MITCHELL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

2027-2028 FAFSA Information

Complete the 2027-2028 FAFSA for free at studentaid.gov

By competing the FAFSA each year, you are applying for the following:

1. Federal Grants
2. Federal Work-study
3. Federal Student Loans

The student and contributor(s) will need to sign up for FSA ID's before beginning the FAFSA.

- If you/your contributor* DO NOT have an FSA ID, follow instructions on pages 3.
- **If you/your contributor* already have FSA ID's, skip page 3.**

**Contributors may include the student's parents, the spouse of the student's parent or the student's spouse.*

Contributors to the FAFSA Form

Parents or Spouses

Your answers on the FAFSA® form will determine if any contributors (your spouse, your biological or adoptive parent[s], or your parent's spouse) need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but they won't be financially responsible for your education.

How To Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own StudentAid.gov account username and password to provide their information. To invite a contributor to a FAFSA form, you will need to provide their email address.

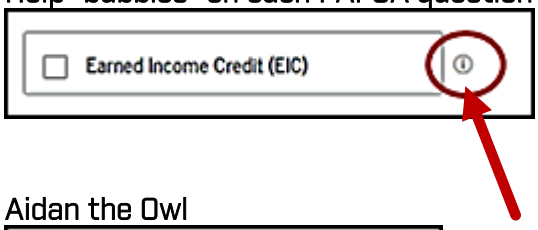
Not sure which parent is considered a contributor? Go to studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents

Gathering the Documents Needed for the 2027–28 FAFSA® Form

- Your government-issued photo ID (i.e. Driver's license or passport)
- Your Social Security Number (SSN)
- Your parents' or spouse's Social Security Numbers (SSNs)
- Your parent's or spouse's email address
- 2025 Federal Tax returns
- Records of 2025 untaxed income
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farm
- Student and parent will need to enter separate email and phone number for each person's FSA ID. Student, DO NOT use your K12 email address. *The MTC Financial Aid Office communicates through the student's email address that is listed on the FAFSA, and you lose access to your K12 email after graduating from high school.

FAFSA Help Options

Help "bubbles" on each FAFSA question



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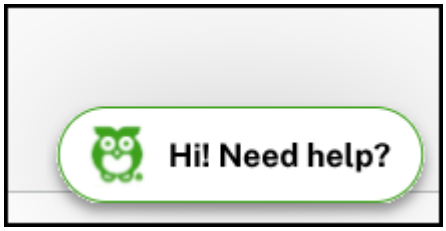


FAFSA Help page

studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help

Call

Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243

Note: You can save the FAFSA form and return to the application at a later time/date.

Creating an FSA ID

The FSA ID allows the **student** and **contributors** to:

- Complete their sections of the student's FAFSA.
- Provide consent & approval to transfer federal tax data from the IRS directly to the student's FAFSA.
- Sign the FAFSA.

Other key points about the FSA ID:

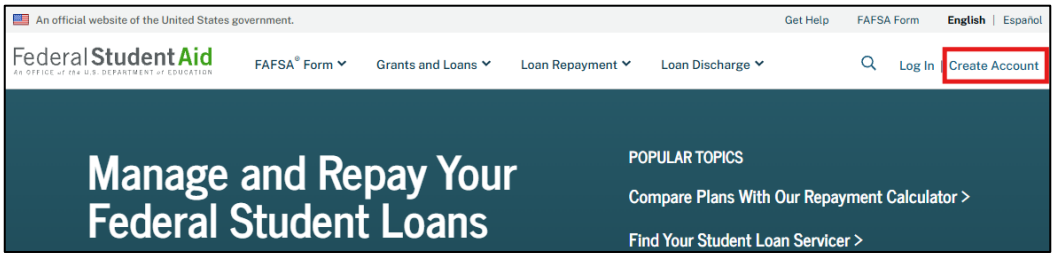
- Students and parents/spouses cannot share an email address or phone number for FSA IDs
- Must set up before completing the 2027-28 FAFSA
- Identity verification is real-time

IMPORTANT: Avoid delays by triple-checking the information you enter

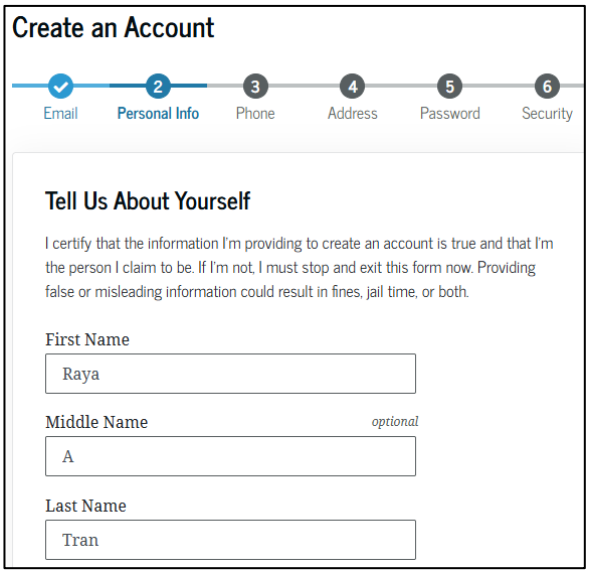
When creating your FSA ID, make sure to enter the Name, Social Security Number (SSN) and Date of Birth exactly as they appear on your Social Security card.

Your FSA ID information will be matched to the Social Security Administration database and discrepancies could cause processing delays.

To create an FSA ID, begin at studentaid.gov



Click **Create Account**



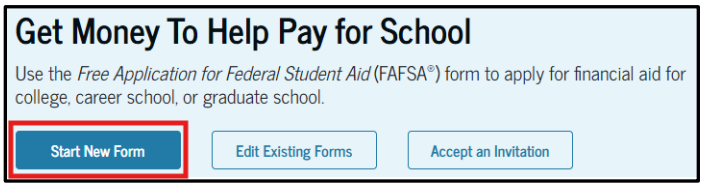
1. Enter your email address and verify with the secure code
2. Enter your name, date of birth, and social security number
3. Enter your mobile phone number & verify with secure code
4. Enter your mailing address
5. Create your **Username** and **Password**
6. Set up **Additional Verification Methods**
7. Check box to agree to FSA's terms and conditions
8. See message: **Your Account Was Successfully Created**
9. The Student should proceed to the 2027-28 FAFSA once both the student and the parent have their separate FSA IDs created

Completing the FAFSA

Even though the student or the parent can start the FAFSA application we suggest the STUDENT starts the application for a smoother process.

Begin at the studentaid.gov

1. Click **FAFSA Form**
2. Click **Complete the FAFSA Form**



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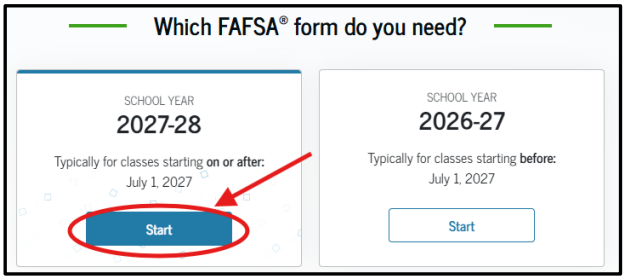
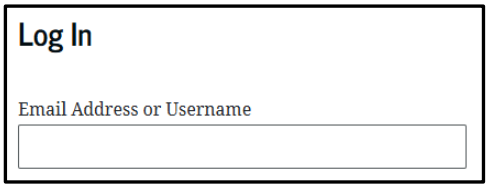


Click **Start** under the 2027-28 School Year



The **STUDENT** logs in with their FSA ID account. (if the student isn't logged in already)

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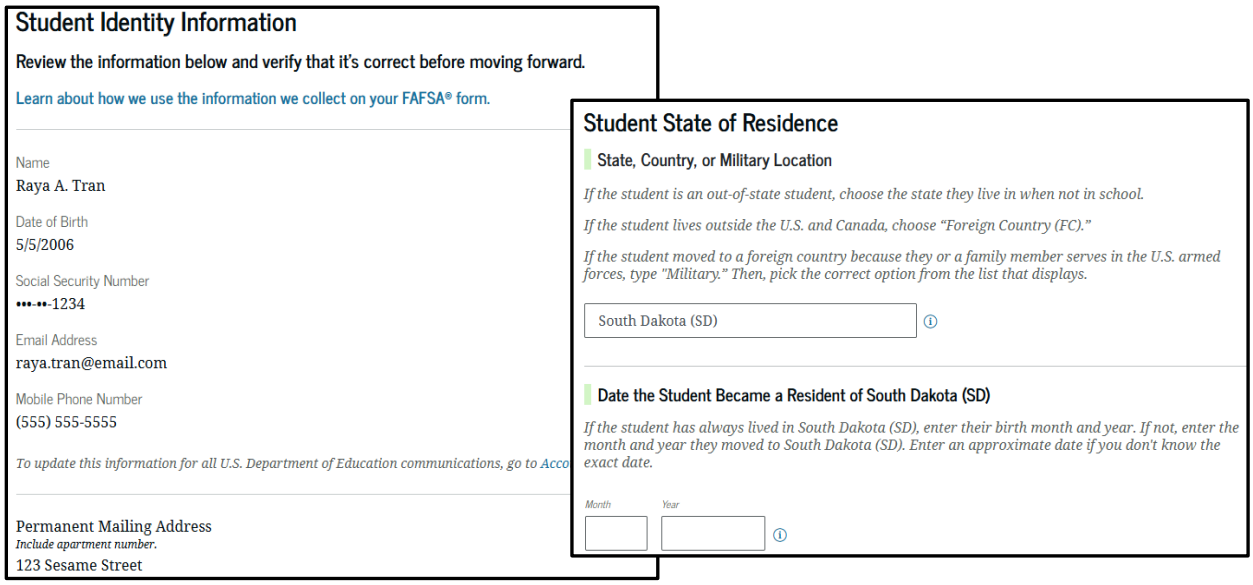
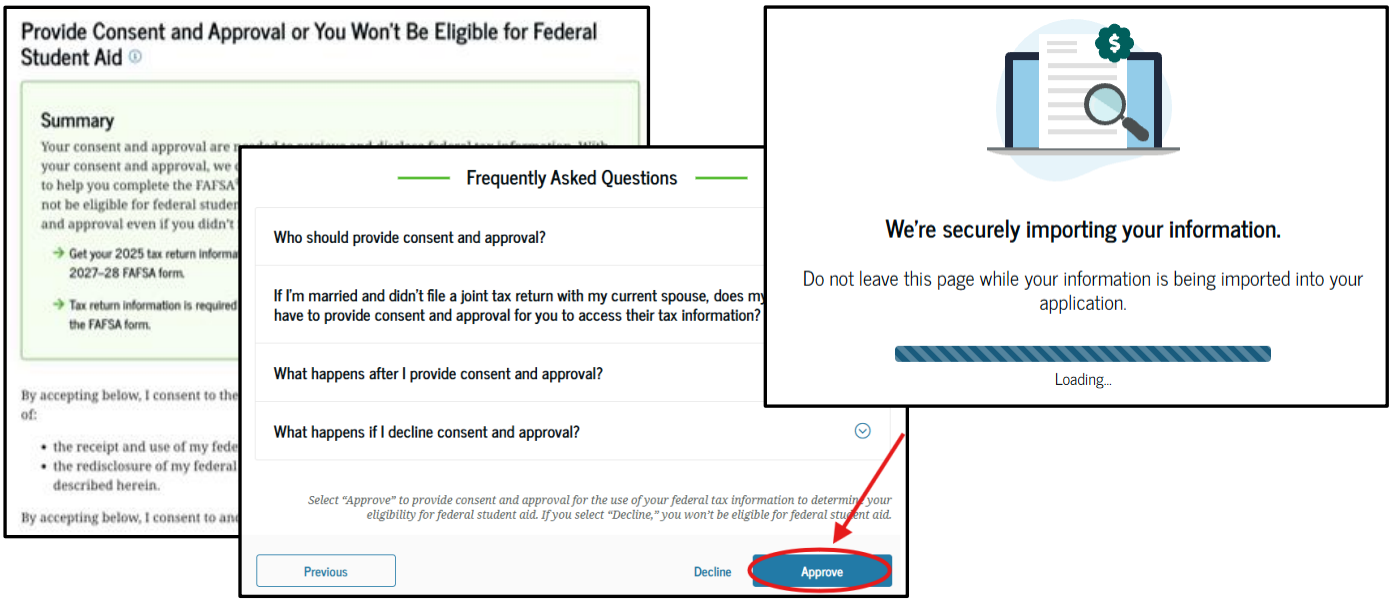
Student: Identity Information and State of Residence



