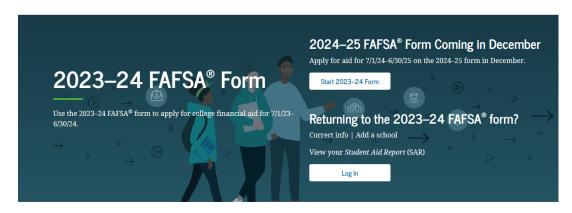


2024-25 FAFSA 'Simplification'

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FAFSA® Announcements

Launch of the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024–25 FAFSA® form will be available in December 2023, not Oct. 1. Learn how to prepare for and stay informed about the FAFSA launch.

* Please note the following information can be found through the FSA Knowledge Center. These slides were presented on Nov 15, 2023, so information may have changed or updated since that date







Major Changes to the FAFSA As We Know It...

☐ FAFSA will be available starting December 31, 2023 instead of October 1. For 25-26 FAFSA will be again available Oct 1st. ☐ Recalculation of federal aid eligibility. Eligibility for aid is more closely associated with household information on filed taxes and using poverty guidelines by state. ☐ Consideration for professional judgement such as dependency status and financial changes are more comprehensively considered. ☐ The actual form itself is 'simplified' from a consumer perspective (maybe not so much for aid offices ©!)



How Do We Communicate These Changes to our AU Community & our Students & Families?

☐ The Department of Education is currently communicating with families who have previously filed FAFSAs that the FAFSA will be available starting December 2023 instead of October ☐ New and first time FAFSA filers should complete your FSA ID (Studentaid.gov ID) account as soon as possible. ☐ FAFSA filers without a SSN must create a FSA ID ☐ There will be a 3 to 4-day delay once the ID is created prior to use in completing the FAFSA ☐ All other schools are going through the same FAFSA information transition



General/Other Question

General/Other Question Changes

FAFSA available Oct 1st (PA State Grant Deadline May 1st) FAFSA available
Dec 2023; Oct 1st
starting back 25-26
(PA State Grant
Deadline May 1st)

Over 100+ questions

Less than 40 questions

Student and Parent can work on the same questions together

Student and Parent have their own sections after signing in

Selective Service and Drug Conviction question

Removed

Demographic questions including sex, race, ethnicity 23-24 optional; 24-25 required, but not shared with school or eligibility calc

Third parties could charge a fee to help fill out FAFSA

Any fees charged to fill out FAFSA are banned



Previous New Terminology Terminology EFC (Expected SAI (Student Family Aid Index) Contribution) Studentaid.gov FSA ID Account Parent(s); Parent Spouse; Contributors Applicant Spouse IDR (Income FTI (Federal Data Retrieval) Tax Information) & FAFSA & Consent Signature Room & Board Housing & Food **FAFSA** Student Aid Submission Report (SAR) Summary



The EFC Is No Longer

EFC







Parent & Student Incomes

Household Size

0 to 999,999

SAI

Contributor Income

Tax Return Data

-1,500 to 999,999

Can adjust if info has changed since filling taxes; # in college NOT part of need analysis



Pell

New Pell

Determined by EFC (income & household size)

Award determined by schedule based on college cost of attendance

Award proportion based on term enrollment (full, part, three quarter, less than three quarter time) Determined by AGI and family size determined by tax information

Award determined by state of residence & poverty guidelines

Award proportion based on enrolled credit hours and prorated for less than full-time



IDR (Income Data Retrieval) & FAFSA Signature

Student/Parent elects to retrieve tax information from IRS to FAFSA

Student/Parent manually enters tax information

Student/Parent can modify tax information after FAFSA submittal

Dep not married; report income of parent student lives with 9 months of year

FTI (Federal Tax Information) & Consent

Contributors to FAFSA consent to automatic IRS data retrieval

Manual entry of tax data not an option except for certain tax file status or identity theft of SSN Taxes will need to be filed before SAI is provided

Consent cannot be revoked

Dep not married; report income of parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial; a remarried parent must include their spouse's (the student's stepparent) income.



Other Income Data

Other Income Data Changes

Value of family farms and small business with less than 100 employees is excluded from assets

Value of family farms and small business with less than 100 employees is reported as an asset

Net worth = value of business/farm - debts owed against it

Families making less than \$50k do not report assets

Families making less than \$60k do not report assets

Child support received is counted as income

Contributions to

Child support received reported as an asset

Contributions to retirement accounts retirement accounts (401k and 403b) are (401k and 403b) are no longer reported as reported as an asset. an asset.

