

Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

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APPLICATION
FOR ILLINOIS
FINANCIAL AID
Intended for qualifying
undocumented students

The Retention of Illinois Students & Equity (RISE) Act allows eligible undocumented students who are disqualified from federal financial aid to apply for all forms of state financial aid.

2024 - 2025 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid Income

- Based on 2022

- Fall Semester 2024
- Spring Semester 2025

Available December 2023

Apply online at <u>isac.org</u>



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

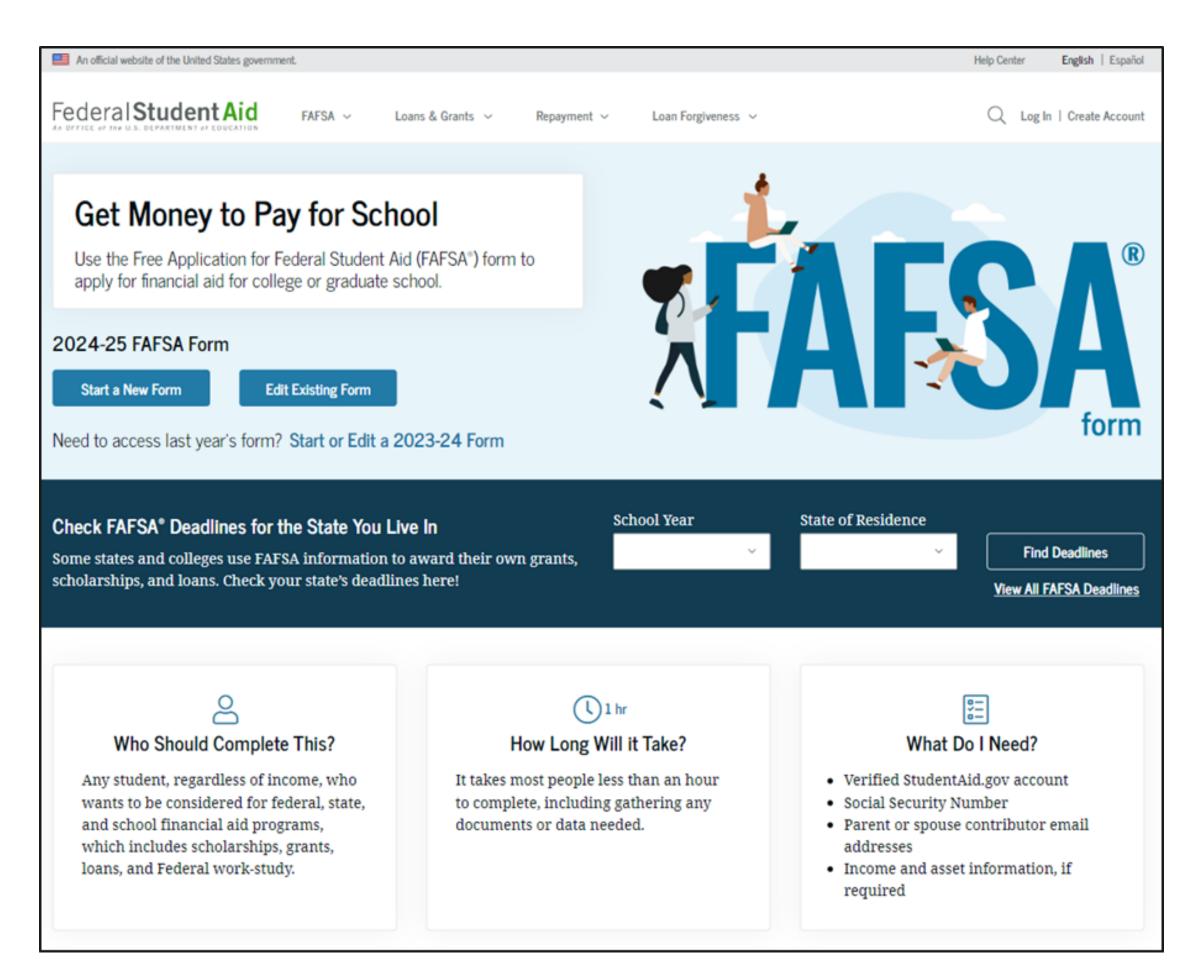
2024 - 2025 FAFSA Application - Based on 2022 Income

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- Spring Semester 2025
- Summer Semester 2025 depends on eligibility

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2024-2025 Better FAFSA Better Future



What has changed....

- The 2024 2025 FAFSA will open sometime in December 2023
- The number of questions have been cut by more than half
- Students can list up to 20 colleges
- The application is role based and each person that needs to complete a section of the FAFSA will be considered a Contributor
 - o All contributors will need a FSA ID.
 - A parent or spouse without a Social Security Number will now be able to get an FSA ID.
- Consent is required for Direct Data Exchange (DDX) between the Department of Education and the IRS
- Parent of Record for divorced/separated parents
- Multiple people in college will no longer be part of the calculation for financial need.
- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be replaced with the Student Aid Index.



New Terms

Contributor: Any individual required to provide consent and approval for federal tax information (FTI) along with their signature on the FAFSA® All Contributors must have a FSA ID - including those who do not have a SSN.

Primary or Custodial Parent : For a dependent student whose parents are divorced or separated, the primary or custodial parent is the parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support and is required to provide their information (and if applicable their spouse's information) on the FAFSA form.

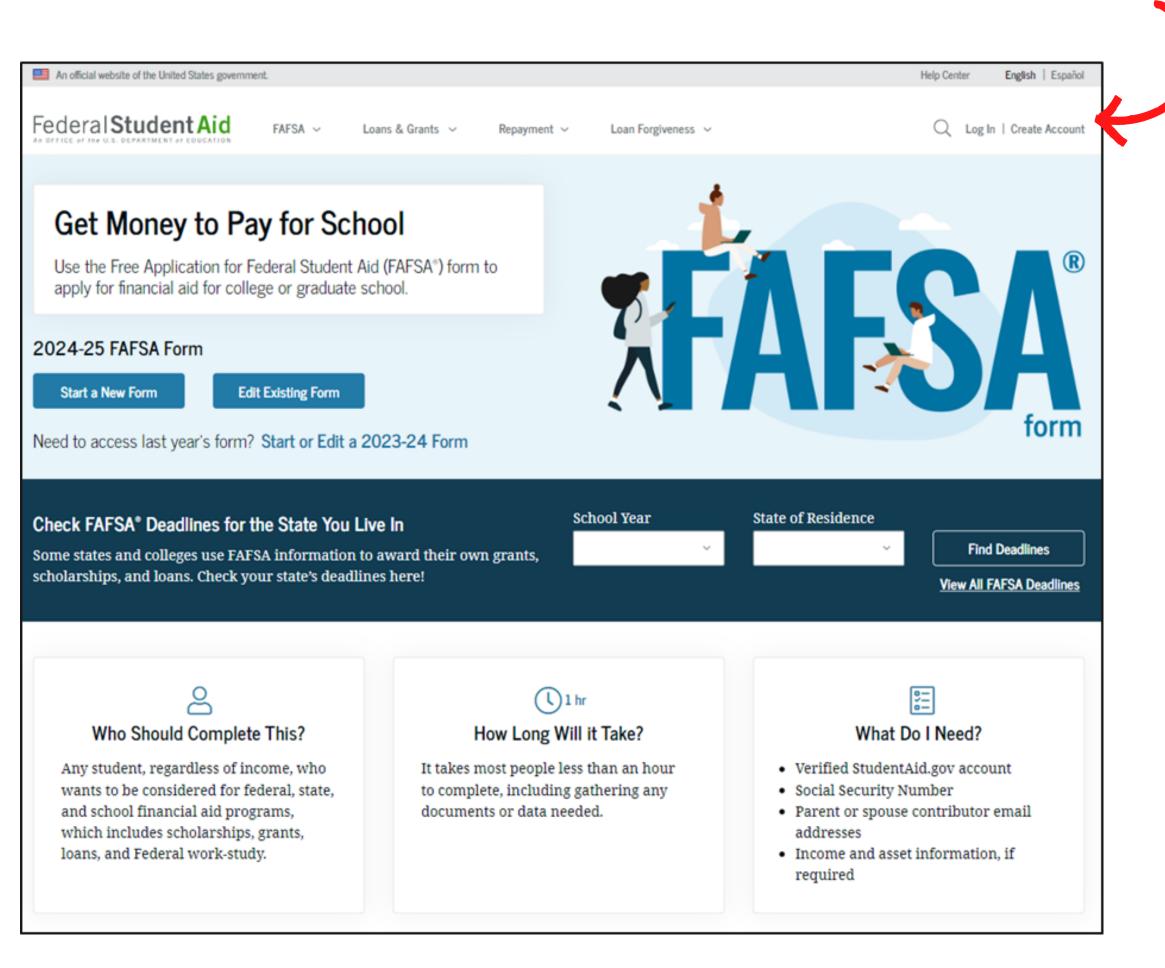
Provisionally Independent Student: if a student indicates they have unusual circumstances or indicates for the first time they are unaccompanied and homeless, or at risk of being homeless (without a designation from a specified entity).