Student: Provide Consent and Approval



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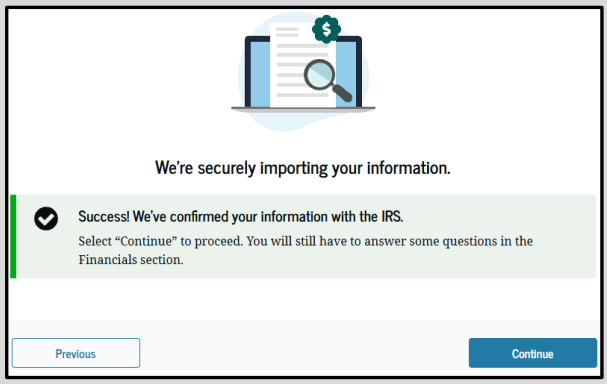

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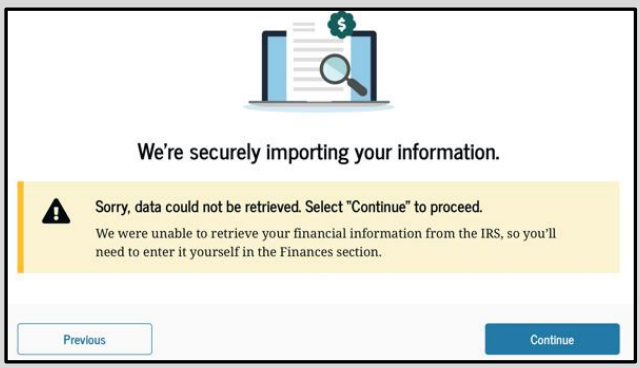
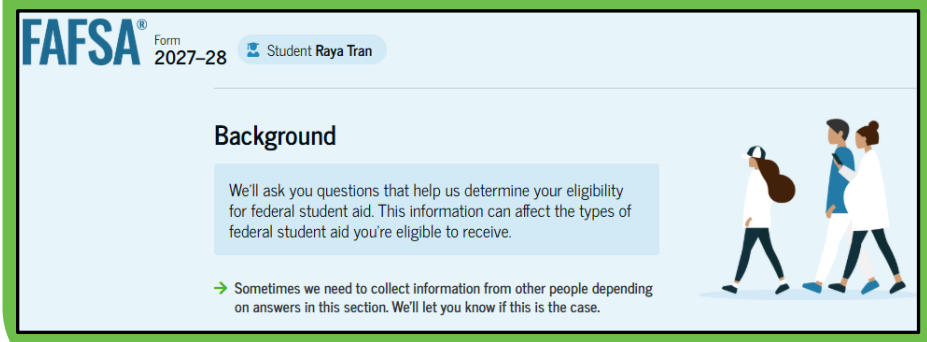
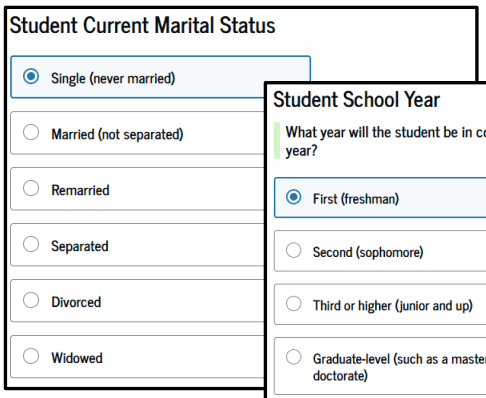


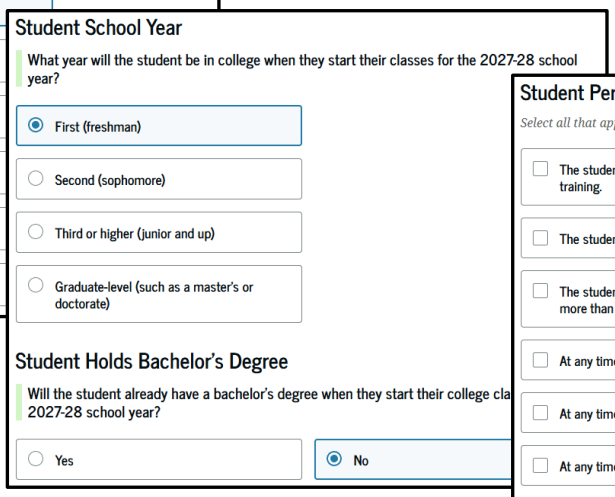
Student Background

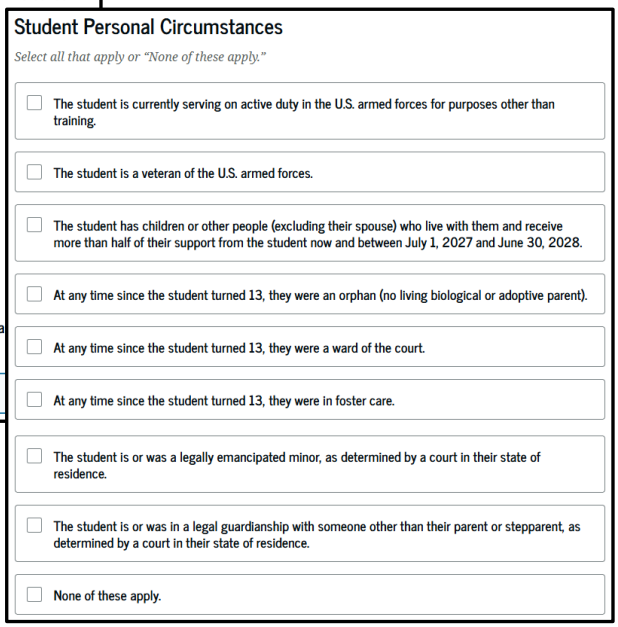


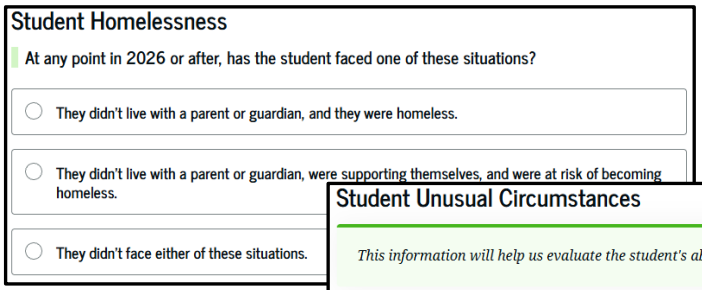
Student's:

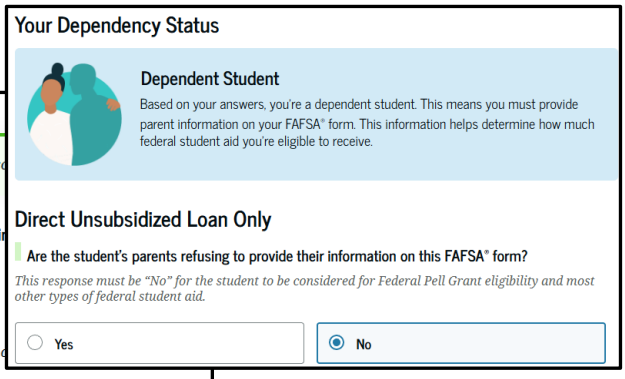
- Current Marital Status
- School Year
- Bachelor's Degree Status
- Personal Circumstances
- Homelessness Status
- Unusual Circumstances
- Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only request

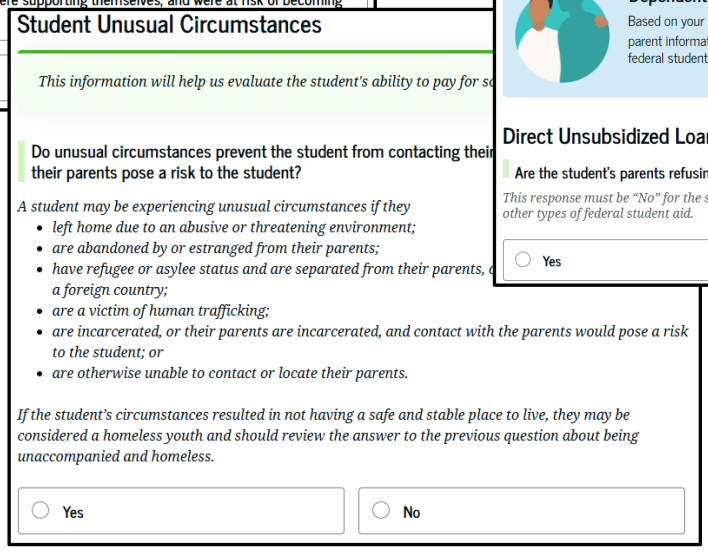












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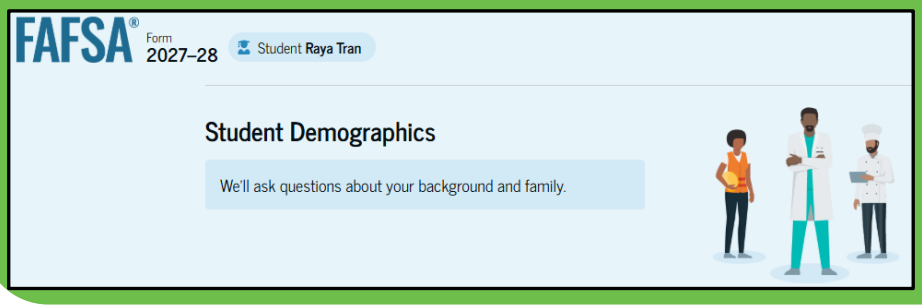
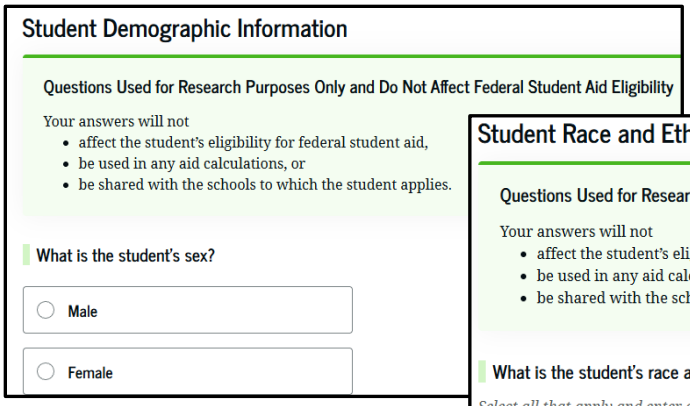
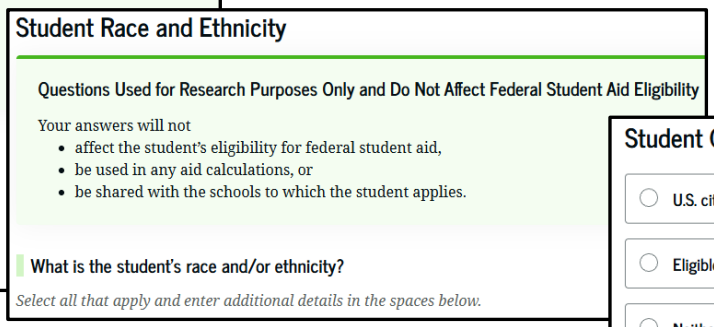
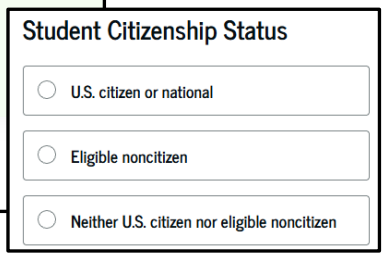
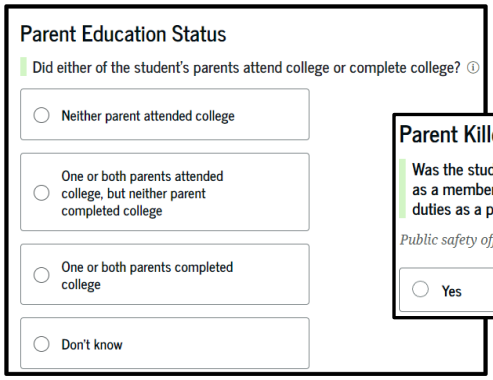


