FAFSA® Form

Free Application *for* Federal Student Aid

July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028

Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Use this free form to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans. Or apply free online at fafsa.gov.

Apply by the Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than **October 1, 2026**. We must receive your application no later than **June 30, 2028**. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2027–28 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as October 1, 2026, or the aid may be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. You may also need to fill out separate forms. Check with your high school counselor or a financial aid administrator at the college or career school you are attending or plan to attend. See the state deadlines on page 2. If you are applying close to a deadline, we recommend you submit your FAFSA form online at fafsa.gov. It's the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

Fill Out the FAFSA® Form

The FAFSA form has five sections: Student, Student Spouse, Parent, Parent Spouse or Partner, and Preparer. To determine who needs to provide their information, consult "Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?", on page 3.

You may fill the answer fields electronically and then print the form, or print the form first and complete it by hand. If you complete the form by hand, use dark ink and write clearly, as shown below. A computer will process this form; therefore:

- Fill in both circle and square answer fields completely:

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- For circle answer fields, choose only one response; for square answer fields, choose all that apply:

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- Print in BLOCK CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words; for multi-line responses, wrap any incomplete words onto next line:

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- Report dollar amounts such as $12,356.41 without cents; if negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) before the answer box:

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Refer to the notes on pages 21–23 as instructed.

For help in filling out the FAFSA form, go to StudentAid.gov/fafsahelp or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). If you need assistance in another language, visit StudentAid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/other-languages.

Special Circumstances

If you or your family experienced significant changes to your financial situation (such as loss of employment or pay cuts), or other special circumstances (such as tuition expenses at an elementary or secondary school or high unreimbursed medical or dental expenses), complete and submit this form as instructed. Once you submit the form, discuss your special circumstances with the financial aid office at the college(s) you applied to or plan to attend.

Mail Your FAFSA® Form

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 7 through 20 for your records. Then, mail the original of pages 7 through 20 to:

Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 70208, London, KY 40742-0208

Extra postage will be required. When mailing, include pages 7 through 20, even if some are blank. After your application is processed, you will receive a summary of your information in your FAFSA Submission Summary. If you provide an email address, your summary will be sent by email within three to five days. If you do not provide an email address, your summary will be mailed to you within three weeks. If you would like to check the status of your application, go to StudentAid.gov or call 1-800-433-3243.

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2027–28 FAFSA® Deadlines

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▶ *Unless otherwise noted, the dates below refer to when the form must be received.*

Alabama (AL) Check with your financial aid office.

Alaska (AK) Alaska Education Grant: As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Awards made while funds exist. Alaska Performance Scholarship: For priority consideration, submit by June 30, 2027. Awards made while funds exist.

American Samoa (AS) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

Arizona (AZ) Arizona Promise Program: For priority consideration, submit by April 1, 2027.

Arkansas (AR) Academic Challenge: July 1, 2027. Governor's Scholars Program: Distinguished, March 1, 2027; Non-Distinguished, July 1, 2027. ArFuture Grant: fall term, July 1, 2027; spring term, Jan. 10, 2028.

California (CA) For many state financial aid programs: March 2, 2027 *(date postmarked)*. Cal Grant also requires submission of a school-certified GPA by March 2, 2027. For additional community college Cal Grants: Sept. 2, 2027 *(date postmarked)*. For noncitizens without a Social Security card or with one issued through the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, fill out the California Dream Act Application. Contact the California Student Aid Commission or your financial aid office for more information.

Colorado (CO) Check with your financial aid office.

Connecticut (CT) For priority consideration, submit by Feb. 15, 2027. Check with your financial aid office or state agency. More forms may be required.

Delaware (DE) May 15, 2027

District of Columbia (DC) For priority consideration, submit by June 25, 2027. DC Tuition Assistance Grant: For priority consideration, submit the DC OneApp and supporting documents by July 1, 2027.

Federated States of Micronesia (FM) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

Florida (FL) May 15, 2027 *(date processed)*. Check with your financial aid office.

Georgia (GA) As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required. Refer to Georgia Student Finance Commission's website for more information.

Guam (GU) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

Hawaii (HI) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

Idaho (ID) Opportunity Scholarship: Submit by March 1, 2027. Check with your financial aid office or state agency. More forms may be required.

Illinois (IL) As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Monetary Award Program (MAP): Awards made while funds exist. Refer to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's website for program information.

Indiana (IN) Frank O'Bannon Grant, 21st Century Scholarship, Workforce Ready Grant, and Adult Student Grant: April 15, 2027

Iowa (IA) July 1, 2027; earlier priority deadlines may exist for certain programs. More forms may be required.

Kansas (KS) For priority consideration, submit by April 1, 2027. Check with your financial aid office or state agency. More forms may be required.

Kentucky (KY) As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Awards made while funds exist.

Louisiana (LA) July 1, 2028 (Feb. 1, 2027, recommended)

Maine (ME) May 1, 2027

Marshall Islands (MH) As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026.

Maryland (MD) Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards (EEA): March 1, 2027

Massachusetts (MA) For priority consideration, submit by May 1, 2027.

Michigan (MI) Michigan Competitive Scholarship and Michigan Tuition Grant: For priority consideration, submit by July 1, 2027.

Minnesota (MN) State Grant: By 30th day of term. North Star Promise: For priority consideration, submit by June 1, 2027. All other aid: Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

Mississippi (MS) MTAG and MESG Grants: Oct. 15, 2027. HELP Grant: April 30, 2027

Missouri (MO) For priority consideration, submit by Feb. 1, 2027. Applications accepted through April 1, 2027.

Montana (MT) For priority consideration, submit as soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

N. Mariana Islands (MP) For priority consideration, submit as soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. More forms may be required.

Nebraska (NE) Check with your financial aid office.

Nevada (NV) Silver State Opportunity Grant: As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Awards made while funds exist. Nevada Promise Scholarship: April 1, 2027. More forms may be required. Awards made while funds exist. All other aid, check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

New Hampshire (NH) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

New Jersey (NJ) Renewal applicants (2026–27 Tuition Aid Grant recipients): April 15, 2027. All other applicants: fall and spring terms, Sept. 15, 2027; spring term only, Feb. 15, 2028.

New Mexico (NM) Check with your financial aid office.

New York (NY) June 30, 2028. More forms may be required.

North Carolina (NC) For priority consideration, submit by June 1, 2027, if attending a UNC System institution or community college. Submit as soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026, if attending a private institution. Awards made while funds exist.

North Dakota (ND) As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Awards made while funds exist.

Ohio (OH) Oct. 1, 2027

Oklahoma (OK) Check with your financial aid office.

Oregon (OR) Oregon Opportunity Grant: As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Awards made while funds exist. OSAC Private Scholarships: March 1, 2027. More forms may be required. Oregon Promise Grant and other state grants: Contact state agency. More forms may be required.

Palau (PW) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

Pennsylvania (PA) First-time applicants enrolled in a community college, business/trade/technical school, hospital school of nursing, designated Pennsylvania open-admission institution, or nontransferable two-year program: Aug. 1, 2027. All other applicants: May 1, 2027. More forms may be required.

Puerto Rico (PR) Check with your financial aid office.

Rhode Island (RI) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

South Carolina (SC) SC Commission on Higher Education Need-based Grants: first come, first served; awards made while funds exist. SC Tuition Grants: Aug. 1, 2027, for SC independent institutions only.

South Dakota (SD) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

Tennessee (TN) State Grant: Prior-year recipients receive award if eligible and apply by April 1, 2027; all other awards made to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Awards made while funds exist. Tennessee Promise: April 1, 2027. State Lottery: fall term, Sept. 1, 2027; spring term, March 1, 2028; summer term, May 1, 2028.

Texas (TX) For priority consideration, submit by Jan. 15, 2027. More forms may be required. Private and two-year institutions may have different deadlines; check with your financial aid office.

U.S. Virgin Islands (VI) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

Utah (UT) Check with your financial aid office. Awards made while funds exist. More forms may be required. Visit the Utah System of Higher Education website for details about aid options.

