

# FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Federal Student Aid

An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans. Or apply free online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

## Apply by the Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than **December XX, 2023**. We must receive your application no later than **June 30, 2025**. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2024–25 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as December 2023, and you may need to complete additional forms. Check with your high school counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college. See the state deadlines on page 2. If you are applying close to a deadline, we recommend you submit your FAFSA form online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

## Fill Out the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

The FAFSA form has five sections: Student, Student Spouse, Parent, Other Parent, and Preparer. To determine who needs to provide their information, consult "Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?", on page 19.

You may fill the answer fields electronically and then print the form, or print the form first and complete it by hand. If you complete the form by hand, use dark ink and write clearly, as shown below. A computer will process this form; therefore:

• Fill in both circle and square answer fields completely:

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• For circle answer fields, choose only one response;  
for square answer fields, choose all that apply:

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• Print in BLOCK CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words;  
for multi-line responses, wrap any incomplete words onto next line:

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• Report dollar amounts such as \$12,356.41 without cents;  
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Refer to the notes on pages 19–21 as instructed.

For help in filling out the FAFSA form, go to [StudentAid.gov/completefafsa](https://StudentAid.gov/completefafsa) or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

## Special Circumstances?

If you or your family experienced significant changes to your financial situation (such as loss of employment or pay cuts), or other special circumstances (such as tuition expenses at an elementary or secondary school or high unreimbursed medical or dental expenses), complete and submit this form as instructed. Once you submit the form, discuss your special circumstances with the financial aid office at the college(s) you applied to or plan to attend.

## Mail Your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 5 through 18 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 5 through 18 to:

**Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box XXXX, City, ST XXXXX-XXXX.**

After your application is processed, you will receive a summary of your information in your *FAFSA Submission Summary*. If you provide an email address, your summary will be sent by email within three to five days. If you do not provide an email address, your summary will be mailed to you within three weeks. If you would like to check the status of your application, go to [StudentAid.gov](https://StudentAid.gov) or call 1-800-433-3243.

## 2024–25 FAFSA® Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your FAFSA form as early as possible, but no earlier than December XX, 2023. For state or college aid, you may need to submit your FAFSA form as early as December 2023, and you may need to fill out separate forms. See the list below. If you are filing close to a deadline, we recommend you file online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). It's the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

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| <b>Alabama (AL)</b> Ask your financial aid office.   | <b>Montana (MT)</b> For priority consideration, submit by Dec. XX, 2023. Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.   |
| <b>Alaska (AK)</b> Alaska Education Grant: As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist. Alaska Performance Scholarship: For priority consideration, submit by June 30, 2024. Awards made while funds exist.   | <b>N. Mariana Islands (MP)</b> For priority consideration, submit by April 30, 2024. More forms may be required.  |
| <b>American Samoa (AS)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  | <b>Nebraska (NE)</b> Ask your financial aid office.   |
| <b>Arizona (AZ)</b> Ask your financial aid office.   | <b>Nevada (NV)</b> Silver State Opportunity Grant: As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist. Nevada Promise Scholarship: March 1, 2024. Additional forms may be required. Awards made while funds exist. All other aid, ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  |
| <b>Arkansas (AK)</b> Academic Challenge: July 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). ArFuture Grant: fall term, July 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ); spring term, Jan. 10, 2025 ( <i>date received</i> )  | <b>New Hampshire (NH)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  |
| <b>California (CA)</b> For many state financial aid programs: March 2, 2024 ( <i>date postmarked</i> ). Cal Grant also requires submission of a school-certified GPA by March 2, 2024. For additional community college Cal Grants: Sept. 2, 2024 ( <i>date postmarked</i> ). For noncitizens without a Social Security card or with one issued through the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, fill out the California Dream Act Application. Contact the California Student Aid Commission or your financial aid office for more information. | <b>New Jersey (NJ)</b> Renewal applicants (2023–24 Tuition Aid Grant recipients): April 15, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). All other applicants: fall and spring terms, Sept. 15, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ); spring term only, Feb. 15, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )   |
| <b>Colorado (CO)</b> Ask your financial aid office.  | <b>New Mexico (NM)</b> Ask your financial aid office.   |
| <b>Connecticut (CT)</b> For priority consideration, submit by Feb. 15, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.   | <b>New York (NY)</b> June 30, 2025 ( <i>date received</i> ) More forms may be required.   |
| <b>Delaware (DE)</b> May 15, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )   | <b>North Carolina (NC)</b> As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist.  |
| <b>District of Columbia (DC)</b> For priority consideration, submit FAFSA form by July 1, 2024. DC Tuition Assistance Grant: For priority consideration submit the DC OneApp and supporting documents by Aug. 1, 2024.   | <b>North Dakota (ND)</b> As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist.  |
| <b>Federated States of Micronesia (FM)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  | <b>Ohio (OH)</b> Dec. XX, 2023 ( <i>date received</i> )   |
| <b>Florida (FL)</b> May 15, 2024 ( <i>date processed</i> )   | <b>Oklahoma (OK)</b> Ask your financial aid office.   |
| <b>Georgia (GA)</b> Refer to Georgia Student Finance Commission's website for more information. As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  | <b>Oregon (OR)</b> Oregon Opportunity Grant: As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist. OSAC Private Scholarships: March 1, 2024. More forms may be required. Oregon Promise Grant: Contact state agency. More forms may be required.  |
| <b>Guam (GU)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  | <b>Palau (PW)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  |
| <b>Hawaii (HI)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  | <b>Pennsylvania (PA)</b> All first-time applicants enrolled in a community college; business/trade/technical school; hospital school of nursing; designated Pennsylvania open-admission institution; or nontransferable two-year program: Aug. 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). All other applicants: May 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). More forms may be required.                |
| <b>Idaho (ID)</b> Opportunity Scholarship: For priority consideration, submit by March 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  | <b>Puerto Rico (PR)</b> Ask your financial aid office.  |
| <b>Illinois (IL)</b> Refer to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's website for the current Monetary Award Program (MAP) deadline dates. As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist.  | <b>Rhode Island (RI)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.   |
| <b>Indiana (IN)</b> Adult Student Grant: As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist. New applicants must submit additional form. Workforce Ready Grant: As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Frank O'Bannon Grant: April 15, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). 21st Century Scholarship: April 15, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )  | <b>South Carolina (SC)</b> SC Commission on Higher Education Need-based Grants: As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist. Tuition Grants: June 30, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )  |
| <b>Iowa (IA)</b> July 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ); earlier priority deadlines may exist for certain programs. More forms may be required.   | <b>South Dakota (SD)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.   |
| <b>Kansas (KS)</b> For priority consideration, submit by April 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). Check with your financial aid administrator. Additional forms may be required.  | <b>Tennessee (TN)</b> State Grant: Prior-year recipients receive award if eligible and apply by March 1, 2024; all other awards made to neediest applicants. Awards made while funds exist. Tennessee Promise: March 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). State Lottery: fall term, Sept. 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ); spring and summer terms, Feb. 1, 2025 ( <i>date received</i> ) |
| <b>Kentucky (KY)</b> As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist.   | <b>Texas (TX)</b> For priority consideration, submit by Jan. 15, 2024. Additional forms may be required. Private and two-year institutions may have different deadlines. Check with your financial aid administrator.   |
| <b>Louisiana (LA)</b> July 1, 2025 (Feb. 1, 2024, recommended)   | <b>U.S. Virgin Islands (VI)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  |
| <b>Maine (ME)</b> May 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )   | <b>Utah (UT)</b> Ask your financial aid office. Awards made while funds exist. More forms may be required.  |
| <b>Marshall Islands (MH)</b> For priority consideration, submit by April 30, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ). More forms may be required.  | <b>Vermont (VT)</b> As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist. More forms may be required.   |
| <b>Maryland (MD)</b> March 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )  | <b>Virginia (VA)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.   |
| <b>Massachusetts (MA)</b> For priority consideration, submit by May 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ).  | <b>Washington (WA)</b> As soon as possible on or after Dec. XX, 2023. Awards made while funds exist.  |
| <b>Michigan (MI)</b> March 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )  | <b>West Virginia (WV)</b> PROMISE Scholarship: March 1, 2024. New applicants must submit additional form. Contact your financial aid office or state agency. WV Higher Education Grant: April 15, 2024. WV Invests Grant: For priority consideration, submit by April 15, 2024.   |
| <b>Minnesota (MN)</b> 30 days after term starts ( <i>date received</i> )   | <b>Wisconsin (WI)</b> Ask your financial aid office.  |
| <b>Mississippi (MS)</b> MTAG and MESG Grants: Jan. 15, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> ) HELP Grant: April 30, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )   | <b>Wyoming (WY)</b> Ask your financial aid office. More forms may be required.  |
| <b>Missouri (MO)</b> For priority consideration, submit by Feb. 1, 2024. Applications accepted through April 1, 2024 ( <i>date received</i> )  |   |