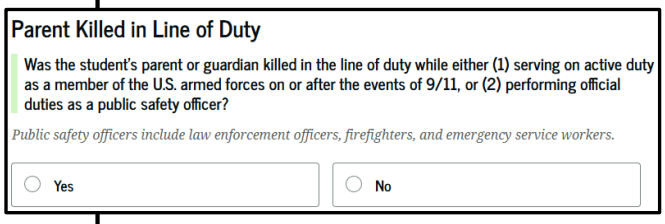
- Student Demographic Info
- Student Race & Ethnicity
- Student Citizenship Status
- Parent Education Status
- Parent Killed in Line of Duty
- Student High School Questions

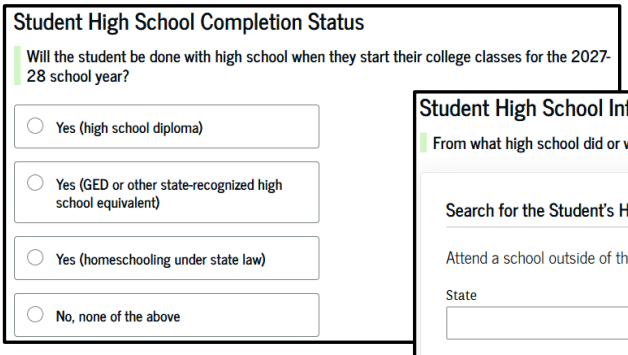


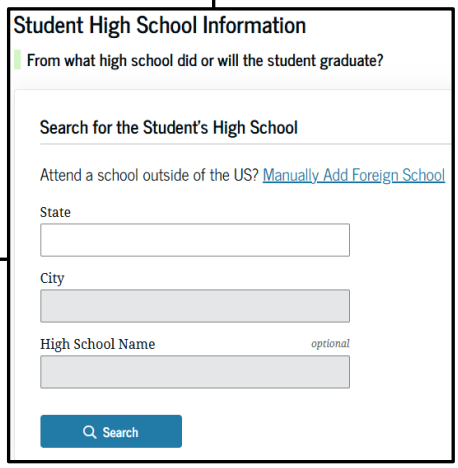




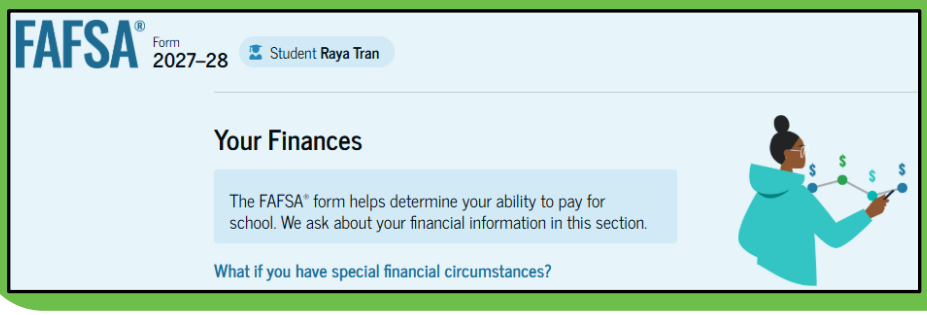








Student Finances



- Student Tax Filing Status
- Student 2025 Tax Return Info
- Student Assets

Student Tax Filing Status

Did the student file a U.S. federal income tax return for 2025 (or will they)?

The federal income tax form is called IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR.

Yes | No

Did the student file a 2025 income tax return in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory (or will they)?

The U.S. territories
U.S. Virgin Islands.

Yes

Student 2025 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2025 tax return to answer the following questions.

If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS

Students typically answer this question with a zero because most scholarships and grants, including Federal Pell Grants, are not considered taxable income. If the student is married, include the amount their spouse reported. If the response is other than zero, the amount is typically not the same as the amount reported on IRS Form 1098-T (Box 5) or the adjusted gross income reported on the tax return.

$ .00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

If you qualified for this exclusion, you ...tered the am...
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Student Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include cash amounts under $1,000. Also don't include student aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

$ .00

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

Don't include retirement accounts or the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

$ .00

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms

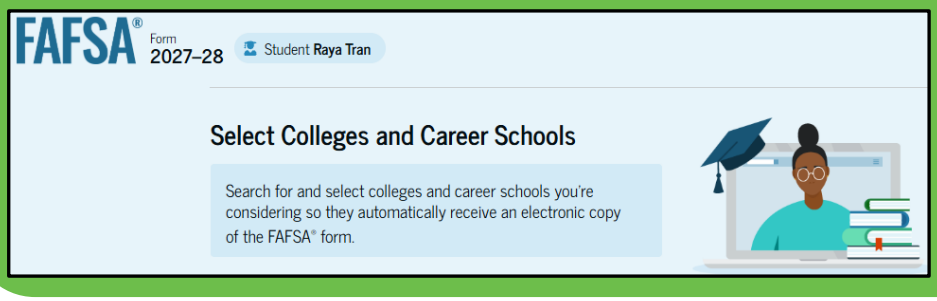
Enter the net worth of the student's businesses and income-producing farms. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

$ .00

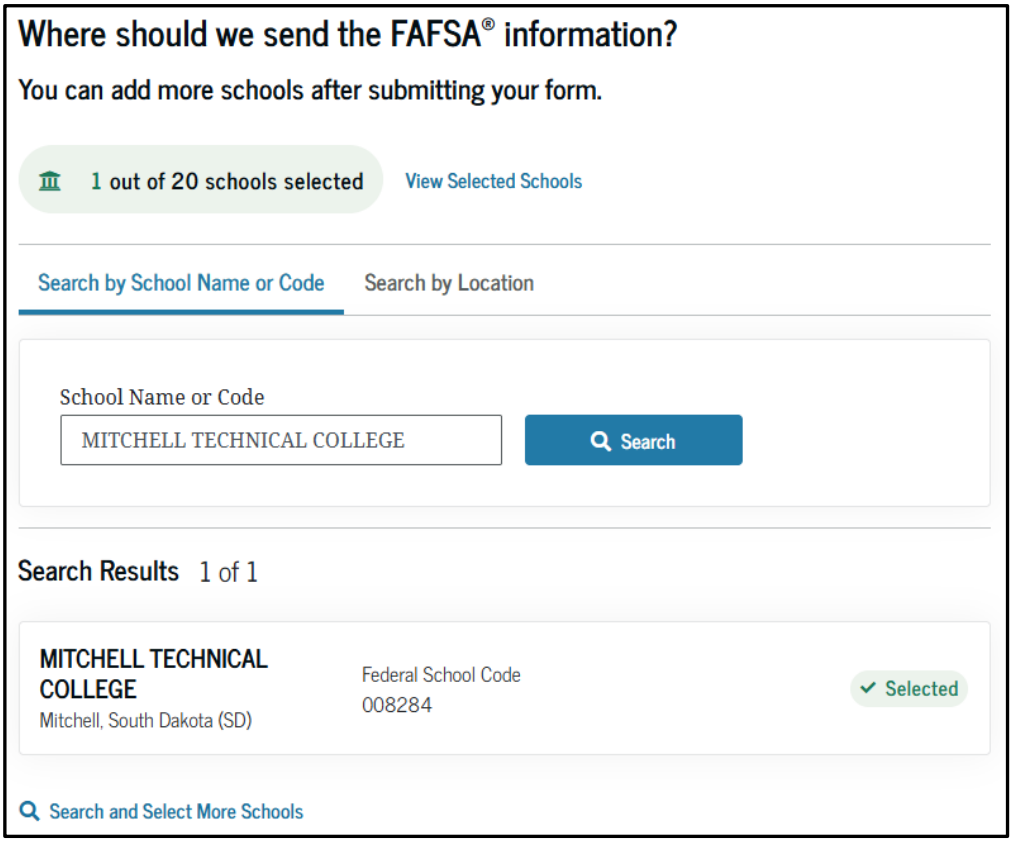
If the student's tax information was not successfully imported, additional questions about the 2025 federal tax return will appear in this section and require manual entry by the student.

Click the "Help" bubbles next to any question that you need further explanation

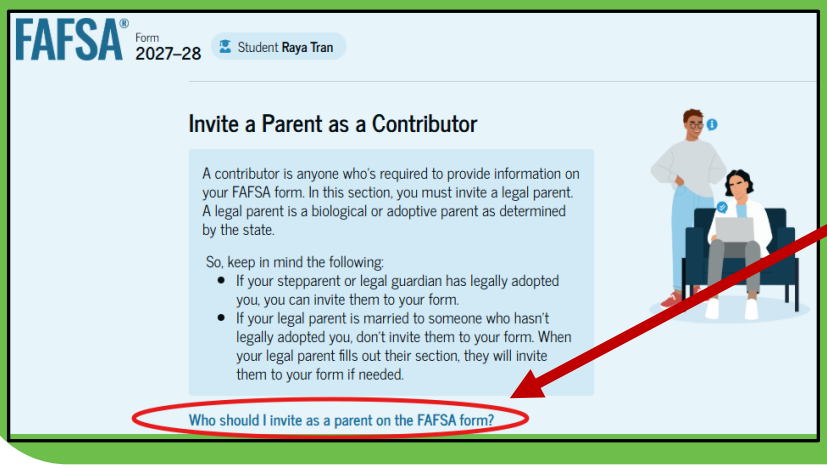
Colleges



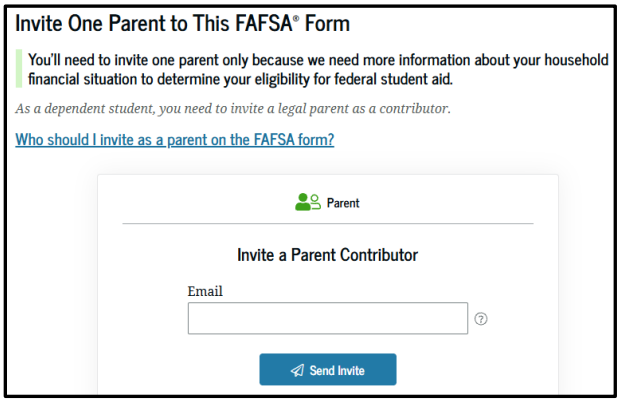
- You can list up to 20 schools
- Be sure to list Mitchell Technical College in Mitchell, SD



