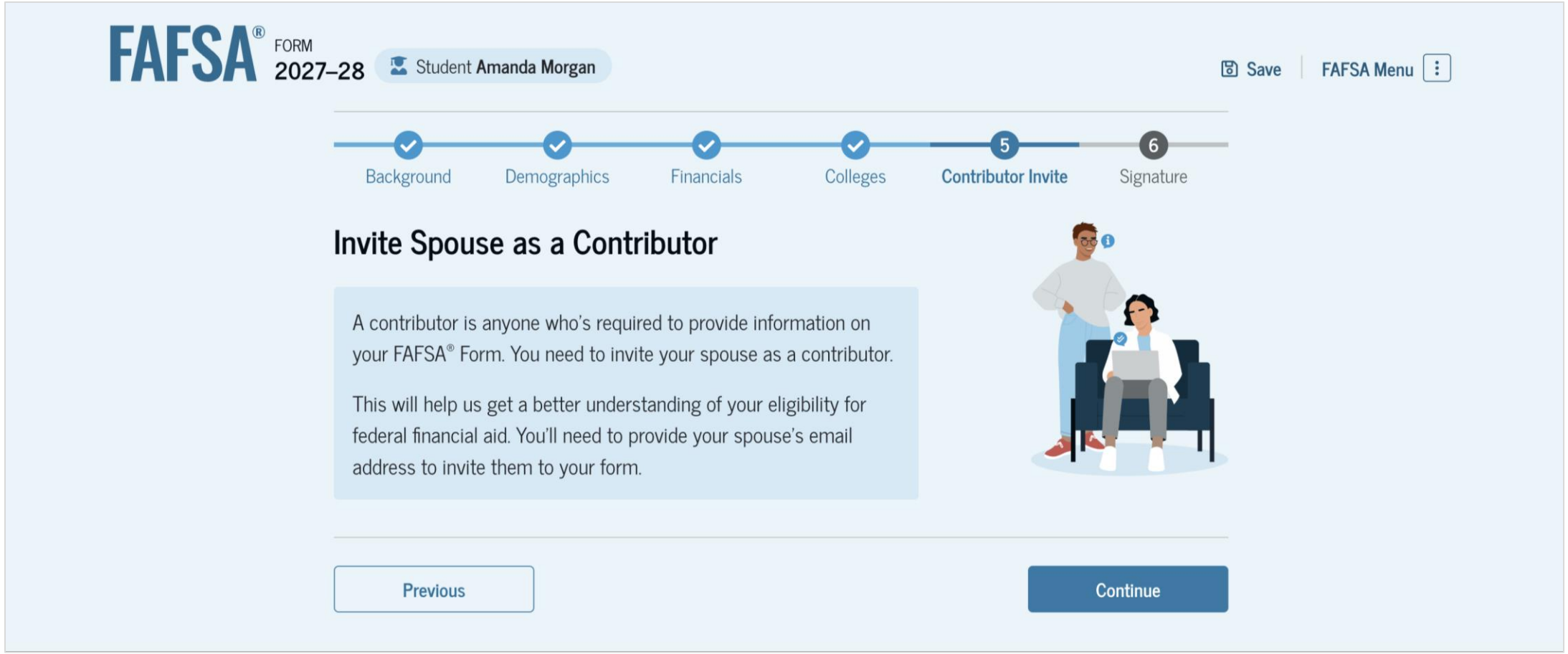
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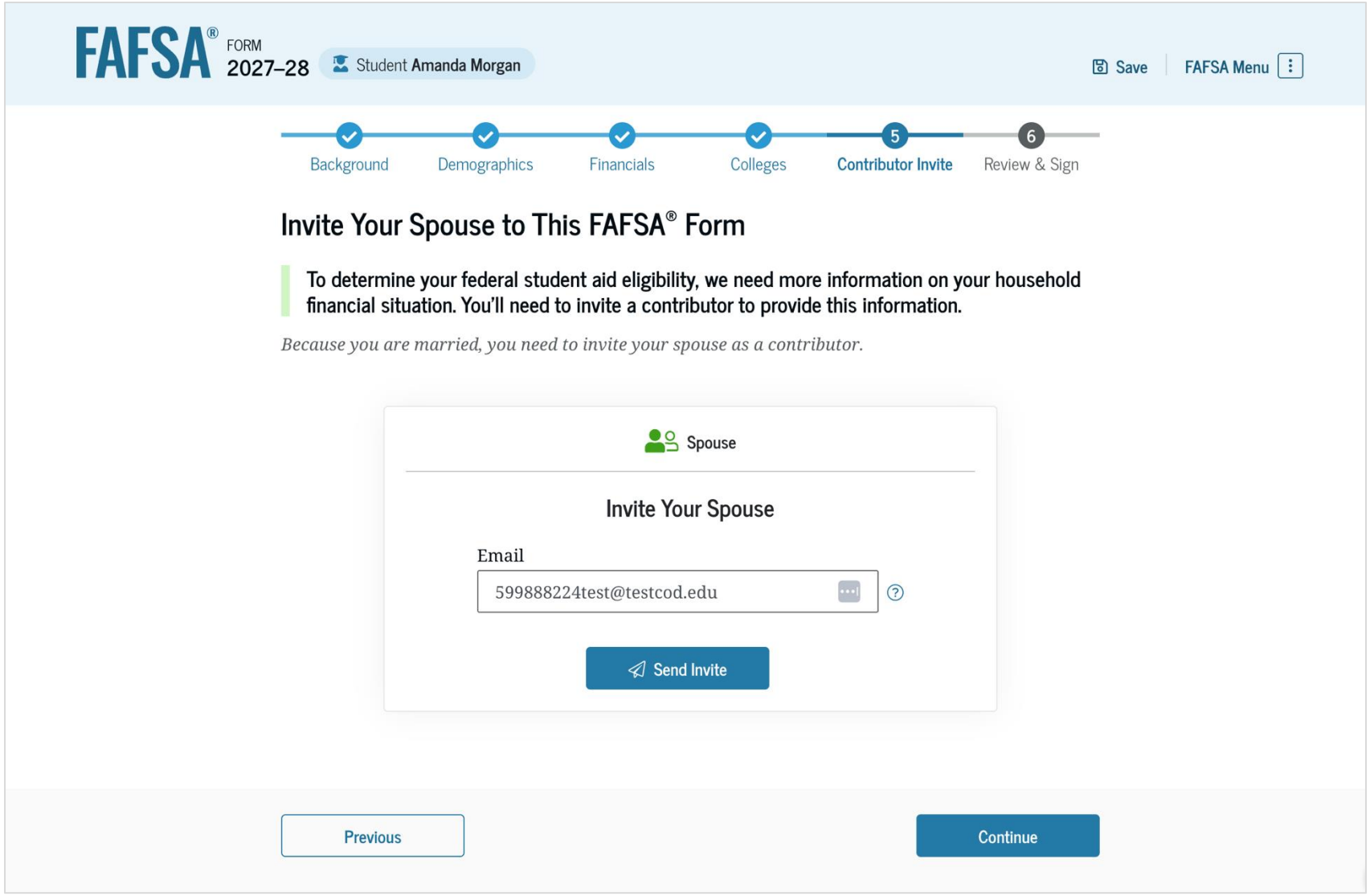
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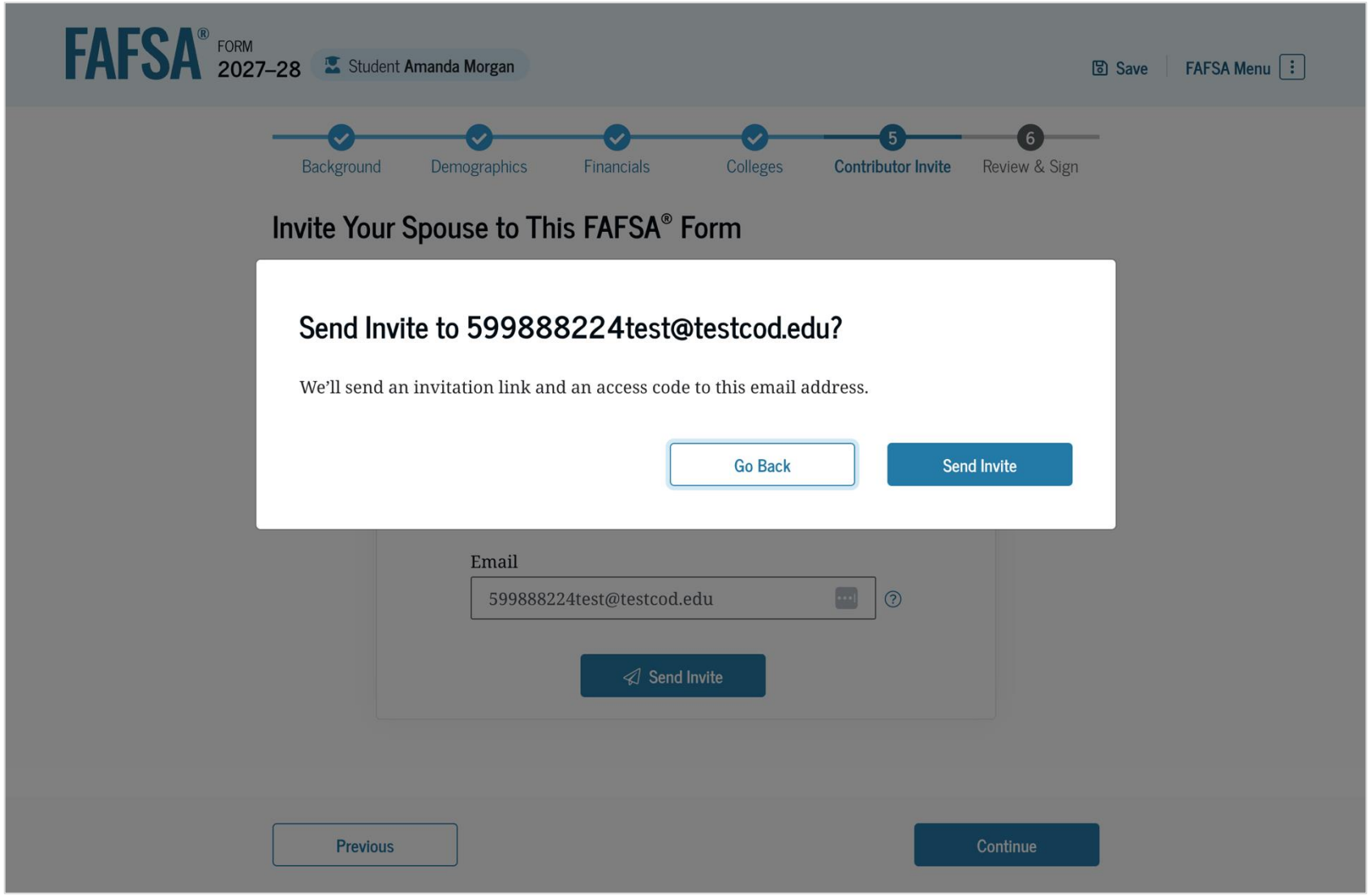
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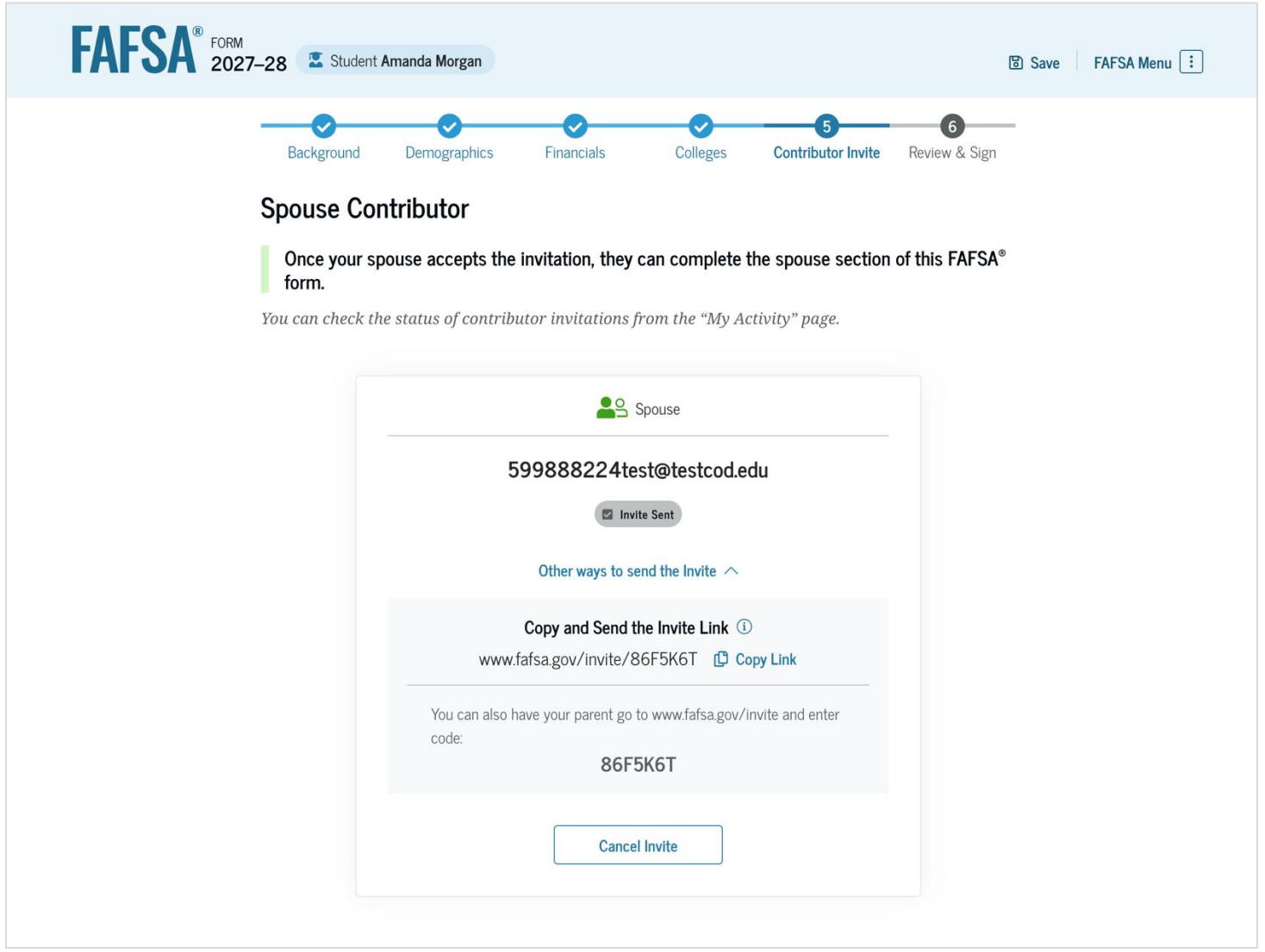
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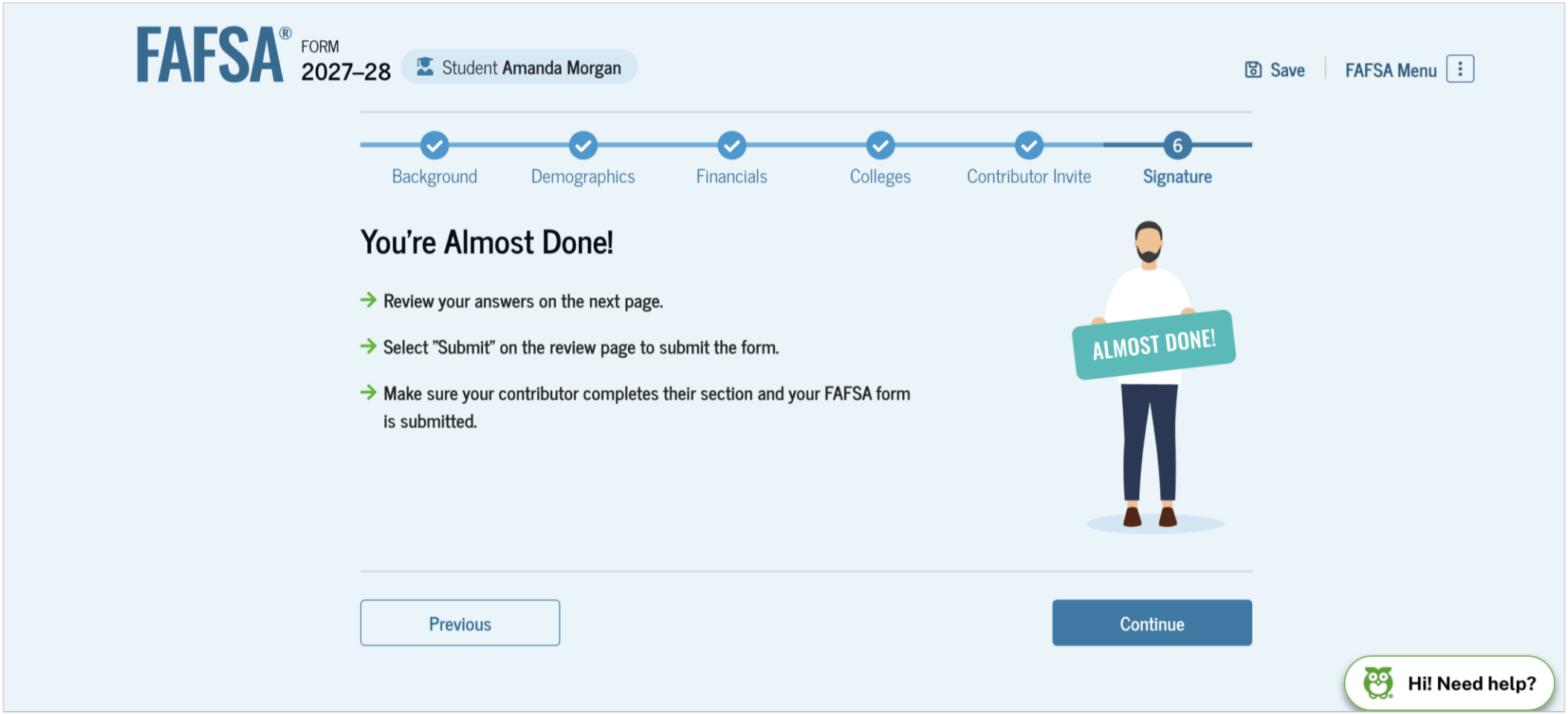
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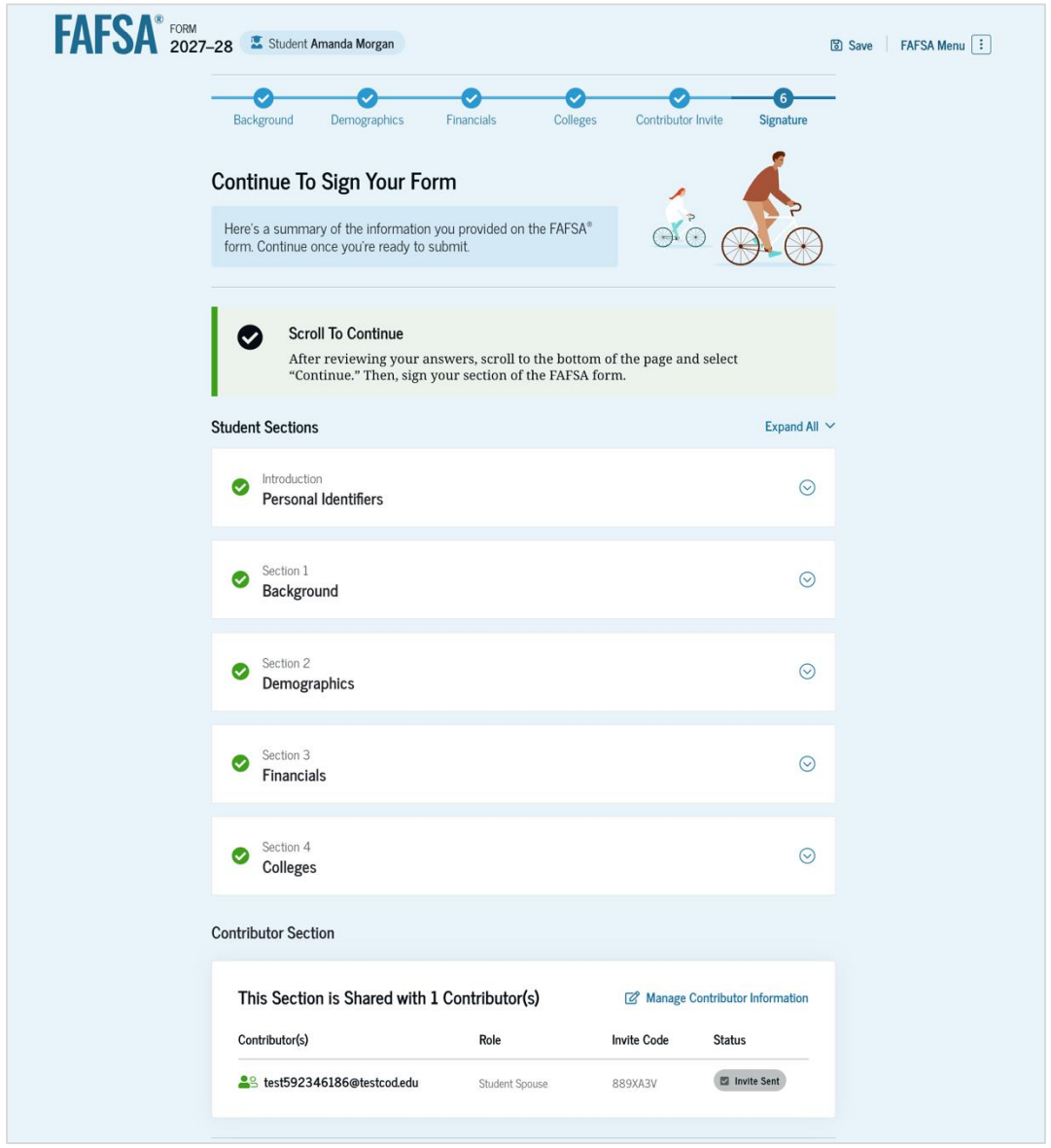
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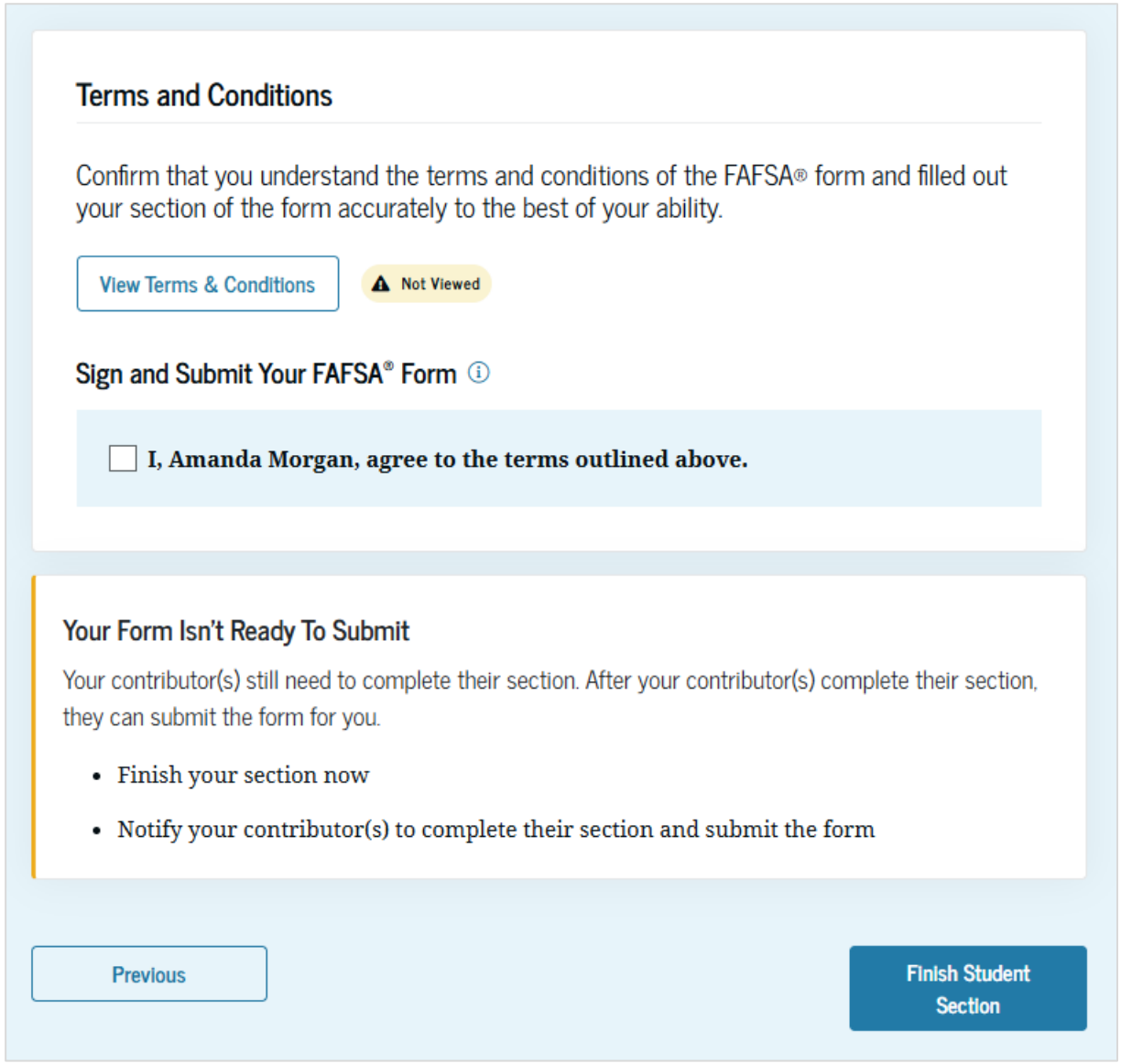
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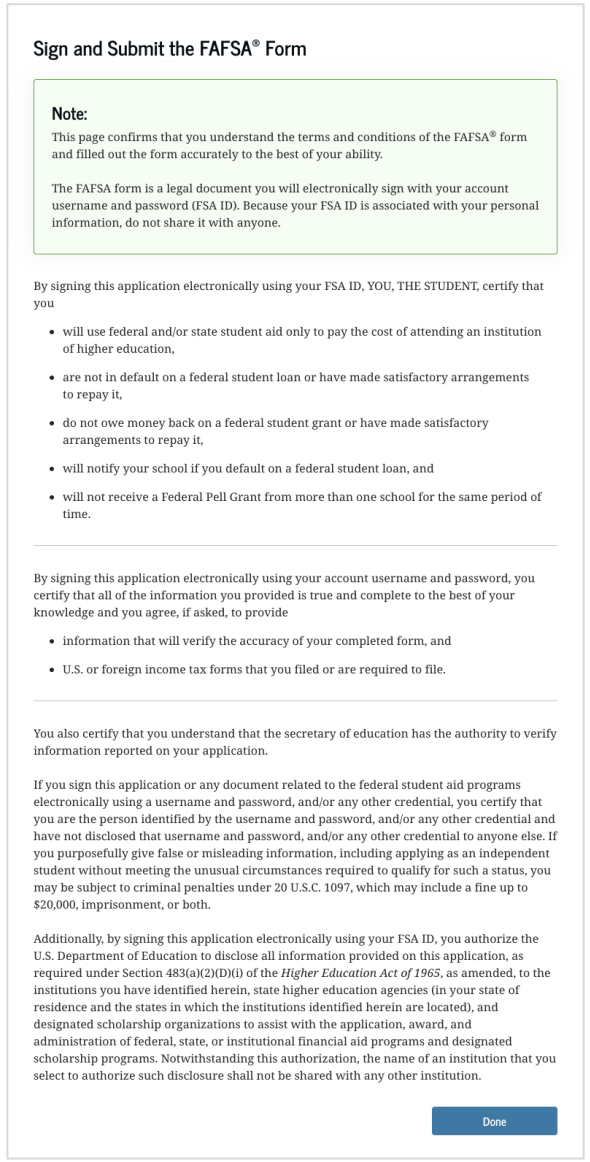
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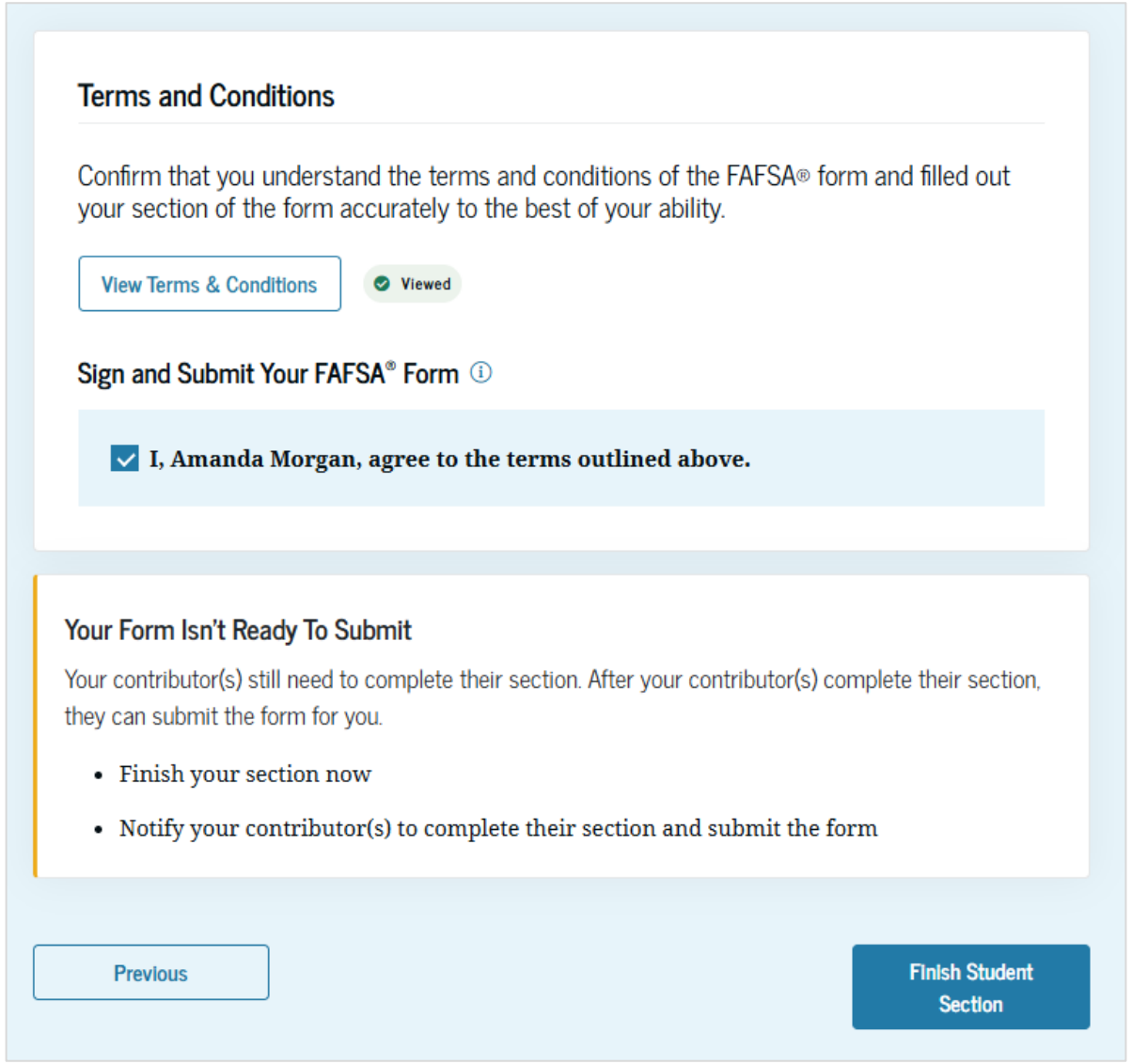


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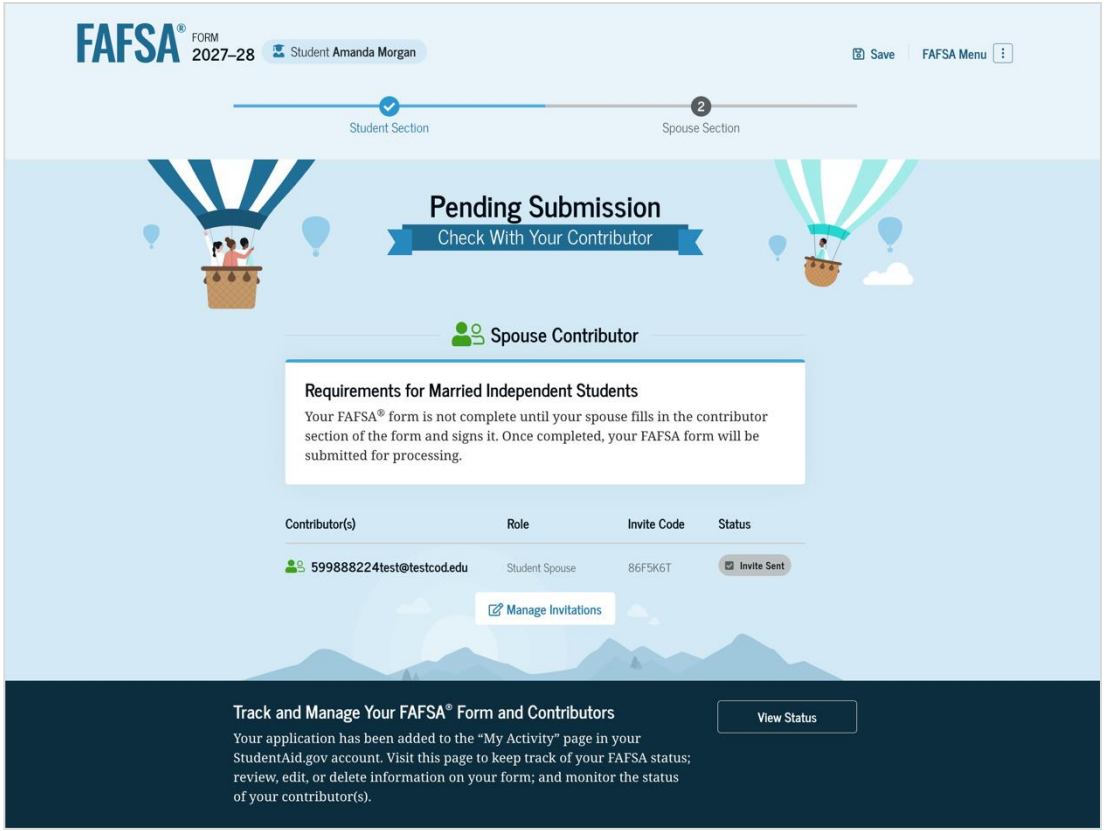


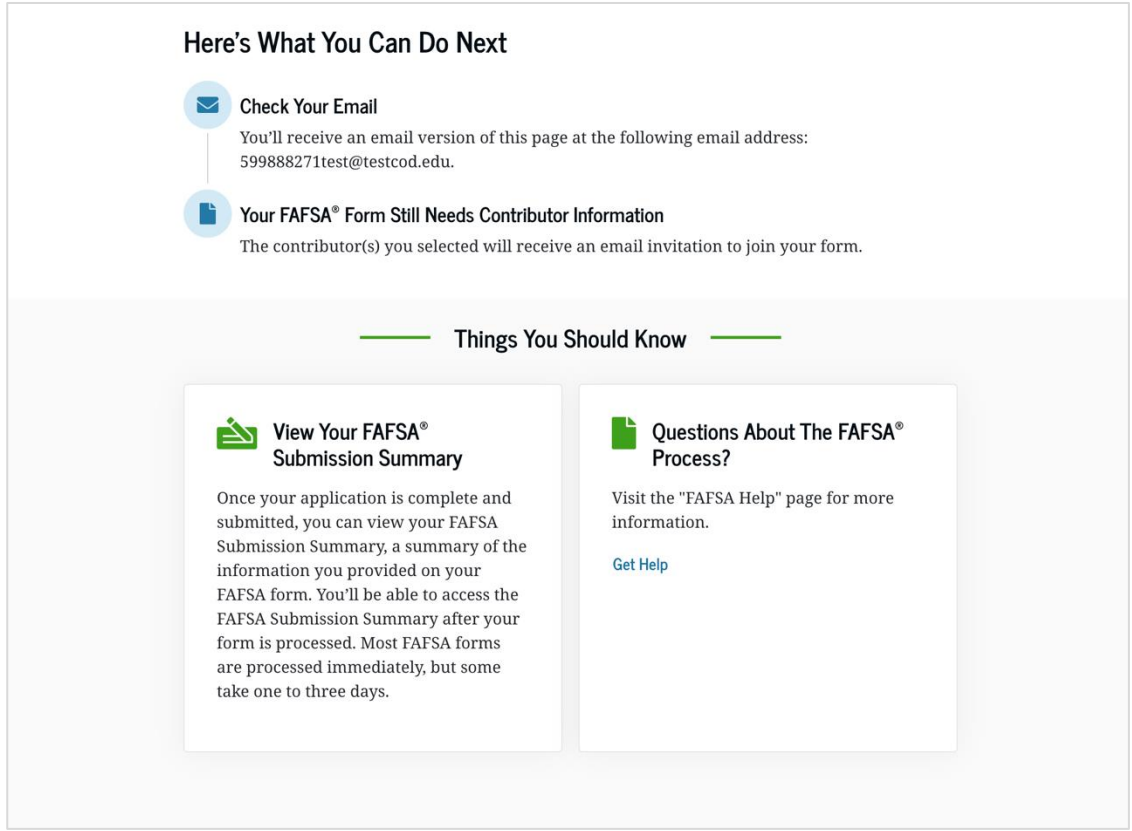
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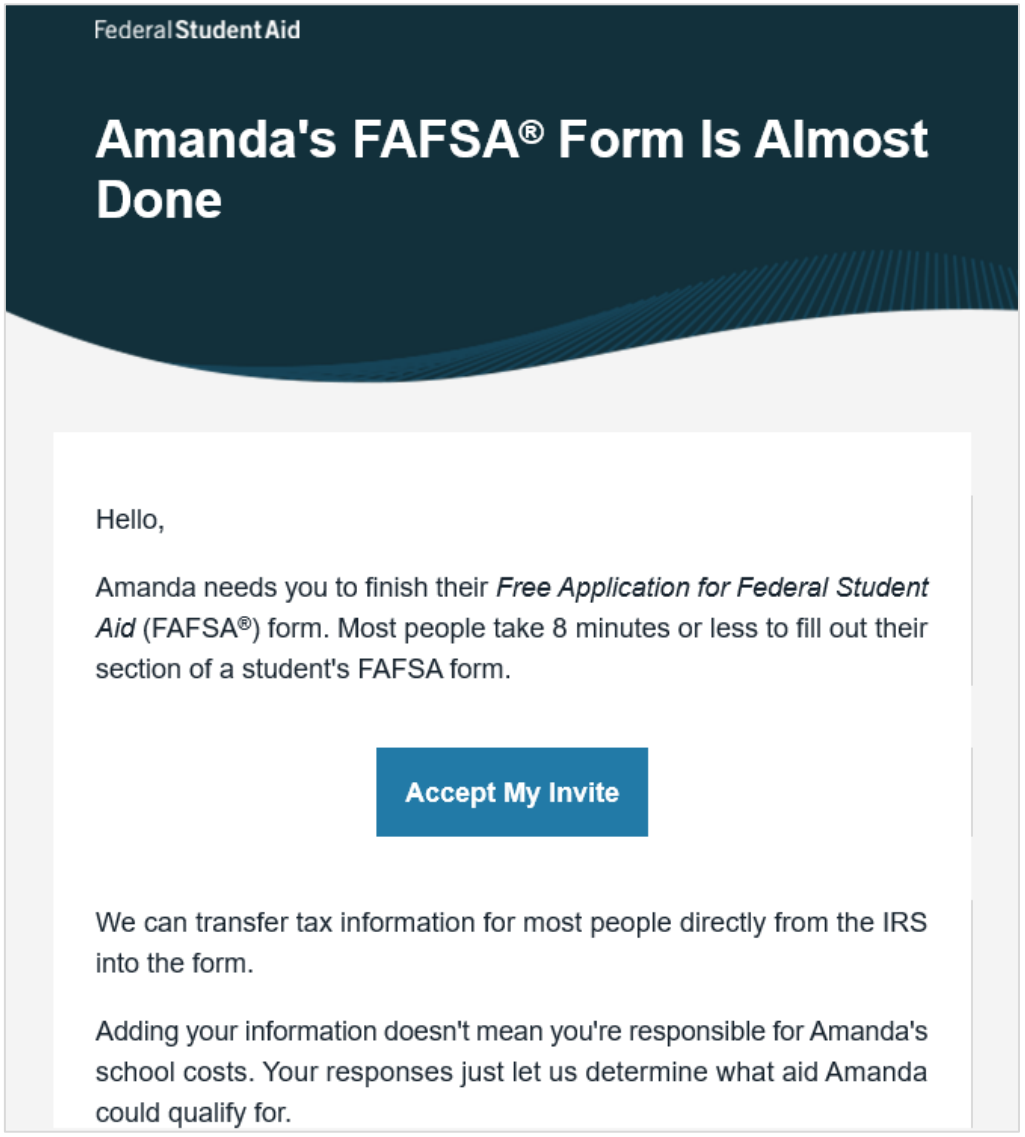


Married Student: Section Complete





Married Student: Student's Spouse Email



Federal Student Aid

Amanda's FAFSA® Form Is Almost Done

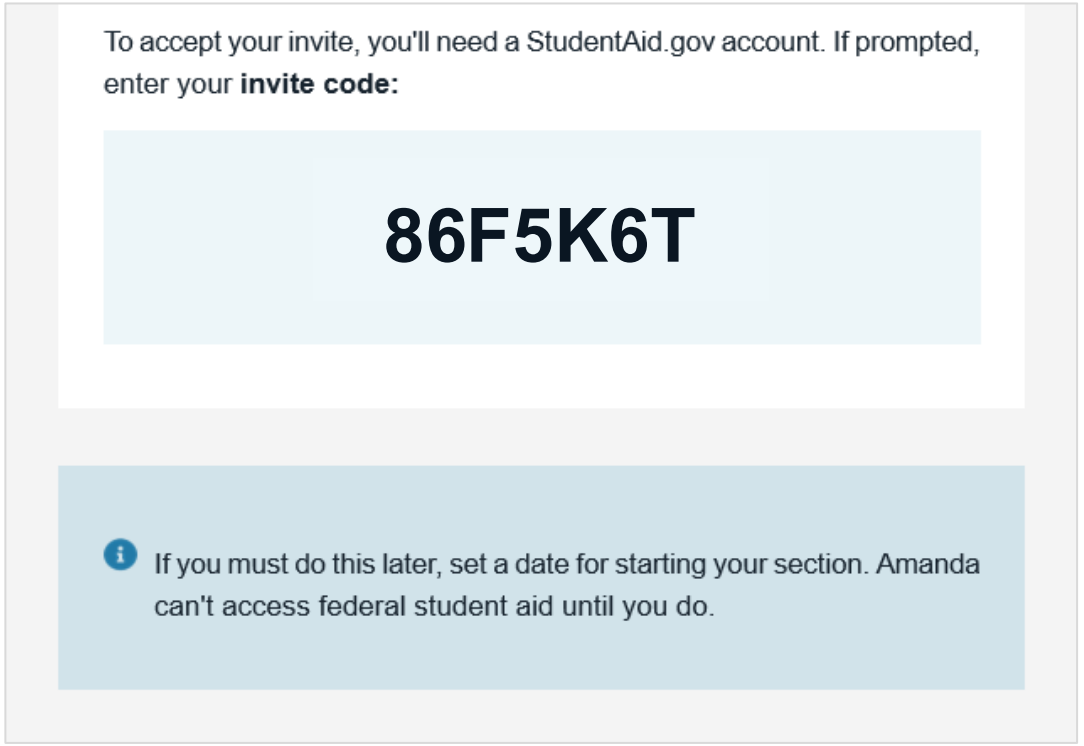
Hello,

Amanda needs you to finish their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form. Most people take 8 minutes or less to fill out their section of a student's FAFSA form.

Accept My Invite

We can transfer tax information for most people directly from the IRS into the form.

Adding your information doesn't mean you're responsible for Amanda's school costs. Your responses just let us determine what aid Amanda could qualify for.

