



FAFSA 2027-2028

THE TIME HAS ARRIVED

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- What is the FAFSA?
- Why complete the FAFSA?
- FAFSA Dates and Eligibility
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THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

WHAT IS IT AND WHY COMPLETE IT?



WHY COMPLETE THE FAFSA?

APPLY & QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL AID

★ Schools require FAFSA for financial aid.

Types of Financial Aid

■ Federal

- Direct Subsidized Loans
- Direct Unsubsidized Loans
- Work-Study
- Pell Grants
- TEACH Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

■ State

- Grants
- Scholarships

■ School

- School Loans
- Scholarships

RESOURCES

Federal Student Aid

www.studentaid.gov

- [Types of Financial Aid](#)
- [Grants](#)
- [Finding and Applying for Scholarships](#)

State Grant Agency

www.ed.gov/about/contact-us/state-contacts



FAFSA DATES AND ELIGIBILITY

MAKE SURE YOU ARE PREPARED BEFORE
YOU GET STARTED.



FAFSA DATES AND ELIGIBILITY

OVERVIEW

2026–27 FAFSA Form

- Use this form to apply for college financial aid for 7/1/26–6/30/27.

2027–28 FAFSA Form is Available Now!

- Apply for aid for 7/1/27–6/30/28 using this form.
- The 2027–28 FAFSA form is available October 1, 2026.

Getting Started

- studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- FAFSA PDF: [Resources | Federal Student Aid](#)
- Get FAFSA help: [FAFSA Help](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE



The 2027-2028 FAFSA is available October 1, 2026.



IMPORTANT DATES

Federal Deadline

- June 30th after the academic period aid is needed

State Deadline

- Varies with each state; Some states require additional forms

School Deadline

- Confirm with the school

Learn More

- studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/fafsa-deadlines

CORRECTIONS OR UPDATES

This includes:

- Add or delete schools
- Update financial information
- Correct mistakes

★ The deadline for corrections or updates is September after the academic period aid is needed.

FAFSA DATES AND ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- Family must have financial need for need-based aid
- U.S. Citizen
- Eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security number *(with the exception of students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau)*
- High school diploma or a state-recognized equivalent such as a General Educational Development (GED)
- Provide consent and approval to have your federal tax information transferred directly into the FAFSA form
- Enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program
- Enrolled at an eligible college or career/trade school
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school



[Click to view a handy PDF eligibility resource](#)



NAVIGATING THE FAFSA

BEFORE – DURING – AFTER



BEFORE THE FAFSA

CREATE AN ACCOUNT (FSA ID)

Create An Account (FSA ID)

- studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch

About Creating An Account

- All contributors to the FAFSA will need to create an account
 - Students – Parents – Anyone submitting info on the FAFSA
- Authenticated by the SSA – takes 1 -3 business days
- FSA ID does not expire – must be reset if locked or the user forgets the username or password

YOU WILL NEED AN FSA ID TO:

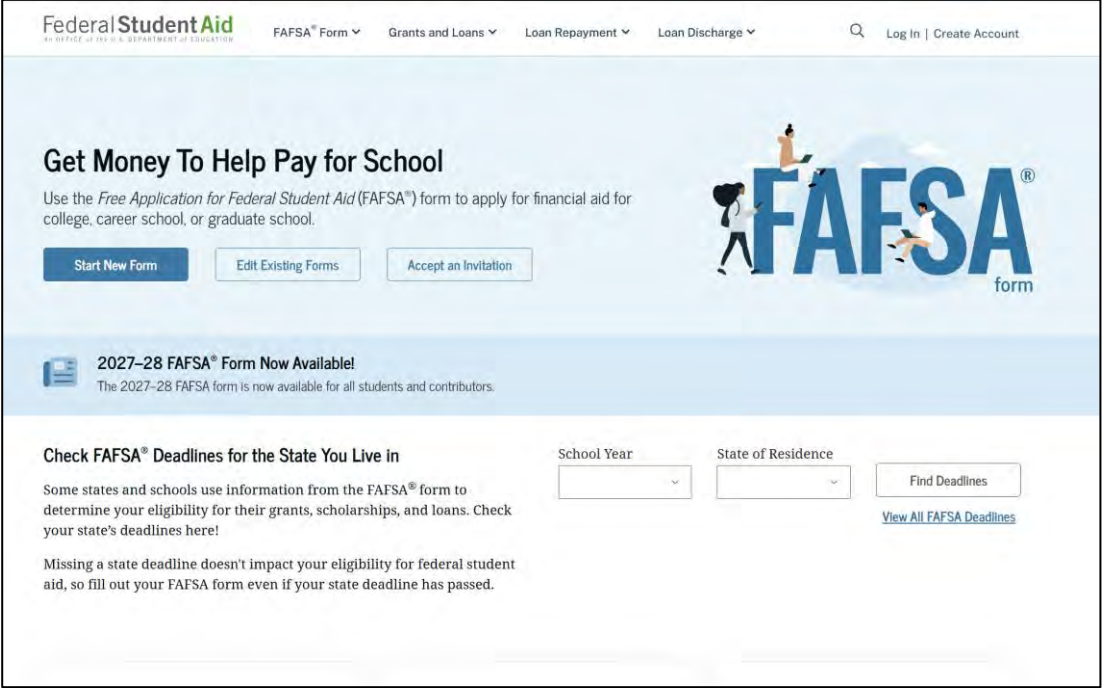
- Complete and renew the FAFSA
- Complete and electronically sign federal master promissory notes (MPN)
- Access all federal student aid websites
- Federal loan counseling
- Apply for repayment plans

DURING THE FAFSA

ACCOUNT LOGIN

Log into the FAFSA Application

- Log in using individual FSA ID
- The FSA ID may be created at this point
- All contributors are required to have an individual FSA ID
 - Students
 - Biological or adoptive parent
 - Stepparent
 - Student's spouse
- A contributor is anyone required to provide information and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly into the FAFSA form.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'FAFSA® Form', 'Grants and Loans', 'Loan Repayment', and 'Loan Discharge'. A search icon and 'Log In | Create Account' are also present. The main heading is 'Get Money To Help Pay for School', followed by a subtext: 'Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.' Below this are three buttons: 'Start New Form', 'Edit Existing Forms', and 'Accept an Invitation'. A banner for '2027-28 FAFSA® Form Now Available!' is displayed. A section titled 'Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in' includes dropdown menus for 'School Year' and 'State of Residence', a 'Find Deadlines' button, and a link to 'View All FAFSA Deadlines'. A note states: 'Missing a state deadline doesn't impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed.'