Contributor Invite

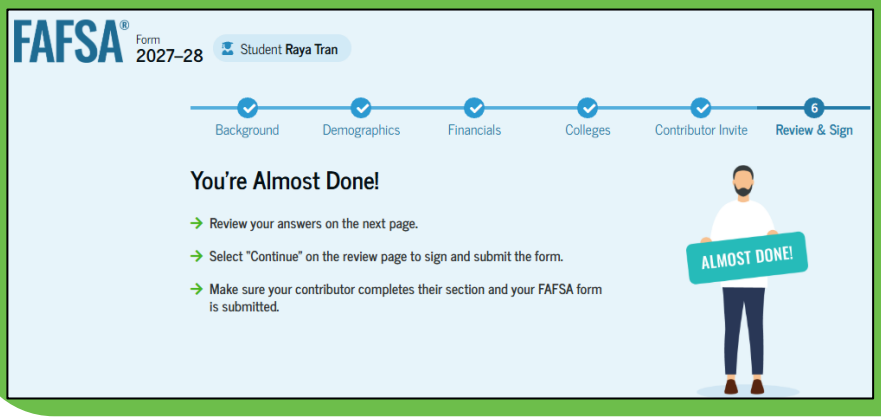


STOP Not sure which parent(s) to include on your FAFSA form? Click on this link and answer the series of questions to determine who to include as your parent(s)

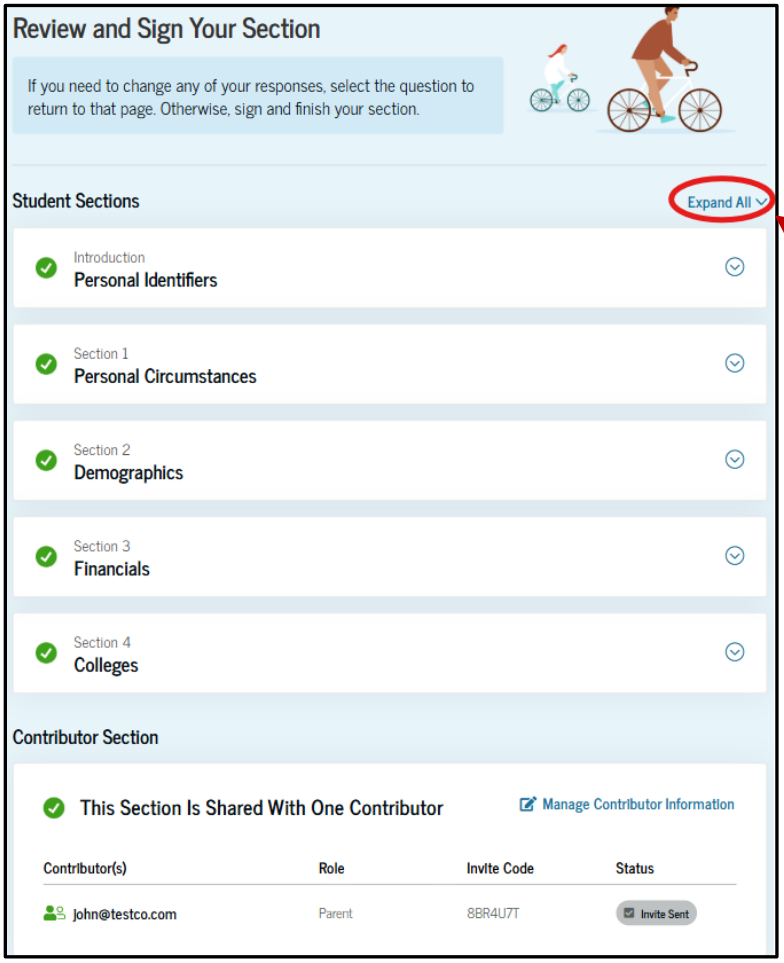


- This page confirms that the student's parent will receive an email inviting them to the student's FAFSA® form. The email will contain a link and invitation code that will let the parent access the form.
- **The page also displays an invitation link and code that the student can text directly with their parent.**
- The parent can also use the code by going to the FAFSA landing page and selecting "Accept an Invitation." This will open a page where the parent can enter the code for accessing a 2027–28 FAFSA form.

Student Reviews FAFSA & Signs



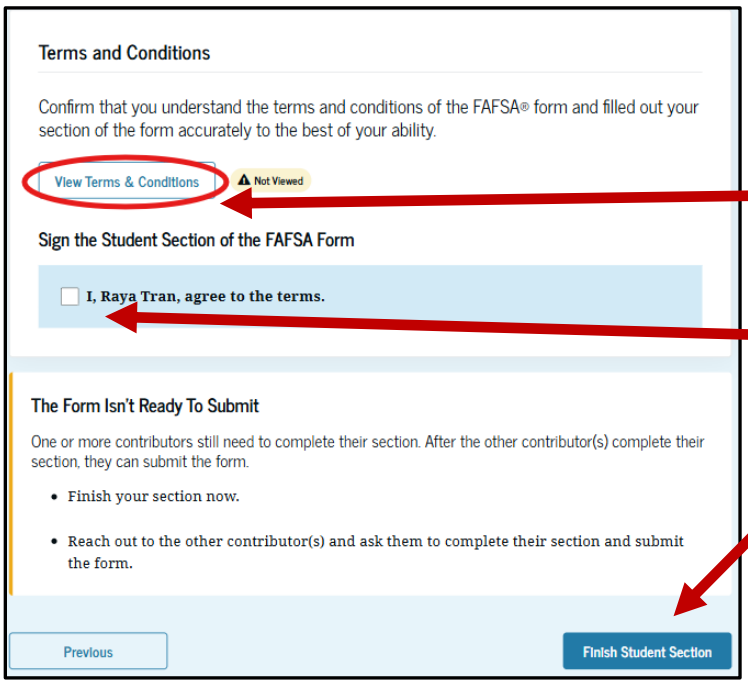
The last steps for the **student** are to review and sign the FAFSA.



Click Expand All to review all your answers. If you need to change any of your FAFSA responses, select the question to return to that page.

If everything is correct, continue to the Terms and Conditions.

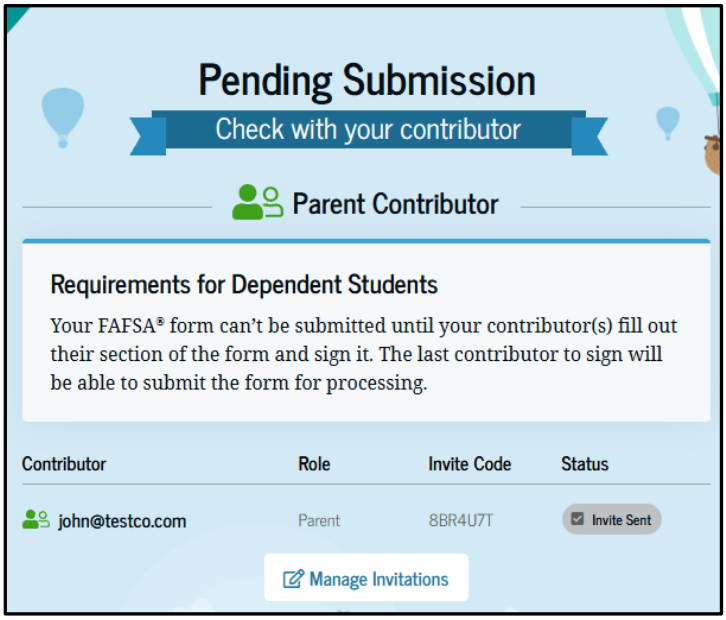
Review & Sign continued



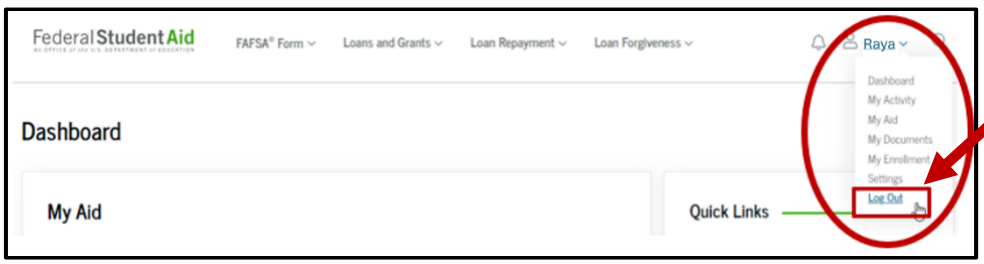
Click View Terms & Conditions to review all the inforamtion.

Then, click the box next to your name and click Finish Student Section

Dependent Student Section Complete



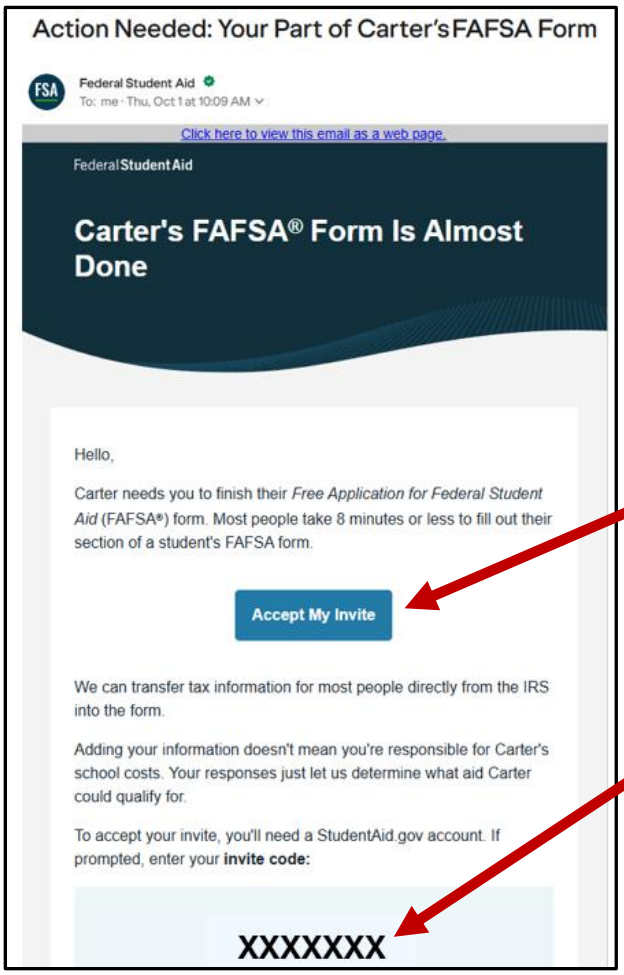
- Your (student) part is complete
- Now, check with your contributor (parent) to make sure they do their part of your 2027-28 FAFSA.



You (student) can log out of the studentaid.gov website

Dependent Student's Parent Email

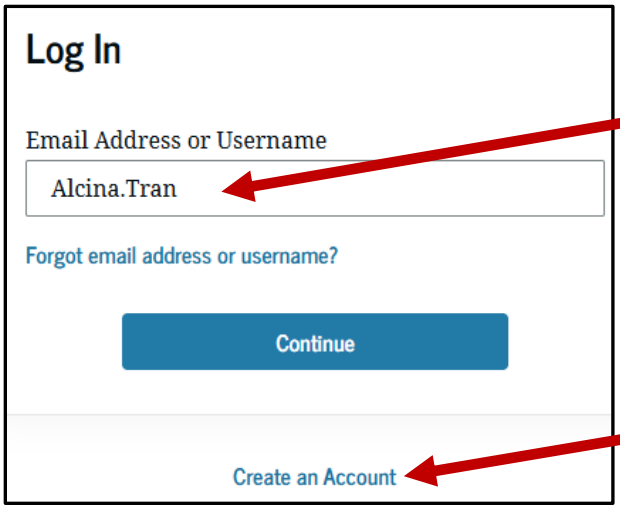
This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email.