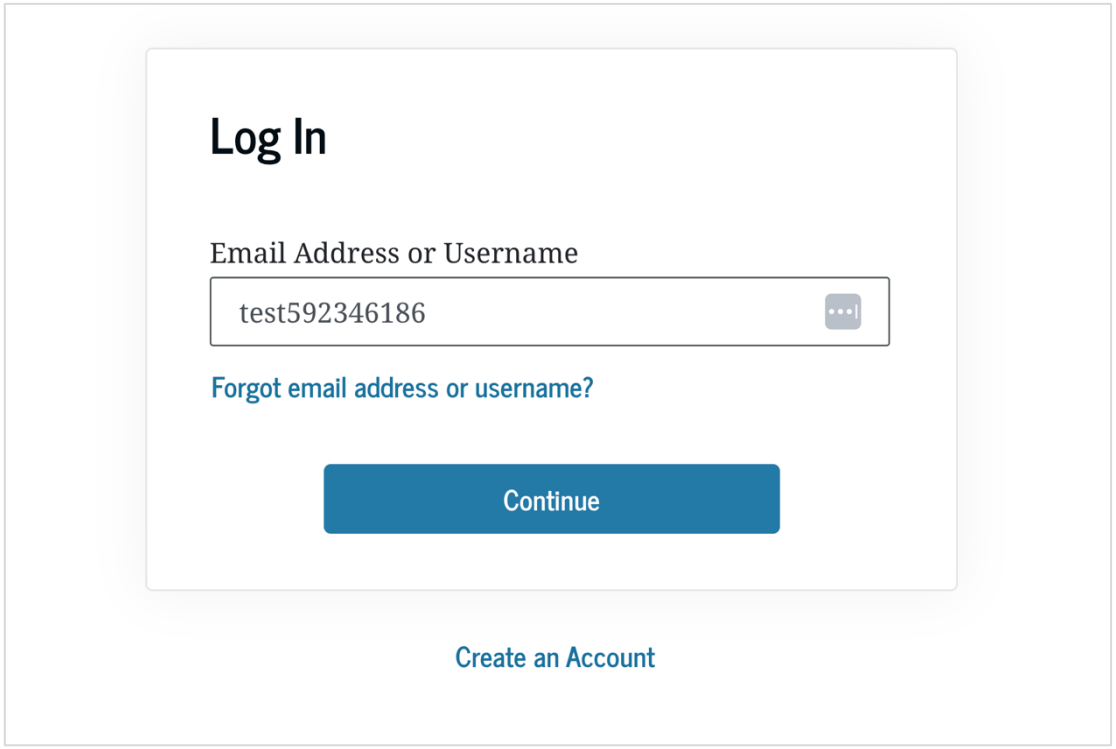


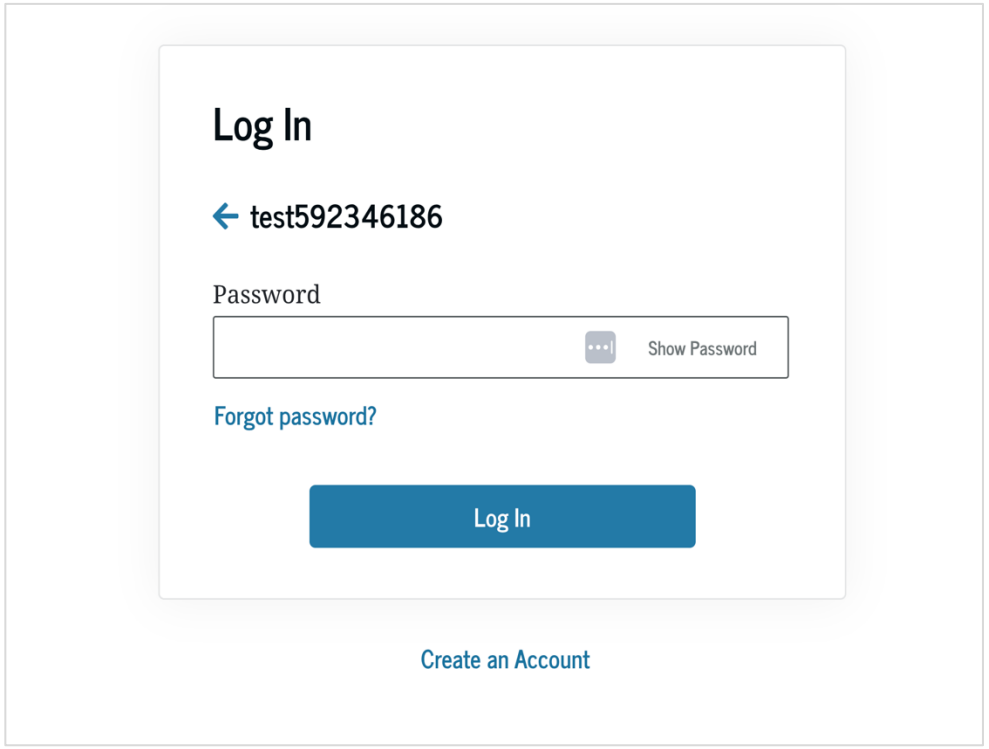
To accept your invite, you'll need a StudentAid.gov account. If prompted, enter your **invite code:**

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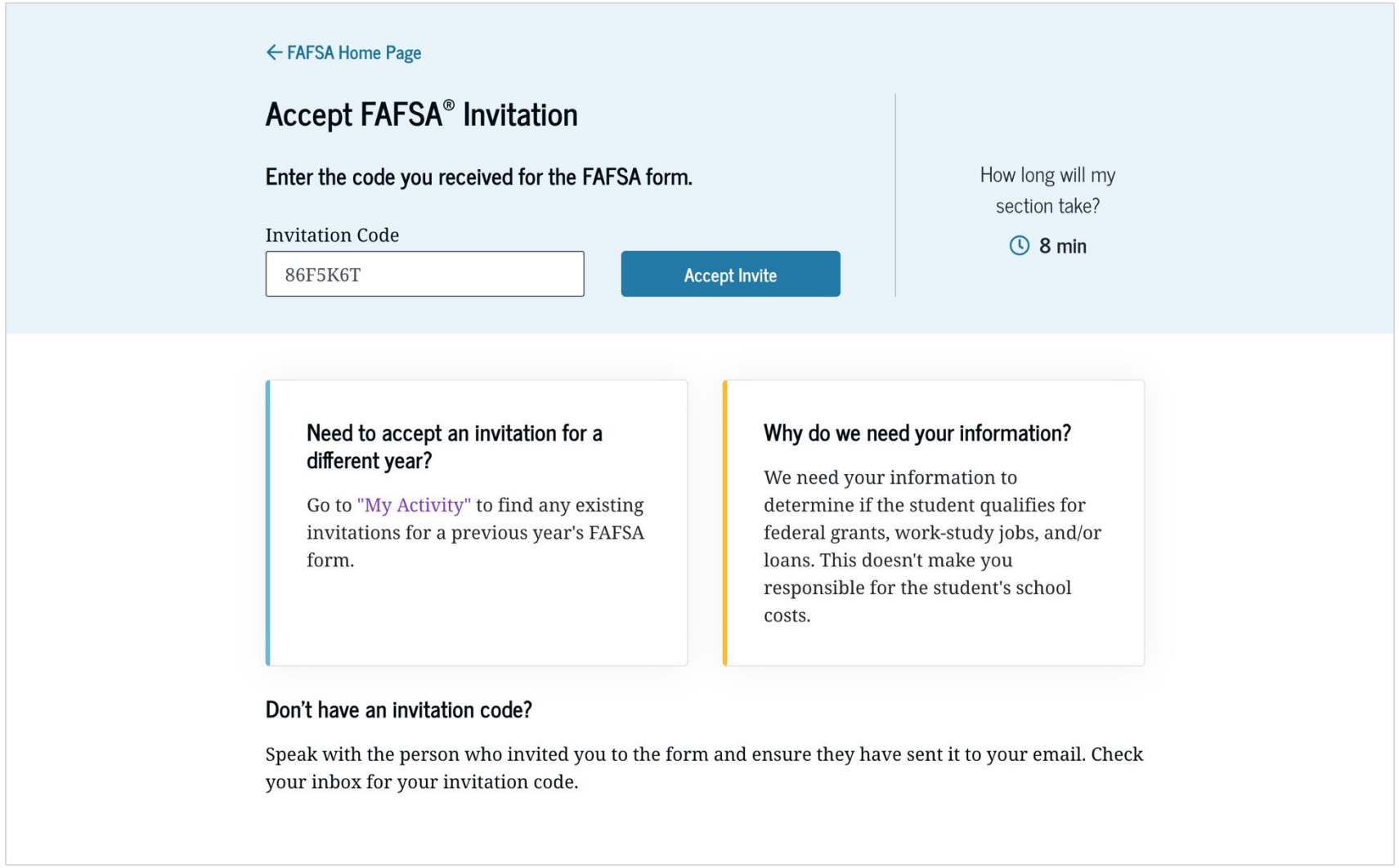
If you must do this later, set a date for starting your section. Amanda can't access federal student aid until you do.

Married Student: Student Spouse Log In

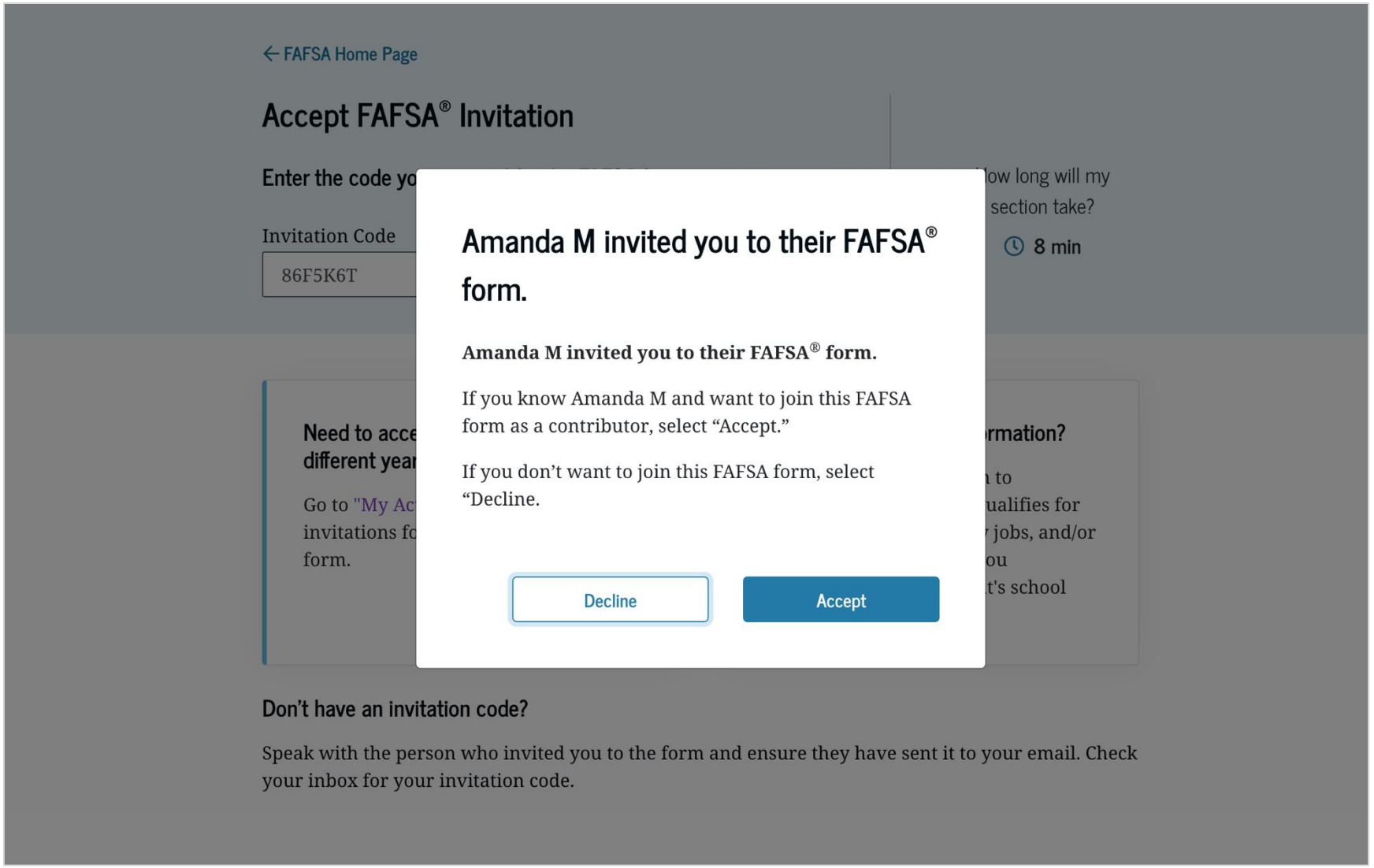




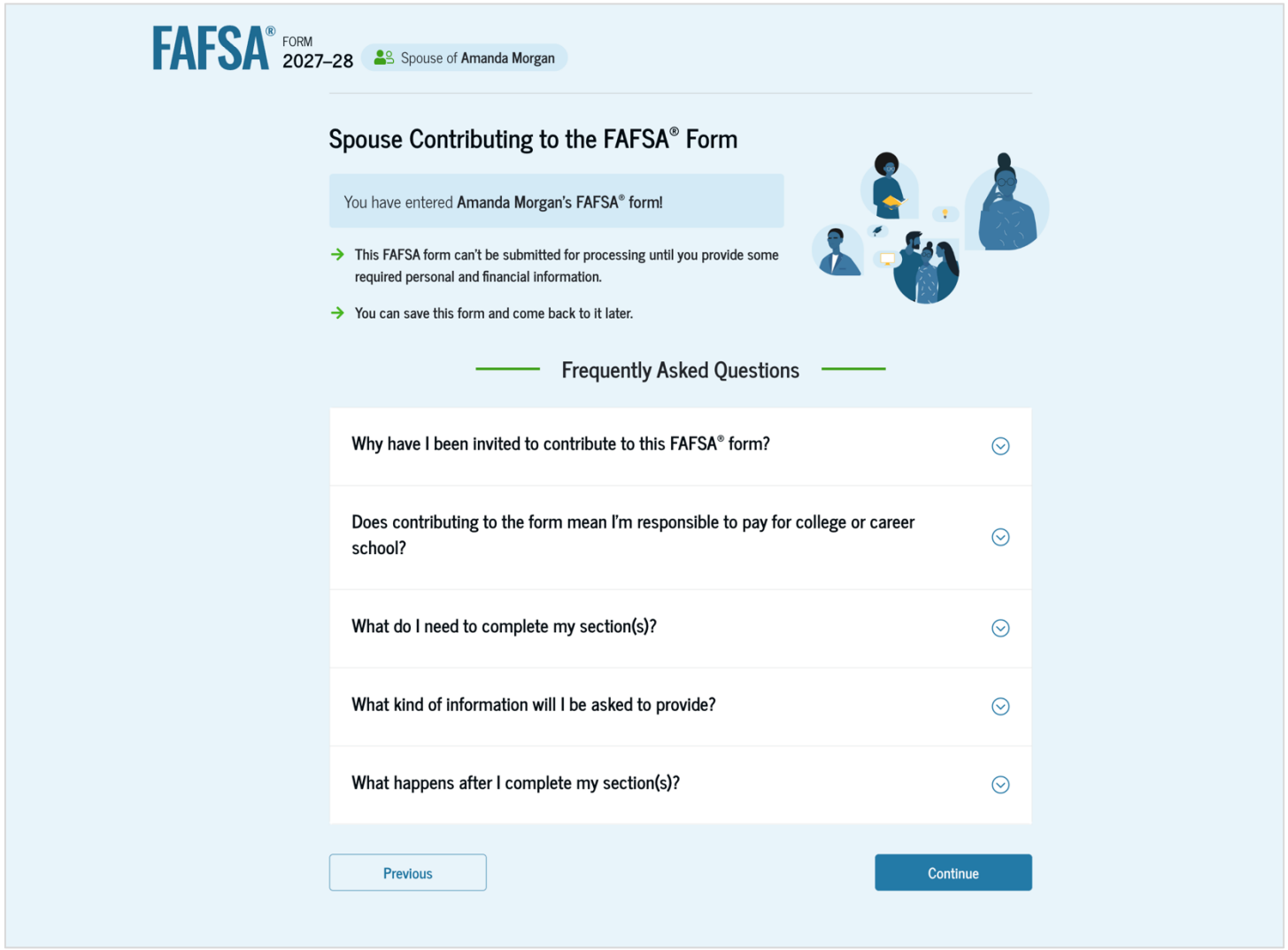
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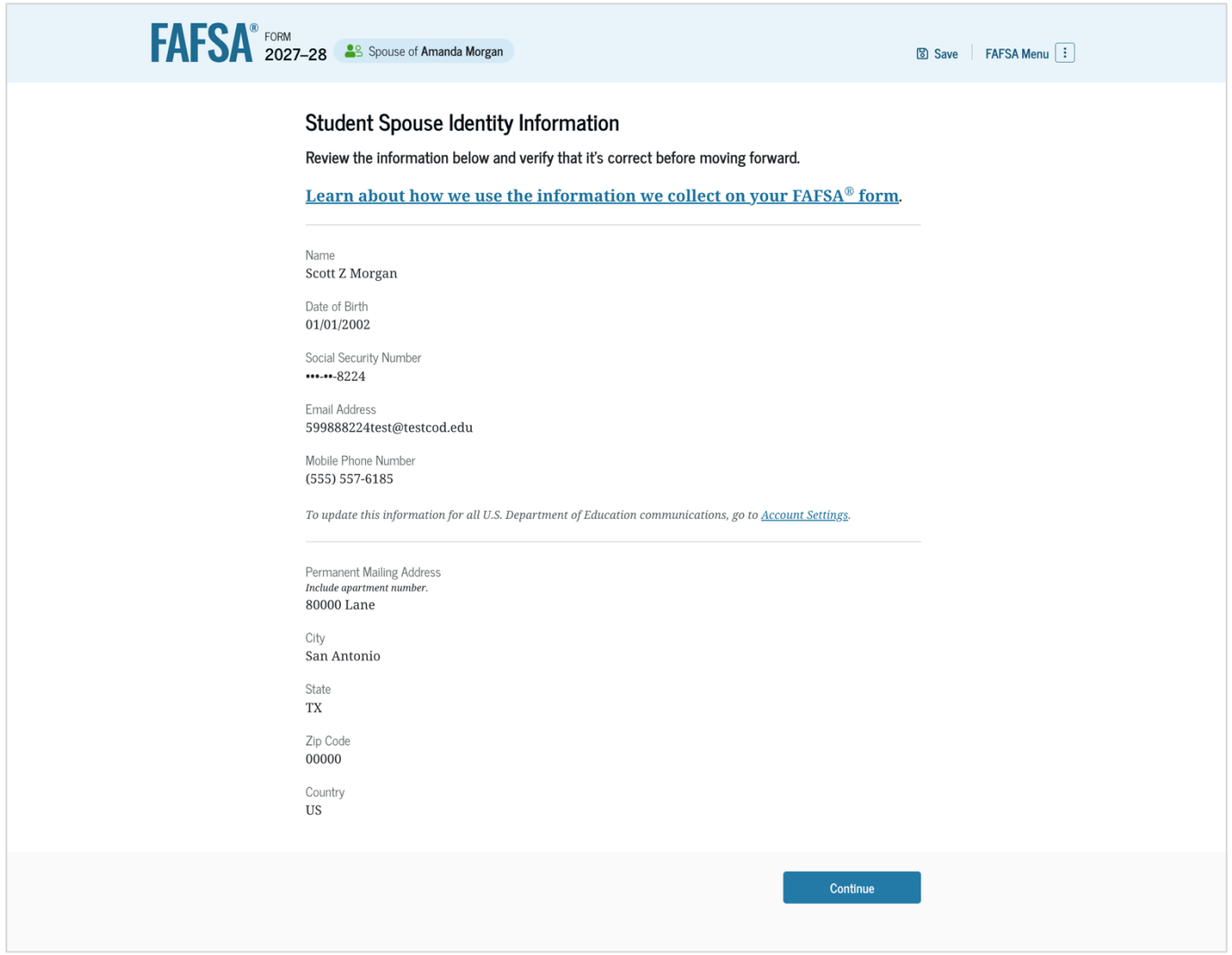
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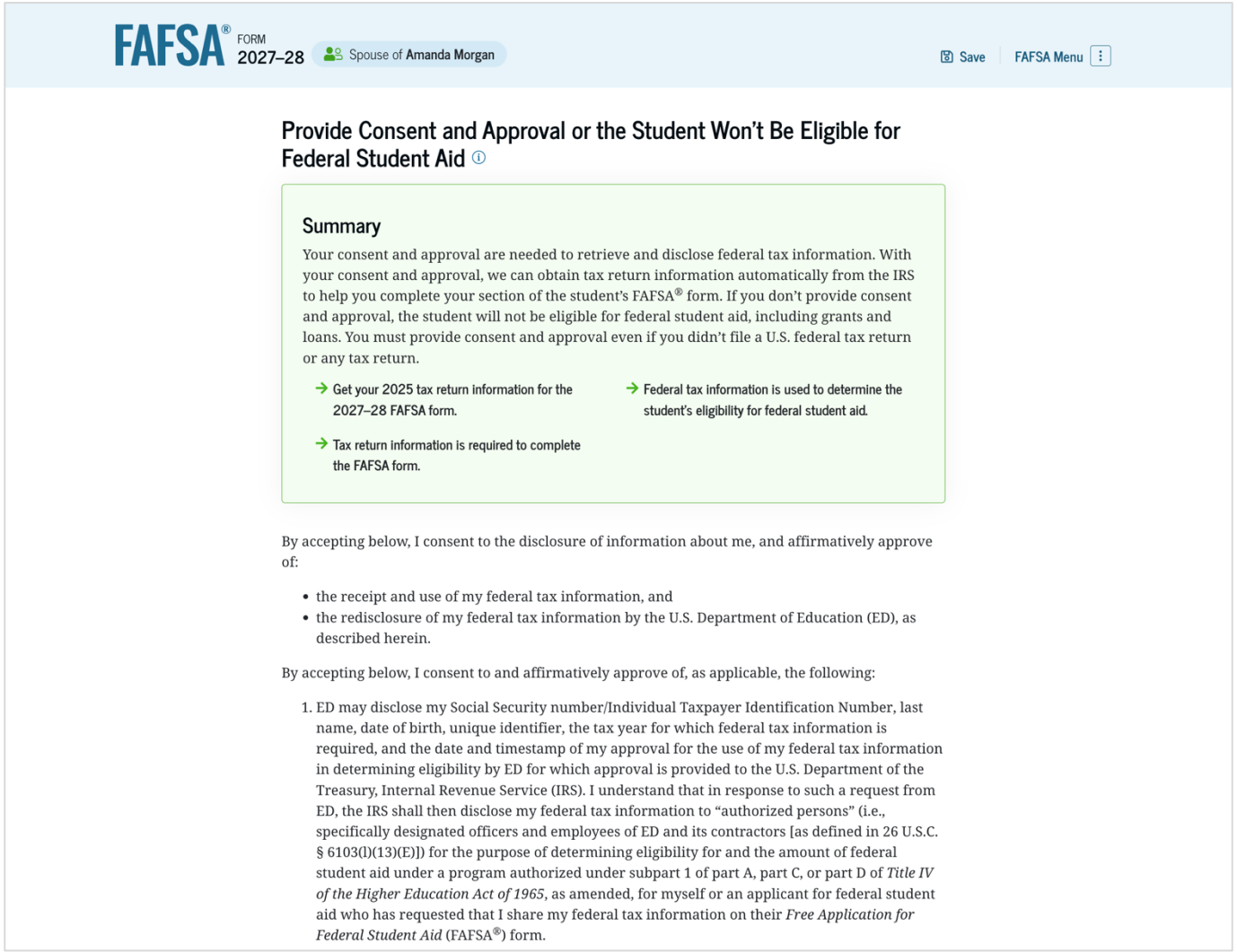
Married Student: Student Spouse Contributing to the FAFSA® Form



Married Student: Student Spouse Identity Information



Married Student: Student's Spouse Provides Consent and Approval (1 of 2 slides)



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Provide Consent and Approval or the Student Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent and approval are needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information. With your consent and approval, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA® form. If you don't provide consent and approval, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent and approval even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return.

- Get your 2025 tax return information for the 2027–28 FAFSA form.
- Federal tax information is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I consent to the disclosure of information about me, and affirmatively approve of:

- the receipt and use of my federal tax information, and
- the redisclosure of my federal tax information by the U.S. Department of Education (ED), as described herein.

By accepting below, I consent to and affirmatively approve of, as applicable, the following:

1. ED may disclose my Social Security number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, last name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which federal tax information is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my federal tax information in determining eligibility by ED for which approval is provided to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). I understand that in response to such a request from ED, the IRS shall then disclose my federal tax information to "authorized persons" (i.e., specifically designated officers and employees of ED and its contractors [as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(E)]) for the purpose of determining eligibility for and the amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, for myself or an applicant for federal student aid who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

Married Student: Student's Spouse Provides Consent and Approval (2 of 2 slides)

2. Authorized persons at ED and its contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(E)) may use my federal tax information for the purpose of determining the eligibility for and amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, for myself or a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on the FAFSA form.

3. ED may redisclose my federal tax information received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
   - Institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended
   - State higher education agencies
   - Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education
   - Contractors of institutions of higher education and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or state agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid

4. ED may redisclose my federal tax information to another FAFSA applicant's FAFSA form(s) for which I elect to participate. By accepting an invitation and affirmation to participate in another individual's FAFSA form, my federal tax information will be redisclosed to the additional application. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my federal tax information to that FAFSA form.

By consenting and providing my affirmative approval, I further understand the following:

1. My consent and affirmative approval are required, as a condition of my eligibility or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form, for federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.

2. I am providing my written consent for the redisclosure of my federal tax information by ED to include, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors and auditors, other family members participating in the FAFSA form, Office of Inspector General, under 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D), and with my further express written consent obtained by an institution of higher education, the redisclosure of FAFSA information pursuant to the terms and conditions of 20 U.S.C. § 1098h(c).

3. Any federal tax information received from the IRS at a later date shall supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.

4. ED may request updated federal tax information from the IRS once my consent and approval are provided. If federal tax information has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised information), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.

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5. If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information to institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, and their respective contractors, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I consent electronically to the use of my StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID) as my signature and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the *Privacy Act of 1974, subject to a fine of not more than $5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(i)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA form, my execution (including date and time) of consent and approval will be logged in ED's Person Authentication Service System of Record (18-11-12).*

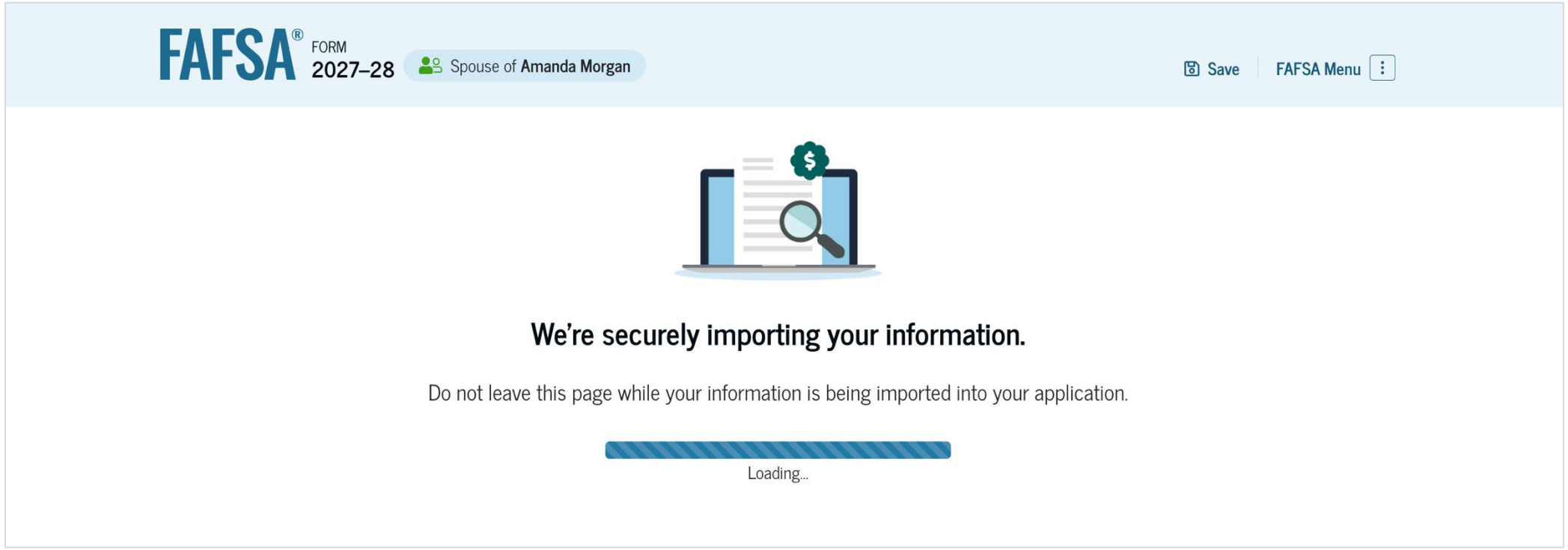
Frequently Asked Questions

- Who should provide consent and approval?
- Why do I need to provide consent?
- What happens after I provide consent and approval?
- What happens if I decline consent and approval?

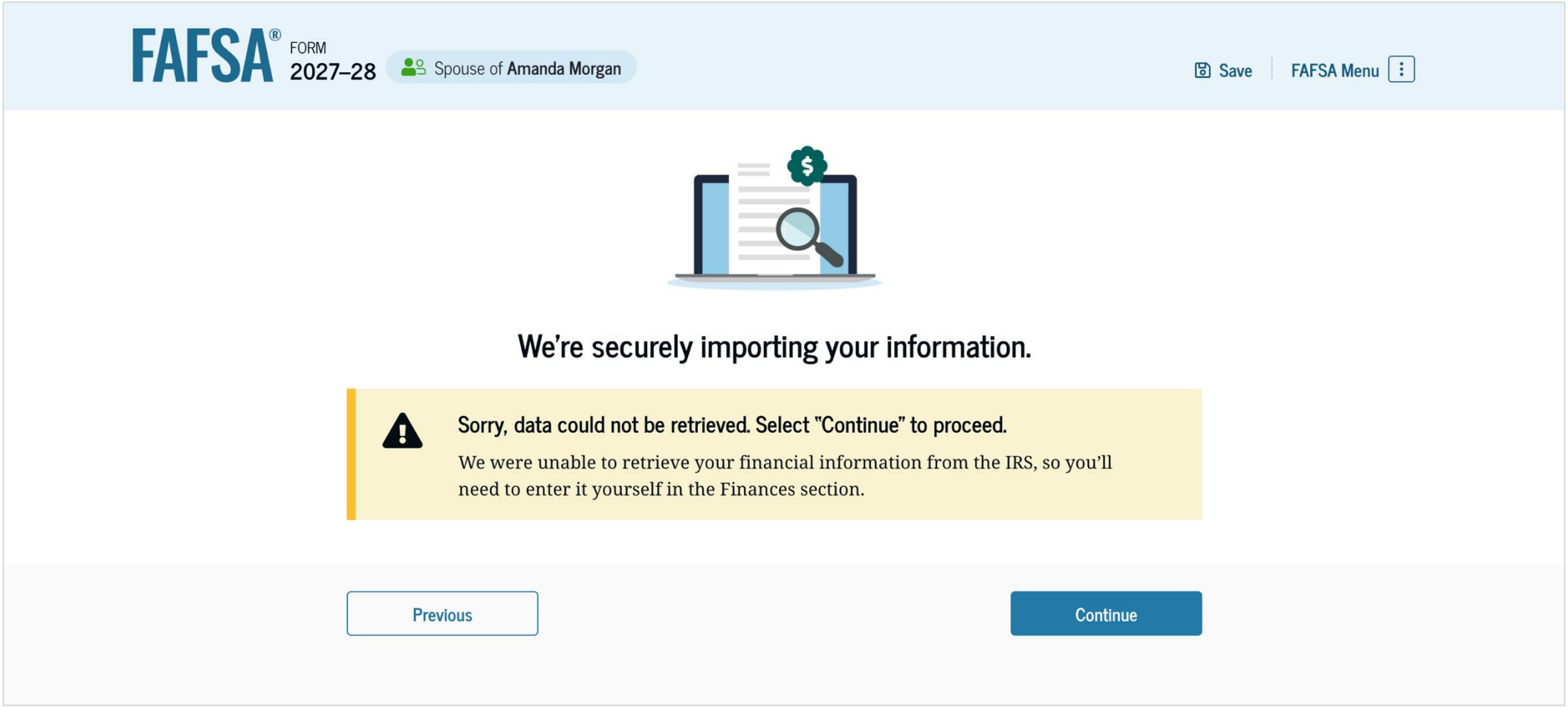
Select "Approve" to consent and approve to the use of your federal tax information to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," the student will not be eligible for federal student aid.

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Married Student: Student's Spouse Imports IRS Information (1 of 2 slides)



Married Student: Student's Spouse Imports IRS Information (2 of 2 slides)



Introduction: Student Spouse's Financials

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Spouse of **Amanda Morgan**

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Your Finances

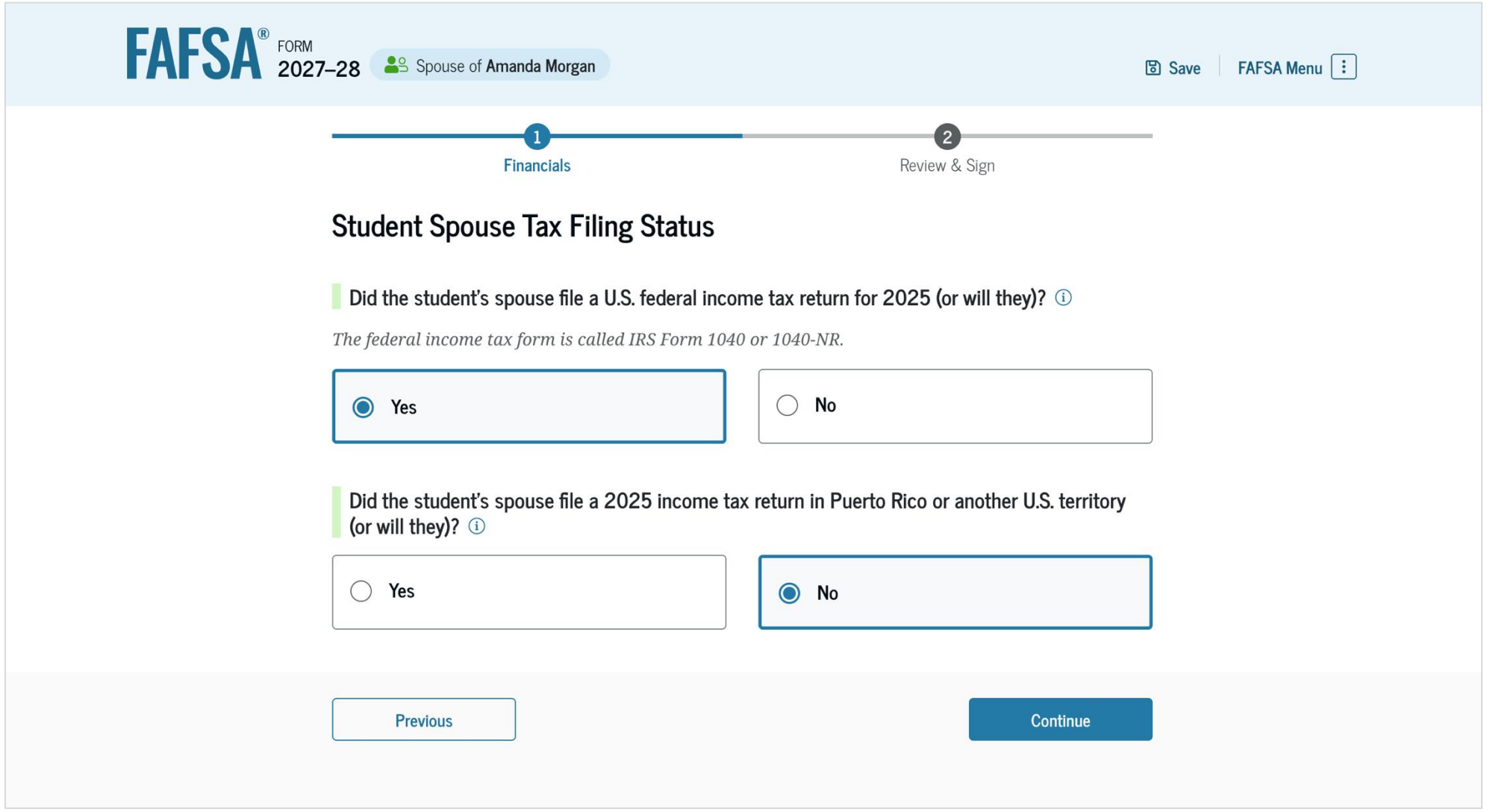
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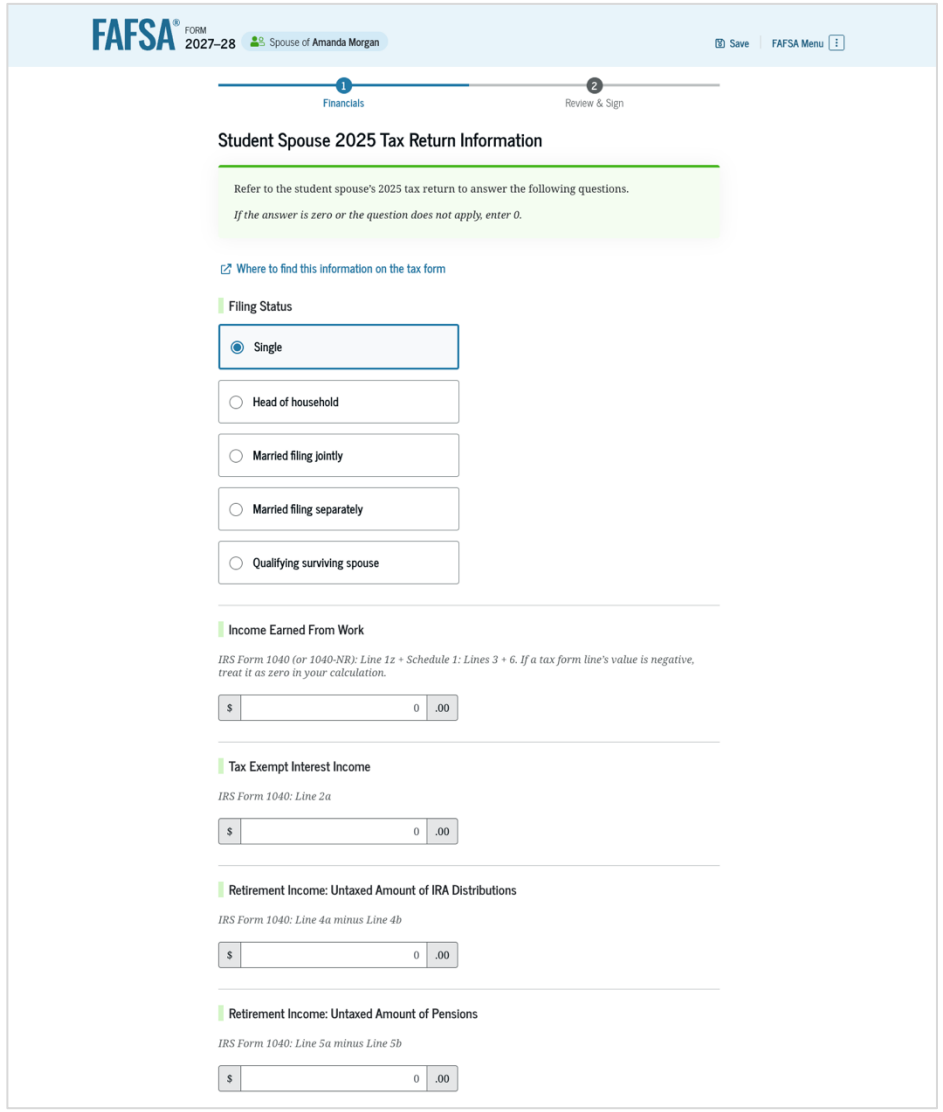
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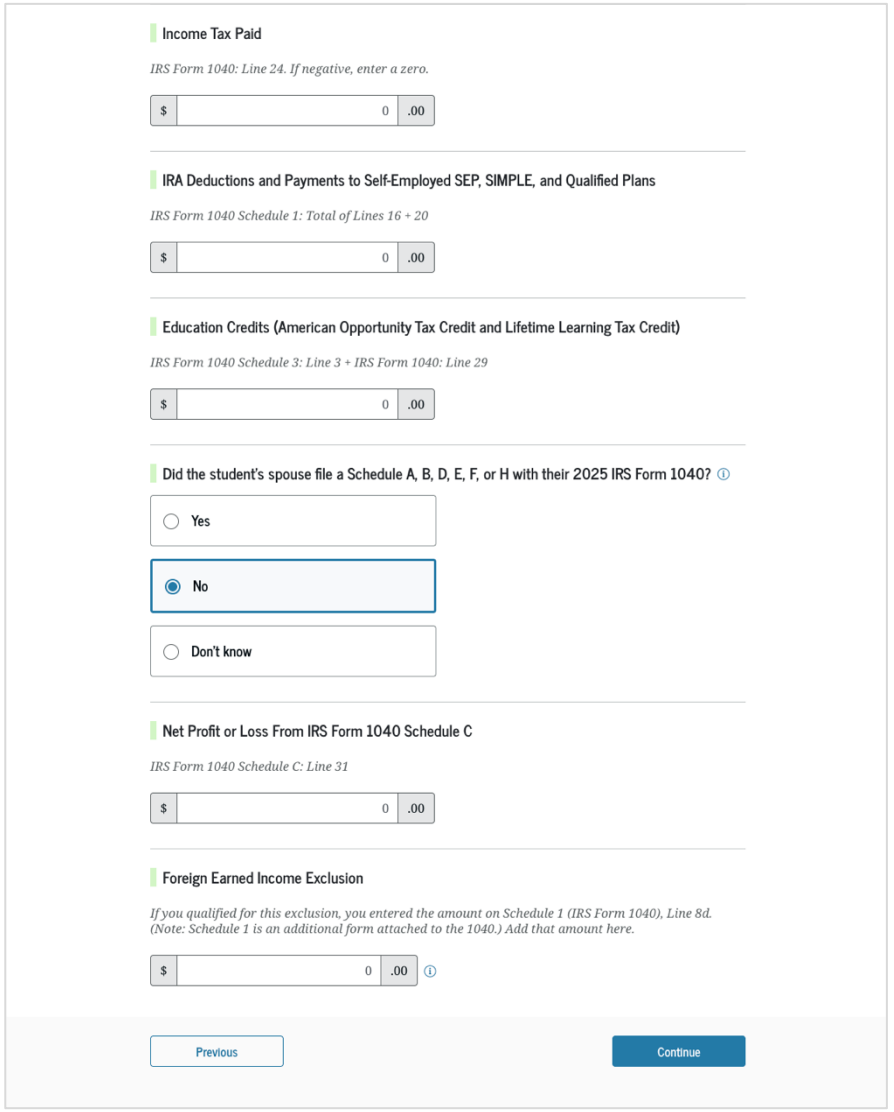
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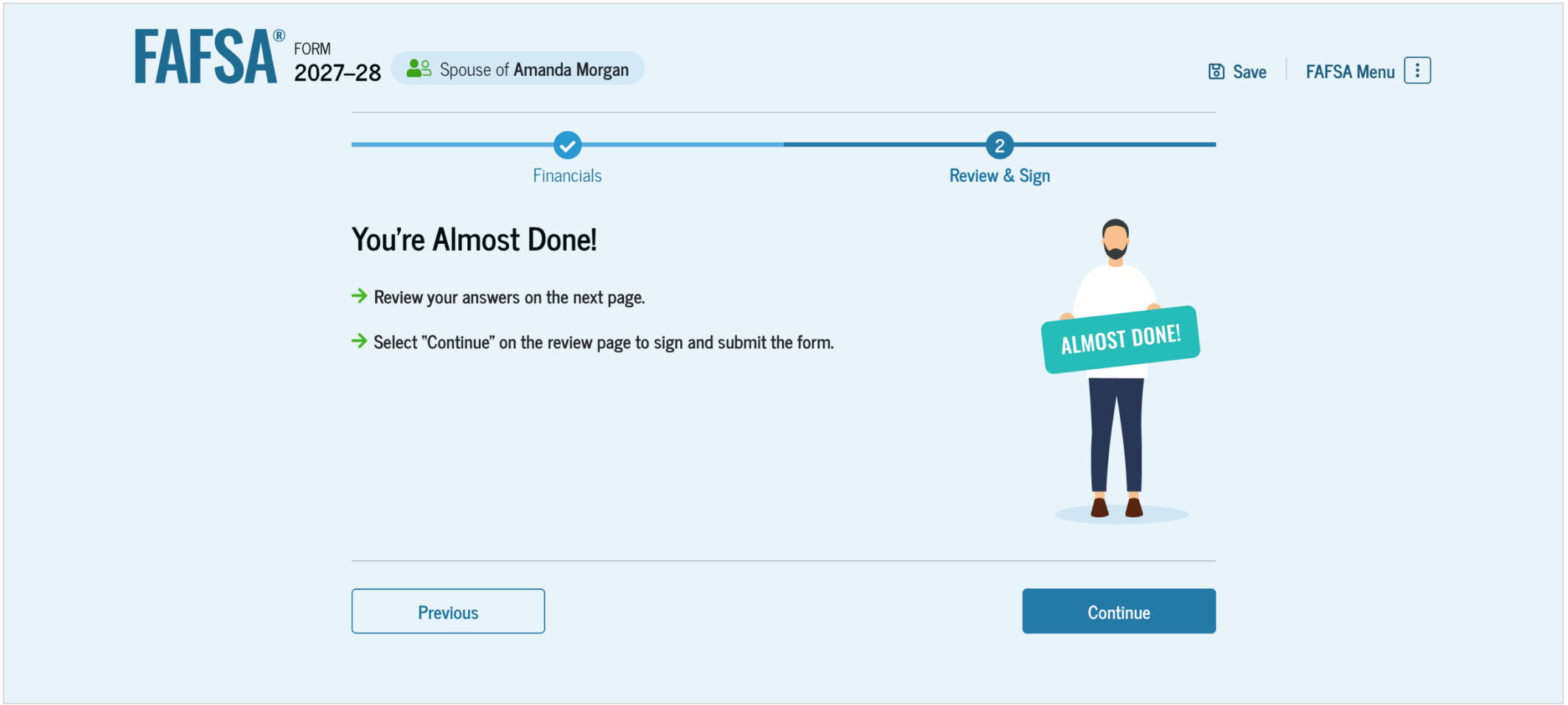


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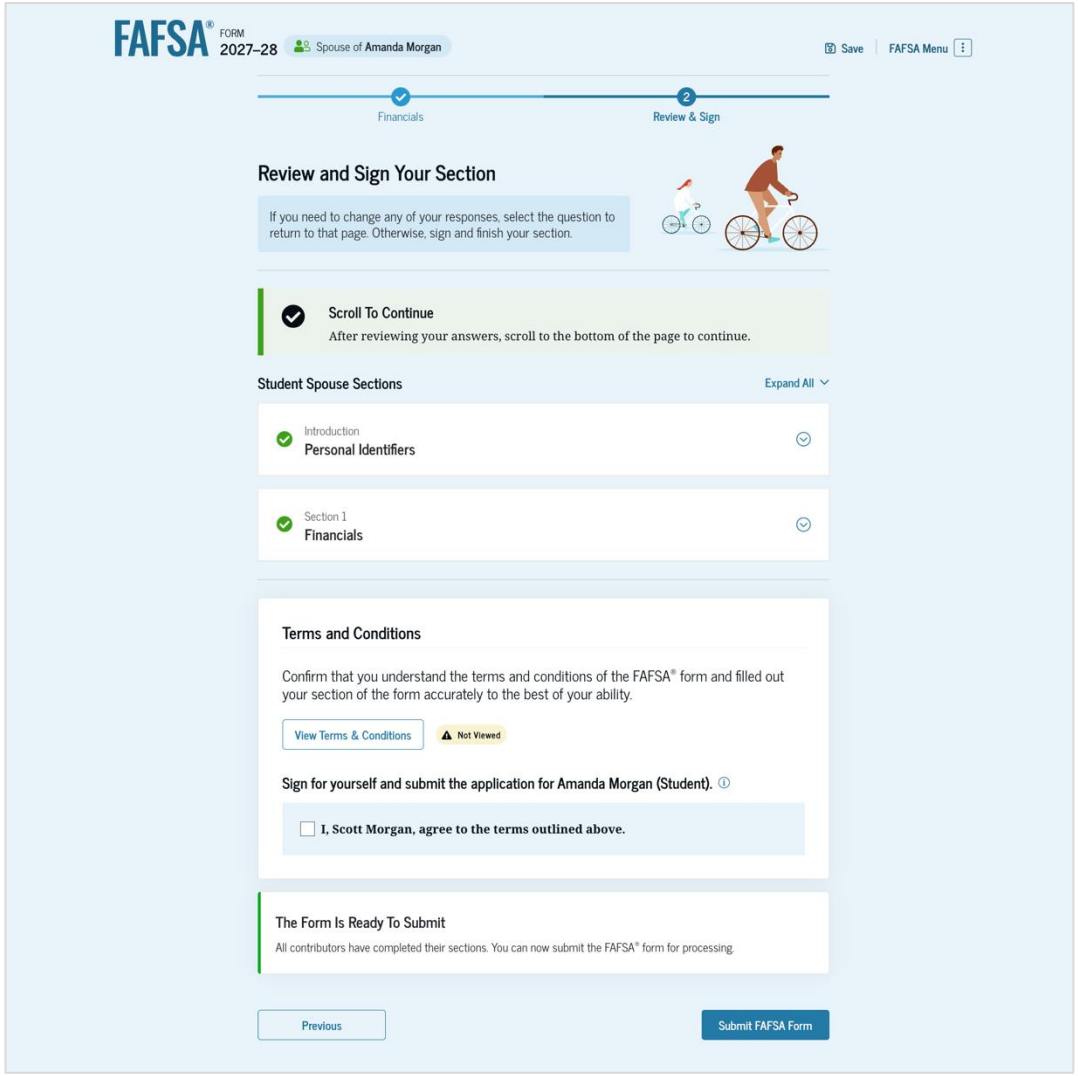


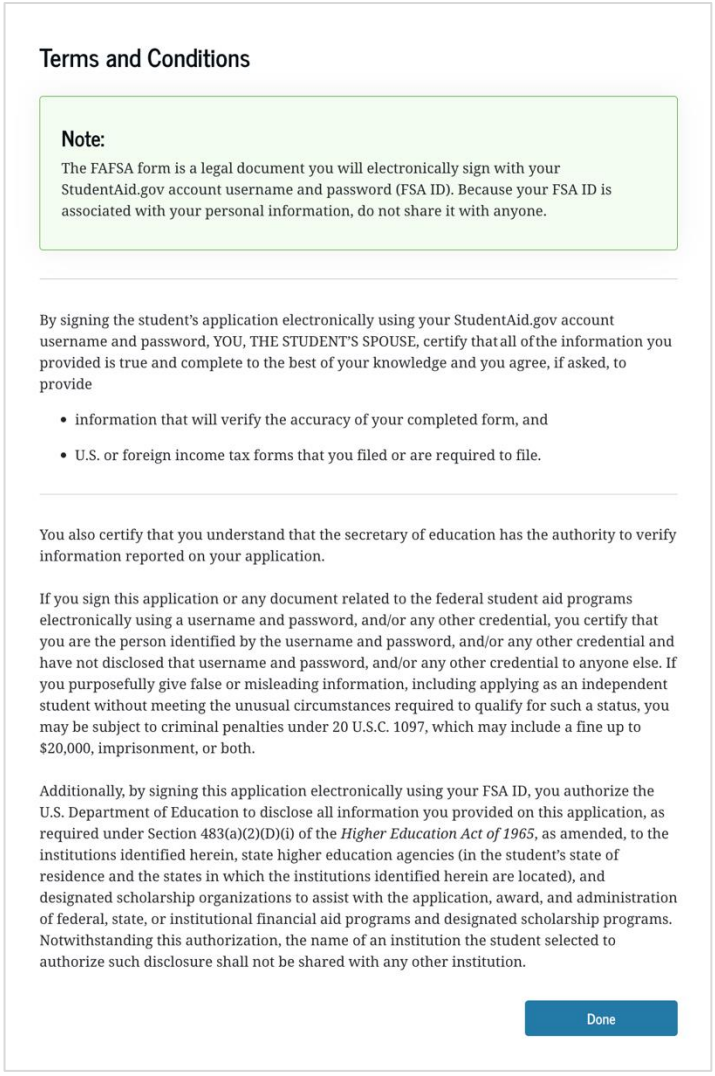


Married Student: Student Spouse You're Almost Done

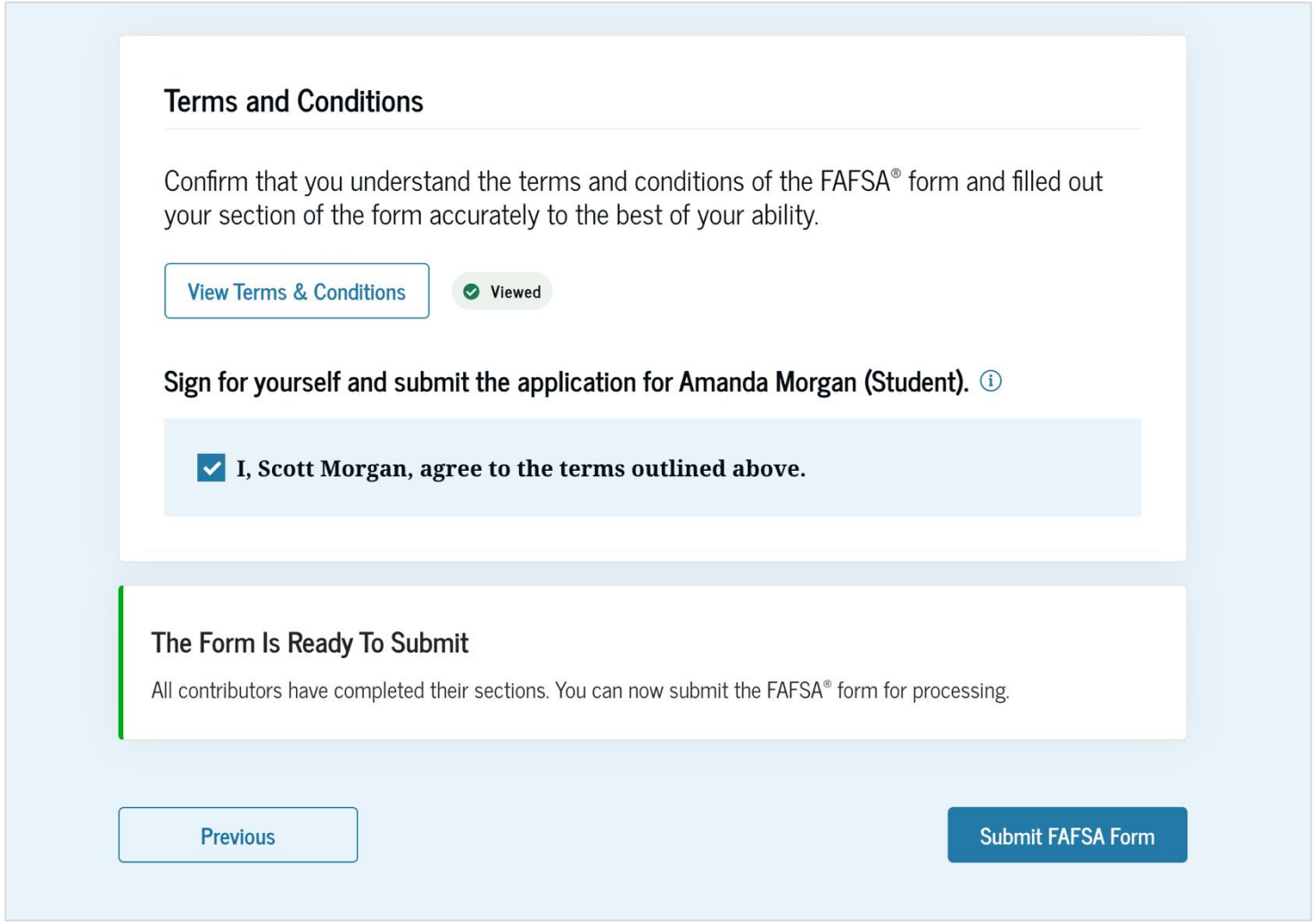


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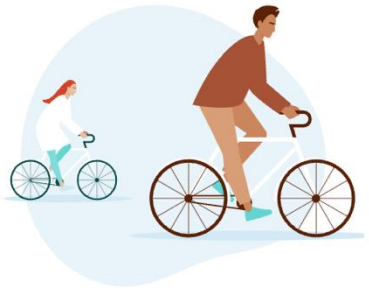


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Married Student: Student Spouse Confirmation (1 of 2 slides)

FAFSA® FORM 2027–28 Spouse of **Amanda Morgan**



Hold tight—we're processing your FAFSA® form.