Vermont (VT) As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Awards made while funds exist. More forms may be required.

Virginia (VA) As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Deadlines vary by institution; check with your financial aid office. Students who are ineligible for federal aid but meet state aid and residency requirements can instead complete the Virginia Alternative State Aid Application. Check with your financial aid office.

Washington (WA) As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2026. Funds available year round, and all eligible students will be awarded. Check with your financial aid office.

West Virginia (WV) Promise Scholarship: March 1, 2027. New applicants must submit additional form. Contact your financial aid office or state agency. WV Higher Education Grant: April 15, 2027. WV Invests Grant: For priority consideration, submit by April 15, 2027.

Wisconsin (WI) Check with your financial aid office.

Wyoming (WY) Check with your financial aid office. More forms may be required.

What is the FAFSA® Form?

Why fill out a FAFSA form?

The *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is the first step in the financial aid process. The information you provide on the FAFSA form is used to determine eligibility for federal student aid, such as grants, work-study, and loans. In addition, most states and colleges use information from the FAFSA form to award nonfederal aid.

Why all the questions?

Most of the questions on the FAFSA form are required to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI measures your family's financial strength and is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. The state and the colleges you list may also use some of your responses to determine if you may be eligible for state and/or school aid, in addition to federal aid.

How do I find out my Student Aid Index (SAI)?

Your SAI will be listed on your FAFSA Submission Summary. This summary shows the information you submitted on your FAFSA form. It is important to review the summary to make sure all of your information is correct and complete. Make corrections or provide additional information, as necessary.

How much student financial aid will I receive?

Using the information on your FAFSA form and your SAI, the financial aid office at your college will determine the amount of aid you will receive. The college will use your SAI to prepare a financial aid package to help you meet your financial need. Financial need is the difference between the cost of attendance (which can include living expenses), as determined by your college, and your SAI. If you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, you may receive it from only one college for the same period of enrollment.

When will I receive the student financial aid?

Any financial aid you are eligible to receive will be paid to you through your college. Typically, your college will first use the aid to pay tuition, fees, and housing and food (if provided by the college). Any remaining aid may be paid to you for your other educational expenses.

How can I have more colleges get my FAFSA information?

If you are completing a paper FAFSA form, you can list ten colleges in question 23. (If completing the FAFSA form online, you can list twenty.) You may add more colleges by doing one of the following:

- After your FAFSA form has been processed, go to StudentAid.gov, log in to the site, and follow the instructions for adding or changing schools.
- Use the FAFSA Submission Summary, which you will receive after your FAFSA form is processed. Your Data Release Number (DRN) verifies your identity and will be listed on the first page of the summary.
- Provide your DRN to the financial aid administrator at the college you want added, and they can add their school code to your FAFSA form.

Note: If there are twenty school codes on your record, each new code will need to replace one of the original school codes listed.

Where can I get more information on student financial aid?

The best place for information about student aid is the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. The financial aid administrator can tell you about student aid available from your state, the college itself, and other sources.

- You can also visit our website StudentAid.gov.
- For information by phone, you can call our Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.
- You can also check with your high school counselor, your state aid agency, or your local library's reference section.

Information about other nonfederal assistance may be available from foundations, faith-based organizations, community organizations, and civic groups, as well as organizations related to your field of interest, such as the American Medical Association or American Bar Association. Check with your parents' employers or unions to see if they award scholarships or have tuition assistance plans.

Completing the FAFSA® Form

Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?

The FAFSA form has five sections: Student, Student Spouse, Parent, Parent Spouse or Partner, and Preparer.

Student

The student must always complete the Student section.

Student Spouse

If the student's current marital status (as indicated in question 3) is married or remarried, *and* the student answered "No" to "Did the student file their 2025 tax return jointly with their current spouse (or will they)?" in question 19, the student's spouse must complete questions 25–29.

Parent

The student's parent must complete the Parent section if ***all*** of the following statements are true:

- The student was born after the year 2003.
- The student's current marital status, as indicated in question 3, is "Single (never married)," "Divorced," "Separated," or "Widowed."
- The student's college grade level, as indicated in question 4, will be "First (freshman)," "Second (sophomore)," or "Third or higher (junior and up)."
- The student selected "None of these apply" in question 5, "They didn't face either of these situations" in question 6, and "No" in question 7.

If all the above statements are true, the student is considered to be *dependent*, and the student's parent must complete the Parent section, even if the student does not live with a parent (see "Who is considered a legal parent on the FAFSA form?" and "Which parent(s) should include information?", on page 4).

If any of the above statements are *not* true, the student is considered to be *independent*, and parent information should not be provided.

If all the above statements are true, but the student selected one of the first two situations in the first part of question 6 ***and*** selected "None of these apply" in the second part of question 6, or else answered "Yes" in question 7, the student is considered to be *provisionally independent*. In this case, the student should submit the FAFSA form with the Parent and Parent Spouse or Partner sections left blank and then contact the college's financial aid administrator for further guidance.

Parent Spouse or Partner

If parent information is required and the parent's current marital status (as indicated in question 32) is "Married (not separated)," "Remarried," or "Unmarried and both legal parents living together," *and* that parent answered "No" to "Did the parent file their 2025 tax return jointly with their current spouse (or will they)?" in question 37, the parent spouse or partner must complete questions 42–46. However, if that parent answered "Yes" to the joint tax return question, the parent spouse or partner only must provide their date of birth in question 42 and can skip questions 43–46.

Preparer

If someone other than the student, student spouse, parent, or parent spouse or partner completed this form on the applicant's behalf, that person must complete the Preparer section. *Paid preparers are prohibited.*

Completing the FAFSA® Form *[continued]*

Who is considered a legal parent on the FAFSA form?

Legal parents are biological or adoptive (regardless of sex), or as determined by the state (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, widowed stepparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted the student.

Which parent(s) should include information?

- If the student's parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support, even if the student does not live with them. If both parents provided an exactly equal amount of financial support during the past 12 months, or if they don't support the student financially, answer the questions about the parent with the greater income and assets. (The parent who provided more financial support may or may not be the parent that the student lives with.) If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.
- If the student's parent was never married and does not live with the student's other legal parent, or if the parent is widowed and not remarried, that parent should only provide their own information in the Parent section, and the Parent Spouse or Partner section should be skipped.
- If the student's widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.
- Contact 1-800-433-3243 for assistance completing questions 30–46 or visit StudentAid.gov/fafsa-parent.

Can I skip any questions?

Some questions can be skipped in certain circumstances:

Student

Skip questions 7 and 8 if ***any*** of the following are true:

- The student was born prior to the year 2004.
- The student's current marital status is "Married (not separated)" or "Remarried," as indicated by question 3.
- The student's college grade level in 2027–28 will be "Graduate-level (such as a master's or doctorate)," as indicated in question 4.
- The student selected something other than "None of these apply" in question 5.
- The student selected one of the first two situations in question 6.

Skip questions 9, 10, 18, and 21 if ***all*** of the following are true:

- The student was born after the year 2003.
- The student's current marital status is "Single (never married)," "Divorced," "Separated," or "Widowed."
- The student's year in college, as indicated in question 4, will be "First (freshman)," "Second (sophomore)," or "Third or higher (junior and up)."
- The student selected "None of these apply" in question 5, "They didn't face either of these situations" in question 6, and "No" in question 7.

For students whose FAFSA form does ***not*** require parent information:

Skip questions 21 and 22 if the student answered anything other than "None of these apply" in question 18.

For students whose FAFSA form ***does*** require parent information:

Skip questions 21 and 22 if the parent answered anything other than "None of these apply" in question 36.

Student Spouse

If the student answered "Yes" to "Did the student file their 2025 tax return jointly with their current spouse (or will they)?" in question 19, the student's spouse can skip questions 25–29.

Parent

If parent information must be provided, then all questions in the Parent section must be answered.