Consent cannot be revoked

Student/Parent can modify tax information after FAFSA submittal



Special Circumstances

Professional Judgement (PJ)

Identify on FAFSA; no EFC is calculated until SFS resolves w/family

Changes to income and/or household size after FAFSA is filed

Dependency Override

Dependency Override needed to be 'proven' by student statement each academic year enrolled Identify on FAFSA; SAI is calculated and considered 'provisional' until SFS resolves w/student

Special Circumstance = Changes leading to SAI recalculation

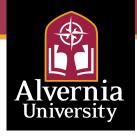
- Family income, assets
- Dislocated worker
- Housing change due to homelessness

Unusual Circumstances = Changes leading to dependency status

- · Human trafficking
- Refugee/asylee
- Parental abandonment/incarceration, etc.

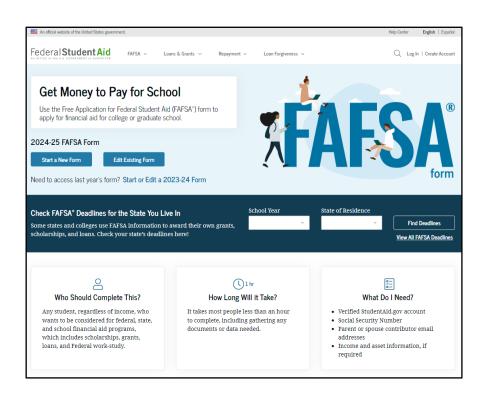
PJ assumed each year student is enrolled at your school or previous school after initially determined if circumstances remain unchanged





Student FAFSA® Form Landing Page

This mock up of the planned FAFSA® form landing page. On this page, students are directed to "Start a New Form" or "Edit Existing Form."

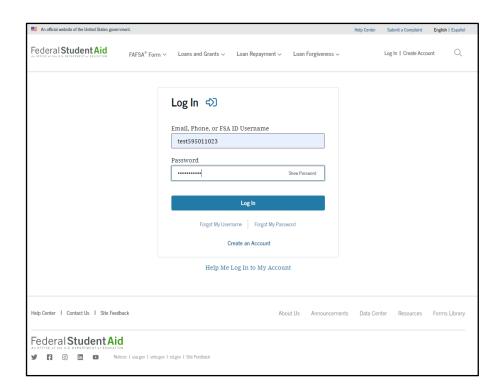






Student Log In

The student selects "Start a New Form" from the FAFSA® landing page and they are not logged in to StudentAid.gov, they are taken to the "Log In" page to enter their log-in credentials. To access the FAFSA form, all students are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the student doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account," however will need to wait 3 to 4 days to complete the FAFSA.







After logging in, the student selects the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA® form: "Student."

Student Roles

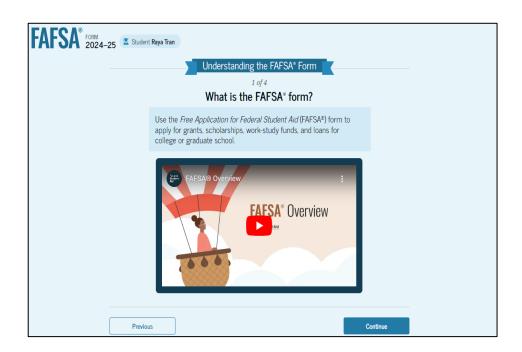






Student **Onboarding (1 of 4)**

When the student starts the 2024–25 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. The first onboarding page provides an overview of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video.







Student **Onboarding (2 of 4)**

The second FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about the different roles that may be required to participate in the student's FAFSA form and documents that may be needed to fill out the form.







Student **Onboarding (3 of 4)**

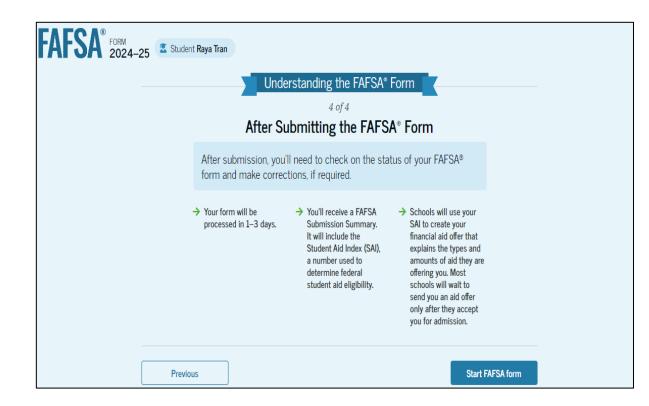
The third FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about the types of questions the student can expect to see and how they can get additional help with filling out the FAFSA form.





