

2024-2025 FAFSA Information



By completing the FAFSA each year, you are applying for the following:

1. Federal Grants
2. Federal Work-study
3. Federal Student Loans

The student and contributor(s) will need to sign up for an FSA ID before beginning the FAFSA.

- If you/your contributor* DO NOT have an FSA, follow instructions on pages 3 through 6.
- If you/your contributor* already have FSA ID's, go directly to the FAFSA instructions on page 7.

**Contributors may include the student's parents, the spouse of the student's parent or the student's spouse.*

Gathering the Documents Needed for the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the 2024–25 FAFSA form:

- Your SSN*
- Your parents' SSNs* if you're a dependent student
- 2022 Federal Tax return
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farm
- Student and parent will need to enter separate email and phone number for each person's FSA ID. Student, DO NOT use your K12 email address. *The MTC Financial Aid Office communicates through the student's email address that is listed on their FAFSA.

IMPORTANT: Avoid delays by triple-checking the information you entered.

When you and your parent create your separate FSA ID's for your FAFSA, make sure you enter the Name, Social Security Number (SSN) and Date of Birth exactly as they appear on your Social Security cards.

- Your FSA ID information will be matched to the Social Security Administration database and discrepancies could cause processing delays.
- If you enter a different name, SSN, and/or date of birth on the FAFSA form, you will receive an error message and may need to correct your FSA ID and/or your FAFSA with the correct information.

FAFSA Help Options

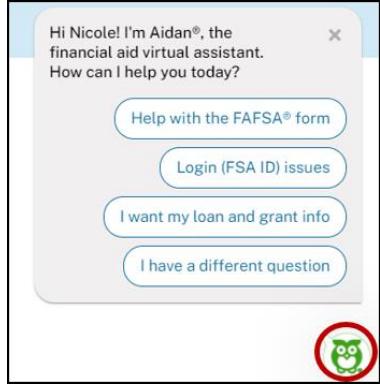
Help "bubbles" on each FAFSA question



FAFSA Help page

studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help

Aidan the Owl



Call

*Federal Student Aid Information Center at
1-800-433-3243*

Note: You can save the FAFSA form and return to the application at a later time/date.

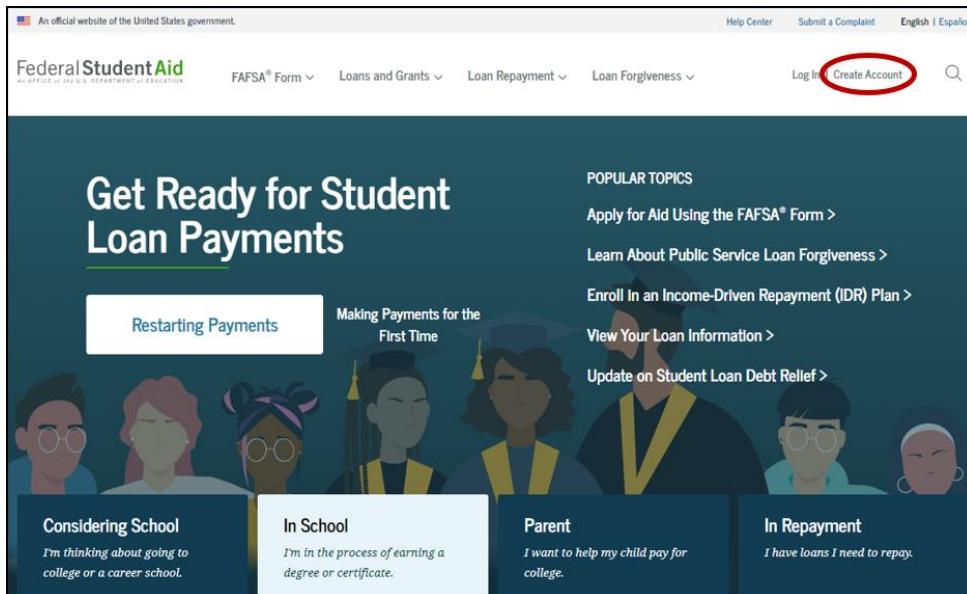
Creating an FSA ID

The FSA ID allows the contributors to:

- Complete their sections of the student's FAFSA.
- Provide consent and approval to transfer their federal tax data from the IRS directly to the student's FAFSA.
- Sign the FAFSA.

① Begin at studentaid.gov Homepage

② Choose Create Account



An official website of the United States government. Federal Student Aid. An official website of the U.S. Department of Education. Help Center. Submit a Complaint. English | Español. Log In. Create Account. Search icon.

Get Ready for Student Loan Payments

POPULAR TOPICS

- Apply for Aid Using the FAFSA® Form >
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- Enroll in an Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plan >
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- Update on Student Loan Debt Relief >

Restarting Payments. Making Payments for the First Time.

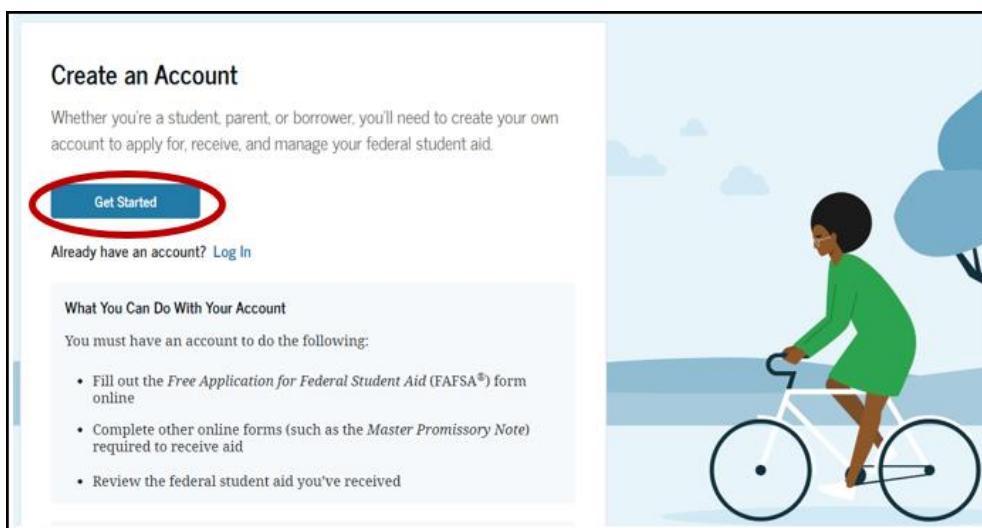
Considering School. I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.

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.

③ Choose Get Started



Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to apply for, receive, and manage your federal student aid.

Get Started. Already have an account? Log In

What You Can Do With Your Account

You must have an account to do the following:

- Fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form online
- Complete other online forms (such as the *Master Promissory Note*) required to receive aid
- Review the federal student aid you've received

Illustration of a person riding a bicycle.

④ Provide Personal, Account, & Contact Information

Create an Account

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account 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
 ⓘ

I don't have a Social Security number.