## What is the FAFSA® form?

### Why fill out a FAFSA form?

The *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is the first step in the financial aid process. You use the FAFSA form to apply for federal student aid, such as grants, work-study, and loans. In addition, most states and colleges use information from the FAFSA form to award nonfederal aid.

### Why all the questions?

Most of the questions on the FAFSA form are required to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI measures your family's financial strength and is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. The state and the colleges you list may also use some of your responses to determine if you may be eligible for school or state aid, in addition to federal aid.

### How do I find out my Student Aid Index (SAI)?

Your SAI will be listed on your *FAFSA Submission Summary*. This summary shows the information you submitted on your FAFSA form. It is important to review the summary to make sure all of your information is correct and complete. Make corrections or provide additional information, as necessary.

### How much student financial aid will I receive?

Using the information on your FAFSA form and your SAI, the financial aid office at your college will determine the amount of aid you will receive. The college will use your SAI to prepare a financial aid package to help you meet your financial need. Financial need is the difference between the cost of attendance (which can include living expenses), as determined by your college, and your SAI. If you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, you may receive it from only one college for the same period of enrollment.

### When will I receive the student financial aid?

Any financial aid you are eligible to receive will be paid to you through your college. Typically, your college will first use the aid to pay tuition, fees, and housing and food (if provided by the college). Any remaining aid is paid to you for your other educational expenses.

### How can I have more colleges receive my FAFSA information?

If you are completing a paper FAFSA form, you can list ten colleges in question 23. You may add more colleges by doing one of the following:

- After your FAFSA form has been processed, go to [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov), log in to the site, and follow the instructions for correcting your FAFSA form.
- Use the *FAFSA Submission Summary*, which you will receive after your FAFSA form is processed. Your Data Release Number (DRN) verifies your identity and will be listed on the first page of the summary. You can call 1-800-433-3243 and provide your DRN to a customer service representative, who will add more school codes for you.
- Provide your DRN to the financial aid administrator at the college you want added, and they can add their school code to your FAFSA form.

**Note:** If there are twenty school codes on your record, each new code will need to replace one of the school codes listed.

### Where can I receive more information on student financial aid?

The best place for information about student aid is the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. The financial aid administrator can tell you about student aid available from your state, the college itself, and other sources.

- You can also visit our website [StudentAid.gov](https://StudentAid.gov).
- For information by phone, you can call our Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.
- You can also check with your high school counselor, your state aid agency, or your local library's reference section.

