

2026-2027 FAFSA® Form

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

OCTOBER 2025

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Explore. Plan. Succeed.

GSFC Georgia Student Finance Commission



DEFINE FAFSA

WHAT IS THE FAFSA® FORM?

Colleges and universities use the FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid you're eligible to receive, which could include grants, scholarships, workstudy funds, and loans.



WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE FAFSA FORM?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs.



HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

It takes most people less than one hour to fill out the FAFSA form.



WHAT DO I

- StudentAid.gov Account
- Student's financial and personal information.
- Student's parents' personal and financial information (if applicable)





FEDERAL AID ELIGIBILITY



Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident



Have a valid Social Security number



Be a high school graduate or GED recipient



Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress



Be enrolled in an eligible certification, diploma, or degree program





FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS

FEDERAL PELL GRANT

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM (FWS)

FEDERAL STUDENT AND PARENT LOANS

TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE AND HIGHER EDUCATION (TEACH) GRANTS





GEORGIA'S STATE AID PROGRAMS

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HOPE AND ZELL MILLER GRANT

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INCLUSIVE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT







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PASSWORD



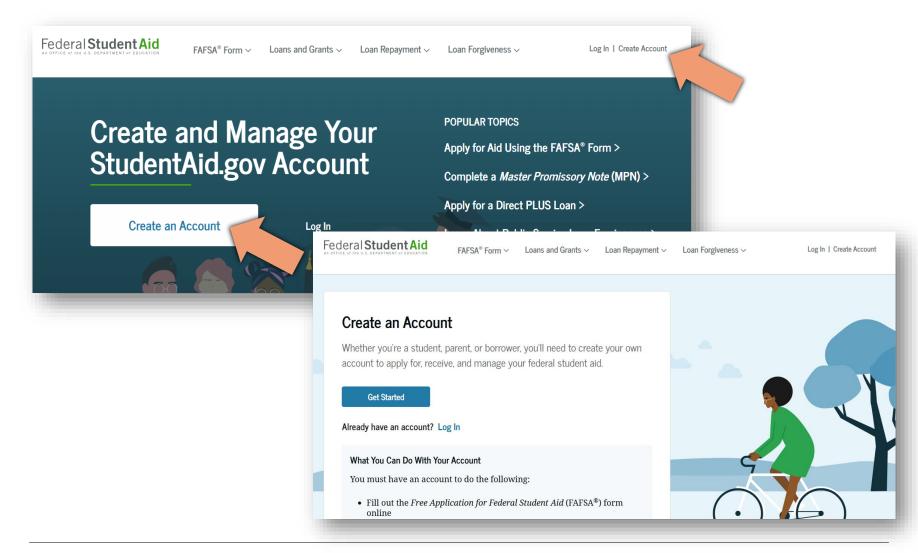
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CREATE AN ACCOUNT

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DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A STUDENTAID.GOV ACCOUNT?

The system will alert you.





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WHAT IF I DO NOT HAVE A SSN?

If you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN) and at least one of these two statements describes you, you can check the box below to create an account without an SSN:

- I am a citizen of the Freely Associated States who needs to complete the FAFSA® form online.
- I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid.

I do not have a Social Security number.

I am a citizen of the Freely Associated States and I do not have a Social Security number (SSN); OR I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid and I do not have an SSN.







TIPS

- Parents and students must each create their own accounts.
- Input your name EXACTLY as it appears on your social security card, including punctuation.
- Use a personal email address to create your account, not a high school email address.
- Create a username and unique password that can be remembered.
- Remember the login information and make sure it is secure.







Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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WHICH FAFSA® FORM DO I COMPLETE?

2025 - 2026 FAFSA

2026 - 2027 FAFSA

IF ATTENDING:

Fall 2025

Spring 2026

Summer 2026

Use 2023 tax returns

Available: December 2024

IF ATTENDING:

Fall 2026

Spring 2027

Summer 2027

Use 2024 tax returns

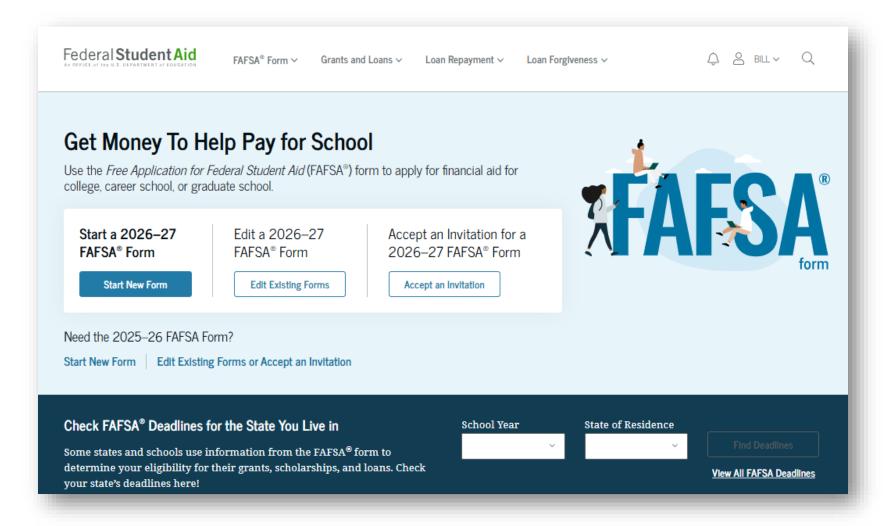
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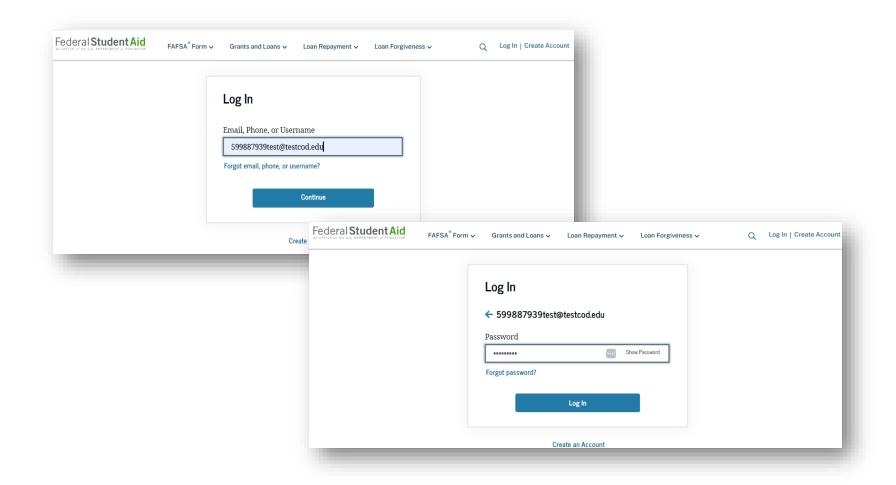
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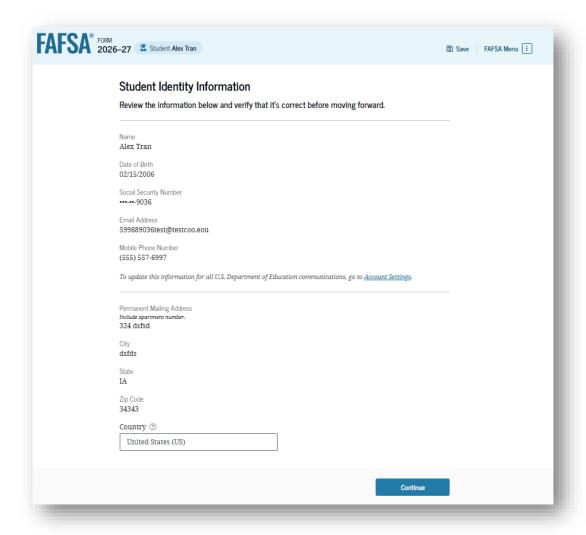
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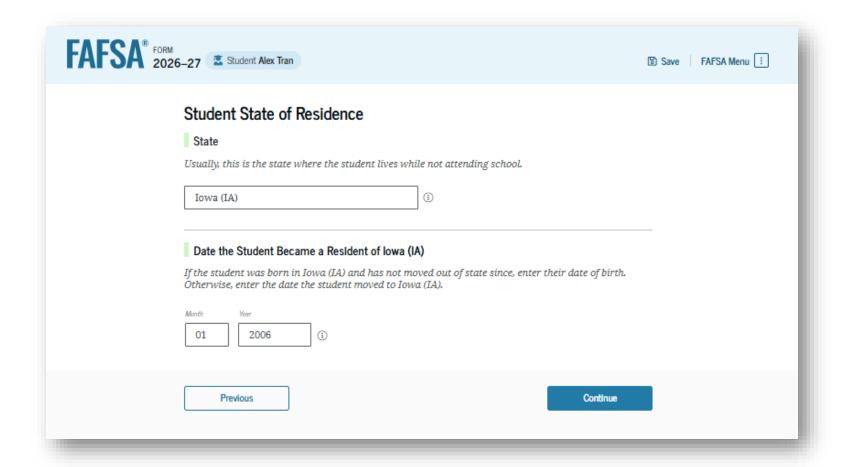
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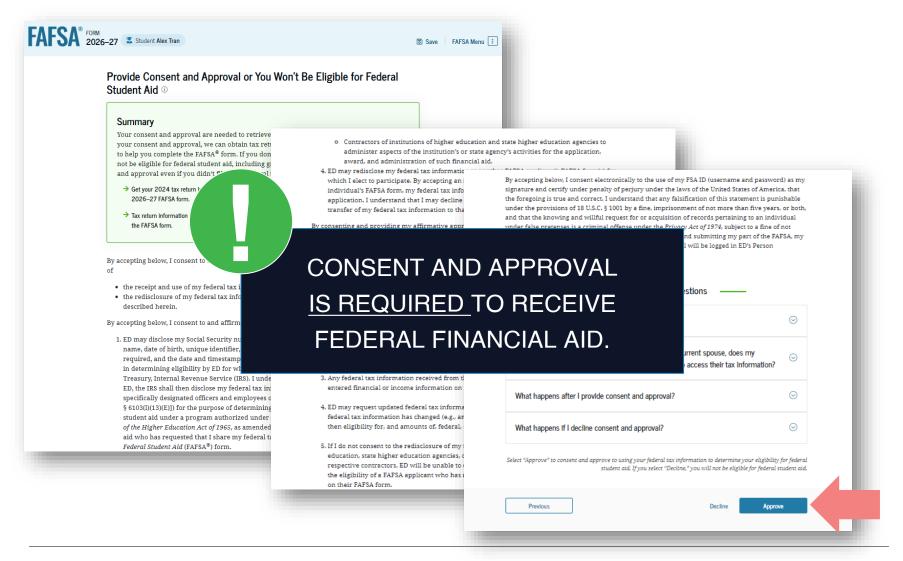