Special Circumstance: Special or extenuating situations (such as the loss of a job) that impact a student's financial condition

Unusual Circumstance: Conditions that justify a financial aid administrator making an adjustment to a student's dependency status, commonly referred to as a dependency override, based on an unusual situation (e.g., human trafficking or parental abandonment).

Student Aid Index (SAI): replaces the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

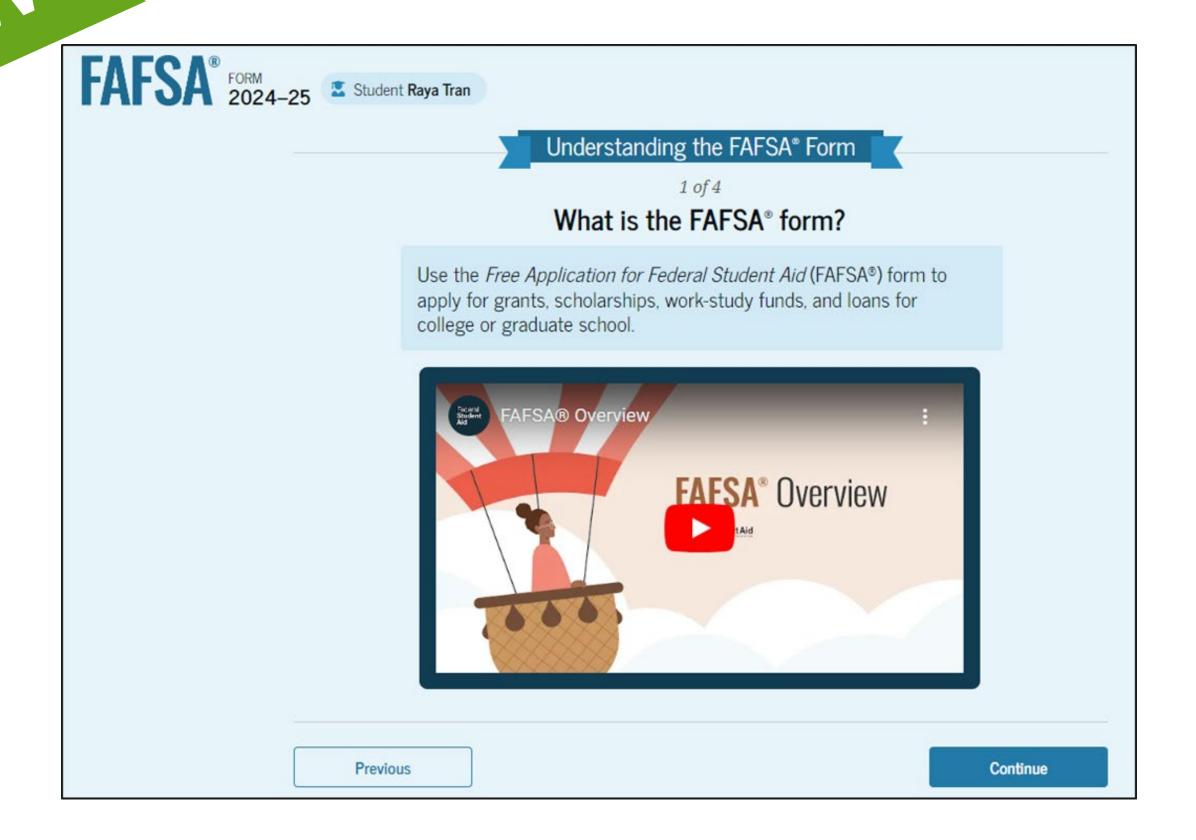
Account Username & Password (FSA ID)



Used for FAFSA completion and access to certain U.S. Department of Education websites

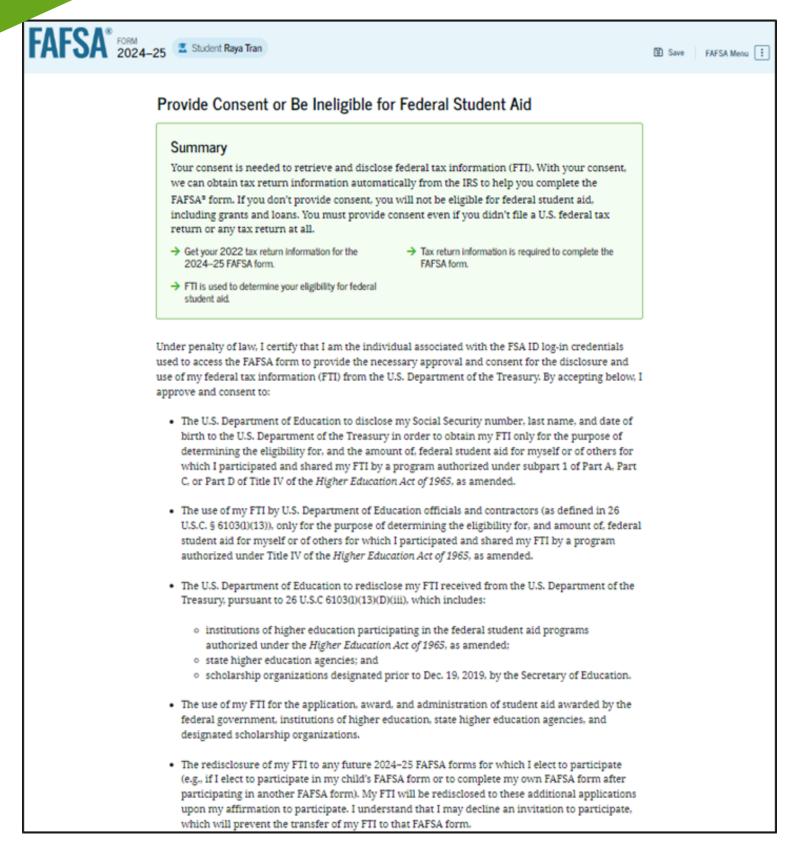
Must be set up prior to beginning the 2024 - 2025 FAFSA

Set up at studentaid .gov > Create Account



- What is the FAFSA Form?
- Who is a Contributor?
- What to Expect?
- What happens after submitting FAFSA