Parent Spouse or Partner

If the parent answered "Yes" to "Did the parent file their 2025 tax return jointly with their current spouse (or will they)?" in question 37, the parent's spouse or partner can skip questions 43–46 but must provide their date of birth in question 42.

FAFSA® Privacy Act Statement

Authority: *Title IV* of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended (*HEA*) (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.), authorizes the Department of Education (Department) to ask the questions set forth in this *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form, including those collecting Social Security numbers (SSNs) from the aid applicant, the spouse of a married applicant, and the parent(s) of a dependent applicant. The collection of the SSNs is also authorized by Executive Order 9397, as amended by Executive Order 13478 (November 18, 2008).

Purpose: We use the information provided on the FAFSA form to determine eligibility for, and benefits under, federal student financial assistance programs authorized by *Title IV* of the *HEA*. We use the SSNs of an aid applicant, the spouse of a married applicant, and the parent(s) of a dependent applicant to verify their identity and to retrieve their records from the Social Security Administration (SSA) for determining the applicant's eligibility for federal student aid. With the authorization of the applicant and, where applicable, a participating parent(s) or spouse, state higher education agencies and institutions of higher education (IHEs) may also use FAFSA information to determine whether the applicant is eligible to receive state and institutional financial aid. Pursuant to section 483 of the *HEA* (20 U.S.C. 1090), state higher education agencies and IHEs that participate in *HEA Title IV* programs have entered into agreements with the Department to receive information about the applicant, and, where applicable, a participating parent(s) or spouse, to determine need for financial aid programs provided by the state and IHEs. We also use FAFSA information to promote the application for *HEA Title IV* program assistance (including FAFSA form completion efforts), state assistance, and aid awarded by eligible IHEs or by other entities that the Secretary of Education has designated pursuant to section 483(a)(3)(E) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)(3)(E)) prior to July 1, 2024. We also may verify the accuracy of the information provided to the Department.

Routine Uses: The information provided on the FAFSA form will only be disclosed outside of the Department with prior written consent or as otherwise allowed by the *Privacy Act of 1974*, as amended (*Privacy Act*) (5 U.S.C. 552a). The *Privacy Act's* requirement for prior written consent has an exception for the "routine uses" that the Department publishes in our System of Records Notices (SORNs). The Department may, without consent, disclose FAFSA information pursuant to the routine uses identified in the "Aid Awareness and Application Processing" (18-11-21) SORN, which is available on the Department's "Privacy Act System of Record Notice Issuances (SORN)" webpage located at https://www2.ed.gov/notices/ed-pia.html.

These routine uses include the following:

- To verify the identity of the applicant, the spouse of a married applicant, and the parent(s) of a dependent applicant; determine the accuracy of the information contained in the record; support compliance with *HEA Title IV* statutory and regulatory requirements; and assist with

FAFSA® Privacy Act Statement *[continued]*

the determination, correction, processing, tracking, and reporting of program eligibility and benefits, the Department may disclose FAFSA information to guaranty agencies, lenders and loan holders participating in the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, IHEs, third-party servicers, and federal, state, local, or tribal agencies;

- Effective July 1, 2024, the Department may disclose records under Sections 483(a)(2)(D)(i), 483(a)(2)(E)(ii), and 483(a)(3)(B)(i) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)(2)(D)(i), 1090(a)(2)(E)(ii), and 1090(a)(3)(B)(i)) from this system to state higher education agencies, eligible IHEs, and scholarship organizations that were designated prior to the date of enactment (December 19, 2019) of the FUTURE Act (Pub. L. 116-91, 133 Stat. 1189) that award and administer aid to students, to determine an applicant's eligibility for aid awarded by state higher education agencies, eligible IHEs, or designated scholarship organizations, and to administer federal aid or aid awarded by state higher education agencies, eligible IHEs, or designated scholarship organizations;
- To encourage an applicant to complete a FAFSA form or to assist an applicant with doing so, the Department may disclose an applicant's FAFSA filing status to a local educational agency; a secondary school where the applicant is or was enrolled; a state, local, or tribal agency; or an entity that awards aid to students and that the Secretary of Education has designated prior to the amendments of the *HEA* made by the *FAFSA Simplification Act* and the *FAFSA Simplification Technical Corrections Act*, which are effective July 1, 2024;
- If the Department determines that the disclosure of FAFSA information is relevant and necessary to judicial or administrative litigation or alternative dispute resolution (ADR), the Department may, in certain circumstances and provided certain conditions are satisfied, disclose such information to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); certain adjudicative bodies, persons, or entities; and parties, counsel, representatives, or witnesses;
- In the event the FAFSA information indicates, either on its face or in connection with other information, a violation or potential violation of any applicable statute, regulations, or order of a competent authority, the Department may disclose the relevant information to the appropriate agency, whether federal, state, tribal, or local, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting that violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, Executive Order, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto;
- The Department may disclose FAFSA information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) or the Congressional Budget Office as necessary to fulfill *Federal Credit Reform Act* requirements in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 661b;
- The Department may disclose FAFSA information to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) the Department suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the "Aid Awareness and Application Processing" (18-11-21) system of records; (b) the Department has determined that, as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach, there is a risk of harm to individuals, the Department (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the federal government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm;
- The Department may disclose FAFSA information to another federal agency or entity when the Department determines that information from the "Aid Awareness and Application Processing" (18-11-21) system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the federal government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach; and
- If the Department contracts with an entity to perform any function that requires disclosing FAFSA information to the contractor's employees, the Department may disclose the information to those employees. As part of such a contract, the Department shall require the contractor to agree to establish and maintain safeguards to protect the security and confidentiality of the disclosed information.

Effects of Not Providing Information: Providing information on the FAFSA form, including an applicant's SSN, is voluntary; however, if not enough information is provided to process an applicant's FAFSA form, aid may be delayed or denied.

Opportunity to Access or Contest Tax Information: If you have questions about or need to access your federal tax information used on this application, contact a financial aid administrator at your postsecondary institution. If your postsecondary institution does not provide you access to your federal tax information, contact the Office of the Ombudsman through the feedback center.

The ***Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995***: According to the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0001. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one and a half hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is voluntary. For comments or concerns regarding the status of an individual's submission of this form, write directly to the Federal Student Aid Information Center, P.O. Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20044. (Note: Do not return the completed form to this address.)

Federal Tax Information (FTI) Consent and Approval

The student and all contributors must provide consent and approval for their tax information to be transferred to the FAFSA form in order for the student's eligibility for federal student aid to be calculated.

I consent to the disclosure of information about me, as described below, and further affirmatively approve of the receipt and use of my federal tax information (FTI) and to the U.S. Department of Education's (Department's) redisclosure of my FTI, as described below. By accepting within the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form, I consent to and affirmatively approve of, as applicable, the following:

1. The Department may disclose my Social Security number (SSN)/Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), last name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which FTI is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my FTI in determining eligibility by the Department for which approval is provided to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). I understand that in response to such a request from the Department, the IRS shall then disclose my FTI to "authorized persons" (i.e., specifically designated officers and employees of the Department and its contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(E)) for the purpose of determining eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, for myself or an applicant for federal student aid who has requested that I share my FTI on their FAFSA form.
2. Authorized persons at the U.S. Department of Education and its contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(E)) may use my FTI for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid under a program authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, for myself or a FAFSA applicant who has requested that I share my FTI on the FAFSA form.
3. The Department may redisclose my FTI received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:
   - Institutions of higher education (IHEs) participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of *Title IV* of the *Higher Education Act of 1965,* as amended;
   - State higher education agencies;
   - Scholarship organizations designated prior to December 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education; and
   - Contractors of IHEs and state higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or State agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid.
4. The Department may redisclose my FTI to another applicant's FAFSA form(s) for which I elect to participate. By accepting an invitation and affirmation to participate in another individual's FAFSA form, my FTI will be redisclosed to the additional application. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my FTI to that FAFSA form.