 [Click to visit the FAFSA Application](#)

DURING THE FAFSA

CHOOSING A ROLE

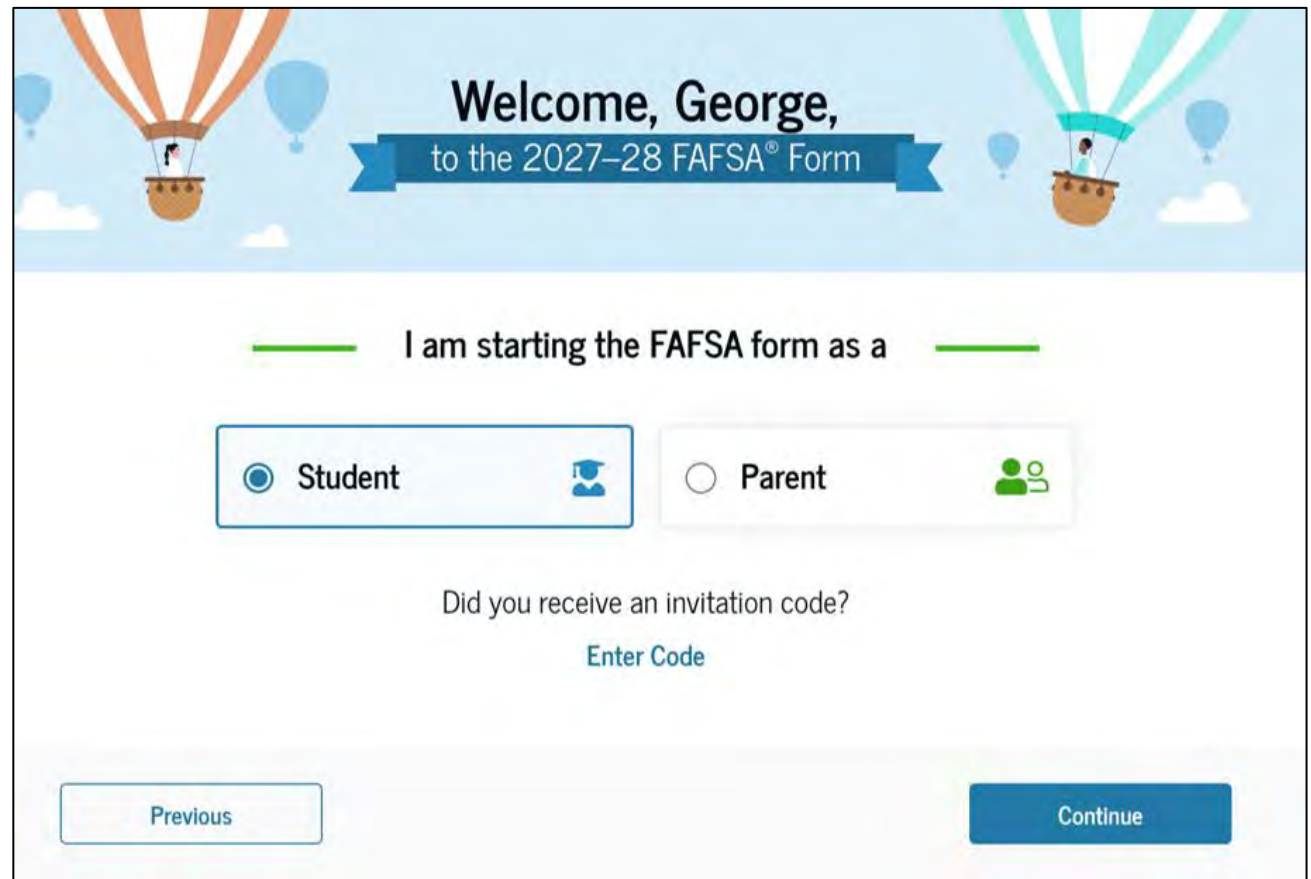
After logging in, the student can select the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA form: “Student” or “Parent.” The student also has the option to “Enter Code” if they received an invitation code. The student selects “Student.”



To ensure you are in the right section, check the top bar next to the FAFSA logo.

FAFSA® FORM 2027-28  Student George Gutierrez

FAFSA® FORM 2027-28  Parent of George Gutierrez



Welcome, George,
to the 2027-28 FAFSA® Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

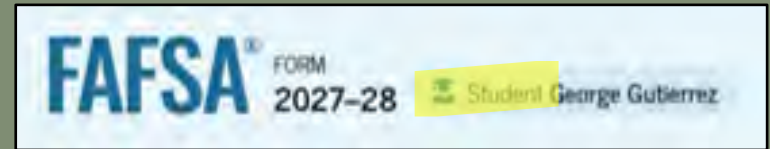
☒ Student  ☐ Parent 

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

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STUDENT ONBOARDING



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Understanding the FAFSA® Form

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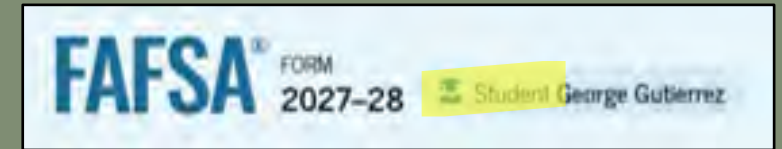
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A video thumbnail for "FAFSA® Overview". It features a woman in a pink shirt sitting in a hot air balloon basket against a background of a sunset with orange and red rays. The text "FAFSA® Overview" is in the top right, and a red YouTube play button icon is in the center. A small "Federal Student Aid" logo is in the top left corner.

DURING THE FAFSA

STUDENT IDENTITY INFO



Verify Personal Information

- Personal information pulled from existing studentaid.gov account

Updates Needed?