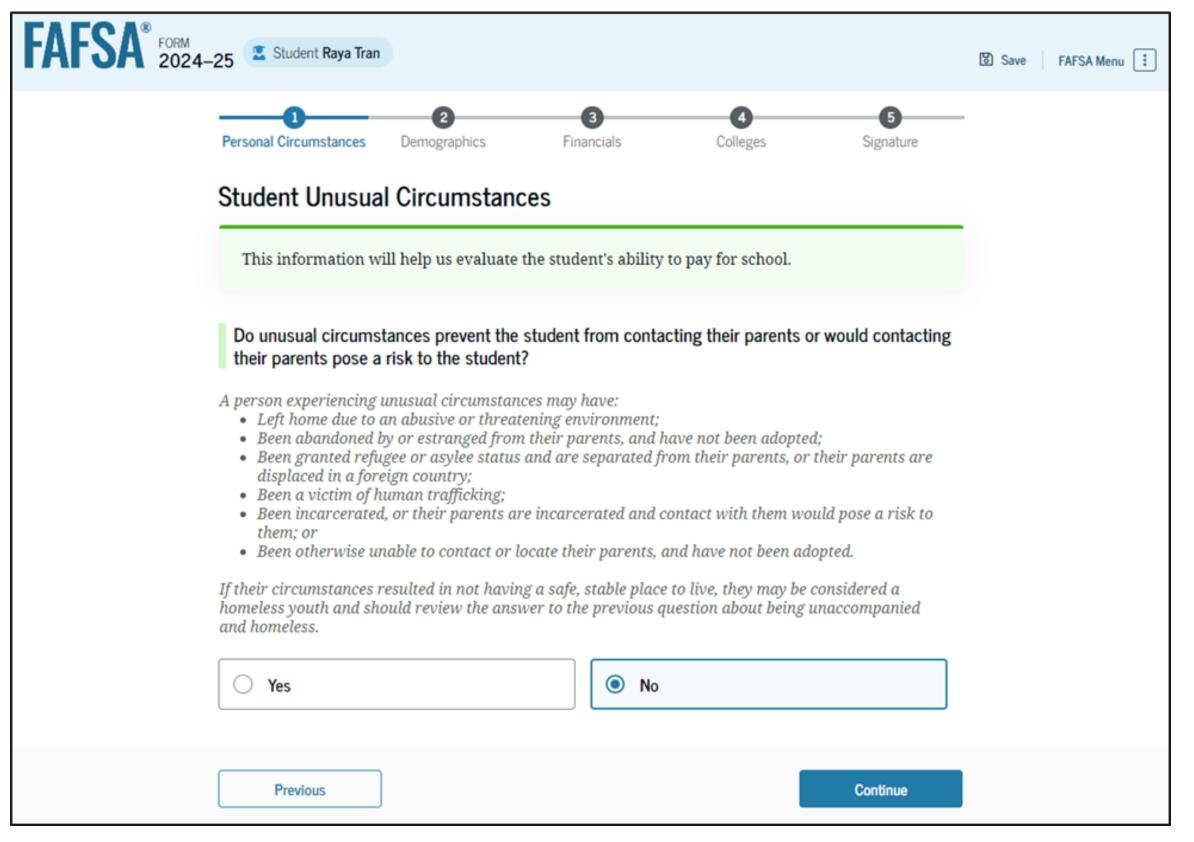
Student Section - Providing Consent - Required



By approving and consenting, I further understand:	
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 If I do not approve and consent to the disclosure of my FTI, the U.S. Department of Edu be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of others w 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 outlined herein, at StudentAid.gov. However, by revoking such approval and consent, in nor other applicants for which I participated and shared my FTI will be eligible for futu student aid and/ or other financial aid program that used FTI to make determinations feligibility of aid awarded by an institution of higher education, state higher education other designated scholarship organization. 	neither I ure federal or
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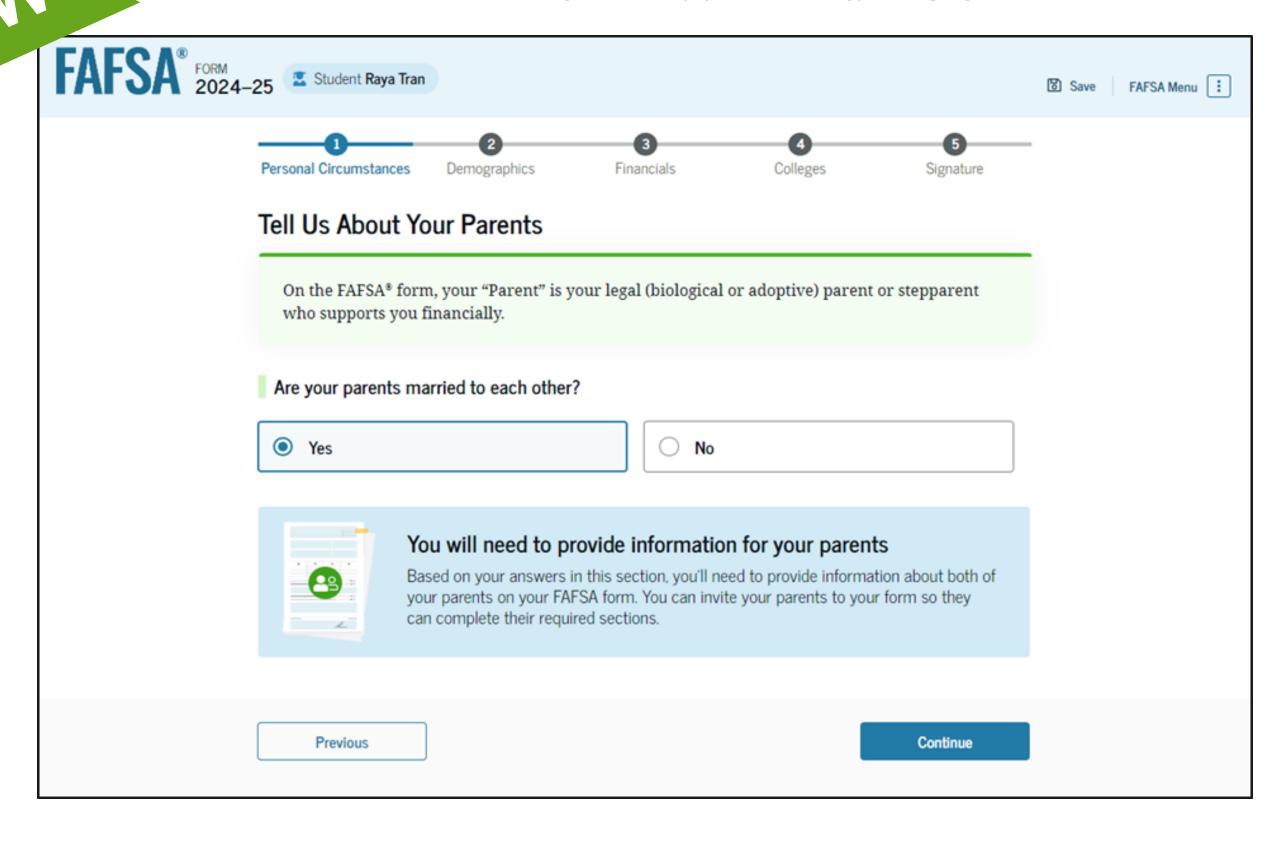
Student - Unusual Circumstances





FAFSA® FORM 2024-	-25 Student Raya Tran	Save FAFSA Menu :
	Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges Signature	
	Student Dependency Status	
	Dependent Student Based on your answers, you're a dependent student, and since we assume parents of dependent students will help pay for your education if they are able, we need information about their finances and backgrounds. This information is used to determine how much financial aid you're eligible to receive.	
	Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only Are the student's parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents' information? Select "Yes" if the student wants a financial aid administrator at their school to determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only. Yes No	
	Previous Continue	

Parent Wizard Tool



Student will be a sked questions to help determine which parent to report on the FAFSA



Tell Us About the Student's Parents On the FAFSA® form, the "parent" is the student's legal (biological or adoptive) parent. Are the parents married to each other? O Yes No Do the parents live together? No O Yes Did one parent provide more financial support than the other parent over the past 12 months? If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support the student financially, select "No," and refer to the parent with the greater income or assets in the next question. Yes O No Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried? Yes O No Provide Information for the Parent and Stepparent Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about the parent and stepparent on the FAFSA® form. You can invite the parent and stepparent to the form so they can complete their required sections.

Parent Marital Status & Income

Parents who live together

Parental income and assets in the case of student whose parents are married and not separated, or who are unmarried but live together, shall include the income and assets of both parents.

