

UNDERSTANDING THE FAFSA® FORM TO SUPPORT HOMELESS YOUTH AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

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WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA® FORM?

STUDENTS
ATTENDING A
COLLEGE



STUDENTS
ATTENDING
GRADUATE
SCHOOL



ADULTS
ATTENDING/
RETURNING TO
A COLLEGE

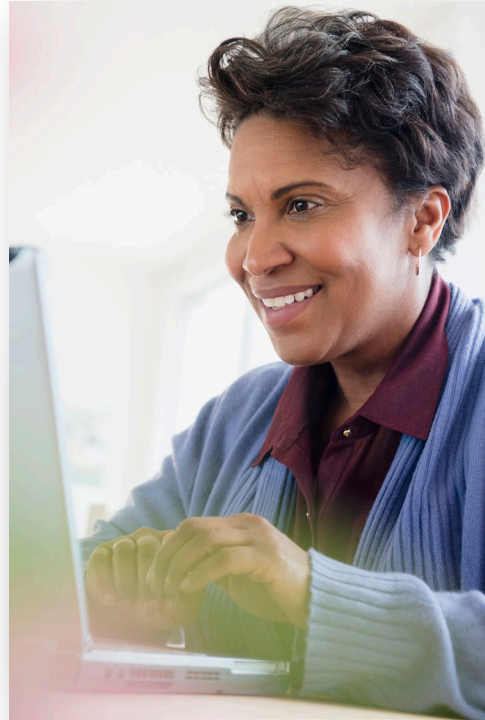


WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA[®] FORM?

STUDENTS PURSUING A
VOCATIONAL
CREDENTIAL



STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN
ONLINE
COURSES



STUDENTS PURSUING
CERTIFICATES



FSA ID



WHAT YOU NEED TO COMPLETE FAFSA®

MUST FILE AS

High School Senior Year
and every year in college.

FSA ID

Username
NAME 123

Password
●●●●●●●●

The FSA ID is a username and password combination.
You use it to log into to our websites
and to electronically sign our forms.

FSA ID

HOW TO CREATE



Visit fsaid.ed.gov



Enter your email address



Create a username



Create a password



Enter your name, date of birth,
and Social Security number

FSA ID

The FSA ID is a username and password combination.
You use it to log into our websites and to electronically sign our forms.

Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID is a username and password that gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

Important: When you are done, select the CANCEL button to clear your data even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

Create an FSA ID Manage My FSA ID

Create your FSA ID username and password below.

Username

Password

Numbers Uppercase Letters Lowercase Letters 8-30 Characters Show Text

Confirm Password

CONTINUE >

FSA ID

HOW TO CREATE



Enter your mobile phone number



Set up 4 challenge questions



Read and accept the terms



Verify your mobile phone number



Verify your email address

FINANCIAL AID

FINDING FINANCIAL AID



GOVERNMENT

- Federal Government
- State Government



INSTITUTION

- College
- University



FOUNDATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

- Private Foundations
- Professional Organization
- Service Organization



EMPLOYMENT & COMPANIES

- Employers
- Private Companies

WHEN TO COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA®

MUST FILE AS

High School Senior Year
and every year in college.



THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

The FAFSA® Form

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students also need to:

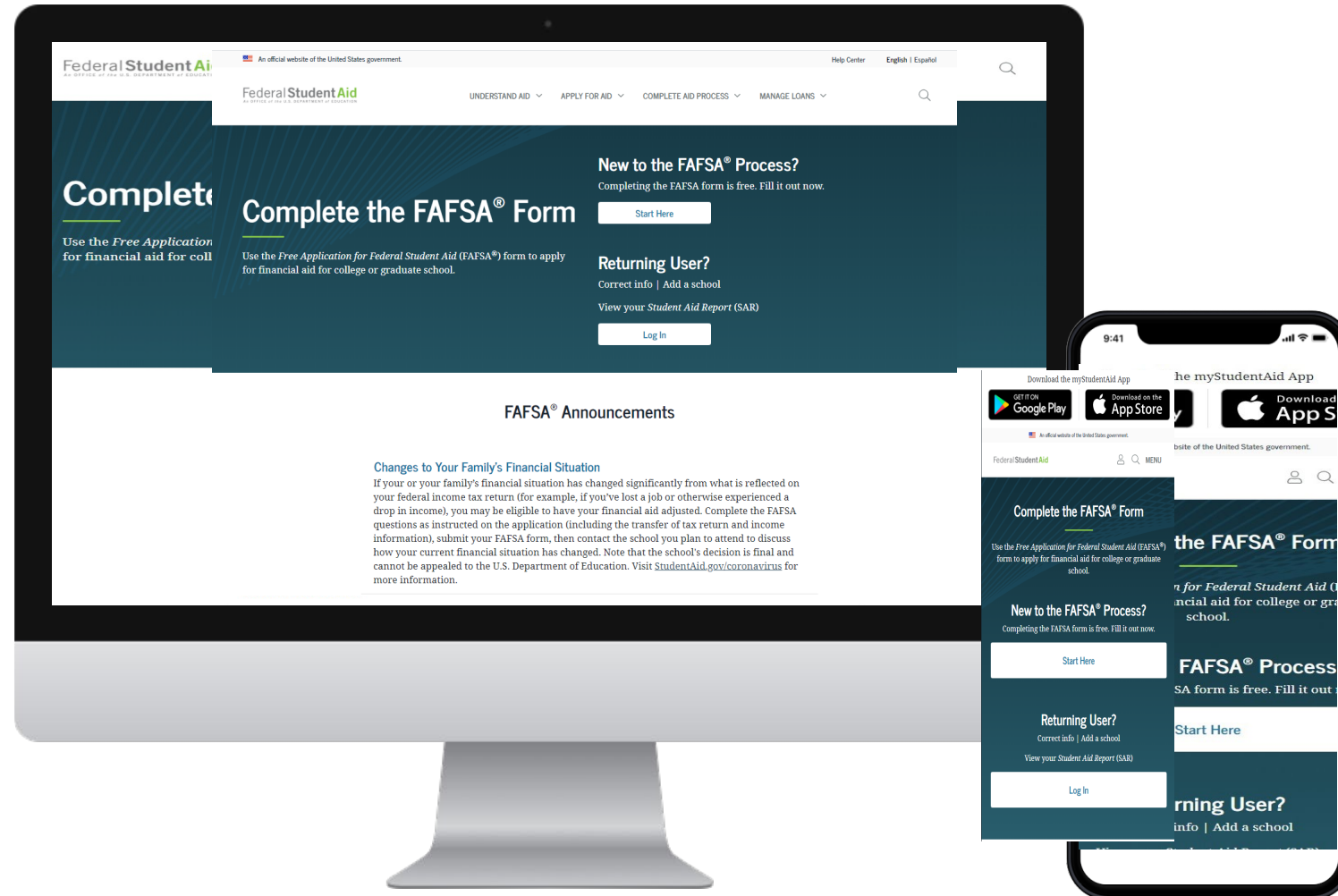
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate or have completed homeschooling. If you don't, you may still be eligible for federal student aid if you were enrolled in college or career school prior to July 1, 2012. Go to <http://studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility/basic-criteria> for additional information
- Social Security Number (with limited exceptions)
- U.S. citizenship or be an eligible noncitizen
- Registered with the Selective Service (Males)

Students also need to:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible program
- Be pursuing a degree, certificate or credential

2021-22 FAFSA®

THE 2021-22 FAFSA® FORM WILL LAUNCH OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND CAN BE COMPLETED VIA FAFSA.GOV OR THE MYSTUDENTAID MOBILE APP.



WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD DO

- Provide information **as of the day** you fill out the FAFSA®
- Students can list **up to 10 schools** on the FAFSA®
- Students can log back into **FAFSA.gov** to check their application status, make any updates, and/or add extra schools
- Students should call **1-800-4-FEDAID** with questions regarding completing the FAFSA®
- Students should call the school's **financial aid office** with questions regarding the amount of aid they will receive and disburse

THE FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

TYPES OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID

THREE TYPES

Students may be eligible for three types of Federal Student Aid once completing the FAFSA® Form.

TYPES OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- 1 GRANTS (FREE MONEY)**
Grants are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.
- 2 LOANS (BORROWED MONEY)**
Loans are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.
- 3 WORK-STUDY (EARNED MONEY)**
A work-study job lets you earn money while you're in school.

TYPES OF FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS



DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS

Direct Subsidized Loans are available to undergraduate students with financial need.

The U.S. Department of Education pays the interest on a Direct Subsidized Loan

while you're in school at least half-time, for the first six months after you leave school (referred to as a grace period*), and during a period of deferment (a postponement of loan payments).



DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS

Direct Unsubsidized Loans are available to undergraduate and graduate students; there is no requirement to demonstrate financial need.

You are responsible for paying the interest on a Direct Unsubsidized Loan during all periods.