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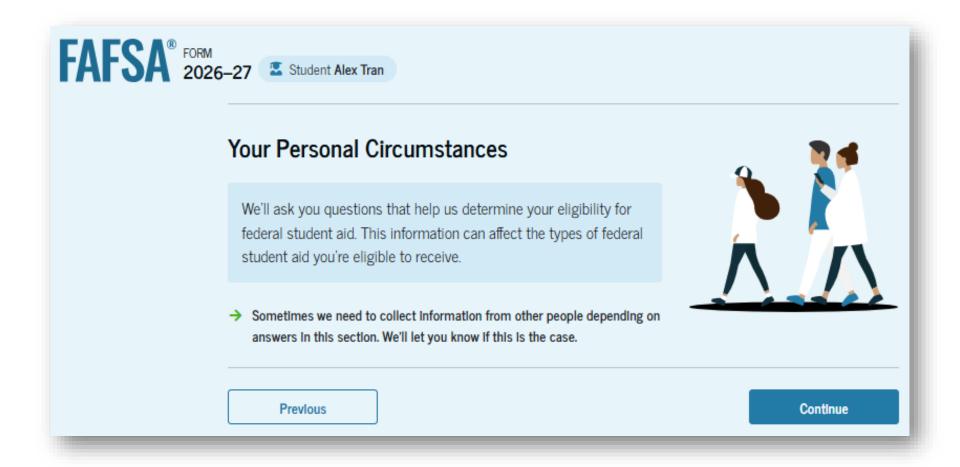
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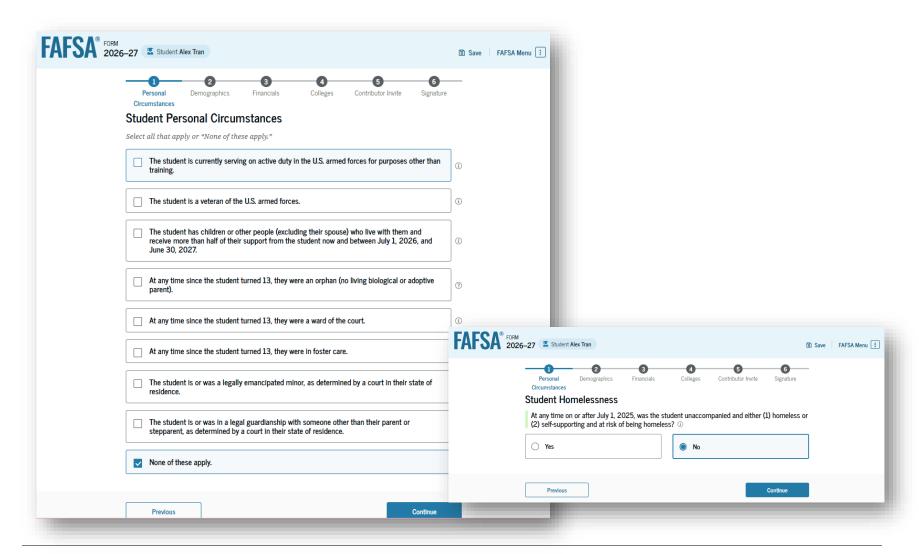
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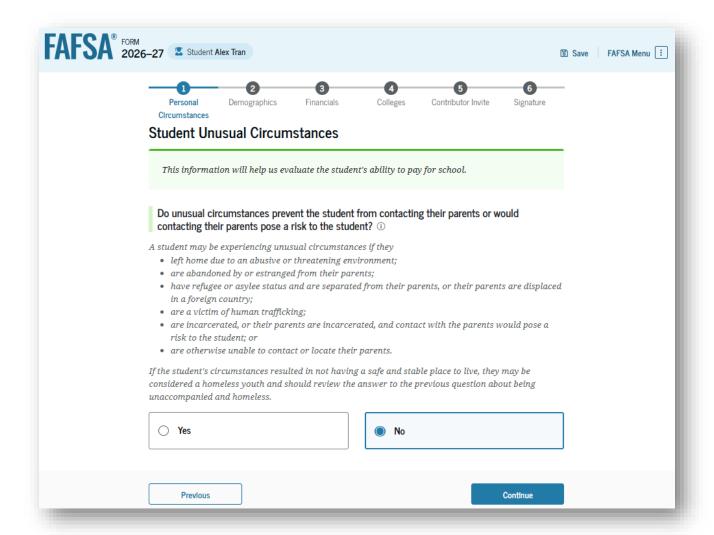
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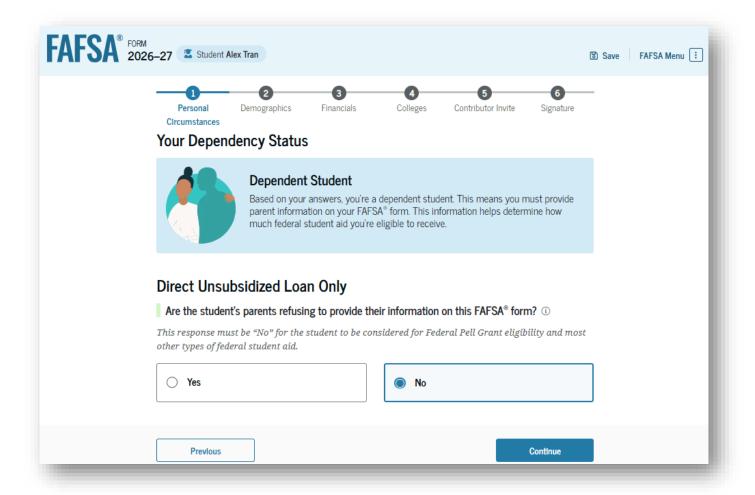
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STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS





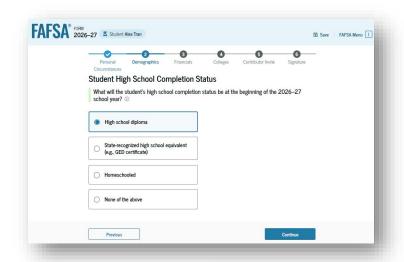


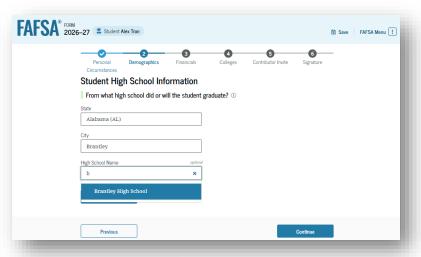
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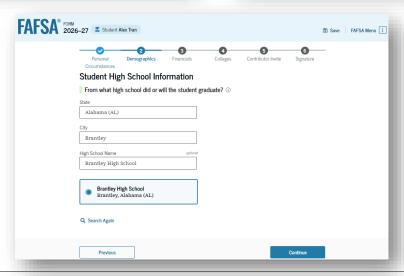




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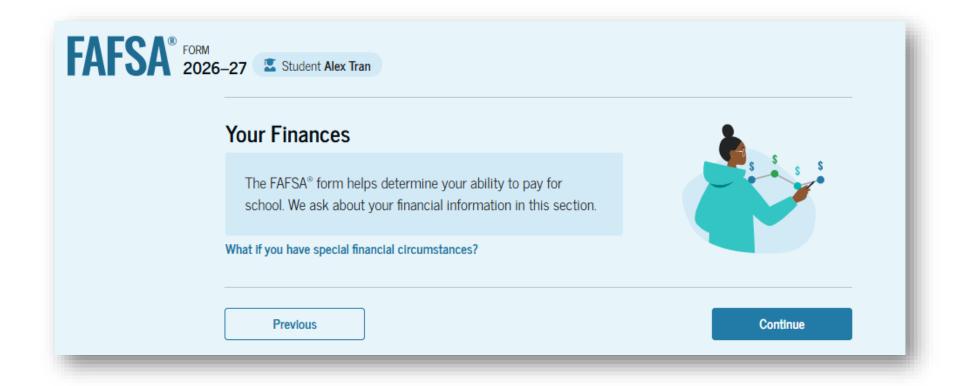