Stay on this page to see your next steps.

Sending for Processing

Married Student: Student Spouse Confirmation (2 of 2 slides)



Congratulations!

The student's FAFSA® form has been processed!

What to Know Now

1. The student's FAFSA Submission Summary has estimates of their eligibility for federal student aid.
2. The student should review the "Next Steps" section of their FAFSA Submission Summary to make sure there are no issues with their form. They'll also get an email.
3. Schools will contact the student. If a school needs more information to determine how much aid the student is eligible for, they'll reach out. Schools will also send financial aid offers. If the student has a question about a school's student aid package, they should contact the school's financial aid office directly.

Return to My Dashboard

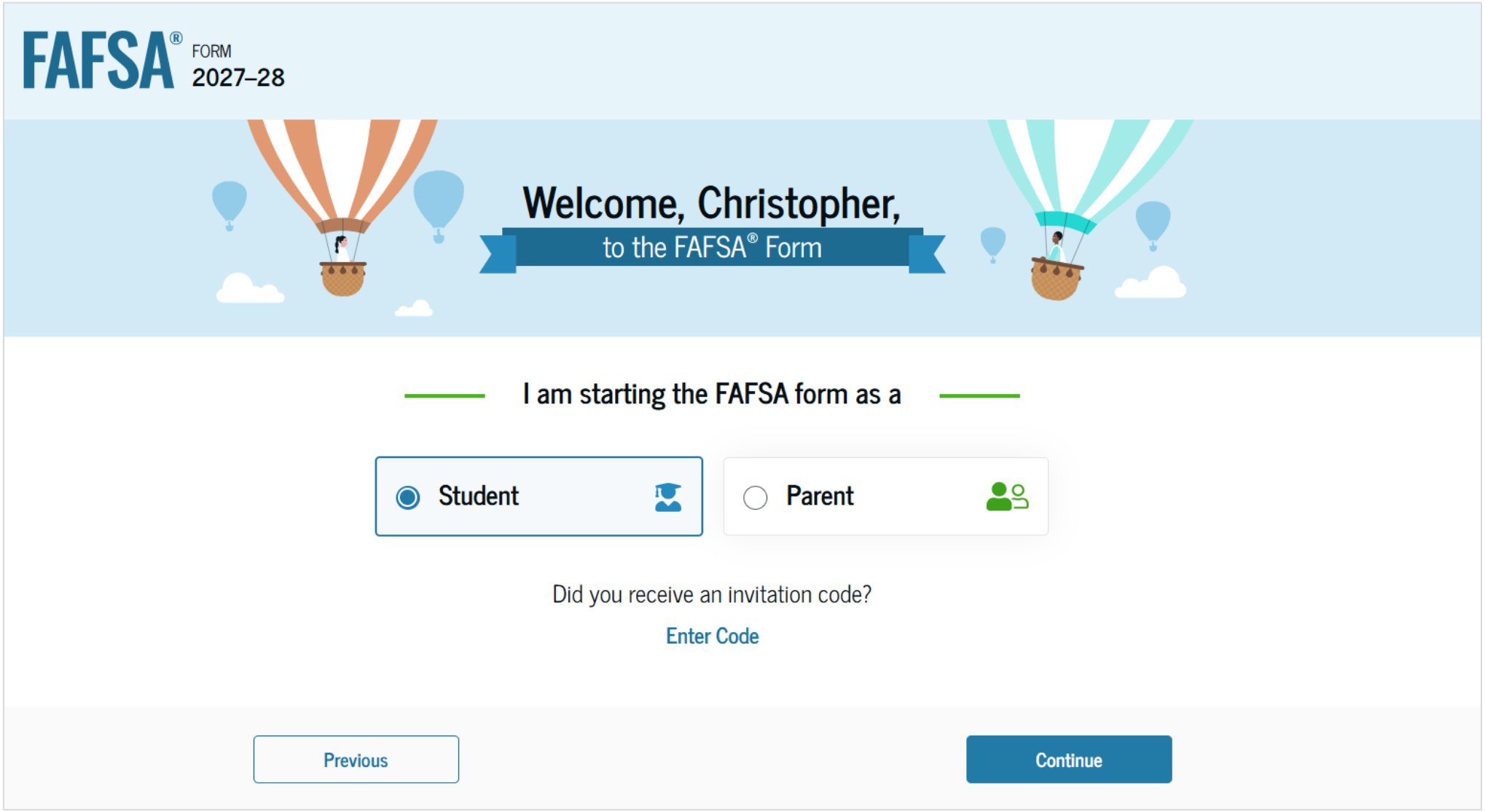
Scenario 8: Independent Student, Single, Nontax Filer

Overview

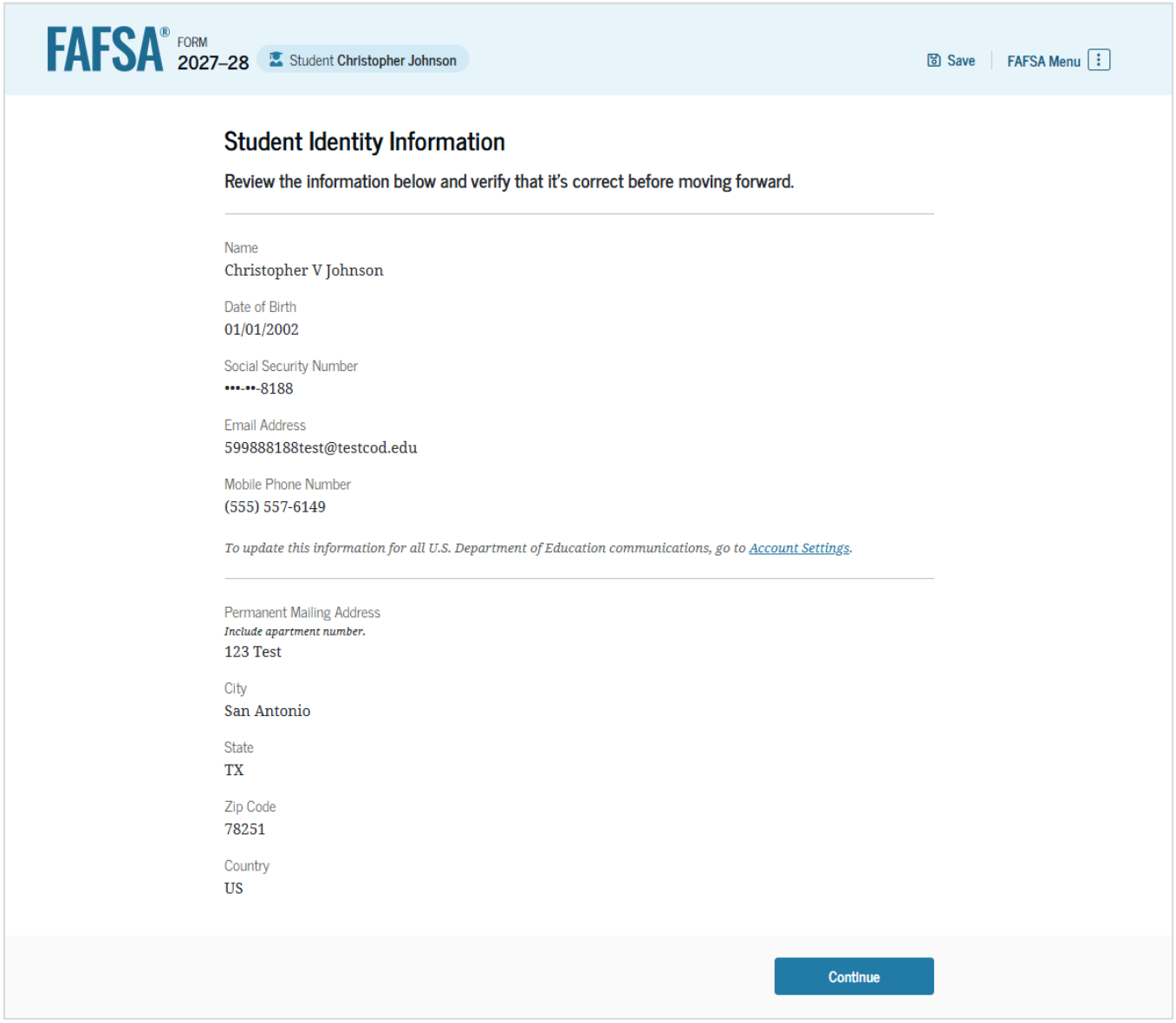
This user scenario involves the following user roles and actions:

- A user fills out a 2027–28 FAFSA® form in the “student” user role.
- Based on the student’s answers, they are determined to be an “independent student.”
- Because the student is single (never married), they don’t need to invite any contributors to their form.
- When the student signs their form, it is processed immediately.

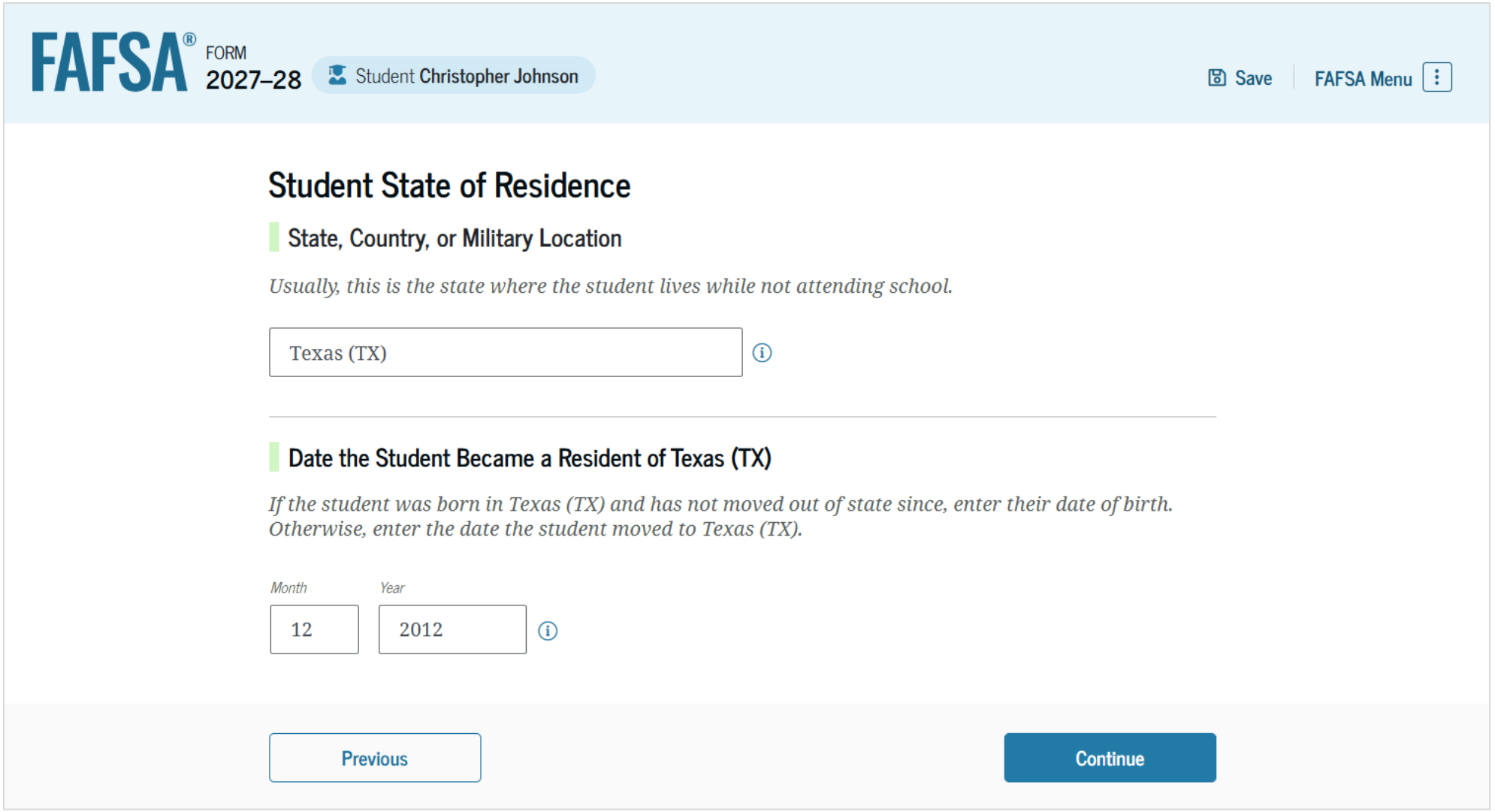
Independent Student: Role



Independent Student: Student Identity Information



Independent Student: State of Residence



Independent Student: Provide Consent and Approval (1 of 2 slides)



Independent Student: Provide Consent and Approval (2 of 2 slides)

3. ED may redisclose my federal tax information received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
   - Institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended
   - State higher education agencies
   - Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education
   - Contractors of institutions of higher education and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or state agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid
4. ED may redisclose my federal tax information to another FAFSA applicant's FAFSA form(s) for which I elect to participate. By accepting an invitation and affirmation to participate in another individual's FAFSA form, my federal tax information will be redisclosed to the additional application. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my federal tax information to that FAFSA form.

By consenting and providing my affirmative approval, I further understand the following:

1. My consent and affirmative approval are required, as a condition of my eligibility or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form, for federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
2. I am providing my written consent for the redisclosure of my federal tax information by ED to include, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, their respective contractors and auditors, other family members participating in the FAFSA form, Office of Inspector General, under 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D), and with my further express written consent obtained by an institution of higher education, the redisclosure of FAFSA information pursuant to the terms and conditions of 20 U.S.C. § 1098h(c).
3. Any federal tax information received from the IRS at a later date shall supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
4. ED may request updated federal tax information from the IRS once my consent and approval are provided. If federal tax information has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised information), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.
5. If I do not consent to the redisclosure of my federal tax information to institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, designated scholarship organizations, and their respective contractors, ED will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I consent electronically to the use of my StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID) as my signature and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the *Privacy Act of 1974*, subject to a fine of not more than $5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(i)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA form, my execution (including date and time) of consent and approval will be logged in ED's Person Authentication Service System of Record (18-11-12).

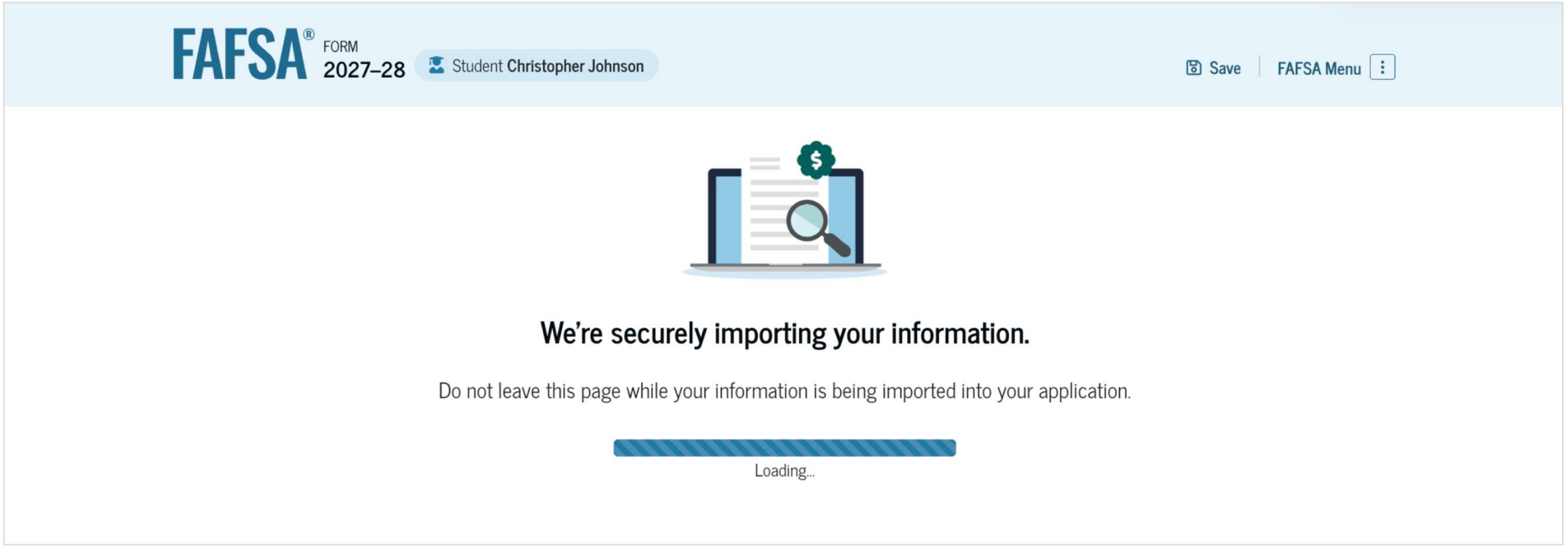
Frequently Asked Questions

- Who should provide consent and approval?
- If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent and approval for you to access their tax information?
- What happens after I provide consent and approval?
- What happens if I decline consent and approval?

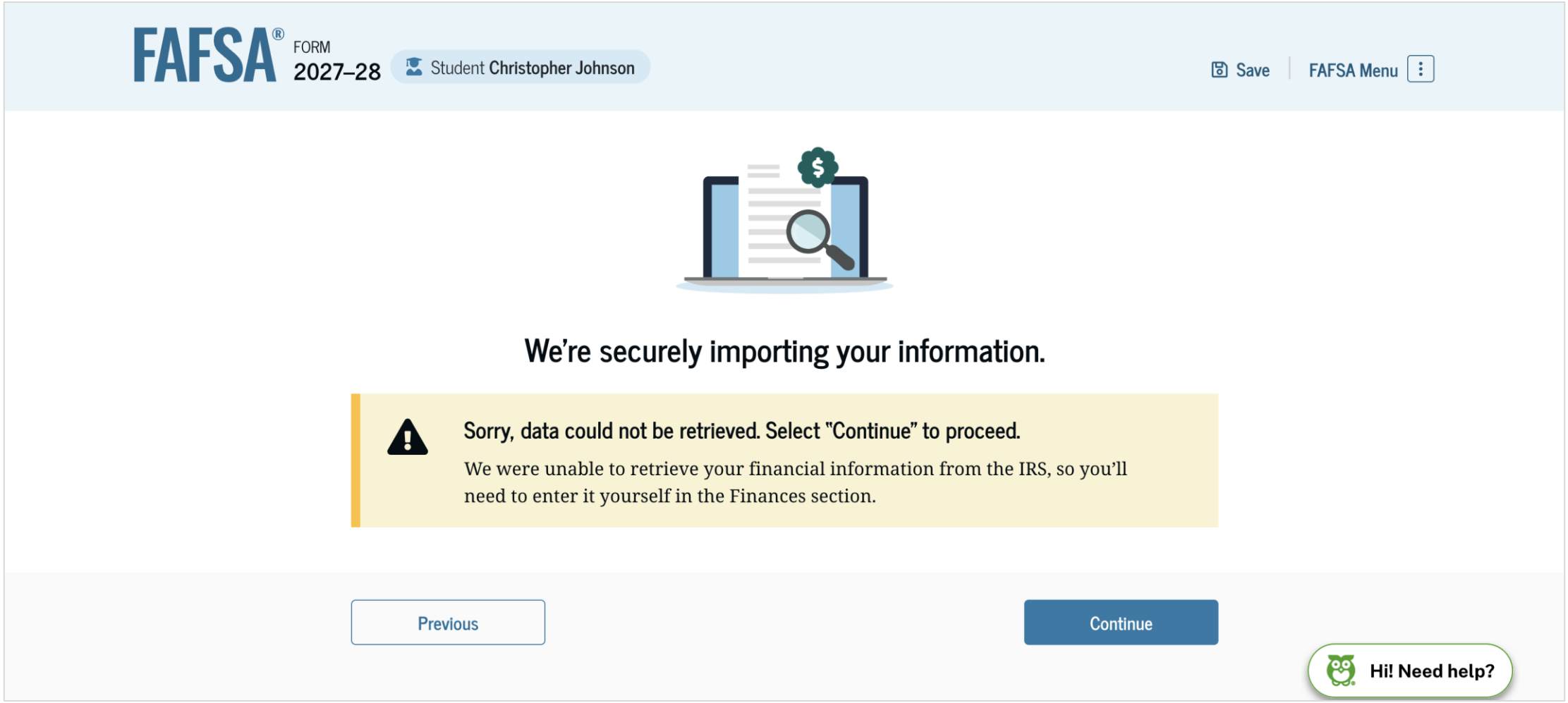
Select "Approve" to provide consent and approval for the use of your federal tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

Previous | Decline | Approve

Independent Student: Imports IRS Information (1 of 2 slides)



Independent Student: Imports IRS Information (2 of 2 slides)



Introduction: Independent Student Background

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Student **Christopher Johnson**

1 Background — 2 Demographics — 3 Financials — 4 Colleges — 5 Contributor Invite — 6 Review & Sign

Background

We'll ask you questions that help us determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This information can affect the types of federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

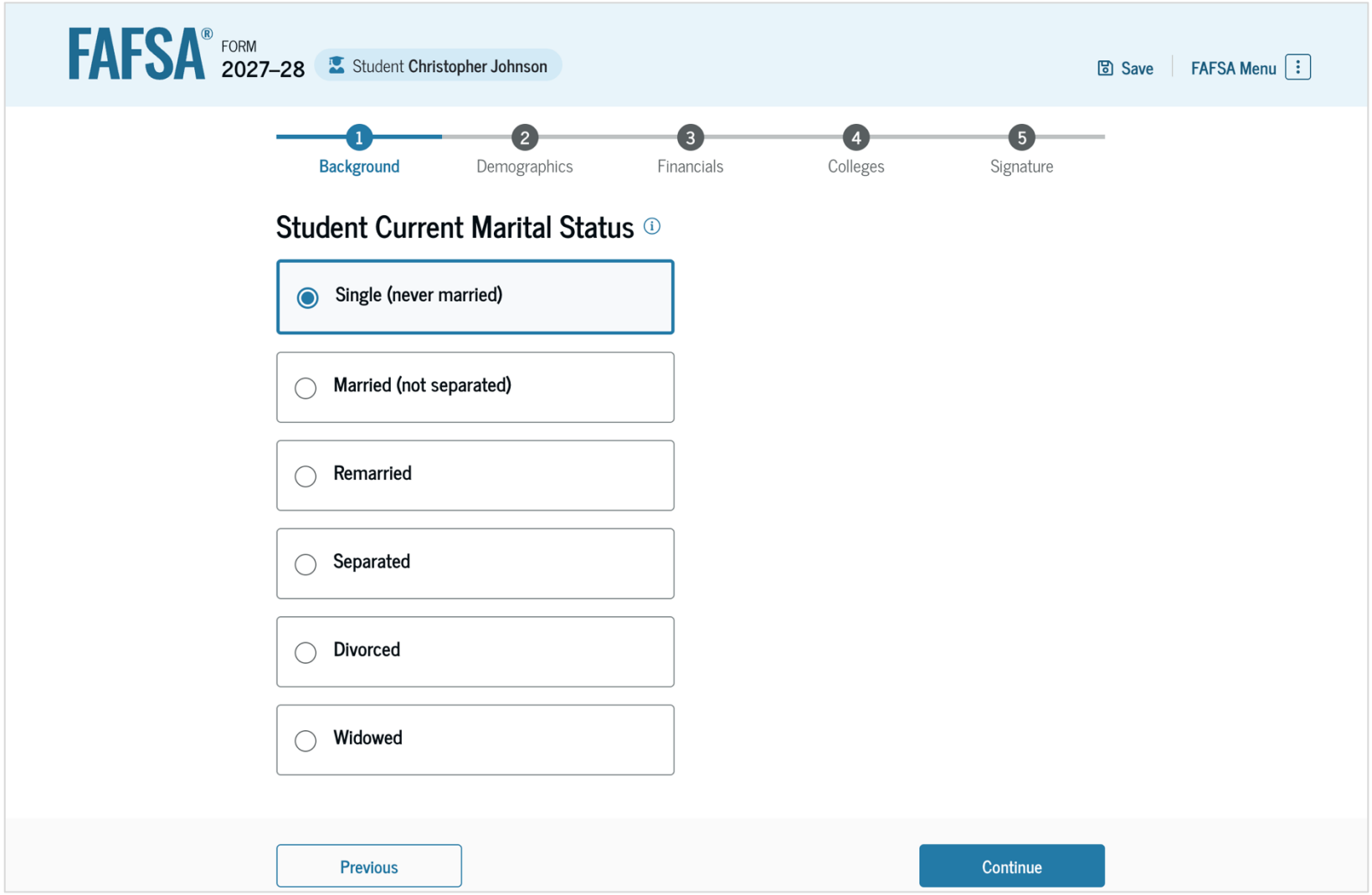


→ **Sometimes we need to collect information from other people depending on answers in this section. We'll let you know if this is the case.**

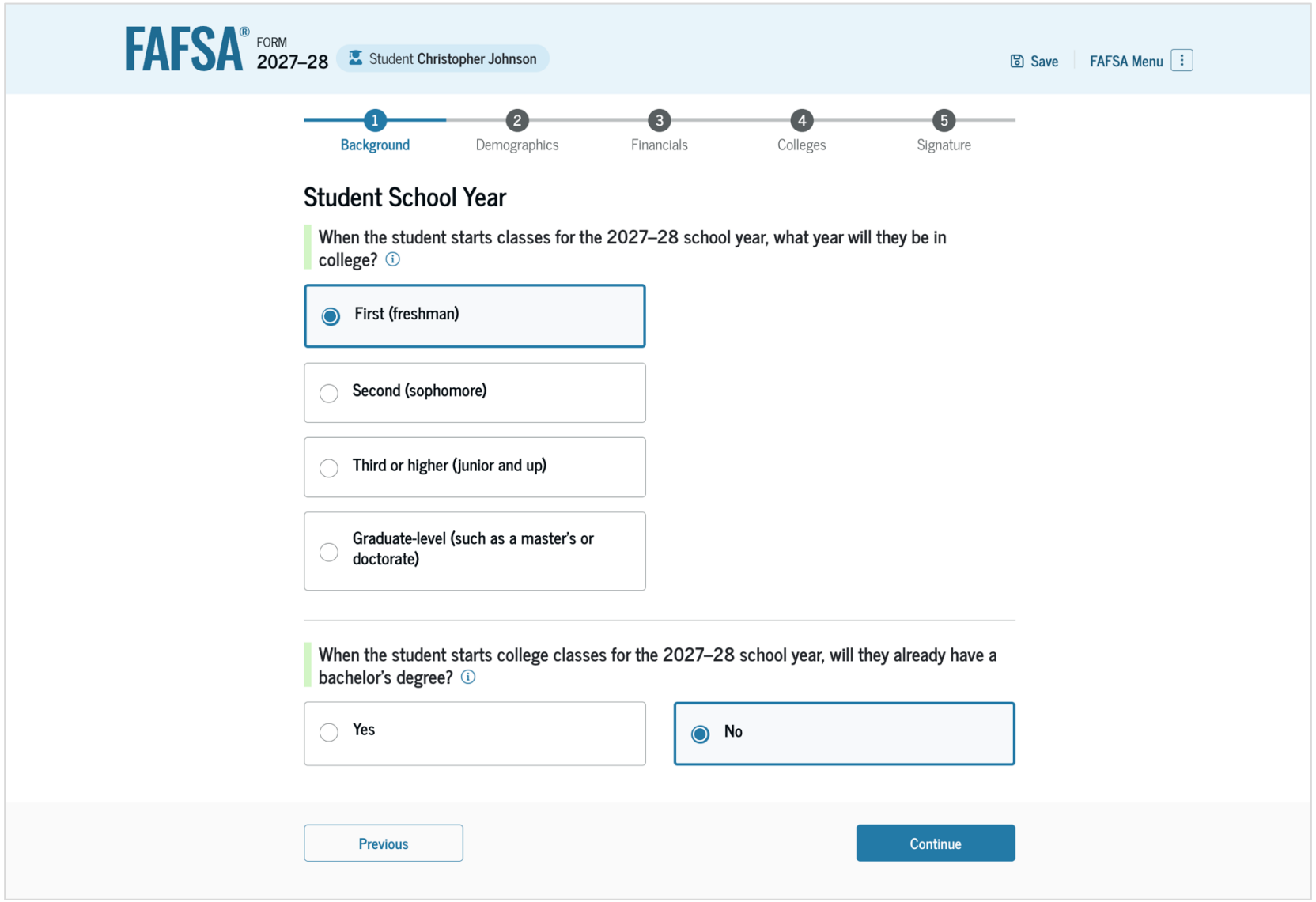
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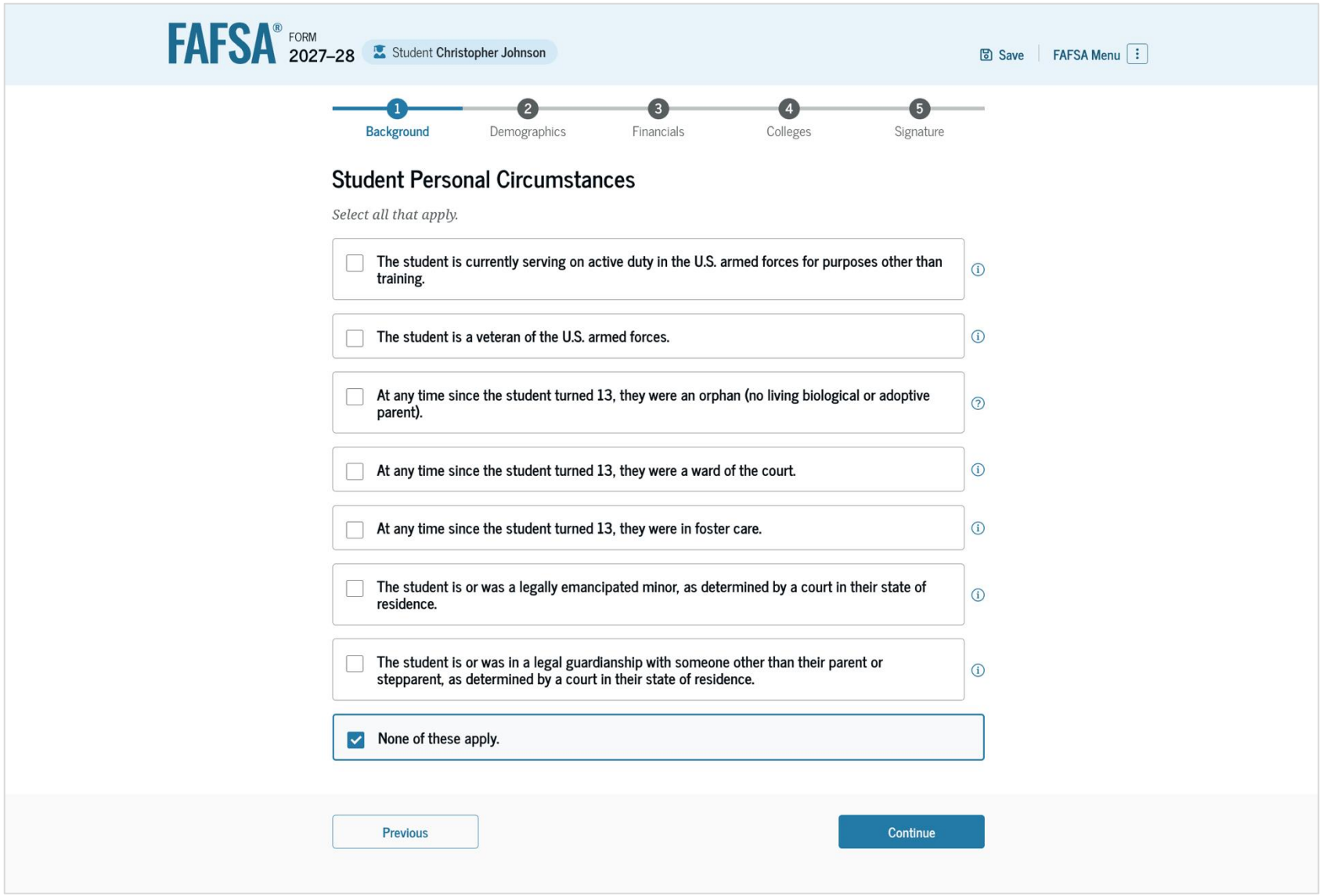
Independent Student: Marital Status



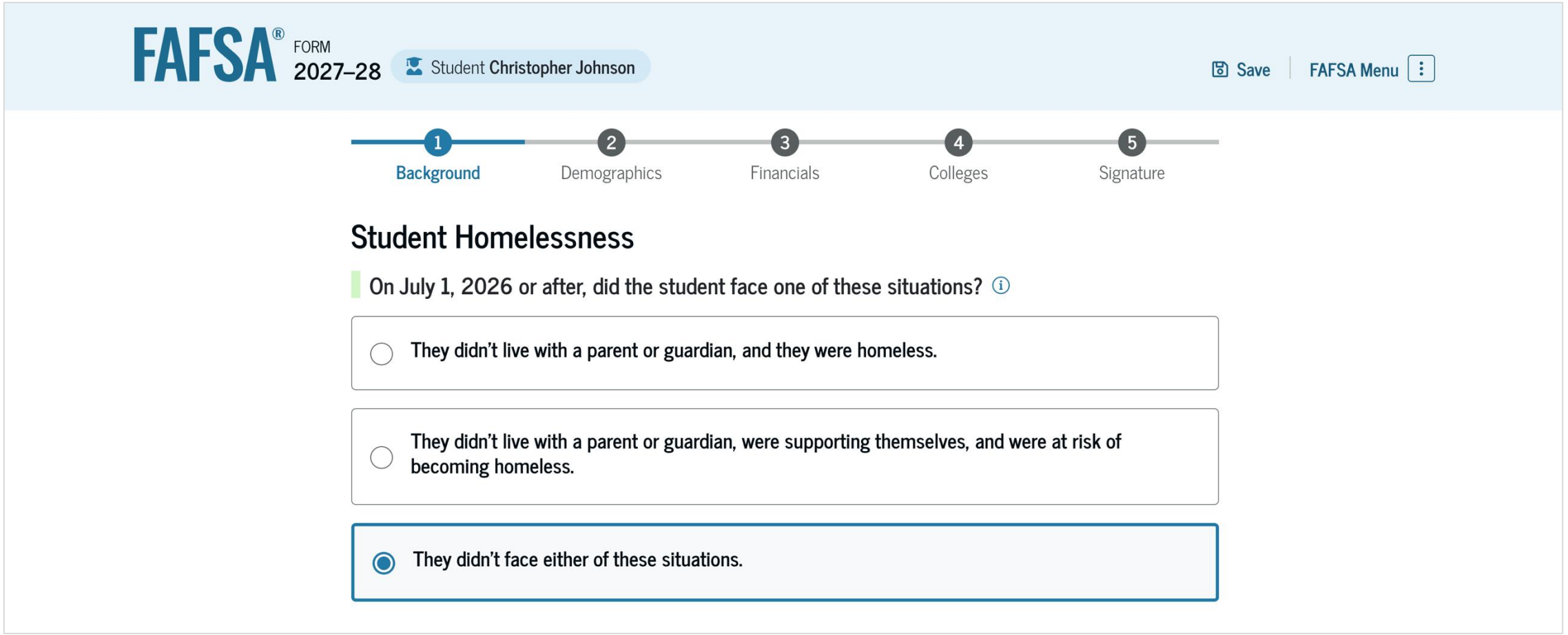
Independent Student: College or Career School Plans



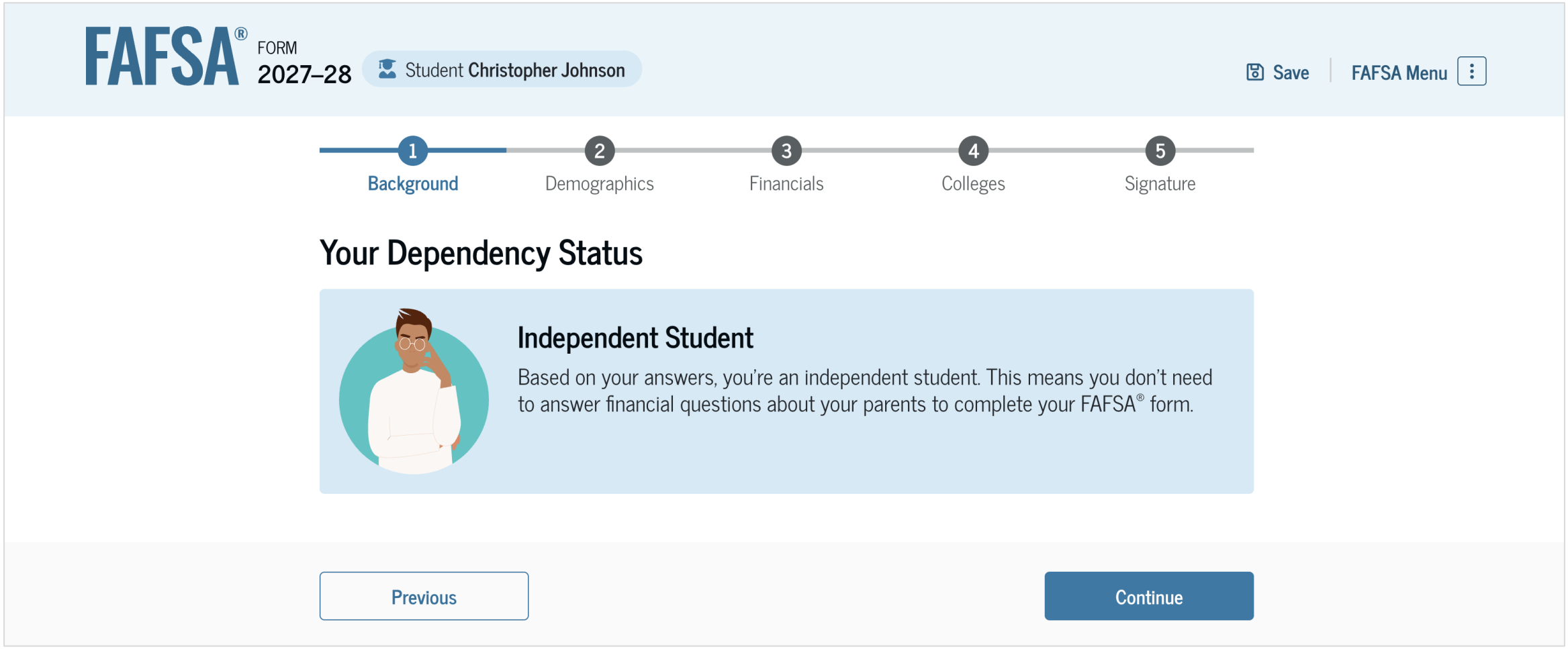
Independent Student: Personal Circumstances



Independent Student: Homelessness Status



Student Dependency Status: Independent Student



Introduction: Independent Student Demographics

FAFSA® FORM 2027–28

Student **Christopher Johnson**

Background | **Demographics** | Financials | Colleges | Signature

Student Demographics

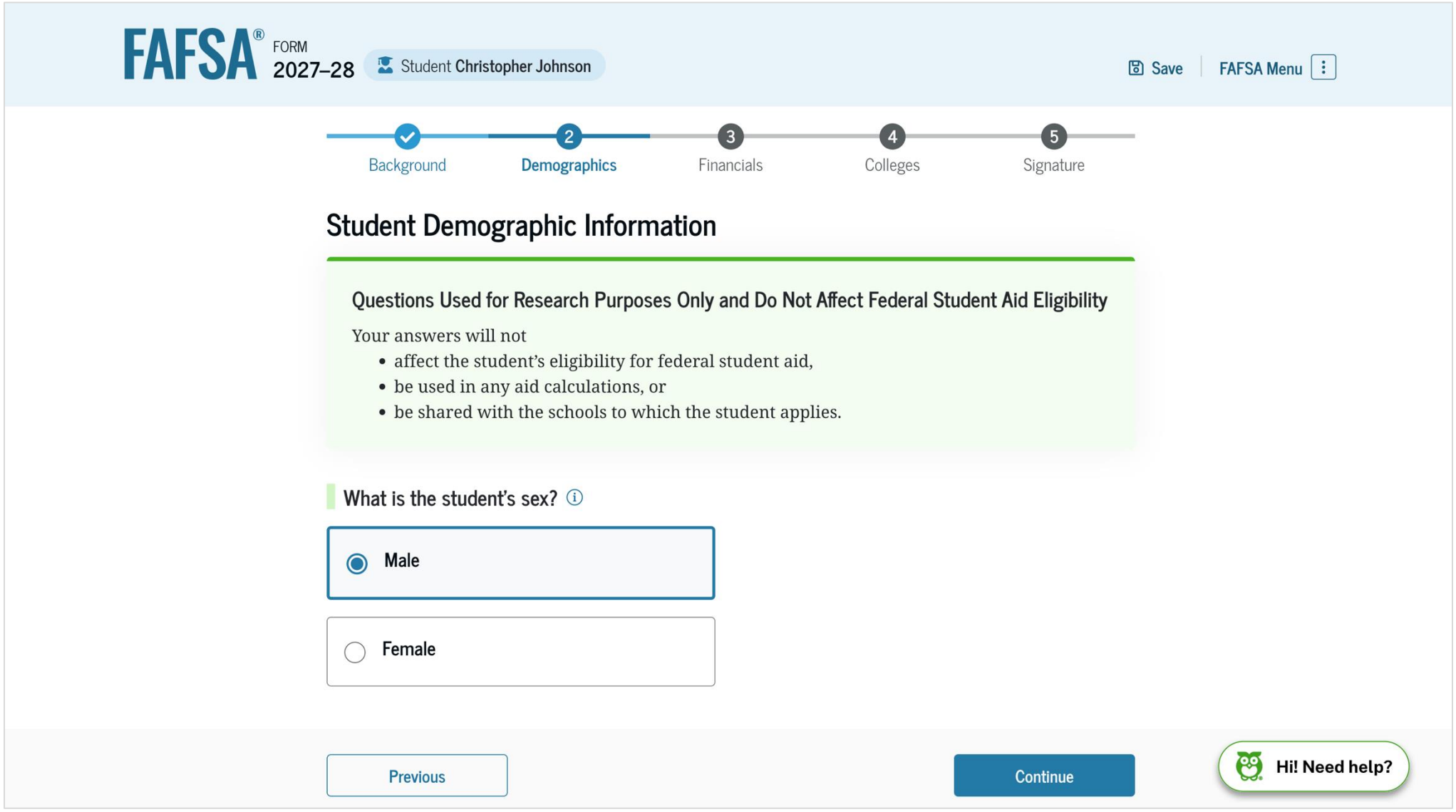
We'll ask questions about your background and the education levels of your parent(s). Some of these questions will help determine how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive for school.