DIRECT PLUS LOANS

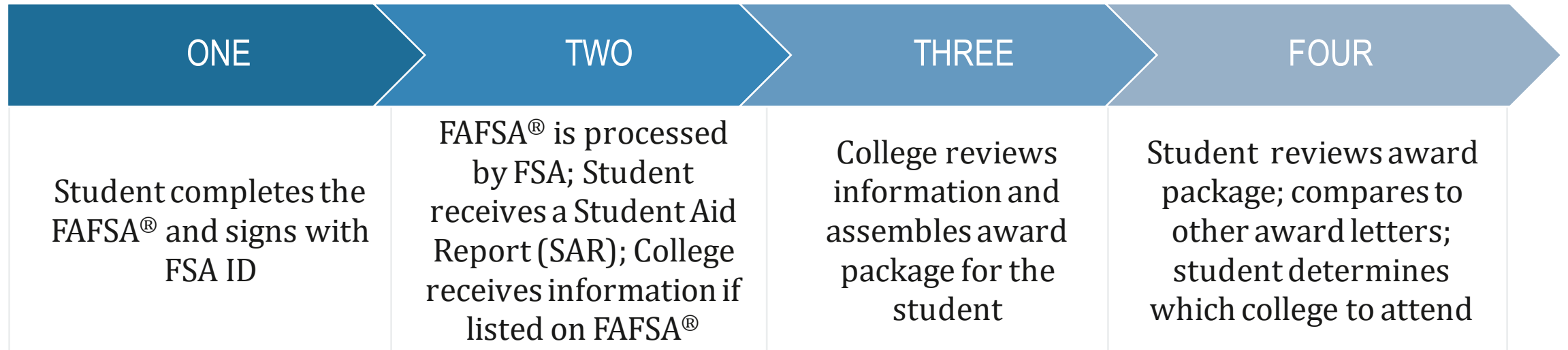
A Direct PLUS Loan is commonly referred to as a parent PLUS loan when made to a parent, and as a grad PLUS loan when made to a graduate or professional student.

RATES ON FEDERAL LOANS

Interest Rates for Direct Loans First Disbursed on or After July 1, 2020 and Before July 1, 2021

Loan Type	Borrower Type	Fixed Interest Rate
Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Undergraduate	2.75%
Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Graduate or Professional	4.30%
Direct PLUS Loans	Parents and Graduate or Professional Students	5.30%

FAFSA® APPLICATION PROCESS



RECEIVING YOUR FINANCIAL AID

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Your institution will distribute your financial aid to your student account so that it can reflect on your student bill.

WHEN WILL YOU RECEIVE YOUR FINANCIAL AID?

Each school has a different schedule for paying out financial aid. If you're wondering when you'll get your financial aid, check with your school.



Tax Info

IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL (IRS DRT)

The IRS DRT has the fastest, most accurate way to transfer your tax information into your FAFSA® application. You will be able to review your information prior to submission.

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)

EASY

Transfer info with the click of a button.

FAST

Instantly retrieve your info.

ACCURATE

Correctly fill in your info.

NOTE: You will know that your federal tax return information has been successfully transferred because the words "Transferred from the IRS" will display in place of the IRS information in your FAFSA form.

DEPENDENCY STATUS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP

DEPENDENCY STATUS

INDEPENDENT STATUS

An independent student is one of the following:

- ✓ at least 24 years old;
- ✓ married;
- ✓ a graduate or professional student;
- ✓ a veteran or a member of the armed forces;
- ✓ an orphan or a ward of the court;
- ✓ someone with legal dependents other than a spouse;
- ✓ an emancipated minor;
- ✓ someone who is homeless at risk of being homeless; or
- ✓ legal guardianship.

DEPENDENT STATUS

A dependent student does not meet any of the criteria for an independent student and must report information about his/her parent(s) on the FAFSA® form.

FOSTER CARE/ HOMELESS YOUTH

HELPFUL LINK

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/homeless-youth.pdf>

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES STATUS

IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS THE ONES BELOW, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA® FORM WITHOUT PARENT INFORMATION DESPITE BEING CONSIDERED A DEPENDENT STUDENT:

- Your parents are incarcerated.
- You have left home due to an abusive family environment.
- You do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them (and you have not been adopted).
- You are older than 21 but not yet 24, are unaccompanied, and are either homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES STATUS

If you are filling out the FAFSA[®] form online or on the myStudentAid app, you will be asked whether you are able to provide information about your parents. If you are not, you will have the option to indicate that you have special circumstances that make you unable to get your parents' information. You will then be able to submit your application without entering data about your parents. You will not receive an EFC and must immediately contact the financial aid office at your college.

GUARDIANSHIP ON FAFSA®

PARENT VS. LEGAL GUARDIAN

This is not based on who claims you on their taxes.

- Parent – Biological
- Legal Guardian – Someone other than your parent or stepparent determined by a court in your state or legal residence

GUARDIANSHIP – WHAT IF...



I DON'T LIVE WITH MY PARENTS

It doesn't matter if you don't live with your parent or parents; you still must report information about them. Other people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you.



