

A stylized graphic of a building with a grid of windows, rendered in shades of blue, located on the left side of the slide.

Southwest Wisconsin
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Financial Aid

2026-2027

Welcome!



What is Financial Aid?

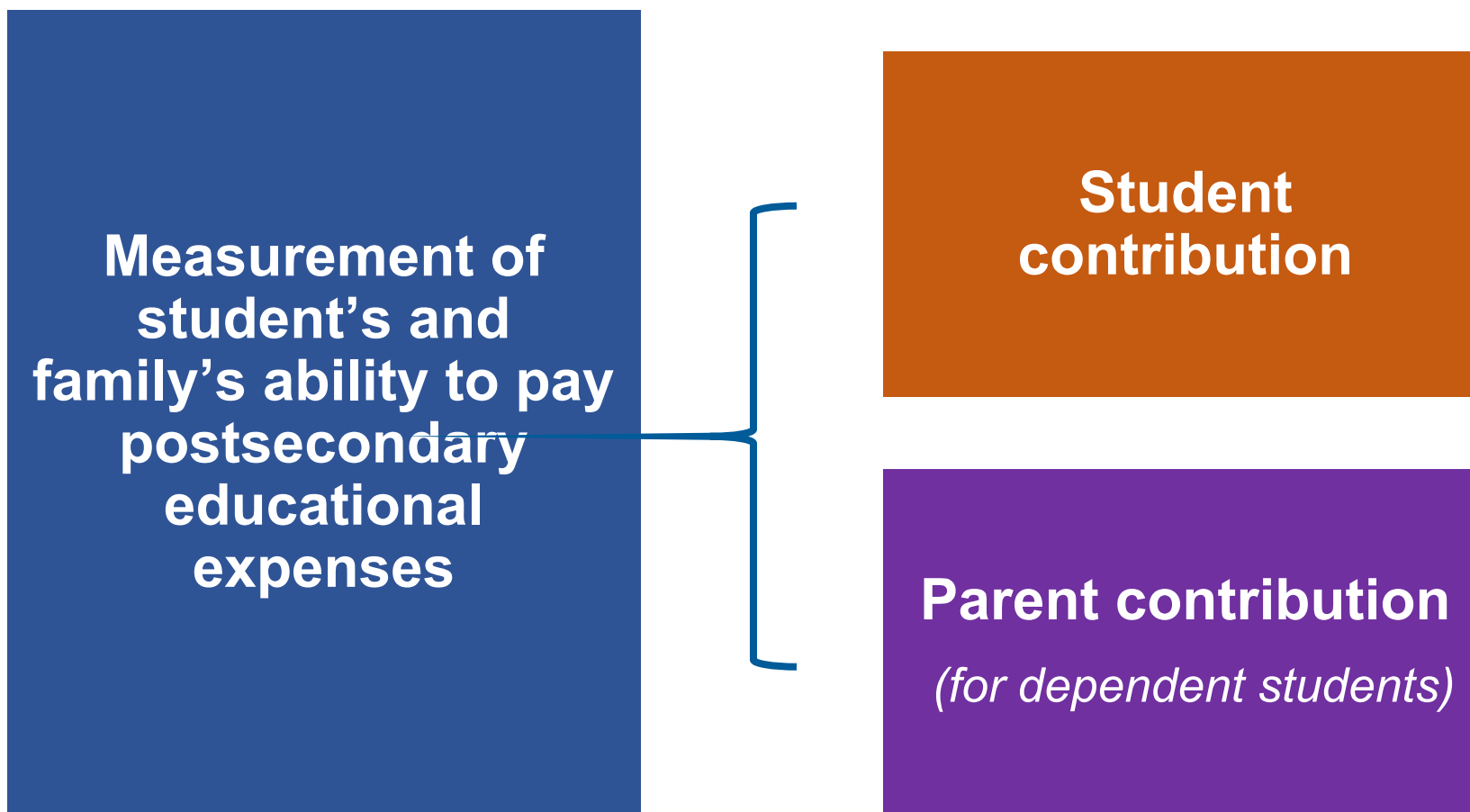
Financial aid consists of funds provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses. Types of financial aid are:

- Grants – money that does not have to be paid back.
- Loans – money that is paid back by the student after graduating or dropping out.
- Scholarships – money that does not have to be paid back.
- Employment – working to earn aid that does not have to be paid back.

Overview of Terms Associated with Financial Aid

- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You must complete the FAFSA to be eligible for federal student aid. This is a standard form that collects demographic and financial information about the student and the student's family.
- **SAI** – Student Aid Index. The SAI is a number that determines each student's eligibility for certain types of federal student aid. This is calculated by the US Department of Education and is based on the information you provide on the FAFSA. Your student's SAI remains the same regardless of the college they choose to attend.
- **Financial Need** – The difference between the cost of attending college and the amount you and your family may be expected to contribute (your SAI).
- **MPN** – Master Promissory Note. A contract you sign when you accept a student loan, agreeing to the terms and conditions and to pay the money back.
- **Contributor** – Individuals, such as a parent or spouse, that may be required to provide information on an applicant's FAFSA depending on the applicant's dependency or marital status. Being a contributor does not imply responsibility for the student's college costs.

What is Student Aid Index



What Goes into Determining the SAI?

- Tax Return Filing
- Number of Parents in the Household
- Adjust Gross Income vs Percentage of Poverty Level
- Assets
 - Effective 2026-2027, family farms and small businesses (with less than 100 employees) are NOT considered assets for FAFSA purposes
- Number in household



What is Cost of Attendance (COA)?



Tuition and fees



Housing and food



Books and supplies



Transportation



Miscellaneous personal expenses



What is Financial Need?

Cost of Attendance (COA)

– Student Aid Index (SAI)

= Financial need

Special Conditions

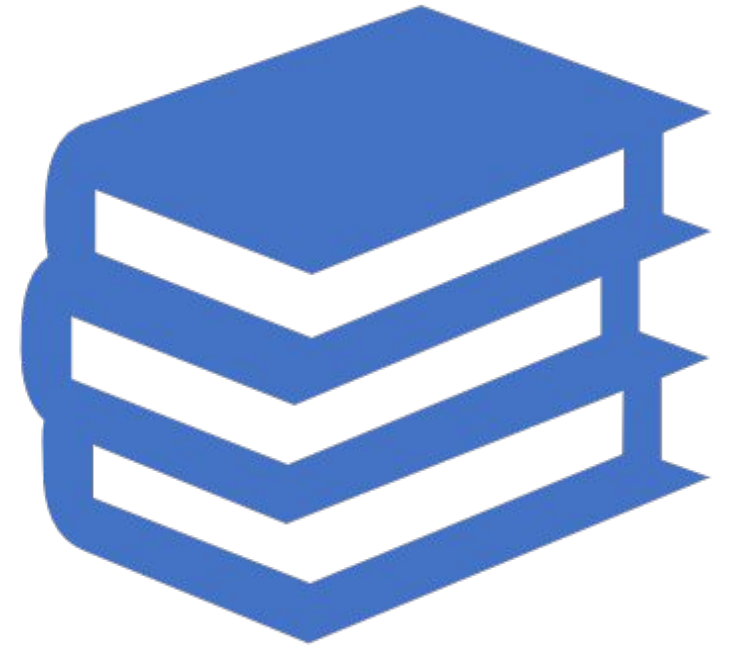
Examples of reasons to request a special condition on your FAFSA:

- Retirement of dependent student's parent
- Death of dependent student's parent
- Parent's loss of employment or reduction in income
- Reduction of untaxed income (child support or Social Security income)
- One-time source of income on current tax return



Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- May be filed at any time during an academic year, but no earlier than October 1st prior to the academic year for which the student requests aid
- For the 2026-27 academic year, the FAFSA opened on September 24, 2025

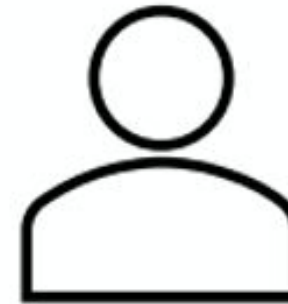




Student



**Parent and
Parent Spouse**



**Student
Spouse**

**Contributors &
Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID)**

FSA ID



The FSA ID is the username and password you use when you visit certain US Department of Education websites.



When you type in your FSA ID at these web sites, you are saying “Yes, it’s really me” or “Please accept my FSA ID as my signature on this online form.”



Go to <https://studentaid.gov> to apply for your FSA ID first! Student needs one, and the parent signing the FAFSA needs one.



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Considering School

I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.

In School

I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.

Parent

I want to help my child pay for college.

In Repayment

I have loans I need to repay.



2026–27 FAFSA® Preview Presentation

August 2025

Dependent Student: FAFSA® Landing Page

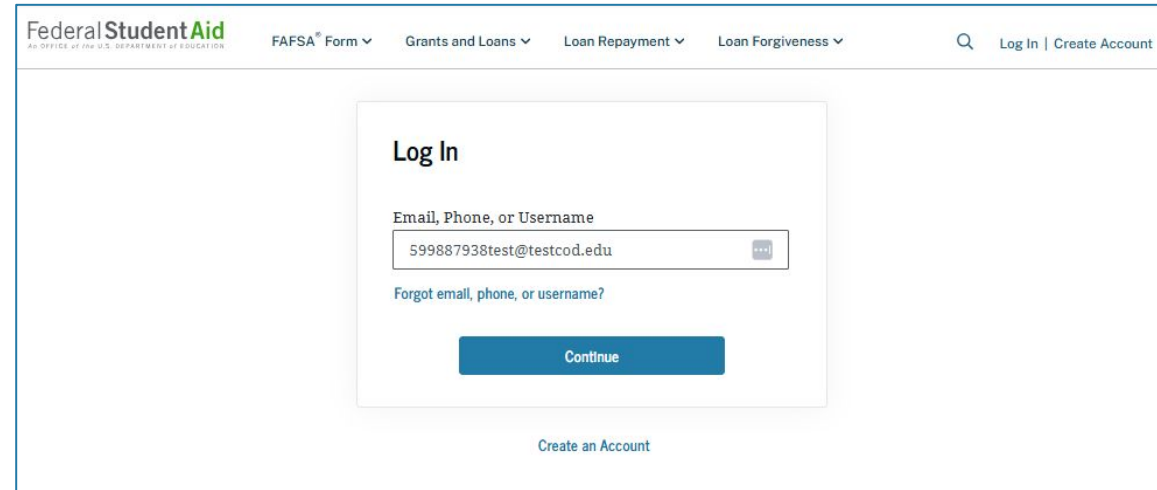
This is the main FAFSA® landing page. On this page, students are directed to "Start New Form," "Edit Existing Forms," or "Accept an Invitation." For this section of the presentation, the student is beginning a new application.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA landing page with the following elements:

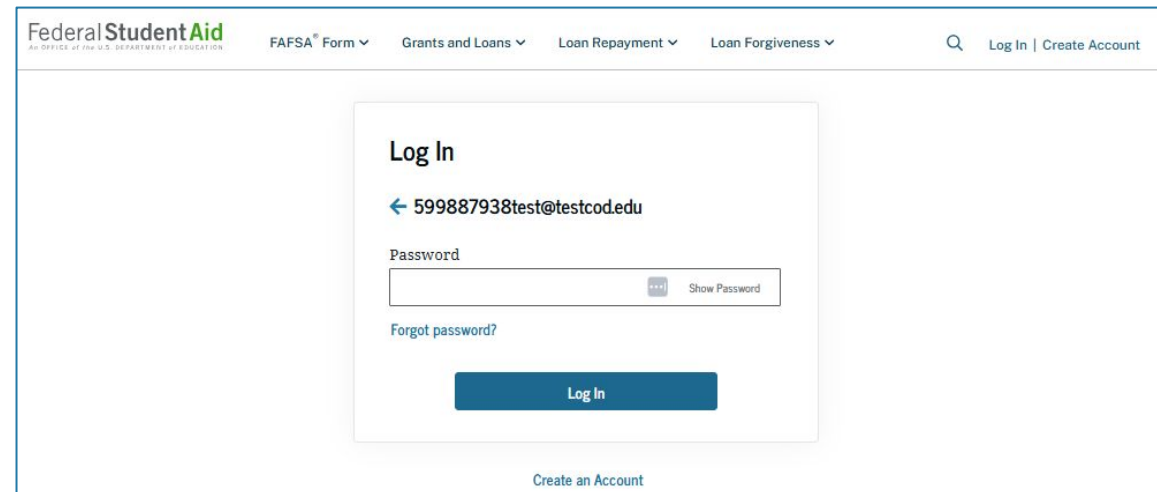
- Header:** FederalStudentAid logo and navigation links for FAFSA® Form, Grants and Loans, Loan Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. There are also icons for a bell, user profile, and a dropdown menu labeled "BILL".
- Main Section:**
 - Get Money To Help Pay for School:** A section explaining that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form is used to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.
 - Action Buttons:** Three buttons are provided: "Start New Form" (for starting a 2026-27 FAFSA® Form), "Edit Existing Forms" (for editing a 2026-27 FAFSA® Form), and "Accept an Invitation" (for accepting an invitation for a 2026-27 FAFSA® Form).
 - Illustration:** A large graphic of the FAFSA® logo with the word "form" underneath, featuring stylized figures of students.
- Need the 2025-26 FAFSA Form?** A section with links for "Start New Form" and "Edit Existing Forms or Accept an Invitation".
- Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in:**
 - Text: "Some states and schools use information from the FAFSA® form to determine your eligibility for their grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!"
 - Form: Two dropdown menus for "School Year" and "State of Residence", followed by a "Find Deadlines" button.
 - Text: "Missing a state deadline doesn't impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed."
 - Link: "View All FAFSA Deadlines"
- FAQ Section:** Three cards at the bottom provide quick answers:
 - Who should complete the FAFSA® form?** Answer: Any student, regardless of income, who...
 - How long will it take?** Answer: It takes most people 30 minutes to fill out the FAFSA form, including...
 - What do I need?** Answer: Verified account username and password (FSA ID).