Divorced or separated parents

Parental income and assets for a student whose parents are divorced or separated, but not remarried, is determined by including only the income and assets of the <u>parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support during the 12 months immediately prior to filing the FAFSA even if the student does not live with that parent or lives with the other <u>parent</u>.</u>

If neither parent provided support in the 12-month period, the parent of record is the parent who provided the greater portion of support during the most recent year that the student received financial support from a parent.

Remarried parents

If a parent whose income and assets are taken into account or if a parent who is a widow or widower and whose income is taken into account, has remarried, the income of that parent's spouse shall be included if the student's parent and the stepparent are married as of the date of application.

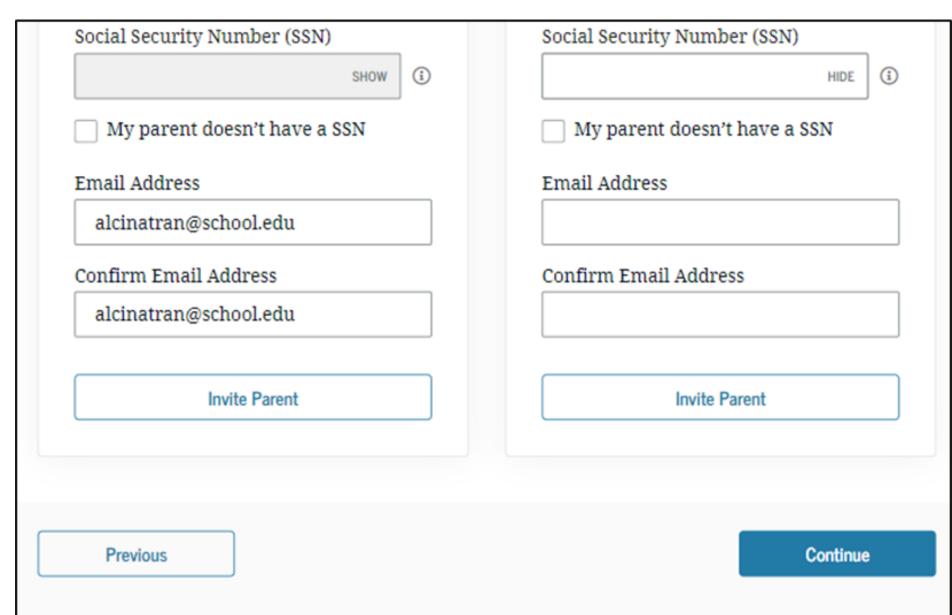
Single parent who is not divorced or separated

Parental income and assets in the case of a student whose parent is a single parent who is not divorced, separated, or remarried, shall include the income and assets of such single parent.

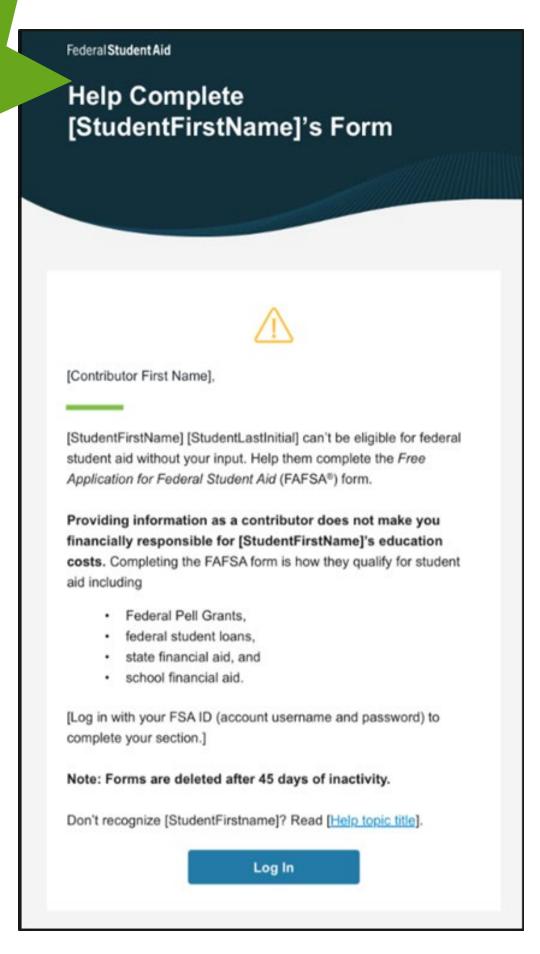


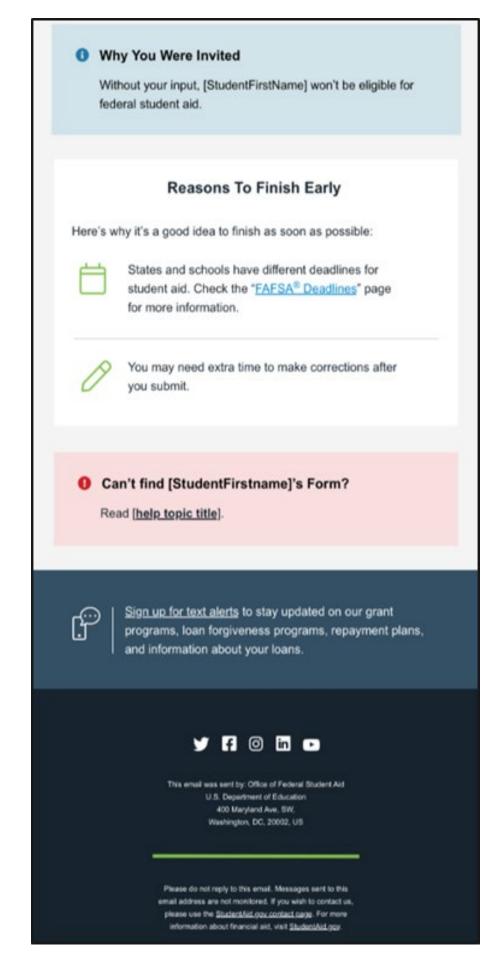
- The student will invite the parent to complete their section of the FAFSA
- The parent can complete their section of the FAFSA <u>at the same time</u> student is completing their section

FAFSA® FORM 2024-	25 Student Raya Tran					Save FAFSA Menu
	Personal Circumstances	Demographics	Financials	Colleges	Signature	
	Invite Parents to	your FAFSA®	Form			
	You will need to provide information for your parents Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your family members to your form to help you complete all required sections.					
	Enter names of parents, identified on the prior page, and we'll send electronic requests on your behalf. Please make sure to provide information that your parents would use to login to StudentAid.gov.					
	Parent			Parent Spouse		
	First Name		First	Name optional		
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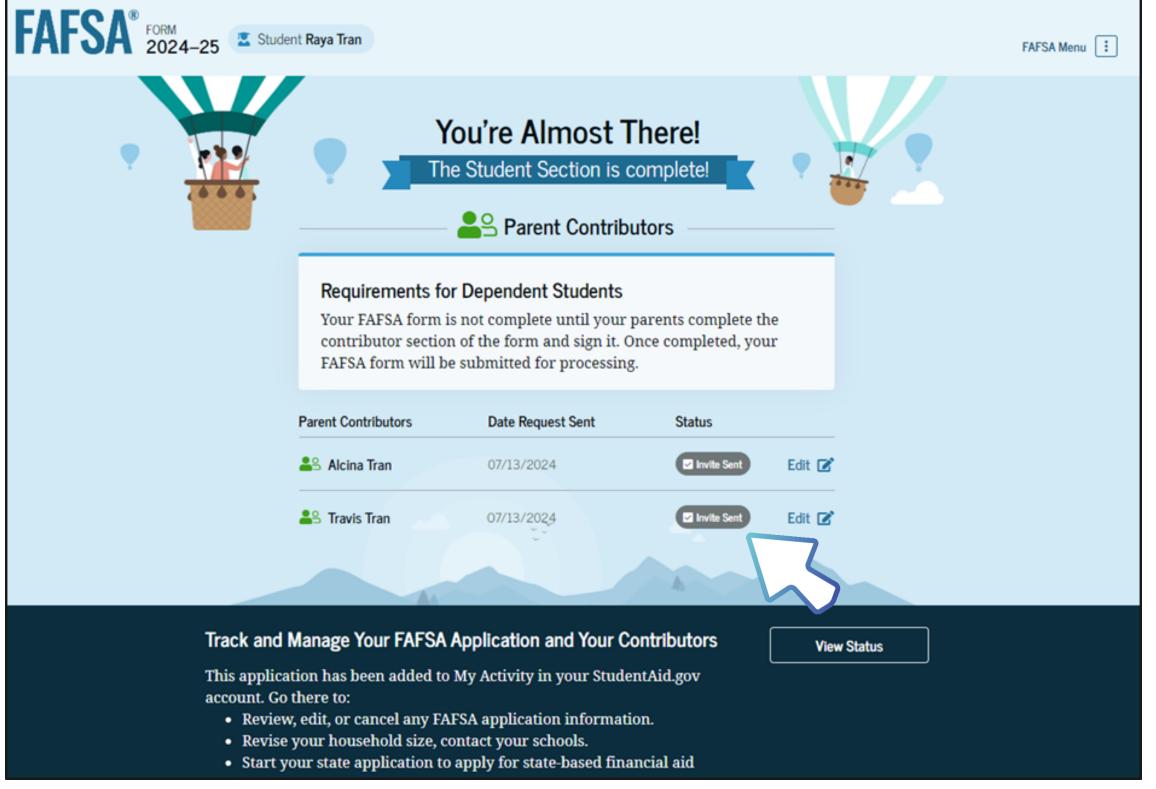