UNABLE TO PROVIDE PARENT INFORMATION

You may be able to submit your FAFSA[®] form without parent information despite being considered a dependent student due to special circumstances.



I HAVE AN UNWILLING PARENT

You can't be considered independent of your parents just because they refuse to help you with the FAFSA[®] form. You can submit your FAFSA[®] under special circumstances. You will not get an EFC and can only be considered for unsubsidized loans.



I HAVE A NONCITIZEN PARENT

Your parents' citizenship status does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid. In fact, the FAFSA[®] form doesn't even ask about your parents' status.

WHAT'S THE SCENARIO?

SCENARIO 1

TRUE OR FALSE

THERE IS A DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA® .

TRUE.

THE FAFSA® OPENS OCTOBER 1.

THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE 2020 – 2021 FAFSA® IS **JUNE 30, 2021**

SCENARIO 2

TRUE OR FALSE

I AM A STUDENT IN FOSTERCARE, I MUST PROVIDE PARENTAL INFORMATION ON THE FAFSA® FORM?

FALSE.

IF YOU ARE IN FOSTERCARE YOU ARE CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT FOR FAFSA® PURPOSES. NO PARENTAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.

HOWEVER, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

SCENARIO 3

YES OR NO

I AM THE GRANDMOTHER AND LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT. CAN I FILL OUT THE FAFSA® IN PLACE OF THE PARENT?

NO.

THIS STUDENT IS CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT DUE TO THE COURTS PLACING THE STUDENT IN A LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP. INDEPENDENT STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PARENTAL INFORMATION ON THE FAFSA®. ALSO, ONLY LEGAL PARENTS SHOULD REPORT PARENTAL INFORMATION ON THE FAFSA®.

SCENARIO 4

YES, NO, OR MAYBE

I AM A HOMELESS RUNAWAY YOUTH LIVING IN A SHELTER. WILL I BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE THAT I AM “UNACCOMPANIED” AND HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BEING HOMELESS?

MAYBE.

ONCE YOU ANSWER “YES” TO THE GENERAL HOMELESSNESS QUESTION ON THE FAFSA® FORM, YOU WILL BE ASKED WHETHER YOU HAVE RECEIVED A HOMELESS YOUTH DETERMINATION.

IF YOU INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE, THE FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATOR AT THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND MAY REQUEST THE DETERMINATION TO PROVE THAT YOU ARE “UNACCOMPANIED” AND HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.

SCENARIO 5

TRUE OR FALSE

A HOMELESS YOUTH DETERMINATION LETTER CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY A HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR?

FALSE.

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT:

- YOUR HIGH SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMELESS LIAISON
- THE DIRECTOR OF AN EMERGENCY SHELTER OR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- THE DIRECTOR OF A RUNAWAY OR HOMELESS YOUTH BASIC CENTER OR TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

FSA RESOURCES

FINANCIAL AID TOOLKIT

Financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Financial Aid Toolkit for Counselors. At the top left is the Federal Student Aid logo with the text 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION'. To its right is the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. The main title 'Financial Aid Toolkit for COUNSELORS' is centered at the top. Below this is a navigation bar with four items: 'Learn About Financial Aid', 'Conduct Outreach', 'Get Training', and 'Search Financial Aid Tools and Resources'. A main heading reads 'Help students and parents prepare for college or career school.' followed by a sub-heading: 'The Financial Aid Toolkit provides federal student aid information and outreach tools for counselors, college access professionals, nonprofit mentors, and other advisors.' Below this are four columns, each with an image and a description: 1. 'LEARN ABOUT FINANCIAL AID' with an image of a man and woman at a computer, describing the basics of federal student aid, FAFSA, and loan repayment. 2. 'CONDUCT OUTREACH' with an image of a woman at a podium, describing tips on hosting events and sample presentations. 3. 'GET TRAINING' with an image of a man in a training session, describing training and conference opportunities. 4. 'SEARCH TOOLS AND RESOURCES' with an image of a woman looking at a screen, describing the search function by content, audience, and topic. At the bottom, there is a green bar with 'ANNOUNCEMENTS' and 'NATURAL DISASTERS: INFORMATION FOR AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS'. The footer contains links for FOIA, Privacy, Notices, Plug-ins and Viewers, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

FAFSA UPDATES

[Financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/learn/fafsa/updates.jsp](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/learn/fafsa/updates.jsp)

[Home](#) » [Learn About Financial Aid](#) » [The FAFSA Process](#) » FAFSA Updates

Learn what's new with the FAFSA[®] process and materials.
Find the latest Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA[®]) news and documents.

Wondering what's planned for the upcoming FAFSA[®] season? Or when that important document will be ready so you can use it with your students? You've come to the right place.