Dependent Student: Log-in

If the student selects "Start New Form" from the FAFSA® landing page and they are not logged in to StudentAid.gov, the student is taken to the "Log In" page to enter their credentials. To access the FAFSA form, all students are required to have a StudentAid.gov account username and password. If the student doesn't have a username and password, they can select "Create an Account."



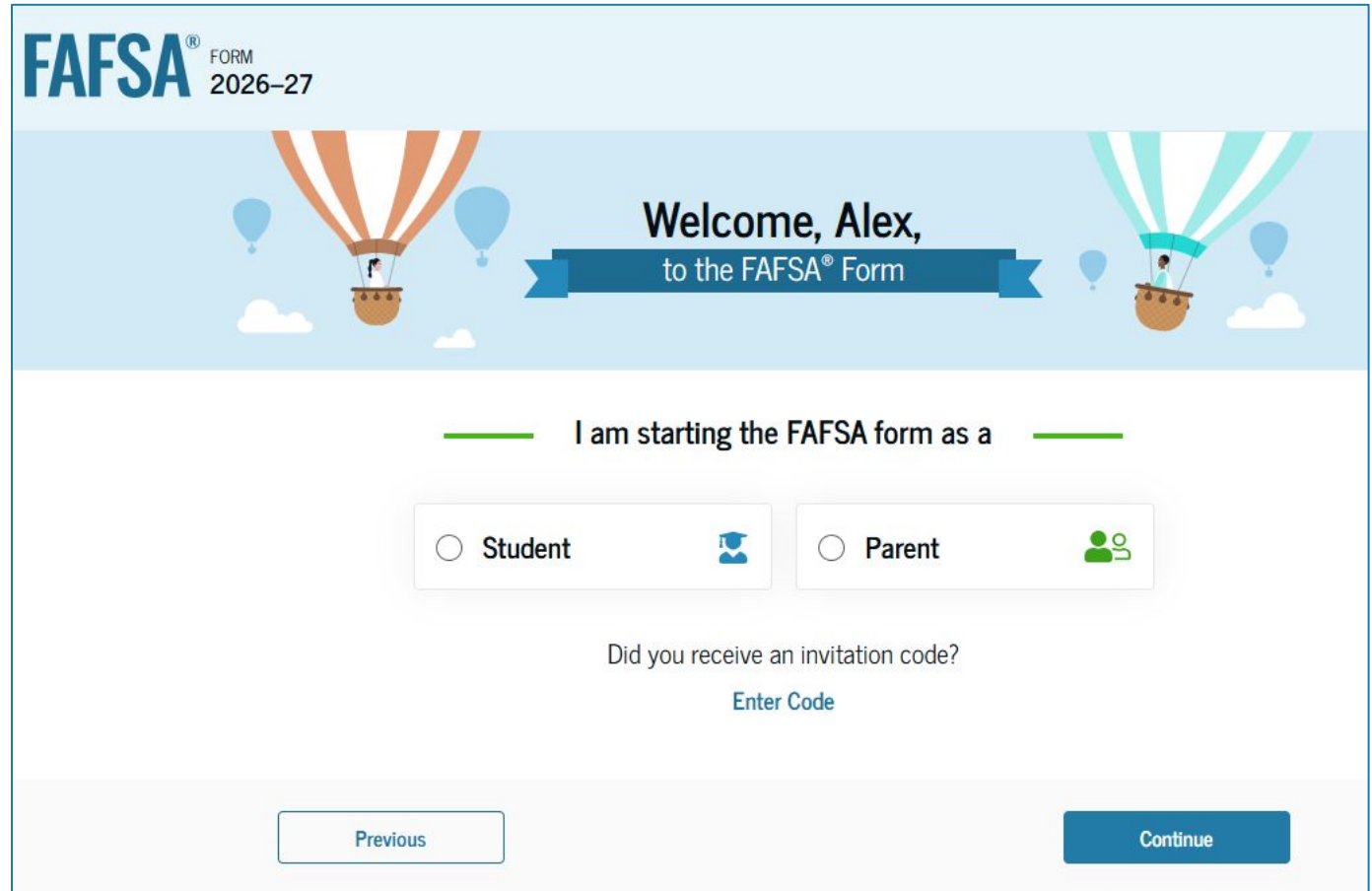
The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's "Log In" page. The header includes the Federal Student Aid logo, navigation links for FAFSA Form, Grants and Loans, Loan Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness, and a search icon. The main content area features a "Log In" heading, a text input field for "Email, Phone, or Username" containing the test email "599887938test@testcod.edu", a "Forgot email, phone, or username?" link, a blue "Continue" button, and a "Create an Account" link at the bottom.



The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's "Log In" page. The header is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area features a "Log In" heading, a blue back arrow followed by the email "599887938test@testcod.edu", a "Password" text input field with a "Show Password" toggle, a "Forgot password?" link, a blue "Log In" button, and a "Create an Account" link at the bottom.

Dependent Student: Roles

After logging in, the student can select the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA® form: "Student" or "Parent." The student also has the option to "Enter Code" if they received an invitation code. The student selects "Student."



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 login interface. At the top left is the FAFSA logo with "FORM 2026-27". A banner in the center says "Welcome, Alex, to the FAFSA® Form". Below the banner, there is a section titled "I am starting the FAFSA form as a" with two options: "Student" (with a graduation cap icon) and "Parent" (with a family icon). Below these options, it asks "Did you receive an invitation code?" with a link to "Enter Code". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

FAFSA® FORM 2026-27

Welcome, Alex,
to the FAFSA® Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

☐ Student 

☐ Parent 

Did you receive an invitation code?
[Enter Code](#)

[Previous](#) [Continue](#)

Dependent Student: Onboarding

When the student starts the 2026–27 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. There are a total of four onboarding pages.

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Understanding the FAFSA® Form

1 of 4

What is the FAFSA® form?

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college, career school, or graduate school.

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

What Is FAFSA®?

What is FAFSA® and why is it important?

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Dependent Student: Student Identity Information

This is the first page within the student section. The student can verify that the personal information is correct. To update any of the personal information, the student must access their account settings on StudentAid.gov.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Student Identity Information page. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2026-27), the student's name (Alex Tran), and links for Save and FAFSA Menu. The main section is titled "Student Identity Information" and includes a review instruction: "Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward." The form fields are as follows:

- Name: Alex Tran
- Date of Birth: 02/15/2006
- Social Security Number: ****-9036
- Email Address: 599889036test@testcoo.edu
- Mobile Phone Number (SSS): 557-6997
- Permanent Mailing Address: 324 dsfsd
- City: dsfds
- State: IA
- Zip Code: 34343
- Country: United States (US)

A "Continue" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Dependent Student: State of Residence

The student is asked about their state of residence. The student selects the state from a drop-down box and provides the month and year when they became a resident.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The section is titled 'Student State of Residence'. Under the 'State' heading, there is a text box containing 'Iowa (IA)' and an information icon. Below this, the heading 'Date the Student Became a Resident of Iowa (IA)' is followed by instructions: 'If the student was born in Iowa (IA) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the student moved to Iowa (IA)'. There are two input boxes for the date: 'Month' with '01' and 'Year' with '2006', each with an information icon. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Student State of Residence

State
Usually, this is the state where the student lives while not attending school.

Iowa (IA) ⓘ

Date the Student Became a Resident of Iowa (IA)
If the student was born in Iowa (IA) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the student moved to Iowa (IA).

Month Year ⓘ

01 2006

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Dependent Student: Provide Consent and Approval

This page informs the student about consent, approval, and the use of federal tax information. Once the student provides consent and approval, their federal tax information is transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA® form to help complete the "Your Finances" section.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The page title is "Provide Consent and Approval or You Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid". A green box contains a "Summary" section explaining that consent and approval are needed to retrieve federal tax information from the IRS. It lists three key points: getting 2024 tax return information for the 2026-27 FAFSA form, that tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form, and that federal tax information is used to determine eligibility for federal student aid. Below the summary, there is a consent statement: "By accepting below, I consent to the disclosure of information about me, and affirmatively approve of" followed by a bulleted list: "the receipt and use of my federal tax information, and" and "the redisclosure of my federal tax information by the U.S. Department of Education (ED), as described herein." This is followed by another consent statement: "By accepting below, I consent to and affirmatively approve of, as applicable, the following:" and a numbered list item 1: "ED may disclose my Social Security number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, last name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which federal tax information is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my federal tax information in determining eligibility by ED for which approval is provided to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). I understand that in response to such a request from ED, the IRS shall then disclose my federal tax information to 'authorized persons' (i.e., specifically designated officers and employees of ED and its contractors [as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(E)]) for the purpose of determining eligibility for and the amount of federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, for myself or an applicant for federal student aid who has requested that I share my federal tax information on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form."

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

Summary

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

- Get your 2024 tax return information for the 2026-27 FAFSA form.
- Federal tax information is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

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

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

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

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

Dependent Student: Provide Consent and Approval (Continued)

This is a continuation of the consent and approval page.

The student can expand and collapse FAQs about consent and approval. The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and approval and is taken to the next page.

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

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent and approval?



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



What happens after I provide consent and approval?



What happens if I decline consent and approval?



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

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Decline

Approve

Dependent Student: Imports IRS Information

This page imports the student's federal tax information by directly transferring it from the IRS into the FAFSA® form to help complete the "Your Finances" section.