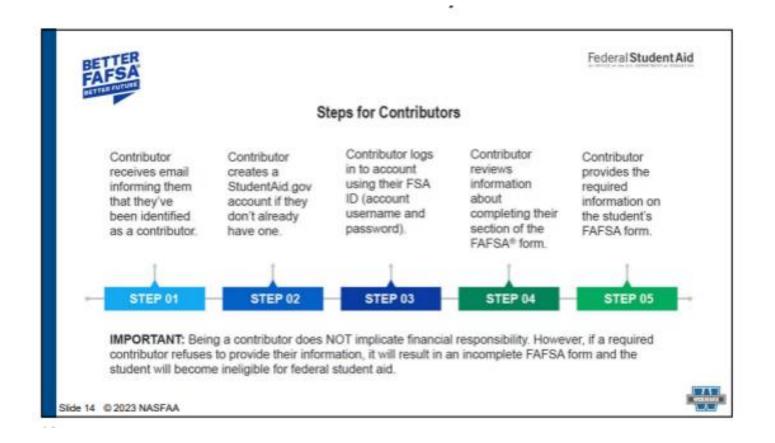
Student **Onboarding (4 of 4)**

The last FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about what to expect once the FAFSA form is completed and submitted. On this page, the student can select "Start the FAFSA form" to begin.





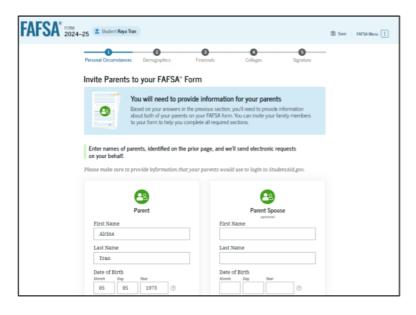
Contributor Information

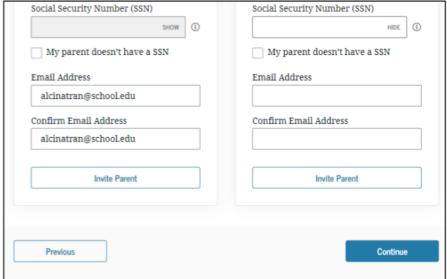




Contributor Invitation

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.







Student Signature

By signing this application electronically using your username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, 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 state 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.

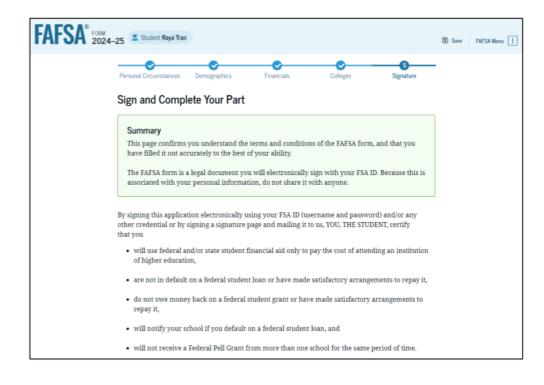
If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Sign Your FAFSA Form ✓ I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above Cancel Submit



Student Signature

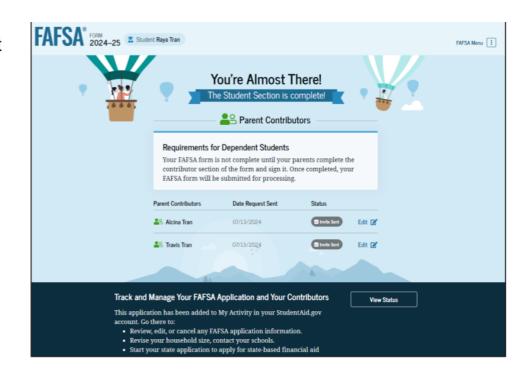
On this page, the student acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and signs their section. After agreeing and signing, the student is able to submit their section of the FAFSA form. Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed yet.