- Update personal information under Account Services on studentaid.gov
- Address may be updated directly within the FAFSA



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

Student Identity Information

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

[Learn about how we use the information we collect on your FAFSA® form.](#)

Name
George T Gutierrez

Date of Birth
02/15/2006

Social Security Number
***-**-8270

Email Address
599888270test@testcod.edu

Mobile Phone Number
(555) 557-6231

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

Permanent Mailing Address:
Include apartment number.
80000 Lane

City
San Antonio

State
TX

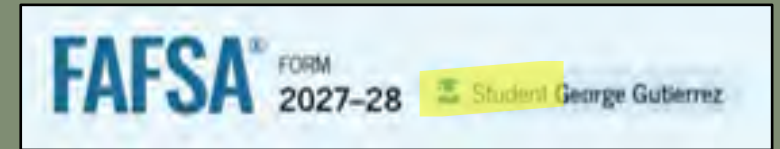
Zip Code
00000

Country
US

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DURING THE FAFSA

STUDENT PROVIDES CONSENT



- This page asks the student to give consent and approval for the automatic transfer of their federal tax return information from the IRS into their FAFSA form.
- If the student provides consent and approval by clicking on the “Approve” button at the bottom of the page, their federal tax information is transferred from the IRS into the FAFSA form. This transfer helps complete the “Your Finances” section.

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

Summary

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

- Get your 2025 tax return information for the 2027-28 FAFSA form.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

→ Federal tax information is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

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

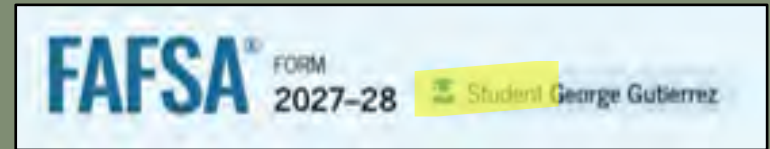
- the receipt and use of my federal tax information, and
- the redisclosure of my federal tax information by the U.S. Department of Education (ED), as described herein.

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

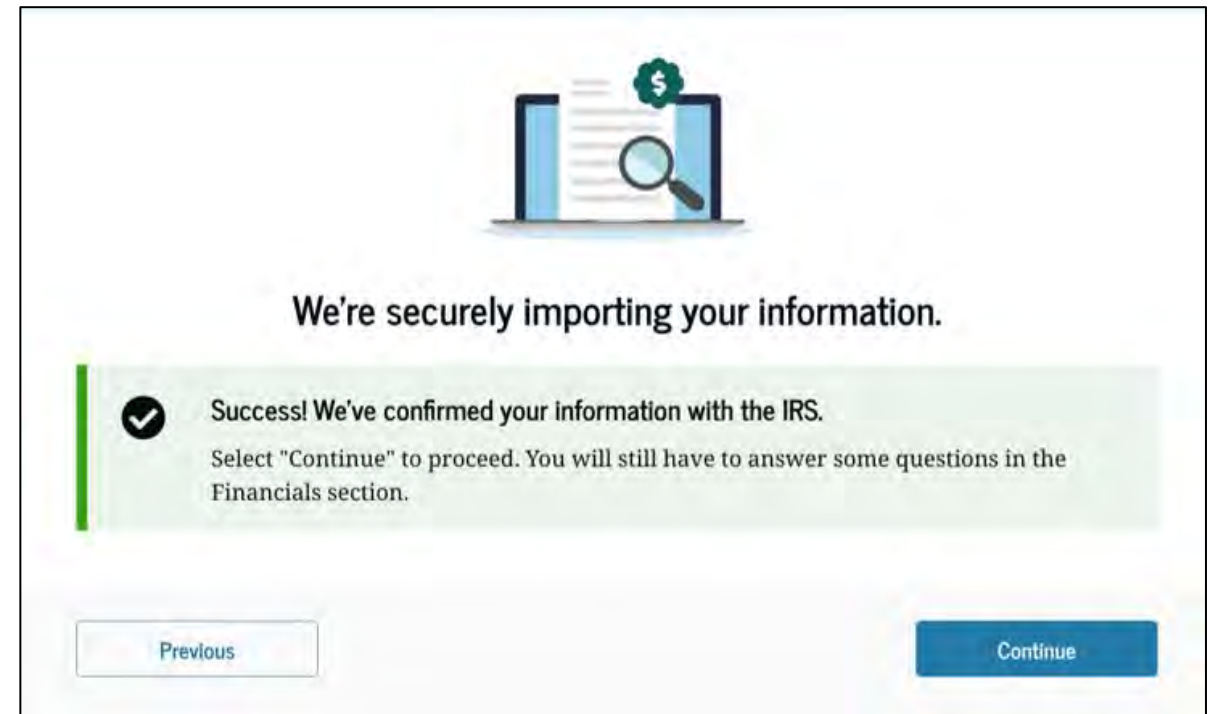
1. ED may disclose my Social Security number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, last name, date of birth, unique identifier, the tax year for which federal tax information is required, and the date and timestamp of my approval for the use of my federal tax information

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IMPORTING TAX INFORMATION

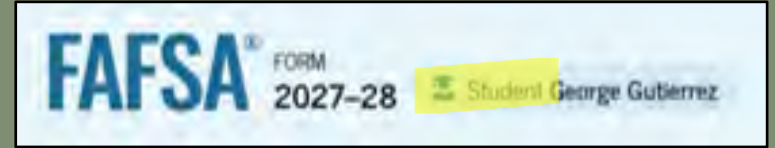


- This page imports the student's federal tax information by directly transferring it from the IRS into the FAFSA form to help complete the "Your Finances section."



DURING THE FAFSA

PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES



This section determines the student's dependency status.

A student's dependency status determines if they need to provide information about their parents or not.

Students will be determined to be one of the following:

- Dependent
- Independent
- Student with Special or Unusual Circumstance



Read about these different statuses on the following slides.

Your Personal Circumstances

Tell us about your marital status; your financial dependencies; your plans for college; and any other special circumstances that may impact your aid eligibility (including if you've been homeless or at risk of becoming so).

→ This information can affect how much aid you're eligible to receive.