- FAFSA[®] News and Enhancements
 - Changes on the 2021–22 FAFSA[®] Form
 - Availability of FAFSA[®] Materials and Websites
 - 2021–22 FAFSA[®] Materials and Websites
 - 2020–21 FAFSA[®] Materials and Websites

FAFSA[®] News and Enhancements

In the following sections of this page, you'll find the latest scoop on enhancements to the current FAFSA forms or plans for next year's FAFSA form.

Note: We'd like to request that you encourage students and parents to create FSA IDs as soon as possible, especially if they think the Social Security Administration might have incorrect information for them in its files. Send students and parents to [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account) to create an FSA ID. Meanwhile, we've developed several [resources to help you get the word out about the FSA ID.](#)

Quick Links

- > [FAFSA Completion Data](#)
- > [Types of Aid and Eligibility](#)

Search Tools and Resources

I AM LOOKING FOR

Resource Type ▼

TO HELP

Audience Type ▼

LEARN ABOUT

Topic ▼

GET RESOURCES >

FAFSA® Materials and Websites

[Financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/learn/fafsa/updates.jsp](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/learn/fafsa/updates.jsp)

2021–22 FAFSA® Materials and Websites	
FAFSA® DOCUMENT OR WEBSITE	AVAILABILITY ESTIMATE
fafsa.gov	Oct. 1, 2020
PDF FAFSA form (English and Spanish)	Early October 2020
<i>FAFSA on the Web Worksheet</i> PDF (English and Spanish)	Early October 2020
<i>Student Aid Report</i> sample (English and Spanish)	October 2020
<i>SAR Acknowledgement</i> sample (English and Spanish)	October 2020
FAFSA demo site updated for 2021–22	Sept. 30, 2020
fafsa.gov screen shots (aka "fafsa.gov Preview Presentation")	Available now
myFAFSA Preview Presentation (screen shots)	Early September 2020
EFC Formula Guide	Available now
FAFSA summary of changes (Summary of Changes for the Application Processing System)	Available now
Federal School Code List (English and Spanish)	Updated quarterly (2/1, 5/1, 8/1, 11/1)

FAFSA® Materials and Websites

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PDF FAFSA form (Spanish)	Available now
FAFSA on the Web Worksheet PDF (English)	Available now
FAFSA on the Web Worksheet PDF (Spanish)	Available now
Student Aid Report sample (English)	Available now
Student Aid Report sample (Spanish)	Available now
SAR Acknowledgement sample (English)	Available now
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES - FINANCIALAIDTOOLKIT.ED.GOV

FOR COUNSELORS, MENTORS AND COLLEGE ACCESS PROFESSIONALS

COLLEGE PREPARATION
CHECKLISTS

COLLEGE NAVIGATOR

COLLEGE SCORECARD

LEARN ABOUT FEDERAL
FINANCIAL AID PROCESS AND
TERMS

LOAN REPAYMENT BASICS

RESOURCES FOR OUTREACH
SUPPORT

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REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

LINK:

FINANCIALAIDTOOLKIT.ED.GOV/FSA-OUTREACH

Choose Presenters

If you want to have one or more presentations at your event, you'll need presenters. Try the following:

- Depending on your level of comfort with the topic and with public speaking, you can be the presenter. [Get tips on making a presentation about financial aid.](#)
- Ask the admissions or financial aid staff at a local college if someone is available to speak.
- Find out if there's a college access organization near you that can provide an expert in the topic you want to feature. (Invite them to bring their students to your event so they can benefit as well.)

Interested in having someone from the Federal Student Aid Outreach Team at your upcoming event?

[Complete the Outreach Event Request Form](#) if you are interested in having someone from the Federal Student Aid Outreach Team at your upcoming event. The Outreach Team will respond to let you know whether we can fulfill your request for a speaker.

Federal StudentAid
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Outreach Event Request Form

Thank you for your interest in having Federal Student Aid at your upcoming event. Please complete this form to submit your request for a FSA representative.

Please direct all questions to FSAOutreach@ed.gov

Requestor First Name *

Requestor Last Name *

Requestor Email Address *

Requestor Contact Number *

Organization Name *

Type of Organization *

Organization Address *

Is this request for more than one date/time? *

Name of the Event *

Event Type *

Event Format *

PARTNER EMAILS

LINK:
[FSAPARTNERS.ED.GOV/S/](https://fsapartners.ed.gov/s/)

Sign Up to Receive Partner Emails

We consider school counselors, college access organization staff, and other mentors to be our partners in educating students about applying for and receiving federal student aid to help make their college dreams a reality. Several times a year, we email our partners with updates about our products and services, reminders about upcoming professional development opportunities, tips for outreach to students, and more.

Note: The emails we send are intended to keep counselors and mentors up to date; they do not contain information for students or parents. Please send students and parents to StudentAid.gov for information about federal student aid.