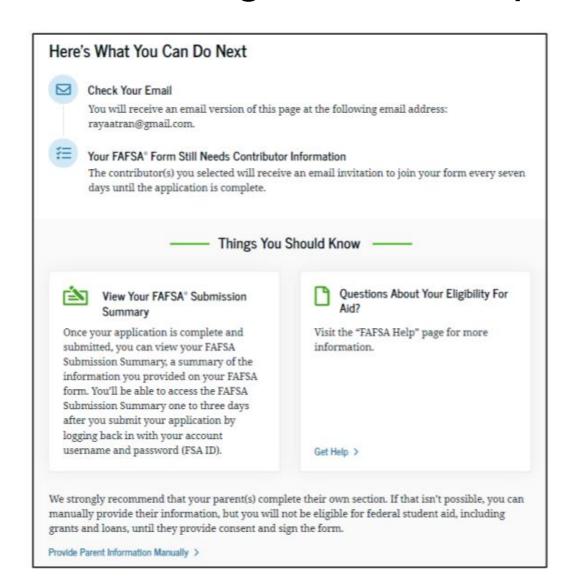
Student Signature Complete

Upon signing the student section, the student is presented the student section complete page. This page displays information for the student about next steps, including tracking their FAFSA® form. The student is reminded that their form is not completed and can't be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it. Next, in this scenario, the student's invited parent will enter the FAFSA form and complete the parent section.





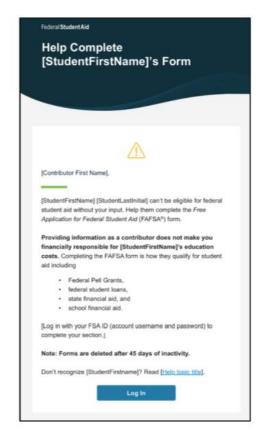
Student Signature Complete

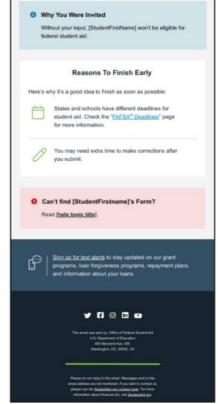




Parent Email Invitation

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 "Log In" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.

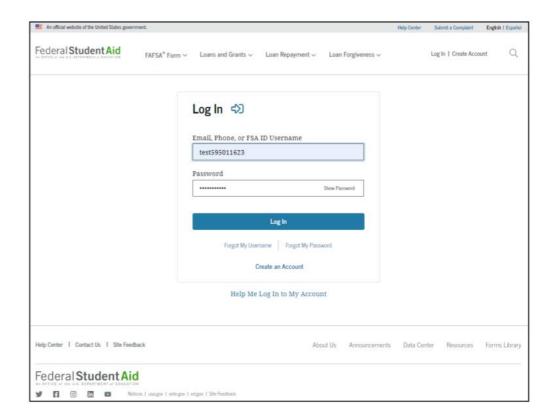






Parent Log In

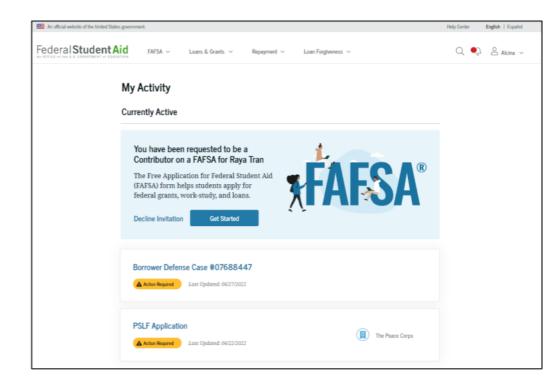
The parent is taken from their email to the "Log In" page to enter their log-in credentials. To access the FAFSA® form, all users are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the parent doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account."





Parent Status Center – My Activity

After successfully logging in, the parent is taken to their "My Activity" page. The parent sees an invitation to be a contributor on the student's FAFSA® form.

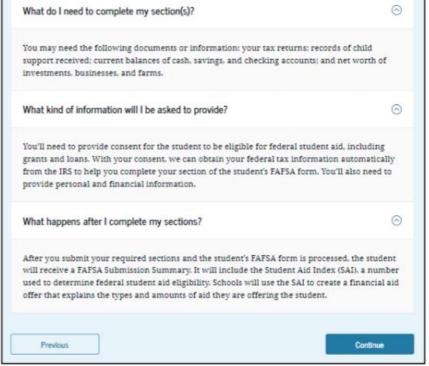




Parent Contributor Information

This page provides information about being a contributor on a FAFSA® form.







Parent Onboarding Section

When the parent enters a 2024–25 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. The first onboarding page provides an overview of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video.