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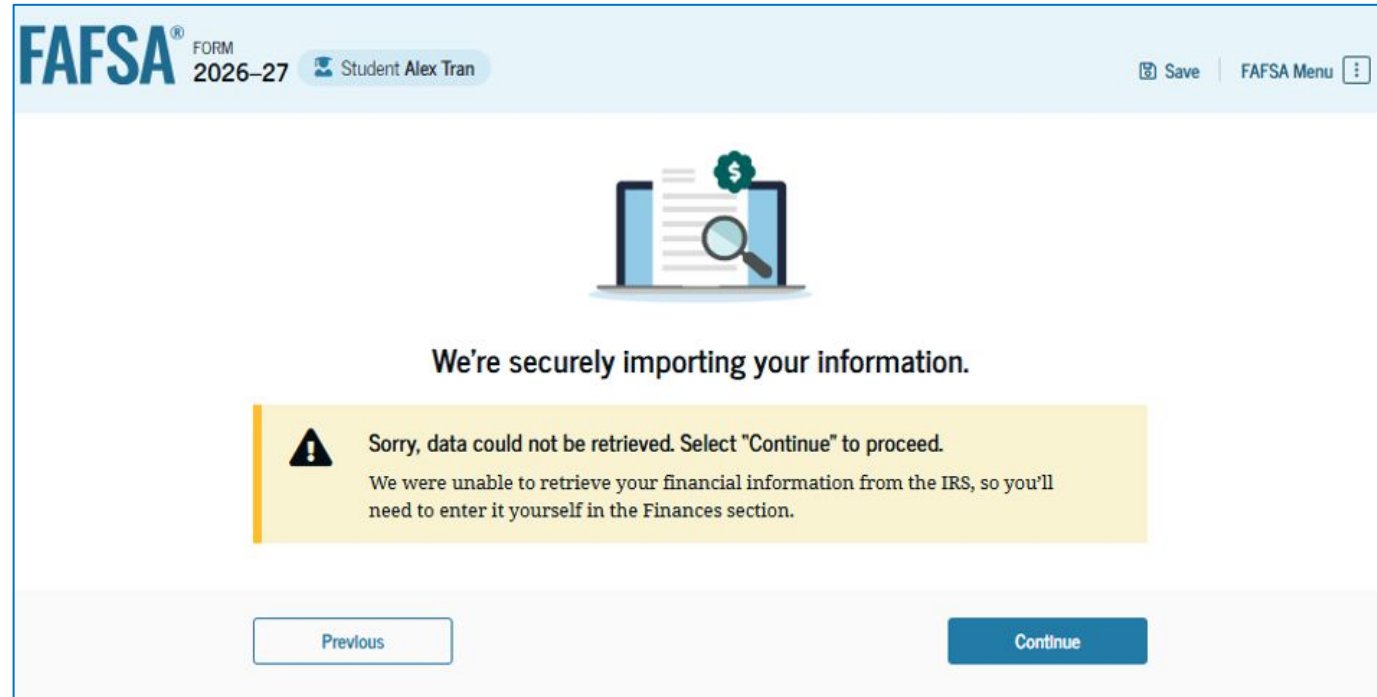
We're securely importing your information.

Do not leave this page while your information is being imported into your application.

Loading...

Dependent Student: Imports IRS Information (Continued)

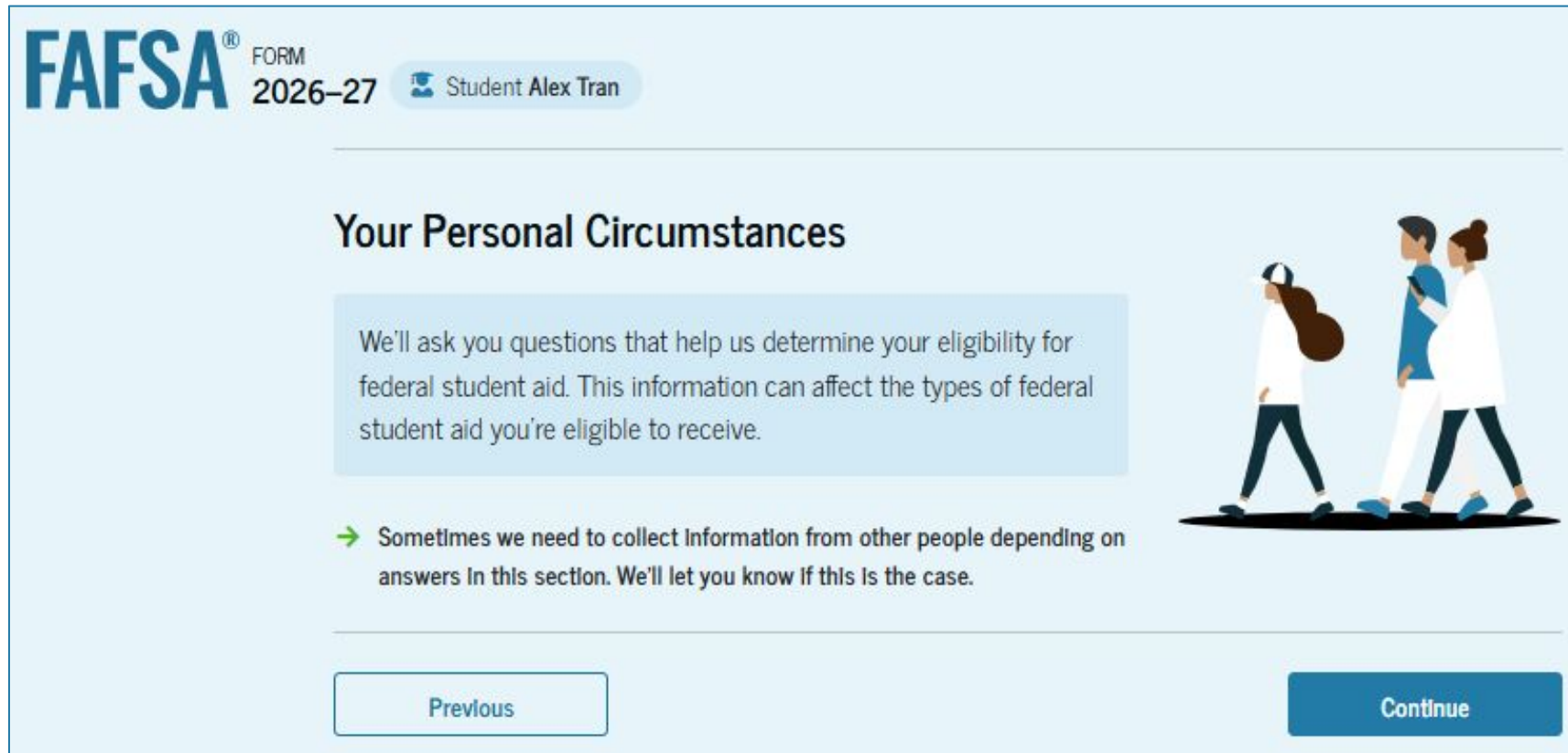
This page displays the results from the IRS import for the student. For this scenario, the student is starting a new FAFSA® form and there is no federal tax information available from the IRS.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2026-27), the student's name, and a 'Save' button. The main content area features an illustration of a laptop with a magnifying glass and a dollar sign icon. Below this, a message states: 'We're securely importing your information.' A yellow warning box contains the following text: 'Sorry, data could not be retrieved. Select "Continue" to proceed. We were unable to retrieve your financial information from the IRS, so you'll need to enter it yourself in the Finances section.' At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Continue'.

Introduction: Dependent Student Personal Circumstances

This is the first page within the "Your Personal Circumstances" section. It provides an overview of the section.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left is the FAFSA logo with 'FORM 2026-27' and a student profile for 'Student Alex Tran'. The main heading is 'Your Personal Circumstances'. Below it, a text box explains that questions will determine eligibility for federal student aid. To the right is an illustration of three students walking. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons. A green arrow points to a note about collecting information from other people.

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Your Personal Circumstances

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

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

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Dependent Student: Marital Status

The student is asked about their marital status. The student selects the "Single (never married)" option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The form is titled "FAFSA FORM 2026-27" and includes a "Save" button and a "FAFSA Menu" icon. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (selected), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The main section is titled "Student Current Marital Status" with an information icon. It contains six radio button options: "Single (never married)" (selected), "Married (not separated)", "Remarried", "Separated", "Divorced", and "Widowed". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Student Current Marital Status ⓘ

☒ Single (never married)

☐ Married (not separated)

☐ Remarried

☐ Separated

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

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Dependent Student: College or Career School Plans

The student is asked about their college grade level for the 2026–27 school year and if the student will have their first bachelor's degree. The student selects "First year (freshman)" and "No" to the question about the student's first bachelor's degree.

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Circumstances

Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2026–27 school year, what will their college grade level be? ⓘ

☒ First year (freshman)

☐ Second year (sophomore)

☐ Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)

☐ Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

When the student begins the 2026–27 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree? ⓘ

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Dependent Student: Personal Circumstances

The student is asked if any of the listed personal circumstances apply. The student selects "None of these apply."

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the current step is 1, Personal Circumstances, with other steps being Demographics, Financials, Colleges, Contributor Invite, and Signature. The section title is "Student Personal Circumstances" with the instruction "Select all that apply or 'None of these apply.'". There are eight checkboxes, each with an information icon to its right. The first seven checkboxes are unchecked, and the eighth, "None of these apply.", is checked. The "Continue" button is visible at the bottom right.

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Student Personal Circumstances
Select all that apply or "None of these apply."

- ☐ The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training. ⓘ
- ☐ The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces. ⓘ
- ☐ The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027. ⓘ
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent). ⓘ
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court. ⓘ
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care. ⓘ
- ☐ The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence. ⓘ
- ☐ 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. ⓘ
- ☒ None of these apply.

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Dependent Student: Homelessness Status

The student is asked if they were homeless or at risk of being homeless. The student selects "No."

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year, the student's name, a 'Save' button, and a 'FAFSA Menu' button. Below this is a progress bar with six steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (active), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The main section is titled 'Student Homelessness' and contains the question: 'At any time on or after July 1, 2025, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?'. There are two radio button options: 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'No' option is selected. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Student Homelessness

At any time on or after July 1, 2025, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ⓘ

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Dependent Student: Unusual Circumstances

The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting the student's parent(s).
The student selects "No."

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Student Unusual Circumstances

This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.

Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student? ⓘ

A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they

- left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- are abandoned by or estranged from their parents;
- have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- are a victim of human trafficking;
- are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated, and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or
- are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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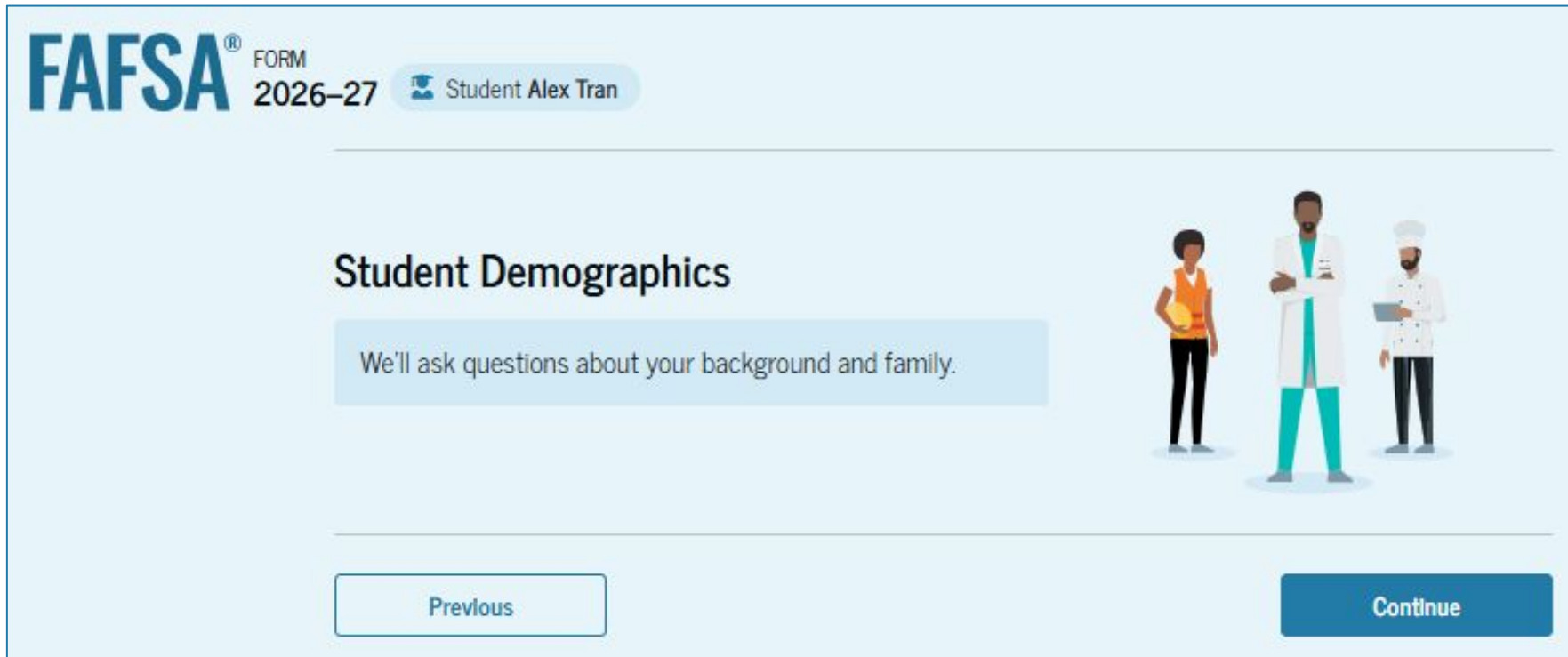
Student Dependency Status: Dependent Student

Based on the answers provided by the student, the student is considered a dependent student. The student is asked if a financial aid administrator should determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only. This is an option if the student's parents are unwilling to provide information. The student selects "No." If the student had selected "Yes," a modal would appear to warn about missing out on other potential federal student aid.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (active), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The 'Your Dependency Status' section features an illustration of a person and text stating: 'Dependent Student. Based on your answers, you're a dependent student. This means you must provide parent information on your FAFSA® form. This information helps determine how much federal student aid you're eligible to receive.' Below this, the 'Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only' section asks: 'Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA® form?'. The response options are 'Yes' (unselected) and 'No' (selected). A note states: 'This response must be "No" for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid.' At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Introduction: Dependent Student Demographics

This is the first page within the "Student Demographics" section. It provides an overview of the section.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA® FORM 2026-27". To the right of this, there is a user profile icon and the name "Student Alex Tran". Below this header, the section title "Student Demographics" is displayed. Underneath the title, a light blue box contains the text "We'll ask questions about your background and family." To the right of this text is an illustration of three diverse people: a woman in an orange vest, a man in a white lab coat, and a man in a chef's uniform. At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: a light blue "Previous" button on the left and a dark blue "Continue" button on the right.