[Cancel](#) [Continue](#)

Create an Account

Step 2 of 7

Account Information

Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can't create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must each create their own accounts.

Username
 ⓘ

Email Address
 ⓘ

Confirm Email Address

Password
 Show Password ⓘ

✓ Uppercase
✓ Lowercase
✓ Number
✓ 8+ characters

Confirm Password
 Show Password

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

Create an Account

Step 3 of 7

Contact Information

Mailing Address

Address
 ⓘ

City
 ⓘ

State
 Type Response ⓘ

ZIP Code
 ⓘ

Mobile Phone Account Access

We strongly recommend setting up your mobile phone for account access. This option helps you gain access to your account if you are locked out and allows your mobile phone to be used for two-step verification.

Mobile Phone
 ⓘ

Confirm Mobile Phone

Yes, I agree to use my mobile phone for account access.

Alternate Phone Number (Optional)

Add Alternate Phone Number

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⑤ Provide Communication Preferences & Challenge Questions

Create an Account

Step 4 of 7

Communication Preferences

Required Communications

There are certain types of communications the U.S. Department of Education and our servicers are required to provide to you in writing. This includes communications such as student loan disclosures and student loan interest statements. You can choose whether you would like to receive these by email or postal mail.

Email *Recommended*

Postal mail

Optional Communications

We want you to feel confident about the financial aid and federal student loan process. To help with this, we sometimes send information about available grants, student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment options, and more. You can choose whether you would like to receive these by email and/or text message.

Create an Account

Step 5 of 7

Challenge Questions

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them, and also to unlock your account.

Note: Answers are not case-sensitive.

Challenge Question 1

Question
 Select

Answer
 Show Answer ⓘ

Challenge Question 2

Question
 Select

④ Confirm & verify your information

Confirm & Verify

Verify the information you provided for your account below. If there is an error, click "Edit" on the section where the error exists to correct the information.

Personal Information	Edit <input type="checkbox"/>
NAME	

I agree to FSA's terms and conditions.

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⑤ Enable Two-Step Verification

Create an Account

Step 7 of 7

Enable Two-Step Verification

Protect Your Account with Two-Step Verification

Whenever you sign in, we'll send a secure code to make sure it's really you. To keep your account protected, make sure your phone number and email are verified. We also suggest setting up verification using a secure authenticator app.

SMS Verification ▲ Not Verified [Verify](#)

Email Verification ▲ Not Verified [Verify](#)

Use an Authenticator App (Most Secure Option)

Use an authenticator app that you've downloaded from a mobile app store to view in-app secure codes—visible only to you—that can confirm your identity when you log in.

What is an authenticator app?

Set Up an Authenticator App

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⑥ Save your Backup Code in a safe place

Create an Account

Step 7 of 7

Enable Two-Step Verification: Backup Code

Info We recommend storing your backup code in a safe place.

Your backup code is a special code that lets you access your account in the event that you cannot use any other two-step verification method.

Your Backup Code Is:

H8ULPN1BMNCP

I have stored this backup code somewhere safe.

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④ FSA ID Created Successfully

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website. At the top, there are navigation links for 'FAFSA® Form', 'Loans and Grants', and a user profile dropdown. The main content area has a heading 'Your Account Was Successfully Created—What's Next?'. It includes a message of thanks for creating the account, a note about SSA matching, and a reminder that the account can be used while verification is pending. Below this, a section titled 'Ways to Use Your Log-In Information Now' lists several options, including signing the FAFSA form and checking account status. Another section, 'Ways to Use Your Log-In Information After You've Been Matched', lists options like using the mobile app and filling out renewals. At the bottom is a blue button labeled 'Return to StudentAid.gov'.

⑤ Student proceeds to completing the FAFSA once parent has their separate FSA ID created.

If the parent needs to create their separate FSA ID:

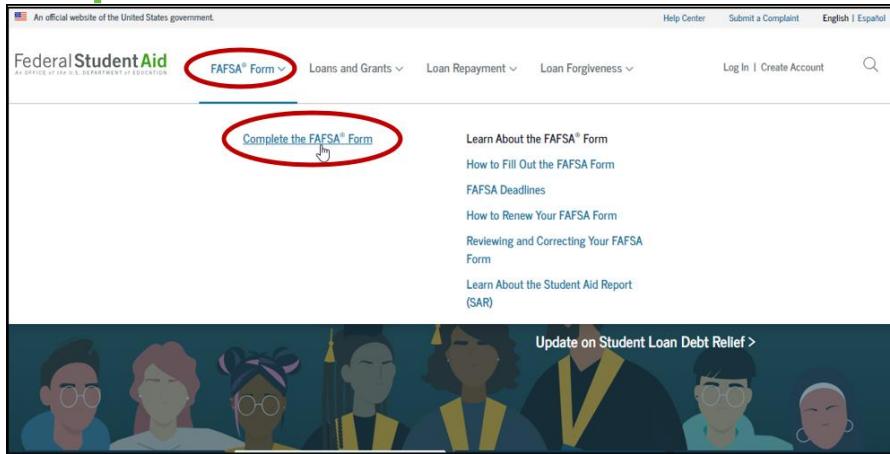
1. Student will **Log Out** of website and
2. Parent will go back to page 2 for instructions

The screenshot shows the 'Dashboard' section of the Federal Student Aid website. The user profile dropdown shows the name 'Carter'. A red circle highlights the 'Log Out' option in the dropdown menu. A green line points from the text 'Parent will go back to page 2 for instructions' to this 'Log Out' button.

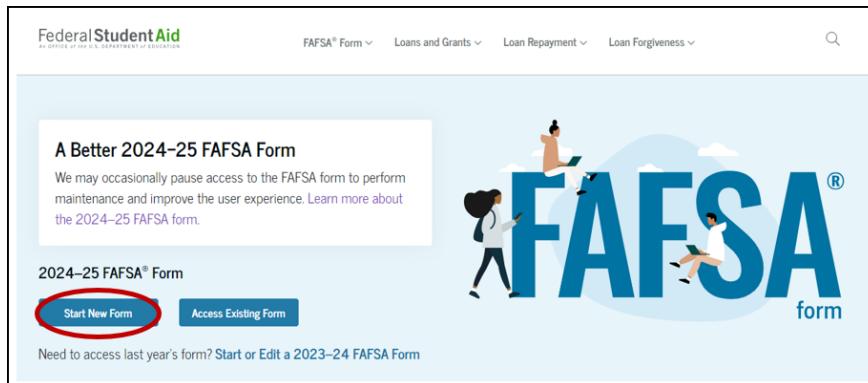
Completing the FAFSA

Even though the student or the parent can start the FAFSA application **we suggest the student starts the application** for a smoother process.