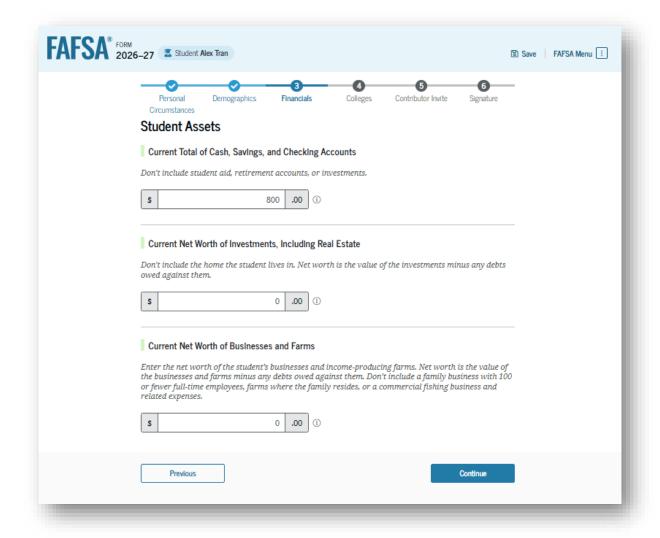


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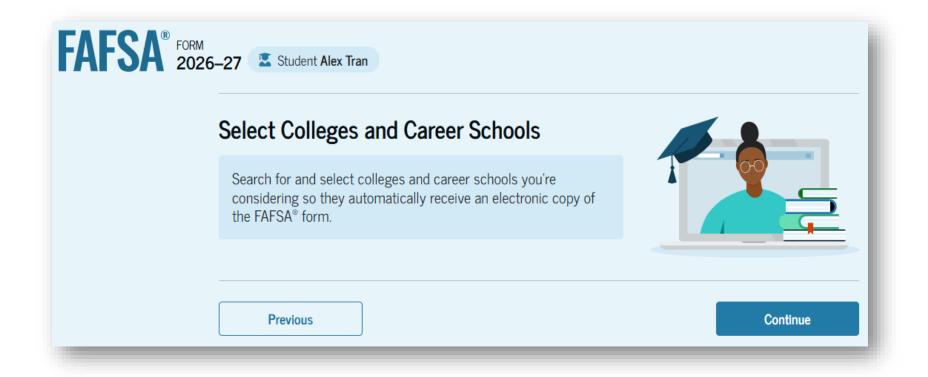
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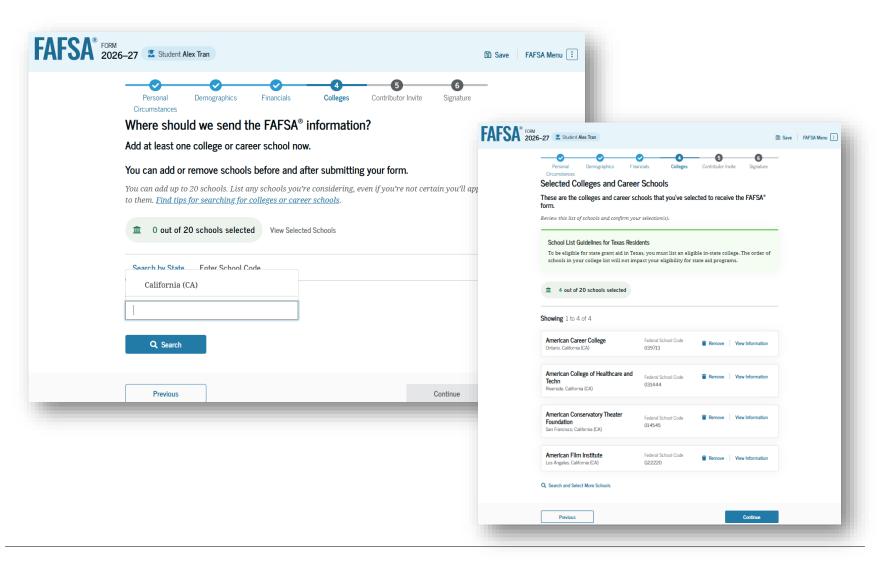


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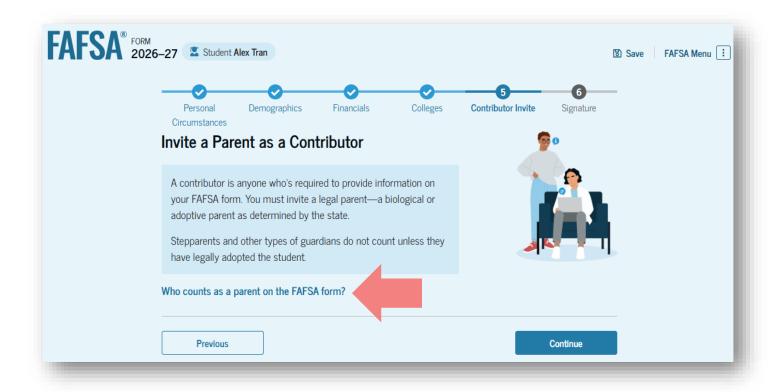
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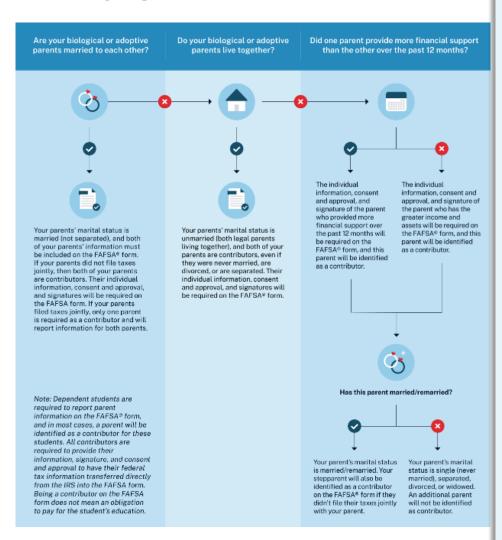
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WHO'S MY PARENT?



Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA® Form?

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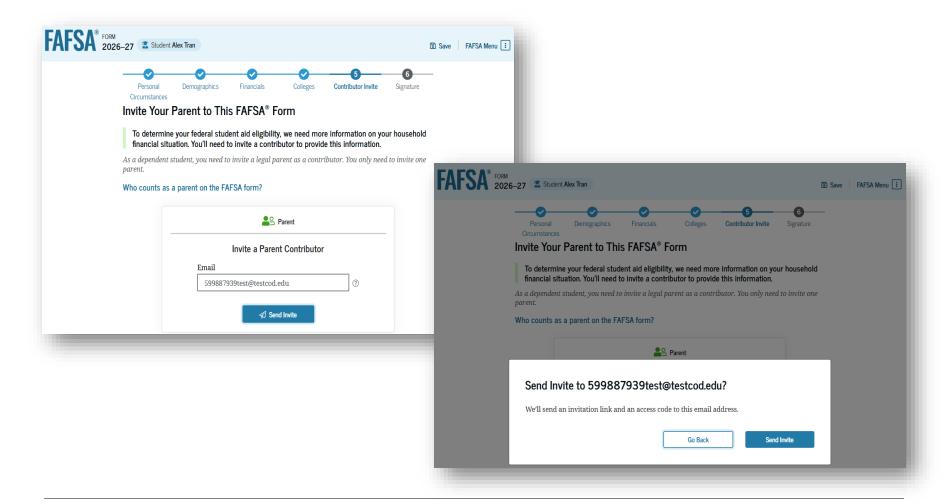


A student may need to ask their parent(s) to provide information on their FAFSA form based on the student's dependency status.

This tool helps determine which parent(s) should participate in a student's FAFSA form.