Dependent Student: Demographic Information

The student is asked to identify their sex. The student selects "Male."

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The main heading is "Student Demographic Information". A green box contains the text: "Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility. Your answers will not: • affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid, • be used in any aid calculations, or • be shared with the schools to which the student applies." Below this, the question "What is the student's sex?" is displayed with a help icon. There are two radio button options: "Male" (selected) and "Female". At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Student Demographic Information

Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any aid calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's sex? ⓘ

☒ Male

☐ Female

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Dependent Student: Race and Ethnicity

The student is asked to identify their race.

The student selects the checkboxes that apply. After making a selection, a second drop-down box appears, and the student selects the checkboxes that apply to them.

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Student Race and Ethnicity ⓘ

Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any aid calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's race and/or ethnicity?
Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below.

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☒ Asian

☐ Chinese

☐ Asian Indian

☐ Filipino

☐ Vietnamese

☐ Korean

☐ Japanese

Other Asian (Enter, for example, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc.)

☐ Black or African American

☐ Hispanic or Latino

Dependent Student: Citizenship Status

The student is asked about their citizenship status. The student selects the "U.S. citizen or national" option.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The "Student Citizenship Status" section is active, showing three radio button options: "U.S. citizen or national" (selected), "Eligible noncitizen", and "Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen". At the bottom of the form, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Student Citizenship Status ⓘ

☒ U.S. citizen or national

☐ Eligible noncitizen

☐ Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

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Dependent Student: Parent Education Status

The student is asked about their parents' education status. The student selects the "Neither parent attended college" option.

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Parent Education Status

Did either of the student's parents attend college or complete college? ⓘ

☒ Neither parent attended college

☐ One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college

☐ One or both parents completed college

☐ Don't know

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Dependent Student: Parent Killed in Line of Duty

The student is asked if their parent was killed in the line of duty. The student selects the "No" option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 application interface for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The question being asked is: "Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?" Below the question is a note: "Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers." There are two radio button options: "Yes" (unselected) and "No" (selected). At the bottom of the form, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Parent Killed in Line of Duty

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer? ⓘ

Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Dependent Student: High School Completion Status

The student is asked about what their high school completion status will be when the student starts the 2026–27 school year. The student selects the "High school diploma" option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (completed), 2. Demographics (current step), 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Contributor Invite, and 6. Signature. The 'Student High School Completion Status' section asks, 'What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2026–27 school year?'. Four radio button options are listed: 'High school diploma' (selected), 'State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)', 'Homeschooled', and 'None of the above'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Student High School Completion Status

What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2026–27 school year? ⓘ

☒ High school diploma

☐ State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)

☐ Homeschooled

☐ None of the above

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Dependent Student: High School Information

Because the student selected high school diploma, the student is asked to select which high school they did or will graduate from. The student enters the high school's state and city. After selecting "Search," the student selects the correct high school from the search results.

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Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State
Alabama (AL)

City
Brantley

High School Name optional
b

Brantley High School

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Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State
Alabama (AL)

City
Brantley

High School Name optional
Brantley High School

☒ Brantley High School
Brantley, Alabama (AL)

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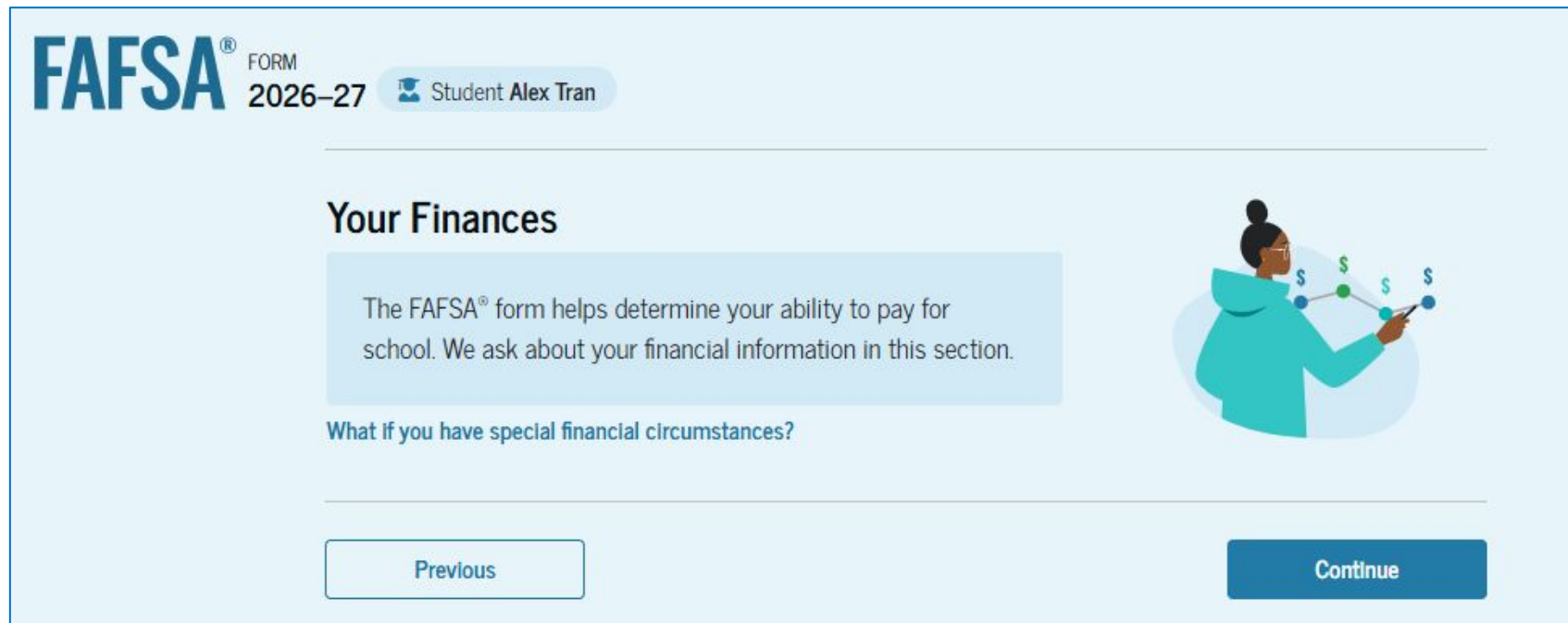
Dependent Student: Confirm High School

The student has the option to edit the high school information presented on this page by selecting "Edit," which will return the student to the high school information page. The student confirms the high school information and selects "Continue" to proceed to the next section.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. At the top, a progress bar indicates the current step is '2 Demographics', with previous steps '1 Personal Circumstances' and '3 Financials' completed, and future steps '4 Colleges', '5 Contributor Invite', and '6 Signature' pending. The main heading is 'Confirm Your High School', followed by the instruction: 'Verify that your high school information below is correct. Once you're ready, select "Continue" and we'll add it to your FAFSA® form.' The form fields are: 'High School Name' (Brantley High School) with an 'Edit' link, 'City' (Brantley), and 'State' (AL). At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Introduction: Dependent Student Financials

This is the first page within the "Your Finances" section. It provides an overview of the section. The student can select the hyperlink to learn about special financial circumstances.



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Your Finances

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

[What if you have special financial circumstances?](#)

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Dependent Student: Tax Filing Status

The student is asked about their tax filing status. The student selects "Yes" to "Did or will the student file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?"

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Student Tax Filing Status

Did or will the student file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Dependent Student: Tax Return Information

The student is asked about their 2024 tax return. The student selects "Single" as the filing status and enters dollar amounts in the other required responses.

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Student 2024 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2024 tax return to answer the following questions.
If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

[Where to find this information on the tax form](#)

Filing Status

☒ Single

☐ Head of household

☐ Married filing jointly

☐ Married filing separately

☐ Qualifying surviving spouse

Income Earned From Work

IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): Line 1z + Schedule 1: Lines 3 + 6. If a tax form line's value is negative, treat it as zero in your calculation.

\$ 1,000 .00

Dependent Student: Tax Return Information (Continued)

The student is asked about their taxes, income, and other financial information. The student enters dollar amounts in the responses. If the student has nothing to report, the student enters the numeral zero.

Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions

IRS Form 1040: Line 4a Minus Line 4b

\$ 0 .00

Untaxed Portions of Pensions

IRS Form 1040: Line 5a Minus Line 5b

\$ 0 .00

Adjusted Gross Income

IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): Line 11

\$ 700 .00

Income Tax Paid

IRS Form 1040: Line 24. If negative, enter a zero.

\$ 234 .00

Did the student receive the Earned Income Credit (EIC)? ⓘ

IRS Form 1040: Line 27

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't know

IRA Deductions and Payments to Self-Employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: Total of Lines 16 + 20

\$ 0 .00

Education Credits (American Opportunity Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credit)

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3: Line 3 + IRS Form 1040: Line 29

\$ 0 .00

Did the student file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2024 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

\$ 0 .00

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

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: Line 8d

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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Dependent Student: Assets

The student is asked about their assets. The student enters a response in each entry field. If the student has nothing to report, the student enters the numeral zero.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates the following steps: Personal Circumstances (completed), Demographics (completed), Financials (current step, marked with a '3'), Colleges (marked with a '4'), Contributor Invite (marked with a '5'), and Signature (marked with a '6').

Student Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts
Don't include student aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

\$.00 ⓘ

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.

\$.00 ⓘ

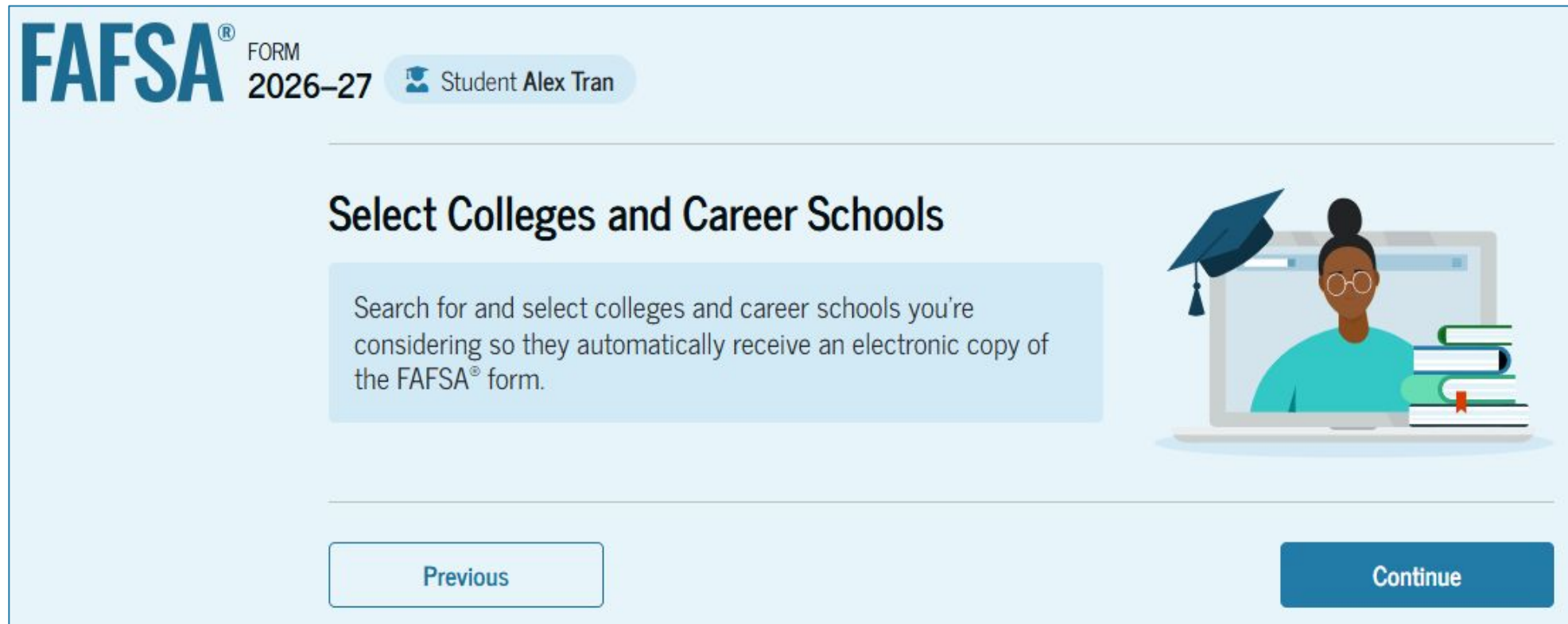
Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms
Enter the net worth of the student's businesses and income-producing farms. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides,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

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Navigation buttons at the bottom: [Previous](#) and [Continue](#).