④ Begin at studentaid.gov homepage and choose FAFSA Form > Complete the FAFSA Form



④ Choose Start New Form

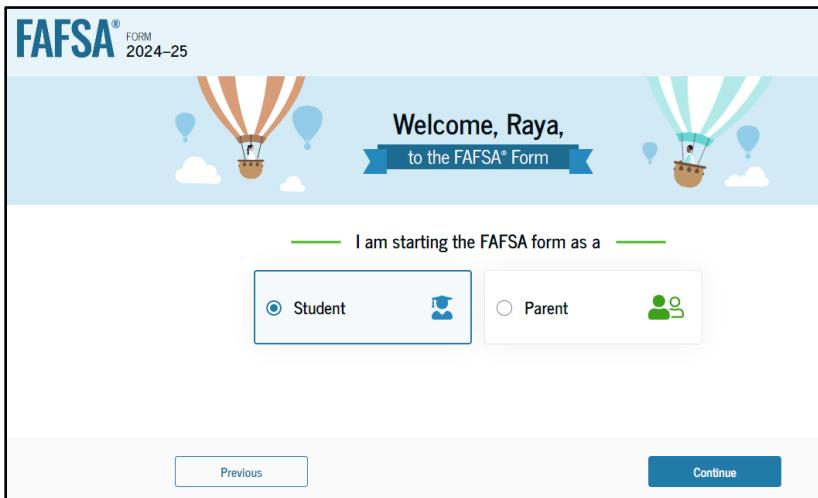


④ The Student logs in with the FSA ID account. (if the student isn't logged in already)

During login, you will be prompted for Two-Step Verification and to confirm your information.

 A screenshot of the FAFSA login page. The page has a 'Log In' button at the top. Below it is a text input field for 'Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username'. Underneath the input field is a 'Password' input field with a 'Show Password' link. At the bottom of the form is a 'Log In' button. Below the 'Log In' button are links for 'Forgot My Username' and 'Forgot My Password'. At the very bottom of the page is a link for 'Create an Account'.

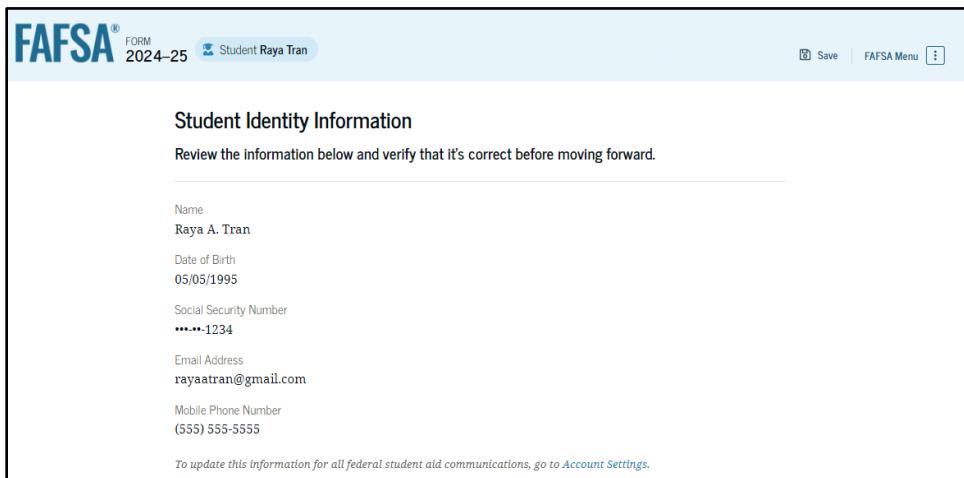
④ Select student



④ View the videos/read information on the next few screens. Then select Start FAFSA Form.

The image contains two screenshots of the FAFSA 2024-25 application. The left screenshot shows a video player with the title 'What is FAFSA®?' and a description: 'Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college or graduate school.' The right screenshot shows a section titled 'After Submitting the FAFSA® Form' with a list of what happens next. At the bottom right of this screen, the 'Start FAFSA form' button is circled in red.

④ Review your information & make any necessary corrections



FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 Student: Raya Tran

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Student Identity Information

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

Name: Raya A. Tran

Date of Birth: 05/05/1995

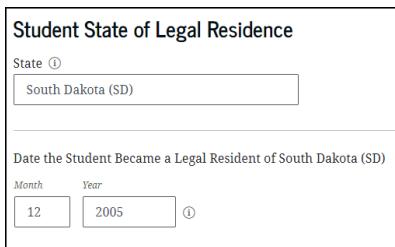
Social Security Number:1234

Email Address: rayatran@gmail.com

Mobile Phone Number: (555) 555-5555

To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to Account Settings.

⑤ Enter your state of legal residence



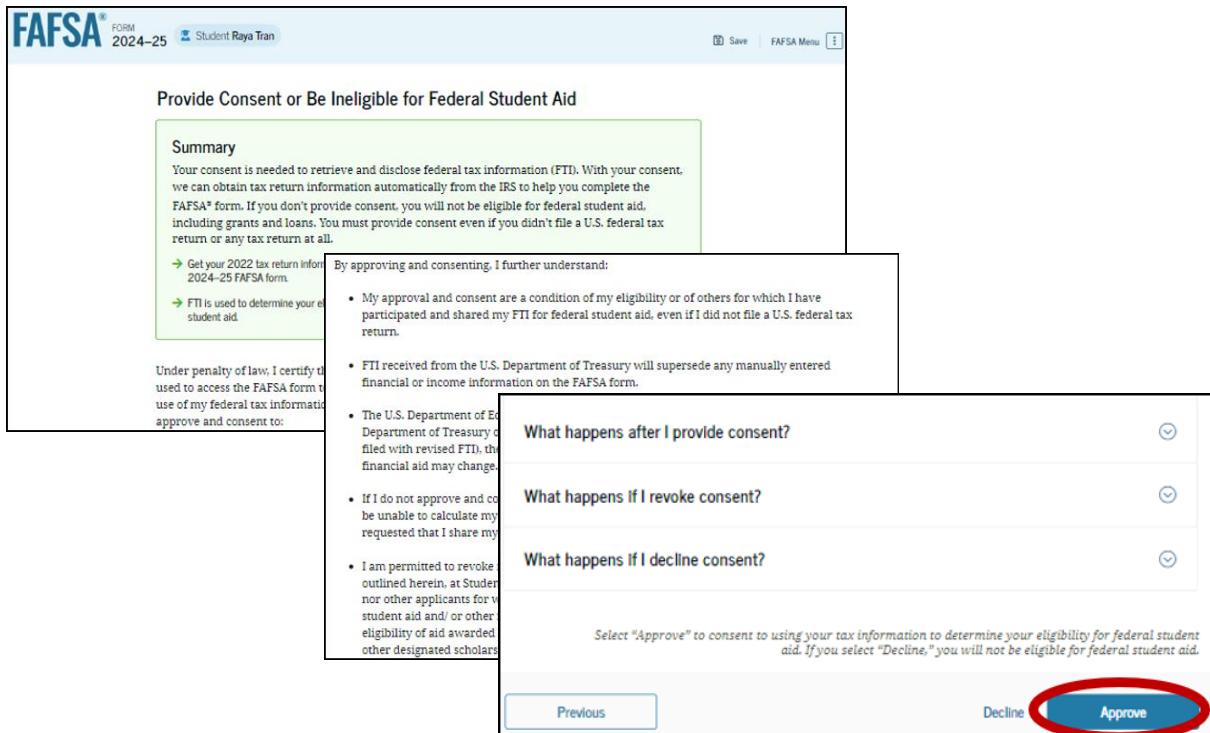
Student State of Legal Residence

State: South Dakota (SD)