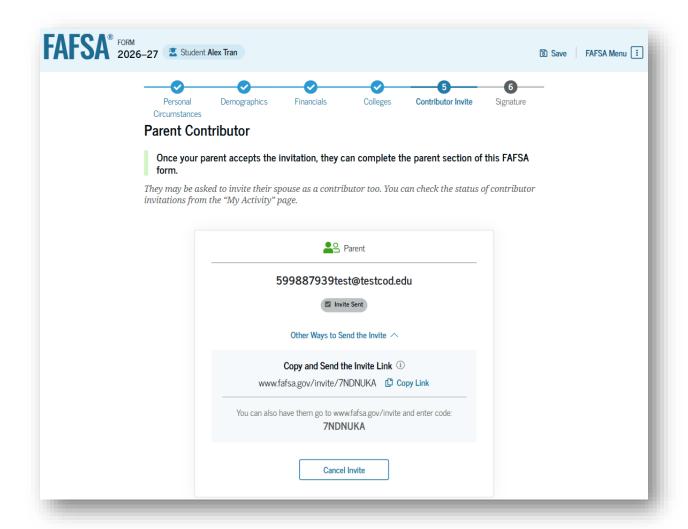
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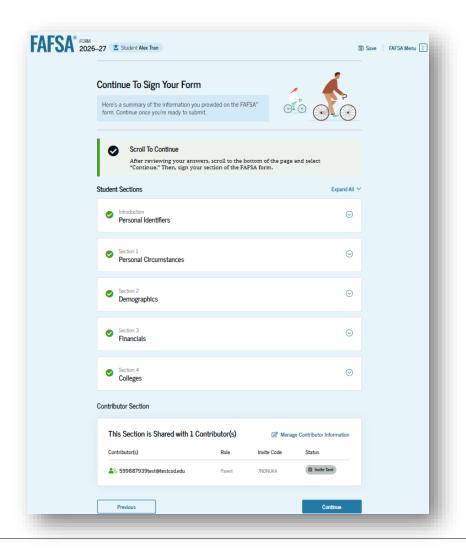
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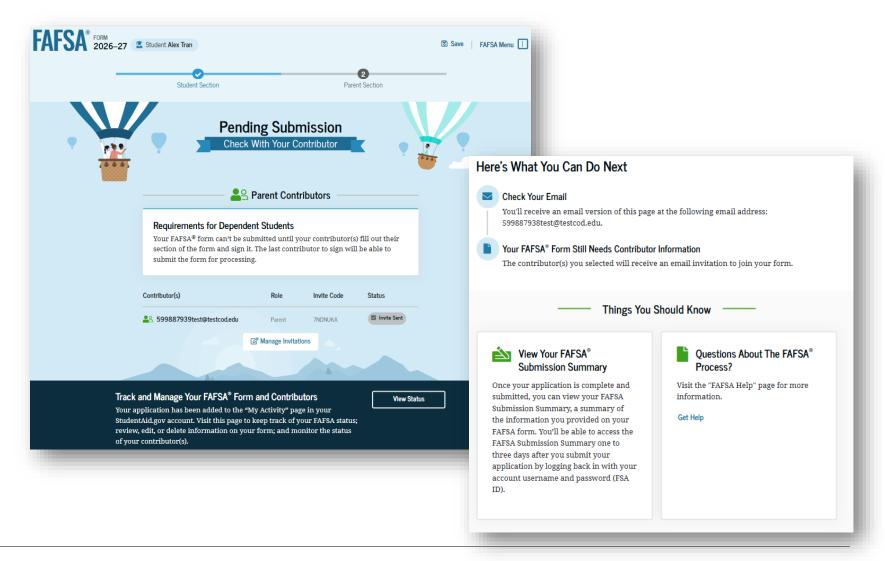




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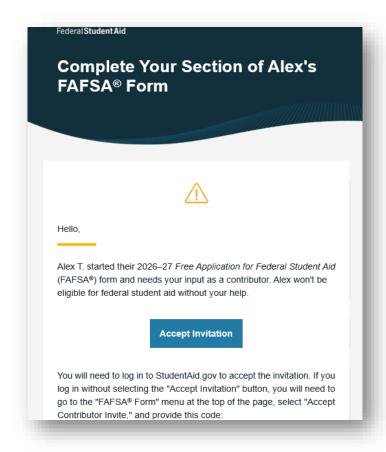
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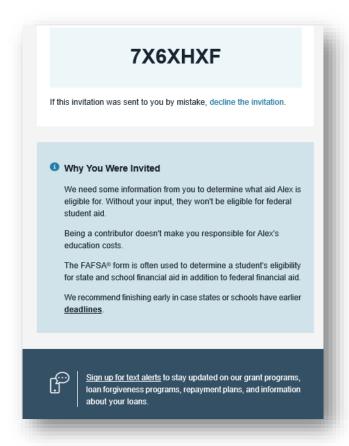