Introduction: Dependent Student Select Colleges

This is the first page in the "Select Colleges and Career Schools" section. It provides an overview of the section.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA[®] FORM 2026-27". To the right of this, there is a user profile icon and the name "Student Alex Tran". Below this header, the main heading is "Select Colleges and Career Schools". Underneath this heading, there is a light blue box containing the text: "Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA[®] form." To the right of this text box is an illustration of a person with glasses and a graduation cap, sitting at a desk with a laptop and a stack of books. At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Previous" on the left and "Continue" on the right.

Dependent Student: College Search

The student is asked to search for the colleges, career schools, or trade schools that will receive their FAFSA® information. The student searches for a school by selecting the state from the drop-down menu and selecting "Search." If the student can't find a school searching by state, the student can search by school code.

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Where should we send the FAFSA® information?
Add at least one college or career school now.

You can add or remove schools before and after submitting your form.
You can add up to 20 schools. List any schools you're considering, even if you're not certain you'll apply to them. [Find tips for searching for colleges or career schools.](#)

0 out of 20 schools selected View Selected Schools

Search by State Enter School Code

California (CA)

Search

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Dependent Student: College Search (Continued)

After entering a school's state and selecting "Search," the student selects the correct school(s) from the search results. Students can send their FAFSA® information to a maximum of 20 schools. The student must add at least one school to continue.

The screenshot displays a list of five schools in California, each with its name, location, federal school code, and a selection button. The first school has a '+ Select' button, while the others have 'Selected' buttons with a green checkmark. Below the list is a search bar and a pagination control showing page 3 of 5.

School Name	Location	Federal School Code	Selection Status
American Career College	Los Angeles, California (CA)	015829	+ Select
American Career College	Ontario, California (CA)	039713	Selected
American College of Healthcare and Techn	Riverside, California (CA)	031444	Selected
American Conservatory Theater Foundation	San Francisco, California (CA)	014545	Selected
American Film Institute	Los Angeles, California (CA)	G22220	Selected

Search and Select More Schools

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Introduction: Dependent Student Invites Contributor

This is the first page in the "Invite a Parent as a Contributor" section, which is the last student section to require information. It provides an overview of the section.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. At the top, the FAFSA logo and form year are displayed. A progress bar indicates the current step is 5, 'Contributor Invite', with previous steps (1-4) marked as complete. The main heading is 'Invite a Parent as a Contributor'. Below this, a text box explains that a contributor is anyone required to provide information on the FAFSA form, specifically a legal parent (biological or adoptive). It also notes that stepparents and other guardians do not count unless they have legally adopted the student. To the right of the text is an illustration of a man and a woman, with the man standing and the woman sitting at a desk with a laptop. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons. The 'Continue' button is highlighted in blue.

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Invite a Parent as a Contributor

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

Stepparents and other types of guardians do not count unless they have legally adopted the student.

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?

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Dependent Student: Invite Contributor (Continued 1 of 2)

The student is asked to enter their parent's email address to invite the parent to the FAFSA® form. After entering the email address, the student selects "Send Invite." A pop-up window appears, and the student confirms their parent's email address by selecting "Send Invite."

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Invite Your Parent to This FAFSA® Form

To determine your federal student aid eligibility, we need more information on your household financial situation. You'll need to invite a contributor to provide this information.

As a dependent student, you need to invite a legal parent as a contributor. You only need to invite one parent.

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form?

Parent

Invite a Parent Contributor

Email

599887939test@testcod.edu

Send Invite

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Send Invite to 599887939test@testcod.edu?

We'll send an invitation link and an access code to this email address.

Go Back Send Invite

Dependent Student: Invite Contributor (Continued 2 of 2)

This page confirms the student's parent will receive an email inviting them to the student's FAFSA® form. The parent can access the form by accepting the invitation in the email. On this page, the student is also provided an invitation link and invitation code that can be shared directly with the parent.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. At the top, a progress bar indicates the current step is 'Contributor Invite' (step 5), with previous steps (Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges) completed and the next step (Signature) pending. The main heading is 'Parent Contributor'. Below this, a green box states: 'Once your parent accepts the invitation, they can complete the parent section of this FAFSA form.' A note follows: 'They may be asked to invite their spouse as a contributor too. You can check the status of contributor invitations from the "My Activity" page.' A modal window is displayed in the center, titled 'Parent' with a green icon. It shows the email address '599887939test@testcod.edu' and a button 'Invite Sent' with a checkmark. Below this is a link 'Other Ways to Send the Invite ^'. A light blue box contains the instruction 'Copy and Send the Invite Link' with a help icon, the URL 'www.fafsa.gov/invite/7NDNUKA', and a 'Copy Link' button. Below the box, it says 'You can also have them go to www.fafsa.gov/invite and enter code: 7NDNUKA'. At the bottom of the modal is a 'Cancel Invite' button.

Dependent Student: Review Page

The review page displays the responses that the student has provided in the FAFSA® form. The student can view all responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the student can select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Review Page for Student Alex Tran. The page has a light blue header with the FAFSA logo, the form year, the student's name, and links for 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu'. Below the header, a section titled 'Continue To Sign Your Form' includes a summary of the information provided and an illustration of two people on bicycles. A green checkmark icon and the text 'Scroll To Continue' are followed by instructions to scroll to the bottom and select 'Continue'. The 'Student Sections' are listed with a green checkmark and a dropdown arrow for each: Introduction Personal Identifiers, Section 1 Personal Circumstances, Section 2 Demographics, Section 3 Financials, and Section 4 Colleges. An 'Expand All' link is at the top right of this section. Below the student sections is the 'Contributor Section', which states 'This Section is Shared with 1 Contributor(s)' and includes a link to 'Manage Contributor Information'. A table lists the contributor with their role, invite code, and status.

Contributor(s)	Role	Invite Code	Status
599887939test@testcod.edu	Parent	7NDNUKA	Invite Sent

At the bottom of the page are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Dependent Student: Signature

On this page, the student reviews the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and what they'll agree to when the student signs the form.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for Student Alex Tran. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges, Contributor Invite, and Signature (the current step, marked with a '6'). The main heading is "Sign and Complete Your Section ①". Below this is a green-bordered box titled "Summary" containing the following text: "This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability." and "The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone." Below the summary box, a paragraph states: "By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you". This is followed by a bulleted list of five conditions: "will use federal and/or state student 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", and "will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time." At the bottom, another paragraph states: "By signing this application electronically using your StudentAid.gov account username and password, 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".

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Sign and Complete Your Section ①

Summary

This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability.

The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

- will use federal and/or state student 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.

By signing this application electronically using your StudentAid.gov account username and password, 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

Dependent Student: Signature (Continued)

This is a continuation of the student signature page. After agreeing to the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and digitally signing, the student is able to submit their sections of the FAFSA form. Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed yet.

By signing this application electronically using your StudentAid.gov account username and password, 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.

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 purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both.

Additionally, by signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, you authorize the U.S. Department of Education to disclose all information provided on this application, as required under Section 483(a)(2)(D)(i) of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, to the institutions you have identified herein, state higher education agencies (in your state of residence and the states in which the institutions identified herein are located), and designated scholarship organizations to assist with the application, award, and administration of federal, state, or institutional financial aid programs and designated scholarship programs. Notwithstanding this authorization, the name of an institution that you select to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.

Sign Your FAFSA® Form

☒ I, Alex Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.

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Dependent Student: Section Complete

Upon digitally signing the student section, the student is presented with the "Pending Submission" page. The student is reminded that their FAFSA® form is not completed and can't be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it. This page also displays next steps the student can take, including tracking and managing their form.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a dependent student named Alex Tran. The progress bar at the top indicates that the 'Student Section' is complete (marked with a checkmark) and the 'Parent Section' is the next step (marked with a '2'). The main heading is 'Pending Submission' with a sub-heading 'Check With Your Contributor'. Below this, a section titled 'Parent Contributors' contains a box with 'Requirements for Dependent Students' explaining that the form cannot be submitted until the contributor(s) fill out and sign their section. A table below lists the contributor(s) with columns for Contributor(s), Role, Invite Code, and Status. One contributor is listed: 599887939test@testcod.edu, Parent, 7NDNUKA, with a status of 'Invite Sent'. A 'Manage Invitations' button is located below the table. At the bottom, a dark blue footer section titled 'Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form and Contributors' provides instructions on how to track the application and includes a 'View Status' button.

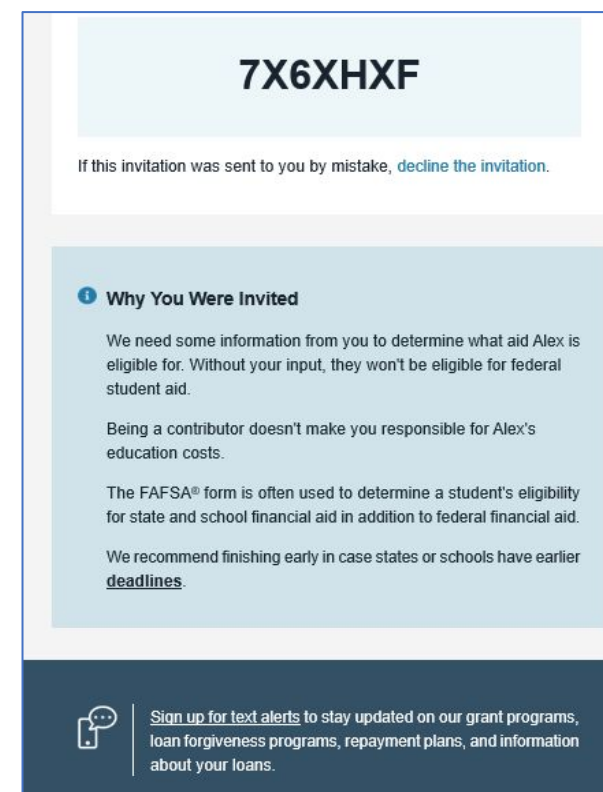
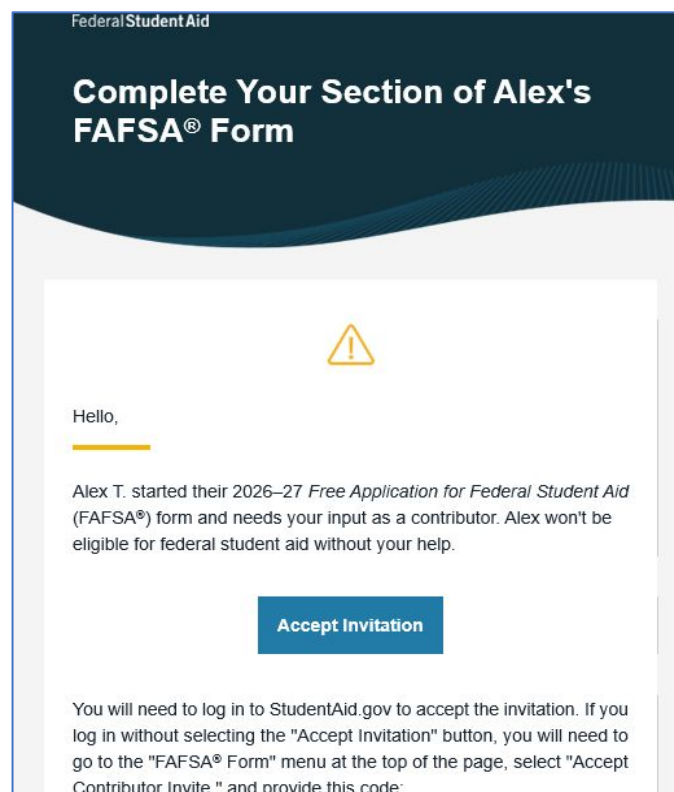
Contributor(s)	Role	Invite Code	Status
599887939test@testcod.edu	Parent	7NDNUKA	Invite Sent