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

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

Signatures

I consent and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information I provide on the FAFSA form 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 (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(i)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA, my execution date of consent and approval will be logged in the U.S. Department of Education's Person Authentication Service (PAS) System of Record (18-11-12).

If you sign this application, you certify that you are the person identified. 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.

Student

By signing this application, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you:

- 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 of time.

Student, Student Spouse, Parent, Parent Spouse or Partner, Preparer

By signing this application, 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 with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

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

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Student

► ***The student must complete this section.***

Questions 1–24 apply to the student. ***All questions are required*** *except in some circumstances (see "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4).*

1 Student Identity Information

[See Notes page 21.]

The student's full legal name, for example, as it appears on their Social Security card.

First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix *(e.g., Jr. or III)*

Date of birth
MM / *DD* / *YYYY*

Social Security number (SSN)

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

If the student does not have an ITIN, leave this field blank.

2 Student Contact Information

[See Notes page 21.]

Mobile phone number

Email address

Continue on next line.

Permanent mailing address

Continue on next line.

Include apt. number.

► *If you are currently incarcerated, enter your inmate identifying number at the end of your mailing address.*

► *If you are homeless or have no stable address, provide an address where you can reliably receive mail.*

City

State

Postal (ZIP) code

Country

3 Student Current Marital Status

[See Notes page 21.]

○ Single (never married) ○ Married (not separated) ○ Remarried ○ Separated ○ Divorced ○ Widowed

4 Student College or Career School Plans

What year will the student be in college when they start their classes for the 2027–28 school year?

○ First (freshman) ○ Second (sophomore) ○ Third or higher (junior and up) ○ Graduate-level (such as a master's or doctorate)

Will the student already have a bachelor's degree when they start their college classes for the 2027–28 school year? ○ Yes ○ No

Will the student be pursuing an initial teaching certification at the elementary or secondary level? ○ Yes ○ No

5 Student Personal Circumstances

[See Notes page 21.]

Select all that apply.

- ☐ The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.
- ☐ The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.
- ☐ The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with the student and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2028.
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.
- ☐ The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
- ☐ The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
- ☐ None of these apply.

6 Student Homelessness

[See Notes page 22.]

At any point in 2026 or after, has the student faced one of these situations?

- ○ They didn't live with a parent or guardian, and they were homeless.
- ○ They didn't live with a parent or guardian, were supporting themselves, and were at risk of becoming homeless.
- ○ They didn't face either of these situations.

If the first or second option above was selected, did any of the following determine the student was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless? *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness
- ☐ The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee
- ☐ Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant
- ☐ Financial aid administrator (FAA)
- ☐ None of these apply.

7 Student Unusual Circumstances

▶ *See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.*

Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student? *This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.* ○ Yes ○ No

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 does not have a safe, stable place to live because of such circumstances, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to question 6.

8 Parents' Refusal to Provide Information

▶ *See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.*

Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA form? ○ Yes ○ No

This response must be "No" for the student to be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and most other types of federal aid. If the answer is "Yes," a financial aid administrator at the student's college will determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only. If the student is approved for this option, they will not qualify to receive other types of federal student loans (including Direct Subsidized Loans), federal grants, or Federal Work-Study programs.

9 Family Size

▶ *See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.*

How many people are in the student's family?

☐☐ *Include the student (and spouse), the student's dependent children (even if they live apart temporarily, such as due to attending college), and other people living with the student now. Include these dependent children and other people only if the student will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2028.*

10 Number in College

▶ *See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.*

How many people in the student's family, including the student, will be in college between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2028?

☐☐

11 Student Demographic Information

*The answers will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid, be used in any calculations, or be shared with the schools to which the student applies. They will be **used for research purposes only**.*

What is the student's sex? ○ Male ○ Female

12 Student Race and Ethnicity

*The answers will not affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid, be used in any calculations, or be shared with the schools to which the student applies. They will be **used for research purposes only**.*

What is the student's race and/or ethnicity? *Select all that apply. If you select "Other," you may enter more than one category in the entry boxes.*

☐ **American Indian or Alaska Native**

☐ Other:

Enter name of enrolled or principal tribe(s) (Navajo, Blackfeet, Mayan, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.)

☐ **Asian**

☐ Chinese ☐ Asian Indian ☐ Filipino ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Korean ☐ Japanese

☐ Other:

Enter Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc.

☐ **Black or African American**

☐ African American ☐ Jamaican ☐ Haitian ☐ Nigerian ☐ Ethiopian ☐ Somali

☐ Other:

Enter Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanaian, Congolese, etc.

☐ **Hispanic or Latino**

☐ Mexican ☐ Puerto Rican ☐ Salvadoran ☐ Cuban ☐ Dominican ☐ Guatemalan

☐ Other:

Enter Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc.

☐ **Middle Eastern or North African**

☐ Lebanese ☐ Iranian ☐ Egyptian ☐ Syrian ☐ Iraqi ☐ Israeli

☐ Other:

Enter Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, etc.

☐ **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**

☐ Native Hawaiian ☐ Samoan ☐ Chamorro ☐ Tongan ☐ Fijian ☐ Marshallese

☐ Other:

Enter Chuukese, Palauan, Tahitian, etc.

☐ **White**

☐ English ☐ German ☐ Irish ☐ Italian ☐ Polish ☐ Scottish

☐ Other:

Enter French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.

☐ **Prefer not to answer**

13 Student Citizenship

[See Notes page 22.]

Citizenship status

○ U.S. citizen or national ○ Eligible noncitizen ○ Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

A–Number

A

If the student is an eligible noncitizen, provide their A-Number.

14 Student State of Residence

State, country, or military location

Usually, this is the state where the student lives while not attending school. If the student lives in Canada, enter the province code. For any other foreign country, enter FC.

Date the student became a resident

MM / YYYY

If the student was born in their state of residence and hasn't moved out of state since, enter the student's date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the student moved to their state of residence.

Student

15 Parent Education Status

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

- ◯ Neither parent attended college
- ◯ One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college
- ◯ One or both parents completed college
- ◯ Don't know

16 Parent Killed in Line of Duty

[See Notes page 22.]

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after September 11, 2001, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer? ◯ Yes ◯ No

The student may be eligible for additional Federal Pell Grant funds once their eligibility is confirmed by their college or career school.

17 Student Completion of High School

[See Notes page 22.]

Will the student be done with high school when they start their college classes for the 2027–28 school year?

- ◯ Yes (high school diploma)
- ◯ Yes (GED or other state-recognized high school equivalent)
- ◯ Yes (homeschooling under state law)
- ◯ No, none of the previous

If the answer is "Yes (high school diploma)," provide the name, city, and state of the high school.

High school name

Continue on next line.

City

State

If the student will have a GED or other state-recognized high school equivalent, which of the following did or will the student receive, and from which state?

◯ GED ◯ TASC ◯ HiSET ◯ Other

Issuing state

18 Federal Benefits Received

[See Notes page 22.]

▶ *See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.*

In 2025 or 2026, did the student, or anyone in their family, get benefits from any of the federal programs listed below?

A student's family includes their spouse, children, and other dependents. Select all that apply.

- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☐ Free or reduced-price school lunch (based on income)
- ☐ Earned income tax credit (EITC)
- ☐ Lower premiums for a plan purchased through the health insurance marketplace
- ☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Federal housing assistance (e.g., Housing Choice Voucher [Section 8] or public housing)
- ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ None of these apply.

19 Student Tax Filing Status

[See Notes page 22.]

Did the student file a U.S. federal income tax return for 2025 (or will they)? ◯ Yes ◯ No

The federal income tax form is called IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR.

Did the student file a 2025 income tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory (or will they)? ◯ Yes ◯ No

If the answer is "Yes" to both this and the previous question, fill out the "Combined adjusted gross income" and "Combined income tax paid" fields in question 20.

If the answer is "No" to the previous two questions, which situation below applies for 2025?