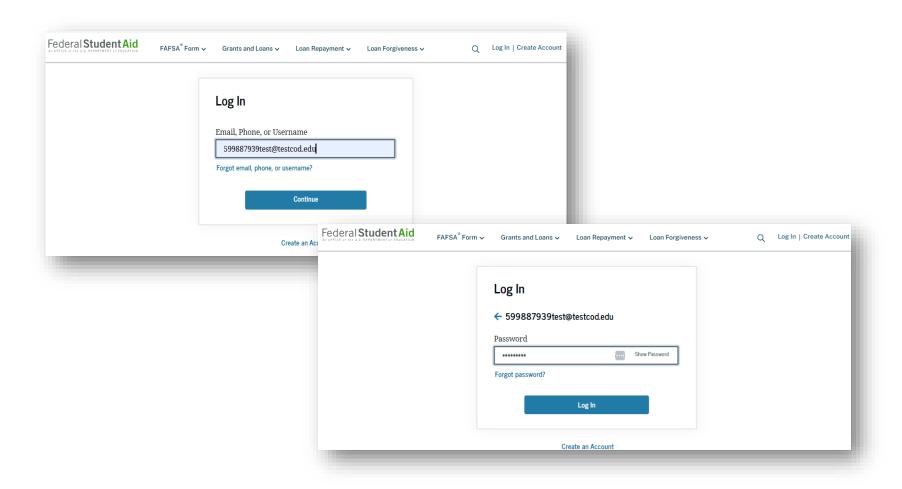
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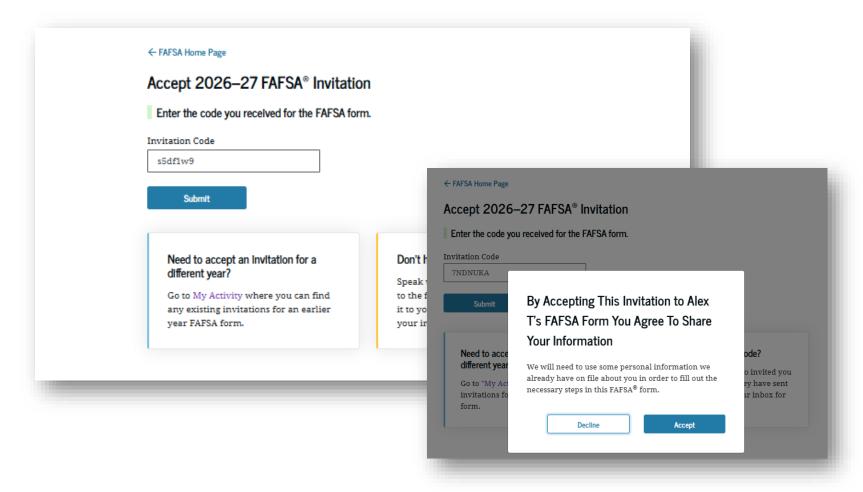
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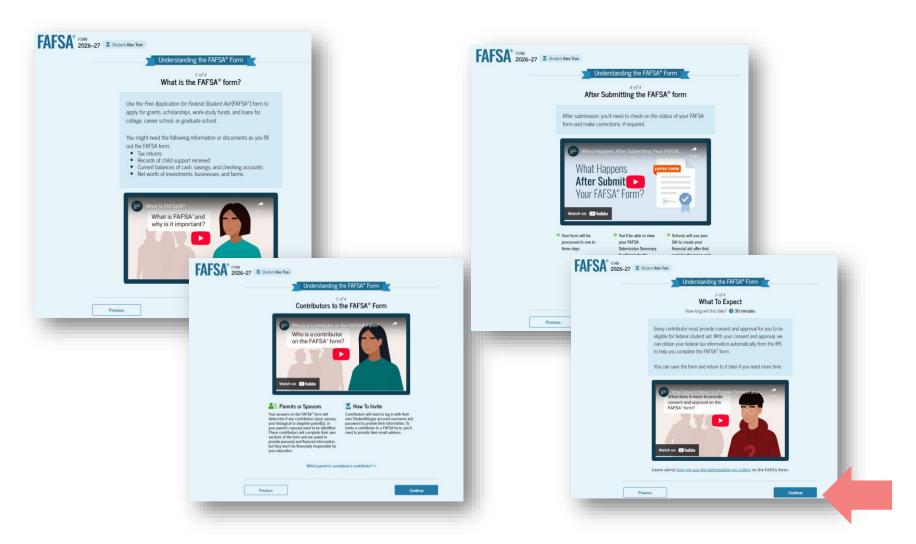
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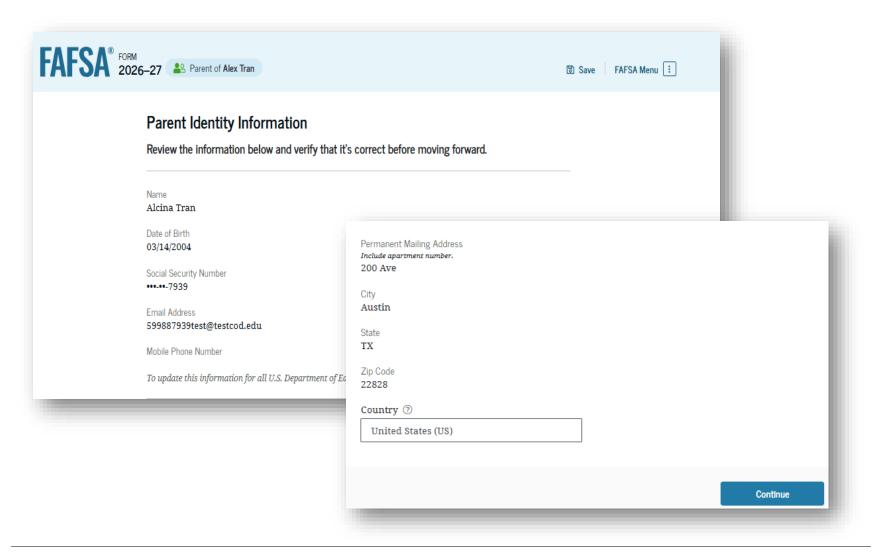
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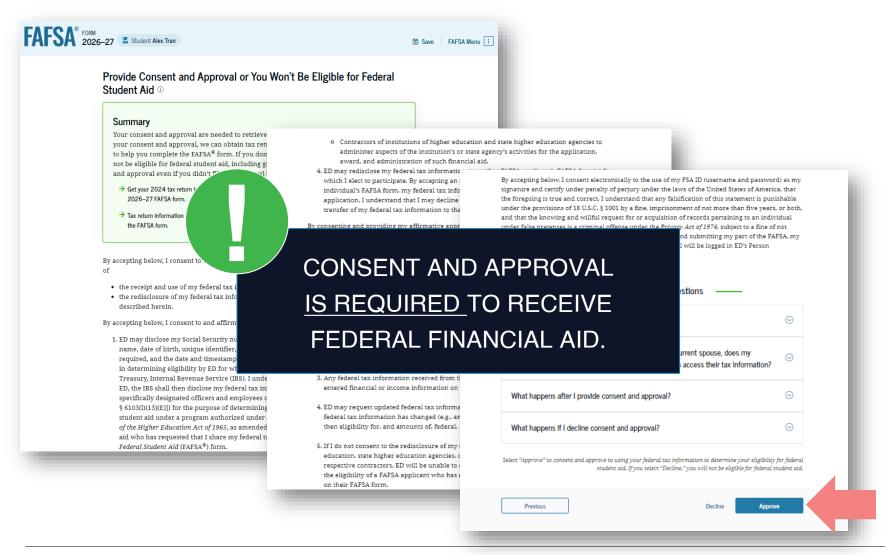
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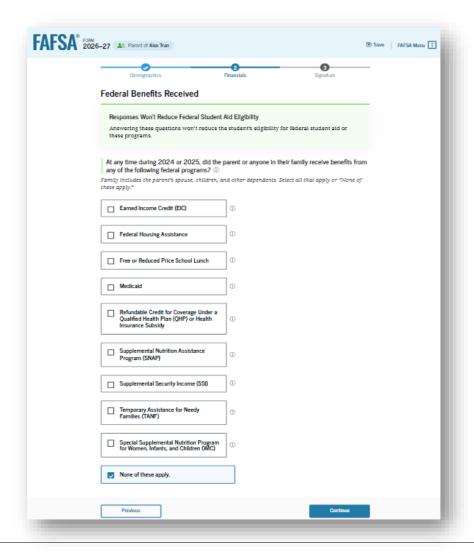