[Manage Invitations](#)

Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form and Contributors
Your application has been added to the "My Activity" page in your StudentAid.gov account. Visit this page to keep track of your FAFSA status; review, edit, or delete information on your form; and monitor the status of your contributor(s). [View Status](#)

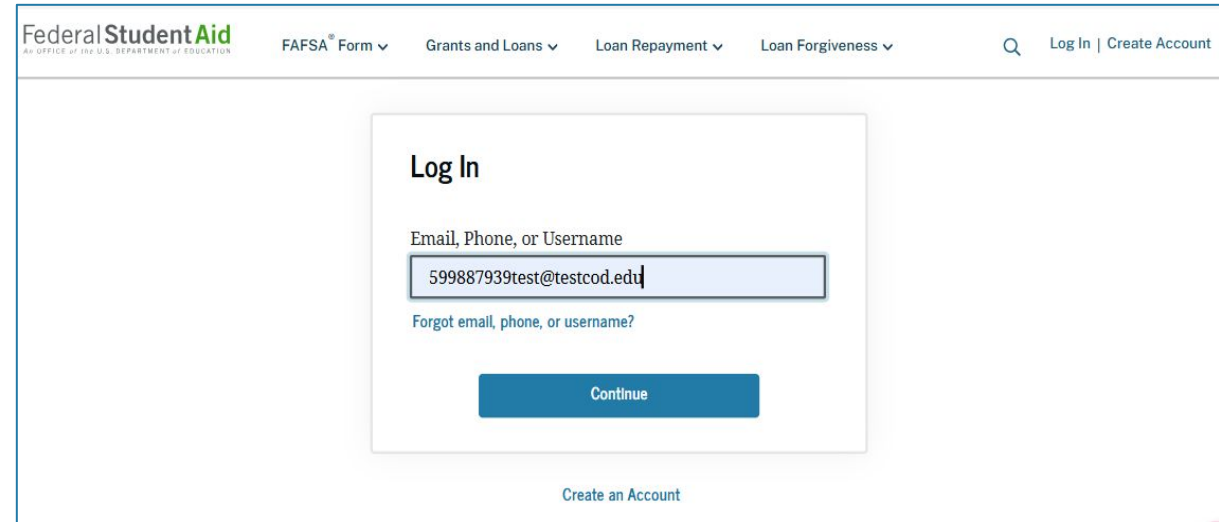
Dependent Student: Parent Email

This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov or the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects "Accept Invitation" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.



Dependent Student: Parent Log-in

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



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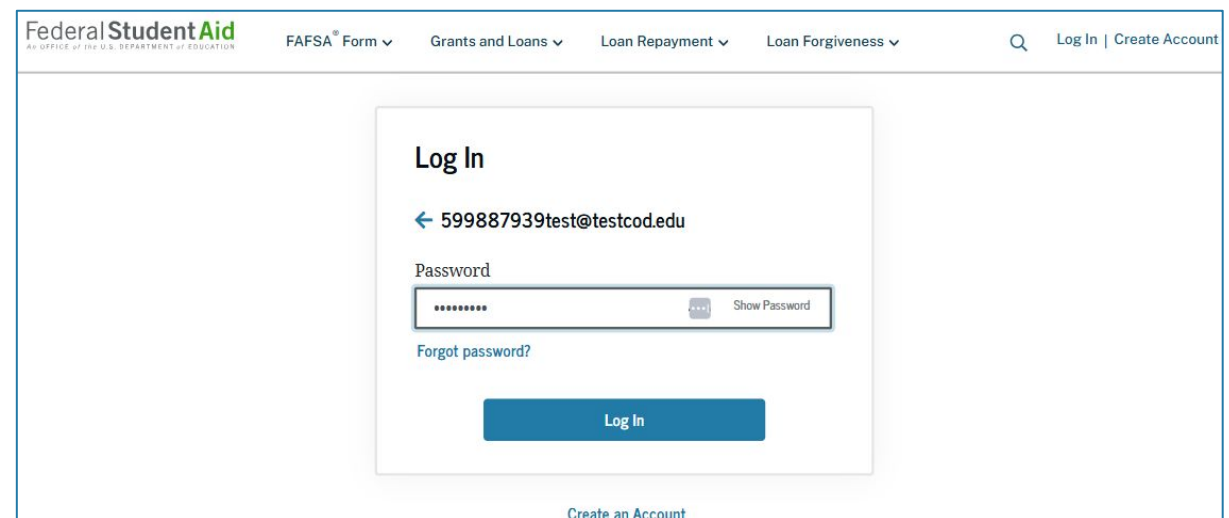
Email, Phone, or Username

599887939test@testcod.edu

[Forgot email, phone, or username?](#)

Continue

[Create an Account](#)



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Password

..... Show Password

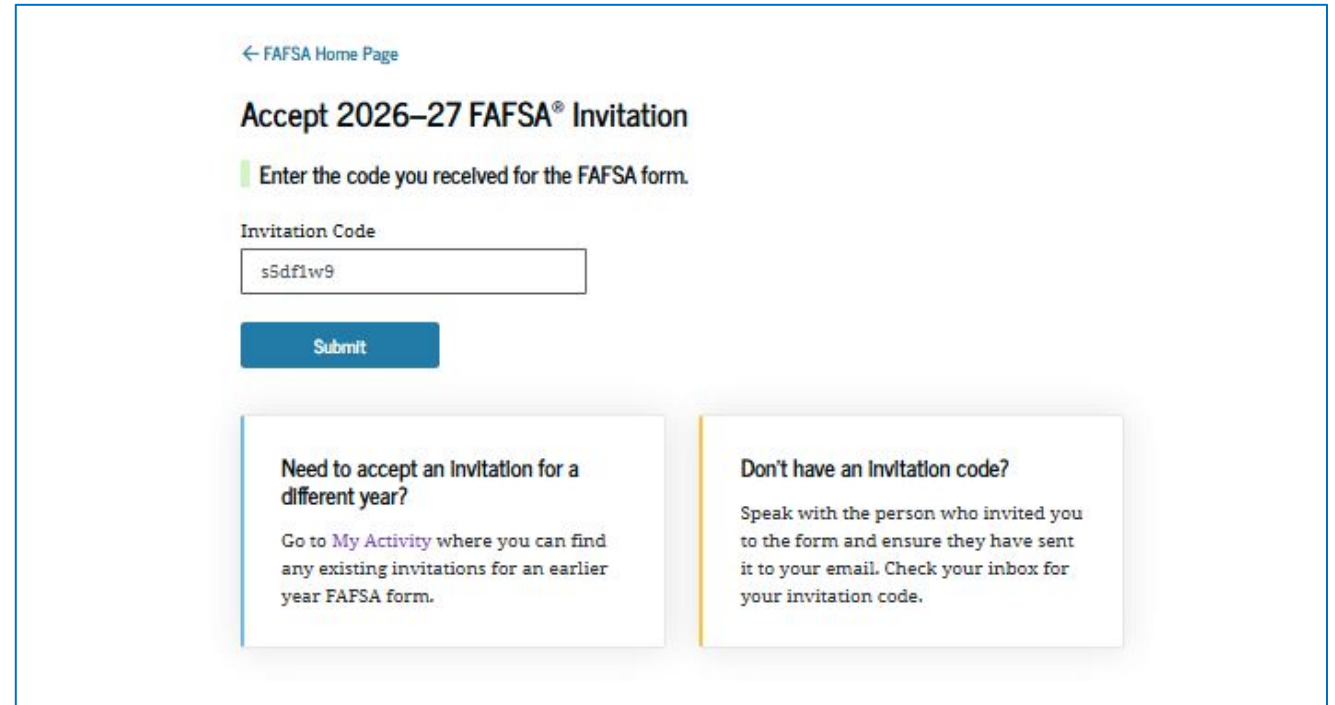
[Forgot password?](#)

Log In

[Create an Account](#)

Dependent Student: Parent Accepts Invitation

After logging in, the parent is taken to the "Accept 2026–27 FAFSA® Invitation" page. The invitation code from the parent's email automatically fills in the text box if the parent used the link from the email.



← FAFSA Home Page

Accept 2026–27 FAFSA® Invitation

Enter the code you received for the FAFSA form.

Invitation Code

Submit

Need to accept an invitation for a different year?

Go to [My Activity](#) where you can find any existing invitations for an earlier year FAFSA form.

Don't have an invitation code?

Speak with the person who invited you to the form and ensure they have sent it to your email. Check your inbox for your invitation code.

Dependent Student: Parent Accepts Invitation (Continued)

When the parent selects "Submit," a pop-up window appears, confirming the student's name and reminding the parent that their personal information is needed to fill out the student's FAFSA® form. The parent selects "Accept" to agree to sharing their information and enters the FAFSA form.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Home Page with the heading "Accept 2026-27 FAFSA® Invitation". Below the heading, it says "Enter the code you received for the FAFSA form." There is a text input field for the "Invitation Code" containing the text "7NDNUKA". A blue "Submit" button is visible below the input field. A pop-up window is overlaid on the page, containing the following text:

By Accepting This Invitation to Alex T's FAFSA Form You Agree To Share Your Information

We will need to use some personal information we already have on file about you in order to fill out the necessary steps in this FAFSA® form.

At the bottom of the pop-up window are two buttons: "Decline" and "Accept".

Dependent Student: Parent Onboarding (1 of 4)

When the parent enters a 2026–27 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. There are a total of four onboarding pages.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Parent Onboarding interface. At the top, it says "FAFSA® FORM 2026-27" and "Parent of Alex Tran". Below this is a blue banner that reads "Understanding the FAFSA® Form". Underneath the banner, it says "1 of 4" and "What is the FAFSA® form?". The main content area explains that the FAFSA form is used to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college, career school, or graduate school. It also lists the information or documents needed to fill out the form: Tax returns, Records of child support received, Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts, and Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms. At the bottom, there is a video player titled "What Is FAFSA®?" with a play button and a "Watch on YouTube" button. The video player also has a "Share" button. At the very bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Understanding the FAFSA® Form

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What is the FAFSA® form?

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college, career school, or graduate school.

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

What Is FAFSA®?

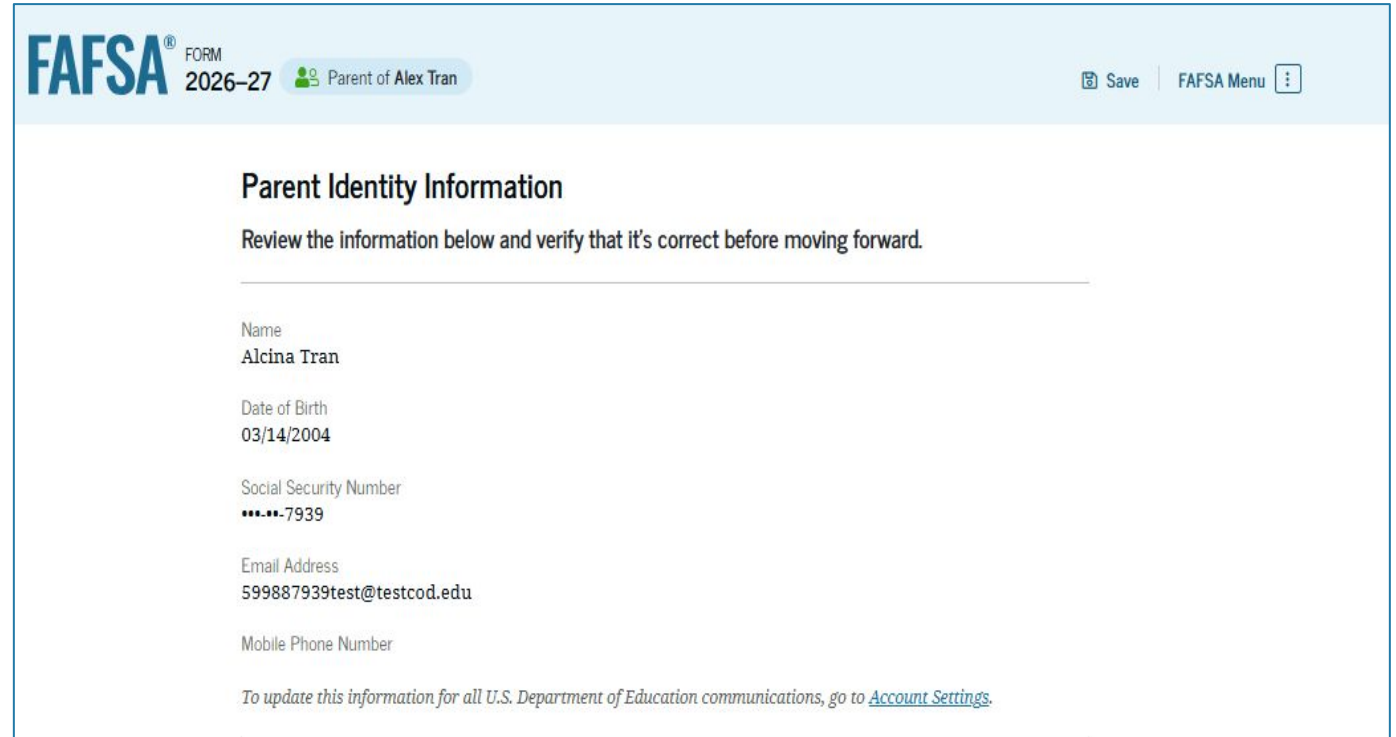
What is FAFSA® and why is it important?