Date the Student Became a Legal Resident of South Dakota (SD)

Month: 12	Year: 2005
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⑥ Provide Consent to retrieve and disclose your federal tax information



FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 Student: Raya Tran

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Provide Consent or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

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

By approving and consenting, I further understand:

- My approval and consent are a condition of my eligibility or of others for which I have participated and shared my FTI for federal student aid, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
- FTI received from the U.S. Department of Treasury will supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
- The U.S. Department of Education (ED) (the Department of Treasury or ED) will file with revised FTI, the financial aid may change.
- If I do not approve and consent, I may be unable to calculate my aid and my requested that I share my FTI.
- I am permitted to revoke my consent at any time. If I do so, ED (the Department of Treasury or ED) will no longer use my FTI to determine my student aid and/or other eligibility of aid awarded to me by other designated scholars.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I have read and understood the information above and that I am providing my consent to the use of my federal tax information for the purpose of determining my eligibility for federal student aid.

What happens after I provide consent?

What happens if I revoke consent?

What happens if I decline consent?

Select "Approve" to consent to using your tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

Previous Decline **Approve**

④ Enter Student's Martial Status

1
Personal Circumstances

Student Marital Status

Single (Never Married)

Married (not Separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

④ Enter Student's College or Career School Plans

1
Personal Circumstances

Student College or Career School Plans

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

First year (freshman)

Second year (sophomore)

Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)

Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (such as MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, etc.)

When the student begins the 2024–25 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree? i

Yes

No

④ Enter Student's Personal Circumstances

1
Personal Circumstances

Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply.

The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training. i

The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces. i

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, 2024, and June 30, 2025. i

At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent). i

At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court. i

At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care. i

The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence. i

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. i

None of these apply.

Student Other Circumstances

At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? i

Yes

No

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? i

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

④ Student Dependency Status

1
Personal Circumstances

Your Dependency Status



Dependent Student

Based on your answers, you are 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.

Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents' information? ①

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

Yes

No

⑤ Enter information about your Parents & Invite the Parent(s) to the FAFSA Form

1
Personal Circumstances

Tell Us About the Student's Parents

On the FAFSA® form, the "parent" is the student's legal (biological or adoptive) parent.

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes

No

Do the parents live together?

Yes

No

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other parent over the past 12 months?

If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support the student financially, select "No," and refer to the parent with the greater income and assets in the next question.

Yes

No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

Yes

No



Provide Information for the Parent and Stepparent

Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about the parent and stepparent on the FAFSA® form. You can invite the parent and stepparent to the form so they can complete their required sections.

Invite Parent(s) to This FAFSA® Form



We Need Information for One of Your Parents Now

Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. This does not make them financially responsible for your education. Right now, you should only invite one of your parents.

Enter information about one of your parents identified on the prior page, and we'll send an email on your behalf.

We highly recommend you only complete the "Parent Who Will Fill Out This Form" box.

If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account.

Only the email address does not need to match.



Parent Who Will Fill Out This Form

First Name ①

Alcina

Last Name ①

Tran

Date of Birth ②

Month

Day

Year

05

05

1973

Social Security Number (SSN) ②

***-**-9999

SHOW SSN

My parent doesn't have an SSN.

Email Address ②

alcinatran@schooledu

Confirm Email Address ②

alcinatran@schooledu



Parent Spouse or Partner

Do not fill out this section unless otherwise instructed

First Name ①

Last Name ①

Date of Birth ②

Month

Day

Year

Social Security Number (SSN) ②

My parent doesn't have an SSN.

Email Address ②

Confirm Email Address ②

Send Invite

④ Student Demographic Information

2
Demographics

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, and
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's gender? ①

Male

Female

Nonbinary

Prefer not to answer

Student Race and Ethnicity ①

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, and
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

Is the student of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Select all that apply.

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

④ Student Citizenship Status

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Demographics

Student Citizenship Status

U.S. citizen or national

Eligible noncitizen

Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

④ Questions about Parents

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Demographics

Parent Education Status

Did either of the student's parents attend college or complete college? ①

Neither parent attended college

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

One or both parents completed college

Don't know

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 or on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer? ①

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

Yes

No

④ Student High School Questions

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Demographics

Student High School Completion Status

What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2024–25 school year? ①

High school diploma

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

Homeschooled

None of the above

Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ①

State

South Dakota (SD)

City

Mitchell

High School Name – optional

Mitchell High School - 01

Mitchell High School - 01
Mitchell, South Dakota (SD)

④ Student 2022 Tax Return Information & Filing Status

3
Financials

Questions for student who filed a 2022 tax return:

Student 2022 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2022 tax return to answer the following questions.

Convert all currency to U.S. dollars.

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

The student paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those renewing their FAFSA® form, not to first-time applicants.

\$	0	.00	ⓘ
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Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$	0	.00
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Questions for student who did not file a 2022 tax return:

Student Tax Filing Status

Did or will the student file a 2022 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

Yes

No

Did the student earn income in a foreign country in 2022, were they employed by an international organization, but not required to report their income on any tax return, or did they file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory? ⓘ

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

Examples of international organizations include the United Nations, World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund.

Yes

No

⑤ Student Assets

3
Financials

Student Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid.

\$	00	.00	ⓘ
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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	.00	ⓘ
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Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

Enter the net worth of the student's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

\$	00	.00	ⓘ
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Click on these icons for definitions of asset questions. The definitions are also provided at the end of this packet.

④ Select Colleges

Colleges

Where should we send the FAFSA® information?

Search and select colleges and career schools.

If you can't find your school when searching by School Name or State, try searching by School Code.

You can add up to 20 colleges and career schools to the FAFSA® form.

1 out of 20 schools selected

[View Selected Schools](#)

[Search by School Name](#)

[Search by School Code](#)

State

South Dakota (SD)

City - optional

Mitchell

School Name - optional

Mitchell Technical College

Mitchell Technical College

Federal School Code

008284

Selected

⑤ Dependent Student Review Page

Take a moment to review before signing

Expand the sections below to review and edit the information you've entered before you sign your portion of the form.



Student Sections

Expand All

- Introduction
- Personal Identifiers
- Section 1
- Personal Circumstances
- Section 2
- Demographics
- Section 3
- Financials
- Section 4
- Colleges
- Section 5
- Signature

Parent Contributor Section

This Section is Shared With 1 Contributor

Your FAFSA form is shared with the individuals listed below. You can request, manage, or remove signatures and contributions from this page or in your FAFSA form.

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status	Edit
Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	Invited	Edit

④ Signature

5
Signature

Sign and Complete Your Section ①

Summary

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

The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your account user 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:

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

By signing this application electronically using your 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.

