

2023-24 FAFSA® UPDATES

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THE FAFSA® FORM

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

WHY YOU SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA®

Your college uses your FAFSA® data to determine your federal aid eligibility. Many states and colleges use FAFSA® data to award their own aid. After submission, you'll receive your *Student Aid Report*.

PREPARING FOR THE FAFSA® FORM

WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA®



CITIZENSHIP

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- 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)



ENROLLMENT

- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for Direct Loan Program funds



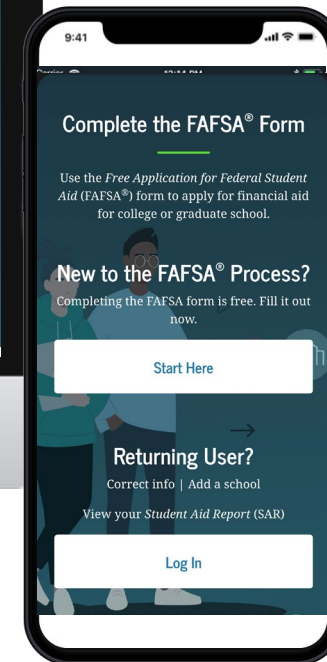
STUDENT

- having a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate
- completing a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law; or
- enrolling in an eligible career pathway program and meeting one of the "ability-to-benefit" alternatives can apply in certain situations including for [non-U.S. citizens](#), [students with criminal convictions](#), and [students with intellectual disabilities](#)

WHERE TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA®

FAFSA.GOV

Desktop or Mobile



WHAT YOU NEED TO COMPLETE FAFSA®

MUST HAVE

Student FSA ID

Parent FSA ID

*You can not use the same
username and password

FSA ID

Username
NAME 123

Password
●●●●●●●●

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

WHEN TO COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA®

MUST FILE

High School Senior Year
and every year in college.

The Free Application
opens every October 1st.



Tax Info

IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL (IRS DRT)

The IRS DRT is the fastest, most-accurate way to transfer your tax information into your FAFSA® form. You will be able to review your information before you submit it.

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)

EASY

Transfer info with the click of a button.

FAST

Instantly retrieve your info.

ACCURATE

Correctly fill in your info.

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

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MOBILE APP RETIREMENT

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FSA ID Username or E-mail

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FSA ID Password

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LOG IN

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Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

Start Here

Returning User?

Correct info | Add a school

View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

Log In

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION ACT

Represents a significant overhaul of federal student aid, including the FAFSA form, need analysis, and many other policies.

Notable changes for 2023-24

- Removal of sex question
- Removal of register for selective service question
- Removal of drug conviction question
- Incarcerated students form

INCOME THRESHOLD INCREASE

Auto Zero Amount Increase:

- \$27,000 to \$29,000

INCARCERATED FORM

Incarcerated Applicant Form

FAFSA[®]

FREE APPLICATION *for* FEDERAL STUDENT AID

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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Notes:

- Same questions as standard FAFSA form
- Differences are purely administrative
- Not a separate form – different address will alert for a specialized heading

CHANGES TO SAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Additional guidance has been added directing students with special circumstances to work with their financial aid administrators:

"Because you indicated you were homeless or at risk of being homeless, your application is not considered complete, and we have not calculated your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). For your application to be completed, you must contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend and provide them with documentation to verify your special circumstance.

If you are eligible for renewal of your independent student status and your circumstances remain unchanged from when your independent status was first determined, your Financial Aid Administrator may assist you with any questions about your renewal eligibility."

DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY

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

Federal Student Aid An Office of the U.S. Department of Education

Understand Aid Apply for Aid Complete Aid Process Manage Loans John

2023-24 FAFSA Form

FAFSA Home Help Save FAFSA Review FAFSA Reset FAFSA Exit FAFSA

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit

SIGN & SUBMIT

Before you sign, please answer a few questions about the student

i These questions do not affect aid eligibility
Your answers to questions in this survey will not affect your eligibility for federal student aid, and will not be used in any aid calculations.