Watch on YouTube

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Dependent Student: Parent Identity Information

This is the first page within the parent section. The parent can verify that the personal information is correct. To update any of the personal information, the parent must access their account settings on StudentAid.gov.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Parent Identity Information page. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2026-27), and the user's role (Parent of Alex Tran). There are links for 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu'. The main section is titled 'Parent Identity Information' and contains a instruction to review the information. Below this, there are fields for Name (Alcina Tran), Date of Birth (03/14/2004), Social Security Number (masked as ***-**-7939), Email Address (599887939test@testcod.edu), and Mobile Phone Number. A link to 'Account Settings' is provided at the bottom for updating information.

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Parent Identity Information

Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.

Name
Alcina Tran

Date of Birth
03/14/2004

Social Security Number
***-**-7939

Email Address
599887939test@testcod.edu

Mobile Phone Number

To update this information for all U.S. Department of Education communications, go to [Account Settings](#).

Dependent Student: Parent Identity Information (Continued)

This is a continuation of the first page within the parent section. The parent can verify their mailing address on this part of the page. To update this information, the parent must access their account settings on StudentAid.gov.

Permanent Mailing Address
Include apartment number.

200 Ave

City

Austin

State

TX

Zip Code

22828

Country ?

United States (US)

Continue

Dependent Student: Parent Provides Consent and Approval

This page informs the parent about consent, approval, and the use of their federal tax information. Once the parent provides consent and approval, their federal tax information is transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA® form to help complete the "Parent Finances" section.

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Provide Consent and Approval or the Student Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid ①

Summary

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

→ Get your 2024 tax return information for the 2026-27 FAFSA form.

→ Federal tax information is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

→ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

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

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

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

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

Dependent Student: Parent Provides Consent and Approval (Continued)

This is a continuation of the consent and approval page. The parent can expand and collapse FAQs about consent and approval. The parent selects "Approve" to provide consent and approval and is taken to the next page.

- State higher education agencies
 - Scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the secretary of education
 - Contractors of institutions of higher education and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or state agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid
4. ED may redisclose my federal tax information to another FAFSA applicant's FAFSA form(s) for which I elect to participate. By accepting an invitation and affirmation to participate in another individual's FAFSA form, my federal tax information will be redisclosed to the additional application. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my federal tax information to that FAFSA form.

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent and approval?



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



What happens after I provide consent and approval?



What happens if I decline consent and approval?



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

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Decline

Approve

Introduction: Dependent Student's Parent Demographics

This is the first page in the "Parent Demographics" section. It provides an overview of the section.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface. At the top left, it says "FAFSA® FORM 2026-27". To the right of this, there is a user icon and the text "Parent of Alex Tran". Below this header, the section title "Parent Demographics" is displayed. A light blue box contains the text: "We'll ask questions about you and your family. These questions will help determine how much federal student aid the student is eligible to receive for school." To the right of this text is an illustration of three people: a woman in an orange vest holding a yellow hard hat, a man in a white lab coat with his arms crossed, and a man in a white chef's uniform holding a tablet. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Previous" on the left and "Continue" on the right.

Dependent Student: Parent Current Marital Status

The parent is asked about their current marital status. The parent selects the "Married (not separated)" option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for the parent of Alex Tran. The form is titled "Parent Current Marital Status" and is part of the "Demographics" section. The form includes a progress bar at the top with three steps: 1. Demographics, 2. Financials, and 3. Signature. The "Demographics" step is currently active. The form lists seven marital status options, each with a radio button. The "Married (not separated)" option is selected, indicated by a blue dot and a blue border around the option box. The other options are "Single (never married)", "Unmarried and both legal parents living together", "Remarried", "Separated", "Divorced", and "Widowed". At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

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Parent Current Marital Status ⓘ

☐ Single (never married)

☐ Unmarried and both legal parents living together

☒ Married (not separated)

☐ Remarried

☐ Separated

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

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Dependent Student: Parent State of Residence

The parent is asked about their state of residence. The parent selects the state from a drop-down box and provides the month and year when the parent became a resident.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 form for the parent of Alex Tran. The form is titled "FAFSA FORM 2026-27" and "Parent of Alex Tran". It has a progress bar with three steps: 1 Demographics, 2 Financials, and 3 Signature. The current step is 1 Demographics, which is titled "Parent State of Residence". The form asks for the "State" and provides a drop-down menu with "Tennessee (TN)" selected. Below this, it asks for the "Date the Parent Became a Resident of Tennessee (TN)" and provides two input fields for "Month" (01) and "Year" (2006). The form also includes "Save" and "FAFSA Menu" buttons at the top right, and "Previous" and "Continue" buttons at the bottom.

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Parent State of Residence

State

Usually, this is the state where the parent lives.

Tennessee (TN)

Date the Parent Became a Resident of Tennessee (TN)

If the parent was born in Tennessee (TN) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the parent moved to Tennessee (TN).

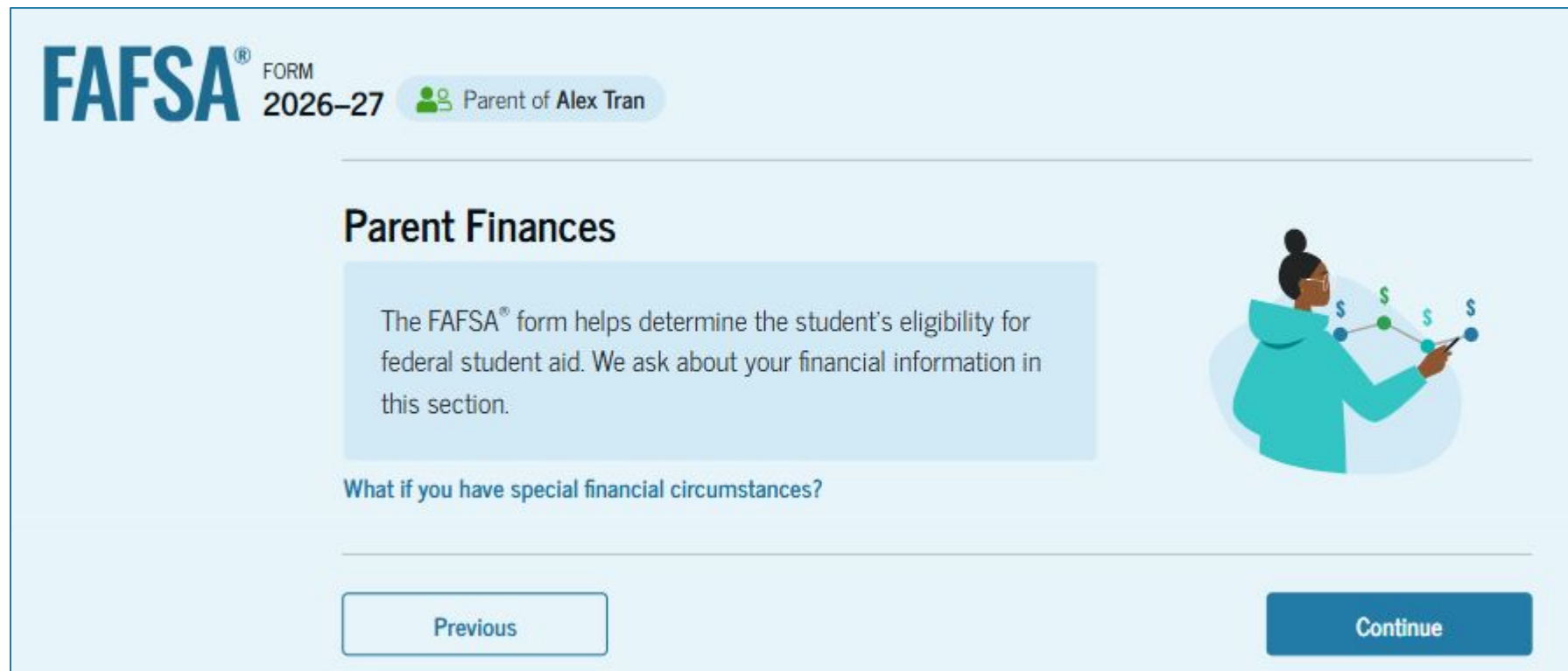
Month Year

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Introduction: Dependent Student's Parent Finances

This is the first page within the "Parent Finances" section. It provides an overview of the section. The parent can select the hyperlink to learn about special financial circumstances.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a parent of Alex Tran. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the text "FORM 2026-27", and a user icon with the name "Parent of Alex Tran". The main heading is "Parent Finances". Below this, a light blue box contains the text: "The FAFSA® form helps determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. We ask about your financial information in this section." To the right of this box is an illustration of a person in a teal hoodie pointing at a network of nodes with dollar signs. Below the light blue box is a link that says "What if you have special financial circumstances?". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

FAFSA® FORM 2026-27 Parent of Alex Tran

Parent Finances

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

[What if you have special financial circumstances?](#)

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Dependent Student: Parent Federal Benefits Received

This page asks the parent if the parent or anyone in the parent's family has received federal benefits. The parent selects "None of these apply."

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a parent of Alex Tran. The progress bar indicates the 'Financials' section is active. The 'Federal Benefits Received' section includes a green box stating that responses won't reduce federal student aid eligibility. Below this, a question asks if the parent or anyone in their family received benefits from any of the following federal programs during 2024 or 2025. The list of programs includes:

- Earned Income Credit (EIC)
- Federal Housing Assistance
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Medicaid
- Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) or Health Insurance Subsidy
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

The option 'None of these apply.' is selected with a checkmark. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Dependent Student: Parent Tax Filing Status

This page asks the parent about their tax filing status. The parent selects "Yes" to "Did or will the parent file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?" and "Yes" to "Did or will the parent file a 2024 joint tax return with their current spouse?"

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a parent of Alex Tran. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2026-27), the user's role (Parent of Alex Tran), and links for Save and FAFSA Menu. A progress indicator shows three steps: 1. Demographics (completed), 2. Financials (current), and 3. Signature. The main heading is "Parent Tax Filing Status". There are two questions, each with "Yes" and "No" radio button options. The first question is "Did or will the parent file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?" with the "Yes" option selected. The second question is "Did or will the parent file a 2024 joint tax return with their current spouse?" with the "Yes" option selected. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

☒ Yes ☐ No

Did or will the parent file a 2024 joint tax return with their current spouse? ⓘ

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Dependent Student: Parent Family Size

This page displays the family size for the student. The parent has the option to enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

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Family Size

Based on answers to previous questions, we've made some assumptions about the parent's family. The student and the student's parent (and parent's spouse, if married) are always included in the family size. The box below shows the parent's family size based on our assumptions and the number of children or other dependents you report.

The parent's family size is 5.

Parent: 1

Parent Spouse or Partner: 1

Student: 1

Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 2

Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

Include dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment.