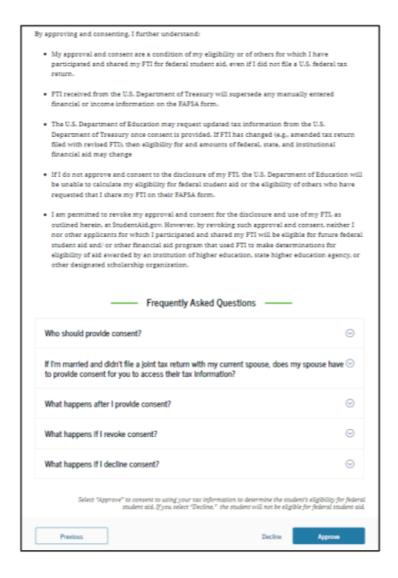
Parent Provides Consent

This page informs the parent about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the parent's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Parent Financials section. The parent selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.





Parent Provides Consent Cont'd





What Does All This Mean to Students/Parents?

- ✓ Students and parents may begin, complete, and submit a new 2024-25 FAFSA beginning Dec 31, 2023
- ✓ Students will still respond to questions to identify if parent information is required or not
- ✓ New student race and ethnicity question "prefer not to answer" option
- ✓ Dependent students must invite their parent(s) to contribute to the FAFSA form if the parent information is required and each parent MAY need their own FSA ID account.
- ✓ Students and contributors must provide consent to retrieve and disclose federal tax information from the IRS for the student to be eligible for federal student aid. If a contributor declines, the FAFSA will NOT be processed.
- ✓ Family size will be based on the exemptions on the 2022 federal tax return, parents have the option to indicate if this # is correct or if not to update the household size to the appropriate # of children and/or other dependents who will receive more than half their support from the parents during the award year.
- ✓ The parent(s) will be asked how many people in the household will be in college during the award year while this is a question on the FAFSA as noted previously the # in college has no affect on the calculation of the student aid index (SAI).



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- ✓ Student and parent asset questions will be asked, and a response must be provided even if \$0.
- ✓ Students and parent may be eligible to transfer their FAFSA information into state aid applications for PA State Grant eligibility. PHEAA's May 1 deadline for FAFSA submission has not changed for the 2024-25 award year.
- ✓ After the FAFSA form is processed, students can correct or update their application. Contributors (parent(s) or spouse) can correct or update ONLY their sections of the FAFSA application.
- ✓ Change in formulas from EFC to SAI may cause confusion.
- ✓ For first-time freshman with no siblings already attending college this will be the new normal.
- ✓ Expect the most changes for returning freshman, upperclassmen, and freshman with siblings as upperclassmen
- ✓ Some students will lose aid, others will gain eligibility
- SFS Office may be inundated with communications, start reviewing college websites and other resources so you are prepared now.



SFS Plan...

- ☐ Financial Aid Offers for Fall 2024 Admits Out February 2024
- □ Appeals/Professional Judgement Begin Early February

Students and Families

Resource	Delivery Date
Preparing for 2024–25 FAFSA Outreach Campaign	Summer 2023
A communications campaign, including videos, directed to students and families highlights what they should do to prepare for the new FAFSA form. The campaign also will provide key facts about what to expect from the new FAFSA process, including how to create an FSA ID, features of the 2024-25 FAFSA form, and Federal Pell Grant eligibility.	
Financial Aid Estimator and Preview Tools	Summer through Fall 2023
Online tools for students and families will provide an early estimate of their Student Aid Index and potential eligibility, as well as visual previews of the new FAFSA form.	
FAFSA Information Updates on StudentAid.gov	Summer 2023 through Winter 2024
Ongoing updates to FAFSA information and help resources will be posted to StudentAid.gov including FAFSA process implementation updates.	
FSA YouTube Channel Updates (https://www.youtube.com/@FederalStudentAid/playlists 🖒	November 2023 - February 2024
FSA will develop videos to engage students and families. Topics will include "Preparing for the FAFSA Form" and "2024-25 FAFSA FAQs".	
2024–25 FAFSA Form Available	By December 31, 2023
FSA Social Media Outreach	Beginning November 2023
Ongoing multi-channel social media campaign to prepare students and families for the 2024-25 FAFSA.	
2024-25 FAFSA Form Processing	January 2024
FSA will begin processing FAFSA forms submitted online and students will begin to receive FAFSA Submission Summaries.	



Resources

- ✓ Home | Federal Student Aid
- ✓ Create Account | Federal Student Aid
- ✓ Resources | Federal Student Aid
- ✓ 10 Common FAFSA Mistakes to Avoid – Federal Student Aid
- ✓ Our Toolkit Helps you Complete the FAFSA | PHEAA





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