The parent selects "Accept My Invite" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.

Once the parent is logged into the StudentAid.gov website, they will provide the unique code linking them to the student's FAFSA application.

Dependent Student's Parent Log In



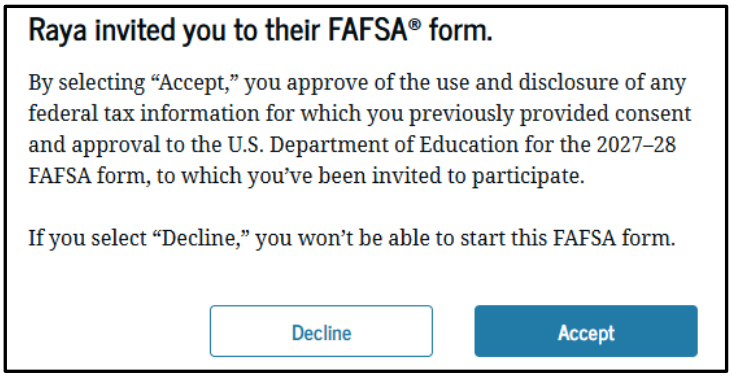
The parent is taken from their email to the "Log In" page to enter their credentials.

To access the FAFSA® form, all users are required to have a StudentAid.gov account username and password.

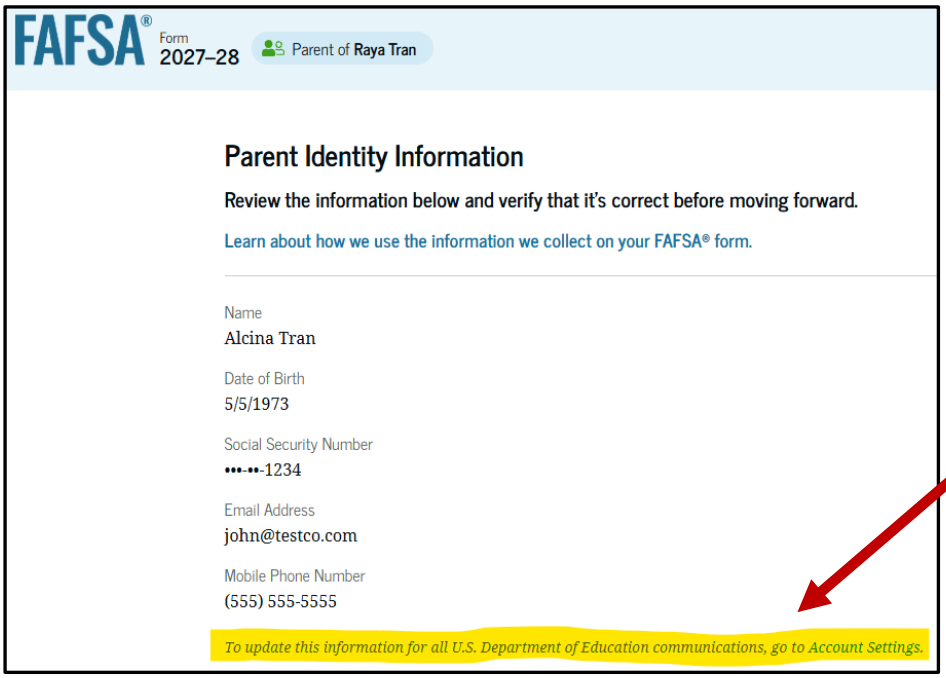
If the parent doesn't have a username and password, they can select "Create an Account."

Parent Accepts Invitation

Parent enters the unique code (that they received in the email invite).

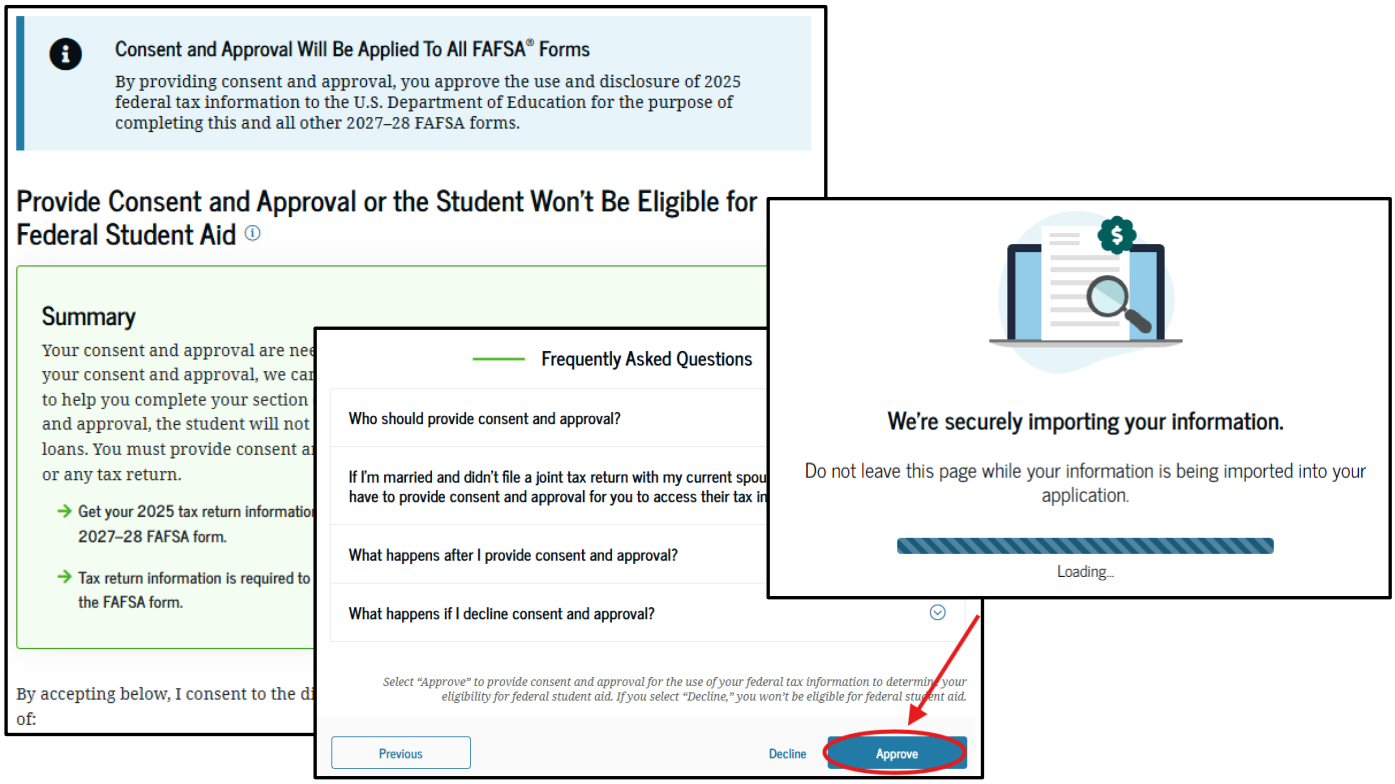


Parent reviews their information & makes any necessary corrections



To update any of the personal information, the parent must access their account settings on StudentAid.gov.

Parent Provides Consent and Approval



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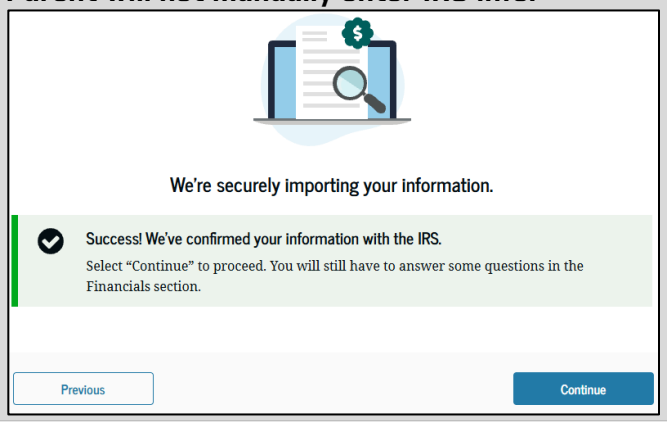

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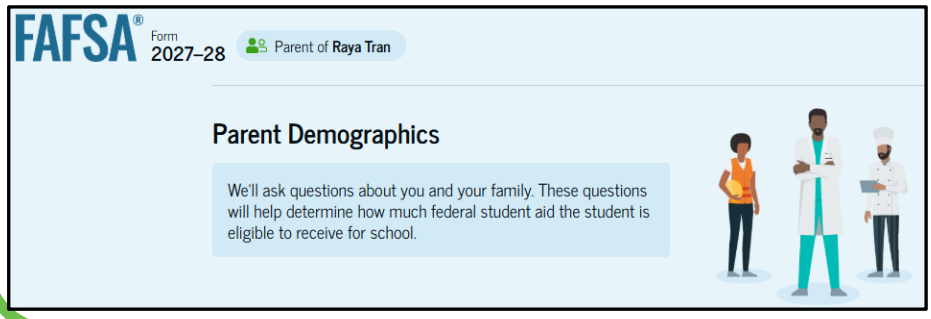
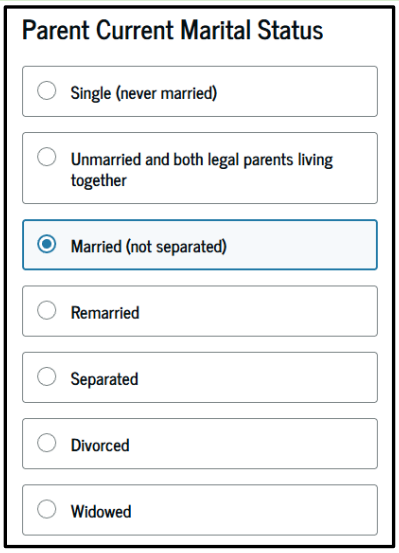
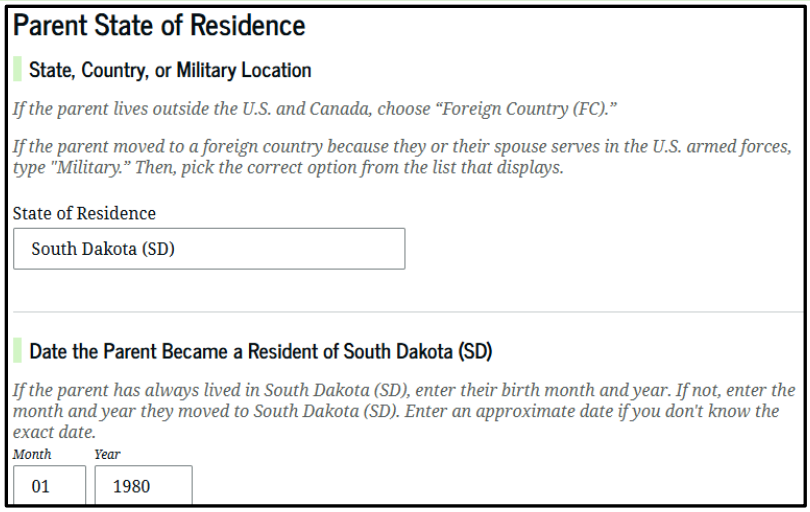
Parent's Demographics