- ◯ The student earned income in a foreign country.
- ◯ The student worked for an international organization and wasn't required to report that income on any tax return. *(International organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.)*
- ◯ Neither situation applies.

▶ *If the student (1) is not married; (2) did not file a U.S. federal income tax return or an income tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory for 2025; and (3) answered "Neither situation applies," questions 20–22 can be skipped; however, if the student is also required to provide parent information on the form, question 22 must be answered.*

Did the student file their 2025 tax return jointly with their current spouse (or will they)? ◯ Yes ◯ No

20 Student 2025 Tax Return Information

[If the student had a spouse at any time in 2025 or later, see Notes page 23.]

Filing status

- ◯ Single
- ◯ Head of household
- ◯ Married filing jointly
- ◯ Married filing separately
- ◯ Qualifying surviving spouse

[Question 20 continues on next page.]

20 Student 2025 Tax Return Information *[continued]*

▶ ***Convert all currency to U.S. dollars. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. If the answer is negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) before the answer box.***

Income earned from work

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

Tax exempt interest income

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IRS Form 1040: line 2a

Retirement income: untaxed amount of IRA distributions

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IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

Retirement income: untaxed amount of pensions

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IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

Retirement income: IRA rollover(s)

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If IRS Form 1040: line 4c, box 1 is checked, enter the amount of untaxed IRA distributions moved to an IRA or other qualified plan.

Retirement income: pension rollover(s)

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If IRS Form 1040: line 5c, box 1 is checked, enter the amount of untaxed pensions distributions moved to an IRA or other qualified plan.

▶ *Use the "Combined adjusted gross income" and "Combined income tax paid" fields **only** if the student filed both a U.S. federal income tax return and an income tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory. Otherwise, use the "Adjusted gross income" and "Income tax paid" fields.*

Adjusted gross income

⊖ $,,

IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 11a

Income tax paid

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

OR

Combine values from the U.S. federal tax return and Puerto Rico (or other territory) tax return. Report each dollar once. If any amount is reported on both the U.S. and the territory tax return, do not count it twice.

Combined adjusted gross income

⊖ $,,

IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 11a and Puerto Rico Form 482.0: line 5. For tax returns from other territories, use the equivalent line item.

Combined income tax paid

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IRS Form 1040: line 24 and Puerto Rico Form 482.0: line 26. For tax returns from other territories, use the equivalent line item. If negative, enter a zero.

Did the student receive the earned income tax credit?
IRS Form 1040: line 27a – Earned income credit (EIC)

◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans

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IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: total of lines 16 + 20

Education credits
(American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits)

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

Did the student file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2025 IRS Form 1040?

◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know

[See Notes page 23.]

Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C

⊖ $,,

IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: line 31

Amount of college grants, scholarships, or AmeriCorps benefits **reported as income to the IRS**

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This question is typically answered with a zero because most of these items (including Federal Pell Grants) are not considered taxable income. If the student is married, include the amount their spouse reported.

Foreign earned income exclusion

⊖ $,,

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: line 8d

21 Annual Child Support Received

▶ *See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.*

Enter total amount the student received in child support for the last complete calendar year. If the answer to question 3 was "Married" or "Remarried," enter the combined amount the student and their spouse received. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

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22 Student Assets

[See Notes page 23.]

If the answer to question 3 was "Married" or "Remarried," enter the combined amounts held by the student and their spouse. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. Net worth is the value of the investments, businesses, or farms minus any debts owed against them.

Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts

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Don't include cash amounts under $1,000. Also don't include student aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

Current net worth of investments, including real estate

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Don't include the home the student lives in or retirement accounts.

Current net worth of businesses and farms

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Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

23 Colleges

[See Notes page 23.]

Enter the schools that should receive the student's FAFSA information.

College 1
Federal School Code
OR
College 1 name
Address and city
1
State

College 2
Federal School Code
OR
College 2 name
Address and city
2
State

College 3
Federal School Code
OR
College 3 name
Address and city
3
State

College 4
Federal School Code
OR
College 4 name
Address and city
4
State

College 5
Federal School Code
OR
College 5 name
Address and city
5
State

College 6
Federal School Code
OR
College 6 name
Address and city
6
State

College 7
Federal School Code
OR
College 7 name
Address and city
7
State

College 8
Federal School Code
OR
College 8 name
Address and city
8
State

College 9
Federal School Code
OR
College 9 name
Address and city
9
State

College 10
Federal School Code
OR
College 10 name
Address and city
10
State

24 Student Consent, Approval, and Signature

[See page 6.]

Refer to the terms on page 6. By filling in the answer circle below and signing this form, you (the student) agree to the terms set forth on page 6. **If you do not provide consent and approval by filling in the circle below and providing your signature, you will not be eligible for federal student aid.**

○ Consent and approval to transfer federal tax information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Student signature

Handwritten original signature using full name is required.

Date signed

MM / DD / YYYY

Student Spouse

▶ ***See "Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?", on page 3, to determine if a spouse must complete this section.***

*Questions 25–29 apply to the **student's spouse**. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the student's spouse.*

25 Student Spouse Identity Information

The student spouse's full legal name, for example, as it appears on their Social Security card.

First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix *(e.g., Jr. or III)*

Date of birth
MM / *DD* / *YYYY*

Social Security number (SSN)
If the student spouse does not have an SSN, enter all zeros.

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
If the student spouse does not have an ITIN, leave this field blank.

26 Student Spouse Contact Information

[See Notes page 21.]

Mobile phone number

Email address
Continue on next line.

Permanent mailing address
Continue on next line.
Include apt. number.

City

State

Postal (ZIP) code

Country

27 Student Spouse Tax Filing Status

[See Notes page 22.]

▶ *See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.*

Did the student spouse file a U.S. federal income tax return for 2025 (or will they)? ○ Yes ○ No
The federal income tax form is called IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR.

Did the student spouse file a 2025 tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory (or will they)? ○ Yes ○ No
If the answer is "Yes" to both this and the previous question, fill out the "Combined adjusted gross income" and "Combined income tax paid" fields in question 28.

If the answer is "No" to the previous two questions, which situation below applies for 2025?

○ The student spouse earned income in a foreign country.

○ The student spouse worked for an international organization and wasn't required to report that income on any tax return. *(International organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.)*

○ Neither situation applies.

▶ *If the student spouse (1) did not file a U.S. federal income tax return or an income tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory for 2025, and (2) answered "Neither situation applies," question 28 can be skipped.*

28 Student Spouse 2025 Tax Return Information

[See Notes page 23.]

▶ See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.

Filing status

○ Single ○ Head of household ○ Married filing jointly ○ Married filing separately ○ Qualifying surviving spouse

▶ ***Convert all currency to U.S. dollars. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. If the answer is negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) before the answer box.***

Income earned from work

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

Tax exempt interest income

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IRS Form 1040: line 2a

Retirement income: untaxed amount of IRA distributions

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IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

Retirement income: untaxed amount of pensions

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IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

Retirement income: IRA rollover(s)

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If IRS Form 1040: line 4c, box 1 is checked, enter the amount of untaxed IRA distributions moved to an IRA or other qualified plan.

Retirement income: pension rollover(s)

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If IRS Form 1040: line 5c, box 1 is checked, enter the amount of untaxed pensions distributions moved to an IRA or other qualified plan.

▶ *Use the "Combined adjusted gross income" and "Combined income tax paid" fields **only** if the student spouse filed both a U.S. federal income tax return and an income tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory. Otherwise, use the "Adjusted gross income" and "Income tax paid" fields.*

Adjusted gross income

⊖ $,,

IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 11a

Income tax paid

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

OR

Combine values from the U.S. federal tax return and Puerto Rico (or other territory) tax return. Report each dollar once. If any amount is reported on both the U.S. and the territory tax return, do not count it twice.

Combined adjusted gross income

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IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 11a and Puerto Rico Form 482.0: line 5. For tax returns from other territories, use the equivalent line item.