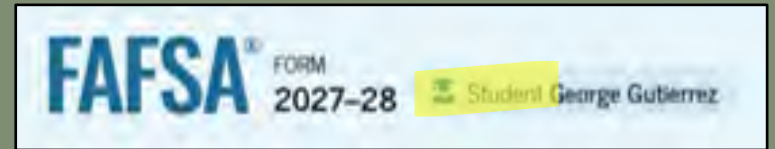
→ Based on your answers, we may need to collect additional information from other people.

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An illustration of three people walking. A woman in a white shirt and dark pants is walking towards the left. A man in a blue shirt and dark pants is walking towards the right. A woman in a white shirt and dark pants is walking towards the right, slightly behind the man.

DURING THE FAFSA

DEPENDENT STUDENT



Personal Circumstances: Dependent Student

Based on the answers provided by the student they are considered a Dependent Student.



The student is required to provide information about their parents due to this status.

Your Dependency Status



Dependent Student

Based on your answers, you're a dependent student. This means you must provide parent information on your FAFSA® form. This information helps determine how much federal student aid you're eligible to receive.

Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents refusing to provide their information on this FAFSA® form? ⓘ

This response must be "No" for the student to be considered for Federal Pell Grant eligibility and most other types of federal student aid.

☐ Yes

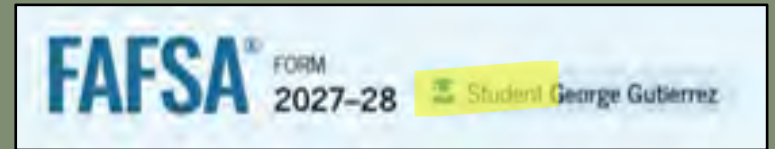
☒ No

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INDEPENDENT STUDENT



Personal Circumstances: Independent Student

Based on the answers provided by the student (typically that they are married), they are considered an Independent Student.

- Do not have to provide parent information
- Student may sign and submit FAFSA
- Student receives an estimate of financial aid



The student is **NOT** required to provide information about their parents due to this status.

Your Dependency Status:



Independent Student

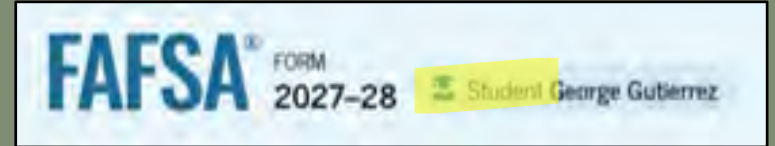
Based on your answers, you're a dependent student, you will report your own information (and, if you're married, your spouse's). This information is used to determine how much financial aid you're eligible to receive.

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SPECIAL OR UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES



Personal Circumstances: Special or Unusual

Based on the answers provided by the student, they are considered **Provisionally Independent**

- Do not have to provide parent information
- Student may sign and submit FAFSA
- Student receives an estimate of financial aid
- Contact the school for supporting documentation
- School will review and determine dependency override

Your Dependency Status



Provisionally Independent Student

Based on your answers, you're a provisionally independent student. This means you don't need to answer questions about your parents to submit your application.

To complete your application, you'll need to contact your school's financial aid office and provide documentation to verify your circumstances.

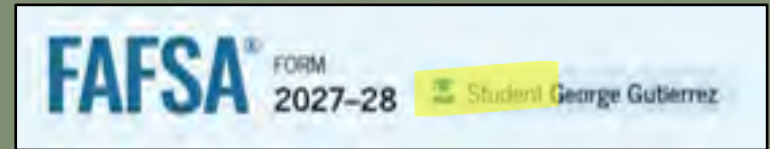
We won't be able to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI) until you confirm your circumstances with your financial aid office. Until then, we will provide only an estimate of your federal student aid eligibility as an independent student.

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DURING THE FAFSA

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



- Race and ethnicity
- Gender
- Citizenship
- Parents education
- Parent killed in active duty
- Student's high school information

Student Demographics

We'll ask questions about you and your parent(s). Some of these questions will help determine how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive for school.



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STUDENT FINANCIALS

FAFSA[®] FORM
2027-28 Student George Gutierrez

What you'll need:

- 2025 Tax Return Info
- Info on investments, real estate, and other assets

Your Finances

The FAFSA form helps schools determine your ability to pay for college without financial aid, so we ask in this section if you receive any federal or state entitlement benefits and if you have any investments, real estates, or other assets.

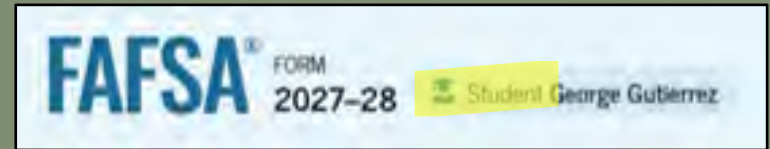


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DURING THE FAFSA

STUDENT SELECTS COLLEGES



List up to 20 schools

- Search by city, state, or school name
- Students should list **any school** they are interested in
- Review school details
- Can include colleges and career schools



Schools listed will receive FAFSA information.

Your Colleges

In this section, you'll search for and select schools you're considering so they will automatically receive an electronic copy of your FAFSA form. You don't need to worry if you don't end up applying to them - there is nothing else you need to do.



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Where should we send the FAFSA® information?

You can add more schools after submitting your form.



0 out of 20 schools selected

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[Search by School Name or Code](#) [Search by Location](#)

School Name or Code

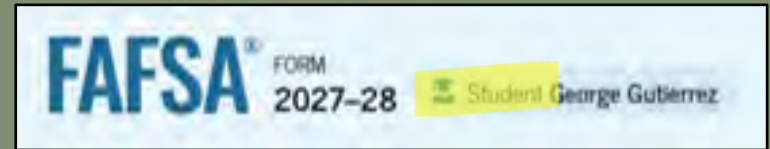
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DURING THE FAFSA

STUDENT INVITES PARENT



Dependent Student: Parent Information and Invitation

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.

Invite a Parent as a Contributor

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

You shouldn't invite a stepparent or legal guardian (such as a grandparent or foster parent) unless they have legally adopted you. Your legal parent will invite your stepparent to the form if needed. Stepparents and other types of guardians do not count unless they have legally adopted the student.