Information about other nonfederal assistance may be available from foundations, faith-based organizations, community organizations, and civic groups, as well as organizations related to your field of interest, such as the American Medical Association or American Bar Association. Check with your parents' employers or unions to see if they award scholarships or have tuition assistance plans.

## FAFSA® Privacy Act Statement

**Authority:** Sections 483 and 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, give us the authority to ask these questions, and to collect Social Security numbers (SSN), from both you and your parents.

**Purpose:** We use the information provided on your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to determine if you are eligible to receive federal student aid and the amount that you are eligible to receive. Your SSN is used to verify your identity and retrieve your records. We may request your SSN again for these purposes. State and institutional student financial aid programs also may use the information provided on your FAFSA form to determine if you are eligible to receive state and institutional aid and the financial need that you have for such aid.

**Routine Uses:** The information you provide will not be disclosed outside of the U.S. Department of Education (Department), except with your consent, and as otherwise allowed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended, pursuant to the routine uses identified in the Federal Student Aid Application File System of Records Notice [federalregister.gov/documents/2019/10/29/2019-23581/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/10/29/2019-23581/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records). A routine use is a disclosure to a third party without your consent. The Department may disclose your information to third parties under a routine use published in the Notice linked to above. Significant routine use disclosures are as follows:

- Under the published routine uses, we may disclose information to third parties that we have authorized to assist the Department in administering the federal student financial aid programs.
- The Department also may send your information to other federal agencies through computer matching programs to verify your eligibility for federal student financial aid, to perform debt collection under the federal loan programs, and to minimize and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the federal student aid programs. Such computer matching programs include matching programs with the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. More information on sharing with other federal agencies pursuant to a computer matching agreement can be found on the Department of Education's Computer Matching Agreements page [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/om/pirms/cma.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/om/pirms/cma.html).
- The Department will send your information to the state higher education agency in your state of legal residence. This disclosure will allow you to apply for state student financial aid without necessarily having to submit an additional application form. Your application information also will be sent to the college(s) listed on your FAFSA form, or its representative, and to the state higher education agencies in the states of the colleges listed. Additional information on state higher education agencies can be found at [www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html).

- The Department may also disclose information to your parents or spouse and to members of Congress if you ask them to help you with student aid questions. If the federal government, the U.S. Department of Education, or an employee of the U.S. Department of Education is involved in litigation, we may send information to the Department of Justice, or a court or adjudicative body, if the disclosure is related to financial aid and certain conditions are met. In addition, we may send your information to a foreign, federal, state, or local enforcement agency if the information that you submitted indicates a violation or potential violation of law, for which that agency has jurisdiction for investigation or prosecution. We may send information to the Office of Management and Budget or the Congressional Budget Service to fulfill Fair Credit Reporting Act requirements. Finally, we may disclose records in the course of responding to a breach of data to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons.

- The Department may disclose information to a federal or state agency or a fiscal or financial agency designated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping an improper payment.
- We may send information regarding a claim that is determined to be valid and overdue to a consumer reporting agency. This information includes identifiers from the record; the amount, status and history of the claim; and the program under which the claim arose.

**Effects of Not Providing Information:** Providing information, including your SSN, is voluntary; however, if you do not give us all the information we need to process your FAFSA form, your aid may be delayed or denied. If you are applying solely for federal aid, you must answer all of the following questions that apply to you and are requested: X-X. If you want to apply for state financial aid, you must answer all the relevant questions.

**State Certification:** By submitting this application, you are giving your state financial aid agency permission to verify any statement on this form and to obtain income tax information for all persons required to report income on this form.

**The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:** According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0001. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one and a half hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is voluntary. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, please contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center, P.O. Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20044 directly. (Note: Please do not return the completed form to this address.)

We may request additional information from you to process your application more efficiently. We will collect this additional information only as needed and on a voluntary basis.

## Consent to Retrieve and Disclose Federal Tax Information (FTI)

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID log-in credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By completing the consent and signature question, I approve and consent to:

- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by 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.
- The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- The U.S. Department of Education to redisclose my FTI received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii), which includes:
  - institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
  - state higher education agencies; and
  - scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education.
- The use of my FTI for the application, award, and administration of student aid awarded by the federal government, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, and designated scholarship organizations.
- The redisclosure of my FTI to any future 2024–25 FAFSA forms for which I elect to participate (e.g., if I elect to participate in my child's FAFSA form or to complete my own FAFSA form after participating in another FAFSA form). My FTI will be redisclosed to these additional applications upon my affirmation to participate. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my FTI to that FAFSA form.

By approving and consenting, I further understand:

- My approval and consent are a condition of my eligibility or of others for which I have participated and shared my FTI for federal student aid, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
- If I do not approve and consent to the disclosure of my FTI, the U.S. Department of Education will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of others who have requested that I share my FTI on their FAFSA form.
- I am permitted to revoke my approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my FTI, as outlined herein, at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). However, by revoking such approval and consent, neither I nor other applicants for which I participated and shared my FTI will be eligible for future federal student aid and/or other financial aid program that used FTI to make determinations for eligibility of aid awarded by an institution of higher education, state higher education agency, or other designated scholarship organization.

## Signatures

If you sign this application, you certify that you are the person identified. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

### Student

By signing this application, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you:

- will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
- are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and
- will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time.