Communication Parent receives AFTERstudent invites the Parent

Provides information as to why Parent is being invited and what the parent needs to do

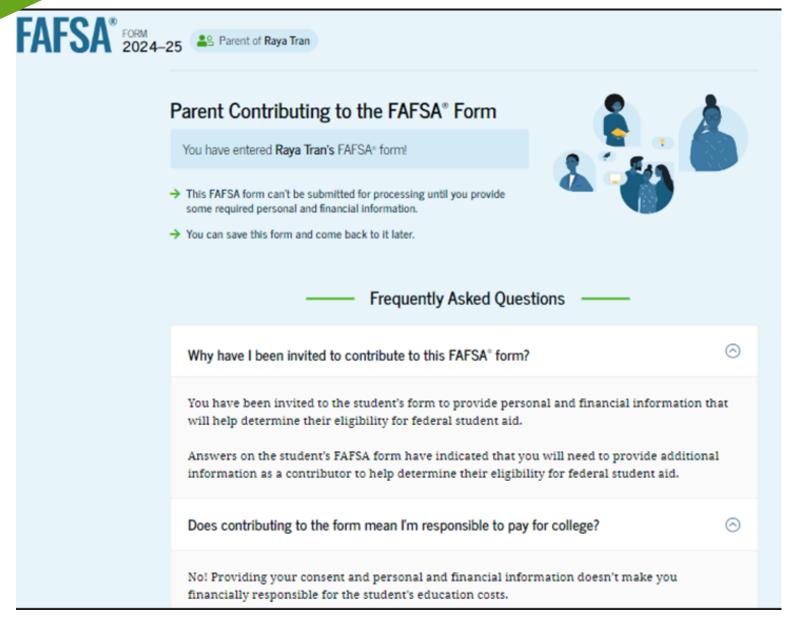


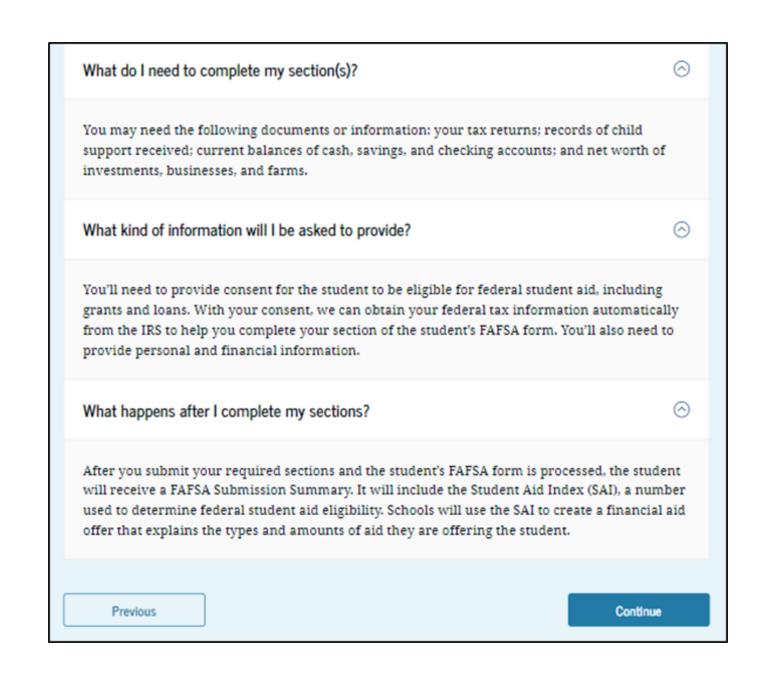
Student Section Completed



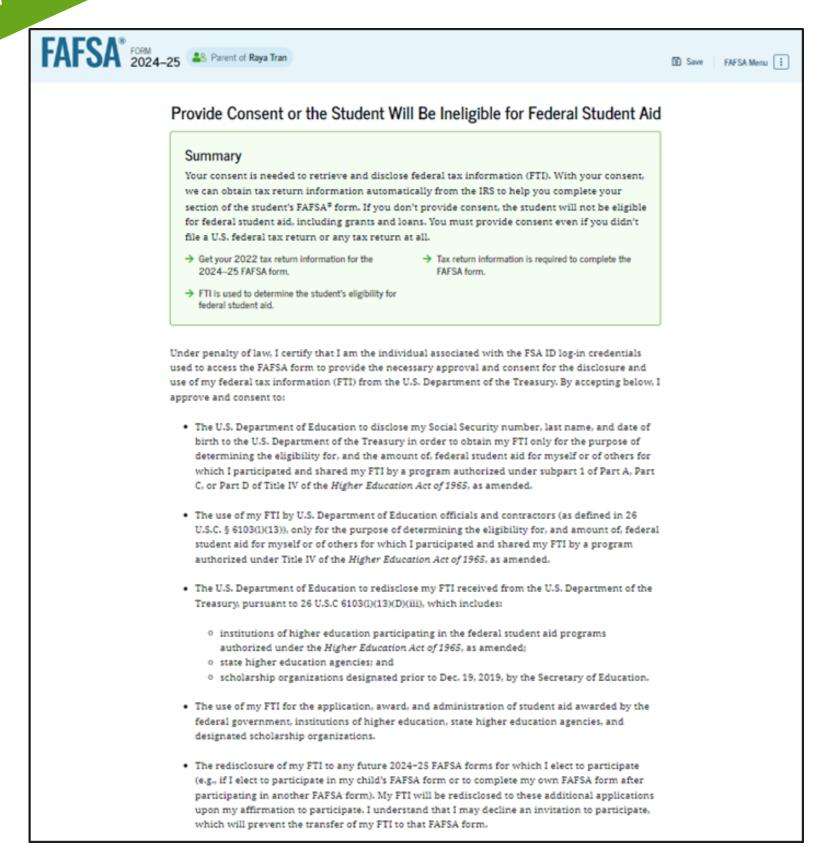


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Parent Section - Marital Status