Sign Your FAFSA Form

I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above

Previous

Sign

④ Dependent Student Section Complete

FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran

You're Almost There! The Student Section is complete!

Parent Contributors

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status
Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	<input type="button" value="Invite Sent"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/>
Travis Tran	07/13/2024	<input type="button" value="Invite Sent"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/>

Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors

This application has been added to My Activity in your StudentAid.gov account. Go there to:

- Review, edit, or cancel any FAFSA application information.
- Revise your household size, contact your schools.
- Start your state application to apply for state-based financial aid

Here's What You Can Do Next

Check Your Email

You will receive an email version of this page at the following email address: rayaatranc@gmail.com



Your FAFSA® Form Still Needs Contributor Information

The contributor(s) you selected will receive an email invitation to join your form every seven days until the application is complete.

Things You Should Know



View Your FAFSA® Submission Summary

Once your application is complete and submitted, you can view your FAFSA Submission Summary, a summary of the information you provided on your FAFSA form. You'll be able to access the FAFSA Submission Summary one to three days after you submit your application by logging back in with your account username and password (FSA ID).



Questions About Your Eligibility For Aid?

Visit the "FAFSA Help" page for more information.

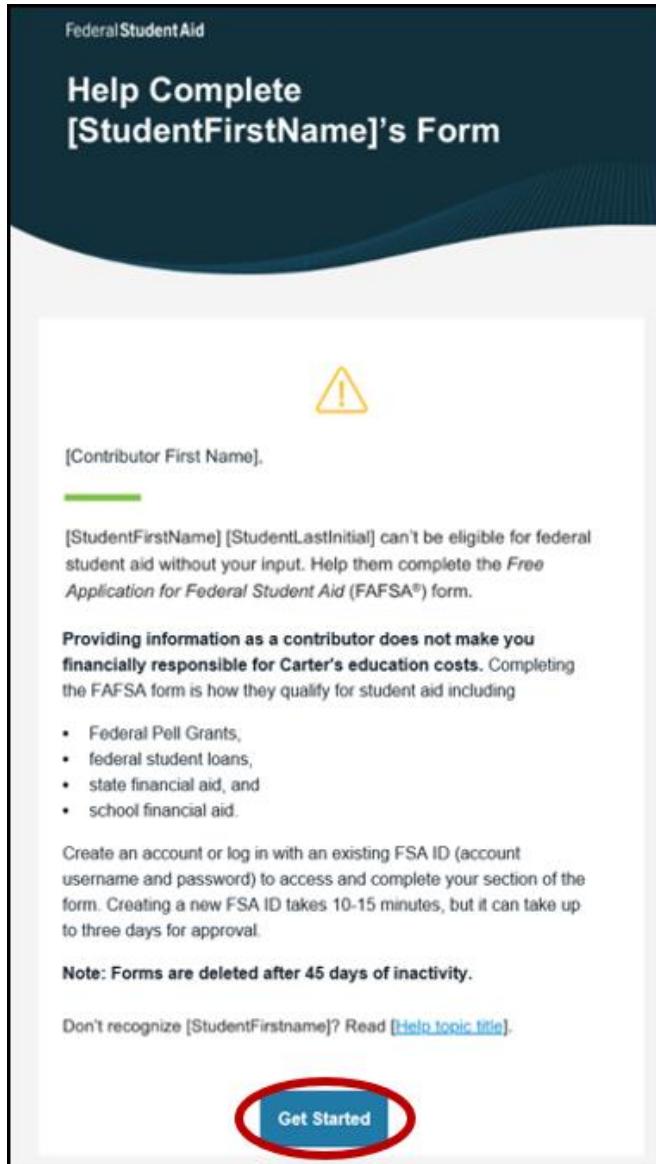
[Get Help >](#)

We strongly recommend that your parent(s) complete their own section. If that isn't possible, you can manually provide their information, but you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans, until they provide consent and sign the form.

[Provide Parent Information Manually >](#)

④ Dependent Student's Parent Email

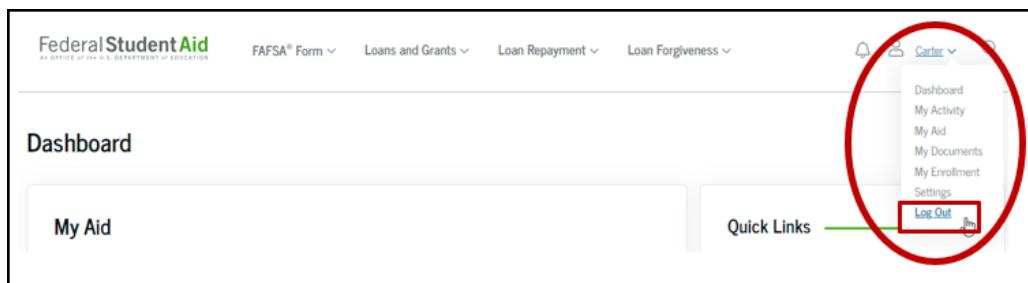
This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects "Log In" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.



The image shows the same email invitation from FederalStudentAid, but the "Get Started" button has been clicked, leading to the StudentAid.gov login page. The page has a light blue header and a white main content area. It includes a section titled "Why You Were Invited" with a message about the student's eligibility for federal student aid. Below this is a section titled "Reasons To Finish Early" with two items: a calendar icon and a pencil icon. The calendar item discusses different deadlines for student aid, and the pencil item discusses the need for extra time to make corrections after submission. A pink box at the bottom left asks if the parent can't find the student's form, with a link to help. The bottom right corner features a mobile phone icon and text about signing up for text alerts.

④ Dependent Student's Parent Log In

NOTE: If the student is still logged into the [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) website, they will need to log out so the parent can log in.



④ The Parent begins at the studentaid.gov homepage and chooses

④ Choose Log In

* If the parent has not created an FSA ID, click on create account and follow the screen prompts. After the parent has the FSA ID, follow these remaining steps.

④ Parent provides their login information

 A screenshot of the 'Log In' page. It features a 'Log In' button with a right-pointing arrow icon. Below it are two input fields: 'Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username' and 'Password'. The 'Password' field includes a 'Show Password' link. Below these fields is a 'Log In' button. At the bottom of the page are links for 'Forgot My Username', 'Forgot My Password', and 'Create an Account'.

During login, you will be prompted for Two-Step Verification and to confirm your information.

④ Parent selects View My Activity

After logging in, the parent is taken to their *Dashboard* page. Click on **View My Activity**

 A screenshot of the 'Dashboard' page. It shows a message: 'Pending Invitation(s)' with a note: 'You have one or more invitations. Go to "My Activity" to view invitations.' To the right of this message is a blue 'View My Activity' button, which is circled in red.

④ Parent selects Accept Invitation

My Activity

Student Wants Your Help on a FAFSA® Form

Student has identified you as a parent on their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form.

Parents are required to provide their financial and demographic information on the student's FAFSA form. This does not make you financially responsible for Student's educational costs or any federal student loans they decide to accept.