### Student, Student Spouse, Parent, Other Parent, Preparer

By signing this application, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide:

- information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
- U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

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For help in filling out the FAFSA form, go to [StudentAid.gov/completefafsa](https://StudentAid.gov/completefafsa) or call 1-800-433-3243.Student ► *The student must complete this section.**Questions 1–24 apply to the student. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the student.*

## 1 Student Identity Information

*[See Notes page 19.]**The student's full name exactly as it appears on their Social Security card.*

First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix

Date of birth

 /  / *MM / DD / YYYY*

Social Security number (SSN)

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Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

 -  - *Enter the student's ITIN if they don't have an SSN.*

## 2 Student Contact Information

*[See Notes page 19.]*

Mobile phone number

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Email address

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Permanent mailing address

*Continue on next line.**Include apt. number.*

City

State

ZIP code

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Country

## 3 Student Current Marital Status

*[See Notes page 20.]*

- Single (never married)
  Married (not separated)
  Remarried
  Separated
  Divorced
  Widowed

## 4 Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2024–25 school year, what will their college grade level be?

- First year (freshman)
  Second year (sophomore)
  Other undergraduate (junior or senior)
  College graduate, professional, or beyond (MBA, M.D., Ph.D., etc.)

When the student begins the 2024–25 school year, will they have their first bachelor's degree?  Yes  No

Will the student be pursuing an initial teaching certification at the elementary or secondary level?  Yes  No

## 5 Student Personal Circumstances

[See Notes page 20.]

► See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 19.

Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.  | <input type="checkbox"/> At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.  | <input type="checkbox"/> At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with the student and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. | <input type="checkbox"/> The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).   | <input type="checkbox"/> The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence. |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these apply.  |

## 6 Student Other Circumstances

[See Notes page 20.]

► See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 19.

At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?  Yes  No

If the answer is "Yes," did any of the following determine the student was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?

Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee | <input type="checkbox"/> Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial aid administrator (FAA) | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these apply. |
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## 7 Student Unusual Circumstances

► See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 19.

Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student? *This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.*  Yes  No

A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;</li> <li>• Are abandoned by or estranged from their parents, and have not been adopted;</li> <li>• Have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are a victim of human trafficking;</li> <li>• Are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated, and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or</li> <li>• Are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents, and have not been adopted.</li> </ul> |
|---|---|

If the student's circumstances resulted in their not having a safe, stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to question 6 about being unaccompanied and homeless.

## 8 Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

► See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 19.

Are the student's parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting the parents or obtaining their information?  Yes  No

If the answer is "Yes," a financial aid administrator at the student's school will determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan **only**.



## 14 Student State of Legal Residence

State   Date the student became a legal resident   /      
 MM / YYYY

## 15 Parent Education Status

Did either of the student's parents attend college?  Yes  No  Don't know

## 16 Parent Killed in Line of Duty

[See Notes page 21.]

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while (1) serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces on or after September 11, 2001, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer? *Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers.*  Yes  No

## 17 Student High School Information

[See Notes page 21.]

High school completion status when the student begins the 2024–25 school year  
 High school diploma  State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)  Homeschooled  None of the previous

If the answer is "High school diploma," provide the name, city, and state of the high school.

High school name  
  
 Continue on next line.  
  
 City  State

If the answer is "State-recognized high school equivalent," which of the following did or will the student receive?  GED  TASC  HiSET  Other Issuing state

## 18 Federal Benefits Received

[See Notes page 21.]

▶ See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 19.

At any time during 2022 or 2023, did the student or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? *Select all that apply.*

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earned income tax credit (EITC)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal housing assistance         | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free or reduced-price school lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these apply.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid                           |   |  |

## 19 Student Tax Filing Status

[See Notes page 21.]

Did or will the student file a 2022 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?  Yes  No

Did the student earn income in a foreign country in 2022, or were they employed by an international organization that did not require them to file a tax return?  Yes  No  
*If the student filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory, select "Yes."*  
*International organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.*  
 ▶ *If the answer is "No" and the student is not married, questions 20–22 can be skipped; however, if the student is also required to provide parent information on the form, question 22 must be answered.*

Did or will the student file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?  Yes  No

## 20 Student 2022 Tax Return Information

[See Notes page 21.]

Filing status  
 Single  Head of household  Married filing jointly  Married filing separately  Qualifying surviving spouse

[Question 20 continues on next page.]



- Convert all currency to U.S. dollars. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.  
If the answer is negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) after the answer box.

Income earned from work

\$ IRS Form 1040—line 1 (or IRS Form 1040-NR—line 1a) +  
Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6

Tax exempt interest income

\$ 

IRS Form 1040: line 2a

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions

\$ 

IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

IRA rollover into a qualified plan

\$ 

IRS Form 5498

Untaxed portions of pensions

\$ 

IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

Pension rollover into a qualified plan

\$ 

IRS Form 5498

Adjusted gross income

\$  ⊖

IRS Form 1040: line 11

Income tax paid

\$ 

IRS Form 1040: line 25d

Did the student receive the earned income tax credit (EITC)?

IRS Form 1040: line 27a

 Yes  No  Don't knowIRA deductions and payments to self-employed  
SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans\$ 

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: total of lines 16 + 20

Education credits

(American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits)

\$ 

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3: line 3

Did the student file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H  
with their 2022 IRS Form 1040? Yes  No  Don't know

Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040

Schedule C

\$  ⊖

IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: line 31

Amount of college grants, scholarships, or AmeriCorps  
benefits reported as income to the IRS (Optional)\$ The student paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These  
usually apply to those renewing their FAFSA form, not to first-time applicants.

Foreign earned income exclusion

\$  ⊖

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: line 8d

## 21 Annual Child Support Received

- Enter total amount the student received in child support for the last complete calendar year. If the answer to question 3 was "Married" or "Remarried," enter the combined amount the student and their spouse received.

\$ 

## 22 Student Assets

[See Notes page 21.]

- If the answer to question 3 was "Married" or "Remarried," enter the combined amounts held by the student and their spouse.

Current total of cash, savings,  
and checking accounts\$ 

Don't include student financial aid.

Current net worth of investments,  
including real estate\$ Don't include the home the student lives in.  
Net worth is the value of the investments  
minus any debts owed against them.Current net worth of businesses  
and investment farms\$ Enter the net worth of the student's businesses or for-  
profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the  
businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

## 23 Colleges

Enter the schools that should receive the student's FAFSA information.