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[Privacy Policy](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

* First Name

* Position Title

* Last Name

* Department/Division

* Email

* Position Type

* Phone Number

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

FEDERAL STUDENT AID TOOLS & RESOURCES

SOCIAL MEDIA



@FederalStudentAid



@FAFSA



Youtube.com/FederalStudentAid

[STUDENTAID.GOV](https://studentaid.gov)

[STUDENTAID.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://studentaid.gov/coronavirus)

[STUDENTAID.GOV/HOMELESS-YOUTH](https://studentaid.gov/homeless-youth)

EMAIL ANYTIME

CHAT WITH A LIVE AGENT

CALL US **1-800-4FED-AID**
1-800-433-3243

Hours of Operation

Monday–Friday
8 a.m.–11 p.m. Eastern time (ET)

Saturday–Sunday
11 a.m.–5 p.m. Eastern time (ET)

We are closed on federal holidays, the day after Thanksgiving and on December 24th.

We are open on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, and Washington's Birthday from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. ET.

Hearing Impaired?
TTY calls only.
1-800-730-8913

ANNUAL SCHOOL LOAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

studentaid.gov/asla/

An official website of the United States government. Help Center English | Español

Federal StudentAid UNDERSTAND AID APPLY FOR AID COMPLETE AID PROCESS MANAGE LOANS BILL

Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment

Begin this acknowledgment by entering a school and academic program for you or your child. Review the borrowing information and tips that follow and submit your acknowledgment at the bottom of this page. Whether you are a parent or a student, completing the acknowledgment helps you stay informed and borrow wisely.

Estimate What You Will Owe and Earn

Explore your financial future, or your child's future, using College Scorecard! Enter a school's name and academic program (degree type and field of study) below to view cost and earnings data typical for students that complete that program at that school.

U.S. Schools/U.S. Territory Schools
 Non-U.S. Schools

State
Type response

School Name
Type response

Degree/Certificate
▼

Field of Study - optional
Type response

[View Data](#)

Lifetime Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan Limits

Graduate

Lifetime limits do not apply to PLUS loans. Your lifetime loan limits may be higher if you're a health profession student.

Based on the information we have, you may still be eligible to receive up to **\$138,500** in federal loans before reaching your lifetime loan limit.

Lifetime Loan Limit Tracker



This is an estimate based on the information provided on your FAFSA® form and the most recent loan history we have on file. Please contact your school's financial aid office or your loan servicer for more details.

Why this Matters

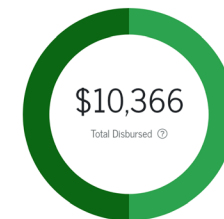
There is both an [annual and lifetime limit to the amount](#) you can borrow in federal student loans based on your dependency status and academic program. Your school determines your financial aid offer each year.

My Grants

2 Grants Disbursed to Date

1 ACG Grant	\$5,183
1 Pell Grant	\$5,183

[View Grant Details](#)



Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used

[Learn more about Pell Lifetime Eligibility](#)

1 Pell Grants Received



The amount of Federal Pell Grant funds you may receive over your lifetime is limited by federal law to be the equivalent of six years of Pell Grant funding. Since the amount of a scheduled Pell Grant award you can receive each award year is equal to 100%, the six-year equivalent is 600%.

FAFSA DEMO SCREENSHOTS

FAFSA® DEMO SCREENSHOTS

Login

Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the **Save Key** that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

Form Approved
OMB No. 1845-0001
App. Exp. 12/31/2021

I am the student OR I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.
Don't have an FSA ID? [Create one](#) or login using the [student's identifiers](#).

Student's FSA ID Username, E-mail Address, or Mobile Number ?

[Forgot Username](#)

The student's FSA ID Password ?

[Forgot Password](#)

NEXT

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I am the student

OR

I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State


The student's first name ?

Montrose

The student's full last name ?

Walker

The student's Social Security Number ?

234-56-7890 

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The student's date of birth (mmddyyyy) ?

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Login

Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the **Save Key** that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

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Welcome, Montrose! You should review the information you entered to make sure it is accurate before clicking **Next**. If you believe you have already submitted a FAFSA and the information you provided on this page is correct, [Contact Us](#) for assistance.

I am the student
 OR
 I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

The student's first name ?

Montrose

The student's full last name ?

Walker

The student's Social Security Number ?

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DECLINE

ACCEPT

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Get Started

STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome, Montrose Walker!

Fill out your FAFSA form!

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started.

START 2020-2021 FAFSA

FSA ID

Last Time, Date FSA ID Used:

FSA ID Status:

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Create a Save Key.

The Save Key is for temporary use for you or your parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA.

Create a Save Key ?