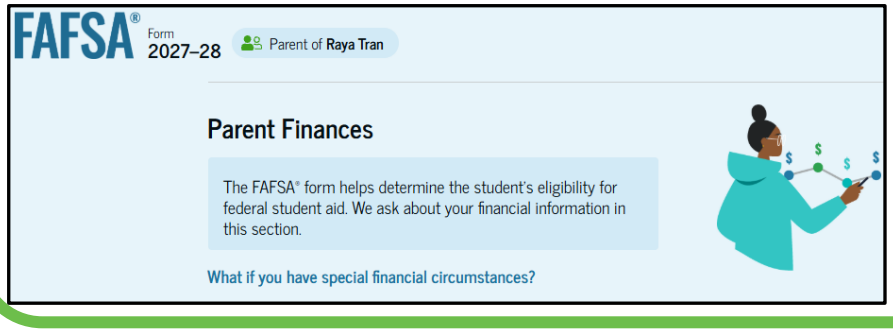


- Parent Current Marital Status
- Parent State of residence

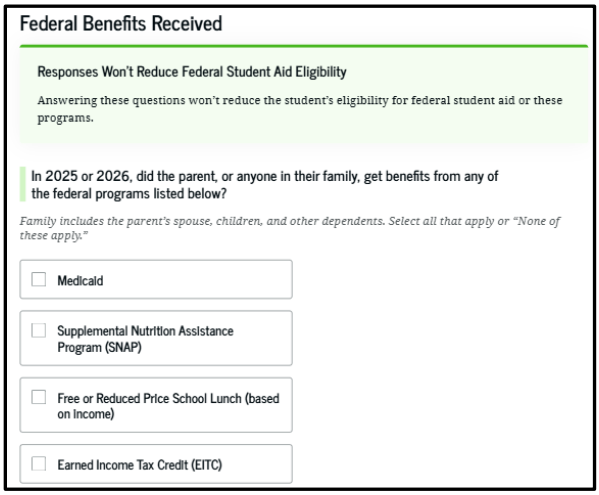


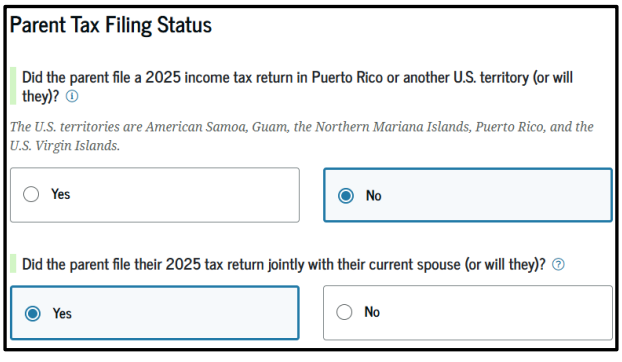


Parent Finances



- Parent Federal Benefits Received
- Parent Tax Filing Information
- Parent Family Size
- Parent Number in College
- Parent 2025 Tax Return Information
- Parent Assets





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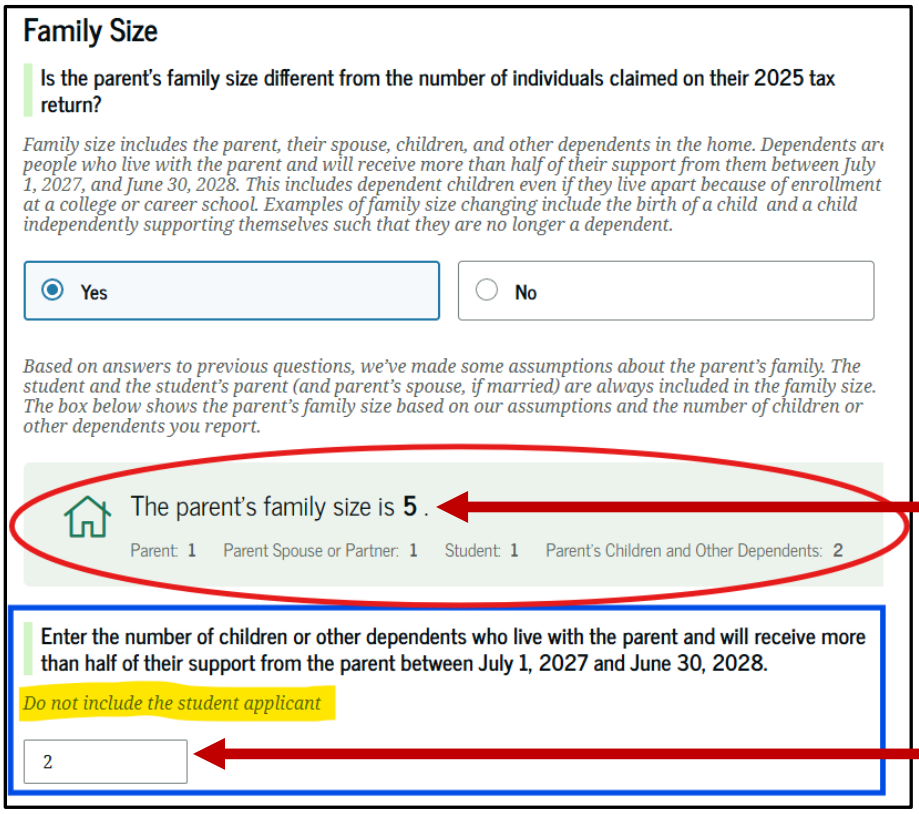
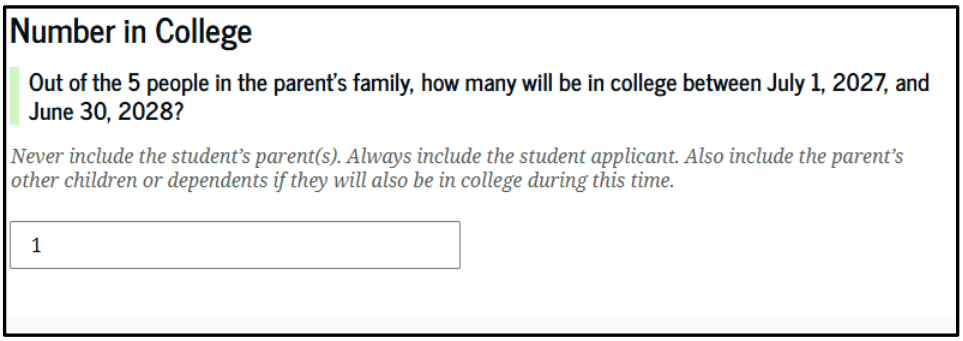


1. Check that the parent's family size is calculated here correctly.
2. If it's incorrect, read this page carefully and answer in the box at the bottom of the page.



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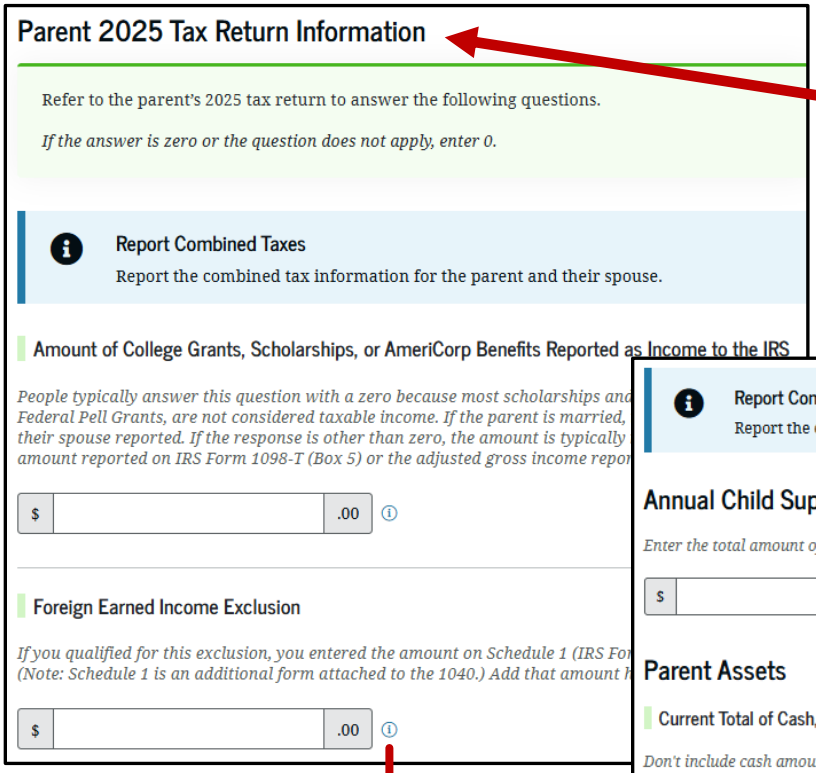

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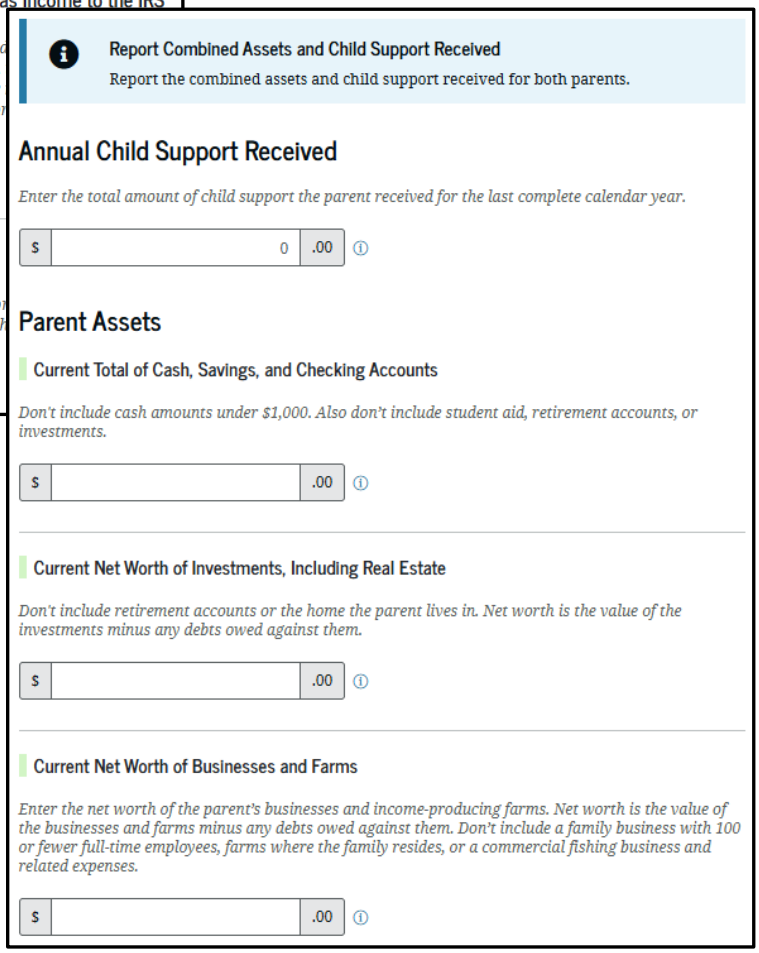
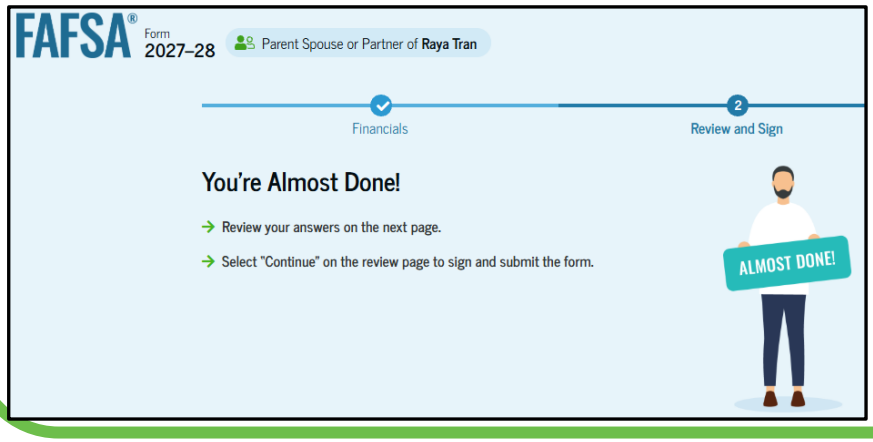