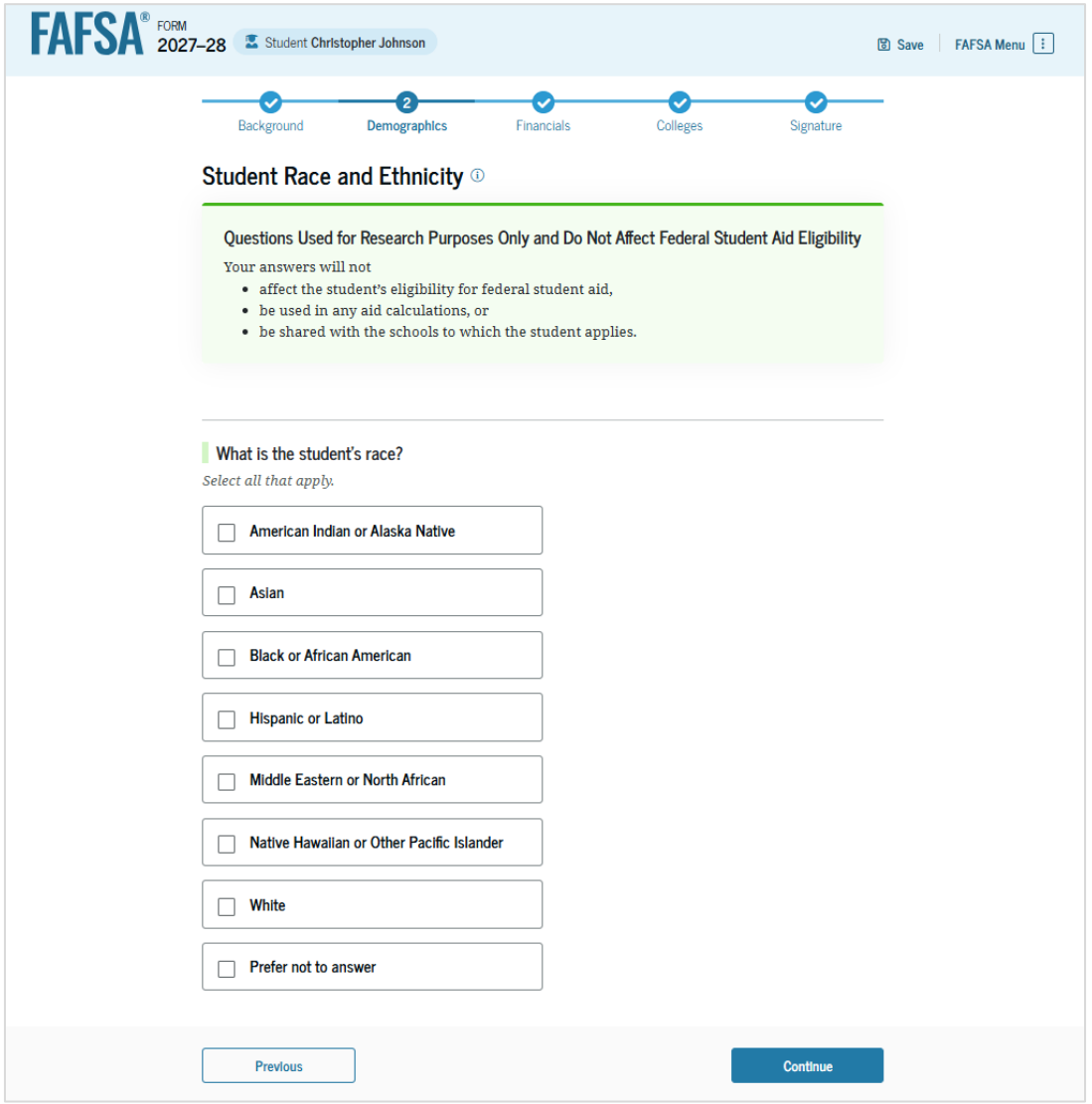
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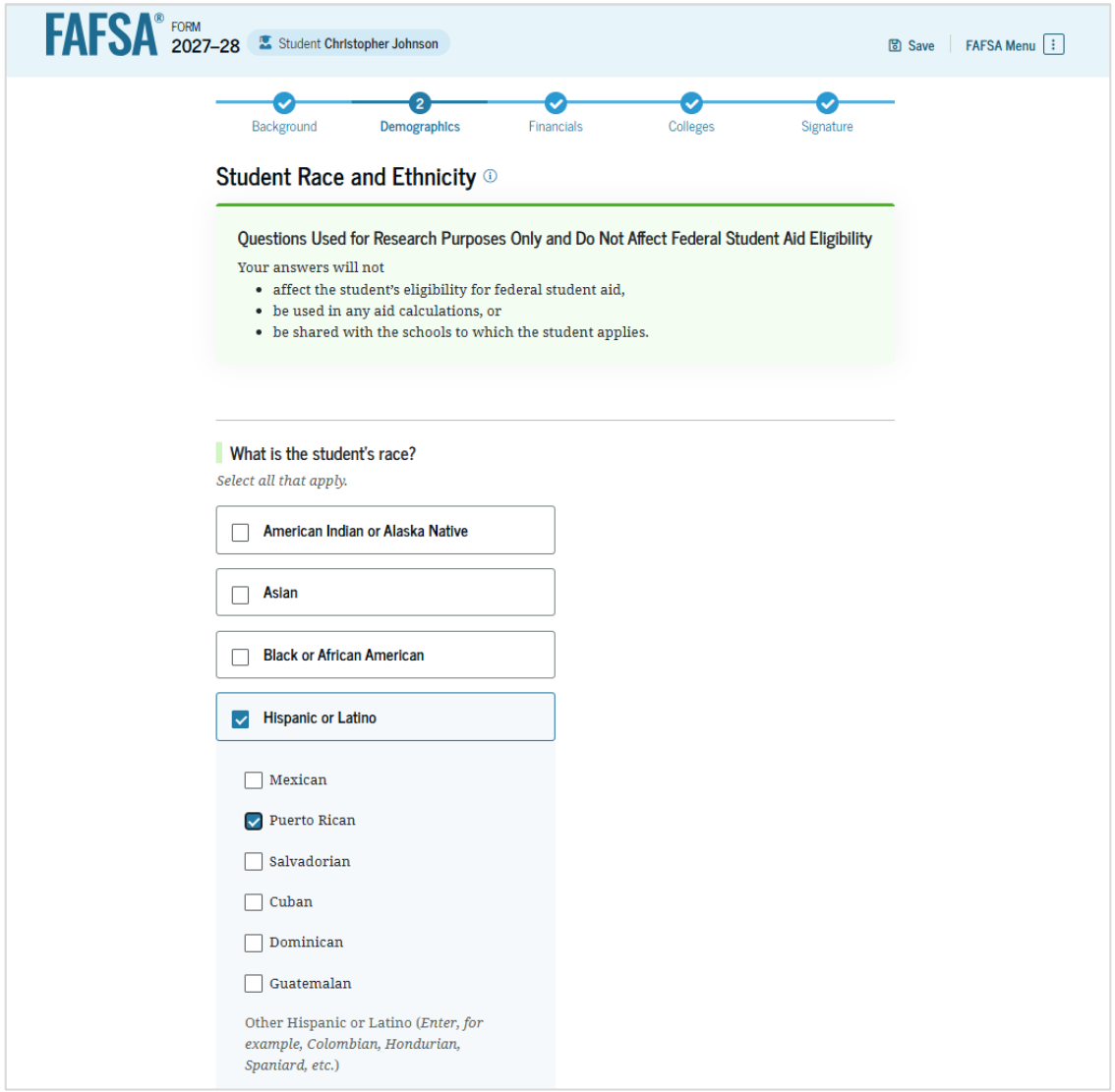
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Independent Student: Demographic Information

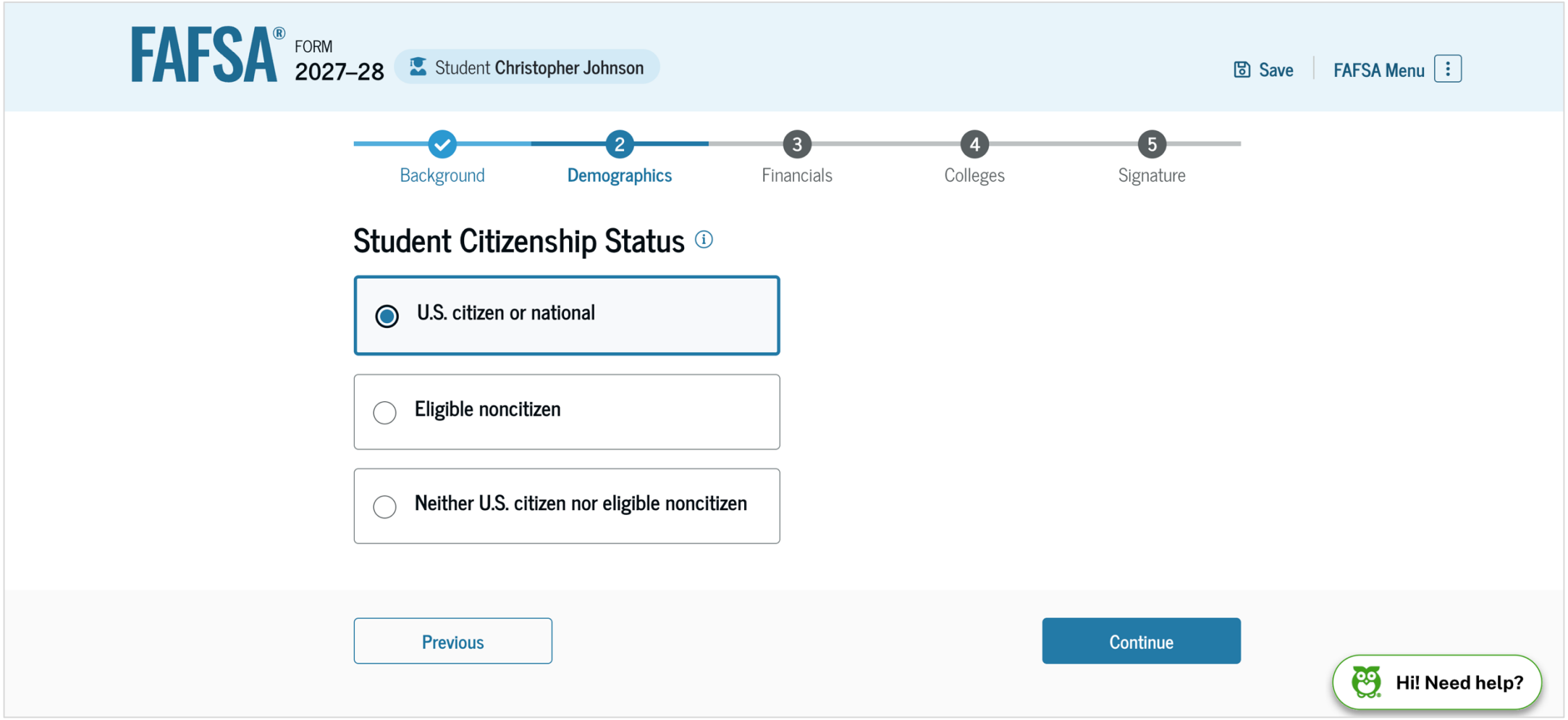


Independent Student: Race and Ethnicity

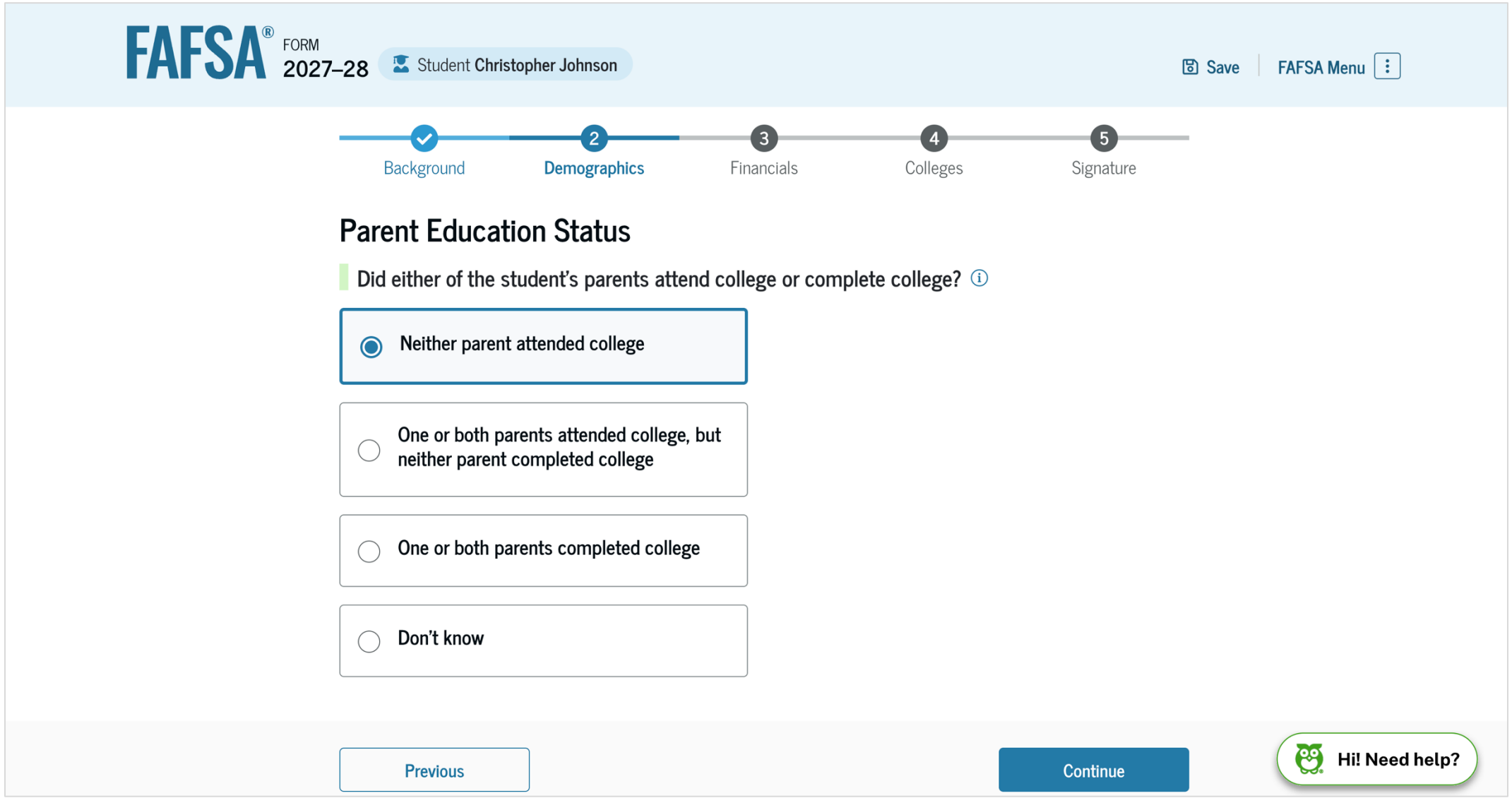




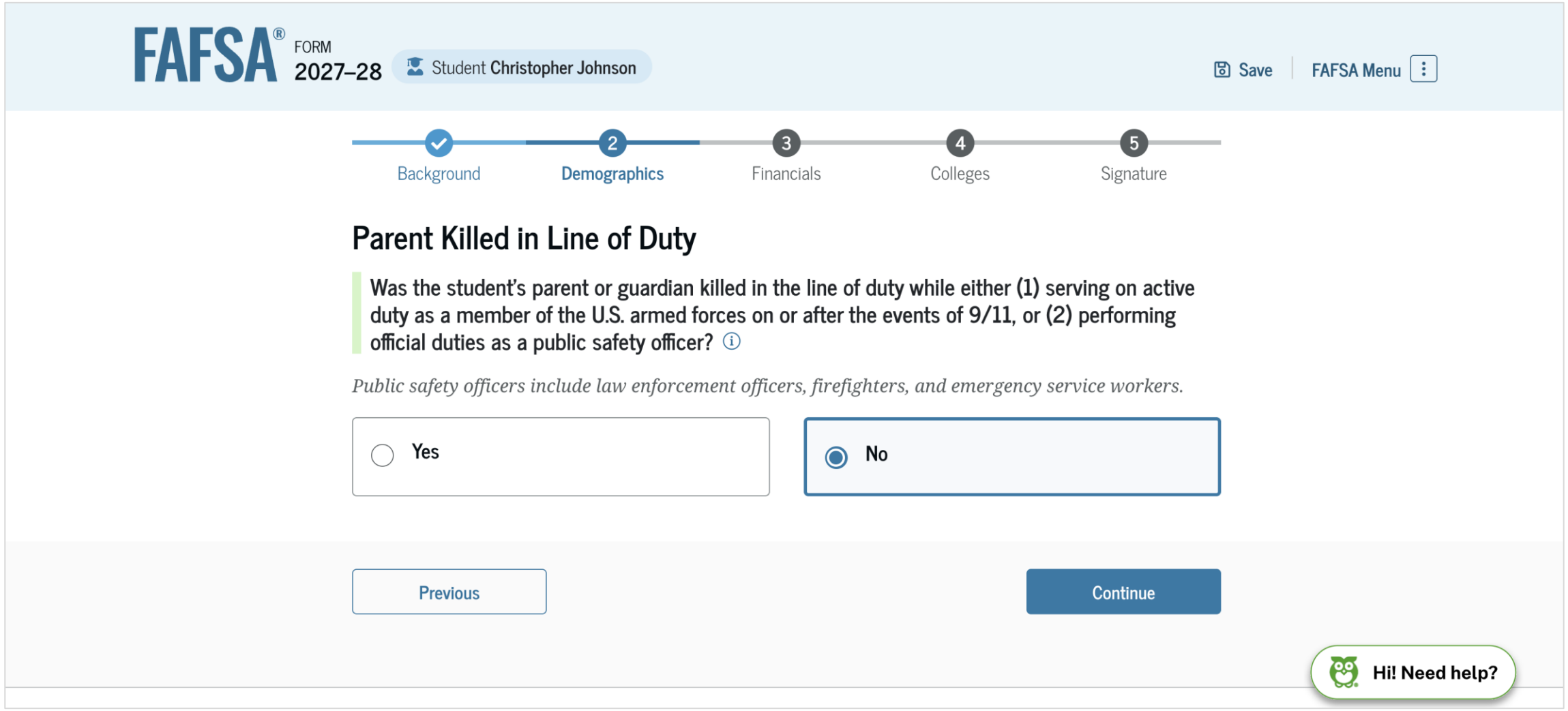
Independent Student: Citizenship Status



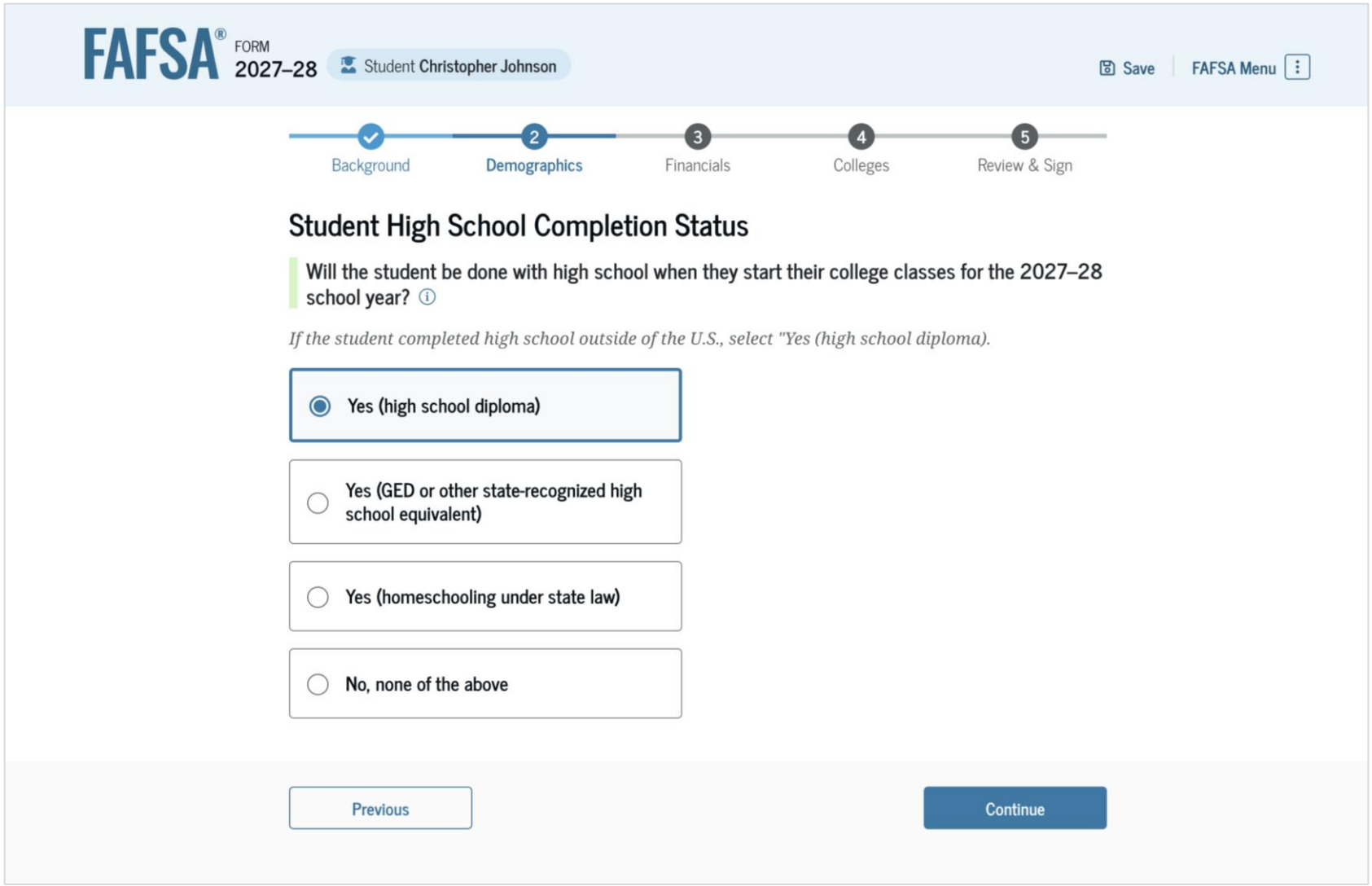
Independent Student: Parent Education Status



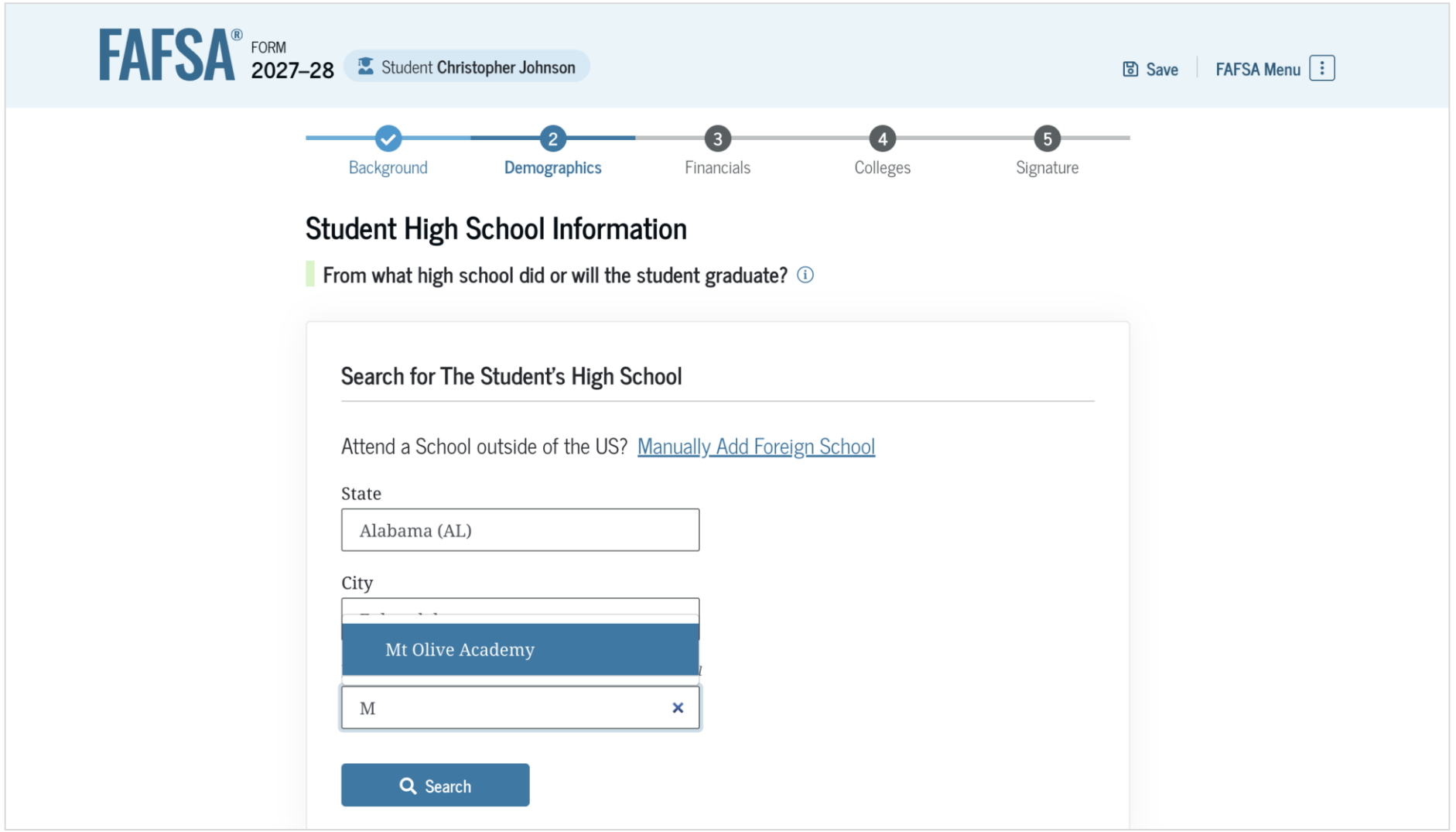
Independent Student: Parent Killed in Line of Duty



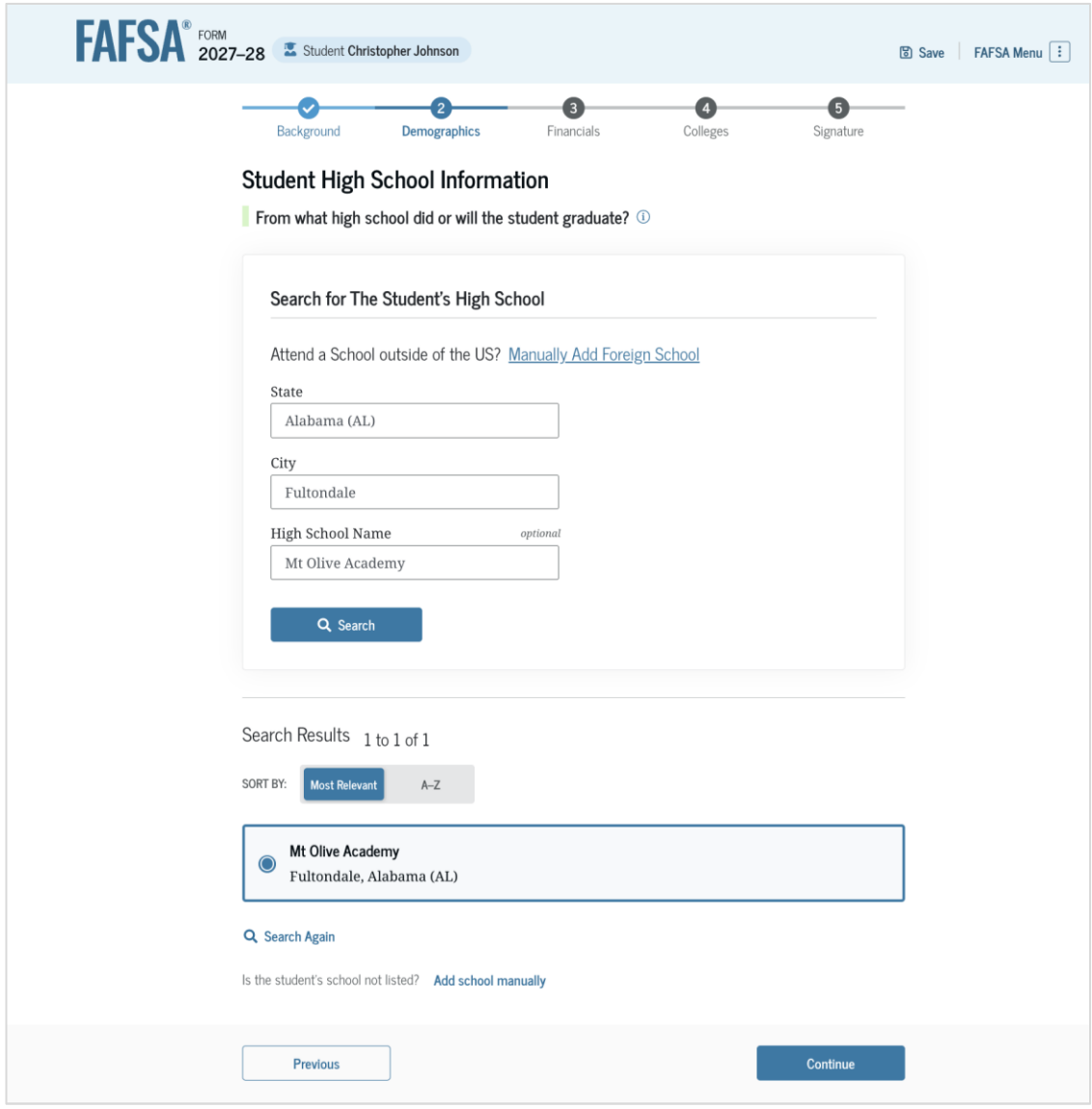
Independent Student: High School Completion Status



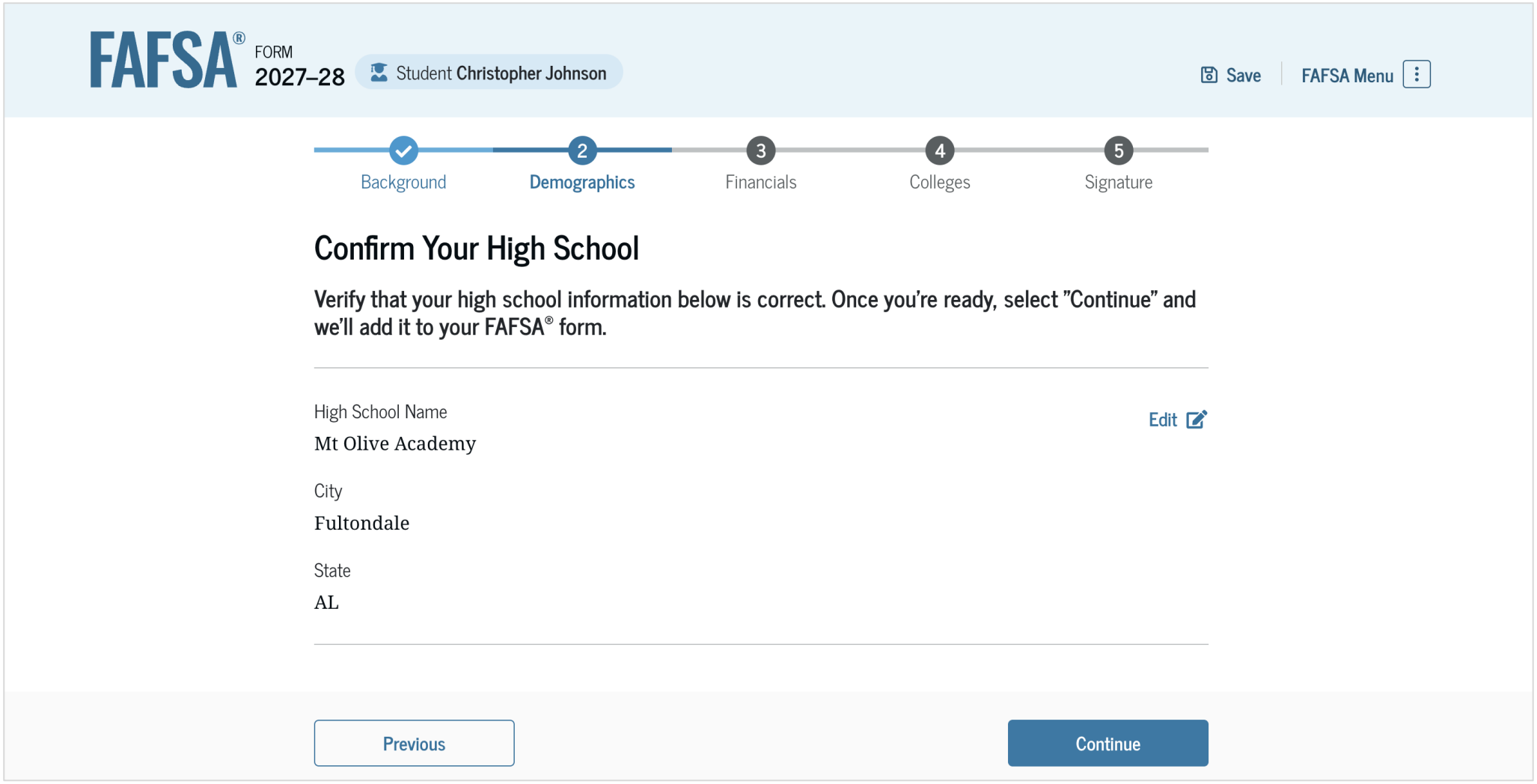
Independent Student: High School Information (1 of 2 slides)



Independent Student: High School Information (2 of 2 slides)



Independent Student: Confirm High School



Introduction: Independent Student Financials

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Student **Christopher Johnson**

Background | Demographics | 3 Financials | 4 Colleges | 5 Signature

Your Finances

The FAFSA® form helps determine your ability to pay for school. We ask about your financial information in this section.

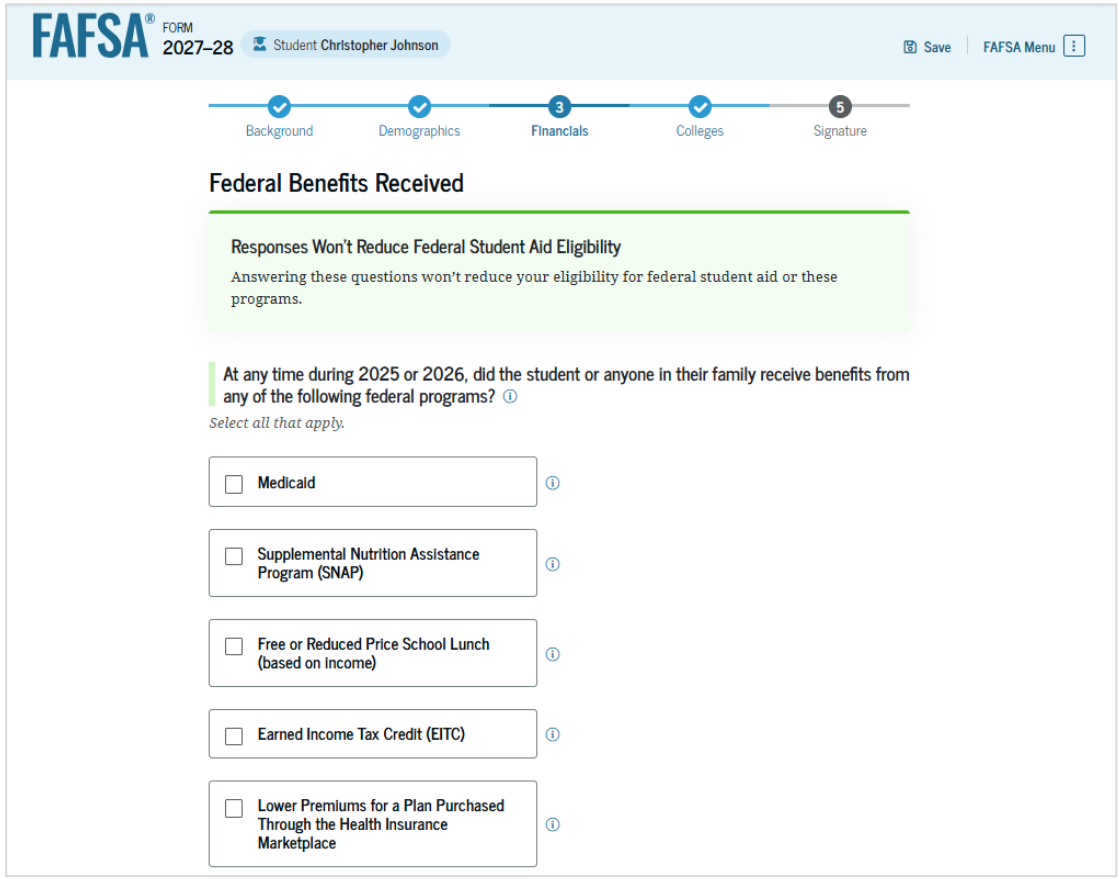


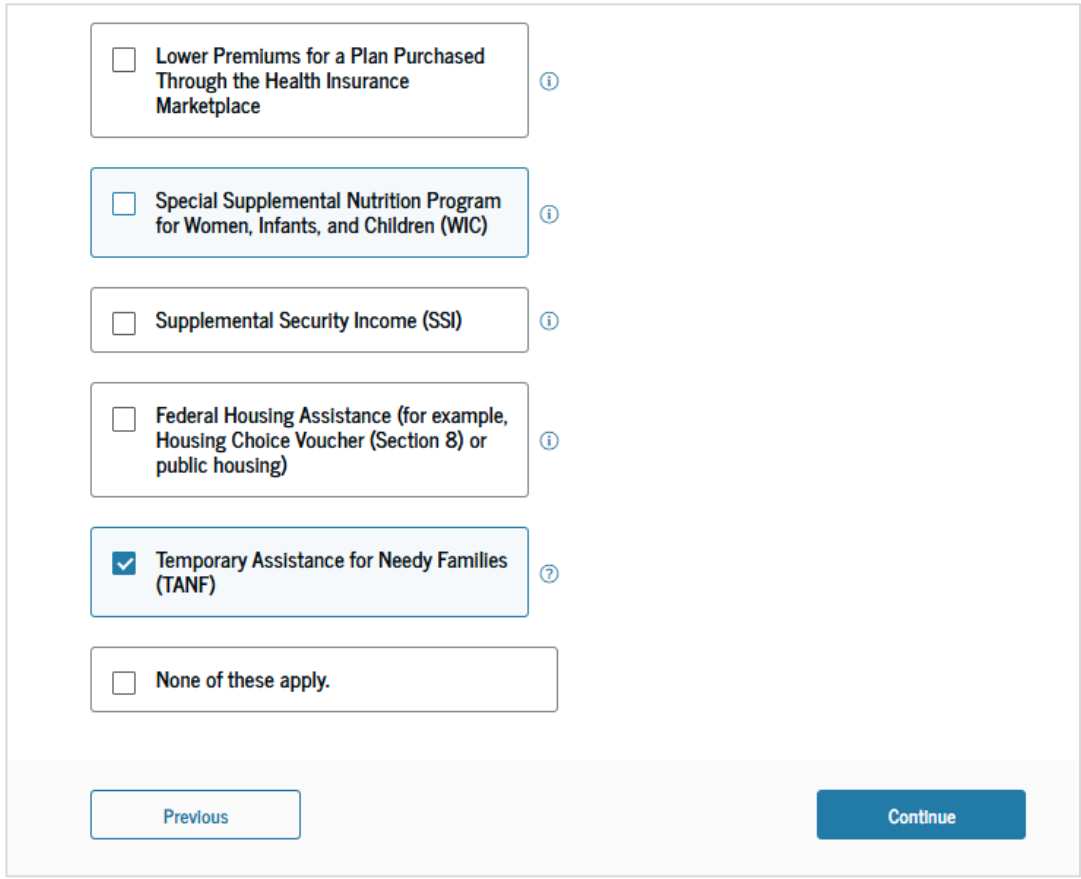
What if you have special financial circumstances?

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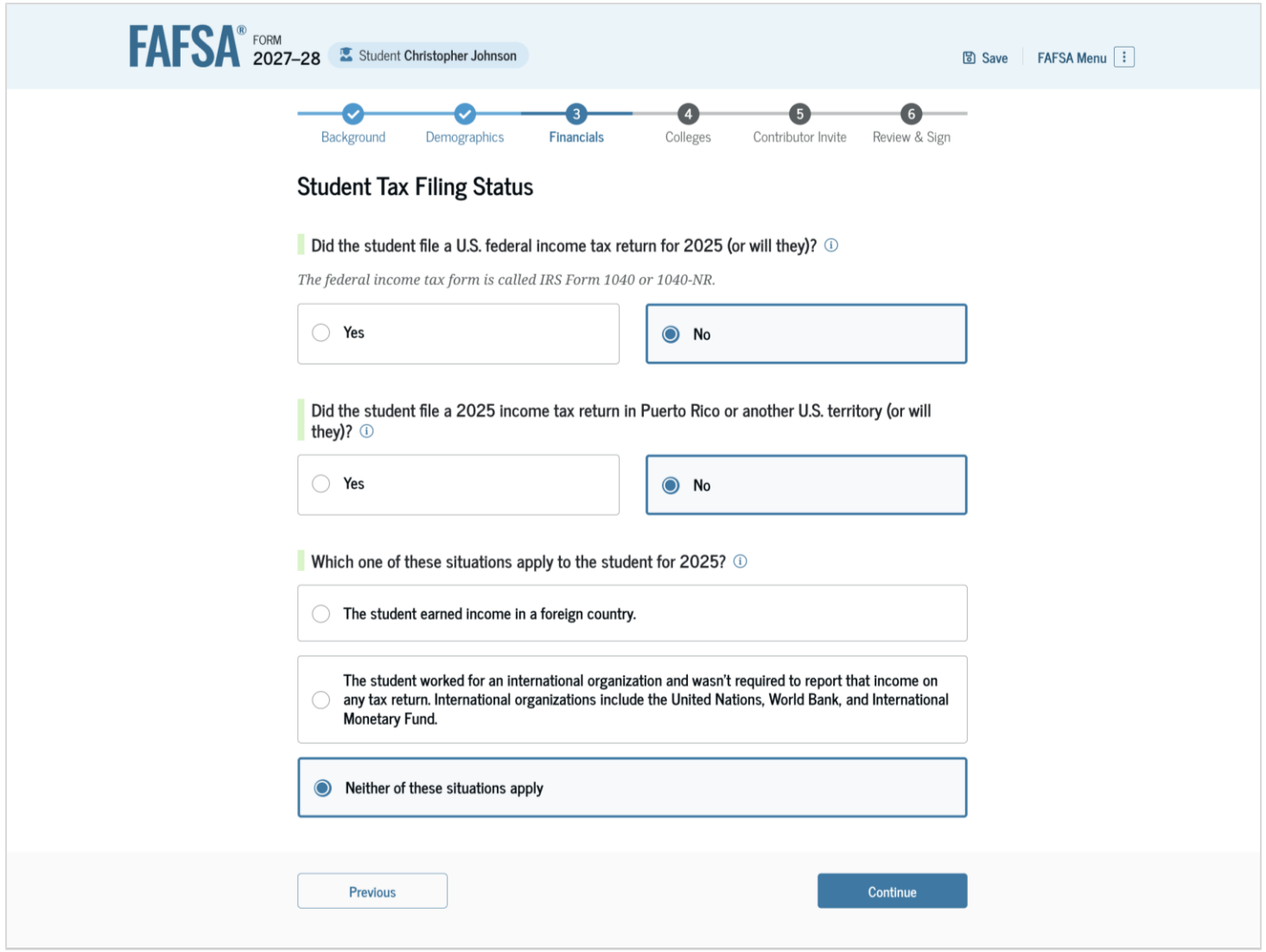
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Independent Student: Federal Benefits

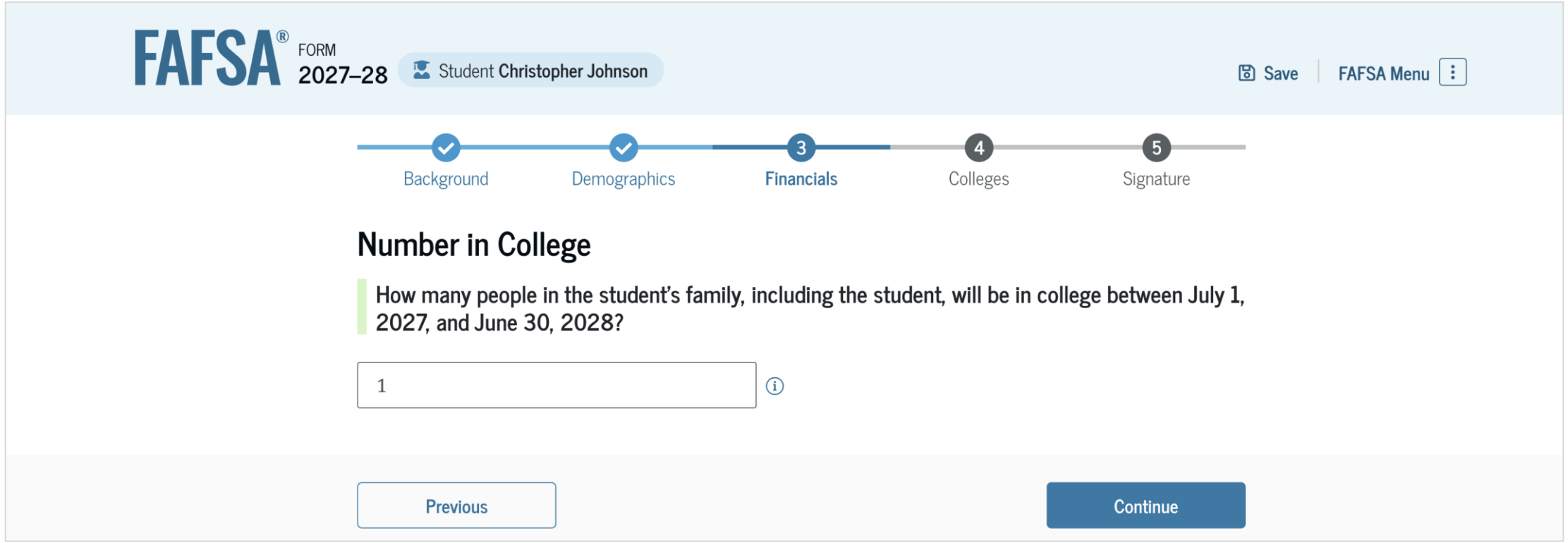




Independent Student: Tax Filing Status



Independent Student: Number in College



Introduction: Independent Student Selects Schools

FAFSA® FORM 2027–28

Student **Christopher Johnson**

Background ✓ — Demographics ✓ — Financials ✓ — 4 Colleges — 5 Signature

Select Colleges and Career Schools

Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA® form.