Visit the 2024–25 FAFSA Help Center

Accept Invitation **Decline Invitation**

By accepting this invitation, you agree to share your personal and contact information from your StudentAid.gov account on the student's FAFSA form. Once you accept, your information will be linked to this form.



④ Parent views the videos/read information on the next few screens. Then select Start FAFSA Form.

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 or graduate school.



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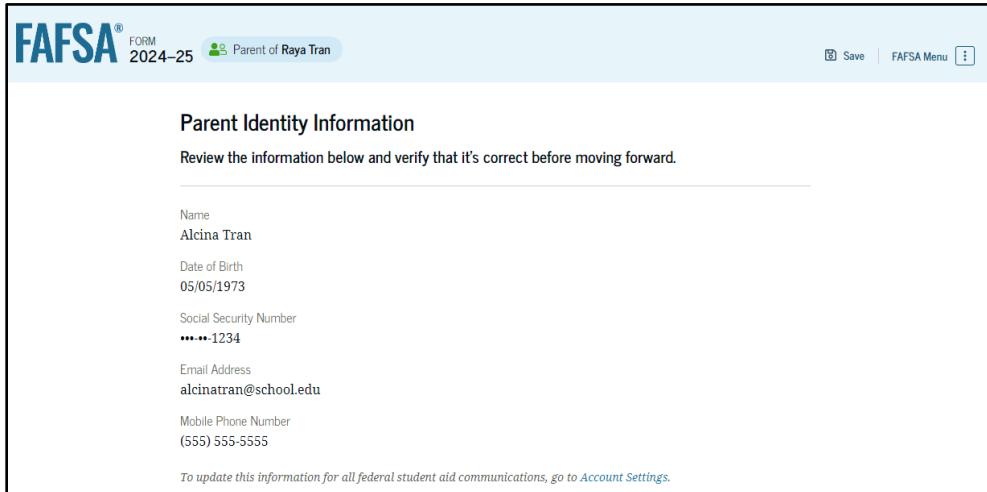
After Submitting the FAFSA® Form

Once the student's FAFSA® form is submitted, the student will need to check on its status and make corrections, if required.

- The student's form will be processed in 1–3 days.
- The student will receive a FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include their Student Aid Index (SAI), a number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.
- Schools will use the student's SAI to create their financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering to the student. Most schools will wait to send the student an aid offer only after they are accepted for admission.

Start the FAFSA form

④ Parent reviews their information & makes any necessary corrections

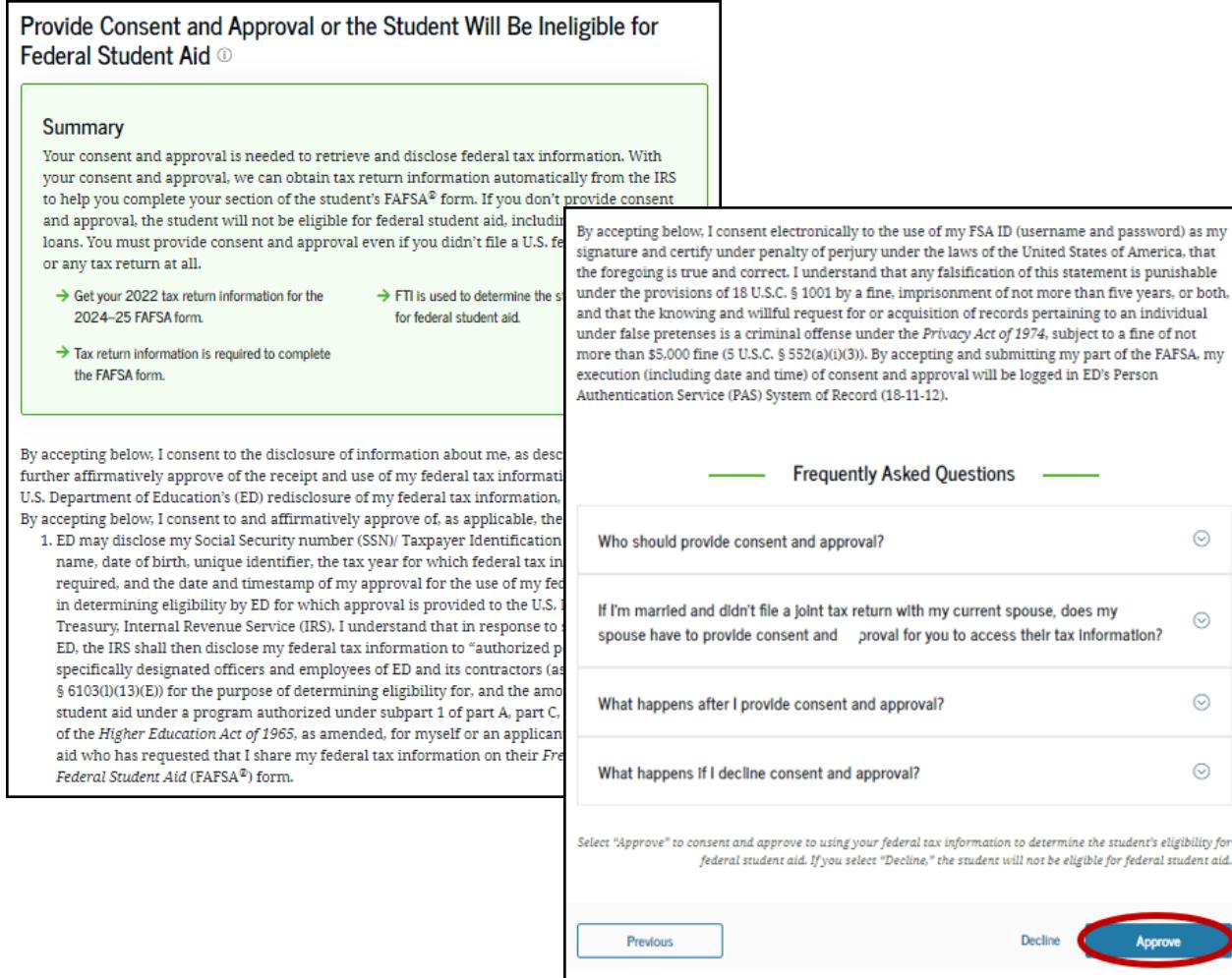


The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface. At the top, it says "FAFSA® FORM 2024-25" and "Parent of Raya Tran". There are "Save" and "FAFSA Menu" buttons. The main section is titled "Parent Identity Information" with the sub-instruction "Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward." It lists the following information:

- Name: Alcina Tran
- Date of Birth: 05/05/1973
- Social Security Number:1234
- Email Address: alcinatran@school.edu
- Mobile Phone Number: (555) 555-5555

At the bottom, it says "To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to [Account Settings](#)".

⑤ Parent Provides Consent



The screenshot shows the "Provide Consent and Approval or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid" section. It includes a "Summary" box and a large text area for consent.

Summary

Your consent and approval is 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 loans. You must provide consent and approval even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return at all.

→ Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024-25 FAFSA form. → FTI 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 electronically to the use of my FSA ID (username and password) 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)(1)(C)). 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 (PAS) 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 me 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 to using 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.