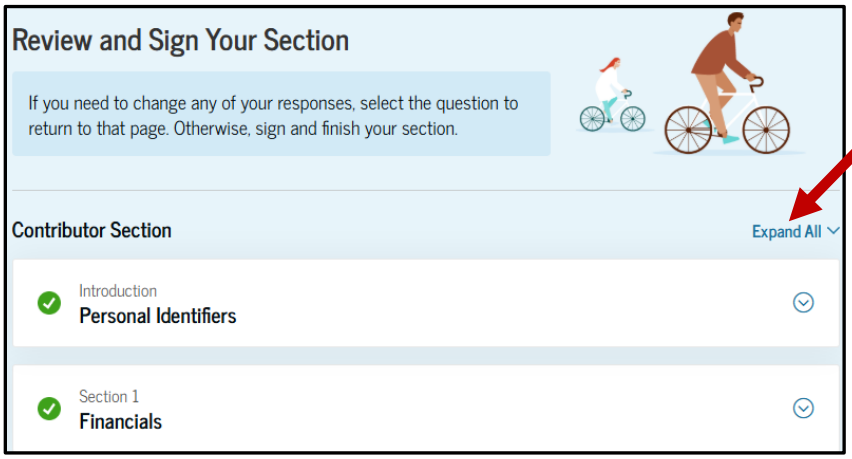
Click the "Help" bubbles next to any question that you need further explanation

Parent Spouse Information

Parent Review & Sign

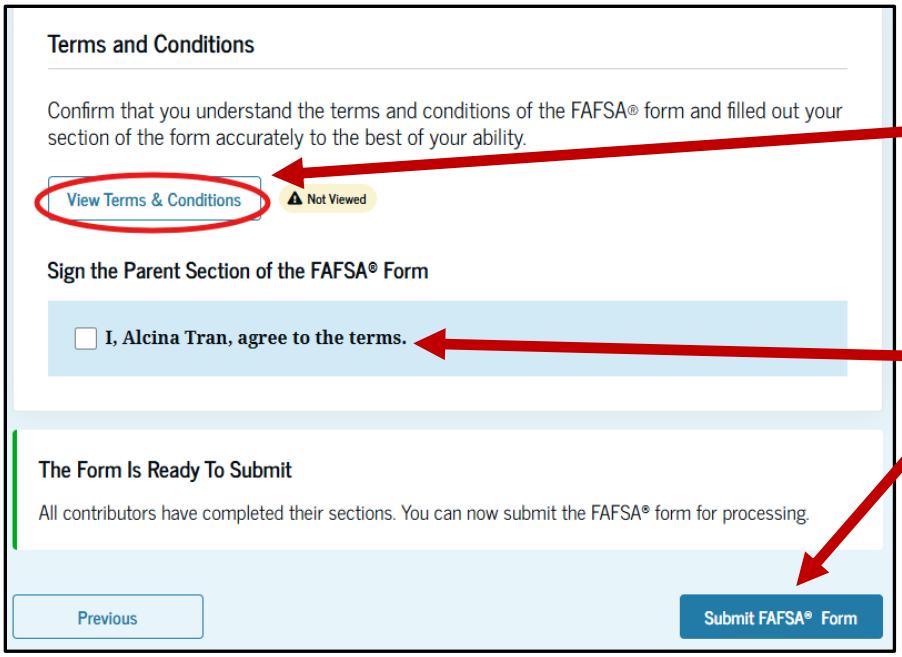


The last steps for the parent are to review and sign.



Click Expand All to review all your answers. If you need to change any of your FAFSA responses, select the question to return to that page.

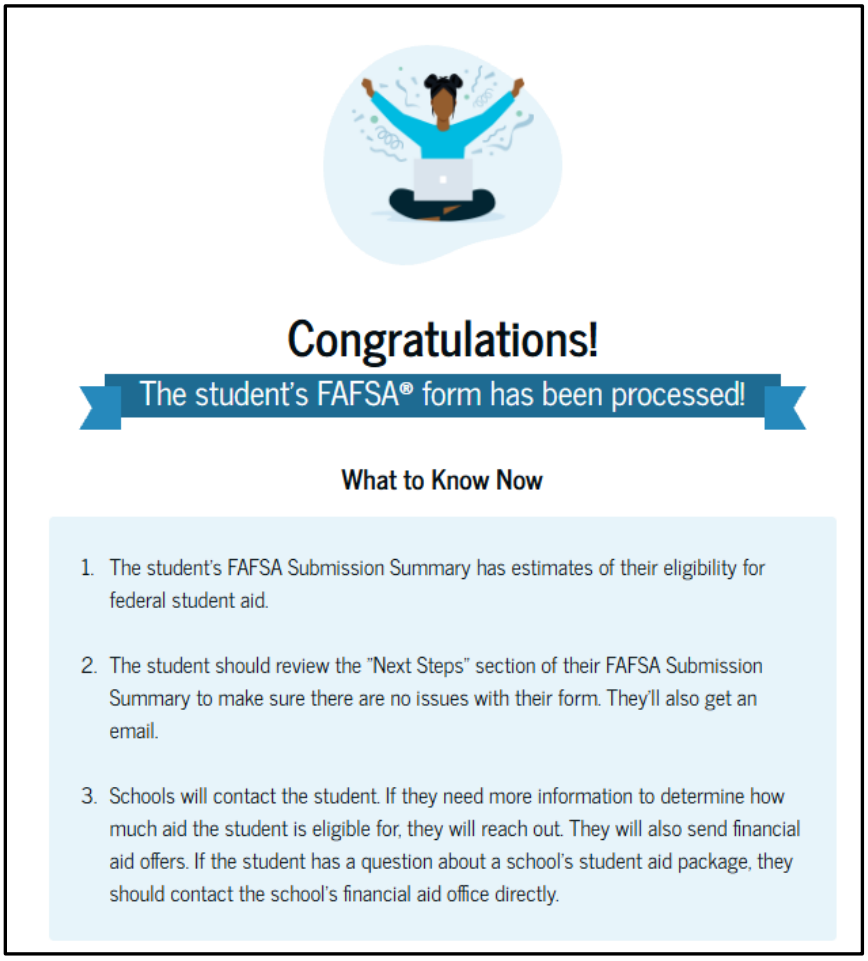
If everything is accurate, continue to the Terms and Conditions.



Click View Terms & Conditions to review all the inforamtion.

Then, click the box next to your name and click Submit FAFSA Form

Student's FAFSA is Completed



Congratulations!

The student's FAFSA® form has been processed!

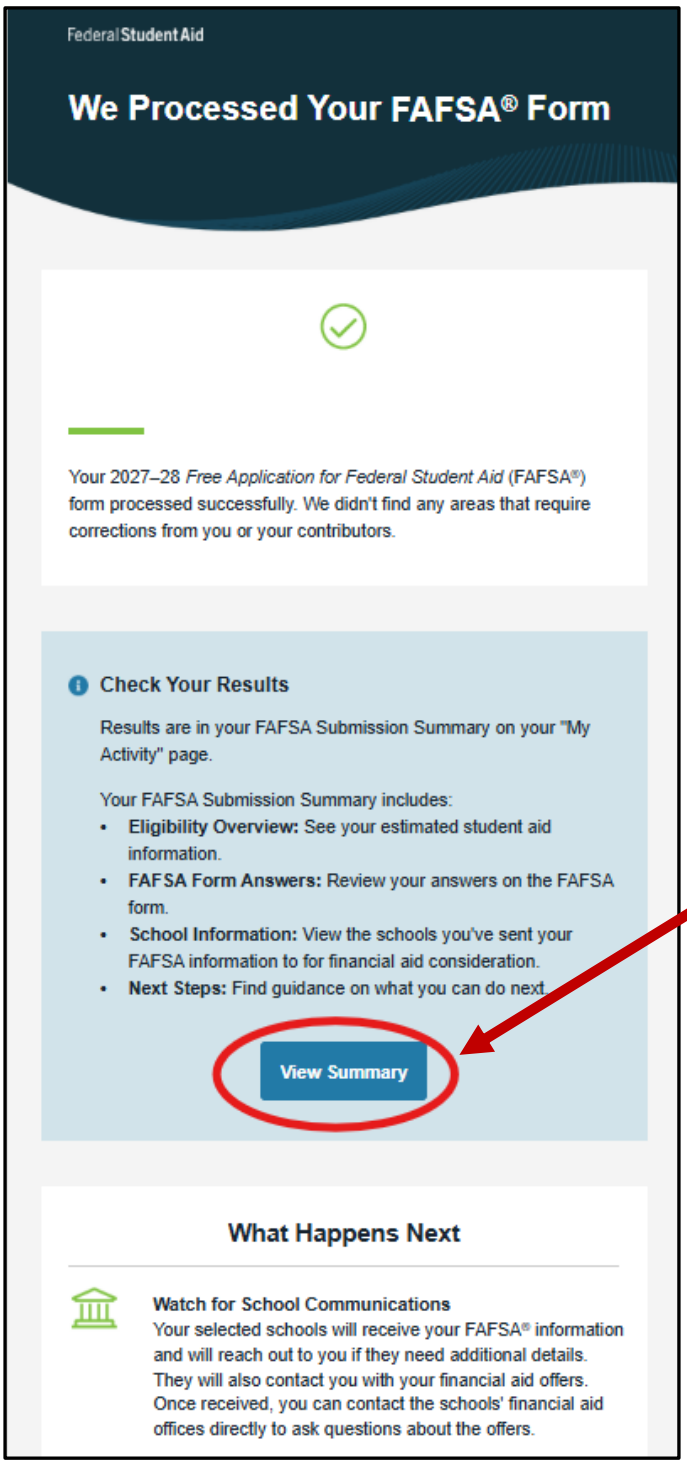
What to Know Now

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 they need more information to determine how much aid the student is eligible for, they will reach out. They 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.

When the parent gets this message, "The student's FAFSA form has been processed," all parts of the student's FAFSA are now complete!!

The student will receive an email from the Department of Education with more-detailed confirmation information.

Student receives email from U.S. Department of Education



The student will receive an email from the Dept. of Education.

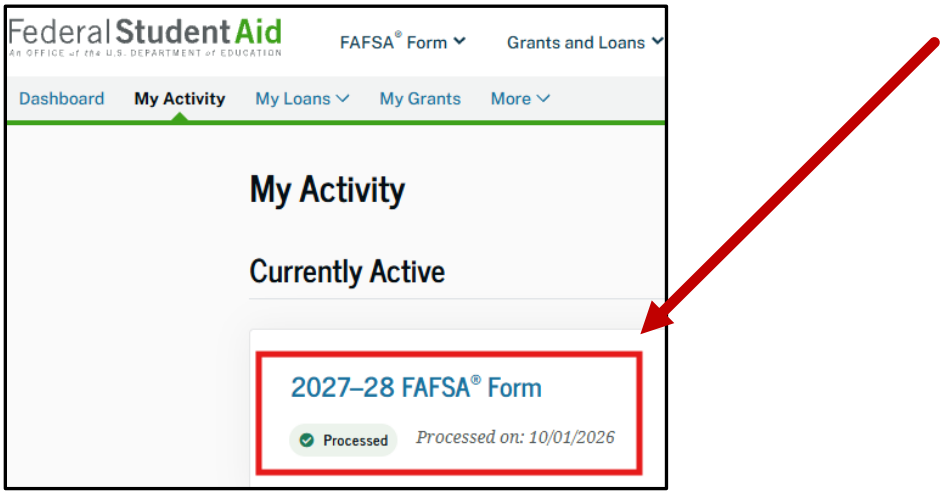
To see a summary of the results, click View Summary.