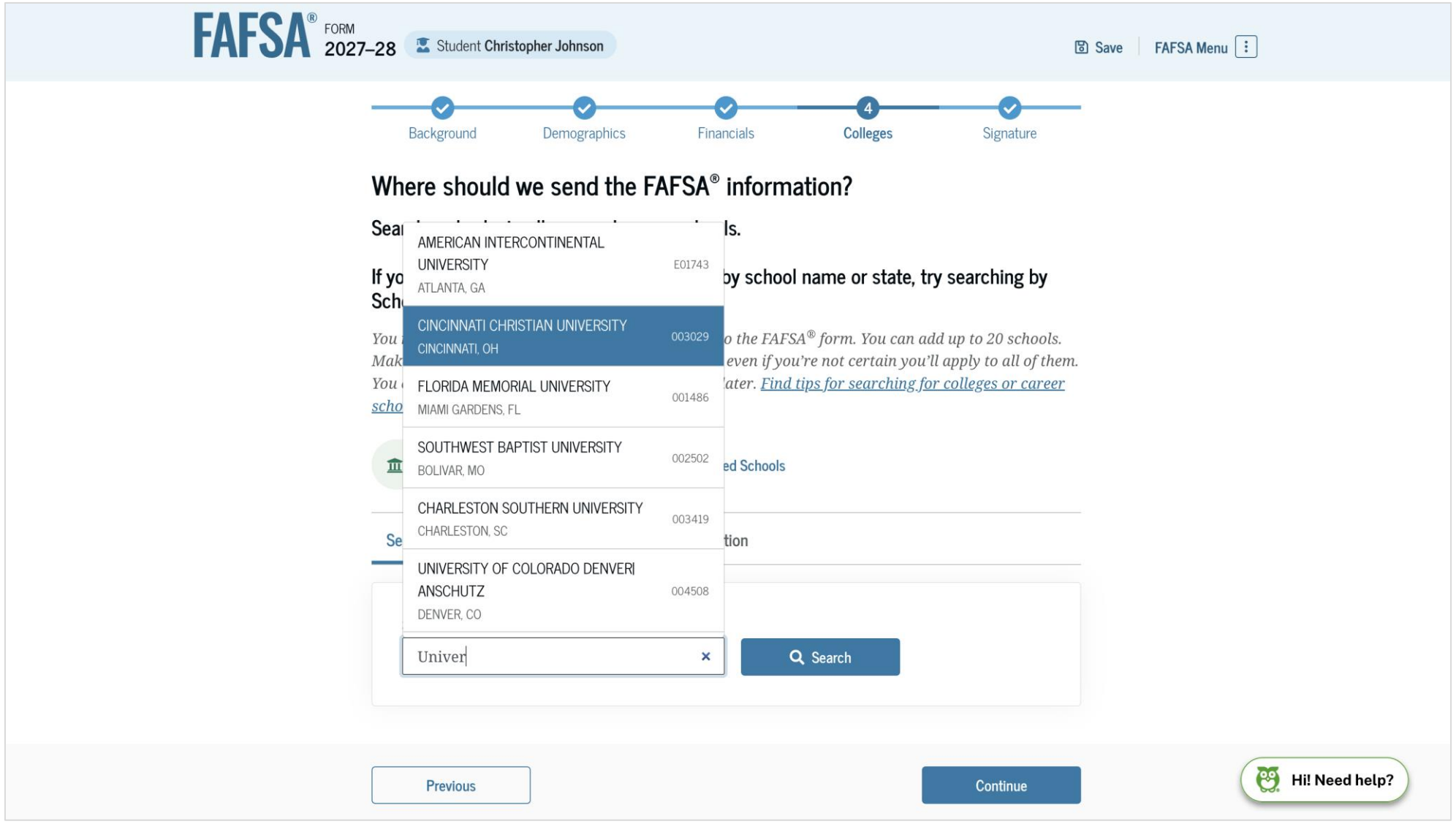


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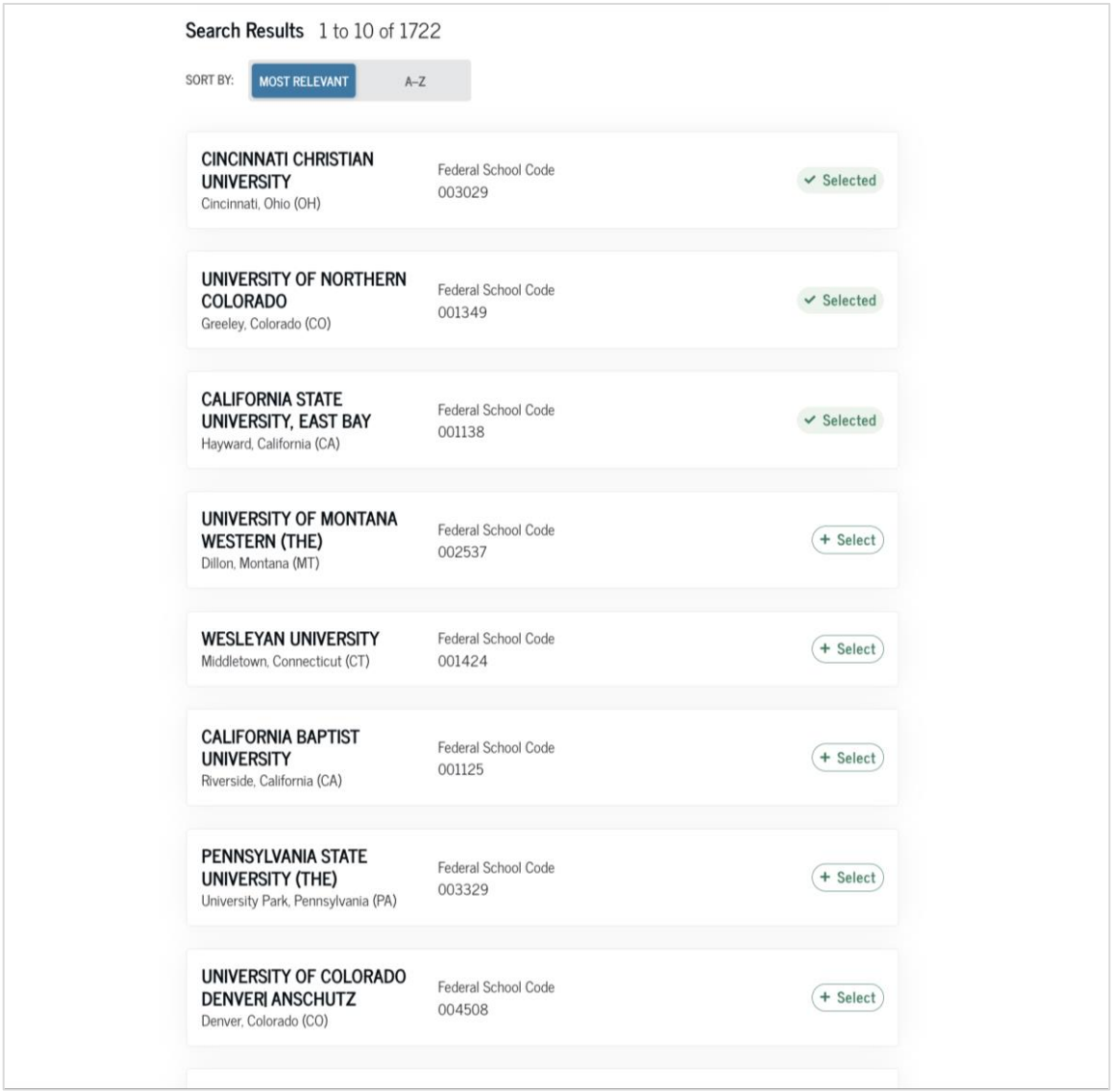
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Hi! Need help?

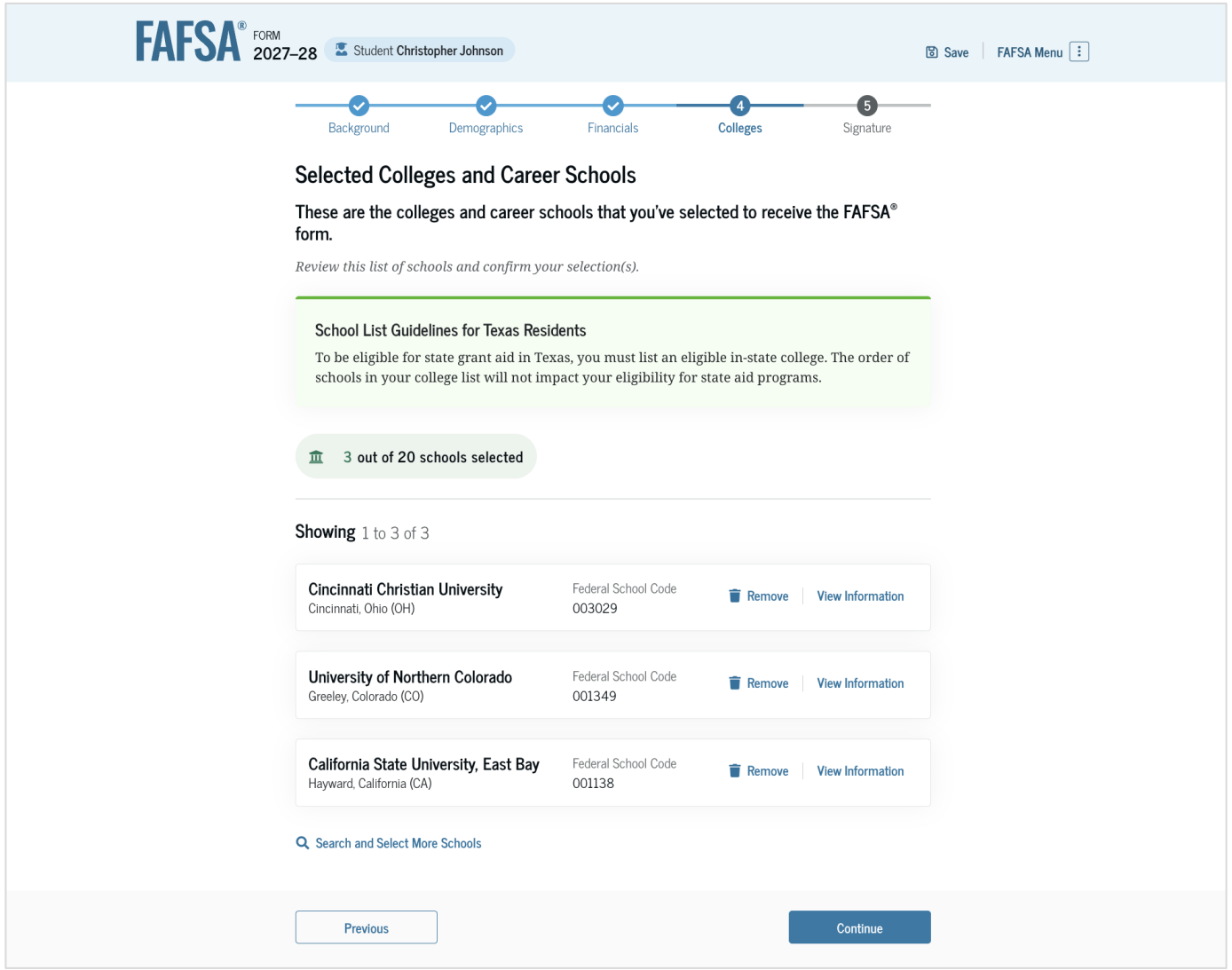
Independent Student: School Search (1 of 2 slides)



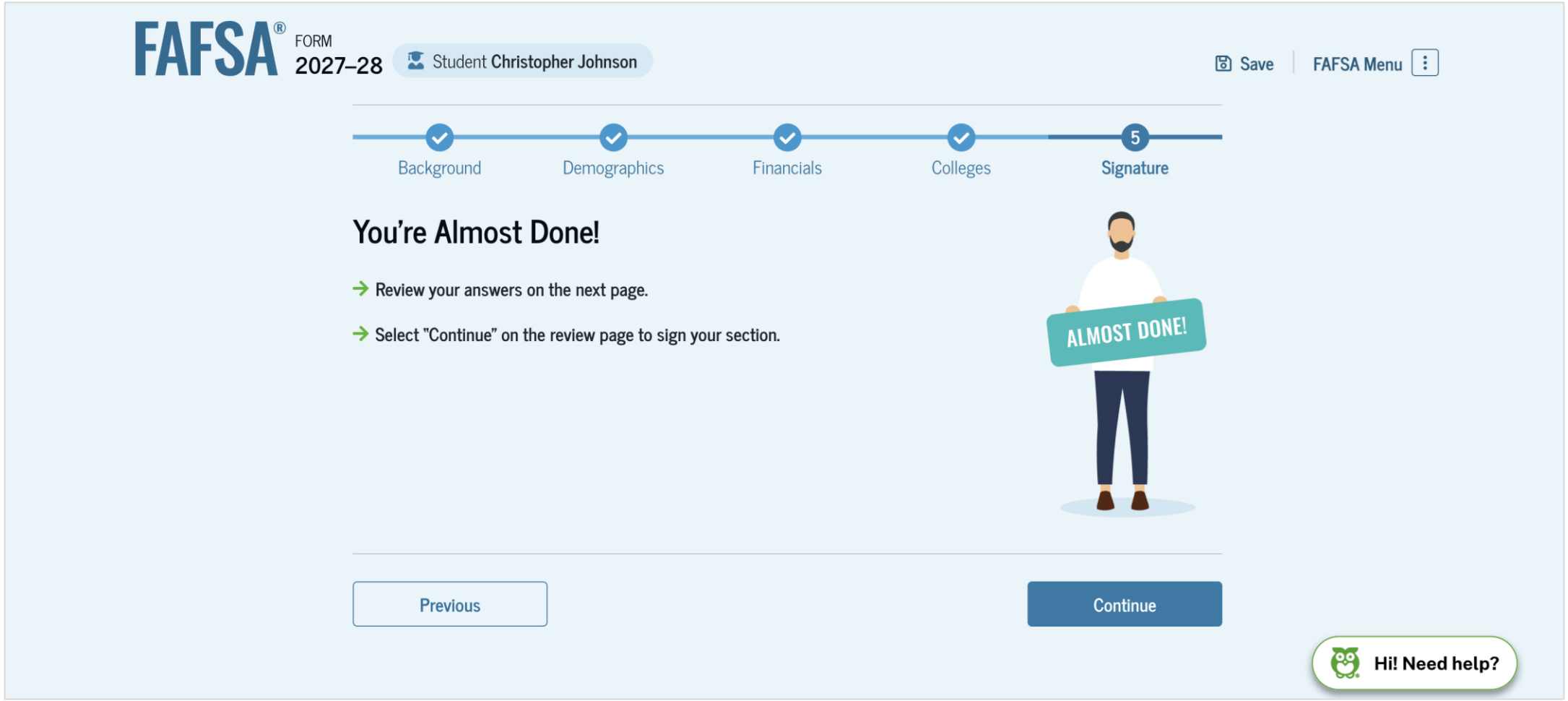
Independent Student: School Search (2 of 2 slides)



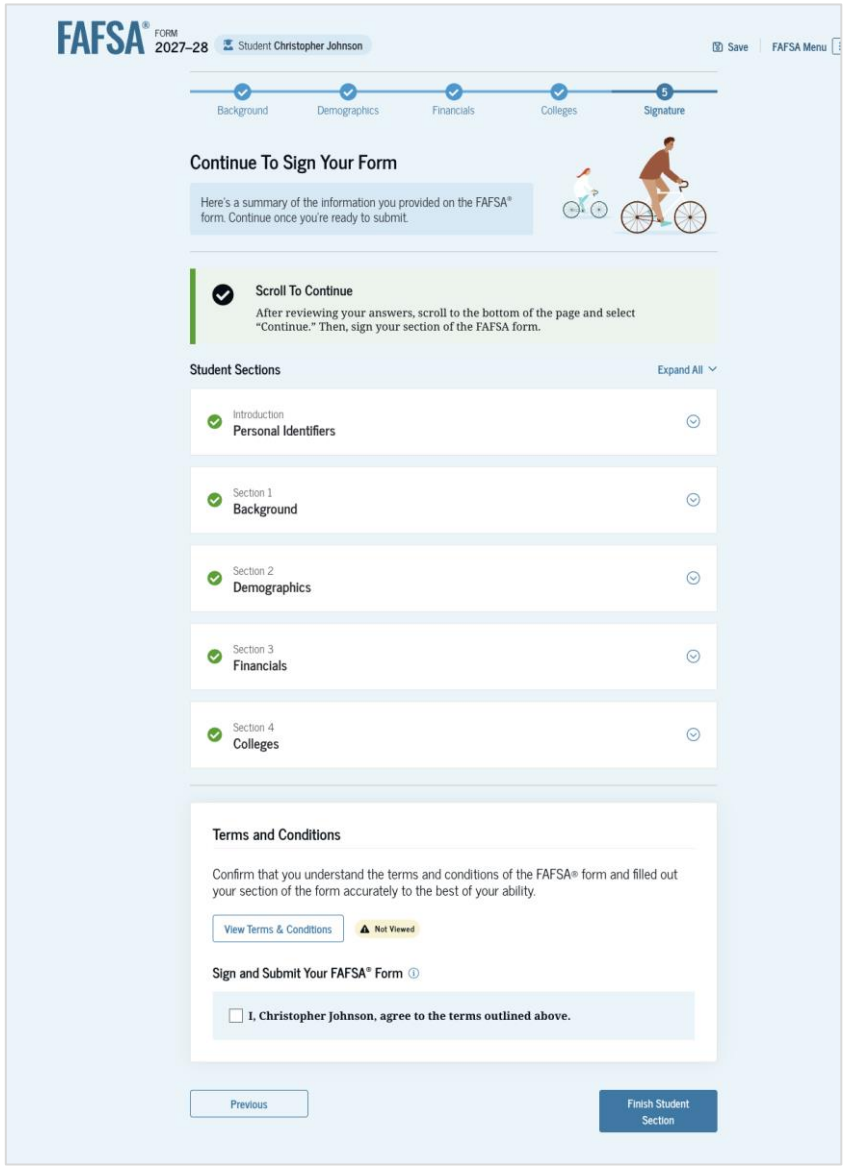
Independent Student: Selected Schools

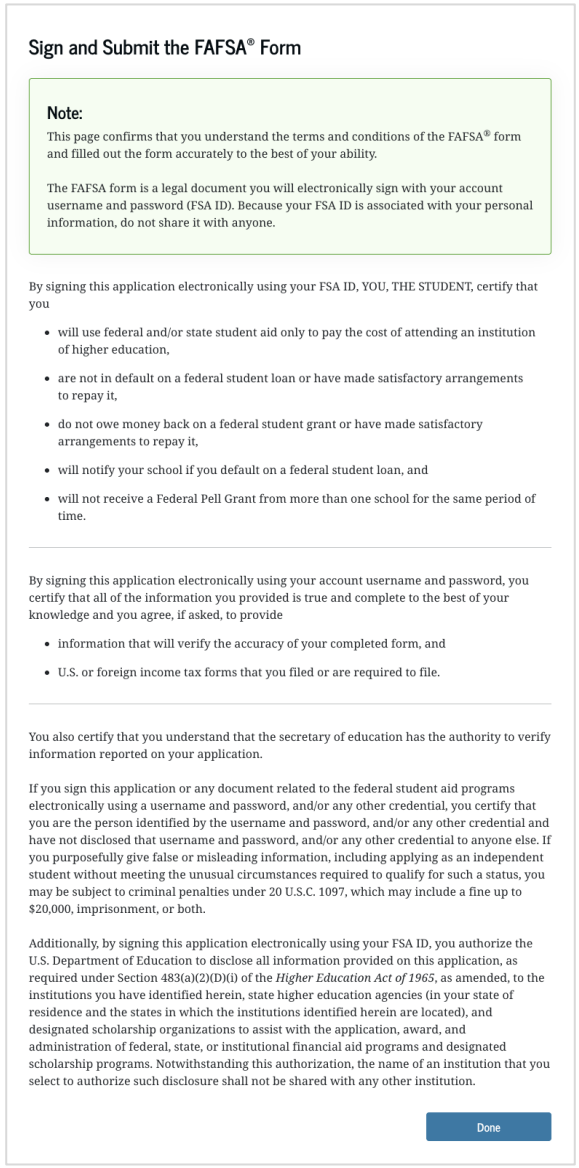


Independent Student: You're Almost Done

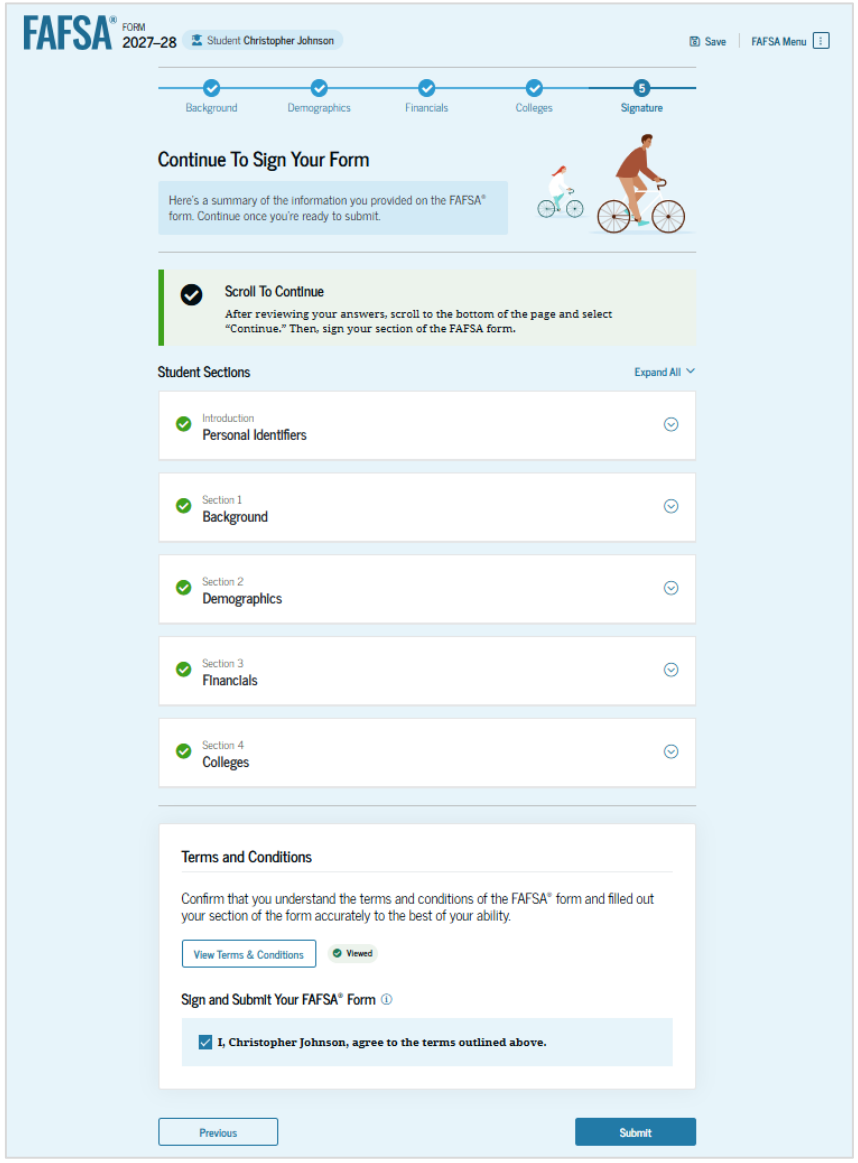


Independent Student: Review (1 of 2 slides)





Independent Student: Review (2 of 2 slides)



Independent Student: Processing

FAFSA® FORM 2027–28 Student Christopher Johnson



Hold tight—we're processing your FAFSA® form.

Stay on this page to see your next steps.

Finalizing

Independent Student: Processing Confirmation

FAFSA® FORM 2027–28 Student Christopher Johnson



Congratulations!

Your FAFSA® results are ready!

What to Know Now

We've processed your form and are sending it to your schools.

Go to your FAFSA Submission Summary to review:

- Your eligibility for federal student aid
- Your FAFSA form answers
- The schools you chose to receive your FAFSA information
- Next steps

My FAFSA Submission Summary

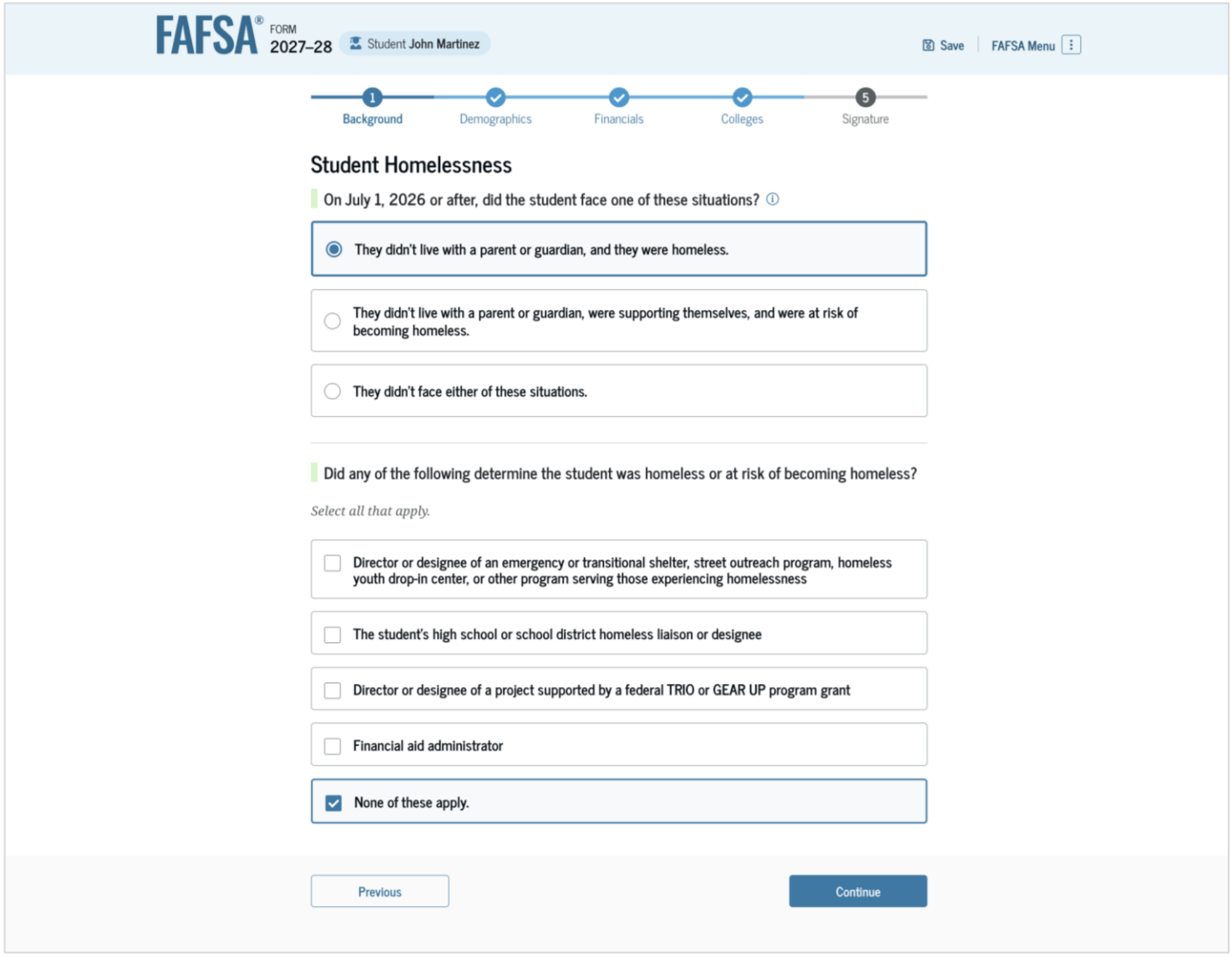
Scenario 9: Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Overview

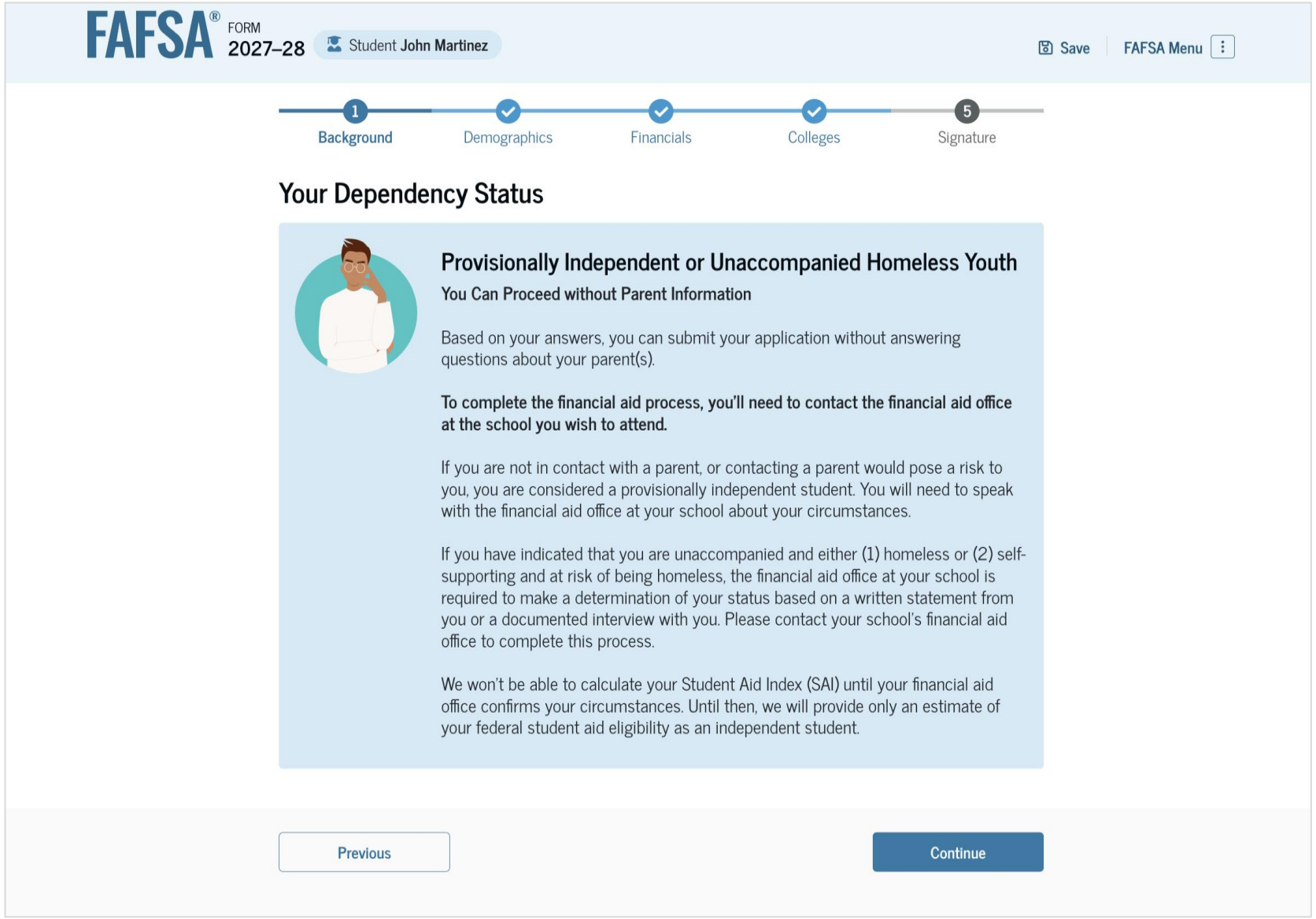
This partial user scenario shows how a student can report on their FAFSA® form that they have lived or are living without the support of a parent or guardian and have experienced homelessness or the risk of homelessness.

It starts with the Student Homelessness question in the Background section. Based on the student's answers, they are given the status of "Unaccompanied Homeless Youth."

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth: Student Homelessness



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth: Impact on Student Status



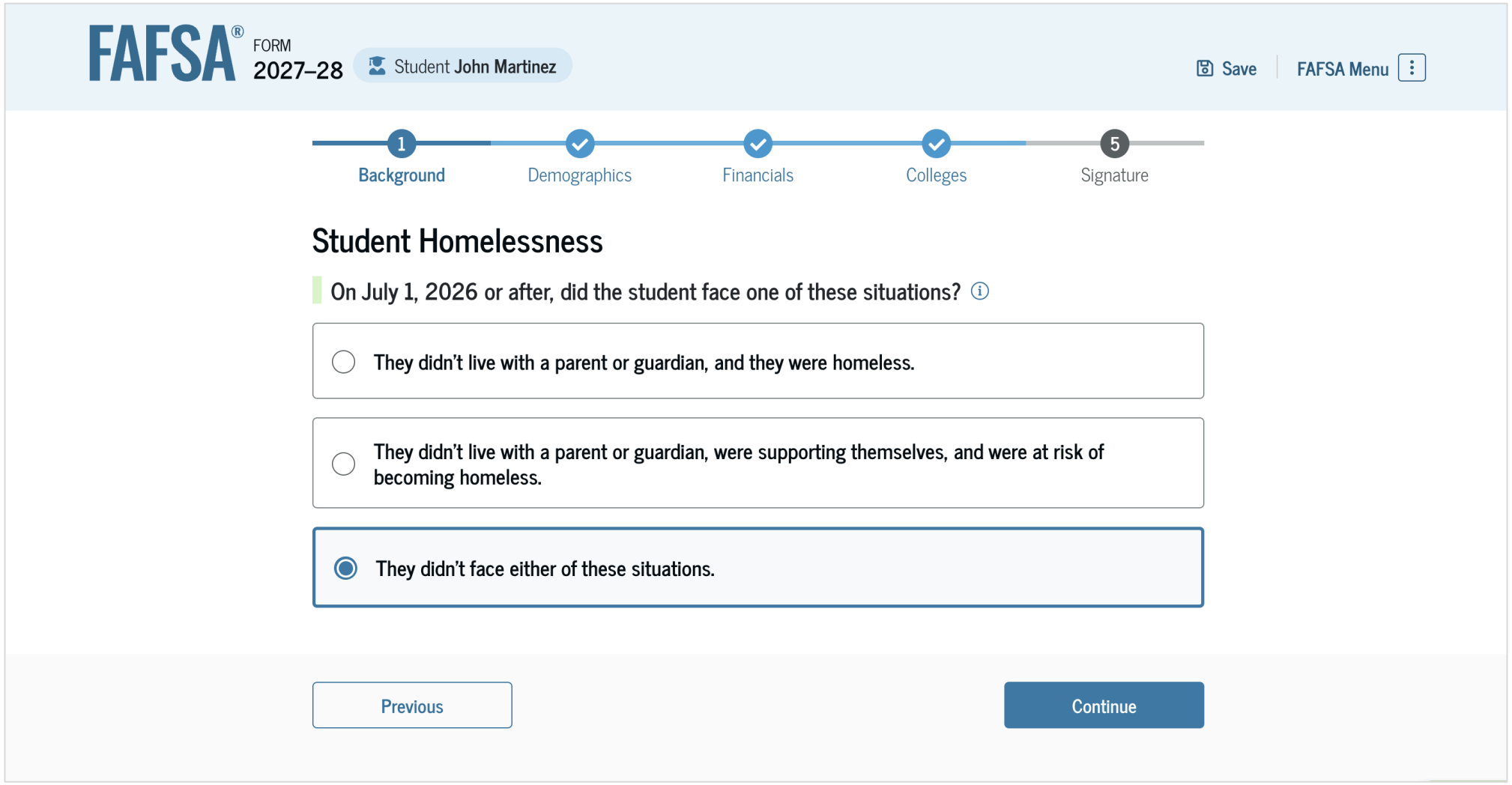
Scenario 10: Provisionally Independent Student

Overview

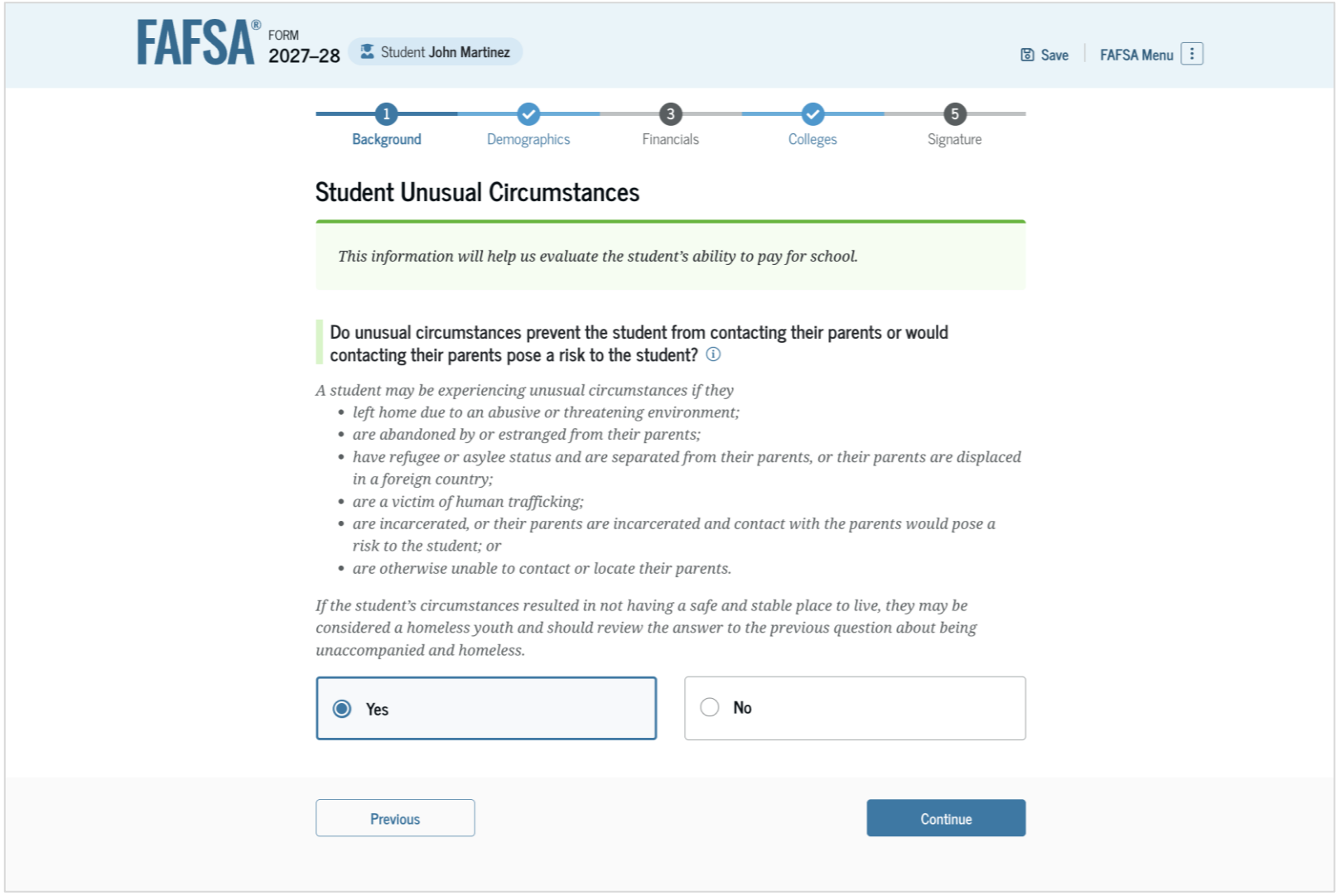
This partial user scenario shows how a student can report on their FAFSA® form that they face unusual circumstances that prevent them from adding a parent as a required contributor.

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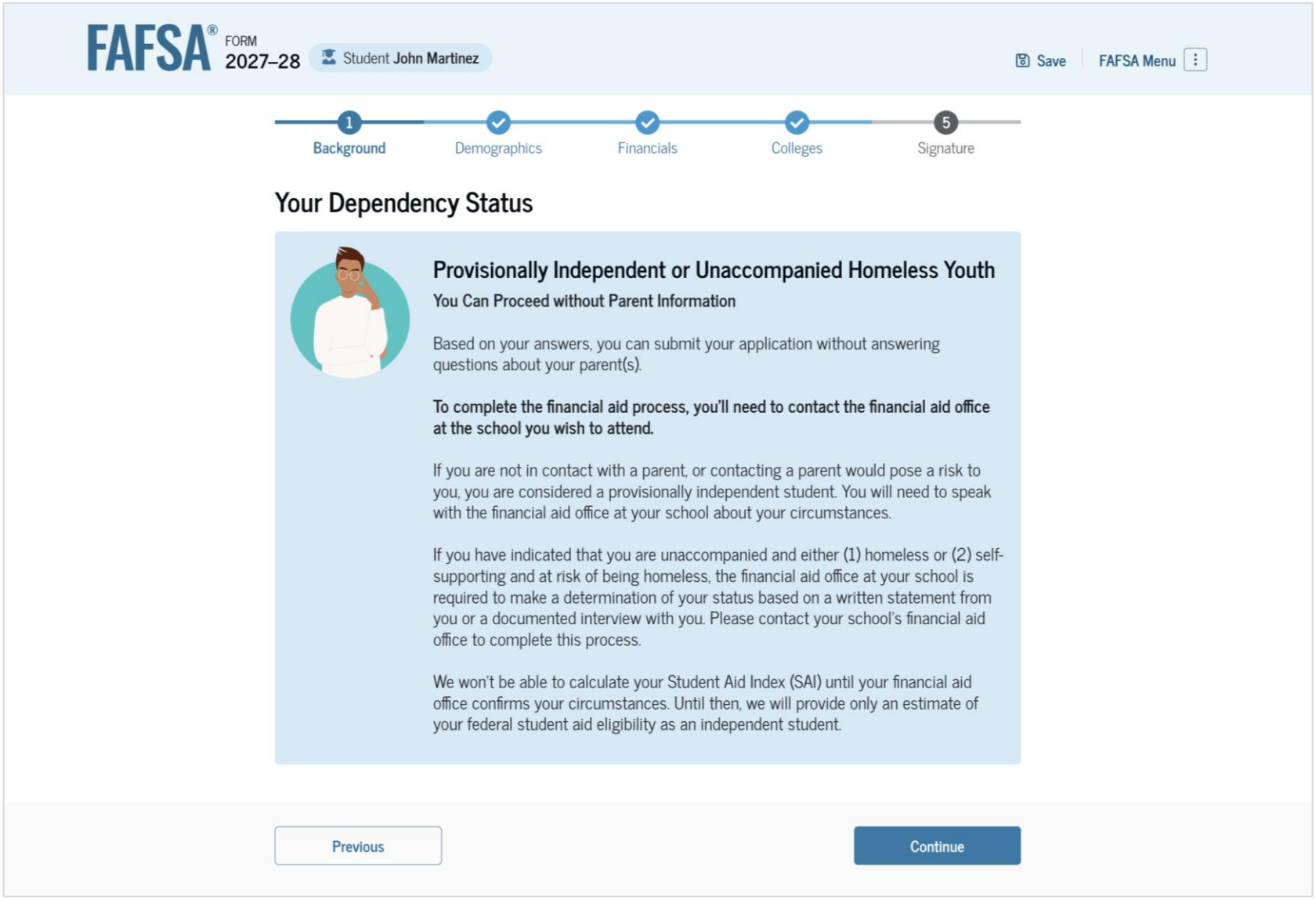
Provisionally Independent Student: Student Unusual Circumstances (1 of 2 slides)



Provisionally Independent Student: Student Unusual Circumstances (2 of 2 slides)



Provisionally Independent Student: Impact Of Provisionally Independent Status



AFTER SUBMITTING A FAFSA® FORM

Scenarios for correcting a submitted FAFSA® form and an overview of the FAFSA Submission Summary

Scenario 11: Student Adds Schools

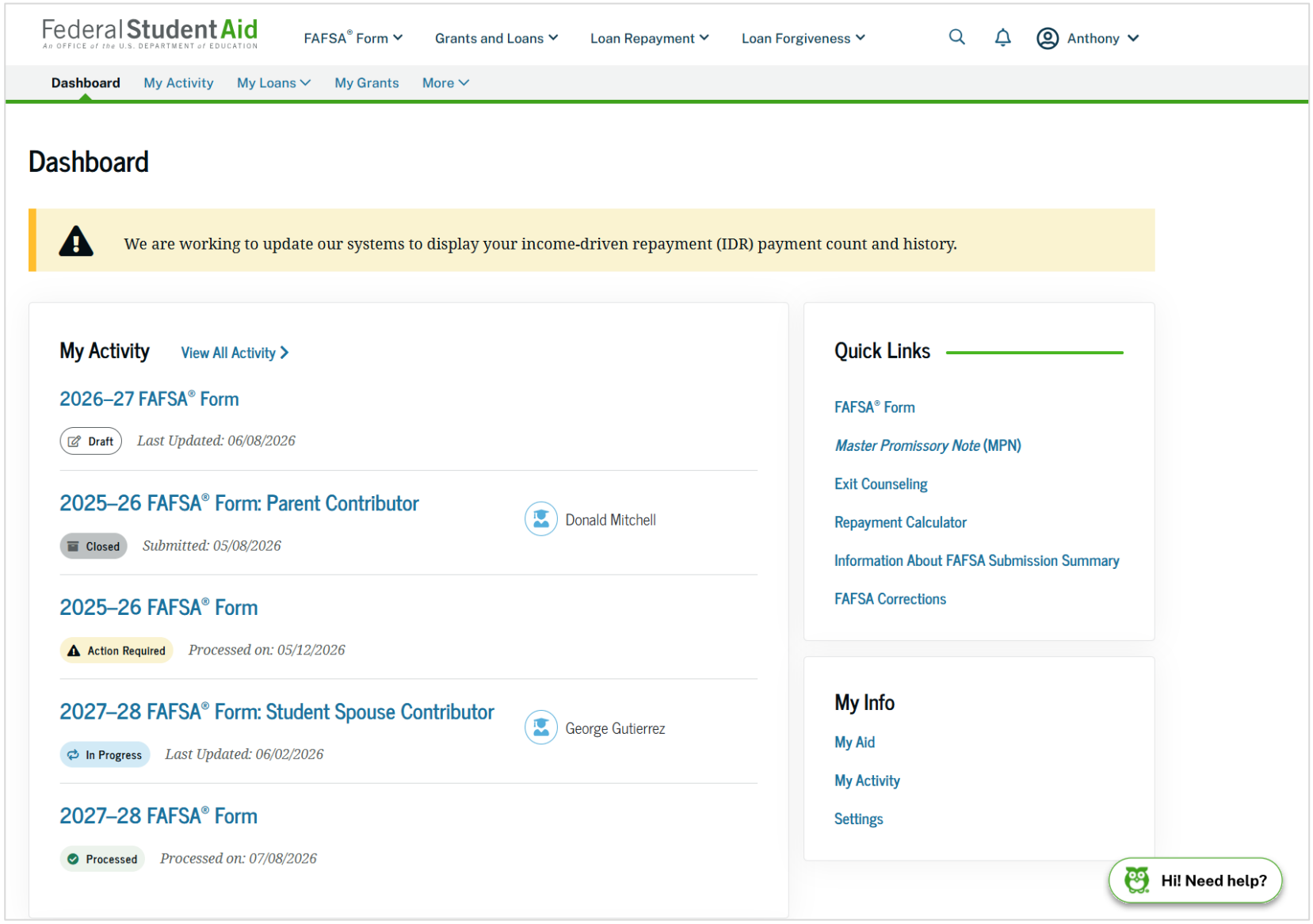
Overview

This user scenario involves a student user whose 2027–28 FAFSA® form has been processed. Now, they want to send their FAFSA information to another school.

This user scenario involves the following actions:

- The student is already logged in to their StudentAid.gov account. They start the scenario from their Dashboard.
- They find and open their 2027–28 FAFSA form.
- They search for and add more schools to their form.
- They resubmit their form.

Student Adds Schools: Dashboard



Student Adds Schools: Details

My Activity > FAFSA Form

2027–28 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) Form: Details

Processed

Actions

- Add or Remove Schools
- Make Corrections
- View FAFSA Submission Summary

FAFSA® Information

Student	Data Release Number (DRN)	Submission Number
Anthony Morris	6089	09

Status Tracker

- FAFSA® Correction Started
  Started on Jul 9, 2026
- FAFSA® Correction Submitted
  Submitted on Jul 9, 2026
- FAFSA® Correction Processed
  Processed on Jul 9, 2026

Congratulations! Your FAFSA® form has been processed successfully! Select the FAFSA Submission Summary button to view your federal aid eligibility. We also recommend that you download a copy for your records.

Your FAFSA Submission Summary is ready!

Your FAFSA Submission Summary gives you information about your eligibility for federal student aid and lists your answers to the questions.



FAFSA Submission Summary

Started on Jul 9, 2026

Processed on Jul 9, 2026

More Resources

- Understand Financial Aid
- FAFSA Landing Page
- Information on Federal Pell Grant Program
- Information on Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program
- How Aid Is Calculated

Next Steps

Apply for Scholarships and Grants

Scholarships and grants are gifts that don't need to be repaid. There are thousands of them offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, and professional and social organizations.

Information on Scholarships and Grants

Selected Colleges

These are the colleges and career schools you have identified to receive your FAFSA form.