Previous Decline **Approve**

④ Parent's Demographics

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Demographics

Parent Current Marital Status ⓘ

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

Parent State of Legal Residence

State ⓘ

South Dakota (SD)

Date the Parent Became a Legal Resident of South Dakota (SD)

Month Year
01 1980 ⓘ

⑤ Parent's Finances

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Financials

Federal Benefits Received

Questions Don't Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Your answers to these questions will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid or these federal benefits.

At any time during 2022 or 2023, did the parent or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? ⓘ

Select all that apply.

- Earned Income Credit (EIC) ⓘ
- Federal Housing Assistance ⓘ
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch ⓘ
- Medicaid ⓘ
- Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) ⓘ
- 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) ⓘ
- None of these apply.

④ Parent's Tax Filing Status

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Financials

Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse? [?](#)

Yes

No

④ Parent's Family Information

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Financials

Family Size

Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2022 tax return?

Yes

No



The parent's family size is 3

Parent: 1 Other Parent: 1 Student: 1 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 1

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, 2024 and June 30, 2025?

Do not include the student applicant.

1 [?](#)

Number in College

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

Do not include parent(s).

1 [?](#)

④ Parent's 2022 Tax Return

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Financials

Parent 2022 Tax Return Information

Refer to the parent's 2022 tax return to answer the following questions.

Convert all currency to U.S. dollars.

Did the parent receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

Yes

No

Don't know

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

The parent paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually apply to those renewing their FAFSA® form, not to first-time applicants.

\$ 0 .00

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

\$ 0 .00

④ Parent's Child Support Received & Assets

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Financials

1 Report Combined Assets and Child Support Received
Report the combined assets and child support received for both parents.

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

ⓘ

Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts
Don't include student financial aid.

ⓘ

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

ⓘ

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms
Enter the net worth of the parent's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

ⓘ

Click on these icons for definitions of asset questions. The definitions are also provided at the end of this packet.

④ Parent Spouse's or Partner's Information

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Financials

Parent Spouse's or Partner's Information

Enter the following information about your spouse and we'll send an email on your behalf.

If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account.

 Other Parent

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
Month Day Year
 ⓘ

Social Security Number (SSN)
 ⓘ

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

④ Parent's Review Page

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Take a moment to review before signing

Expand the sections below to review and edit the information you've entered before you sign your portion of the form.



Parent Contributor Sections

Introduction Personal Identifiers

Section 1 Demographics

Section 2 Financials

Section 3 Signature

Save FAFSA Menu

Expand All

Previous Continue

⑤ Parent's Signature 3

Sign and Complete Your Section

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 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 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.

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

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

Cancel Sign and Submit

④ FAFSA Confirmation

Congratulations, the FAFSA Form is Complete!

Once the parent sees this page, they can log out of the studentaid.gov website.

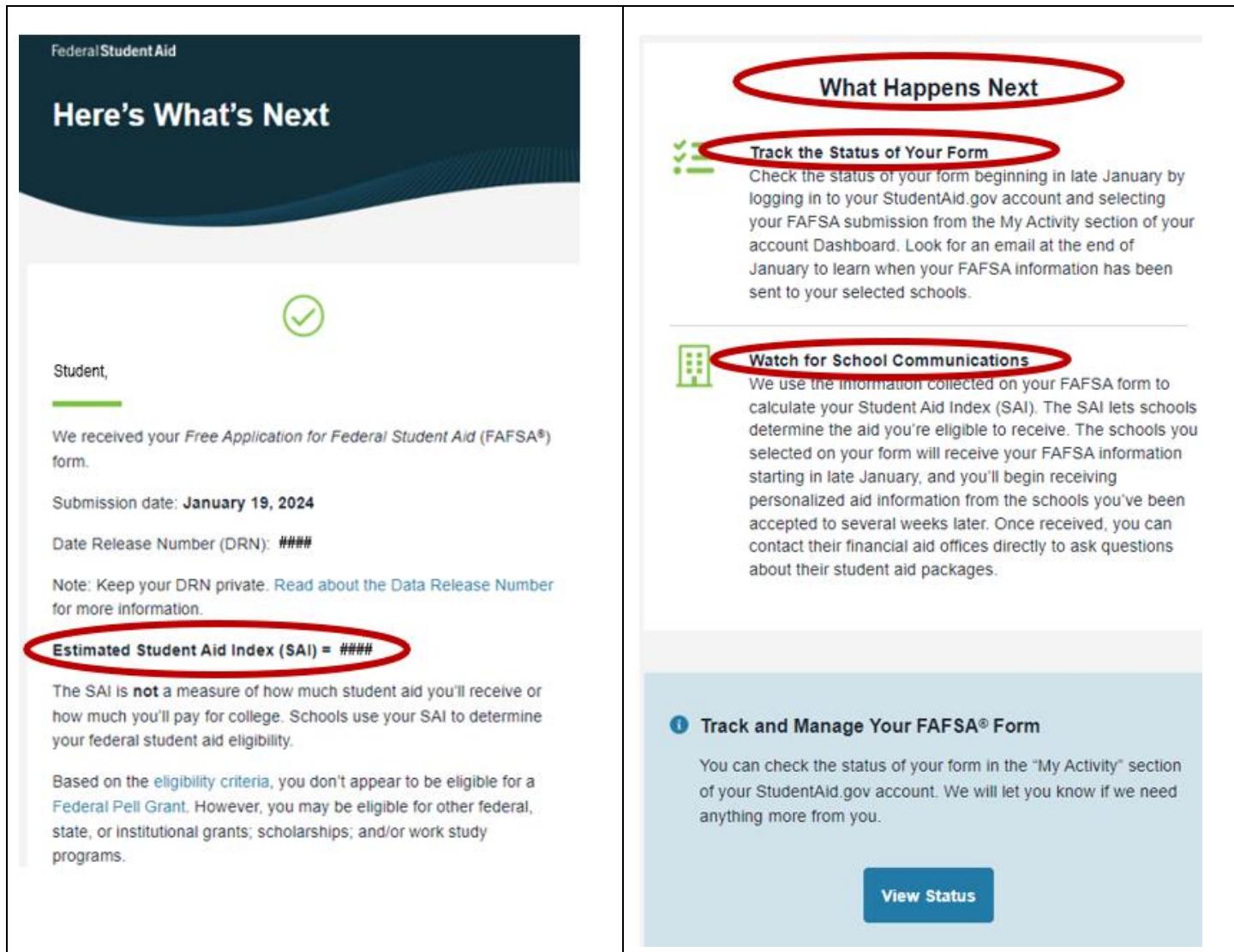


The screenshot shows the FAFSA confirmation page for a user named Raya Tran. The page features a blue header with the FAFSA logo and the year 2024-25. It includes a profile picture for "Parent of Raya Tran" and buttons for "Save" and "FAFSA Menu". The main content area has a light blue background with a hot air balloon illustration. A banner at the top reads "Congratulations, the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!" Below the banner, the user's name "Raya Tran" is displayed with a profile icon. A completion date of "01/19/2024" is shown. The page then transitions into a white section titled "What Happens Next" with three bullet points:

- Email Sent**: Confirm that the student received an email version of this page.
- The Student Can Track the Status of Their Form**: The student can check the status of their form beginning in late January by logging into their StudentAid.gov account and selecting their FAFSA submission from the My Activity section of their account Dashboard. They should look for an email at the end of January to learn when their FAFSA information has been sent to their selected 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 the aid the student is eligible to receive. The schools the student selected on the form will receive their FAFSA information starting in late January, and the student will begin receiving personalized aid information from the schools they've been accepted to several weeks later. Once received, the student can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their student aid packages.