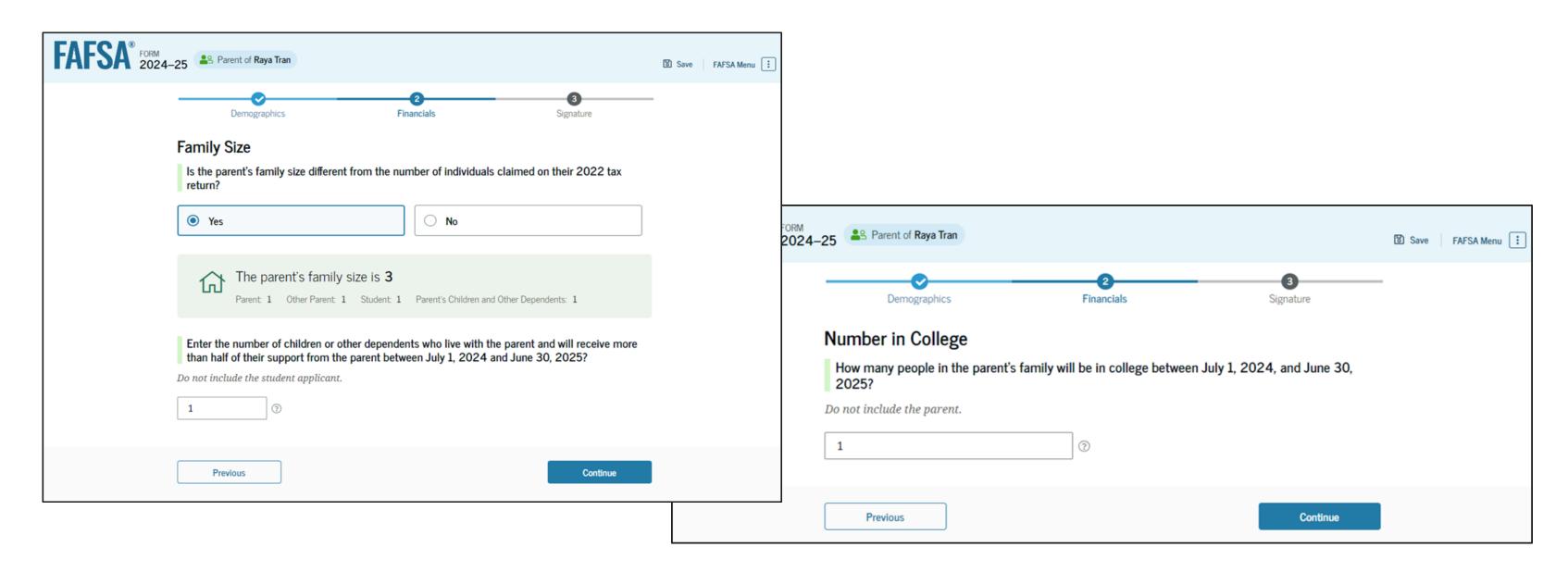
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	Demographics Fi	2 nancials	3 Signature	
	Parent Current Marital Status			
	Single (Never Married)			
	Unmarried and both legal parents living together			
	Married (not Separated)			
	O Remarried			
	○ Separated			
	O Divorced			
	O Widowed			
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Marital Status is at time of application

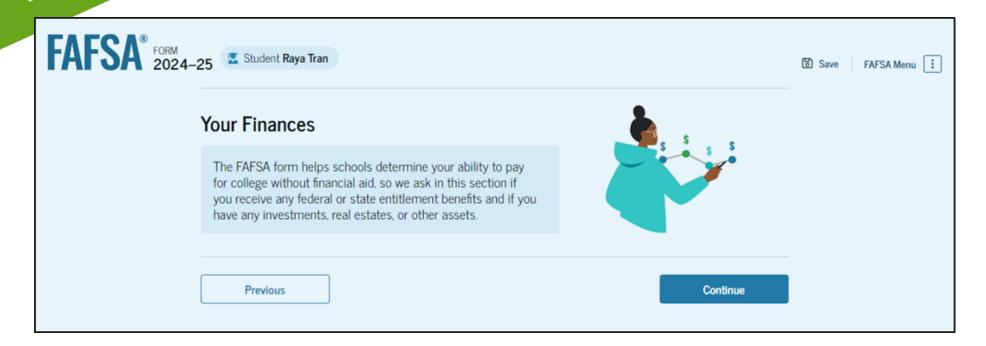


Family Size - Based on number of number of individuals claimed on Federal Tax Return

Number in College - Question asked but will no longer affect eligibility



Direct Data Exchange - IRS



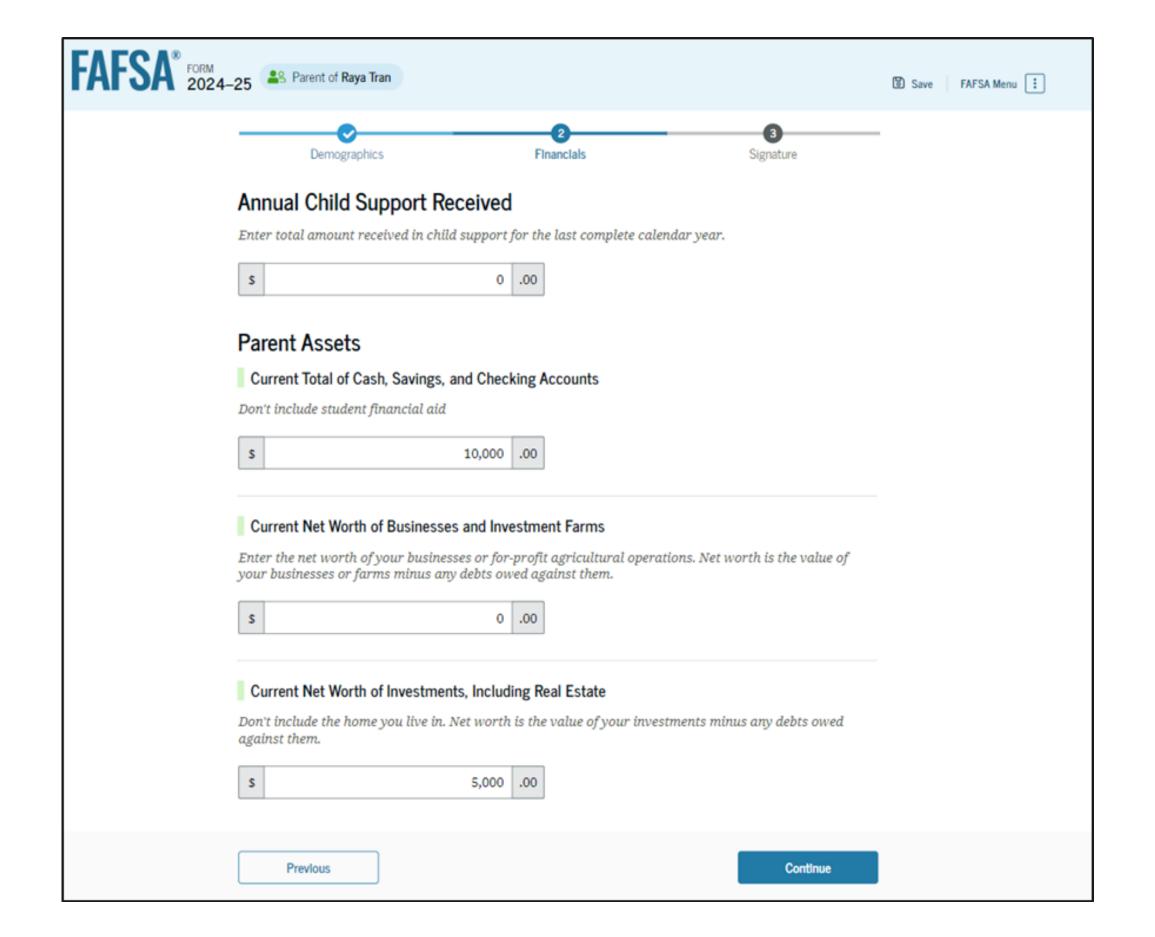


Allows for an individual's federal tax information (FTI) to be directly transferred from the IRS to the FAFSA