What is your gender?

Male

Female

Nonbinary

Decline to answer

Are you transgender?

Yes

No

Decline to answer

What is your ethnicity? *Choose all that apply.*

Not Hispanic nor Latino origin

Cuban descent

Mexican, Mexican-American, or Chicano descent

Puerto Rican descent

Some other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin

Decline to answer

What is your ethnicity? *Choose all that apply.*

- Not Hispanic nor Latino origin
- Cuban descent
- Mexican, Mexican-American, or Chicano descent
- Puerto Rican descent
- Some other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin
- Decline to answer

What is your race? *Select one or more races.*

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Asian Indian
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Japanese
- Some other Asian origin
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Decline to answer

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KEY ASPECTS OF FAFSA®

DEPENDENCY STATUS

INDEPENDENT STATUS

An independent student is one of the following:

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

DEPENDENT STATUS

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

GUARDIANSHIP – WHAT IF...



I DON'T LIVE WITH MY PARENTS

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



UNABLE TO PROVIDE PARENT INFORMATION

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



I HAVE AN UNWILLING PARENT

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



I HAVE A NONCITIZEN PARENT

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

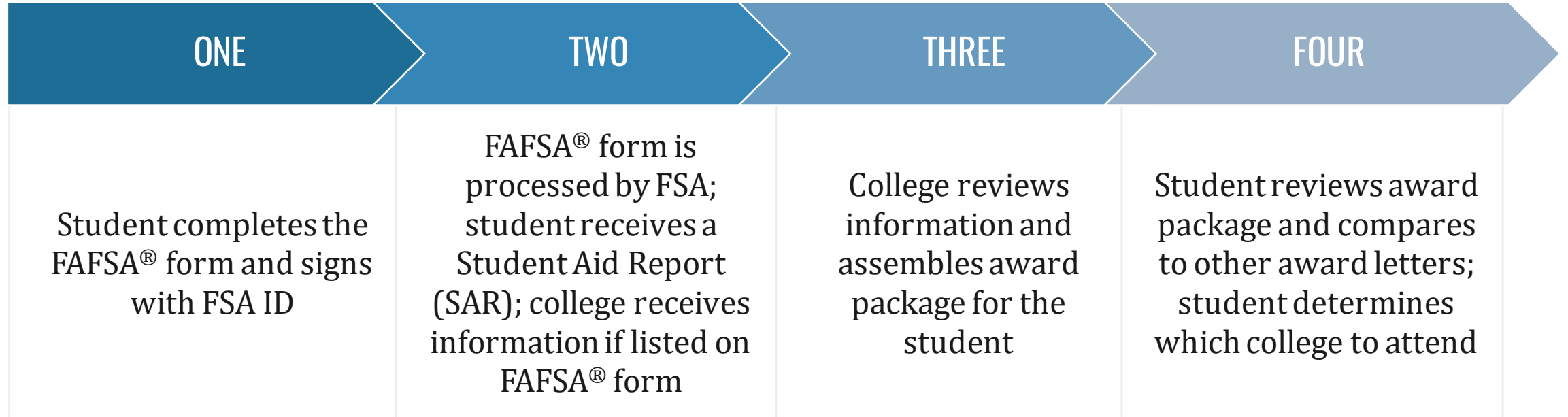
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES STATUS

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

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

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

FAFSA® PROCESS



THE FEDERAL STUDENT AID TOOLS AND RESOURCES

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

FAFSA DEADLINES FOR STATE AID

States and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. But, since aid is limited, you have to meet the deadlines!

[StudentAid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/fafsa-deadlines](https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/fafsa-deadlines)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Federal Student Aid does not offer scholarships. However, here is a source of information on scholarships.

[StudentAid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships)

FEDERAL STUDENT AID TOOLS & RESOURCES

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