Who should I invite as a parent on the FAFSA form?

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'PARENT' CAN MEAN:

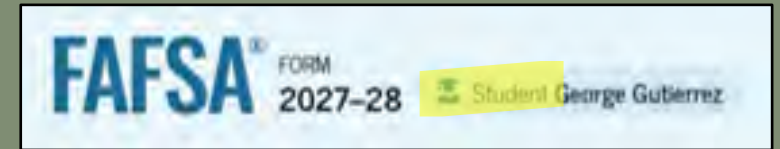
- **Legal** – biological or adoptive
- **Divorced** – parent who provides most financial support
- **Divorced and living together** – must include both
- **Stepparents** are included



Learn more about filling out the parent portion of the FAFSA in the next section.

DURING THE FAFSA

PARENT INVITATION CONFIRMATION



This page confirms the student's parent will receive an email inviting them to the student's FAFSA form.

- The parent can access the form by accepting the invitation in the email.
- The student is also provided an invitation link and invitation code on this page that can be shared directly with the parent.

Parent Contributor

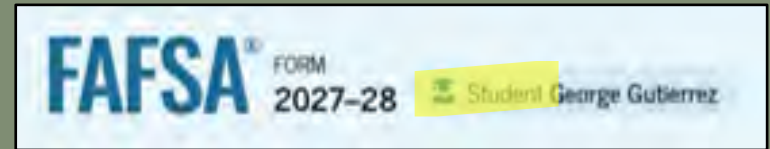
Once your parent accepts the invitation, they can complete the parent section of this FAFSA form.

You can check the status of contributor invitations from the "My Activity" page.

A screenshot of the FAFSA Parent Contributor invitation page. At the top, it says 'Parent' with a green icon. Below that is the email address '599888214test@testcod.edu'. There is a button labeled 'Invite Sent'. Below that is a link 'Other ways to send the Invite' with a chevron icon. Then, it says 'Copy and Send the Invite Link' with an information icon. Below that is the URL 'www.fafsa.gov/invite/8MHN9QV' and a 'Copy Link' button. At the bottom, it says 'You can also have your parent go to www.fafsa.gov/invite and enter code:' followed by the code '8MHN9QV'. There is a 'Cancel Invite' button at the very bottom.

DURING THE FAFSA

STUDENT REVIEW PAGE

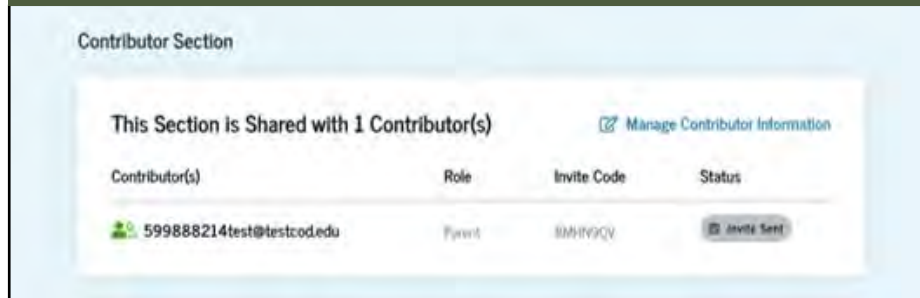


Review what you have entered so far!

- Be thorough – avoid needing to make updates
- Check spelling carefully
- Check your contact information



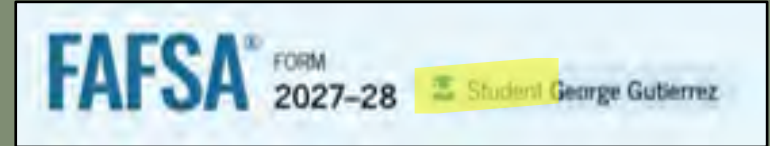
This is also where you can ensure you've invited a parent (if applicable).



DURING THE FAFSA

STUDENT SIGNATURE

- The student acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA form and signs their section.
- After agreeing and signing, the student may submit their section of the FAFSA form.



Terms and Conditions

Confirm that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out your section of the form accurately to the best of your ability.

[View Terms & Conditions](#)

✓ Viewed

Sign and Submit Your FAFSA® Form ⓘ

☒ I, George Gutierrez, agree to the terms outlined above.

The Form Isn't Ready To Submit

One or more contributors still need to complete their section. After the other contributor(s) complete their section, they can submit the form.

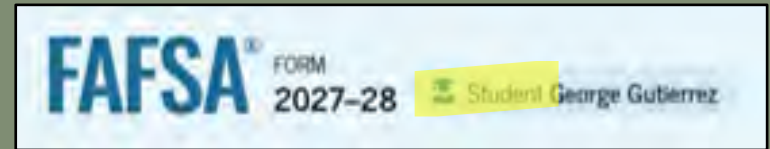
- Finish your section now.
- Reach out to the other contributor(s) and ask them to complete their section and submit the form.

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[Finish Student Section](#)