Do not include the student applicant.

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Dependent Student: Parent Number in College

This page asks the parent how many people in the family will be in college between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027. The parent enters a response into the entry field.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for the parent of Alex Tran. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2026-27), the user's role (Parent of Alex Tran), and buttons for Save and FAFSA Menu. Below the navigation bar is a progress indicator with three steps: 1. Demographics (checked), 2. Financials (current step), and 3. Signature. The main heading is 'Number in College'. The question asks: 'Out of the 5 people in the parent's family, how many will be in college between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027?'. A note below the question states: 'Never include the student's parent(s). Always include the student applicant. Also include the parent's other children or dependents if they will also be in college during this time.' The answer field contains the number '1' and has a help icon (i) to its right. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

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Demographics Financials Signature

Number in College

Out of the 5 people in the parent's family, how many will be in college between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027?

Never include the student's parent(s). Always include the student applicant. Also include the parent's other children or dependents if they will also be in college during this time.

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Dependent Student: Parent Assets

The parent is asked about their assets.

The parent enters a response in each entry field. If the parent has nothing to report, the parent enters the numeral zero.

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Annual Child Support Received
Enter the total amount of child support the parent received for the last complete calendar year.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts
Don't include student aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate
Don't include the home the parent lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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

\$ 0 .00 ⓘ

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Dependent Student: Other Parent Information

The parent is asked to provide information about their spouse or partner. In this example, the other parent does not need to contribute to the student's FAFSA® form because the parents filed taxes jointly. After providing the other parent's date of birth, all required parent information will be complete.

The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2026-27 interface for a parent of Alex Tran. The top navigation bar includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2026-27), the user's name (Parent of Alex Tran), and links for 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu'. A progress indicator shows three steps: 1. Demographics (completed), 2. Financials (current step), and 3. Signature. The 'Parent Spouse Information' section is active, displaying a message: 'Based on your responses, we need to know your spouse's date of birth. We need to know their age to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.' Below this message are three input fields for the spouse's date of birth: 'Month' (05), 'Day' (04), and 'Year' (1982). At the bottom of the form, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Dependent Student: Parent Review Page

The review page displays the responses that the parent has provided in the FAFSA[®] form. The parent can view responses only within the parent section of the student's FAFSA form. The parent can view all the responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the parent can select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Parent Review Page for Alex Tran, 2026-27. The page has a light blue header with the FAFSA logo, the text "FORM 2026-27", and a user profile icon labeled "Parent of Alex Tran". On the right, there are links for "Save" and "FAFSA Menu".

The main content area is titled "Continue To Sign Your Form". Below this title is a light blue box containing the text: "Here's a summary of the information you provided on the FAFSA[®] form. Continue once you're ready to submit." To the right of this box is an illustration of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) riding bicycles.

Below the summary box is a green box with a checkmark icon and the text "Scroll To Continue". Below this is a light green box with the text: "After reviewing your answers, scroll to the bottom of the page and select 'Continue.' Then, sign your section of the FAFSA form."

The "Parent Sections" section is located below the instructions. It has a title "Parent Sections" and a link "Expand All" with a downward arrow. There are three sections listed, each with a green checkmark icon on the left and a circular arrow icon on the right:

- Introduction
Personal Identifiers
- Section 1
Demographics
- Section 2
Financials

At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Previous" (light blue) and "Continue" (dark blue).

Dependent Student: Parent Signature

On this page, the parent acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and digitally signs the parent section. Since all required sections are complete, the parent can both sign and submit the student's FAFSA form.

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Demographics Financials **Signature**

Sign and Submit the FAFSA® Form

Summary

This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability.

The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.

By signing the student's application electronically using your StudentAid.gov account username and password, YOU, THE PARENT, 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.

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 purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both.

Additionally, by signing this application electronically using your FSA ID, you authorize the U.S. Department of Education to disclose all information you provided on this application, as required under Section 483(a)(2)(D)(i) of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, to the institutions identified herein, state higher education agencies (in the student's state of residence and the states in which the institutions identified herein are located), and designated scholarship organizations to assist with the application, award, and administration of federal, state, or institutional financial aid programs and designated scholarship programs. Notwithstanding this authorization, the name of an institution the student selected to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.

Sign for yourself and submit the application for Alex Tran (Student).

☐ I, Alcina Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.

Dependent Student: Parent Confirmation

Upon submitting the student's FAFSA® form, the parent is presented an abbreviated confirmation page. This page displays information about tracking the student's FAFSA form and next steps. The student will receive an email with the full, detailed confirmation. With the student and parent sections completed and signed, the FAFSA form is now considered complete and submitted for processing.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 Parent Confirmation page for Alex Tran. The page features a celebratory banner at the top that reads "Congratulations, the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!". Below the banner, the student's name "Alex Tran" is displayed next to a graduation cap icon, and the completion date "07/17/2025" is shown. The page is divided into two main sections: "What Happens Next" and "Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form".

What Happens Next

- Email Sent**
Confirm that the student received an email version of this page.
- The Student Can Track the Status of Their Form**
In one to three days, the student's FAFSA form will be processed and made available to their schools.
- The Student Will Receive School Communications**
We use the information collected on the student's FAFSA form to calculate their Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI lets schools determine how much aid the student is eligible to receive. Schools will reach out to the student if they need more information. They will also contact the student with financial aid offers. Once received, the student can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their student aid packages.

Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form
You can check the status of the student's application in the "My Activity" section of your account Dashboard. We will let you know if we need anything more from you.

[View Status](#)

FAFSA Submission Summary

FAFSA Submission Summary Landing Page

The student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary for their processed FAFSA® form and any subsequent corrections that the student submits. The FAFSA Submission Summary is divided into four tabs: "Eligibility Overview," "FAFSA Form Answers," "School Information," and "Next Steps." At the top, the student will see when the FAFSA form was received and processed. The student also has the option to print the FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Submission Summary landing page. At the top left is a "< Back" link. At the top right is a "Print FAFSA Submission Summary" button with a printer icon. Below this is the FAFSA logo with "FORM 2026-27" and the title "FAFSA Submission Summary". A light blue box contains the following information: Student Michelle Allen, Application Received June 20, 2025, Application Processed June 20, 2025, Data Release Number 8720, and Viewing: Submission 1. At the bottom are four tabs: "Eligibility Overview" (which is underlined and has a blue indicator), "FAFSA Form Answers", "School Information", and "Next Steps" (which has a blue indicator).

Eligibility Overview

On the "Eligibility Overview" tab, the student sees information about the federal student aid for which they may be eligible, such as a Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans. Any amounts of financial aid that display on this tab are estimates and are not guaranteed. The school's financial aid office provides final determination of the student's financial aid eligibility.

[Eligibility Overview](#)
[FAFSA Form Answers](#)
[School Information](#)
[Next Steps](#)

Your Estimated Federal Student Aid

Federal Pell Grant You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, but you may be eligible for other aid.	N/A
Federal Direct Loans A federal direct loan is money lent to you by the government that you must repay with interest.	Up to \$9,500
Federal Work-Study Federal Work-Study is a way for students to earn money to pay for school through part-time jobs on or off campus.	You May Be Eligible

Amounts shown here are only estimates of federal student aid based on full-time enrollment and the average cost of attendance. Your school will determine how much student aid to offer you, which may include additional aid from your school or state.

[Learn more about financial aid](#)



Keep in mind, this is only an estimate
 Always refer to your school's financial aid offer for a final determination of financial aid available.

Need to make a correction?
 Start a correction to revise your form if you need to update or change information (such as adding an additional school).
 Visit the [FAFSA Form Answers](#) tab to review your responses and make sure all the information you provided is correct.

[Make a Correction](#)

View All of Your Federal Student Aid In One Place
 View detailed information about your federal student loan and grant aid, including your enrollment history, payment history, and subsidized usage.

[Visit My Aid](#)

Eligibility Overview (Continued)

This is a continuation of the "Eligibility Overview" tab of the FAFSA Submission Summary. The student can view their Student Aid Index. The school's financial aid office provides final determination of the student's financial aid eligibility.

Your Student Aid Index (SAI)

Your SAI is an index number calculated using information provided on your FAFSA form. Your school uses your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility and to build your financial aid offer. Your SAI may change if you update or correct your FAFSA information or after verification (if your FAFSA form was selected for review). Once your updated FAFSA form is complete and fully processed, you'll receive a new FAFSA Submission Summary, which may include changes to your SAI and estimated federal student aid.

[What does this mean?](#)

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Create an Account (FSA ID)



Parents



Students



Borrowers

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to complete federal student aid tasks.

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note* (MPN)
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

Items Needed to Create an Account

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

Get Started

or

Log In

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account (FSA ID) is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month	Day	Year

Social Security Number

Note: A user can only have one account associated with his or her Social Security number.

Cancel

Continue



Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- Students must maintain ‘Satisfactory Academic Progress’ each semester to maintain their financial aid eligibility.
 - 2.0 GPA (C average)
 - Complete 67% of the credits you start.
- **If there are extenuating circumstances that factor into you not maintaining ‘Satisfactory Academic Progress’, appeal to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible and explain your situation.

Subsidized Loan vs. Unsubsidized Loan

- **Subsidized Loan** = The government pays/subsidizes the interest while the student is in school. No interest is accruing as long as the student is in school taking at least 6 credits per semester.

- **Unsubsidized Loan** = The government **DOES NOT** pay/subsidize the interest for the student while they are in school. Interest accrues on the loan while the student is in school.

Federal Direct Loans



The Financial Aid Office at your college of choice determines your loan eligibility, which is based on your financial need as determined by the government when you file the FAFSA, as well as the college's costs.

Student Loan Limits

Year in College	Subsidized	Unsubsidized	Yearly Limits
1 st Year (typically up to 30/31 credits)	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500
2 nd Year (typically up to 60/61 credits)	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , years, etc.	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Total cannot exceed \$31,000 as an undergraduate (only \$23,000 can be in subsidized loans).			

- >Interest rate is fixed at 6.39%. (Next year???)
- >Parents DO NOT co-sign.
- >Six month grace period before payments start after graduation (or when student drops below 6 credits). **Interest will now accrue during this grace period, though!



College Costs Comparison

Private University

"True Costs" = \$41,700	
Tuition & Fees	\$30,400
Room & Board	\$9,800
Book & Supplies	\$1,500
Transportation	\$300
Miscellaneous	\$4,000
Total Cost of Attendance	\$46,000

Public University

"True Costs" = \$21,400	
Tuition & Fees	\$9,800
Room & Board	\$10,500
Book & Supplies	\$1,100
Transportation	\$800
Miscellaneous	\$2,300
Total Cost of Attendance	\$24,500

Technical College

"True Costs" = \$14,000	
Tuition & Fees	\$4,500
Room & Board	\$7,500
Book & Supplies	\$2,000
Transportation	\$2,100
Miscellaneous	\$1,800
Total Cost of Attendance	\$17,900

***Remember, these "budgets" are not exact in the transportation and miscellaneous categories; and all categories may be different if the student is only attending part time.



Comparison of Financial Aid Offers

Private University

University Scholarship	\$12,000
WI Grant	\$2,900
Pell Grant	\$6,195
University Grant	\$6,800
Total FREE Aid	\$27,895
Sub Direct Loan	\$3,500
Unsub Direct Loan	\$2,000
Federal Work Study	\$1,500
Total Self-Help Aid	\$7,000
Total Aid Offer	\$34,895

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University Scholarship	\$2,000
WI Grant	\$2,900
Pell Grant	\$6,195
Total FREE Aid	\$11,095
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Total Aid Offer	\$18,095

Technical College

University Scholarship	\$500
WI Grant	\$1,084
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Difference in Offers (Gap)

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Technical = \$0



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No grants or scholarships awarded.

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Technical = \$7,000

Difference in Offers (Gap)



How can the “GAP” be covered?



Are there scholarships student has not applied for?



Is the student's parent/parents willing to borrow a loan to help with costs?



Is there a payment plan available for the family that works for them?



Is the student planning to work while attending school?



Has student contacted the university's financial aid office to ask about other options?

Federal PLUS Loan

PLUS = Parent Loan to Undergraduate Student

- PLUS loans are made to parents of dependent students (current interest rate is 8.94% fixed – last year it was 9.08%).
- Credit check is required.
- Government does not pay interest.
- Payments begin after disbursement of the loan.
- 10-12 years of repayment.
- Some colleges automatically add PLUS loans to financial aid offers

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THANK YOU!



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