Consent is required by all contributors on FAFSA

IRS transfers information to populate FAFSA income questions for most tax filers

Eliminates manual entry of tax and income information

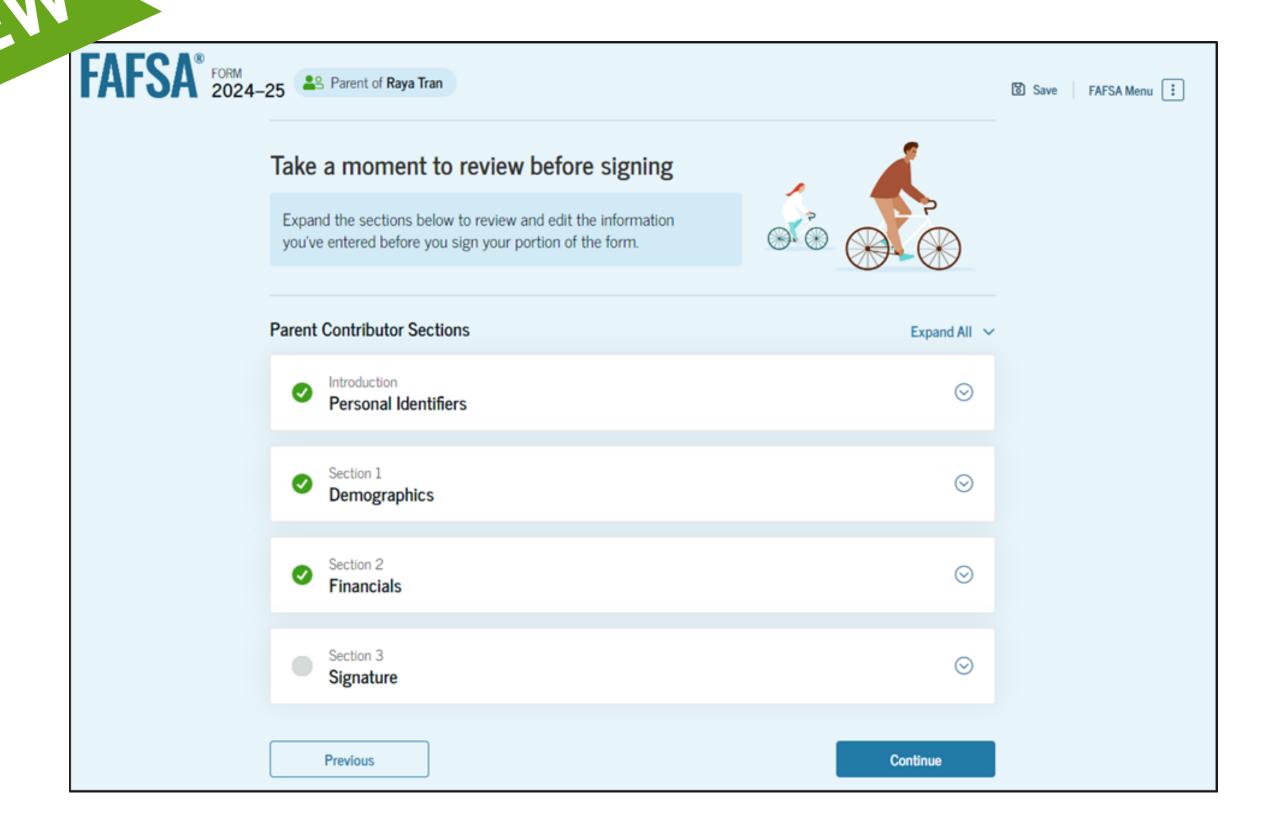


Child Support - Total amount received for the last completed calendar year

Example - if completing FAFSA January 2024, report child support received in 2023

Investments/Assets

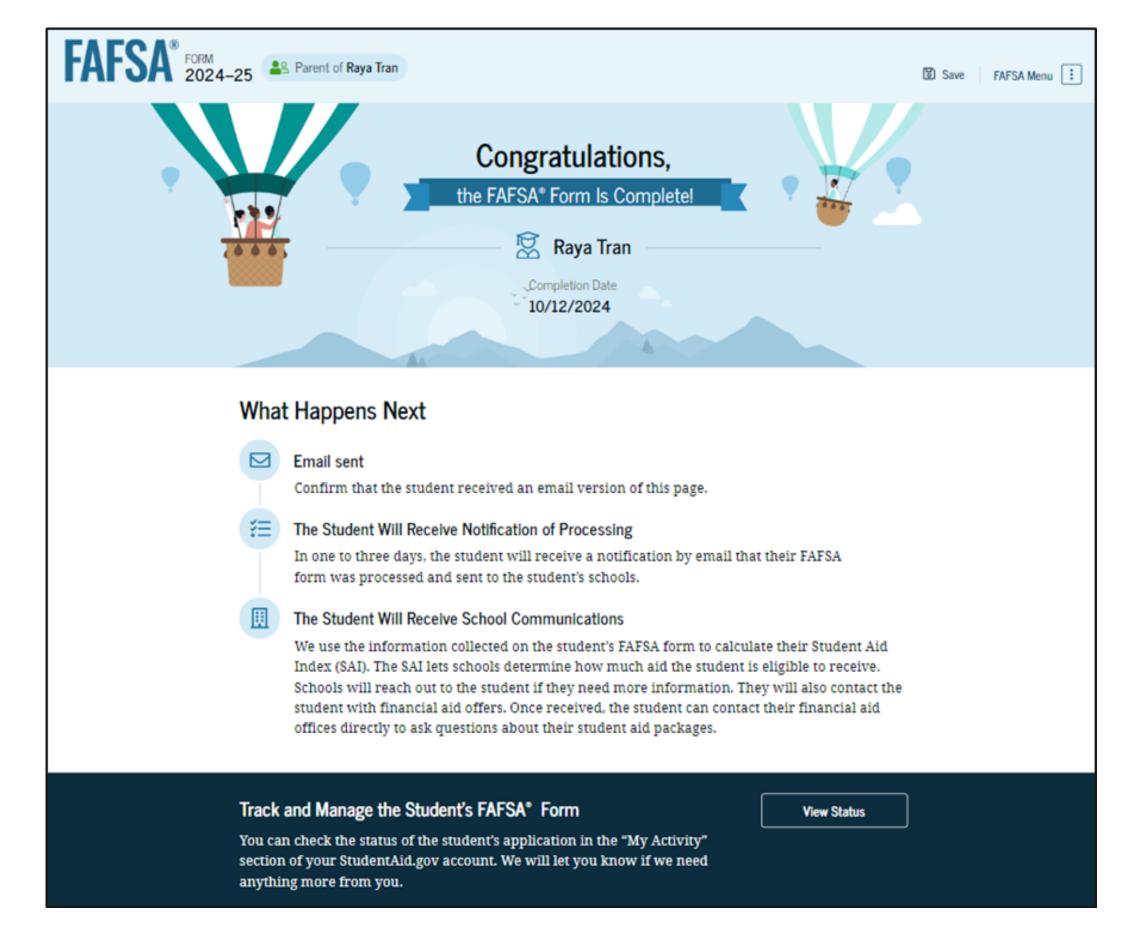
- Cash, saving, checking, time deposits, and money market funds
- New worth of investments, including real estate, rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member),
 - Trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.
 - 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).
 - Report refund value for ALL 529 plans that the parent owns
 - Bitcoin
- Net worth of business and/or farm
 - All businesses no longer minimum 100 employees NEW