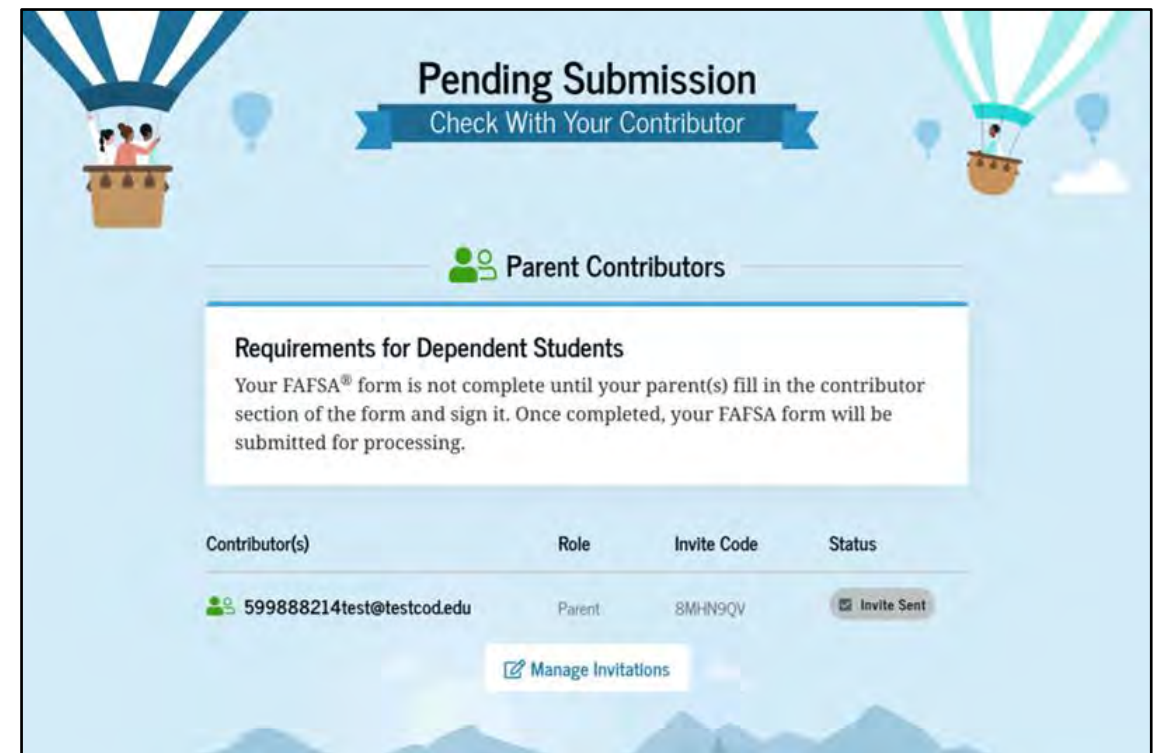
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CHECK WITH CONTRIBUTOR



Dependent Students

If a Dependent Student is applying with a parent, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed until the parent portion is also completed, signed, and submitted.



Pending Submission
Check With Your Contributor

 **Parent Contributors**

Requirements for Dependent Students

Your FAFSA® form is not complete until your parent(s) fill in the contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, your FAFSA form will be submitted for processing.

Contributor(s)	Role	Invite Code	Status
 599888214test@testcod.edu	Parent	8MHN9QV	 Invite Sent

 [Manage Invitations](#)



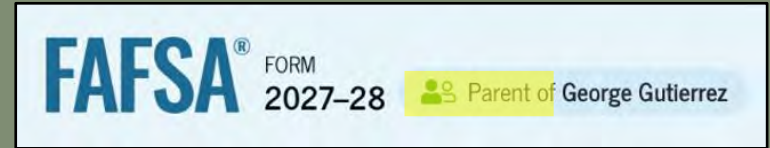
COMPLETING THE FAFSA: PARENTS

WHAT TO EXPECT AS A PARENT
CONTRIBUTOR



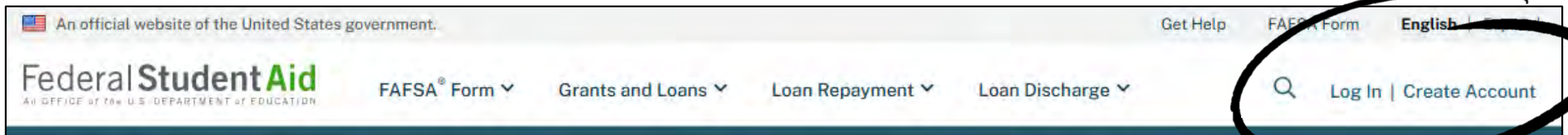
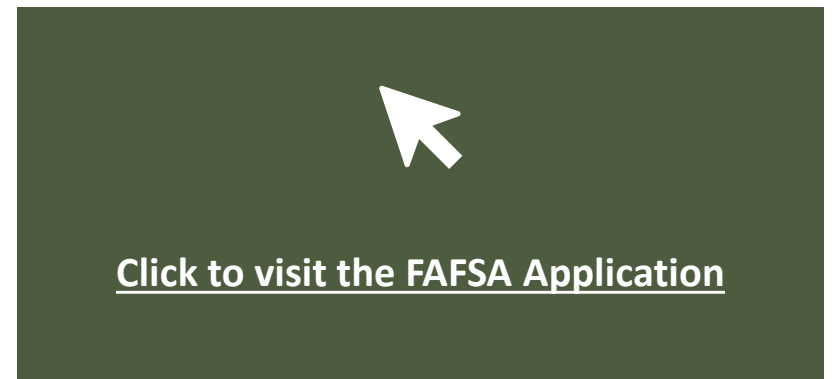
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PARENT ACCOUNT LOGIN