Combined income tax paid

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IRS Form 1040: line 24 and Puerto Rico Form 482.0: line 26. For tax returns from other territories, use the equivalent line item. If negative, enter a zero.

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans

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IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: total of lines 16 + 20

Education credits (American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits)

$,,

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

Did the student spouse file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2025 IRS Form 1040?

○ Yes ○ No ○ Don't know

Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C

⊖ $,,

IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: line 31

Foreign earned income exclusion

⊖ $,,

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: line 8d

29 Student Spouse Consent, Approval, and Signature

[See page 6.]

▶ See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.

Refer to the terms on page 6. By filling in the answer circle below and signing this form, you (the student spouse) agree to the terms set forth on page 6. **If you do not provide consent and approval by filling in the circle below and providing your signature, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid.**

○ Consent and approval to transfer federal tax information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Student spouse signature

Handwritten original signature using full name is required.

Date signed

/ /

MM DD YYYY

Parent

► ***See "Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?", on page 3, to determine if a parent must complete this section.***

*Questions 30–41 apply to the **student's parent**. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the parent.*

30 Parent Identity Information

The parent's full legal name, for example, as it appears on their Social Security card.

First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix *(e.g., Jr. or III)*

Date of birth
MM / *DD* / *YYYY*

Social Security number (SSN)
If the parent does not have an SSN, enter all zeros.

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
If the parent does not have an ITIN, leave this field blank.

31 Parent Contact Information

[See Notes page 21.]

Mobile phone number

Email address
Continue on next line.

Permanent mailing address
Continue on next line.
Include apt. number.

City

State

Postal (ZIP) code

Country

32 Parent Current Marital Status

[See Notes page 21.]

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

33 Parent State of Residence

State, country, or military location
If the parent lives in Canada, enter the province code. For any other foreign country, enter FC.

Date the parent became a resident
MM / *YYYY*
If the parent was born in their state of residence and hasn't moved out of state since, enter the parent's date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the parent moved to their state of residence.

34 Family Size

How many people are in the parent's family?

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Include the parent (and spouse or partner), the student, the parent's dependent children (even if they live apart temporarily, such as due to attending college), and other people living with the parent now. Include these dependent children and other people only if the parent will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2028.

35 Number in College

How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2028?

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Do not include parent(s).

36 Federal Benefits Received

[See Notes page 22.]

In 2025 or 2026, did the parent, or anyone in their family, get benefits from any of the federal programs listed below?

A parent's family includes their spouse, children, and other dependents. Select all that apply.

- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☐ Free or reduced-price school lunch (based on income)
- ☐ Earned income tax credit (EITC)
- ☐ Lower premiums for a plan purchased through the health insurance marketplace
- ☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Federal housing assistance (e.g., Housing Choice Voucher [Section 8] or public housing)
- ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ None of these apply.

37 Parent Tax Filing Status

[See Notes page 22.]

Did the parent file a U.S. federal income tax return for 2025 (or will they)? ○ Yes ○ No

The U.S. federal income tax form is called IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR.

Did the parent file a 2025 tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory (or will they)? ○ Yes ○ No

If the answer is "Yes" to both this and the previous question, fill out the "Combined adjusted gross income" and "Combined income tax paid" fields in question 38.

If the parent didn't file a U.S. federal tax return for 2025, select the reason why:

- ○ They filed or will file a tax return in a country other than the United States.
- ○ They weren't required to file a U.S. federal tax return because their income was lower than the IRS filing threshold.
- ○ They earned income in a foreign country but will not file a foreign tax return.
- ○ They worked for an international organization and weren't required to report that income on any tax return.
  International organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.
- ○ They didn't and won't file a U.S. tax return for a different reason than low income.

Did the parent file their 2025 tax return jointly with their current spouse (or will they)? ○ Yes ○ No

38 Parent 2025 Tax Return Information

[If the parent had a spouse at any time in 2025 or later, see Notes page 23.]

Filing status

○ Single ○ Head of household ○ Married filing jointly ○ Married filing separately ○ Qualifying surviving spouse

▶ ***Convert all currency to U.S. dollars. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. If the answer is negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) before the answer box.***

Income earned from work

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

Tax exempt interest income

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IRS Form 1040: line 2a

Retirement income: untaxed amount of IRA distributions

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IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

Retirement income: untaxed amount of pensions

$ ☐☐,☐☐☐,☐☐☐,☐☐☐

IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

Retirement income: IRA rollover(s)

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If IRS Form 1040: line 4c, box 1 is checked, enter the amount of untaxed IRA distributions moved to an IRA or other qualified plan.

Retirement income: pension rollover(s)

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If IRS Form 1040: line 5c, box 1 is checked, enter the amount of untaxed pensions distributions moved to an IRA or other qualified plan.

[Question 38 continues on next page.]

Parent

38 Parent 2025 Tax Return Information *[continued]*

▶ *Use the "Combined adjusted gross income" and "Combined income tax paid" fields* ***only*** *if the parent filed both a U.S. federal income tax return and an income tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory. Otherwise, use the "Adjusted gross income" and "Income tax paid" fields.*

Adjusted gross income

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IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 11a

Income tax paid

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

OR

Combine values from the U.S. federal tax return and Puerto Rico (or other territory) tax return. Report each dollar once. If any amount is reported on both the U.S. and the territory tax return, do not count it twice.

Combined adjusted gross income

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IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 11a and Puerto Rico Form 482.0: line 5. For tax returns from other territories, use the equivalent line item.

Combined income tax paid

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IRS Form 1040: line 24 and Puerto Rico Form 482.0: line 26. For tax returns from other territories, use the equivalent line item. If negative, enter a zero.

Did the parent receive the earned income tax credit?
IRS Form 1040: line 27a – Earned income credit (EIC)

◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans

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IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: total of lines 16 + 20

Education credits
(American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits)

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

Did the parent file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2025 IRS Form 1040?

◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ Don't know

[See Notes page 23.]

Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C

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IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: line 31

Foreign earned income exclusion

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IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: line 8d

Amount of college grants, scholarships, or AmeriCorps benefits **reported as income to the IRS**

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This question is typically answered with a zero because most of these items (including Federal Pell Grants) are not considered taxable income. If the parent is married, include the amount their spouse reported.

39 Annual Child Support Received

Enter total amount the parent received in child support for the last complete calendar year. If the answer to question 32 was "Married," "Remarried," or "Unmarried and both legal parents living together," enter the combined amount the parent and their spouse received. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

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40 Parent Assets

[See Notes page 23.]

If the answer to question 32 was "Married," "Remarried," or "Unmarried and both legal parents living together," enter the combined amounts held by the parent and their spouse or partner. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. Net worth is the value of the investments, businesses, or farms minus any debts owed against them.

Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts

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Don't include cash amounts under $1,000. Also don't include student aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

Current net worth of investments, including real estate

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Don't include the home the parent lives in or retirement accounts.

Current net worth of businesses and farms

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Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

41 Parent Consent, Approval, and Signature

[See page 6.]

Refer to the terms on page 6. By filling in the answer circle below and signing this form, you (the parent) agree to the terms set forth on page 6. **If you do not provide consent and approval by filling in the circle below and providing your signature, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid.**

◯ Consent and approval to transfer federal tax information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Parent signature

Handwritten original signature using full name is required.

Date signed

MM / DD / YYYY

Parent

Parent Spouse or Partner

▶ ***Do not complete this section if you are not the student's legal parent or stepparent. See "Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?", on page 3, to determine if the parent spouse or partner must complete this section.***

*Questions 42–46 apply to the **parent spouse or partner**. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the parent spouse or partner.*

42 Parent Spouse or Partner Identity Information

The parent spouse or partner's full legal name, for example, as it appears on their Social Security card.

First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix *(e.g., Jr. or III)*

Date of birth

MM / *DD* / *YYYY*

Social Security number (SSN)

If the parent spouse or partner does not have an SSN, enter all zeros.

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

If the parent spouse or partner does not have an ITIN, leave this field blank.