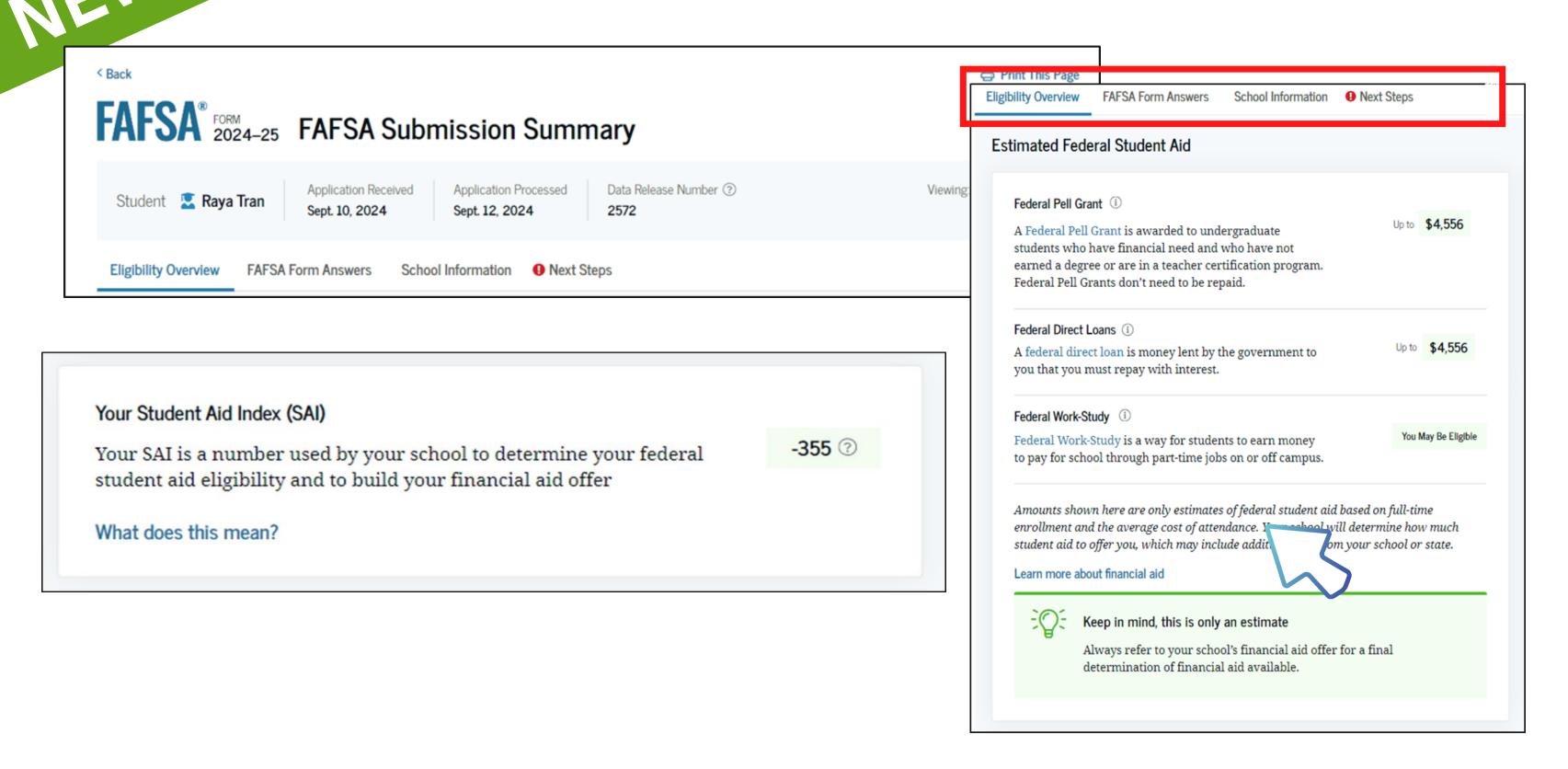
When completed - parents will only see their information.

Parents will not be able to view the student section/answers





FAFSA Submission Summary





Types of Financial Aid

Gift Aid

Federal Grants

- 2023 2024 Federal Pell Grant (\$ 7,395 \$750)
 - Amount based on SAI
- Federal Supplemental Educational Education Opportunity (SEOG) Grant
- TEACH Grant

State Grants

- Monetary Award Program (MAP)
 - Amount based on SAI and Cost of Attendance
- Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program
- Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program

Scholarships

- Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship (ECACE)
- Awarded based on various criteria
- Institutional Scholarships
- Public or Private organizations

Self-Help Aid

Loans

- Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Parent PLUS Loan
- Private Loans

Federal Work Study



Federal Direct Subsidized Loans

- Student is the borrower
- No Cosigner
- No Credit Check
- Interest rate is 5.50% (7/1/23 6/30/24)
- Loan Fee of 1.057%
- Based on financial need
- Government pays interest while student is enrolled in at least
 6 credit hours
- Repayment begins 6 months after student graduates and/or drops below half - time enrollment



Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans

- Student is the borrower
- No Cosigner
- No Credit Check
- Interest rate is 5.50% (7/1/22 -6/30/23)
- Loan Fee of 1.057%
- Not based on financial need
- Student is responsible for all interest
- Repayment begins 6 months after student graduates and/or drops below half - time enrollment

Grade Level	Dependent Student	Independent Student
Freshman	\$5,500 No more than $\$3,500$ is Subsidized	\$9,500 No more than \$3,500 is Subsidized
Sophomore	\$6,500 No more than \$4,500 is Subsidized	\$10,500 No more than \$4,500 is Subsidized
Junior & Senior	\$7,500 No more than \$5,500 is Subsidized	\$12,500 No more than \$5,500 is Subsidized
Total	\$31,000 No more than \$23,000 is Subsidized	\$57,500 No more than \$23,000 is Subsidized



Federal PLUS Loans

- PARENTis the borrower
- Credit Check
- Interest rate is 8.05% (7/1/23 6/30/24)
- Loan Fee of 4.228%
- Not based on financial need
- Borrow up to Cost of Attendance minus financial aid
- Repayment begins once loan is full disbursed OR can request a deferment so payment begins 6 months after student is no longer enrolled in 6 credit hours



Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded based on:

- Financial Need
- Academics
- Ethnicity
- First Generation
- Volunteering

Eligibility requirements will vary from scholarship to scholarship

- Some are renewable if you meet the GPA requirements
- Some may require an additional essay and/or letter of recommendation
- Some may require the FAFSA to be filed

Deadline and Application Process

- Will vary from institution to institution
- Check with your High School for listing of scholarships
- College of DuPage Apply online at cod.academicworks.com

How is your financial aid offer letter determined

Cost of Attendance (COA)

COA is the <u>estimate</u> of what it will cost a student to attend college for an academic year

- Tuition and Fees
- Living Expenses, including food and housing
- Transportation
- Books, course materials, supplies and equipment
- Miscellaneous personal expenses

Student Aid Index (SAI)



Financial Need

*Calculated by the Federal Processor based on information submitted on your FAFSA. Used as an index number to determine your financial need *The difference between the cost of attendance (COA) at a school and your Student Aid Index (SAI), determines how much Gift Aid you may be eligible to receive*

How is your financial aid offer letter determined

Student Aid Index (SAI) Cost of Attendance (COA)



Financial Need

College A = \$16,000

College B = \$30,000

College C = \$87,000

SAI = 2000

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College A = \$14,000Pell Grant = \$5,445

College B = \$28,000Pell Grant = \$5,445

College C = \$85,000Pell Grant = \$5,445

How is your financial aid offer letter determined

Student Aid Index (SAI) ____ Financial Need Cost of Attendance (COA)



College A = \$16,000

College B = \$30,000

College C = \$87,000

SAI = 17,000

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College A = \$0Unsub Loan = \$5,500

College B = \$13,000Sub Loan = \$3,500

College C = \$70,000Sub Loan = \$3,500

What can you do now?

- Determine which parent(s) will be a contributor
- Set up an email account
 - Make sure each student and contributor has their own email account set up. An email address is needed when creating an account at studentaid.gov.
 - It is recommended to use an email account other than a school issued email account
- Create an account (FSA ID) online at studentaid.gov
 - Student and each contributor will need to set up a separate FSA ID
 - This must be set up prior to beginning the 2024 2025 FAFSA
- Financial Aid Estimator Before the 2024 2025 FAFSA becomes available, applicants may use <u>Federal Student Aid's Estimator</u> to get an estimate of their Student Aid Index, SAI

Resources

studentaid.gov

Creating your FSA ID

fafsa.gov

Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA

studentaid.gov/aid - estimator

Federal Student Aid Estimator

studentportal.isac.org/ en/alternativeapp

Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

www.isac.org/ECACEscholarship

Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program

youtube.com/@ FSAOutreach

2024 - 2025 FAFSA Prototype Preview - Dependent

Questions