Log into the FAFSA Application

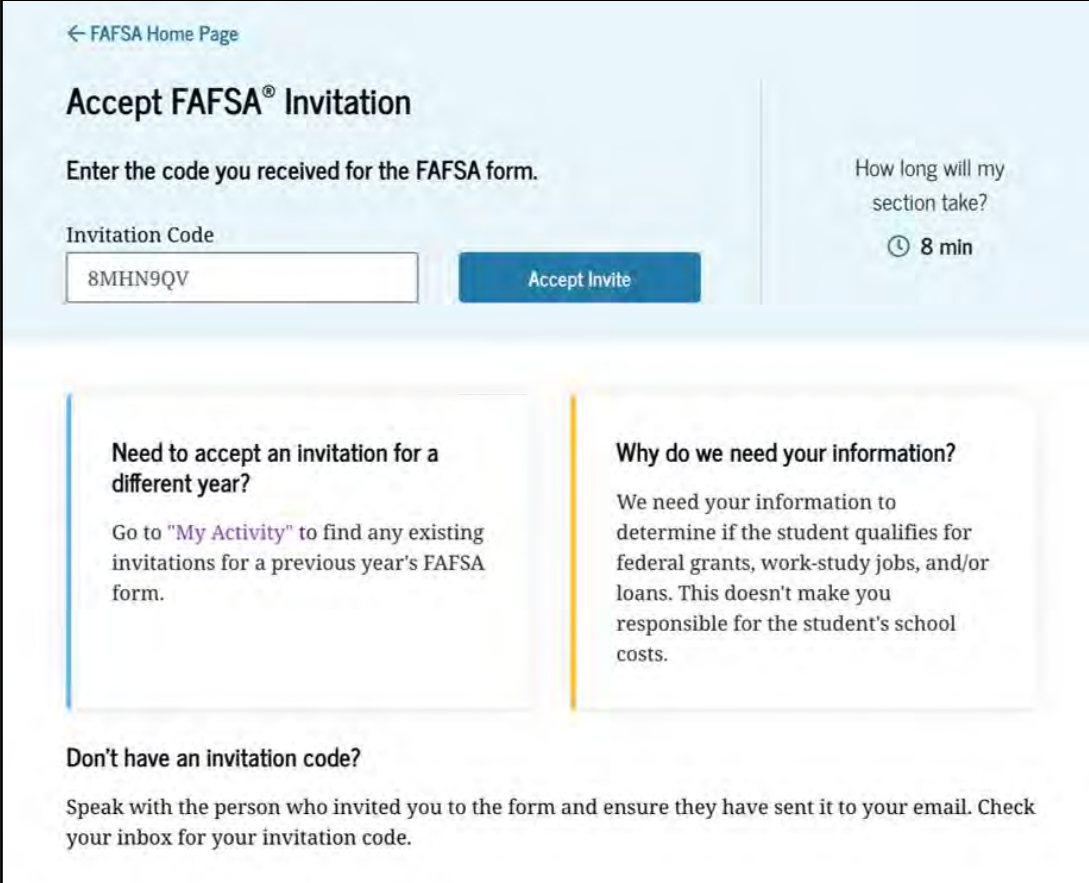
- If the student has completed the FAFSA, the parent will have received an email invitation with a link to login to the FAFSA app.
- If the student did not yet complete the FAFSA or the parent does not have an email invitation, visit studentaid.gov and click Log In.
- If the parent does not yet have an FSA ID, visit studentaid.gov and select Create Account instead.
- The parent can visit the Activity page to select a different year FAFSA.



PARENT ACCEPT INVITATION

Enter Invitation Code

- If the parent used the link from the email to login to studentaid.gov, the **invitation code will be pre-filled** in the entry field.
- If the parent did not use the link from the invitation email, they will need to **manually enter the code**.
- The parent can then select “Accept Invite.”



← FAFSA Home Page

Accept FAFSA[®] Invitation

Enter the code you received for the FAFSA form.

Invitation Code

Accept Invite

How long will my section take?
⌚ 8 min

Need to accept an invitation for a different year?

Go to "[My Activity](#)" to find any existing invitations for a previous year's FAFSA form.

Why do we need your information?

We need your information to determine if the student qualifies for federal grants, work-study jobs, and/or loans. This doesn't make you responsible for the student's school costs.

Don't have an invitation code?

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

PARENT ONBOARDING

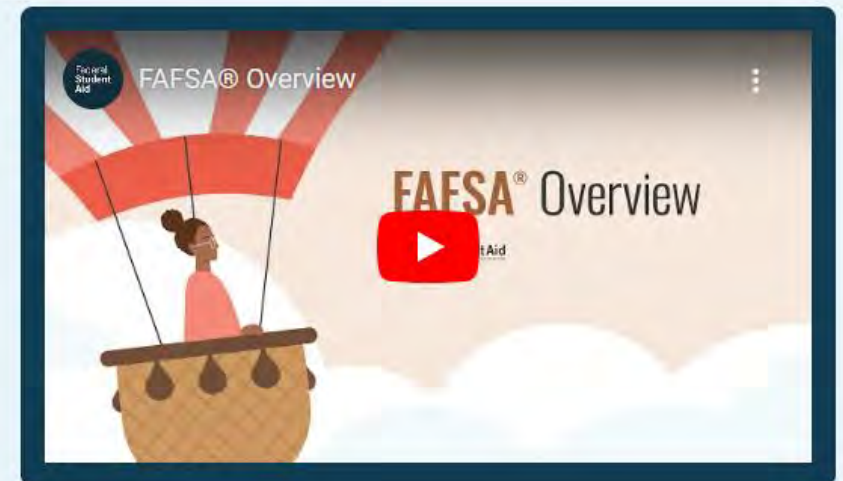
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Updates Needed?

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Parent Identity Information

Review the information below and verify t

Name

Alcina Tran

Date of Birth

05/05/1973

Social Security Number

...-...-1234

Email Address

alcinatran@school.edu

Mobile Phone Number

(555) 555-5555



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

COMPLETING THE FAFSA: PARENTS

PARENT PROVIDES CONSENT

FAFSA[®] FORM 2027-28  Parent of George Gutierrez

★ NEW FOR 2026/2027

Must be signed by all parties (students and parents, if applicable) in order for the FAFSA to be submitted!

This page informs the parent about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the parent's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA form from the IRS to help complete the Parent Financials section. The parent selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.

Provide Consent or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

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

- Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024-25 FAFSA form.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.
- FTI is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID log-in credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By accepting below, I approve and consent to:

- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by 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.
- The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended.
- The U.S. Department of Education to redisclose my FTI received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii), which includes:
 - institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended;
 - state higher education agencies; and
 - scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education.

DURING THE FAFSA

IMPORTING TAX INFORMATION

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

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Save FAFSA Menu

We're securely importing your information.

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

Loading...

Success! We've confirmed your information with the IRS.

Select "Continue" to proceed. You will still have to answer some questions in the Financials section.

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PARENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Marital status
- College students in home
- State of legal residency

Demographics About You

We'll ask about your marital status, college students in your household, and legal residence.

→ This is because most dependent students receive support from their parents, and this affects how much they're able to pay for school.



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PARENT FINANCIALS

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- Federal benefits received
- Tax filing status
- Family size
- Number in college
- Tax return information
- Assets
- Other parent (spouse) information

Your Finances

The FAFSA form helps schools determine the student's ability to pay for college without financial aid, so we ask in this section if you receive any federal or state entitlement benefits and if you have any investments, real estates, or other assets.