Re-enter Save Key ?

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Your Social Security Number
234-56-7890

Your first name ?
Montrose

Your middle initial ?
I

Your last name ?
Walker

Your date of birth ?
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Student E-mail and Phone

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Your e-mail address ?

Re-enter your e-mail address ?

Your telephone number ?

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Student Address

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Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number) ?

Your city (and country if not U.S.) ?

Your state ?

Your ZIP code ?

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What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2020-2021 school year? ?
High school diploma ▼

What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2020-2021 school year? ?
1st bachelor's degree ▼

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2020-2021 school year? ?
 Yes No

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2020-2021 school year? ?
Never attended college/1st yr. ▼

Are you interested in being considered for work-study? ?
 Yes No Don't know

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Student Foster Care and Parent Education Completion

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Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system? ?
 Yes No

Highest school completed by Parent 1 ?
High School

Highest school completed by Parent 2 ?
High School

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Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?

Select **Yes** if you are a foster youth or were at any time in the foster care system.

Select **No** if you are not a foster youth. Also select **No** if you were not at any time in the foster care system.

If you are not sure if you were in foster care, check with your state child welfare agency. You can find out the contact information for your state child welfare agency by visiting [your state child welfare agency](#). 

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Search for High School

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✓ ✎

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i Because the FAFSA belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

i Enter the name, city, and state of your high school, then click **Search**. ?

What is the name of your high school?

In what city is your high school located?

In what state is your high school located?

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i Montrose, based on the information you provided, we have determined that you may qualify for federal student aid. Continue through the application for us to determine how much aid you can receive.

i Here's where you'll search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA information. You can add up to 10 colleges at a time to your FAFSA. If you're applying to more than 10 colleges, [follow these instructions](#).

Make sure you add ALL colleges you're interested in, even if you haven't applied or been accepted yet.

i Complete the fields below to search for a college to add to your FAFSA.

Do you know the college's [Federal School Code](#)? ?

Yes No

State ?

Select ▼

City (optional) ?

School Name (optional) ?

SEARCH TIPS **i**

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SEARCH **Q**

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You can add up to 10 colleges to your FAFSA.

All of the information you include on your FAFSA, with the exception of the list of colleges, will be sent to each of the colleges you list. In addition, all of your FAFSA information, including the list of colleges, will be sent to your state grant agency.



To select schools from the Search Results, click the checkbox to the left of each school you'd like to add to your FAFSA, then click **Next** or **Add More Schools** to continue.

Search Results: 1 to 25 of 25. You have **1 school** selected.

Sort By:

Best Match

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Name: American University City: Washington State: DC Federal School Code: 001434
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Name: Bennett Career Institute City: Washington State: DC Federal School Code: 034096
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Name: Career Blazers Learning Center Of Washin City: Washington State: DC Federal School Code: 031043
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Name: Catholic Univ America, Law School City: Washington State: DC Federal School Code: E00131
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Name: Catholic University Of America

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Does Student Have Dependents?

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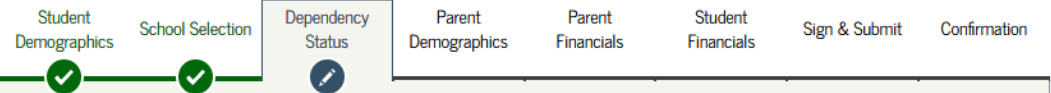
Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021? ?
 Yes No

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2021? ?
 Yes No

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Student Additional Dependency Questions



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Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA. Check all that apply or check **None of the above**. ?

- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- None of the above

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Student Additional Dependency Questions

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Parent Demographics

Parent Financials

Student Financials

Sign & Submit

Confirmation

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Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA. Check all that apply or check **None of the above**. ?

- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- None of the above

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Independent Student

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You are considered an **"independent"** student. This means you are not required to answer questions about your parents. However, you may want to answer questions about your parents if:

- you are a law school or health profession student (such as a medical or nursing student), or
- your school requires parental information from all students.

Do you want to answer questions about your parents? ?

Yes No

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Student Tax Filing Status

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i **Attention!** You must provide financial information from your **2018 tax return** on the following pages.

For 2018, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return? **?**

Not going to file

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Based on your responses, you are not eligible to transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA.

Click **Next** to continue.

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Student Income from Work

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How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2018? ?

\$.00

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Student Additional Financial Info

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Did you have any of the following items in 2018? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support you paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Do not include support for children in your household. ?

\$.00

Earnings from work under a Cooperative Education Program offered by a college ?

\$.00

Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships ?

\$.00

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Did you have any of the following items in 2018? Enter amounts for all that apply.

Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments. ?

\$.00

Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing. ?

\$.00

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S. **Don't include** amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits). ?

\$.00

Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances ?