1 of 20 Schools Selected

School Name	Address
College of William & Mary	Williamsburg, VA

1 to 1 of 1

FAFSA® Submission History

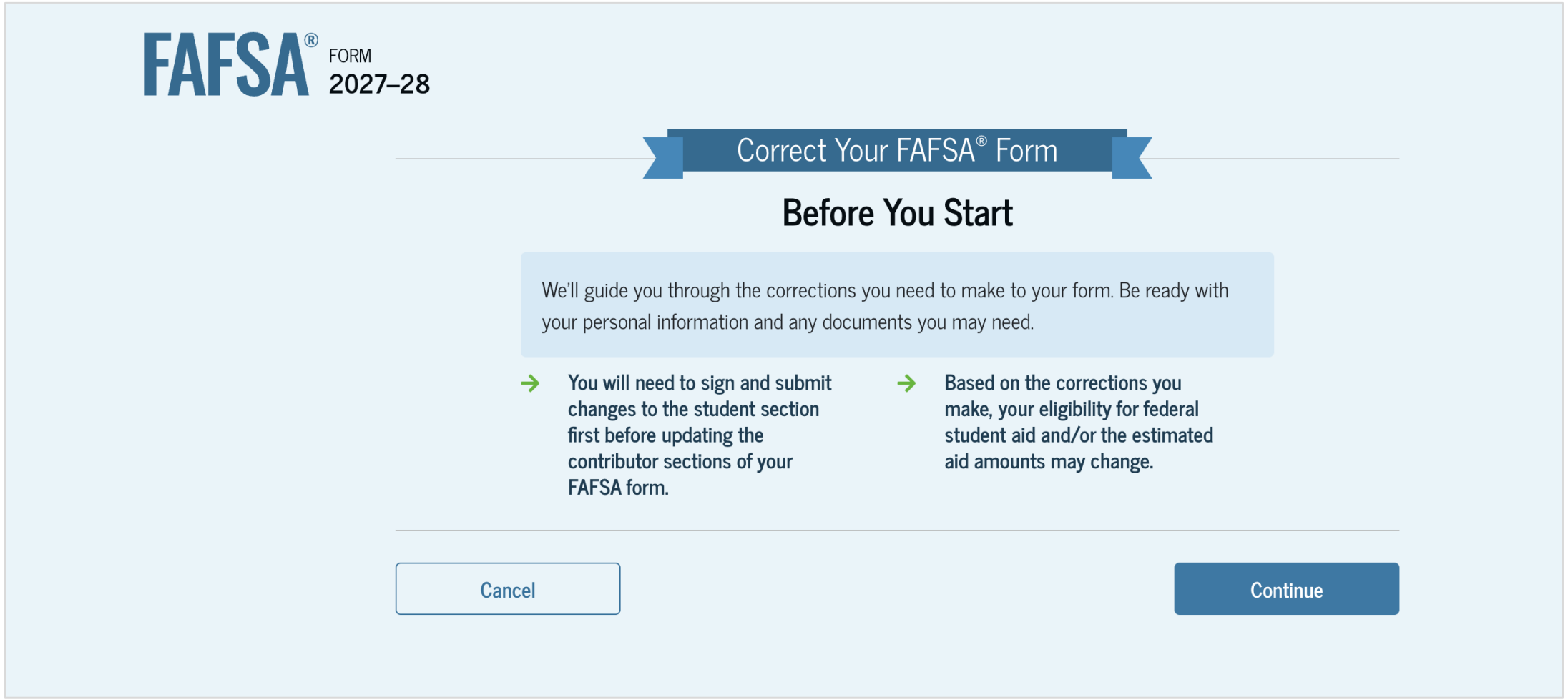
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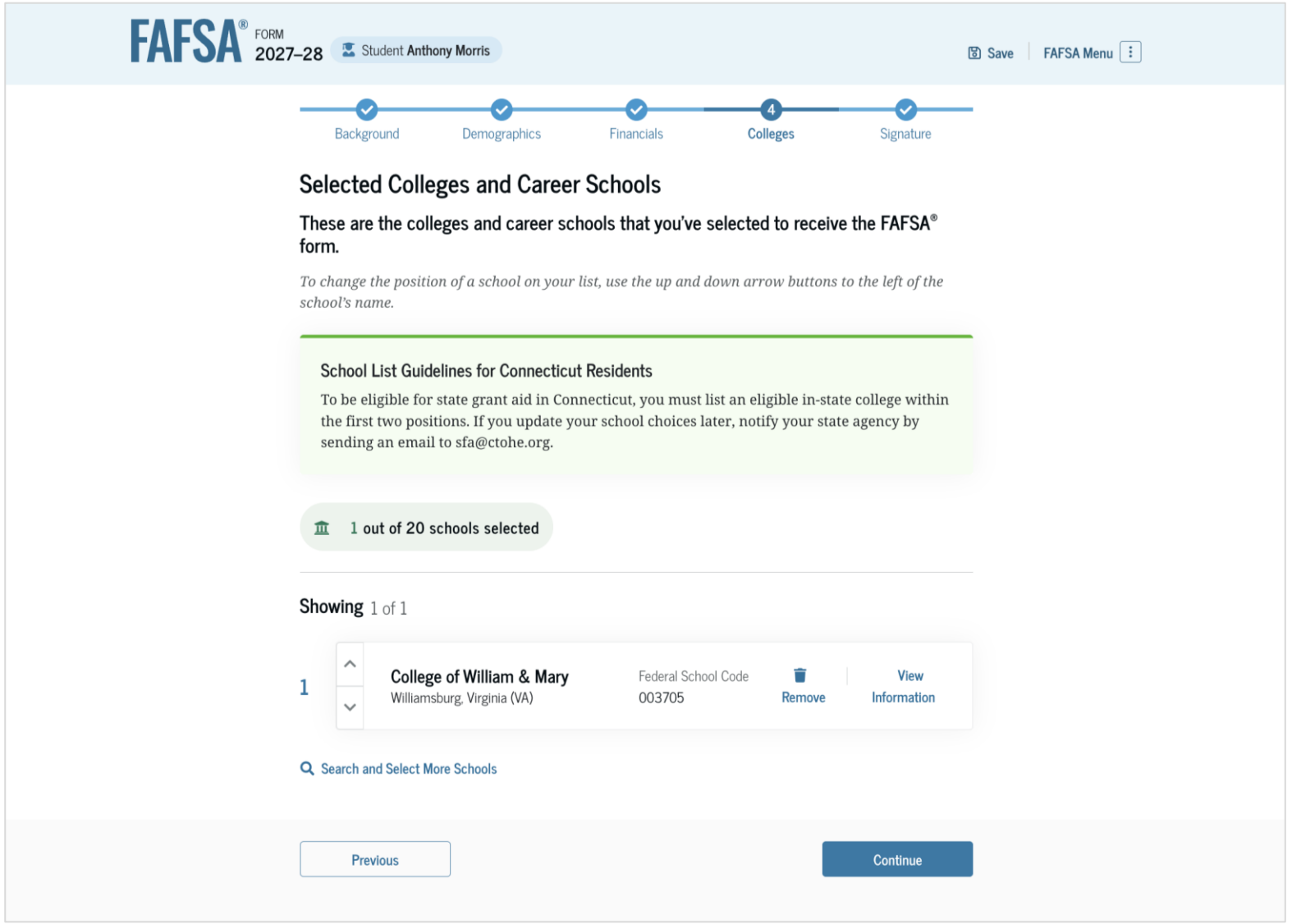
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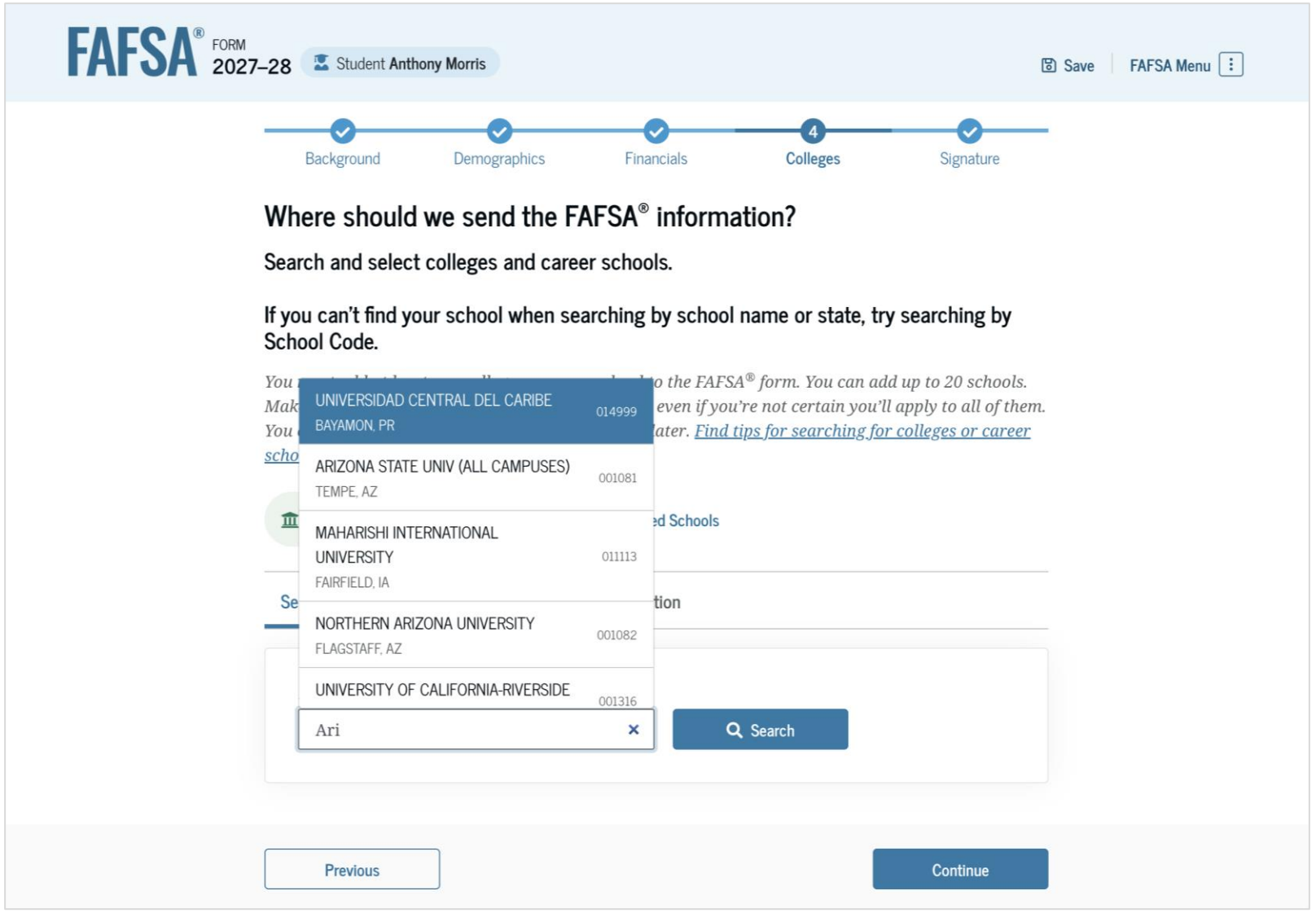
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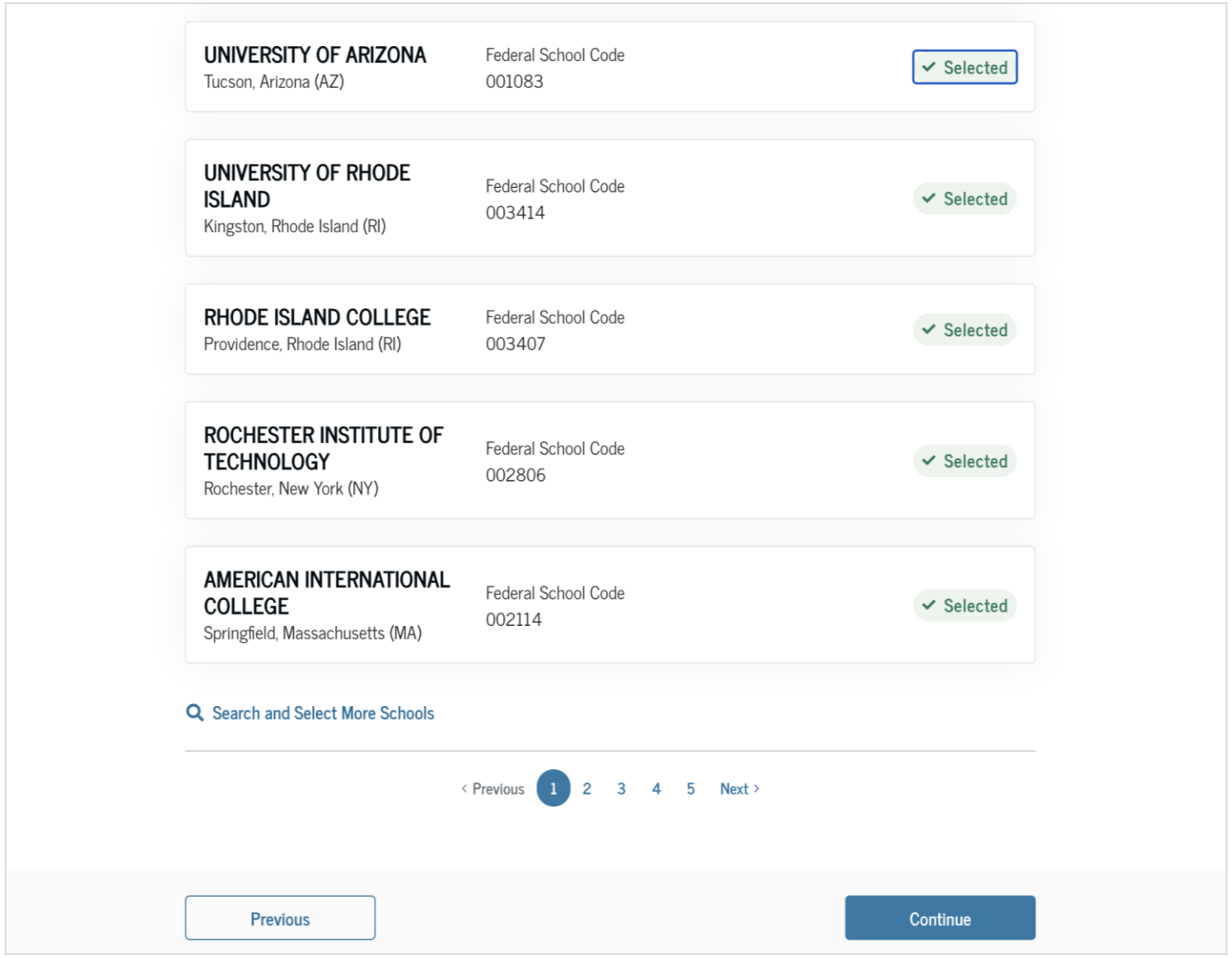
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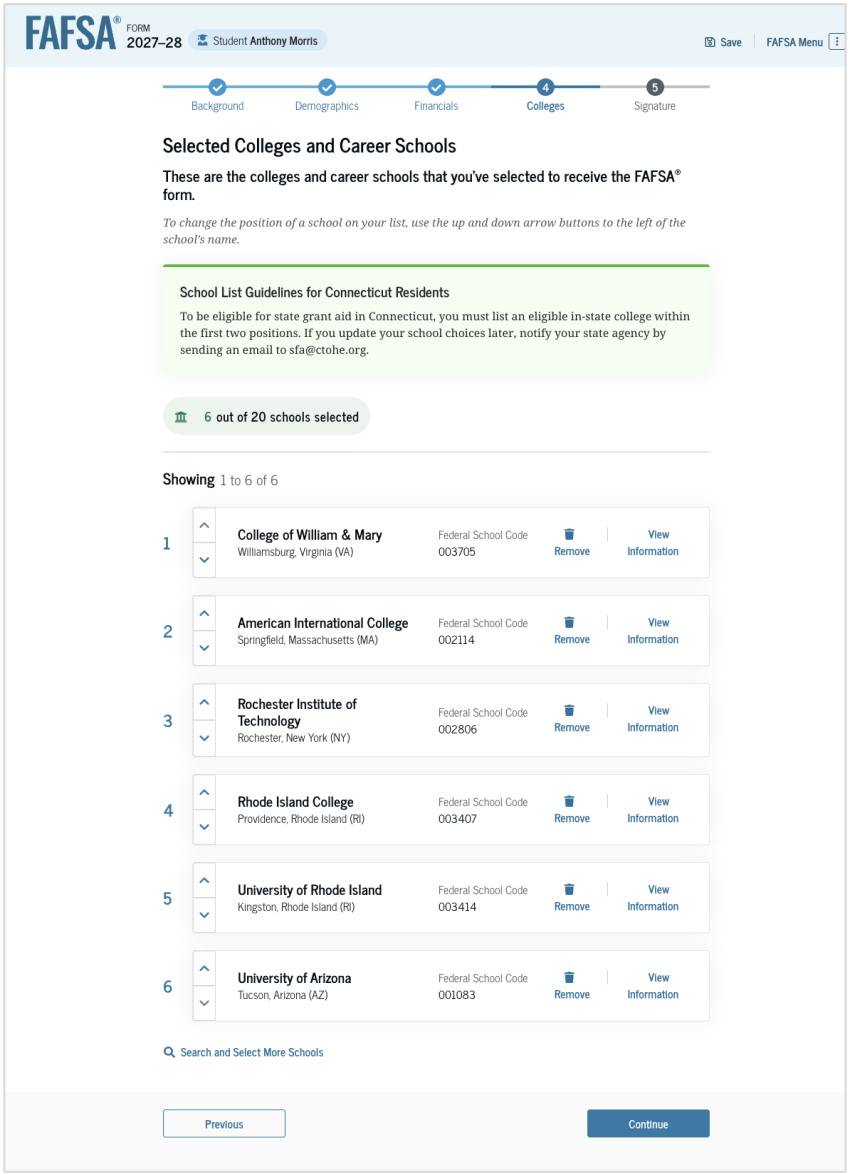
Student Adds Schools: School Search (1 of 2 slides)



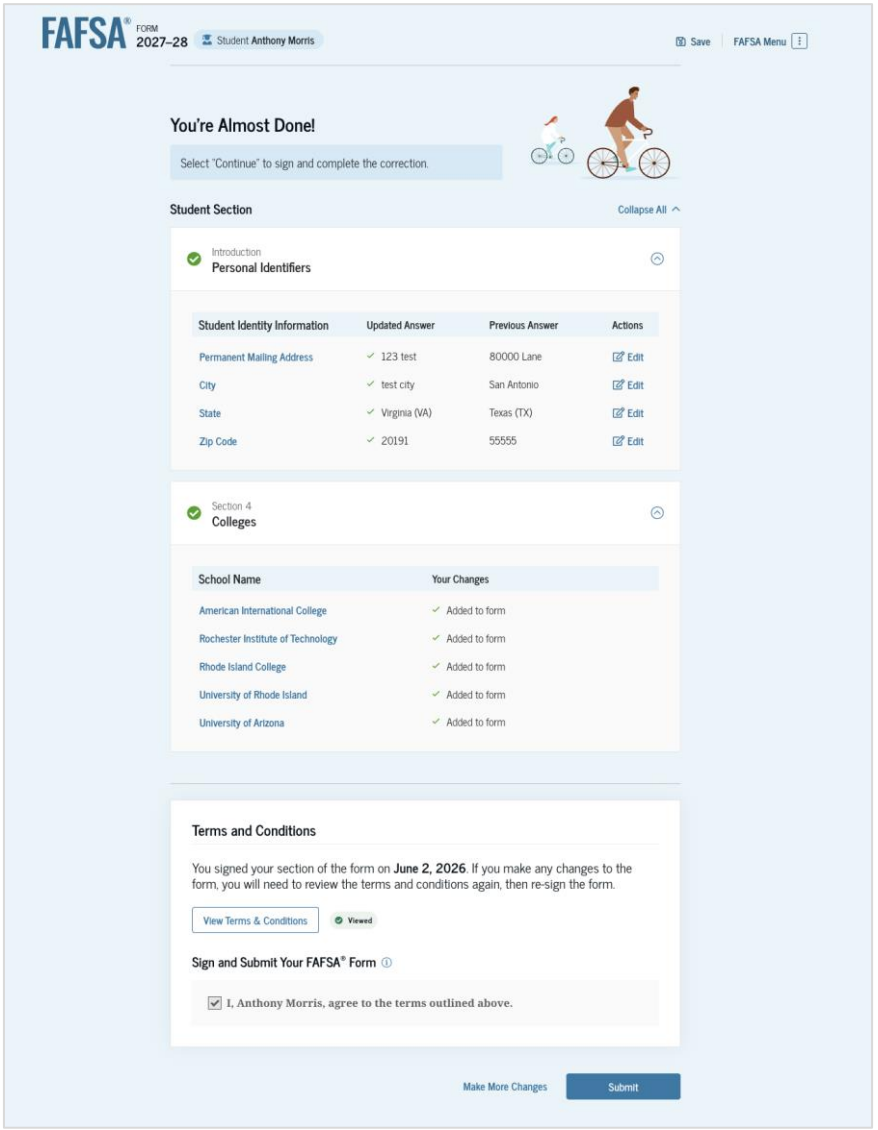
Student Adds Schools: School Search (2 of 2 slides)



Student Adds Schools: Review Selected Schools



Student Adds Schools: Review Changes



Student Adds Schools: Processing

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Hold tight—we're processing your FAFSA® form.

Stay on this page to see your next steps.

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Student Adds Schools: Confirmation

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Congratulations!

Your FAFSA® results are ready!

What to Know Now

We've processed your form and are sending it to your schools.

Go to your FAFSA Submission Summary to review:

- Your eligibility for federal student aid
- Your FAFSA form answers
- The schools you chose to receive your FAFSA information
- Next steps

My FAFSA Submission Summary

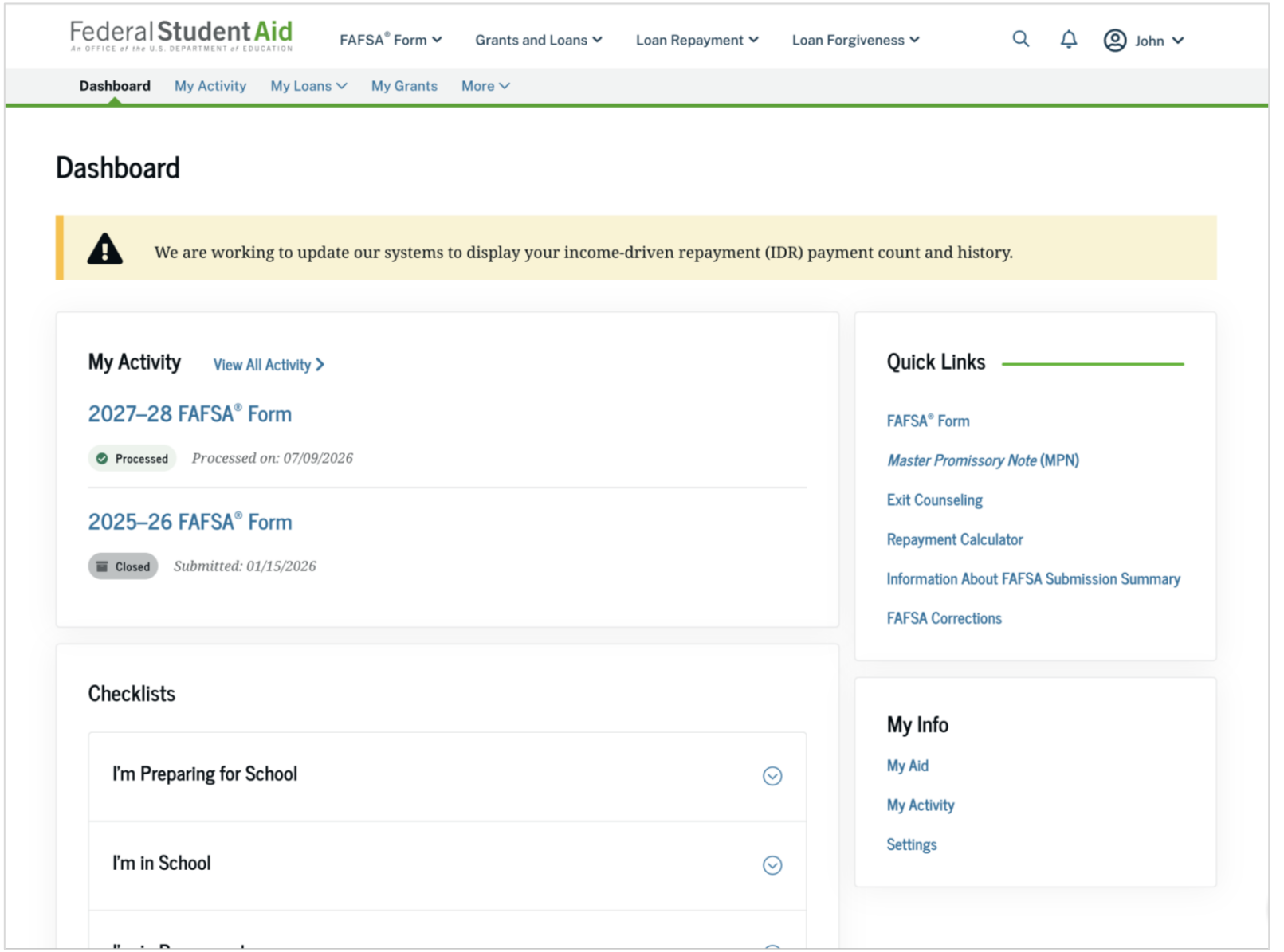
Scenario 12: Student Manages FAFSA® Contributors

Overview

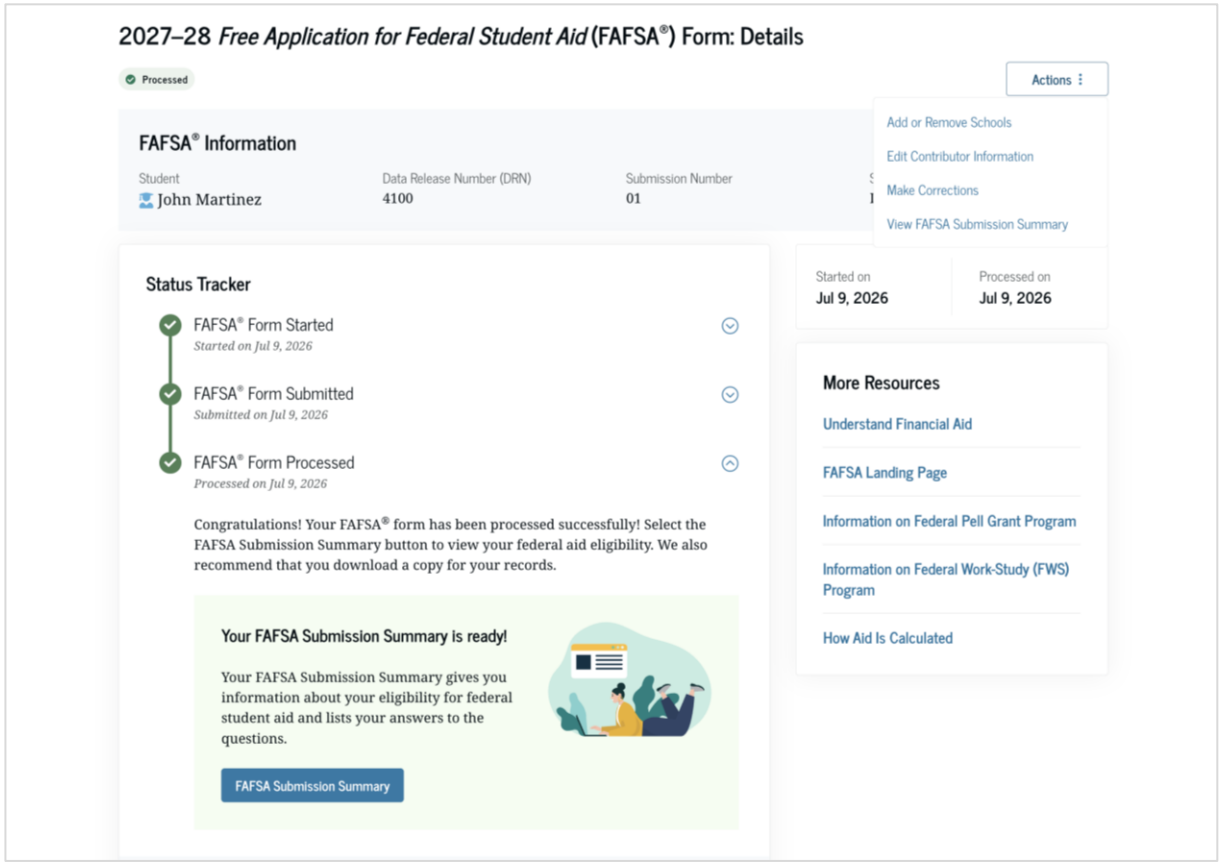
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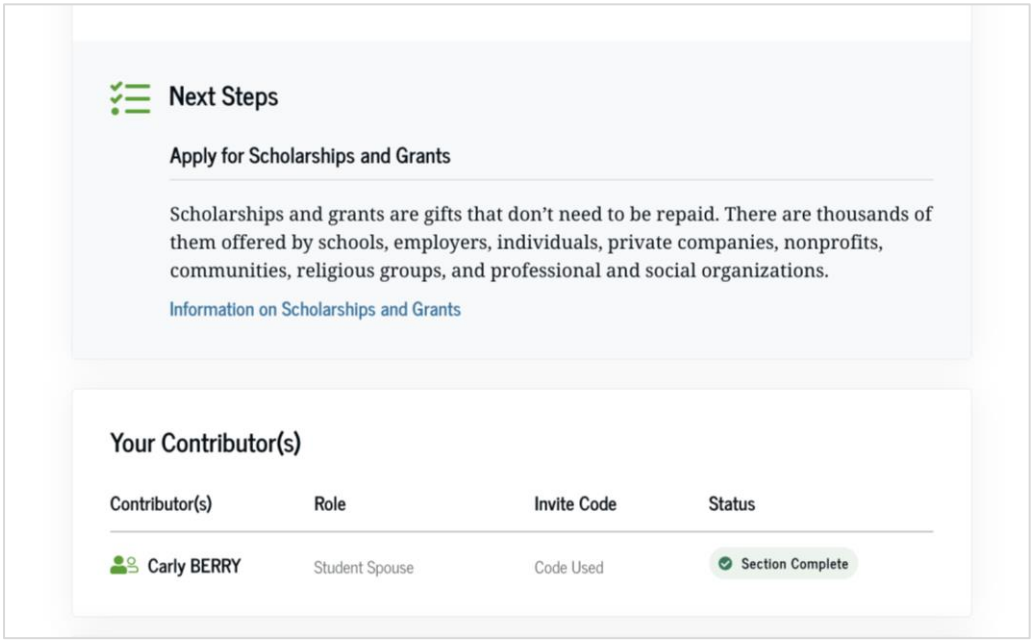
- A dependent student completed the student section of the 2027–28 FAFSA® form. But the student invited the wrong parent to be a contributor to their form.
- They need to
  - remove the parent they invited, and
  - send a contributor invite to the parent who must add their information to the form.
- This scenario starts from the student's StudentAid.gov Dashboard. (They're already logged in.)
- The student selects their 2027–28 FAFSA form.
- They remove the first parent they invited to the form. This deletes any information that parent added to the student's FAFSA form.
- They send a contributor invitation to the email address for the parent who is required to add their information.
- They sign and resubmit their form.
- They are informed their form is incomplete until their contributor completes and signs their section.

Manage FAFSA® Contributors: Dashboard

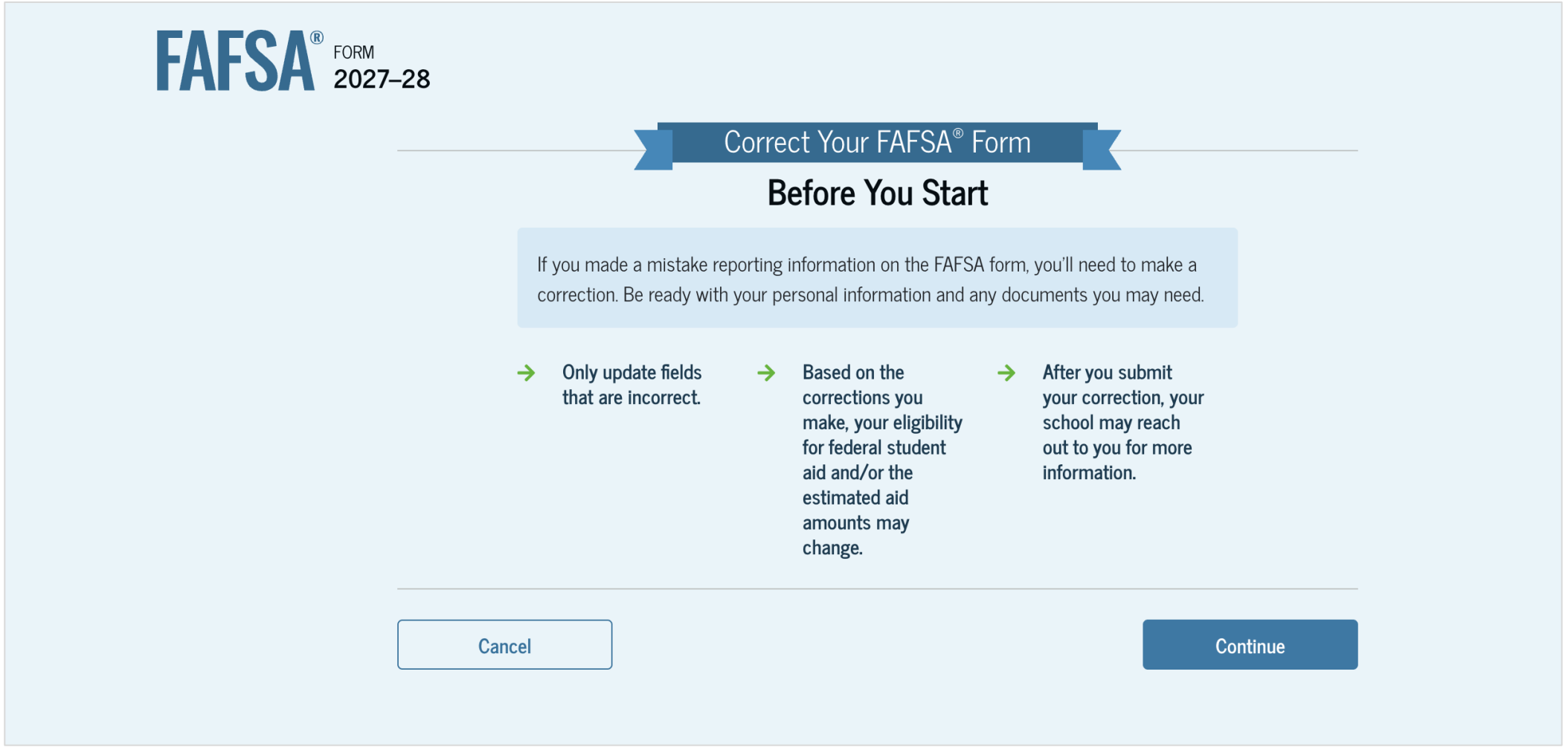


Manage FAFSA® Contributors: Details

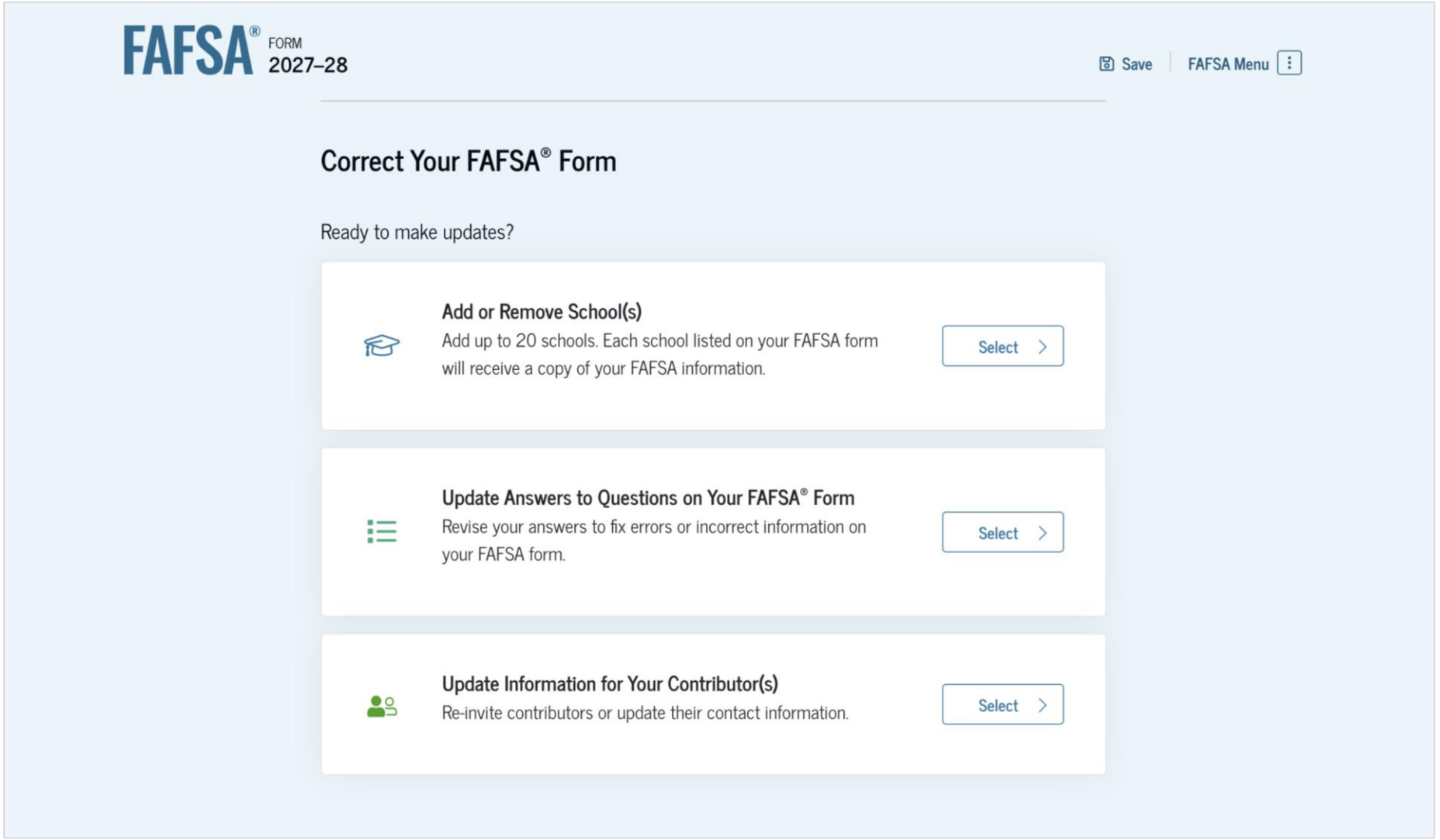




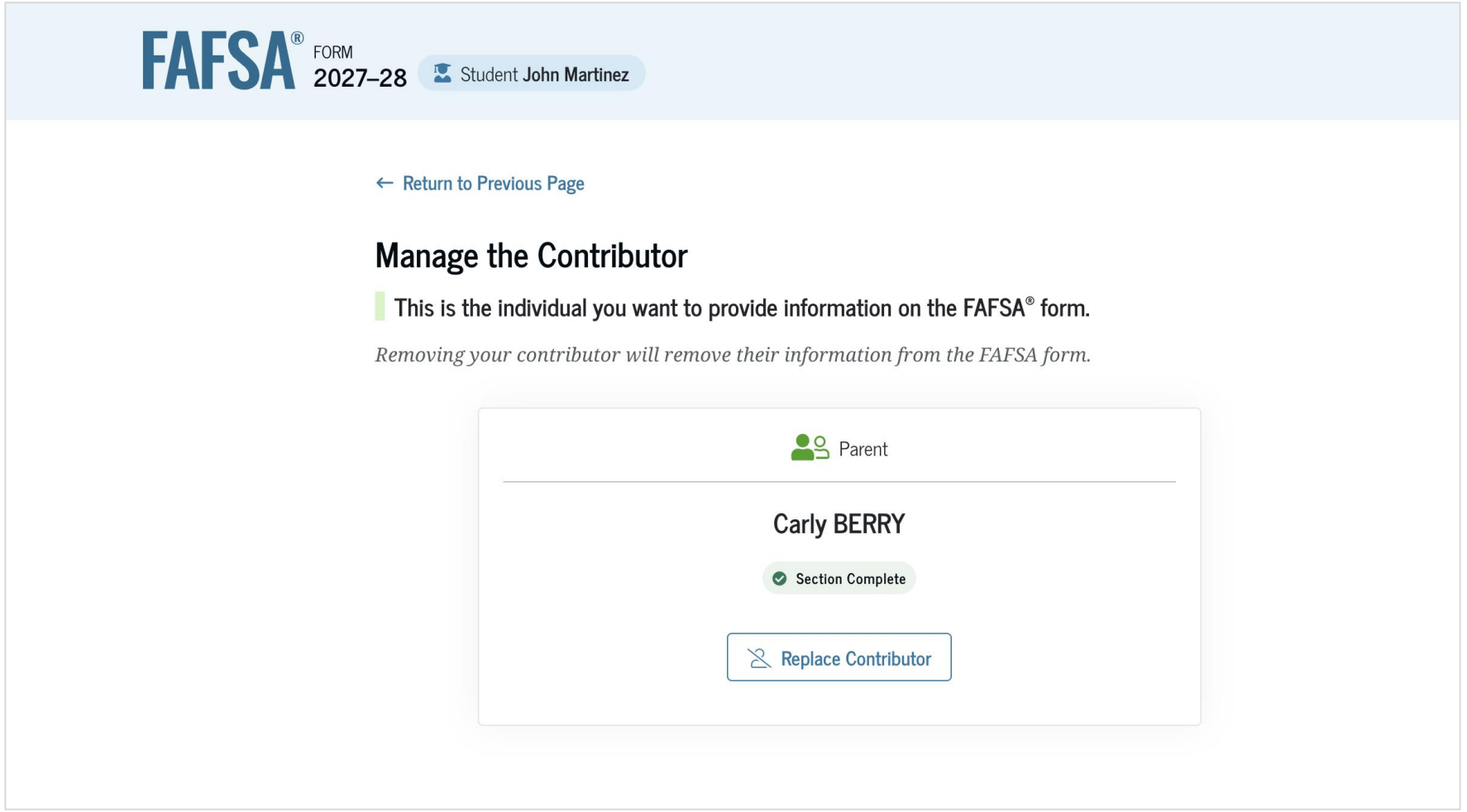
Manage FAFSA® Contributors: Onboarding (1 of 2 slides)



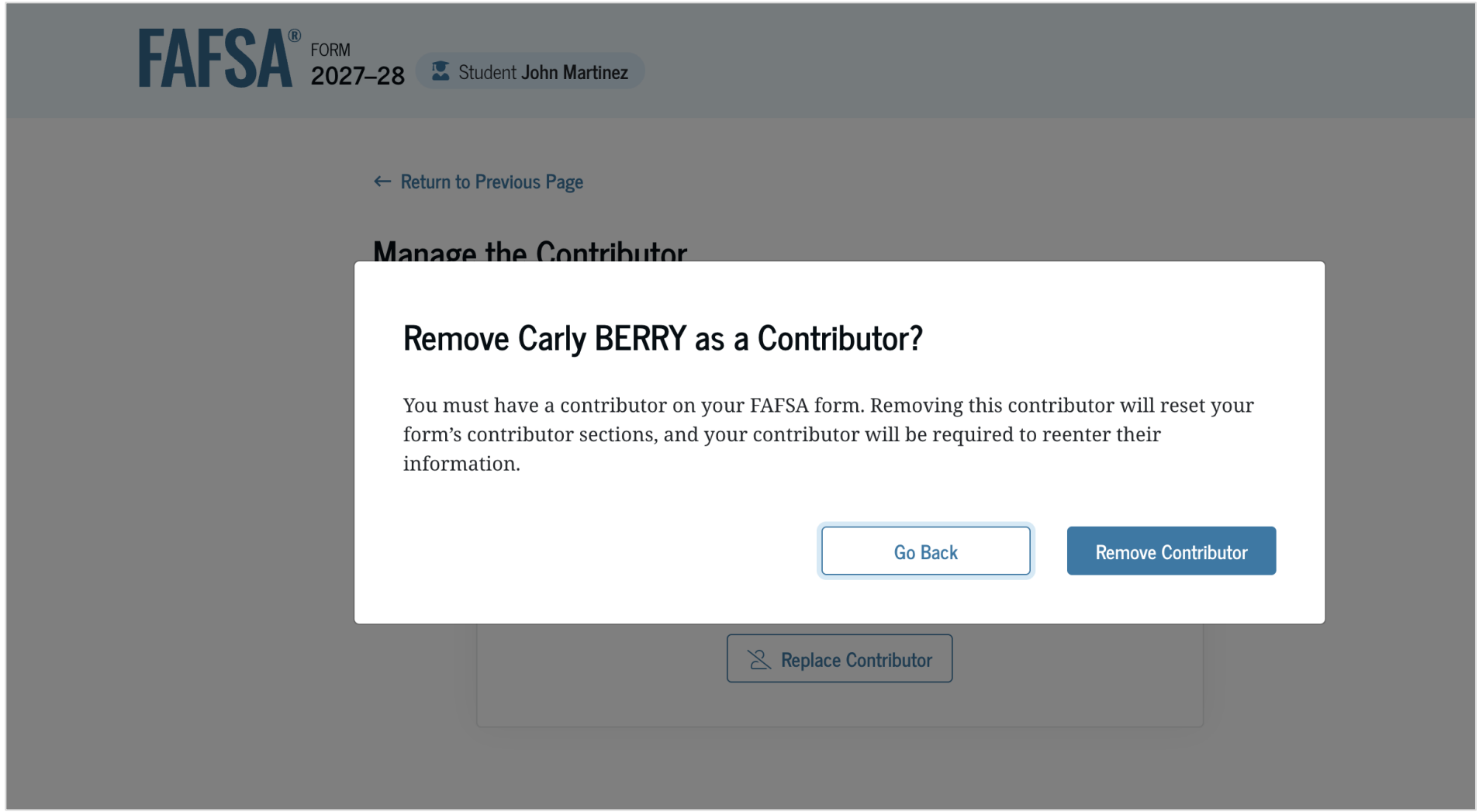
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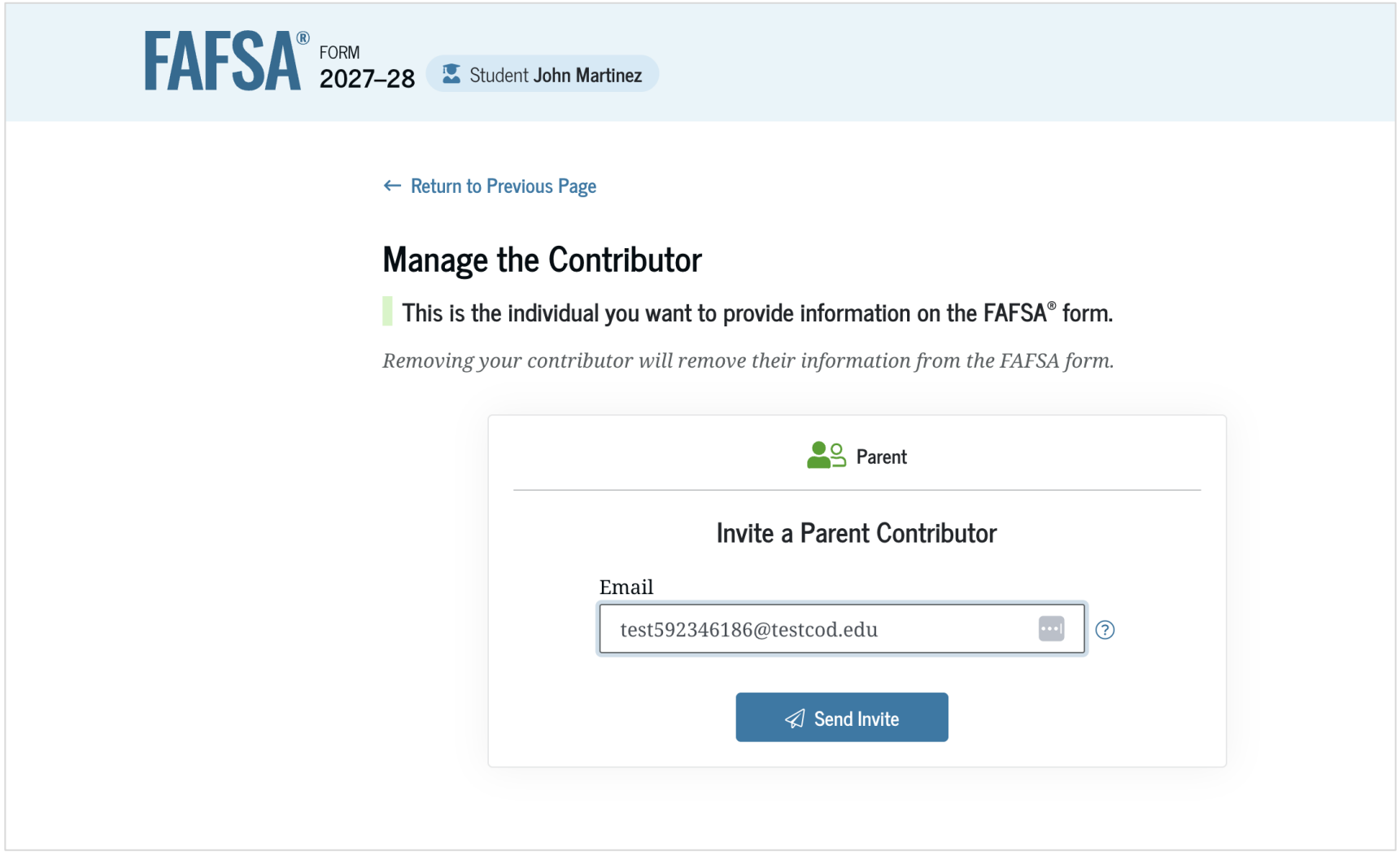
Manage FAFSA® Contributors: Remove Contributor (1 of 2 slides)