43 Parent Spouse or Partner Contact Information

[See Notes page 21.]

Mobile phone number

Email address

Continue on next line.

Permanent mailing address

Continue on next line.

Include apt. number.

City

State

Postal (ZIP) code

Country

44 Parent Spouse or Partner Tax Filing Status

[See Notes page 22.]

▶ *See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.*

Did the parent spouse or partner file a U.S. federal income tax return for 2025 (or will they)? ◯ Yes ◯ No

The U.S. federal income tax form is called IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR.

Did the parent spouse or partner file a 2025 tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory (or will they)? ◯ Yes ◯ No

If the answer is "Yes" to both this and the previous question, fill out the "Combined adjusted gross income" and "Combined income tax paid" fields in question 45.

If the parent spouse or partner didn't file a U.S. federal tax return for 2025, select the reason why:

◯ They filed or will file a tax return in a country other than the United States.

◯ They weren't required to file a U.S. federal tax return because their income was lower than the IRS filing threshold.

◯ They earned income in a foreign country but will not file a foreign tax return.

◯ They worked for an international organization and weren't required to report that income on any tax return.
International organizations include, for example, the United Nations, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.

◯ They didn't and won't file a U.S. tax return for a different reason than low income.

45 Parent Spouse or Partner 2025 Tax Return Information

[See Notes page 23.]

▶ See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.

Filing status

○ Single ○ Head of household ○ Married filing jointly ○ Married filing separately ○ Qualifying surviving spouse

▶ ***Convert all currency to U.S. dollars. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. If the answer is negative, completely fill the circle (⊖) before the answer box.***

Income earned from work

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

Tax exempt interest income

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IRS Form 1040: line 2a

Retirement income: untaxed amount of IRA distributions

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IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

Retirement income: untaxed amount of pensions

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IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

Retirement income: IRA rollover(s)

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If IRS Form 1040: line 4c, box 1 is checked, enter the amount of untaxed IRA distributions moved to an IRA or other qualified plan.

Retirement income: pension rollover(s)

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If IRS Form 1040: line 5c, box 1 is checked, enter the amount of untaxed pensions distributions moved to an IRA or other qualified plan.

▶ *Use the "Combined adjusted gross income" and "Combined income tax paid" fields **only** if the parent spouse or partner filed both a U.S. federal income tax return and an income tax return from Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory. Otherwise, use the "Adjusted gross income" and "Income tax paid" fields.*

Adjusted gross income

⊖ $,, ,,

IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 11a

Income tax paid

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

OR

Combine values from the U.S. federal tax return and Puerto Rico (or other territory) tax return. Report each dollar once. If any amount is reported on both the U.S. and the territory tax return, do not count it twice.

Combined adjusted gross income

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IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 11a and Puerto Rico Form 482.0: line 5. For tax returns from other territories, use the equivalent line item.

Combined income tax paid

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IRS Form 1040: line 24 and Puerto Rico Form 482.0: line 26. For tax returns from other territories, use the equivalent line item. If negative, enter a zero.

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans

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IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: total of lines 16 + 20

Education credits (American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits)

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

Did the parent spouse or partner file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2025 IRS Form 1040?

○ Yes ○ No ○ Don't know

Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C

⊖ $,, ,,

IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: line 31

Foreign earned income exclusion

⊖ $,, ,,

IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: line 8d

46 Parent Spouse or Partner Consent, Approval, and Signature

[See page 6.]

▶ See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.

Refer to the terms on page 6. By filling in the answer circle below and signing this form, you (the parent spouse or partner) agree to the terms set forth on page 6. **If you do not provide consent and approval by filling in the circle below and providing your signature, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid.**

○ Consent and approval to transfer federal tax information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Parent spouse or partner signature

Handwritten original signature using full name is required.

Date signed

MM / DD / YYYY

Preparer

► ***See "Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?", on page 3, to determine if a preparer must complete this section. Paid preparers are prohibited.***

*Questions 47–49 apply to the **preparer**. Leave blank any questions that don't apply to the preparer.*

47 Preparer Identity Information

First name

Last name

Social Security number (SSN) – –

Employer Identification Number (EIN) –

48 Preparer Contact Information

Affiliation / Organization

Permanent mailing address

Continue on next line.

Include apt. number.

City

State

Postal (ZIP) code

49 Preparer Signature

[See page 6.]

Refer to the terms on page 6. By signing this form, you (the preparer) agree to the terms set forth on page 6.

Preparer signature

Date signed / /

MM *DD* *YYYY*

Mail Your FAFSA® Form

Make a copy of pages 7 through 20 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 7 through 20 to:

Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 70208, London, KY 40742-0208

Extra postage will be required. When mailing, include pages 7 through 20, even if some are blank.

College Use Only

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Federal school code

FAA signature

Data Entry Use Only

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Identity Information – Question 1

If you have a StudentAid.gov account or submitted a FAFSA form in a prior year, enter your name exactly as you did for your account or prior FAFSA form. If you have changed your name with the Social Security Administration since then, use your most current name.

Enter your Social Security number (SSN) as it appears on your Social Security card. **Attention student residents of Freely Associated States (Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or Federated States of Micronesia):** If the student is a first-time applicant, enter "000" in the first three boxes of the field and leave the remaining six positions blank; we will create an identification number to be used for federal student aid purposes. If the student was issued an identification number beginning with "666" when previously submitting a FAFSA form, enter that number in the Social Security number field.

Contact Information – Questions 2, 26, 31, and 43

We will use your email address to communicate with you electronically. For example, when this FAFSA form has been processed, the student and parent will be notified by email. Your email address will also be shared with your state and the colleges listed on your FAFSA form to allow them to communicate with you. We suggest using an email address you'll continue to have access to after you leave school.

If you are homeless or have no stable address, you can provide an address where you can reliably receive mail. If you secure a permanent address during the school year, we recommend that you update your address in your FAFSA form.

Common country codes: US (United States), CA (Canada), and MX (Mexico). For U.S. territories (PR, GU, AS, MP, VI), use the territory code as the state code, and use "US" as the country code (for example, if you live in Puerto Rico, enter "PR" in the "State" field, and "US" in the "Country" field). If you live in one of the freely associated states (FM, MH, and PW), use the state code in both the "State" and "Country" fields.

Current Marital Status – Questions 3 and 32

Question 3, Student Marital Status, cannot be left blank.

Report your marital status as of the date you sign your FAFSA form. If your marital status changes after you sign your FAFSA form, check with the financial aid office at the college.

For parents: Do not include any person who is not married to the student's parent and who is not a legal parent. Contact 1-800-433-3243 for help.

If the student's legal parents are:

- married, select "Married" or "Remarried."
- not married to each other and live together, select "Unmarried and both legal parents living together."
- divorced but living together, select "Unmarried and both legal parents living together."
- separated but living together, select "Married," not "Divorced" or "Separated."

Personal Circumstances – Question 5

Active Duty: Select this box if you are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes. Do not check the box if you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for state or training purposes.

Veteran: Select this box if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces (military, naval, air, or space service), are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or served on active or inactive duty for training in the U.S. armed forces and were disabled from an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, **and** (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also select the box if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2028.

Do not select the box if you (1) are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2028, (2) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces, (3) are currently a ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (4) are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (5) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces but released under dishonorable conditions.

The term "active duty for training" means: (A) full-time duty in the armed forces performed by Reserves for training purposes; (B) full-time duty for training purposes performed as a commissioned officer of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service (i) on or after July 29, 1945, or (ii) before that date under circumstances affording entitlement to "full military benefits", or (iii) at any time, for the purposes of chapter 13 of this title; (C) in the case of members of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard of any State, full-time duty under section 316 (duty as instructors at rifle ranges for the training of civilians in the use of military arms), 502 (Required drills and field exercises), 503 (Participation in field exercises), 504 (National Guard schools and small arms competitions), or 505 (Army and Air Force schools and field exercises) of title 32, or the prior corresponding provisions of law; (D) duty performed by a member of a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program when ordered to such duty for the purpose of training or a practice cruise under chapter 103 of title 10 for a period of not less than four weeks and which must be completed by the member before the member is commissioned; and (E) authorized travel to or from such duty. The term does not include duty performed as a temporary member of the Coast Guard Reserve.