Then, the student enters their log information.

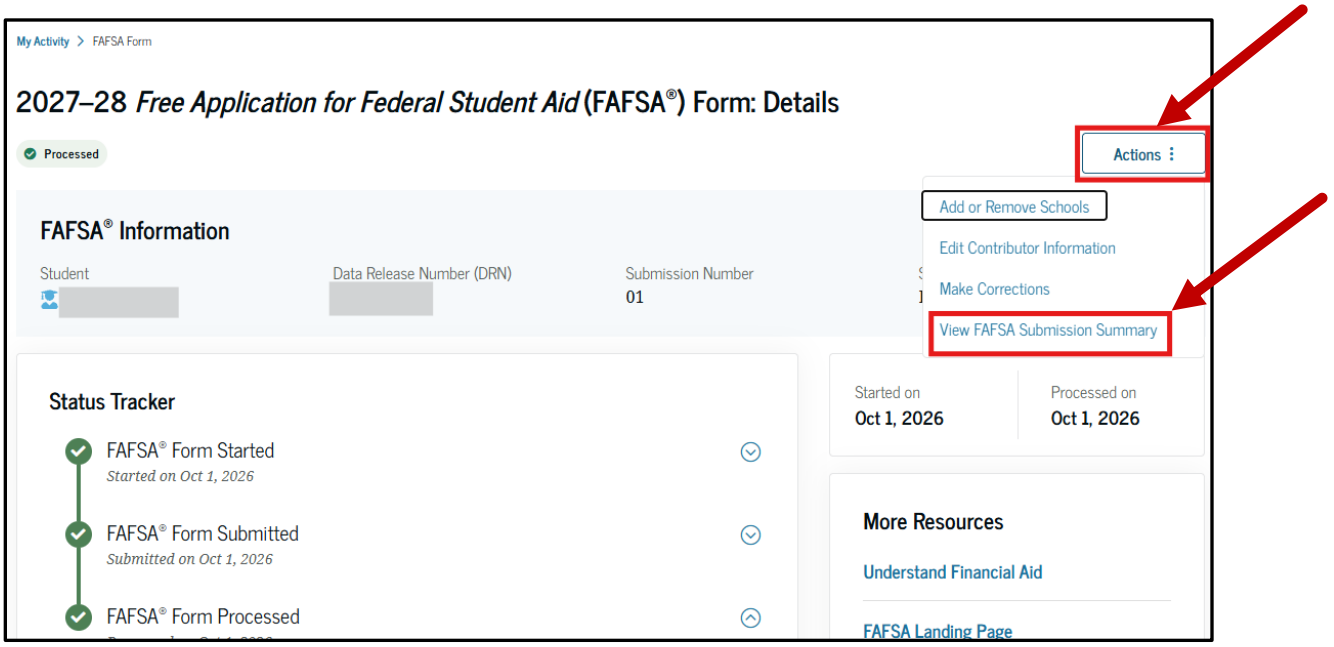
Viewing your (the Student's) FAFSA Submission Summary

1. The STUDENT logs into studentaid.gov

2. On your Dashboard, go to the *My Activity section* and click on 2027-28 FAFSA Form

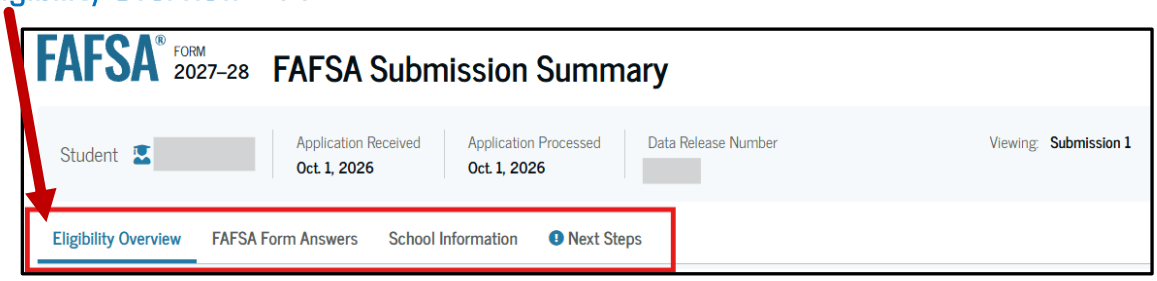


3. Click on Actions, and select FAFSA Submission Summary

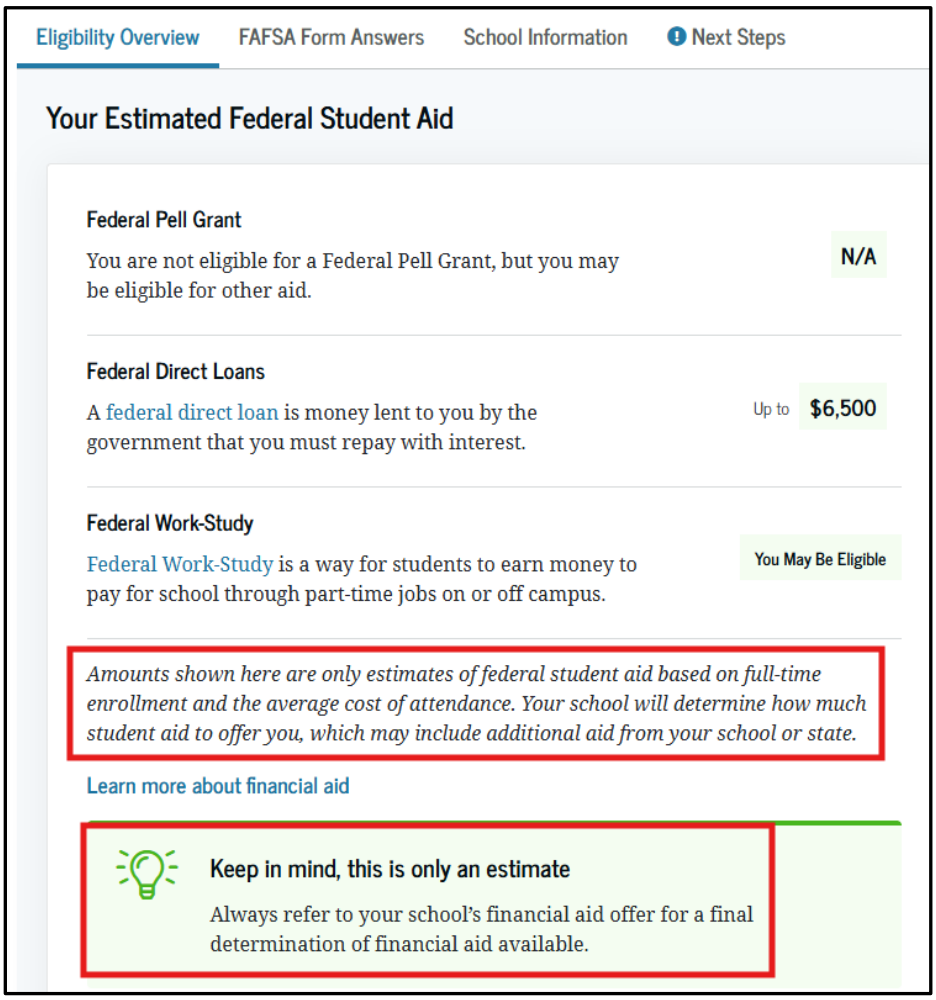


Viewing your FAFSA Submission Summary, continued

4. Click the "Eligibility Overview" tab

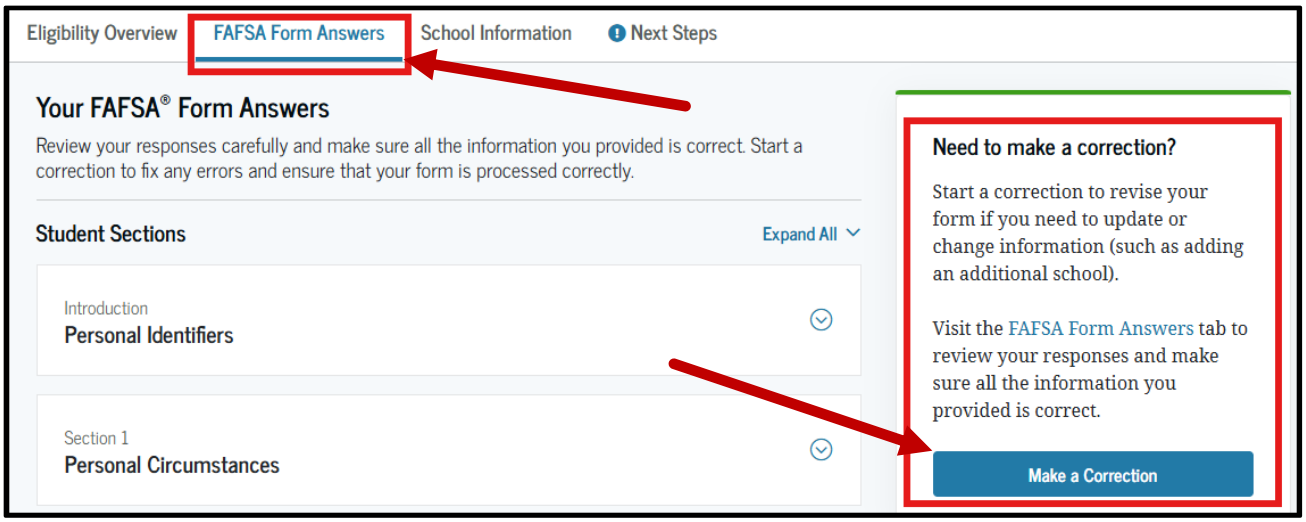


5. The "Eligibility Overview" tab shows your Estimated Aid Federal Student Aid.
   - This is only an ESTIMATE.
   - Students receive official financial aid offers from the college(s) listed on the FAFSA.



Viewing your FAFSA Submission Summary, continued

6. Review your FAFSA Form Answers and Make Corrections (if necessary). If everything looks accurate, you can log out and wait for your school(s) to send you communications about your financial aid offer.



How is my financial aid eligibility determined?

Financial aid is awarded to students in accordance with policies and formulas established by the Federal Department of Education. Results from the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) determine your eligibility. Your Student Aid Index (SAI) is calculated from the information you supply on your FAFSA. The SAI is a set number and does not change from one school to another (public or private).

The amount of financial aid offered to a student is determined by your financial need. Your financial need is determined by the difference between the total cost to attend an institution and your SAI.

Helpful Financial Aid Websites

- studentaid.gov
- studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types
- mitchelltech.edu/admissions/financial-aid
- mitchelltech.edu/admissions/scholarships

Next Steps

1. Review your FAFSA information on the FAFSA Submission Summary and make any necessary corrections to the FAFSA.

2. Schools listed on the FAFSA will also receive the FAFSA Submission Summary & will communicate any additional instructions if the student's FAFSA is flagged for issues or verification (review).

3. Colleges will communicate award notifications to students who have finalized their financial aid and been accepted for enrollment. The award notification lists the types and amounts of financial aid for which the student is qualified.

4. Compare award notifications against the cost of attending.

5. Follow instructions from the college to accept/decline aid and complete any additional steps such as completing Loan Entrance Counseling, Master Promissory Note, and reviewing work-study information.

MITCHELL TECH

- The MTC Financial Aid Office communicates through the student's email address that is listed on their FAFSA.
- MTC will begin communicating with students who have issues with their 2027-28 FAFSAs as early as March 2027.
- MTC will begin communicating Fall and Spring 2027-28 federal aid award offers as early as April 2027.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office for further assistance.

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