\$.00

Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, etc. ?

\$.00

Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a parent or other person whose financial information is not reported on this form and that is not part of a legal child support agreement. ?

\$.00

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Are you a [preparer](#)? (This is rare.) ?

Yes No

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Are you a [preparer](#)? (This is rare.) ?

Yes No

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Agreement of Terms

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STUDENT INFORMATION

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you:

1. will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
2. are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
3. do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
4. will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and
5. 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 username and password, and/or any other credential or

I, the student, agree to the terms outlined above.


Agree Disagree

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Signature Options

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Student Signature for
Social Security Number: XXX-XX-7890
Last Name: Walker
Date of Birth: 09/22/2003

What is your (the student's) FSA ID?
Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the student.

FSA ID Username, E-mail Address, or Mobile Number ?

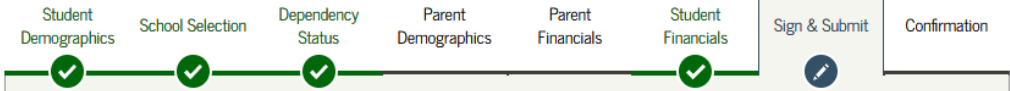
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FSA ID Password ?

[Forgot Password](#)

SIGN THIS FAFSA ✎

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Student Signature for

Social Security Number: XXX-XX-7890
Last Name: Walker
Date of Birth: 09/22/2003

Other Options to Sign and Submit

i We recommend signing electronically with an FSA ID so you don't have to print and mail a signature page or return later to sign your FAFSA. If you are unable to sign electronically, select another option:


- Sign Electronically With My FSA ID**
This is the fastest option. Selecting this option will return you to the question "What is your (the student's) FSA ID?".
- Print A Signature Page**
This option requires that you print and mail your signature.
- Submit Without Signatures**
This option allows you to submit your FAFSA now without your signature, but you will need to return later to sign.

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2020-2021 Confirmation Page



Congratulations, Montrose!

Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.


Confirmation Number: F 19014901704 09/18/2020 11:45:51

Data Release Number ([DRN](#)):

What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address:
mwalker@gmail.com

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So if someone answers “yes” to the foster care question on the FAFSA® form, once they’ve submitted their form and reached the confirmation page, they will be presented with text that provides them with a link to additional resources:

“You reported that you are or were in Foster Care. You may be eligible for assistance through federal programs for foster youth, such as the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and/or the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program.”

For more information, contact your state ETV coordinator.

HOMELESS CIRCUMSTANCE

Student Homelessness Filter Question



STUDENT INFORMATION

On or after July 1, 2020, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ?

Yes No

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Student Homelessness Questions

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At any time on or after July 1, 2020, did you receive a determination from any of the entities listed below that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Check all that apply, or check **None of the above**. ?

- Your high school or school district homeless liaison
- The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program
- None of the above

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Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

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i Important: You indicated that you are homeless or at risk of being homeless, and you answered "none of the above" when presented with the specific homeless questions. Read on for more information.

Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

Your financial aid administrator can decide that you meet both of the following conditions necessary to be considered homeless and, therefore, do not need to provide parental information:

- **You are homeless**, or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. Homeless means you are lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide a place to live; and
- **You are unaccompanied**, which means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

If you believe that you meet these conditions and would like to follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend, click **Next** to continue.

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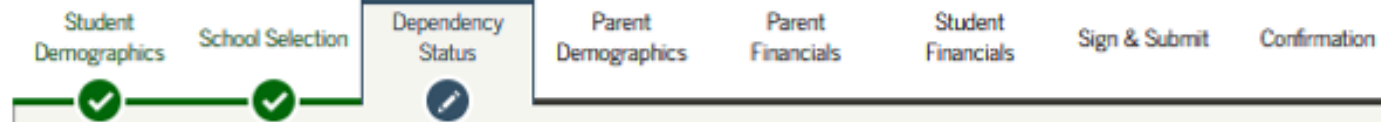
STUDENT INFORMATION

If you continue to complete the application without providing parent information

- we will **not** transfer any parent information from your last year's application into this year's FAFSA® form;
- we will **not** calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which colleges use to determine your financial aid package;
- you may be limited in the types of federal student aid that you are eligible to receive; and
- in order to find out how much student aid you are eligible to receive, you must follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend.

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Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless Acknowledgement



STUDENT INFORMATION

Choose the appropriate option below based on your circumstances. ?

- I am unaccompanied and either homeless or at risk of being homeless, and will not provide information about my parent(s)
- I will provide information about my parent(s)

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Student Household Info

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Household Size

You

Your spouse, based on your marital status

Your number of family members in 2021-2022 (household size)

Number in College

How many people in your household (as reported above) will be in college in 2021-2022? ?

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