**College 1**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 1  
name

State

1 Address  
and city
**College 2**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 2  
name

State

2 Address  
and city
**College 3**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 3  
name

State

3 Address  
and city
**College 4**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 4  
name

State

4 Address  
and city
**College 5**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 5  
name

State

5 Address  
and city
**College 6**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 6  
name

State

6 Address  
and city
**College 7**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 7  
name

State

7 Address  
and city
**College 8**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 8  
name

State

8 Address  
and city
**College 9**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 9  
name

State

9 Address  
and city
**College 10**

Federal School Code

     

OR

College 10  
name

State

10 Address  
and city

## 24 Student Consent and Signature

[See page 4.]

Refer to the consent terms on page 4. By filling in the answer circle below and signing this form, the student agrees to the terms set forth on page 4. If the student does not provide consent by filling in the circle and providing their signature, we cannot process this FAFSA form.

Consent to transfer federal tax information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Student signature

Date signed

 /  / 

MM / DD / YYYY

## Student Spouse

► See *"Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?"*, on page 19, to determine if a spouse must complete this section.

Questions 25–29 apply to the *student's spouse*. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the student's spouse.

### 25 Student Spouse Identity Information

[See Notes page 19.]

The student spouse's full name exactly as it appears on their Social Security card.

First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix

Date of birth

 /  / 

MM / DD / YYYY

Social Security number (SSN)

 -  - 

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

 -  - 

Enter the student spouse's ITIN if they don't have an SSN.

### 26 Student Spouse Contact Information

[See Notes page 19.]

Mobile phone number

 -  - 

Email address

Continue on next line.

Permanent mailing address

Continue on next line.

City

Include apt. number.

State

ZIP code

 - 

Country

### 27 Student Spouse Tax Filing Status

[See Notes page 21.]

► See *"Can I skip any questions?"*, on page 19.

Did or will the student spouse file a 2022 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?  Yes  No

Did the student spouse earn income in a foreign country in 2022, or were they employed by an international organization that did not require them to file a tax return?  Yes  No

If the student spouse filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory, select "Yes."

International organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.

► If the answer is "No," question 28 can be skipped.

► See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 19.

## Filing status

Single    Head of household    Married filing jointly    Married filing separately    Qualifying surviving spouse

► Convert all currency to U.S. dollars. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.  
If the answer is negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) after the answer box.

## Income earned from work

\$

IRS Form 1040—line 1 (or IRS Form 1040-NR—line 1a) +  
Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6

## Tax exempt interest income

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 2a

## Untaxed portions of IRA distributions

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

## IRA rollover into a qualified plan

\$

IRS Form 5498

## Untaxed portions of pensions

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

## Pension rollover into a qualified plan

\$

IRS Form 5498

## Adjusted gross income

\$                      ⊖

IRS Form 1040: line 11

## Income tax paid

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 25d

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed  
SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans

\$

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: total of lines 16 + 20

## Education credits

(American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits)

\$

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3: line 3

Did the student spouse file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H  
with their 2022 IRS Form 1040?

Yes    No    Don't know

## Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C

\$                      ⊖

IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: line 31

## Foreign earned income exclusion

\$                      ⊖

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: line 8d

## 29 Student Spouse Consent and Signature

[See page 4.]

Refer to the consent terms on page 4. By filling in the answer circle below and signing this form, the student spouse agrees to the terms set forth on page 4. If the student spouse does not provide consent by filling in the circle and providing their signature, we cannot process this FAFSA form.

Consent to transfer federal tax information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

## Student spouse signature

## Date signed

/   /

MM / DD / YYYY

## Parent

► See *"Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?"*, on page 19, to determine if a parent must complete this section.

Questions 30–41 apply to the *student's parent*. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the parent.

### 30 Parent Identity Information

[See Notes page 19.]

The parent's full name exactly as it appears on their Social Security card.

First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix

Date of birth

 /  / 

MM / DD / YYYY

Social Security number (SSN)

 -  - 

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

 -  - 

Enter the parent's ITIN if they don't have an SSN.

### 31 Parent Contact Information

[See Notes page 19.]

Mobile phone number

 -  - 

Email address

Continue on next line.

Permanent mailing address

Continue on next line.

City

Include apt. number.

State

ZIP code

 - 

Country

### 32 Parent Current Marital Status

[See Notes page 20.]

- Single (never married)
  Unmarried and both legal parents living together
  Married (not separated)
  Remarried
  Separated
  Divorced
  Widowed

### 33 Parent State of Legal Residence

State

Date the parent became a legal resident

 / 

MM / YYYY



### 34 Family Size

How many people are in the parent's family?

 

Include the parent (and their spouse), the student, and the parent's dependent children, even if they live apart from the parent because of college enrollment. Also include other people if they live with the parent and the parent will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

### 35 Number in College

How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025?

 

Do not include the parent.

### 36 Federal Benefits Received

[See Notes page 21.]

At any time during 2022 or 2023, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? *Select all that apply.*

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earned income tax credit (EITC)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal housing assistance         | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free or reduced-price school lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these apply.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid                           |   |  |

### 37 Parent Tax Filing Status

[See Notes page 21.]

Did or will the parent file a 2022 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?  Yes  No

If the answer is "No," indicate which one of the following situations applies to the parent for 2022:

► If one of the options in the second column below is selected and the parent is unmarried, questions 38-40 can be skipped.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> The parent filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory.   | <input type="radio"/> The parent, even though they earned income in the U.S., did not and will not file a U.S. tax return because their income was below the tax filing threshold. |
| <input type="radio"/> The parent filed or will file a foreign tax return.  | <input type="radio"/> The parent did not and will not file a U.S. tax return for reasons other than low income.  |
| <input type="radio"/> Either the parent earned income in a foreign country but still did not and will not file a foreign tax return or they were an employee of an international organization that did not require them to file a tax return. <i>Such international organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.</i> | <input type="radio"/> The parent did not and will not file any tax return because they did not earn any income.  |

Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?  Yes  No

### 38 Parent 2022 Tax Return Information

[See Notes page 21.]