The term "inactive duty training" means: (A) duty (other than full-time duty) prescribed for Reserves (including commissioned officers of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service) by the Secretary concerned under section 206 of title 37 or any other provision of law; (B) special additional duties authorized for Reserves (including commissioned officers of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service) by an authority designated by the Secretary concerned and performed by them on a voluntary basis in connection with the prescribed training or maintenance activities of the units to which they are assigned; and (C) training (other than active duty for training) by a member of, or applicant for membership (as defined in section 8140[g] of title 5) in, the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps prescribed under chapter 103 of title 10.

Orphan: Select this box if at any time since you turned 13, you had no living parent, even if you are now adopted.

Ward of the Court: Select this box if at any time since you turned 13, you were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

Foster Care: Select this box if at any time since you turned 13, you were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today. If you are not sure if you were in foster care, check with your state

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child welfare agency. You can find that agency's contact information at childwelfare.gov/nfcad.

Emancipation: Select this box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that, as of today, you are an emancipated minor. Also, select the box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. Do not select the box if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

Legal Guardianship: The definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.

Select this box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that, as of today, you are in a legal guardianship. Also, select the box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were in a legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. Do not select the box if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult. Also, leave the box blank and contact your school if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say "custody" (not "guardianship").

If you meet any of these conditions, the financial aid administrator at your school may require you to provide proof that you were in foster care, a dependent or ward of the court, an emancipated minor, or in a legal guardianship.

Homelessness – Question 6

"Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have 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.

If you indicated that you didn't live with a parent or guardian, and were either homeless or self-supporting and at risk of becoming homeless, select the appropriate box if you received a determination to that effect. (Your college may ask you for a copy of the determination.) If you indicated that you faced such a situation but did not receive a determination from the persons listed, select "None of these apply" and contact your college's financial aid office to determine if you are "homeless" and, therefore, not required to provide parent information.

Citizenship – Question 13

If you are an eligible noncitizen, write in your eight- or nine-digit A-Number. Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are (1) a permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); (2) a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C); (3) the holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant;" or (4) the holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking."

If you are in the U.S. and have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), an F1 or F2 student visa, a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, or a G series visa (pertaining to international organizations), select "Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen." You will not be eligible for federal student aid. If you have a Social Security number but are not a citizen or an eligible noncitizen, including if you have been granted DACA, you may still complete the FAFSA form to determine eligibility for state and/or college aid.

Parent Killed in Line of Duty – Question 16

A public safety officer generally includes the following:

- Law enforcement officer, firefighter, or chaplain
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employee
- Emergency management or civil defense agency employee
- Member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew
- Others defined in the *Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968*.

Completion of High School – Question 17

If the student completed high school outside of the U.S., select "Yes (high school diploma)." Select "No, none of the previous" only if the other options will not apply to the student when they start the 2027–28 school year. State-recognized high school equivalents: GED®: General Educational Development Test; HiSET®: High School Equivalency Test; and TASC™: Test Assessing Secondary Completion.

Federal Benefits Received – Questions 18 and 36

Answering these questions will NOT reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs.

TANF has different names in many states. Call 1-800-433-3243 to find out the name of your state's program.

Select "Free or reduced-price school lunch" *only* if the recipient's family qualified for it due to their income. Don't select it if the school offers free or reduced-price meals to *all* students.

Tax Filing Status – Questions 19, 27, 37, and 44

Question 19, Student Tax Filing Status, cannot be left blank.

If the parent (question 37) or the parent spouse or partner (question 44) didn't file a 2025 U.S. federal tax return because they had no income, select: "They weren't required to file a U.S. federal tax return because their income was lower than the IRS filing threshold."

U.S. territories include Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information about IRS tax filing thresholds, see IRS Publication 17.

If you filed or will file a foreign tax return or IRS 1040-NR, or a tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or one of the Freely Associated States, use the information from that return to fill out this form. If you filed a non-U.S. tax return or earned income in a foreign country, visit StudentAid.gov/2728/help/non-us-tax-information for guidance on how to answer questions about tax return items.

2025 Tax Return Information – Questions 20, 28, 38, and 45

Questions 20 (Student) and 28 (Student Spouse): If the student filed jointly with a spouse in 2025 and is currently married to that person, the joint information of both should be entered in question 20, and the spouse should not complete question 28.

If the student filed jointly with a spouse in 2025 but is no longer

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married to that person, only the student's information should be entered in question 20, and no information from the former spouse should be entered in questions 20 or 28.

If the student did not file jointly with a spouse in 2025 and is currently married, only the student's information should be entered in question 20, and the spouse should complete question 28 with their own information.

Questions 38 (Parent) and 45 (Parent Spouse or Partner): If the parent filed jointly with a spouse or partner in 2025 and is currently married to or living together with that person, the joint information of both should be entered in question 38, and the spouse or partner should not complete question 45.

If the parent filed jointly with a spouse or partner in 2025 but is no longer married to or living with that person, only the parent's information should be entered in question 38, and no information from the former spouse or partner should be entered in questions 38 or 45.

If the parent did not file jointly with a spouse or partner in 2025 and is currently married or living together with a partner, only the parent's information should be entered in question 38, and the spouse or partner should complete question 45 with their own information.

See also "Who must provide information on the FAFSA form?," on page 3.

College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported to the IRS: Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships. If the response is other than zero, the amount is typically not the same as the amount reported on Form 1098-T (Box 5) or the adjusted gross income you reported on your tax return.

Assets – Questions 22 and 40

Net worth means the current value, as of today, of investments, businesses, and/or investment farms, minus debts related to those same investments, businesses, and/or investment farms. When calculating net worth, use 0 for investments or properties with a negative value.

Investments include real estate (do not 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), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

Investments also include 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. If the student is required to report parent information on the FAFSA form, parents should not report the value of education savings accounts for other children. Qualified education benefits or education savings accounts must be reported as an asset of the parent if the student is required to report parent information. If the student is not required to report parent information 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 assets of the student and must be reported as an asset of the student on the FAFSA form, regardless of whether the student is required to report parent information.

Investments do not include the home you live in, the value of life insurance, ABLE accounts, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.), or cash, savings, and checking accounts reported in the previous question.

Investments also do not include UGMA/UTMA accounts for which the student is the custodian but not the owner or the value of qualified education benefits or education savings accounts that are for the benefit of the parent's other children (not the student).

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Businesses and farms include businesses (including small or family-run businesses) owned by you that have more than 100 full-time (or full-time equivalent) employees, along with the net worth of real estate owned by the business. They also include income-producing farms that you own, including the net worth of land, buildings, livestock, crops, and machinery actively used in farming, agricultural, or commercial activities.

Businesses and farms do not include businesses with 100 or fewer full-time (or full-time equivalent) employees; the value of a family farm on which the family resides; the value of crops that are grown solely for consumption by the student and their family; a commercial fishing business and related expenses, including fishing vessels and permits owned and controlled by the family; or the home in which you live.

Colleges – Question 23

Indicate the schools that you want to receive your FAFSA information. You can obtain federal school codes at StudentAid.gov/fafsa-apply/colleges, by calling 1-800-433-3243, or from the schools themselves. If you cannot obtain a code, write in the complete name, address, city, and state of the college. If you want more schools to receive your FAFSA information, read ***What is the FAFSA form?***, on page 3. Most of the information you included on your FAFSA form, *except for the list of colleges*, will be sent to each of the colleges you listed. In addition, most of your FAFSA information, including the list of colleges, will be sent to your state grant agency.

For federal student aid purposes, it does not matter in what order you list your selected schools. However, the order may affect your eligibility for state aid. Consult your state agency or StudentAid.gov/order for details.

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