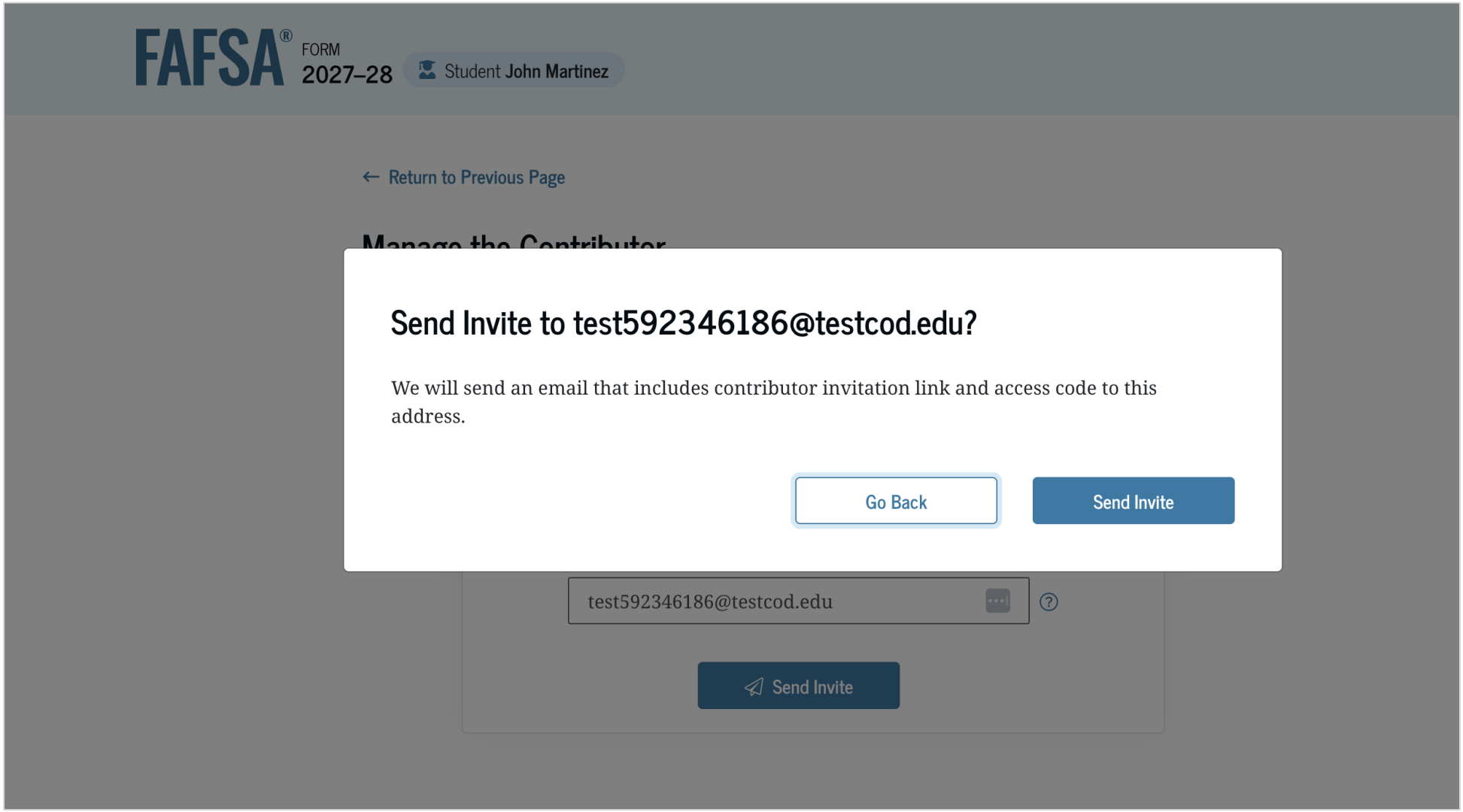
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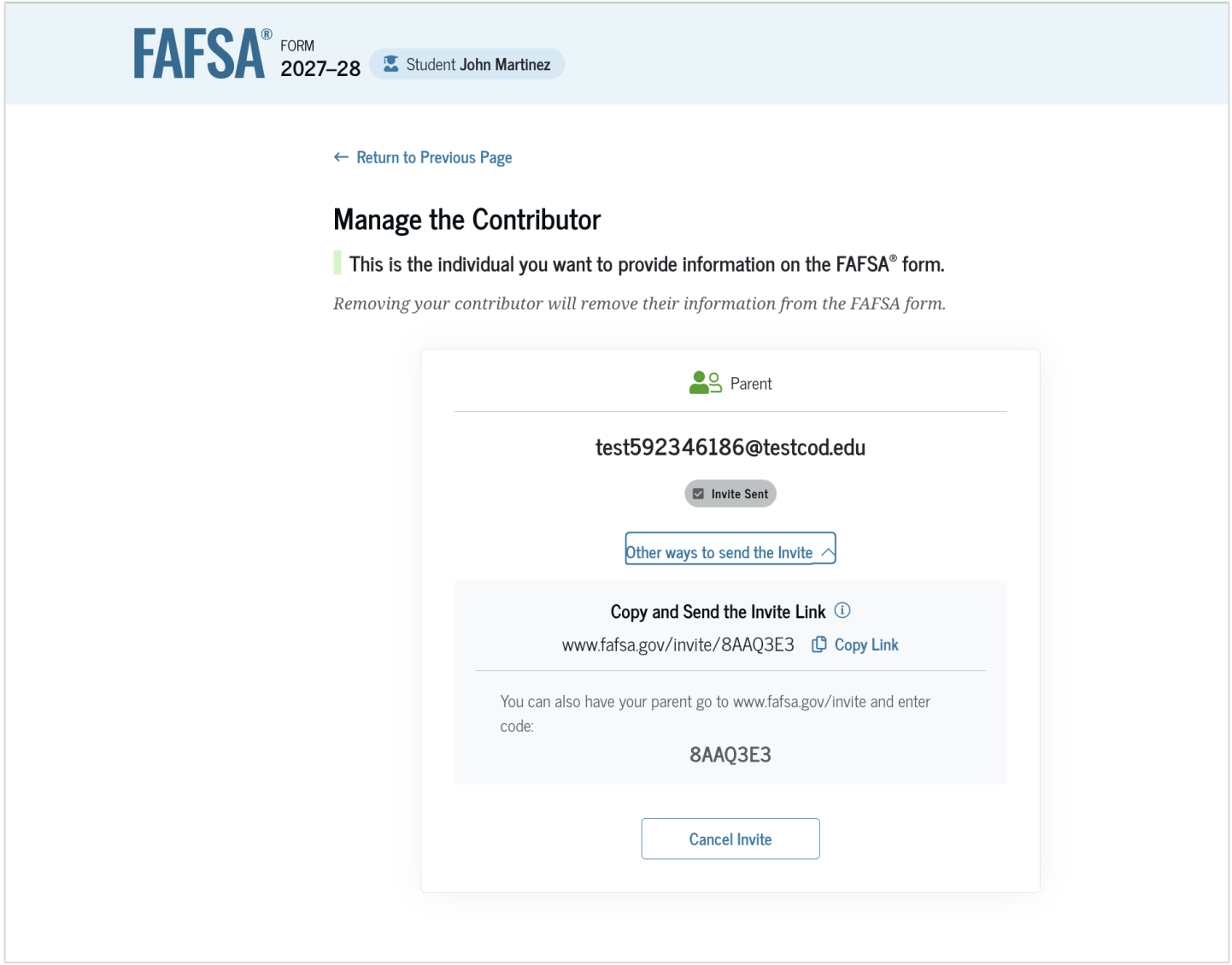
Manage FAFSA® Contributors: Update Contributor Details (1 of 2 slides)



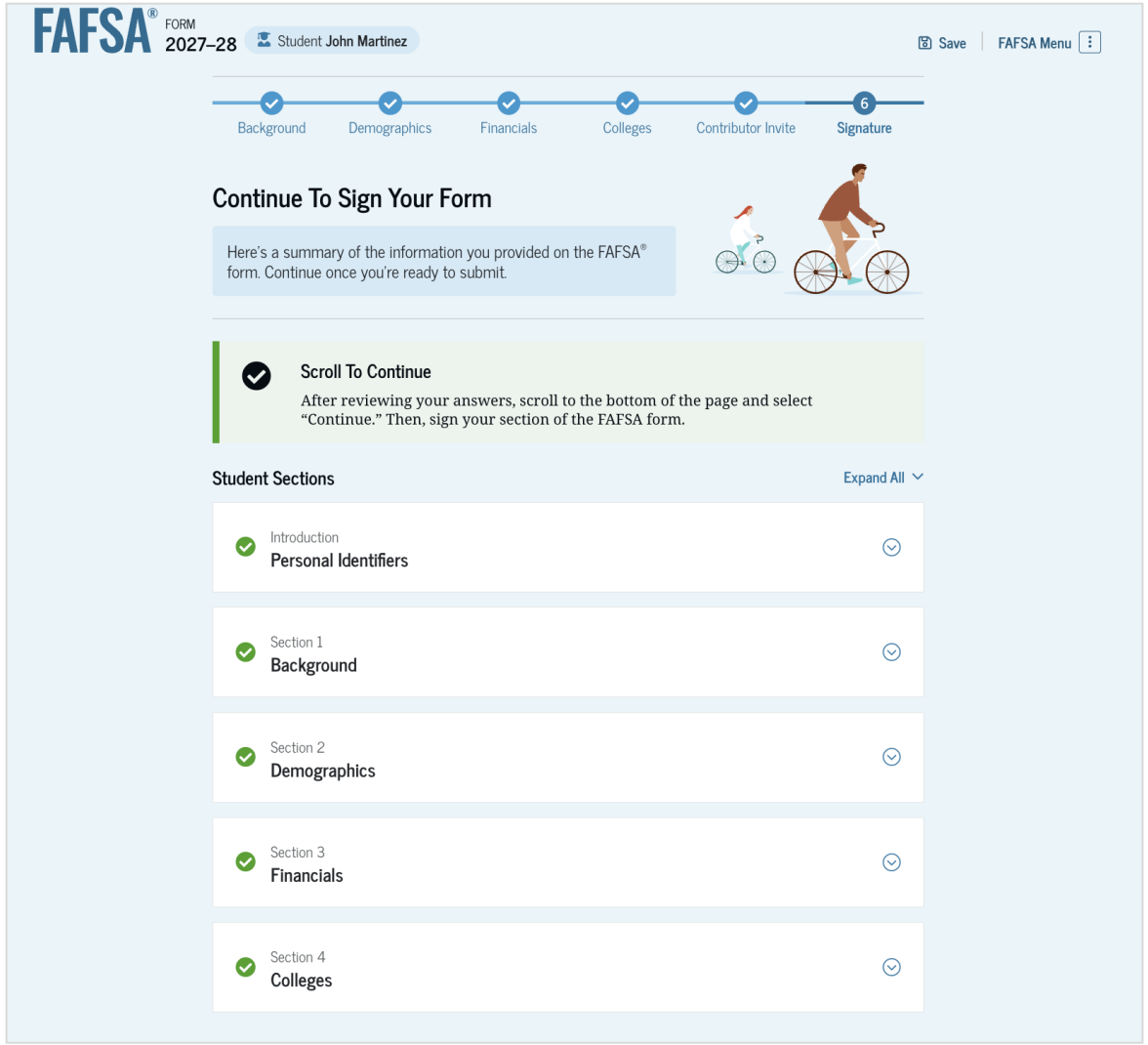
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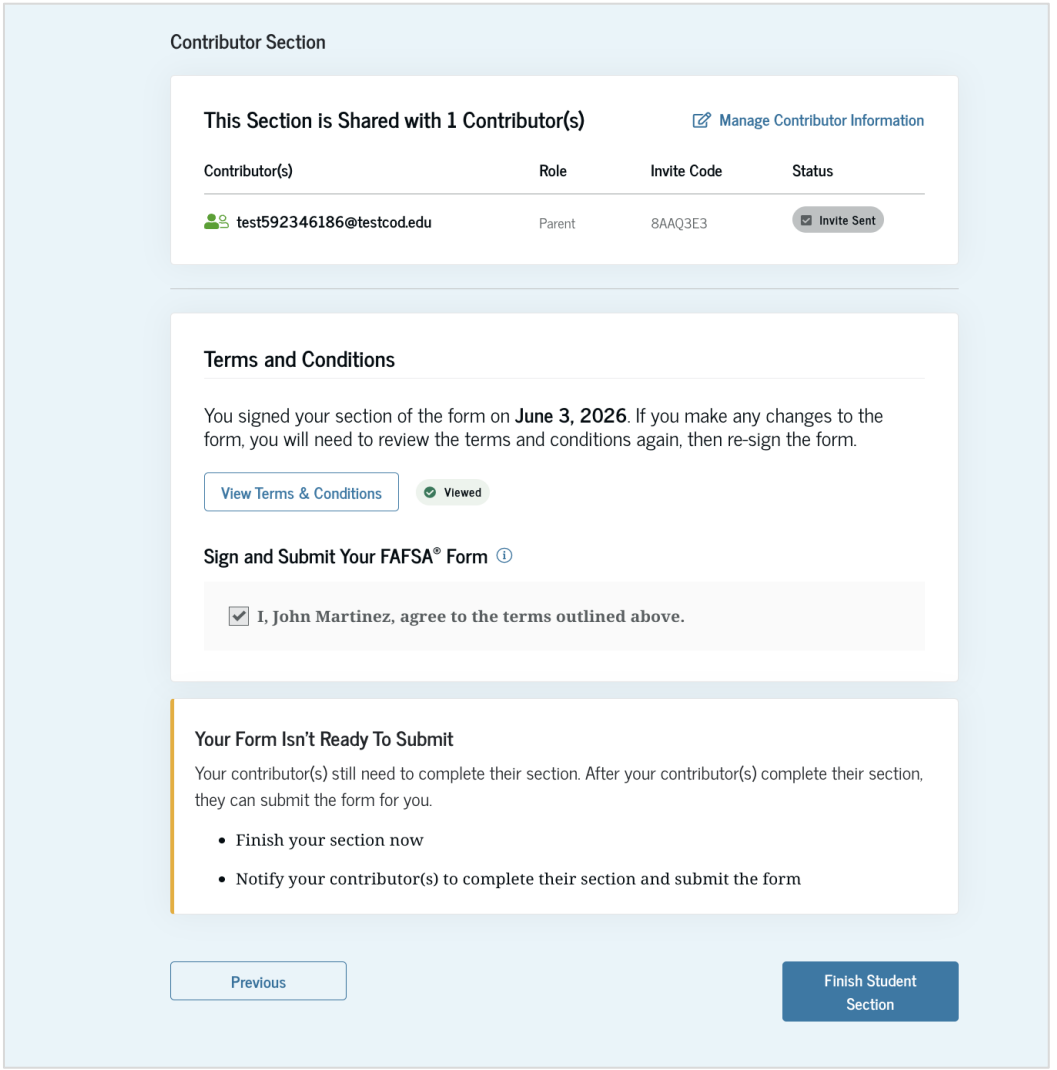


Manage FAFSA® Contributors: Invite Sent

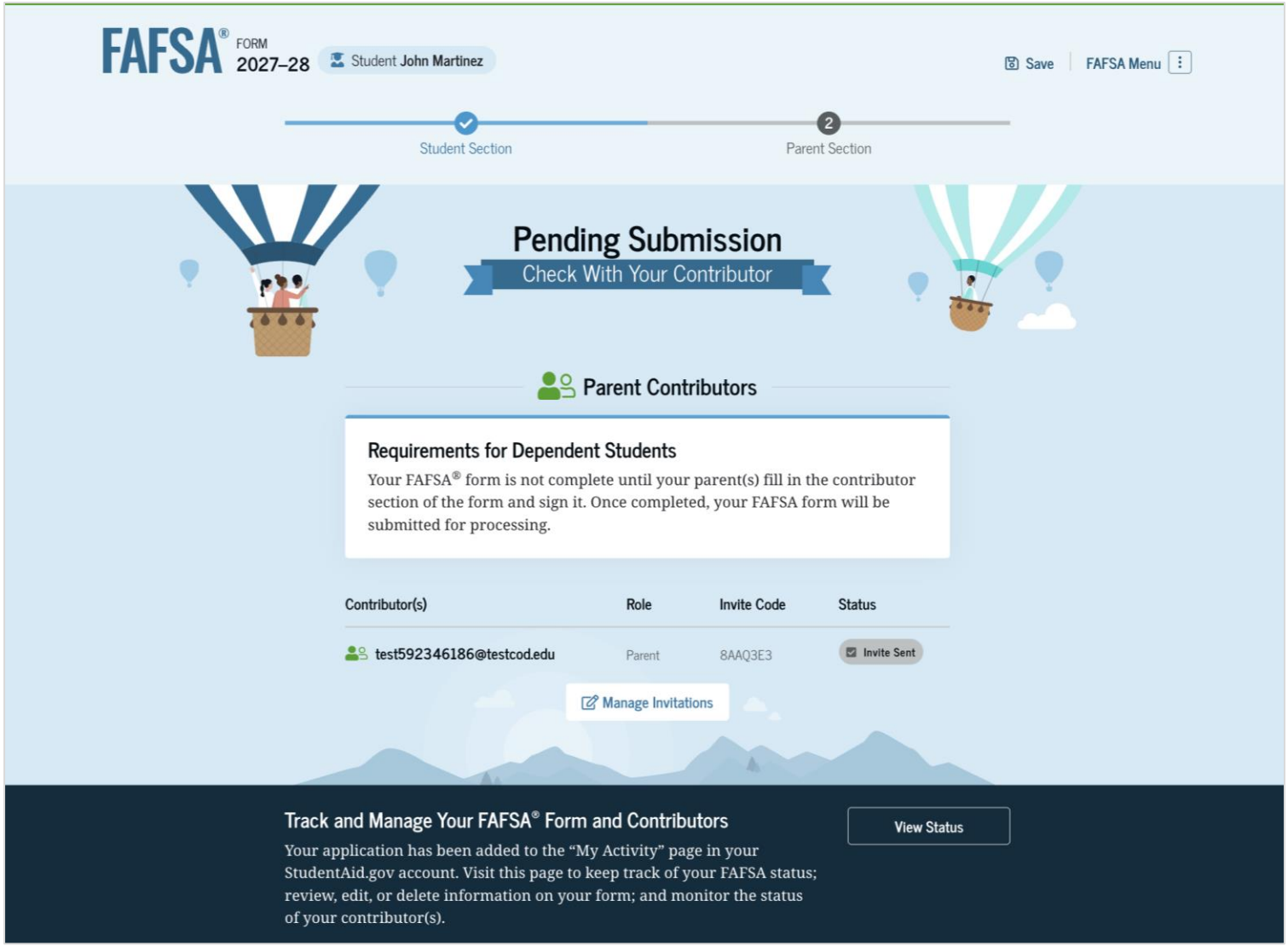


Manage FAFSA® Contributors: Signature





Manage FAFSA® Contributors: Confirmation



Scenario 13: Student Submits a FAFSA® Correction to Student Homelessness Question

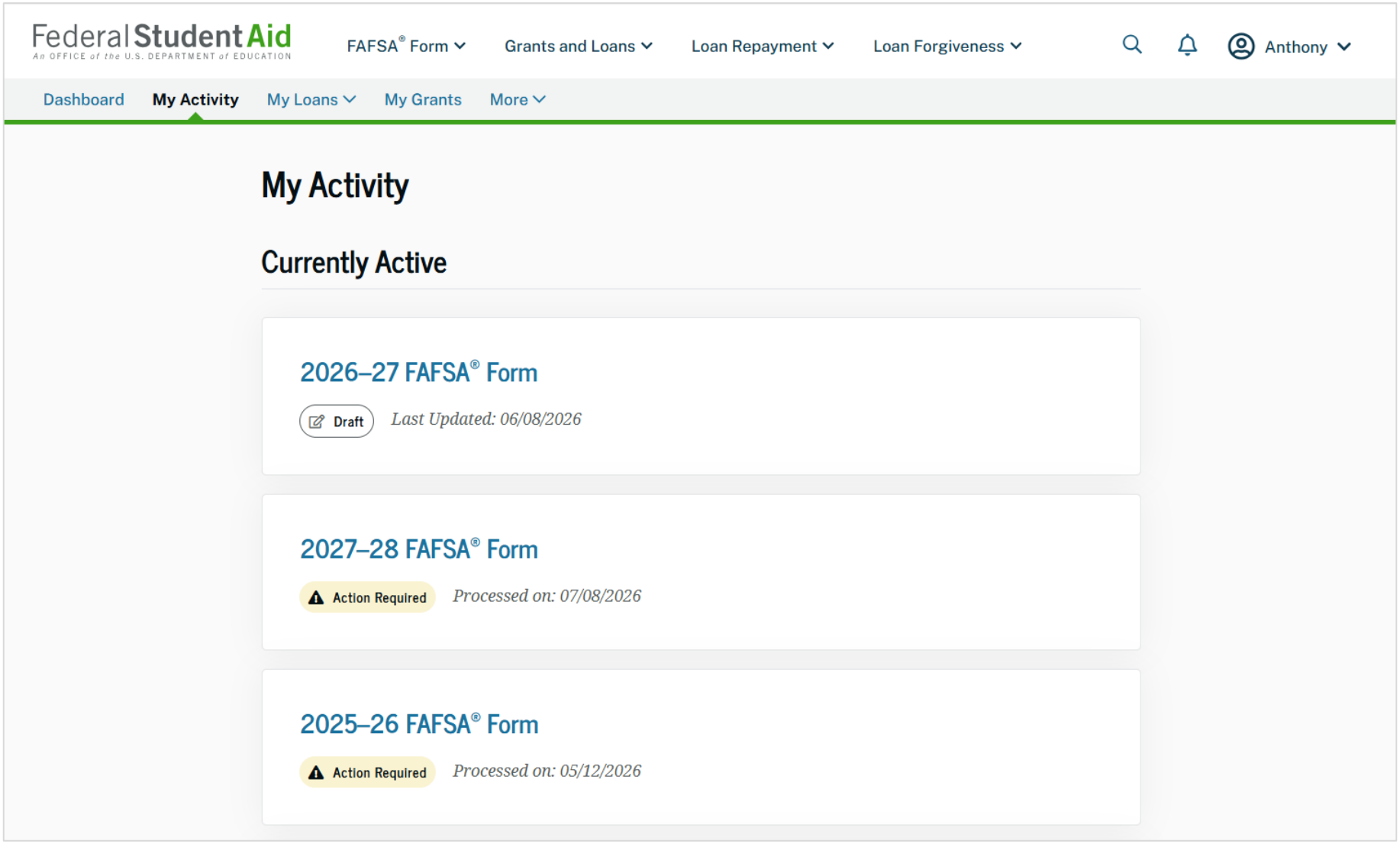
Overview

This user scenario involves a student user whose 2027–28 FAFSA® form has been processed as a "Provisionally Independent" student. The student provided the required documentation to their school. The school told the student to make a correction to the Student Homelessness question on their form.

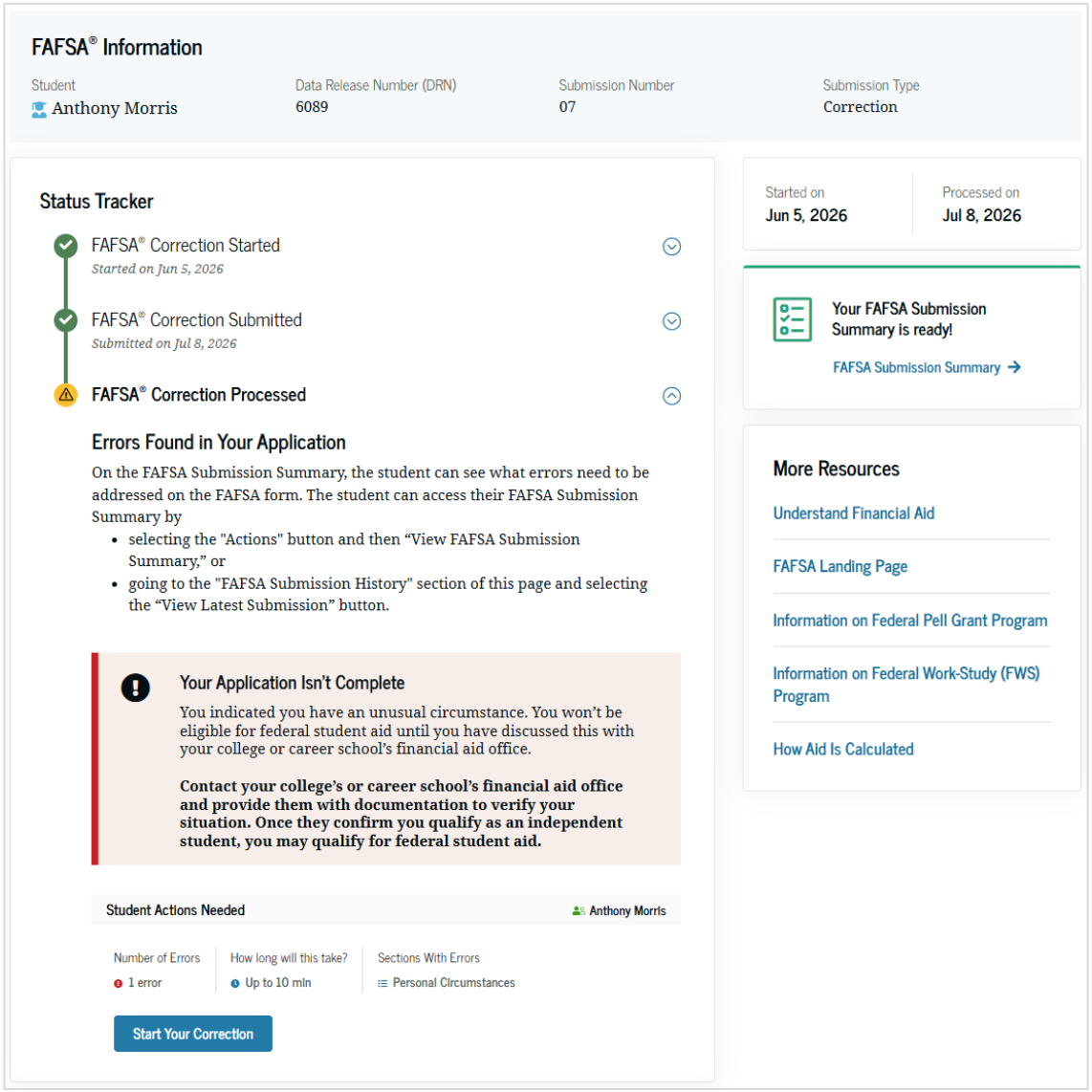
This user scenario involves the following actions:

- The student is already logged in to their StudentAid.gov account. They are viewing the "My Activity" page.
- They select their 2027–28 FAFSA form.
- They make the correction to the Homeless Determination question.
- They sign and resubmit their form.

Student Homelessness Correction: Dashboard



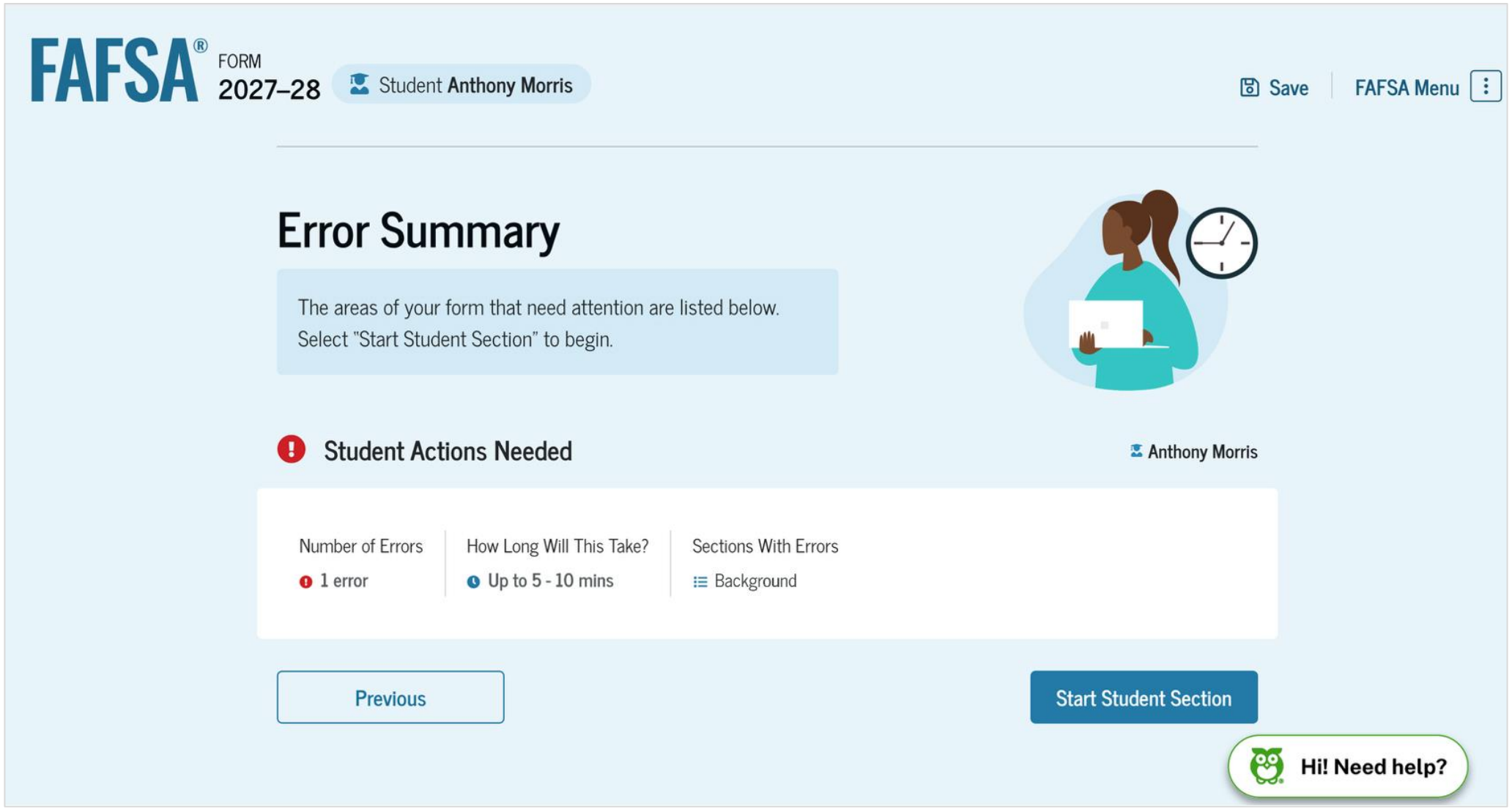
Student Homelessness Correction: Details



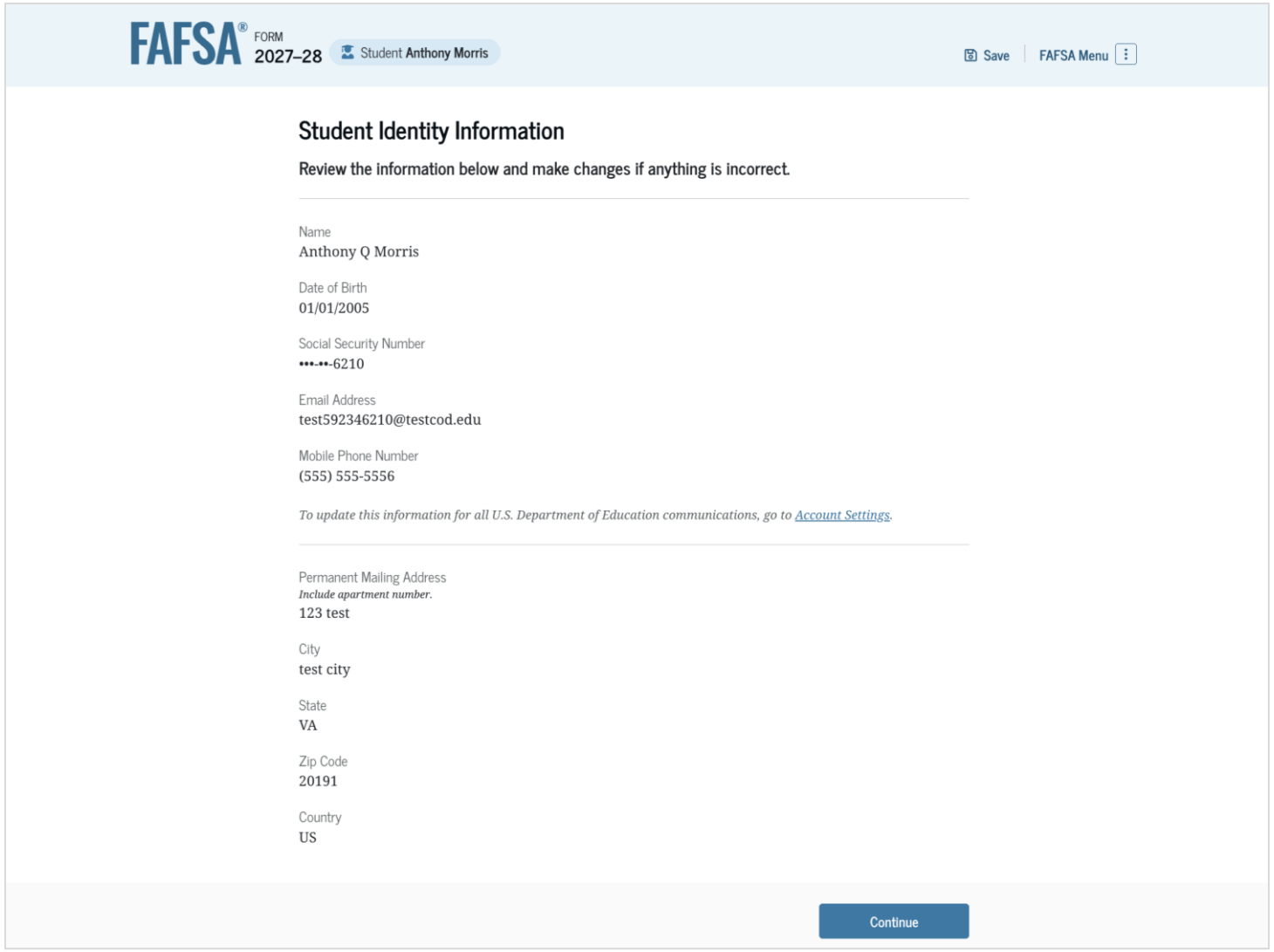
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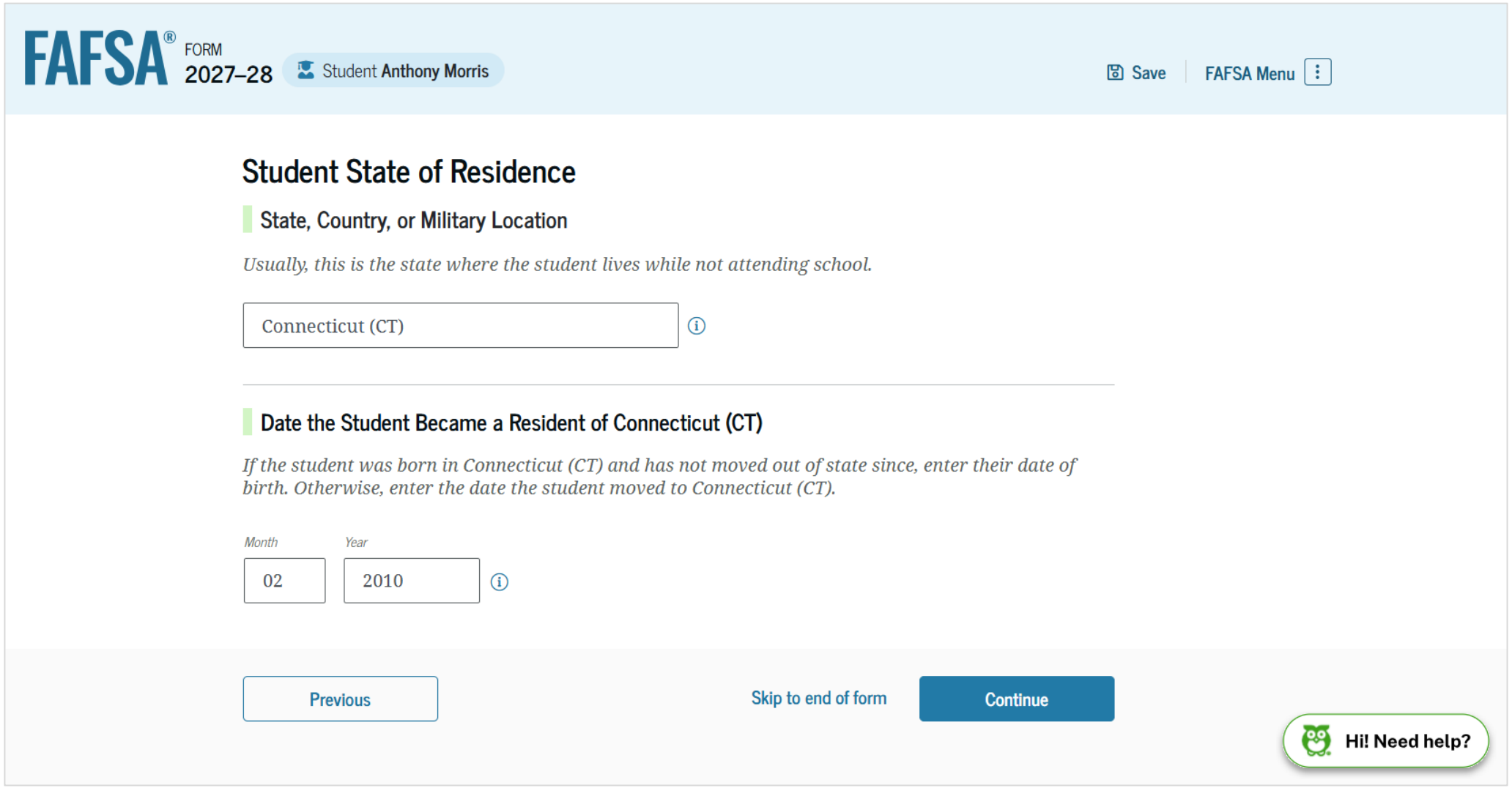
Student Homelessness Correction: Error Summary



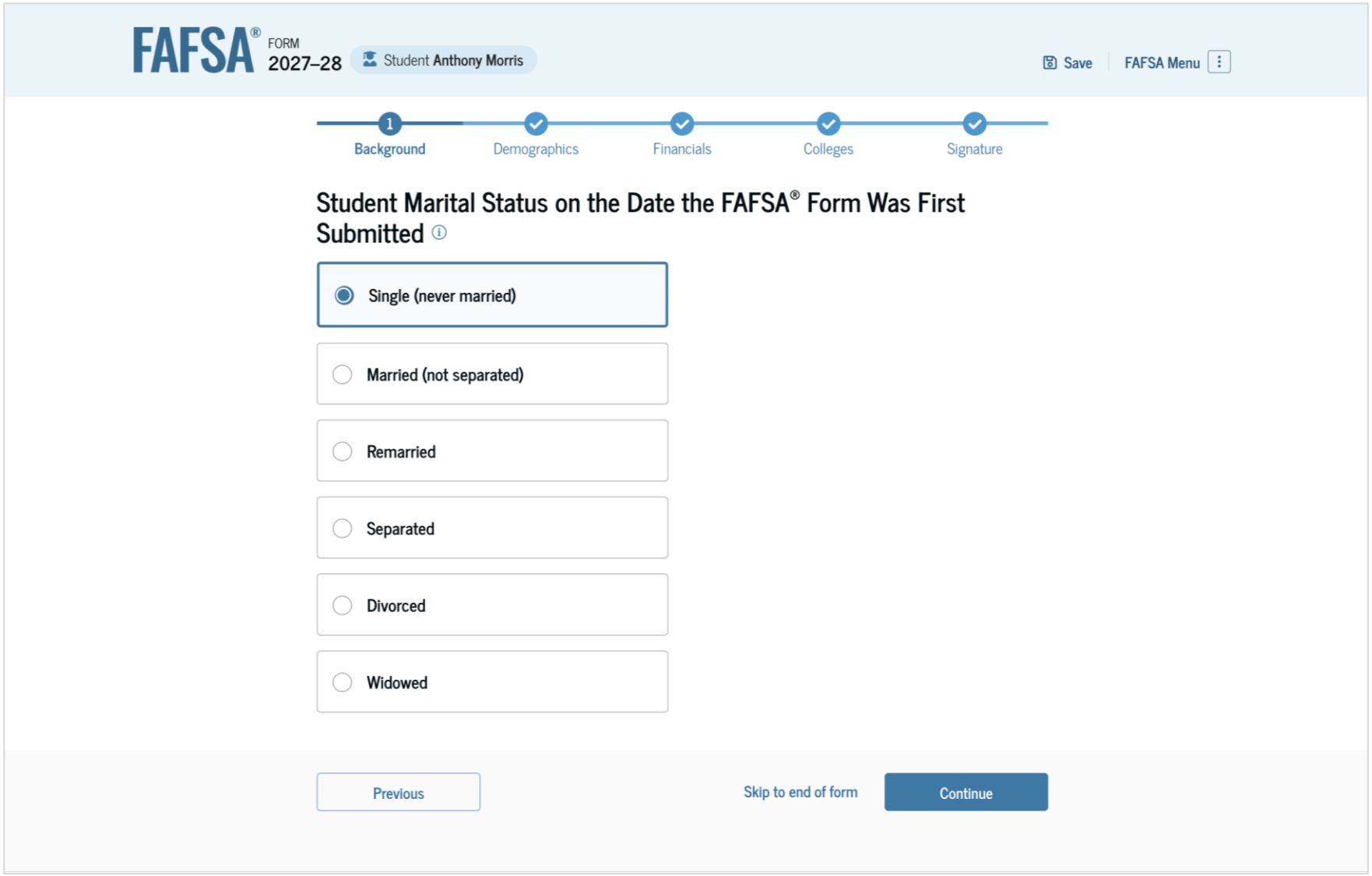
Student Homelessness Correction: Student Identity Information



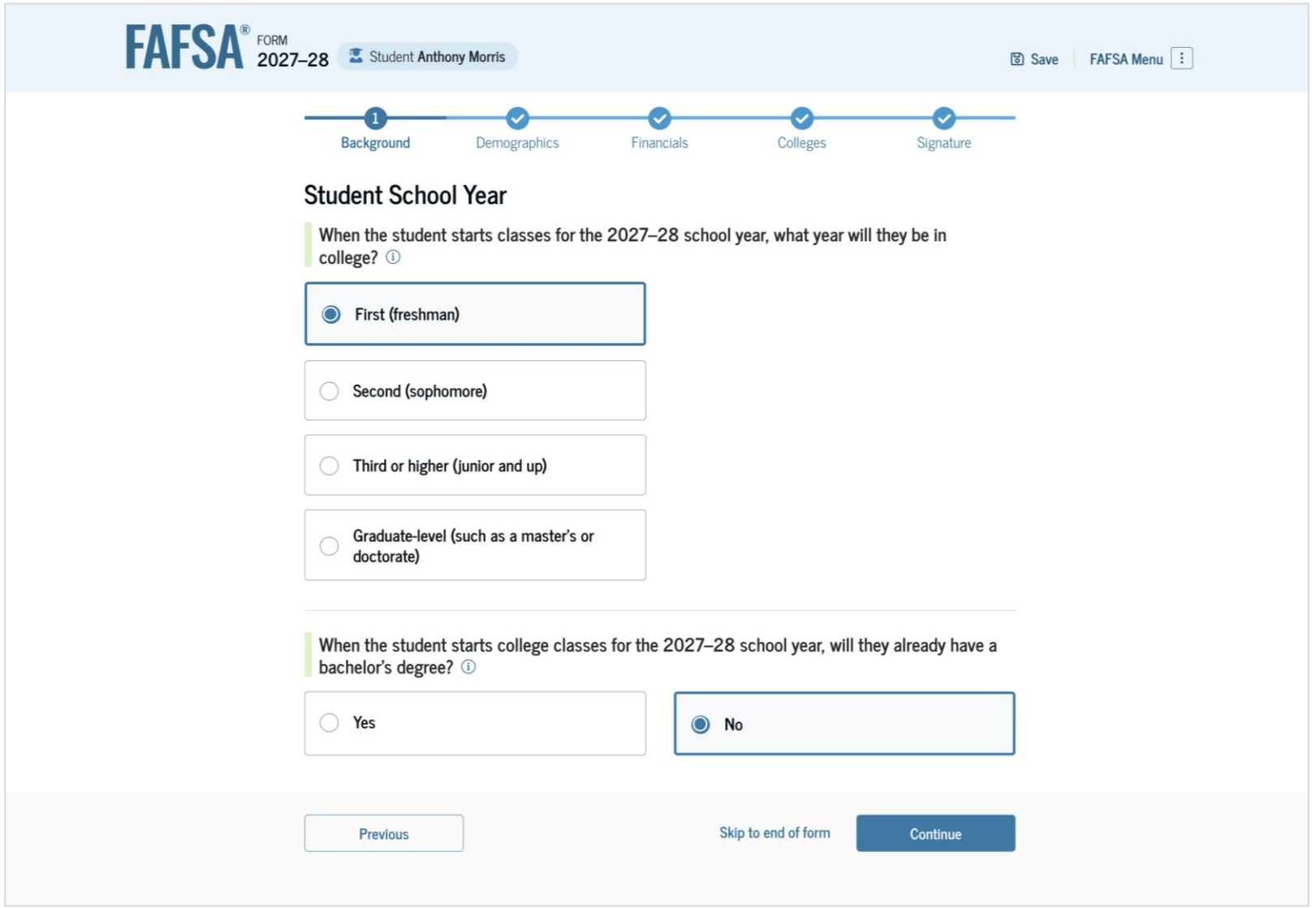
Student Homelessness Correction: State of Residence