Filing status

- Single  Head of household  Married filing jointly  Married filing separately  Qualifying surviving spouse

► Convert all currency to U.S. dollars. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. If the answer is negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) after the answer box.

Income earned from work

\$

IRS Form 1040—line 1 (or IRS Form 1040-NR—line 1a) + Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6

Tax exempt interest income

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 2a

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

IRA rollover into a qualified plan

\$

IRS Form 5498

Untaxed portions of pensions

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

Pension rollover into a qualified plan

\$

IRS Form 5498

[Question 38 continues on next page.]





Other Parent + 

► See “Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?”, on page 19, to determine if the other parent must complete this section.

Questions 42–46 apply to the student's other parent. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the other parent.

## 42 Other Parent Identity Information

[See Notes page 19.]

The other parent's full name exactly as it appears on their Social Security card.

First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix

Date of birth

 /  / 

MM / DD / YYYY

Social Security number (SSN)

 -  - 

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

 -  - 

Enter the other parent's ITIN if they don't have an SSN.

## 43 Other Parent Contact Information

[See Notes page 19.]

Mobile phone number

 -  - 

Email address

➤ Continue on next line.

Permanent mailing address

➤ Continue on next line.

City

Include apt. number.

State

ZIP code

 - 

Country

## 44 Other Parent Tax Filing Status

[See Notes page 21.]

► See “Can I skip any questions?”, on page 19.

Did or will the other parent file a 2022 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?

Yes  No

If the answer is “No,” indicate which one of the following situations applies to the other parent for 2022:

► If one of the options in the second column below is selected, question 45 can be skipped.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p><input type="radio"/> The other parent filed or will file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The other parent filed or will file a foreign tax return.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Either the other parent earned income in a foreign country but still did not and will not file a foreign tax return or they were an employee of an international organization that did not require them to file a tax return. Such international organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.</p> | <p><input type="radio"/> The other parent, even though they earned income in the U.S., did not and will not file a U.S. tax return because their income was below the tax filing threshold.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The other parent did not and will not file a U.S. tax return for reasons other than low income.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The other parent did not and will not file any tax return because they did not earn any income.</p> |
|---|---|



# 45 Other Parent 2022 Tax Return Information

[See Notes page 21.]

▶ See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 19.

## Filing status

- Single
- Head of household
- Married filing jointly
- Married filing separately
- Qualifying surviving spouse

▶ Convert all currency to U.S. dollars. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.  
 If the answer is negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) after the answer box.

## Income earned from work

\$

IRS Form 1040—line 1 (or IRS Form 1040-NR—line 1a) +  
Schedule 1—lines 3 + 6

## Tax exempt interest income

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 2a

## Untaxed portions of IRA distributions

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

## IRA rollover into a qualified plan

\$

IRS Form 5498

## Untaxed portions of pensions

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

## Pension rollover into a qualified plan

\$

IRS Form 5498

## Adjusted gross income

\$                 ⊖

IRS Form 1040: line 11

## Income tax paid

\$

IRS Form 1040: line 25d

## IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans

\$

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: total of lines 16 + 20

## Education credits

(American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits)

\$

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3: line 3

Did the other parent file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2022 IRS Form 1040?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C

\$                 ⊖

IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: line 31

## Foreign earned income exclusion

\$                 ⊖

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: line 8d

# 46 Other Parent Consent and Signature

[See page 4.]

Refer to the consent terms on page 4. By filling in the answer circle below and signing this form, the other parent agrees to the terms set forth on page 4. If the other parent does not provide consent by filling in the circle and providing their signature, we cannot process this FAFSA form.

- Consent to transfer federal tax information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

## Other parent signature

## Date signed

/   /

MM / DD / YYYY

# Preparer

► See *“Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?”*, on page 19, to determine if a preparer must complete this section. Questions 47–49 apply to the preparer. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the preparer.

## 47 Preparer Identity Information

First name

Last name

Social Security number (SSN)

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

## 48 Preparer Contact Information

Affiliation / Organization

Permanent mailing address

Continue on next line.

Include apt. number.

City

State

ZIP code

## 49 Preparer Signature

Preparer signature

Date signed

MM / DD / YYYY

## Mail Your FAFSA® Form

Make a copy of pages 5 through 18 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 5 through 18 to:  
Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box XXXX, City, ST XXXXX-XXXX

## College Use Only

D/O

Federal school code

FAA signature

## Data Entry Use Only

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Preparer 



## Notes

### Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?

The FAFSA form has five sections: Student, Student Spouse, Parent, Other Parent, and Preparer.

#### Student

The student must always complete the Student section.

#### Student Spouse

If the student's current marital status, as indicated in question 3, is married or remarried, the student's spouse must complete questions 25 and 26 of the Student Spouse section. The spouse must also complete questions 27–29 if the student answered "No" to "Did or will the student file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?", in question 19.

#### Parent

The student's parent must complete the Parent section if **all** of the following statements are true:

- The student was born after the year 2000.
- The student's current marital status, as indicated in question 3, is single (never married), divorced, separated, or widowed.
- The student's college grade level, as indicated in question 4, will be first-year, second-year, or other undergraduate.
- The student selected "None of these apply" in question 5, and answered "No" in questions 6 and 7.

If all the above statements are true, the student is considered to be *dependent*, and the student's parent must complete the Parent section, even if the student does not live with a parent (see "Who is considered a legal parent on the FAFSA form?" and "Which parent should include information?", below).