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PARENT REVIEW PAGE

Review Topics:

- Displays parent(s) responses
- Displays student responses
- Parent(s) can view responses by selecting "Expand All"
- To edit a response, the parent can select the question's hyperlink

Take a moment to review before signing

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



Parent Contributor Sections Expand All ▾

 Introduction Personal Identifiers	
 Section 1 Demographics	
 Section 2 Financials	
 Section 3 Signature	



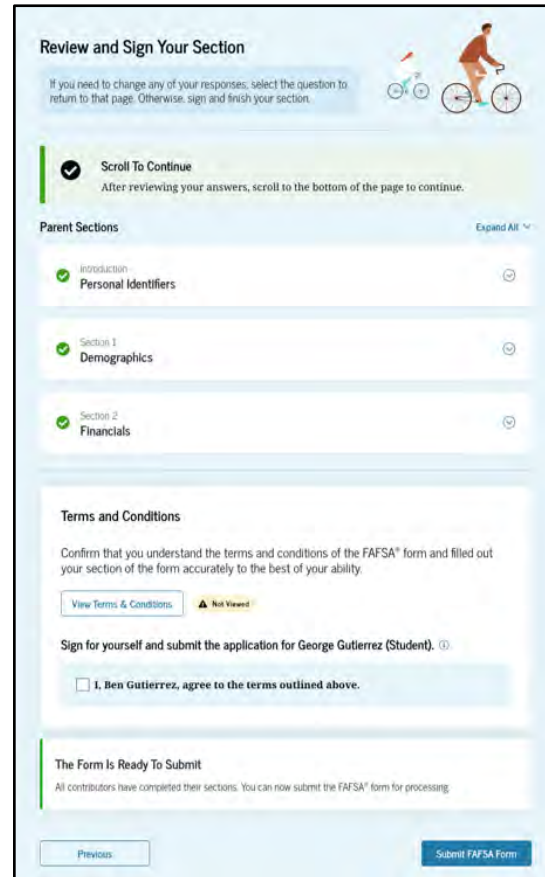
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COMPLETING THE FAFSA: PARENTS

PARENT SIGNATURE

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



The screenshot shows the 'Review and Sign Your Section' page. At the top, it says 'Review and Sign Your Section' with a small illustration of a person on a bicycle. Below this, a message states: 'If you need to change any of your responses, select the question to return to that page. Otherwise, sign and finish your section.' A green checkmark icon is next to the text 'Scroll To Continue' and 'After reviewing your answers, scroll to the bottom of the page to continue.' Below this is a list of 'Parent Sections' with a green checkmark next to each: 'Introduction', 'Personal Identifiers', 'Section 1 Demographics', 'Section 2 Financials', and 'Financials'. Below the list is a 'Terms and Conditions' section with the text: 'Confirm that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out your section of the form accurately to the best of your ability.' There is a 'View Terms & Conditions' button and a 'Not Viewed' indicator. Below this is a section for signing: 'Sign for yourself and submit the application for George Gutierrez (Student).' with a checkbox and the text 'I, Ben Gutierrez, agree to the terms outlined above.' At the bottom, there is a 'The Form Is Ready To Submit' section with the text: 'All contributors have completed their sections. You can now submit the FAFSA® form for processing.' There are 'Previous' and 'Submit FAFSA Form' buttons at the bottom.

Terms and Conditions

Note:

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

By signing the student's application electronically using your StudentAid.gov account username and password, YOU, THE PARENT, certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide

- information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
- U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the secretary of education has the authority to verify information reported on your application.

If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a username and password and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both.

Done

FAFSA CONFIRMATION

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CONGRATULATIONS! YOU DID IT!!

Student receives an email with the full detailed confirmation.

- **Confirmation page displays:**
 - Tracking the students FAFSA form
 - Next steps



FAFSA form is now considered complete and submitted for processing.



Congratulations!

The student's FAFSA® form has been processed!

What to Know Now

1. The student's FAFSA Submission Summary has estimates of their eligibility for federal student aid.
2. The student should review the "Next Steps" section of their FAFSA Submission Summary to make sure there are no issues with their form. They'll also get an email.
3. Schools will contact the student. If a school needs more information to determine how much aid the student is eligible for, they'll reach out. Schools will also send financial aid offers. If the student has a question about a school's student aid package, they should contact the school's financial aid office directly.

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COMPLETING THE FAFSA

APPLICATION STATUS

- **Draft:** Your section of the FAFSA form is incomplete.
- **In Progress:** You provided your consent, approval, and signature to your section of the FAFSA form, but the FAFSA form has not been submitted yet.
- **In Review:** The FAFSA form was submitted but hasn't been processed yet.
- **Action Required:** You are missing your consent and approval or signature; or the FAFSA form was processed, but a correction is required.
- **Processed:** Your application was processed successfully. No further action is needed.
- **Closed:** Your FAFSA form was never submitted and can no longer be submitted because the federal FAFSA deadline passed.





NEXT STEPS

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I COMPLETE THE FAFSA?



NEXT STEPS

FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY

Formerly known as the student aid report (SAR)

- Summary of FAFSA information
- Student Aid Index (SAI)
- Data release number (DRN)
- FAFSA verification
- Make corrections if necessary
- Visit aid summary
- Visit college scorecard

FAFSA[®] FORM 2027-28 **FAFSA Submission Summary**

Student  **Kimberly Rivera**

Application Received
July 9, 2026

Application Processed
July 9, 2026

Data Release Number
5604

Viewing: **Submission 1**

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

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Student receives a link to their **FAFSA Submission Summary** via email. This includes:

- Eligibility overview
- FAFSA form answers
- School information
- Next steps



FAFSA TIPS

REMINDERS TO HELP YOU COMPLETE THE
FAFSA



FAFSA TIPS

REMINDERS AND RESOURCES

Complete the FAFSA **each year** enrolled in college

Schedule FAFSA time

Understand deadlines
and **apply early**

Create an account at
studentaid.gov

FSA ID

[Help Center for
Federal Student Aid](#)

**Review FAFSA
Submission Summary:**

Make corrections
FAFSA verification

Tax info: All contributors
must provide consent and
approval on the FAFSA
form

Follow-up with all
communication from the
Department of Education
and Schools



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- CU Student Choice



Please contact us with any additional questions:
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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

CONTACT US IF YOU NEED MORE HELP.