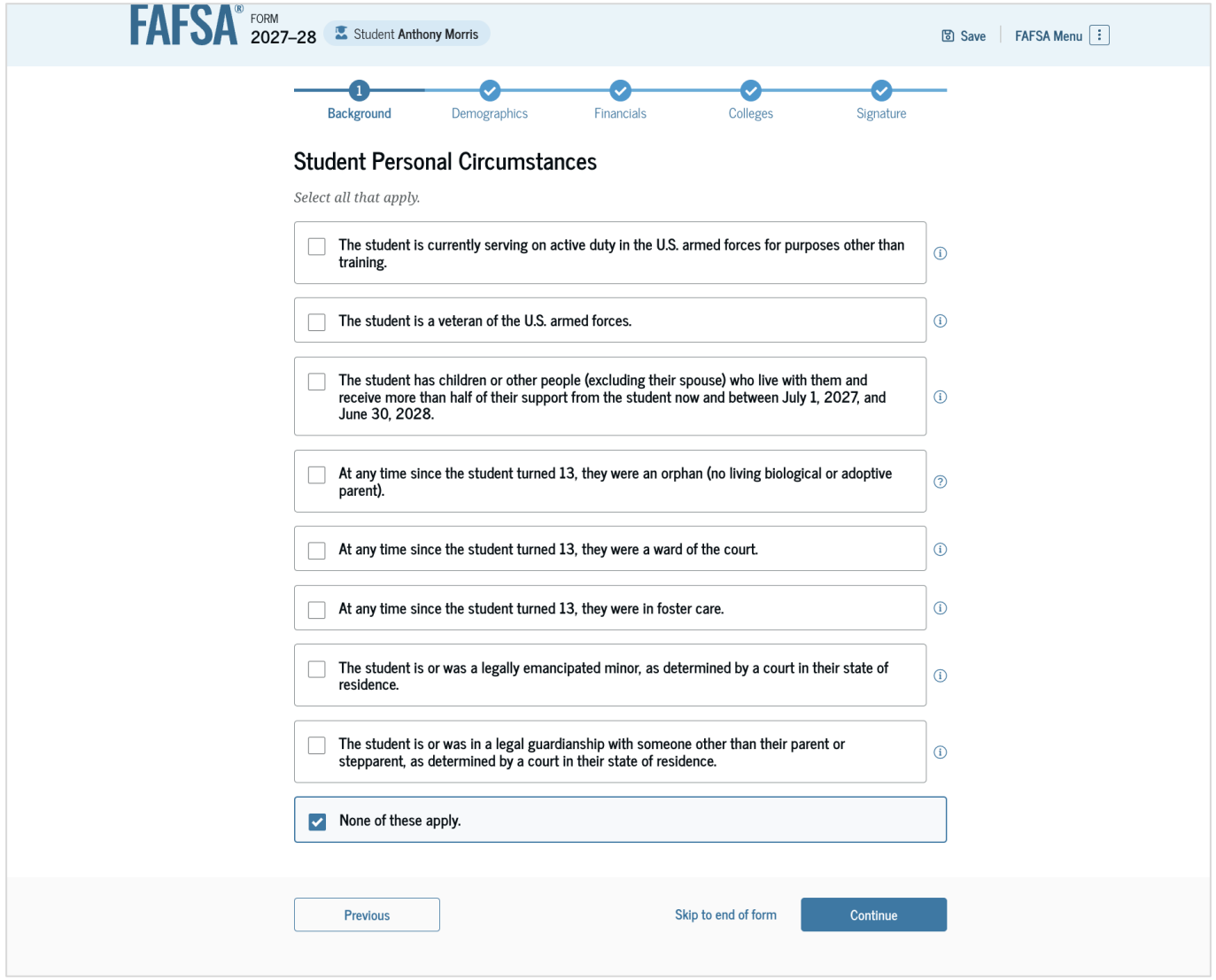
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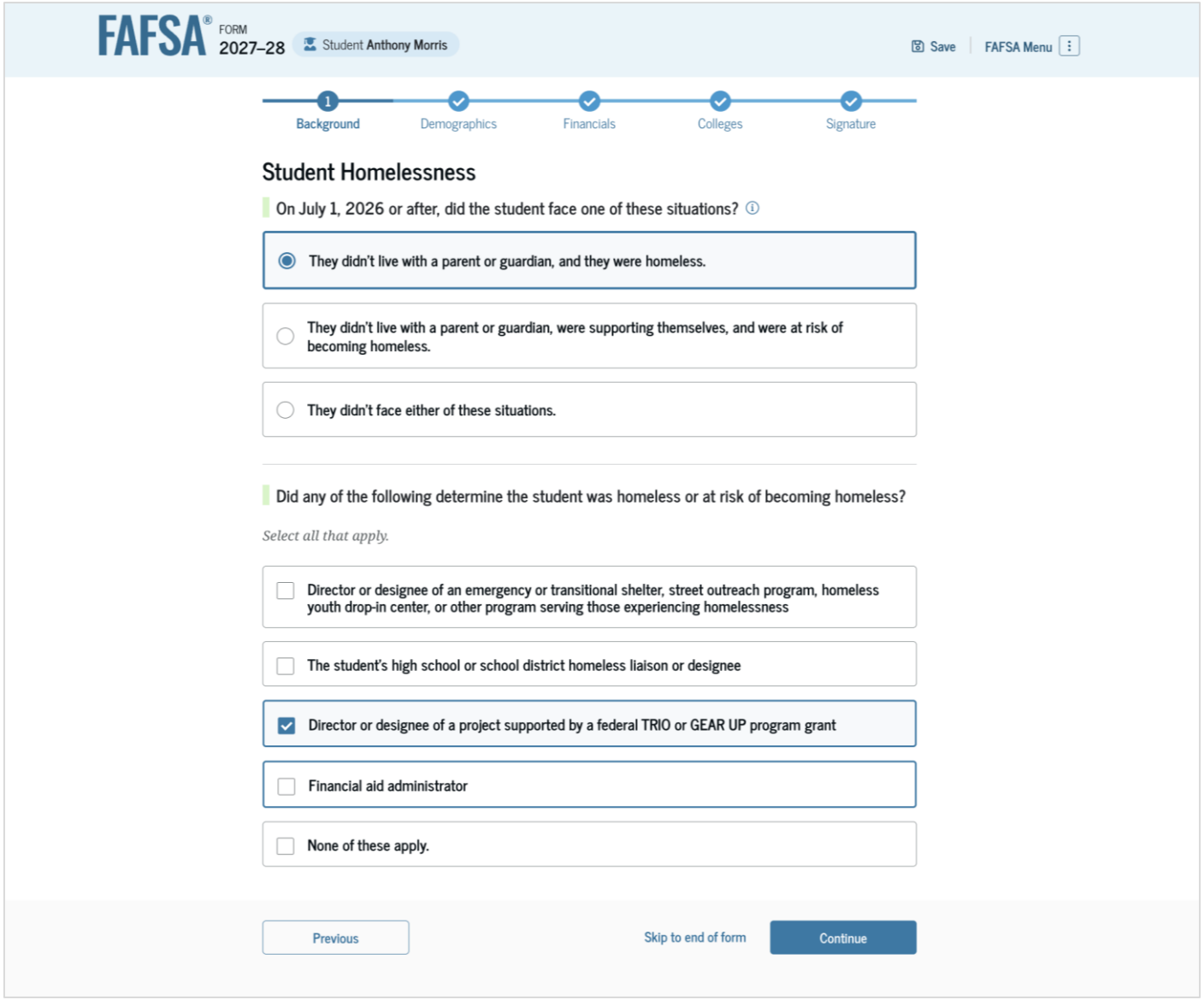
Student Homelessness Correction: College or Career School Plans



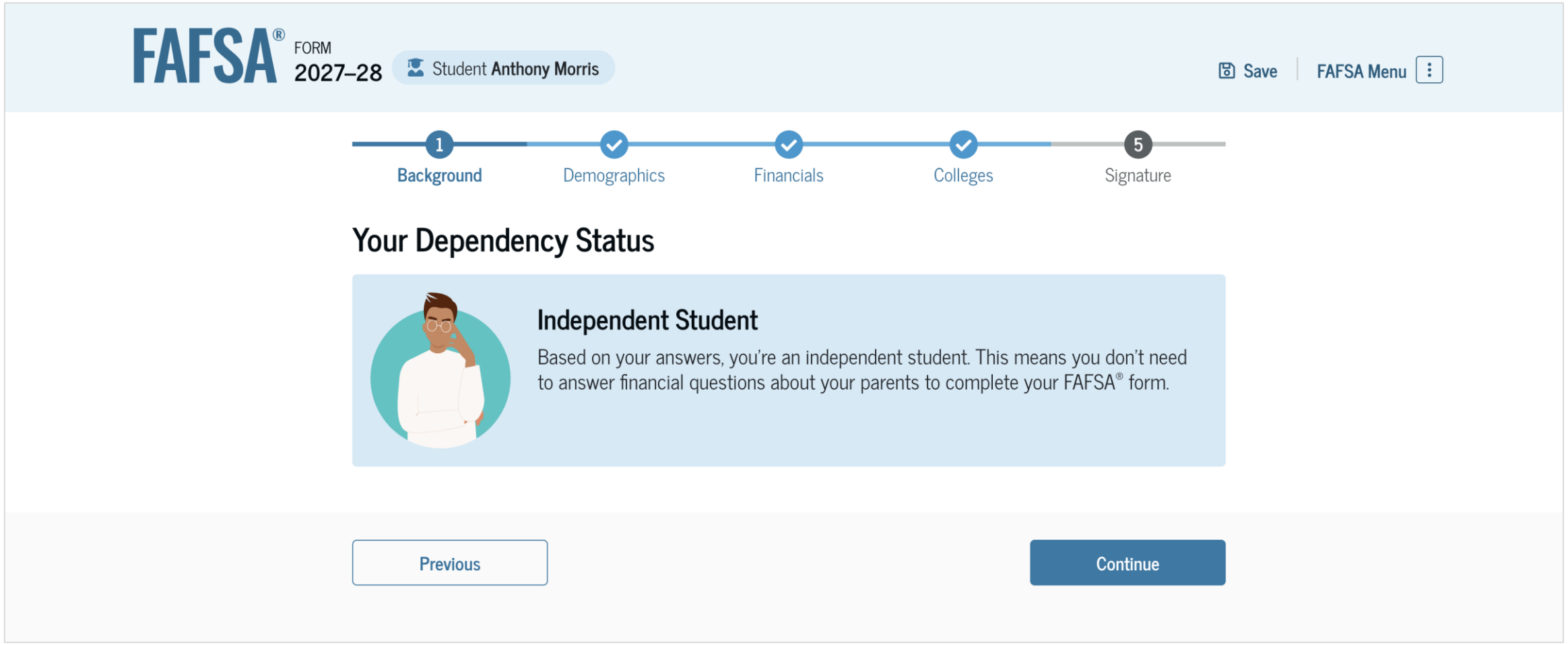
Student Homelessness Correction: Personal Circumstances



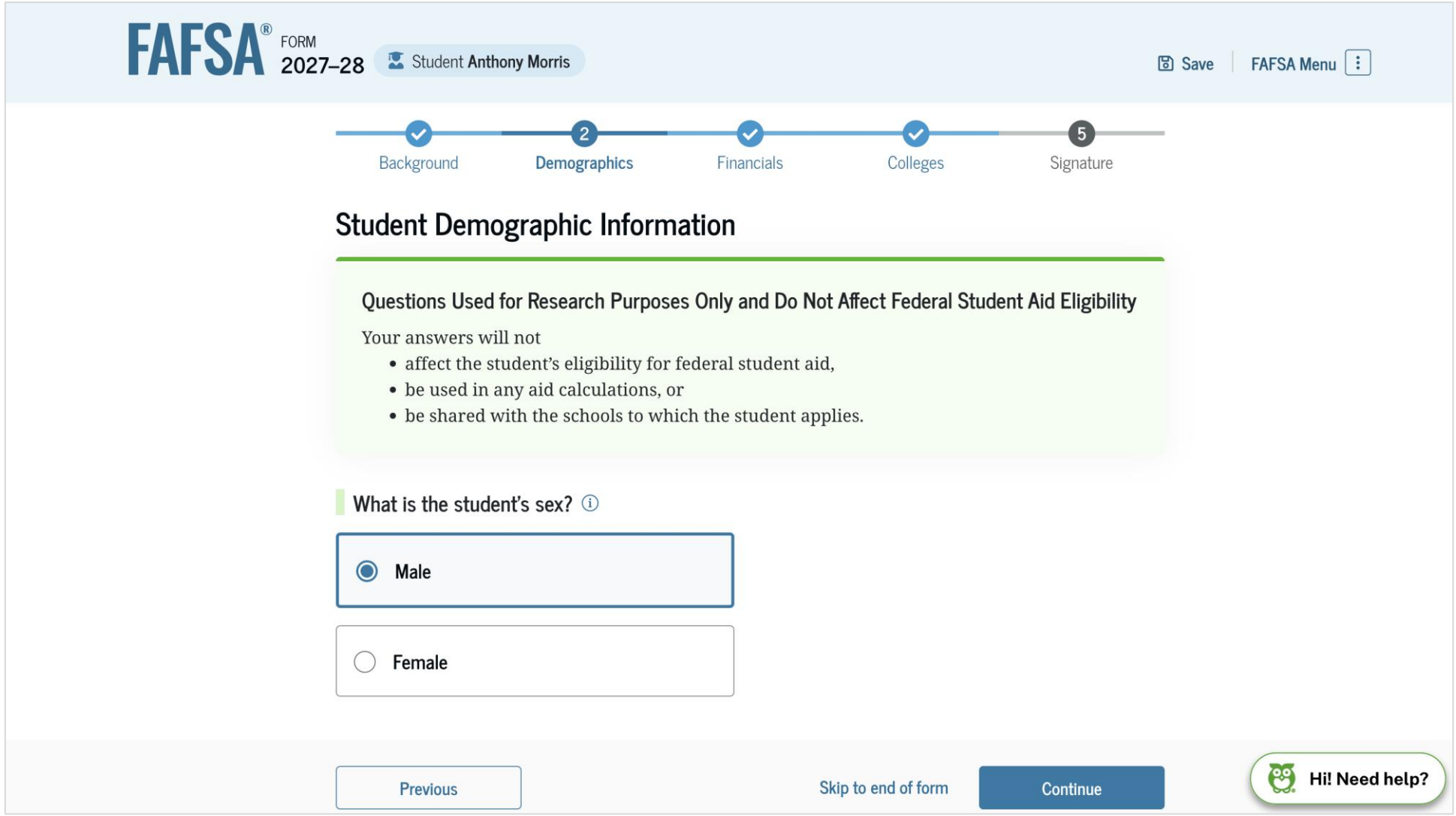
Student Homelessness Correction: Other Circumstances



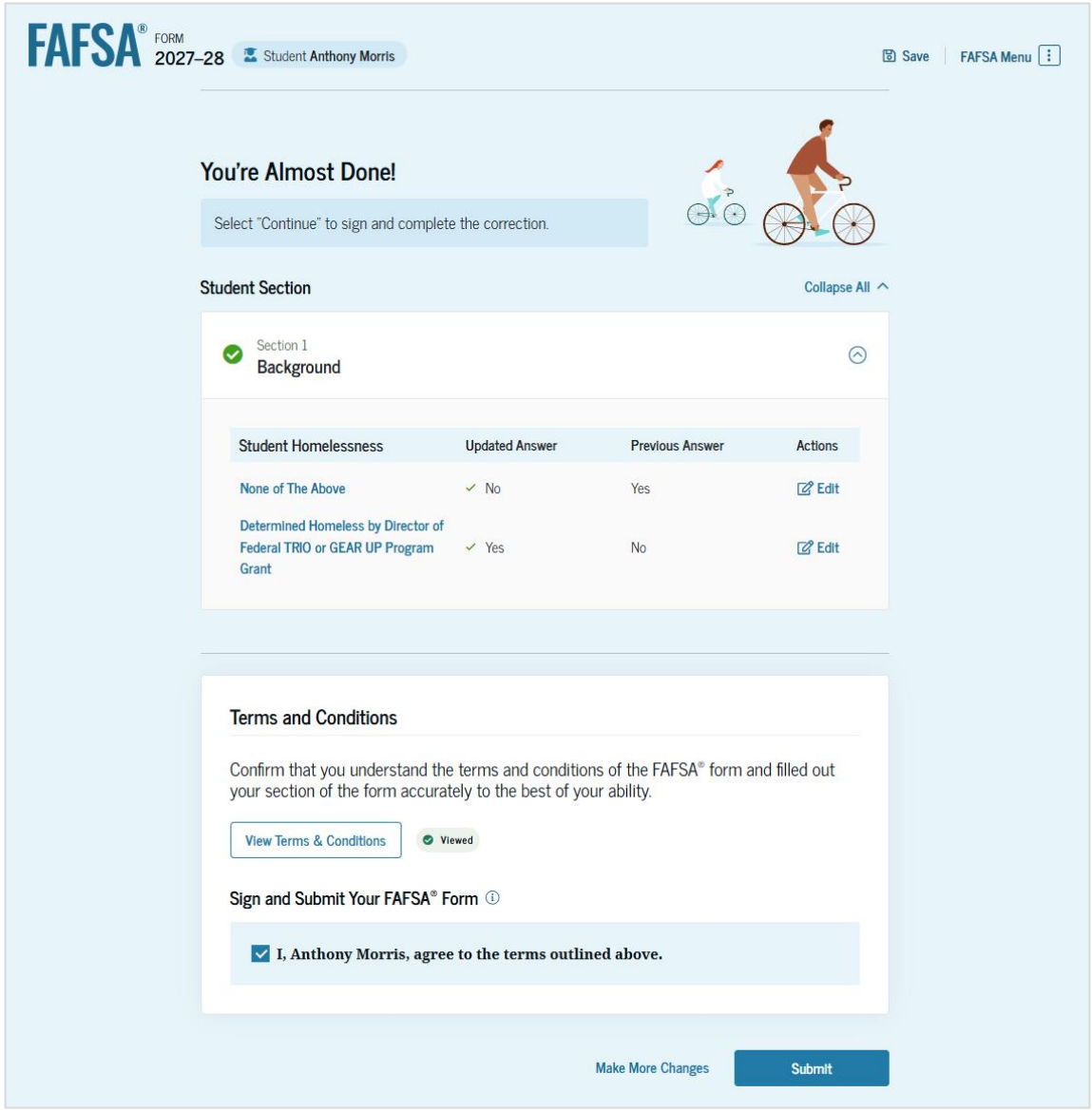
Student Homelessness Correction: Dependency Status



Student Homelessness Correction: Demographic Information



Student Homelessness Correction: Signature



Student Homelessness Correction: Confirmation (1 of 2 slides)

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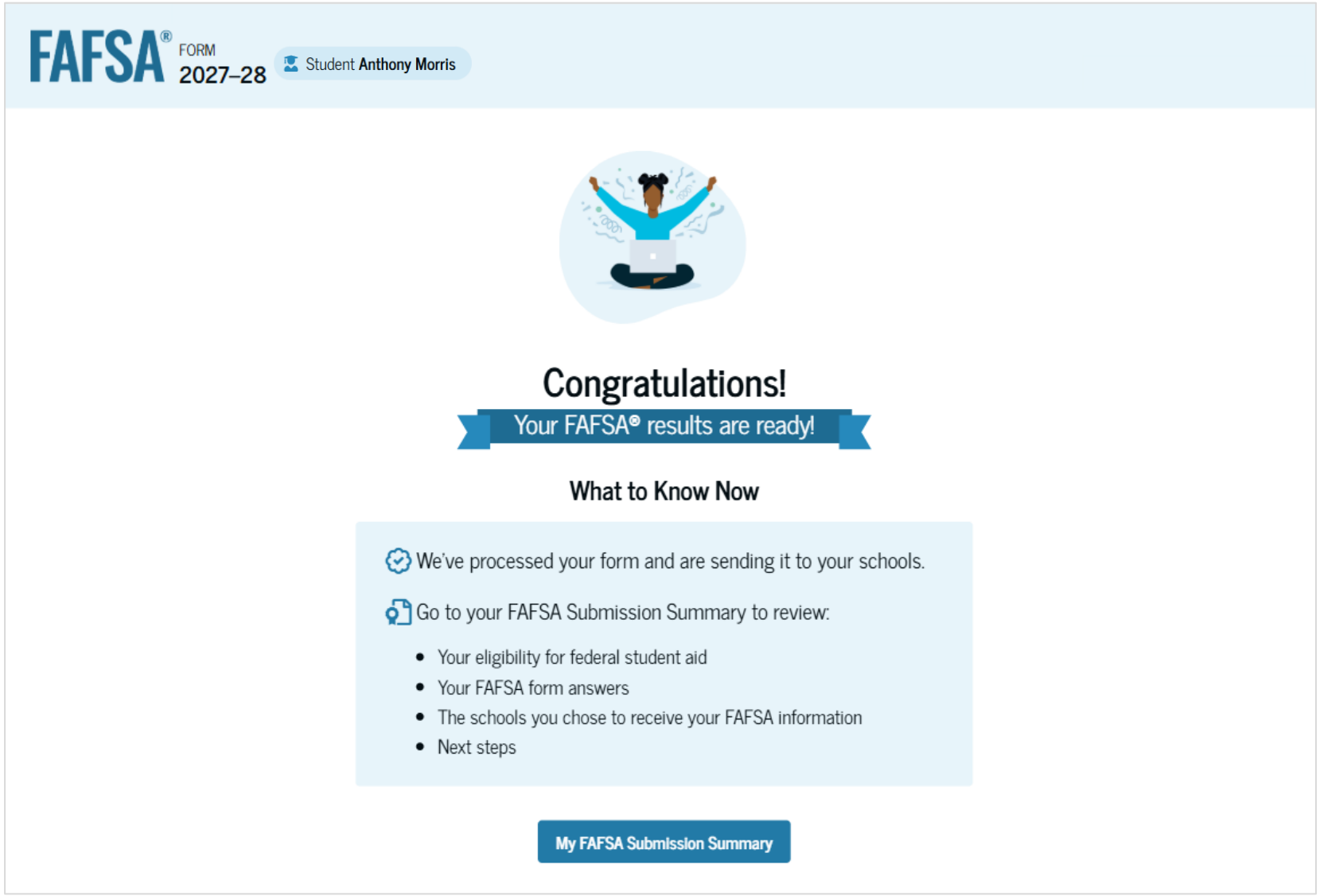


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Student Homelessness Correction: Confirmation (2 of 2 slides)



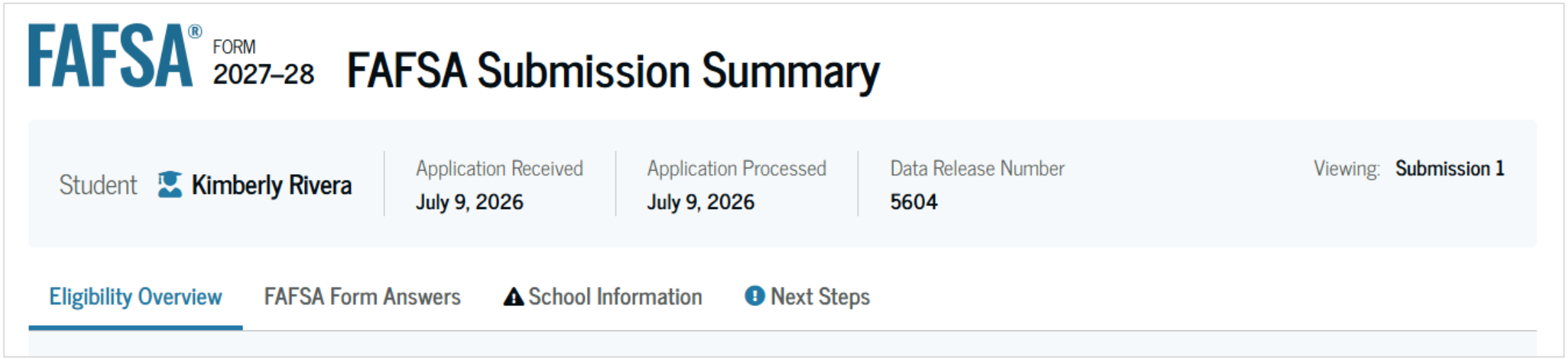
Overview of FAFSA Submission Summary

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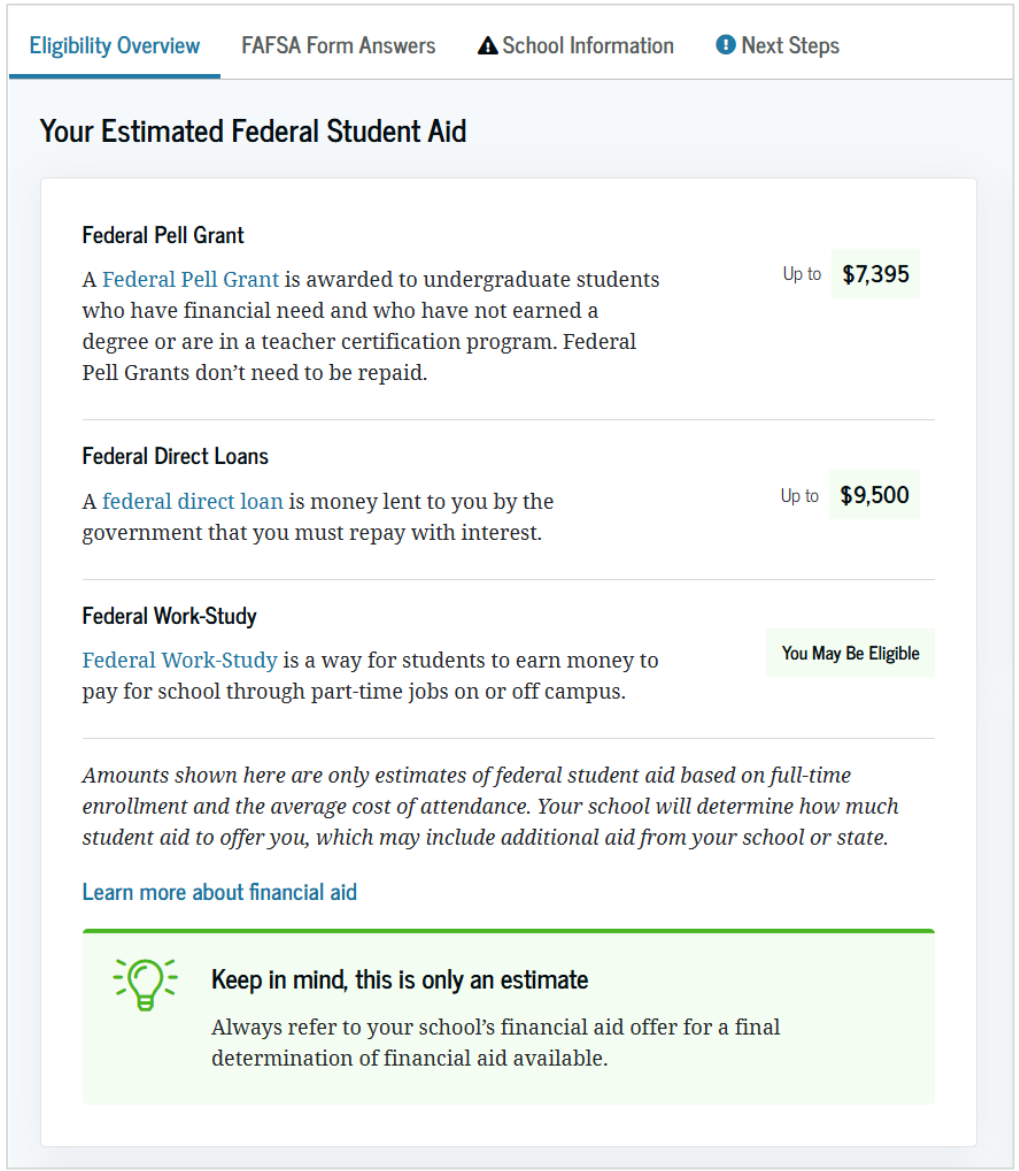
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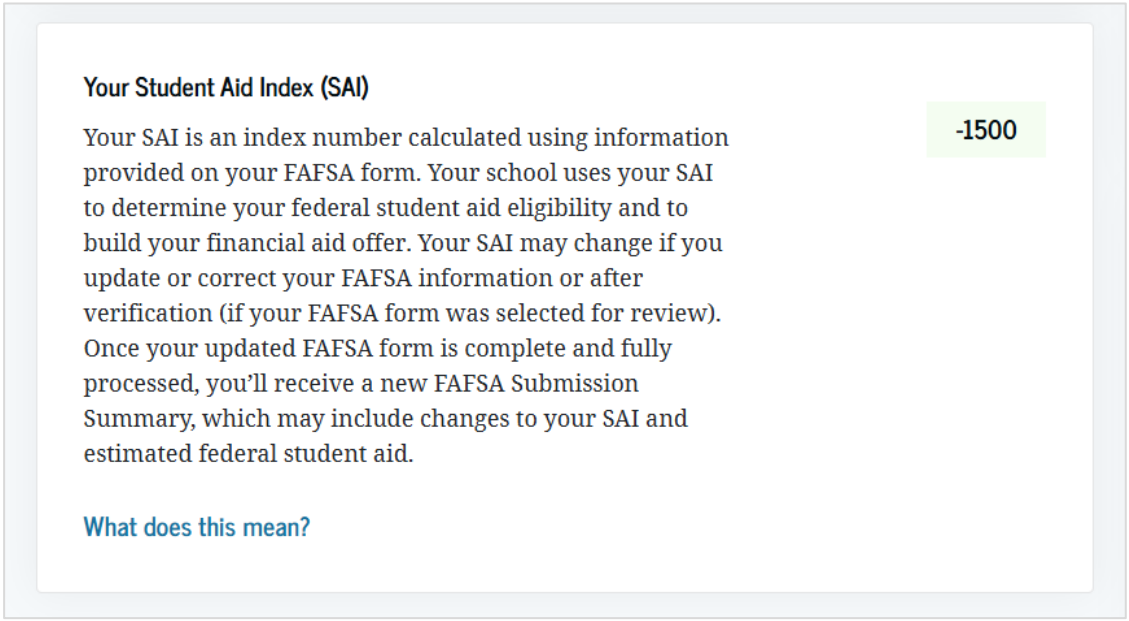
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4. “Next Steps”

FAFSA Submission Summary: Landing Page

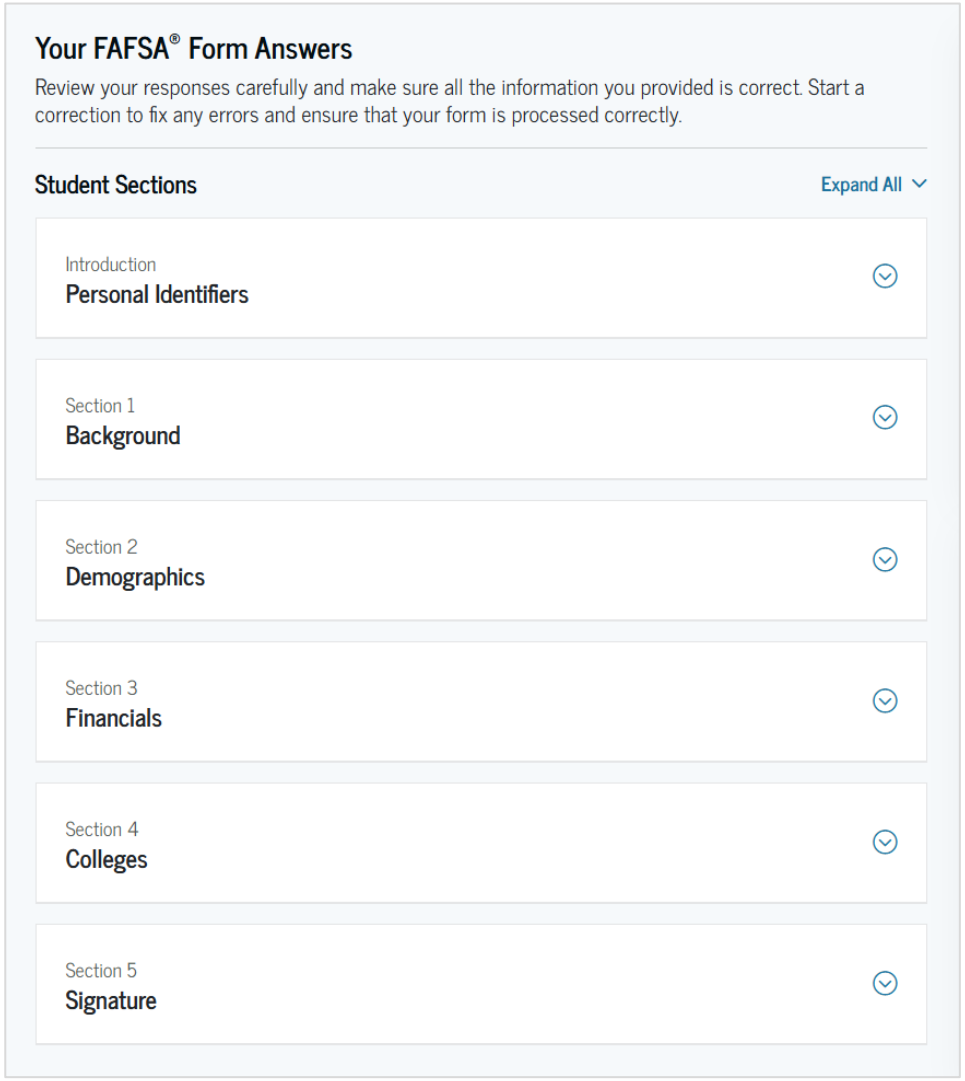


FAFSA Submission Summary: Eligibility Overview

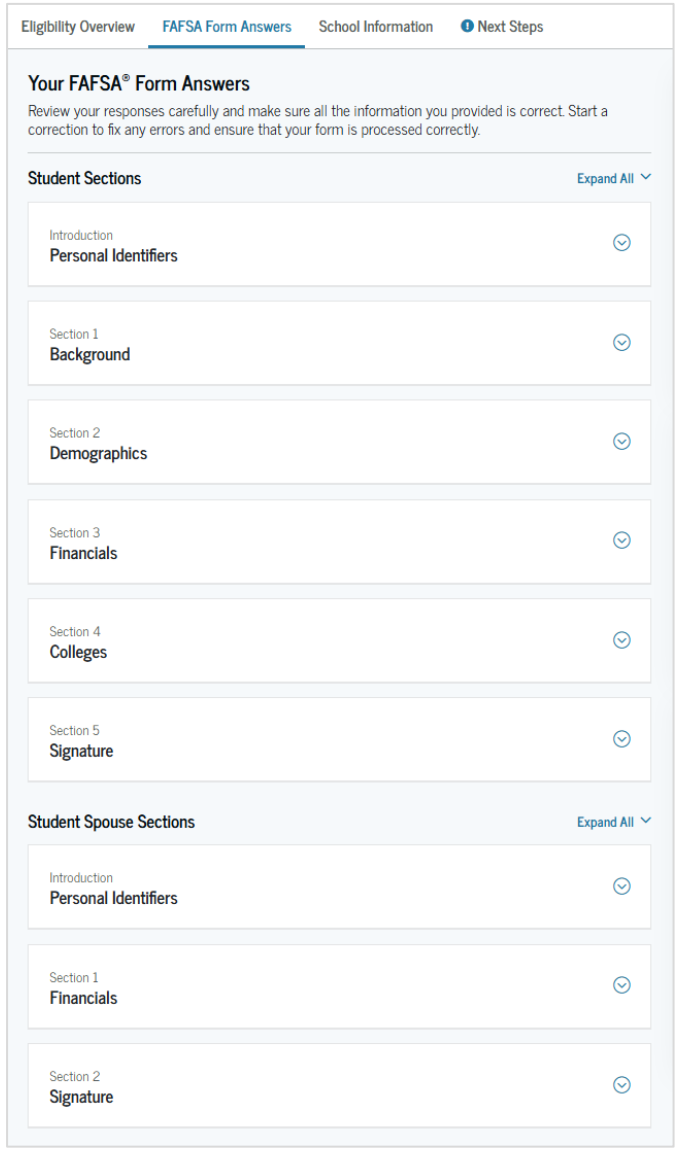




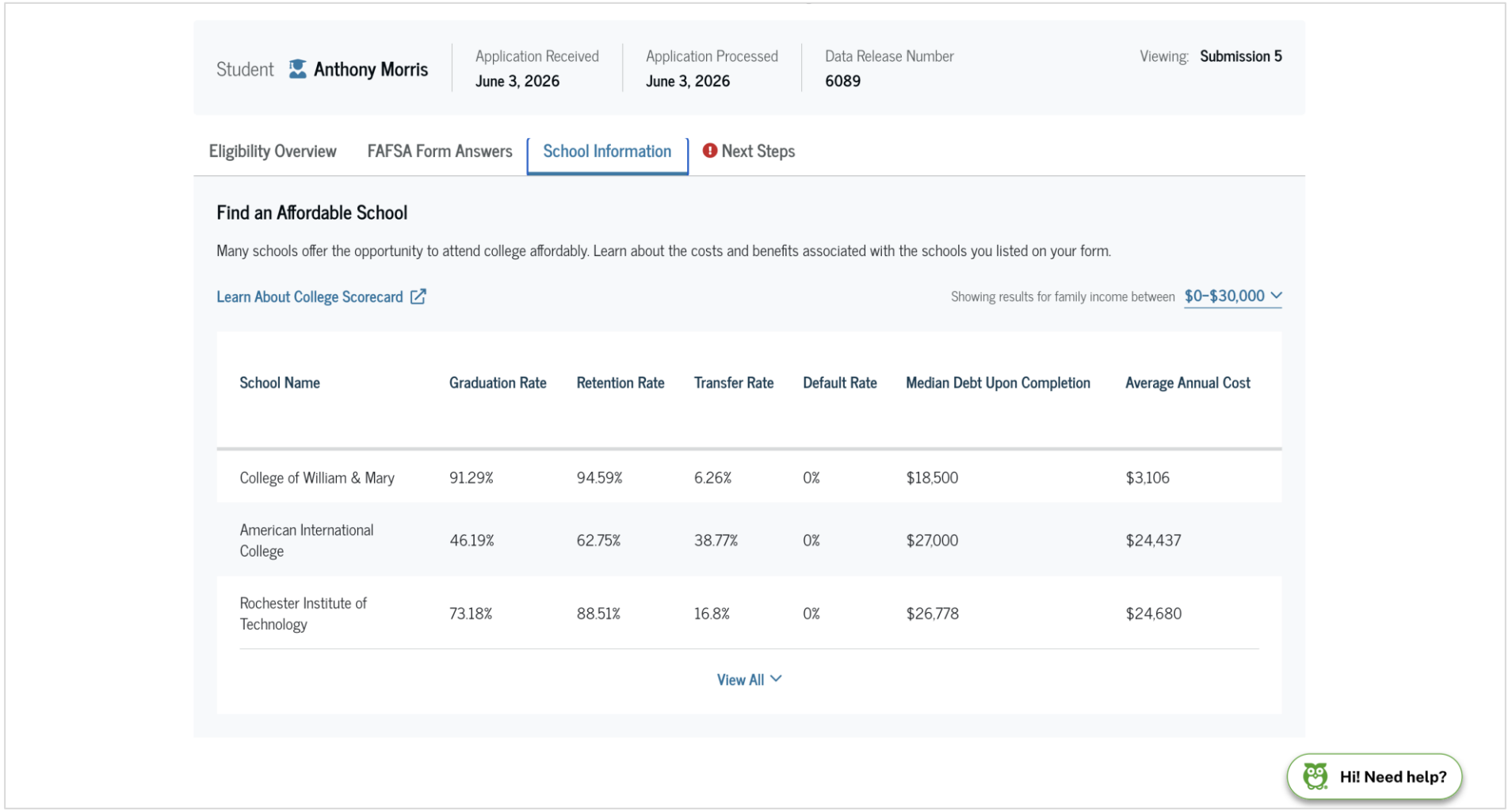
FAFSA Submission Summary: FAFSA® Form Answers (1 of 2 slides)



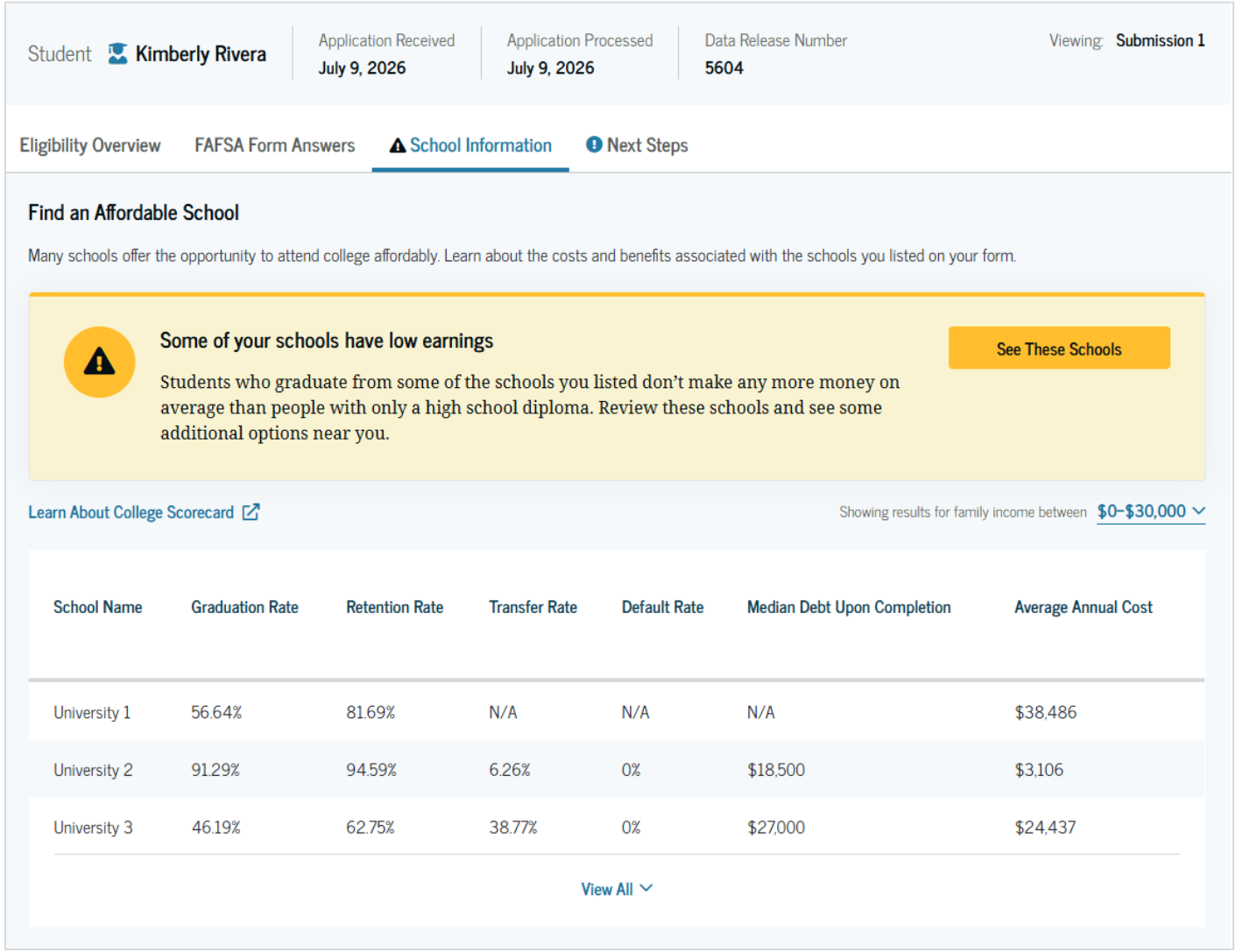
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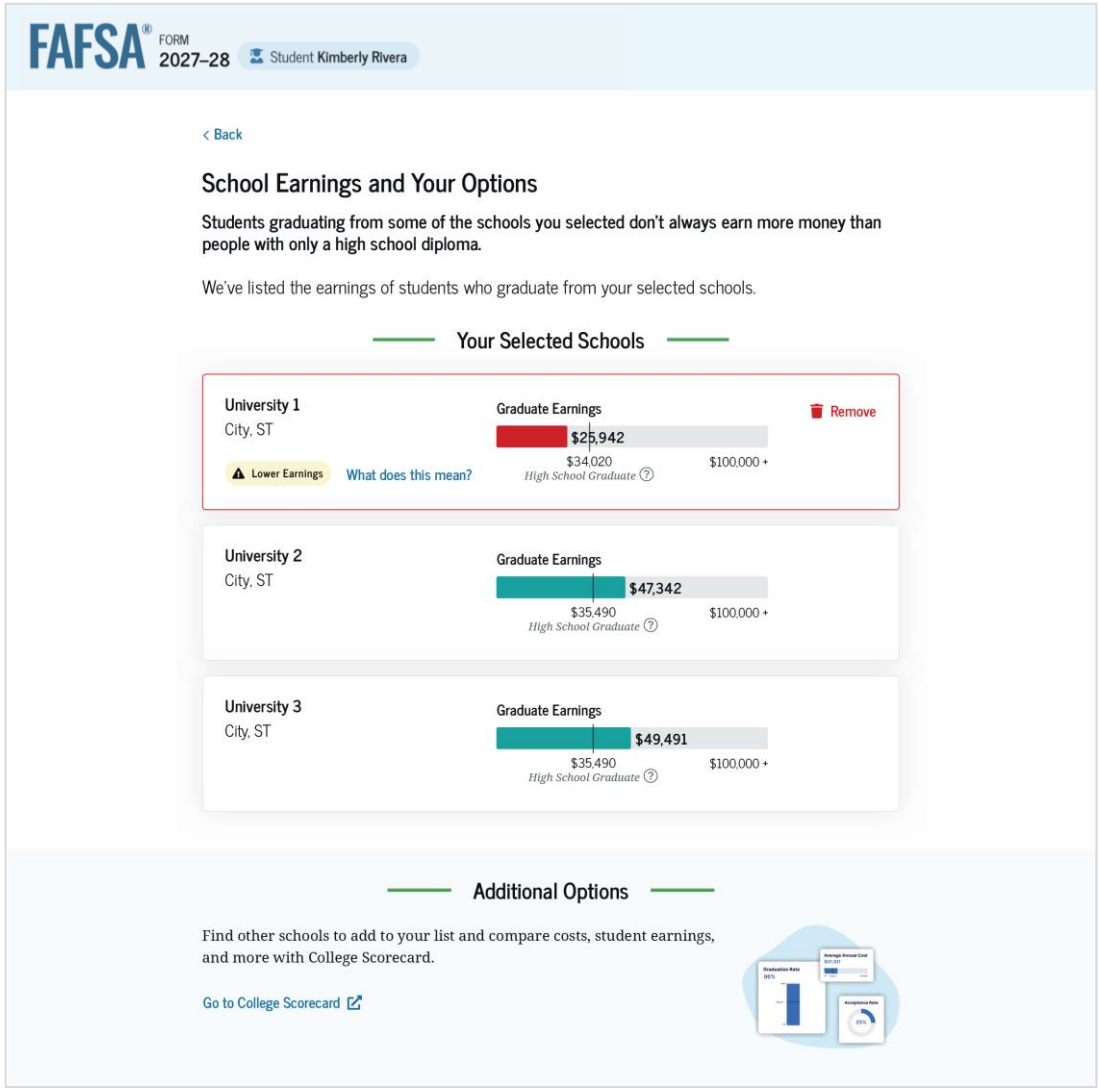
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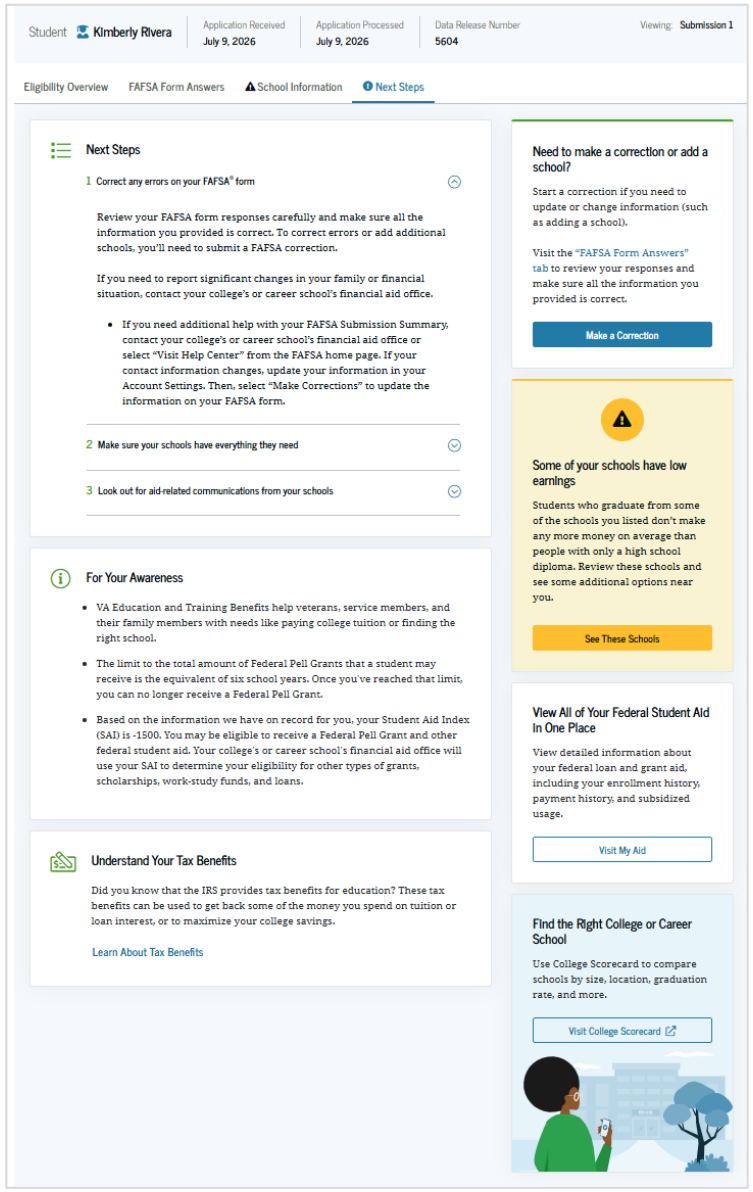
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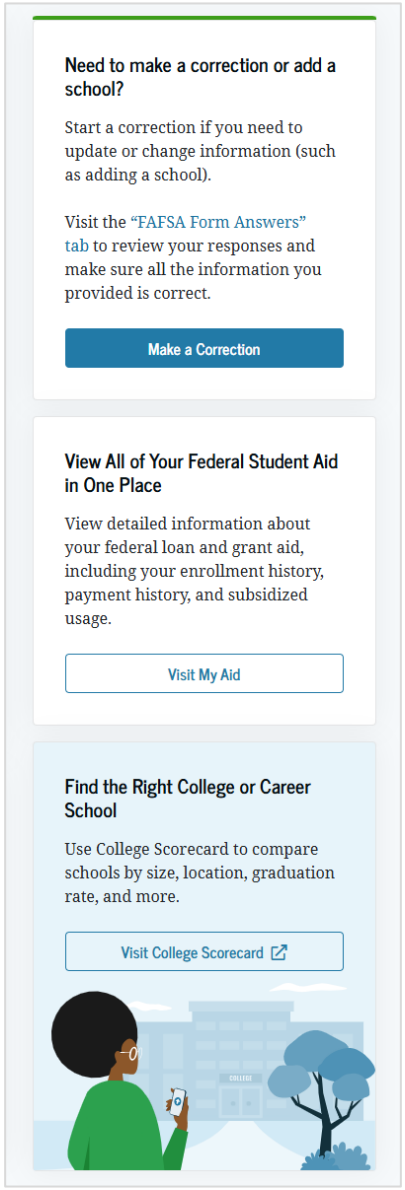
FAFSA Submission Summary: School Earnings and Your Options



FAFSA Submission Summary: Next Steps



FAFSA Submission Summary: More Resources



FAFSA Submission Summary: More Resources With Low Earnings Message