If any of the above statements are *not* true, the student is considered to be *independent*, and parent information should not be provided.

If all the above statements are true, but the student answered "Yes" **and** selected "None of these apply" in question 6, or else answered "Yes" in question 7, the student is considered to be *provisionally independent*. In this case, the student should submit the FAFSA form with the Parent and Other Parent sections left blank and then contact the college's financial aid administrator for further guidance.

#### Other Parent

If the student's parent is required to provide information in the Parent section, and that parent's current marital status, as indicated in question 32, is married, remarried, or unmarried and both legal parents living together, the student's other parent must complete questions 42 and 43 of the Other Parent section. The other parent must also complete questions 44–46 if the parent answered "No" to "Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?", in question 37.

#### Preparer

If someone other than the student, student spouse, parent, or other parent completed this form on the applicant's behalf, that person must complete the Preparer section. *Paid preparers are prohibited.*

### Who is considered a legal parent on the FAFSA form?

Legal parents are biological or adoptive (regardless of gender), or as determined by the state (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, widowed stepparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted the student.

### Which parent should include information?

- If the student's parent was never married and does not live with the student's other legal parent, or if the parent is widowed and not remarried, that parent should only provide their own information in the Parent section, and the Other Parent section should be skipped.

- Contact 1-800-433-3243 for assistance completing questions 30–46 or visit [StudentAid.gov/fafsa-parent](https://StudentAid.gov/fafsa-parent).
- If the parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support, even if the student does not live with them. If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.
- If the student's widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.

### Can I skip any questions?

Some questions can be skipped in certain circumstances:

#### Student

Skip questions 7 and 8 if **any** of the following are true:

- You were born prior to the year 2001.
- Your current marital status is married (not separated) or remarried, as indicated by question 3.
- Your college grade level in 2024–25 will be "College graduate, professional or beyond," as indicated in question 4.

Skip questions 9, 10, 18, and 21 if **all** of the following are true:

- You were born after the year 2000.
- Your current marital status is single (never married), divorced, separated, or widowed.
- Your college grade level, as indicated in question 4, will be first-year, second-year, or other undergraduate.
- You selected "None of these apply" in question 5, and answered "No" in questions 6 and 7.

#### Student Spouse

If student spouse information must be provided, skip questions 27–29 if the student answered "Yes" to "Did or will the student file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?", in question 19.

#### Parent

If parent information must be provided, then all questions in the Parent section must be answered.

#### Other Parent

If the information of the student's other parent must be provided, skip questions 44–46 if the parent answered "Yes" to "Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?", in question 37.

### Identity Information – Questions 1, 25, 30, and 42

Enter your Social Security number (SSN) as it appears on your Social Security card. If you are a resident of one of the Freely Associated States (i.e., the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Federated States of Micronesia) and were issued an identification number beginning with "666" when submitting a FAFSA form previously, enter that number here. If you are a first-time applicant from one of the Freely Associated States, enter "000" in the first three boxes of the Social Security Number field and leave the remaining six positions blank, and we will create an identification number to be used for federal student aid purposes. If you have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) enter it in the ITIN field.

### Contact Information – Questions 2, 26, 31, and 43

We will use your email address to communicate with you electronically. For example, when this FAFSA form has been processed, the student and parent will be notified by email. Your email address will also be shared with your state and the colleges listed on your FAFSA form to allow them to communicate with you.

Common country codes: US (United States), CA (Canada), and MX (Mexico). For U.S. territories, use their state code as their country code (for example, PR for Puerto Rico).

## Current Marital Status – Questions 3 and 32

Report your marital status as of the date you sign your FAFSA form. If your marital status changes after you sign your FAFSA form, check with the financial aid office at the college.

For parents: Do not include any person who is not married to the student's parent and who is not a legal parent. Contact 1-800-433-3243 for help.

If the student's legal parents are:

- **married**, select "Married" or "Remarried."
- **not married to each other and live together**, select "Unmarried and both legal parents living together."
- **divorced but living together**, select "Unmarried and both legal parents living together."
- **separated but living together**, select "Married," not "Divorced" or "Separated."

## Personal Circumstances – Question 5

**Active Duty:** Select this box if you are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes. Do not check the box if you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for state or training purposes.

**Veteran:** Select this box if you (1) have engaged in active duty (including basic training) in the U.S. armed forces, or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, **and** (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer the box if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2024.

Do not select the box if you (1) are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2025, (2) have never engaged in active duty (including basic training) in the U.S. armed forces, (3) are currently a ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (4) are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (5) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces but released under dishonorable conditions.

The term "active duty for training" means: (A) full-time duty in the armed forces performed by Reserves for training purposes; (B) full-time duty for training purposes performed as a commissioned officer of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service (i) on or after July 29, 1945, or (ii) before that date under circumstances affording entitlement to "full military benefits", or (iii) at any time, for the purposes of chapter 13 of this title; (C) in the case of members of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard of any State, full-time duty under section 316 (duty as instructors at rifle ranges for the training of civilians in the use of military arms), 502 (Required drills and field exercises), 503 (Participation in field exercises), 504 (National Guard schools and small arms competitions), or 505 (Army and Air Force schools and field exercises) of title 32, or the prior corresponding provisions of law; (D) duty performed by a member of a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program when ordered to such duty for the purpose of training or a practice cruise under chapter 103 of title 10 for a period of not less than four weeks and which must be completed by the member before the member is commissioned; and (E) authorized travel to or from such duty. The term does not include duty performed as a temporary member of the Coast Guard Reserve.