At the bottom, there is a dark blue footer with the text "Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA® Form" and a "View Status" button. A note states: "You can check the status of the student's application in the 'My Activity' section of your StudentAid.gov account. We will let you know if we need anything more from you."

④ Student receives email from U.S. Department of Education



FederalStudentAid

Here's What's Next

Student,

We received your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form.

Submission date: **January 19, 2024**

Date Release Number (DRN): **####**

Note: Keep your DRN private. [Read about the Data Release Number](#) for more information.

Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) = ####

The SAI is **not** a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility.

Based on the [eligibility criteria](#), you don't appear to be eligible for a [Federal Pell Grant](#). However, you may be eligible for other federal, state, or institutional grants; scholarships; and/or work study programs.

What Happens Next

Track the Status of Your Form

Check the status of your form beginning in late January by logging in to your StudentAid.gov account and selecting your FAFSA submission from the My Activity section of your account Dashboard. Look for an email at the end of January to learn when your FAFSA information has been sent to your selected schools.

Watch for School Communications

We use the information collected on your FAFSA form to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI lets schools determine the aid you're eligible to receive. The schools you selected on your form will receive your FAFSA information starting in late January, and you'll begin receiving personalized aid information from the schools you've been accepted to several weeks later. Once received, you can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their student aid packages.

Track and Manage Your FAFSA® Form

You can check the status of your form in the "My Activity" section of your StudentAid.gov account. We will let you know if we need anything more from you.

View Status

Next Steps

1. Watch for the FAFSA Submission Summary from the US Dept. of Education and review your information and make any necessary corrections to the FAFSA.
2. Schools listed on the FAFSA will also receive the FAFSA Submission Summary & will communicate* any additional instructions if the student's FAFSA is flagged for issues or verification (review).
3. Colleges will send out* award notifications to students who have finalized their financial aid and been accepted for enrollment. The award notification lists the types and amounts of financial aid for which the student is qualified.
4. Compare award notifications against the cost of attending.
5. Follow instructions from college to accept/decline aid and complete any additional steps such as completing Loan Entrance Counseling, Master Promissory Note, and reviewing work-study information.

* The MTC Financial Aid Office MTC communicates through the student's email address that is listed on their FAFSA.

Federal Student Aid's Definitions for Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Add the account balances of your (and if married, your spouse's) cash, savings, and checking accounts **as of the day you submit the FAFSA form**. Enter the total of all accounts as the total current balance. If the total balance is \$10 million or more, enter 9999999. If the total balance is negative or zero, enter 0 as the total current balance.

Don't include student financial aid in your account balances.

Round to the nearest dollar. Don't include commas or decimal points.

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

The net worth of your (and if married, your spouse's) current investments is the amount left over after deducting the debt from the value of each investment. See example 1.

A negative value of one property can't be used to reduce the value of other investment properties. It should instead be calculated as a value of zero when adding the values of all investment properties. See example 2.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of the day you submit your FAFSA form. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Round to the nearest dollar. Don't include commas or decimal points.

Investments Include

<ul style="list-style-type: none">real estate (don't include the home in which you live)rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member)vacation homestrust fundsUniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) and Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA) accountsmoney market fundsmutual funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">certificates of depositstocksstock optionsbondssecuritiesinstallment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held)tax sheltersaccounts designated for the student's benefit, (including qualified education benefits, or education savings accounts such as Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans, and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans).
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Note: Qualified education benefits or education savings accounts must be reported as an asset of the parent if the student is considered a dependent on the FAFSA® form. If the student is considered an independent student on the FAFSA form, the education benefit or savings account is reported as an asset of the student. UGMA and UTMA accounts are considered the student's assets and must be reported as an asset of the student on the FAFSA form, regardless of the student's dependency status.

Investments don't include

<ul style="list-style-type: none">the home in which you (and if married, your spouse) livecash, savings and checking accountsABLE accountsthe value of life insurance and retirement plans (401(k) plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">UGMA/UTMA accounts for which the student is the custodian but not the ownerthe value of qualified education benefits or education savings accounts that are for the benefit of the parent's other children (not the student).
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Federal Student Aid's Definitions for Assets continued

Examples of Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

Example 1:

You own (and if married, your spouse owns) an investment property valued at \$100,000; however, \$75,000 in debt is owed on the property. The net worth of the investment is \$25,000 ($\$100,000 - \$75,000 = \$25,000$).

If you own (and if married, your spouse owns) multiple investments, total the net worth amounts and report them as a lump sum.

Example 2:

You own (and if married, your spouse owns) two investment properties.

The first investment property is valued at \$100,000. The debt that is owed on the property is \$110,000. To calculate the net worth, perform the following calculation:

(Value of Property) minus (Debt Owed on Property) = net worth

$\$100,000 - \$110,000 = -\$10,000$

The net worth of this first investment property is considered \$0, not negative value of \$10,000.

The second investment property is valued at \$200,000. The debt that is owed on the property is \$100,000. To calculate the net worth, perform the following calculation:

(Value of Property) minus (Debt Owed on Property) = net worth

$\$200,000 - \$100,000 = \$100,000$

The net worth of this second investment property is \$100,000.

If the net worth of the first investment property is \$0 and the net worth of the second investment property is \$100,000, then the amount to be reported for both properties is \$100,000.

If your (and if married, your spouse's) net worth as of the day you submit your FAFSA form is Enter

Ten million or more	9999999
Zero or less than zero	0

For more information about reporting investments, go to studentaid.gov/help-center/contact

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

Include

- businesses (including a small or family-run business); and
- income-producing farms that you own (including the fair market value of land, buildings, livestock, unharvested crops, and machinery actively used in investment farms, agricultural or commercial activities).

Don't include

- the value of crops that are grown solely for consumption by the student and their family;
- personal money in cash, savings, and checking accounts;
- the home in which you live;
- *Uniform Gifts to Minors Act* (UGMA) and *Uniform Transfer to Minors Act* (UTMA) accounts;
- the value of life insurance;
- ABLE accounts;
- retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.); or
- other investments, such as real estate (other than the home in which you live), stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

Note: If the home in which you live is also located on a farm that you own, do not include the net value of that principal residence in the net value of all farm assets. The principal residence may include the home, structures, and land that are adjacent to the home that are not being used, stored, or sold for farming or other commercial activities.