The term "inactive duty training" means: (A) duty (other than full-time duty) prescribed for Reserves (including commissioned officers of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service) by the Secretary concerned under section 206 of title 37 or any other provision of law; (B) special additional duties authorized for Reserves (including commissioned officers of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service) by an authority designated by the Secretary concerned and performed by them on a voluntary basis in connection with the

prescribed training or maintenance activities of the units to which they are assigned; and (C) training (other than active duty for training) by a member of, or applicant for membership (as defined in section 8140[g] of title 5) in, the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps prescribed under chapter 103 of title 10.

**Orphan:** Select this box if at any time since you turned 13, you had no living parent, even if you are now adopted.

**Ward of the Court:** Select this box if at any time since you turned 13, you were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

**Foster Care:** Select this box if at any time since you turned 13, you were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today. If you are not sure if you were in foster care, check with your state child welfare agency. You can find that agency's contact information at [childwelfare.gov/nfcad](http://childwelfare.gov/nfcad).

**Emancipation:** Select this box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that, as of today, you are an emancipated minor. Also select the box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. Do not select the box if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

**Legal Guardianship:** The definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.

Select this box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that, as of today, you are in legal guardianship. Also select the box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. Do not select the box if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult. Also leave the box blank and contact your school if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say "custody" (not "guardianship").

If you meet any of these conditions, the financial aid administrator at your school may require you to provide proof that you were in foster care, a dependent or ward of the court, an emancipated minor, or in legal guardianship.

## Other Circumstances – Question 6

**"Homeless"** means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide a place to live.

**"Unaccompanied"** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

If you selected "Yes" to being unaccompanied and homeless (or unaccompanied, self-supporting, and at risk of being homeless) at any time on or after July 1, 2023, select the appropriate box if you received a determination to that effect. (The financial aid administrator at your college may ask you for a copy of the determination.) If you answered "Yes" but did *not* receive a determination from the persons listed, select "None of these apply" and contact the financial aid administrator at your college. This person can determine if you are "homeless" and, therefore, not required to provide parent information.

## Citizenship – Question 13

If you are an eligible noncitizen, write in your eight- or nine-digit

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A-Number. Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are (1) a permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); (2) a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C); (3) the holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: “Refugee,” “Asylum Granted,” “Parolee” (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or “Cuban-Haitian Entrant;” or (4) the holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of “Victim of human trafficking.”

If you are in the U.S. and have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), an F1 or F2 student visa, a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, or a G series visa (pertaining to international organizations), select “Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen.” You will not be eligible for federal student aid. If you have a Social Security Number but are not a citizen or an eligible noncitizen, including if you have been granted DACA, you should still complete the FAFSA form because you may be eligible for state or college aid.

### Parent Killed in Line of Duty – Question 16

A public safety officer generally includes the following:

- Law enforcement officer, firefighter, or chaplain
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employee
- Emergency management or civil defense agency employee
- Member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew
- Others defined in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

### High School Information – Question 17

State-recognized high school equivalents:

- GED<sup>®</sup>: General Educational Development Test
- HiSET<sup>®</sup>: High School Equivalency Test
- TASC<sup>™</sup>: Test Assessing Secondary Completion

### Federal Benefits Received – Questions 18 and 36

Answer this question about you, your spouse, or anyone in your family. Answering these questions will NOT reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs. TANF has different names in many states. Call 1-800-433-3243 to find out the name of your state’s program.

### Tax Filing Status – Questions 19, 27, 37, and 44

U.S. territories include Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information regarding IRS tax filing thresholds, see IRS Publication 17.

If you filed or will file a foreign tax return or IRS 1040-NR, or a tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or one of the Freely Associated States, use the information from that return to fill out this form. If you filed a foreign return, convert all monetary units to U.S. dollars, using the published exchange rate in effect for the date nearest to today’s date. To view the daily exchange rates, go to [federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/current](https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/current).

### 2022 Tax Return Information – Questions 20, 28, 38, and 45

**Questions 20 (Student) and 28 (Student Spouse):** In question 20, student spouse information should only be included if the student is married and filed jointly with the current spouse; otherwise, the spouse must complete question 28 in the Student Spouse section. In question 28, the student spouse should only provide their own information and not the student’s information.

**Questions 38 (Parent) and 45 (Other Parent):** In question 38, parent spouse information should only be included if the parent is married and filed jointly with the current spouse; otherwise, the spouse must complete question 45 in the Other Parent section. In question 45, the parent spouse should only provide their own information and not the parent’s information.

**College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported to the IRS:** Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.

### Assets – Questions 22 and 40

**Net worth** means the current value, as of today, of investments, businesses, and/or investment farms, minus debts related to those same investments, businesses, and/or investment farms. When calculating net worth, use 0 for investments or properties with a negative value.

**Investments include** real estate (do not include the home in which you live), rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

**Investments also include** qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans). For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and/or the student’s spouse) are reported as student investments in question 22. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments in question 40, including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.

**Investments do not include** the home you live in, the value of life insurance, ABLE accounts, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or cash, savings and checking accounts reported in the previous question.

**Investments also do not include** UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner.

**Investment value** means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

**Business and/or investment farm value includes** the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

### Colleges – Question 23

Indicate the schools that you want to receive your FAFSA information. You can find federal school codes at [StudentAid.gov/fafsa-app/FSCsearch](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/FSCsearch) or by calling 1-800-433-3243. If you cannot obtain a code, write in the complete name, address, city, and state of the college. If you want more schools to receive your FAFSA information, read *What is the FAFSA form?*, on page 3. Most of the information you included on your FAFSA form, *except for the list of colleges*, will be sent to each of the colleges you listed. In addition, most of your FAFSA information, including the list of colleges, will be sent to your state grant agency.

For federal student aid purposes, it does not matter in what order you list your selected schools. However, the order in which you list schools may affect your eligibility for state aid. Consult your state agency or [StudentAid.gov/order](https://studentaid.gov/order) for details.