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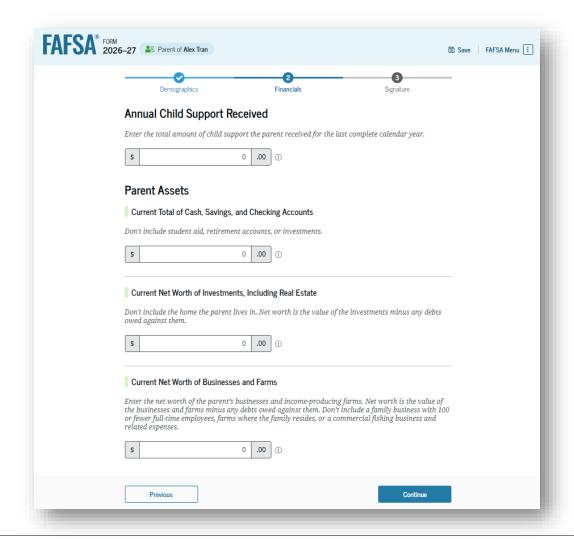
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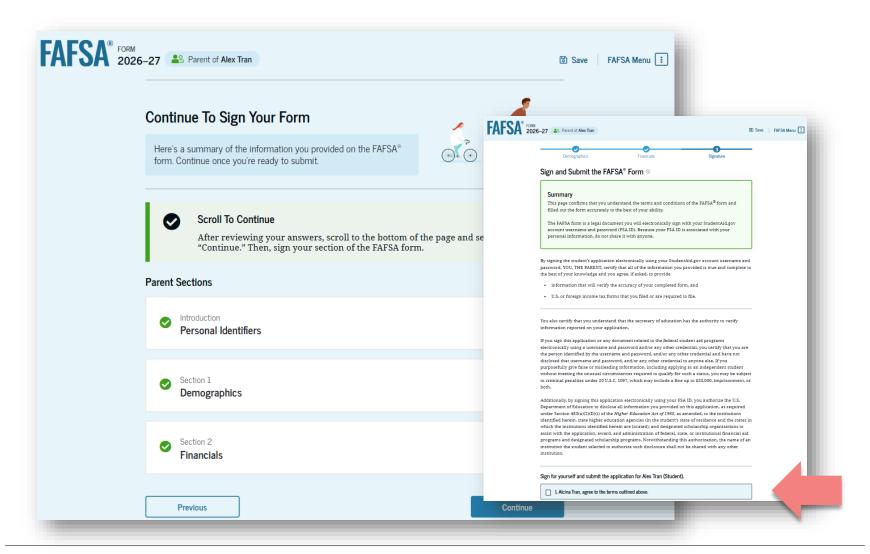
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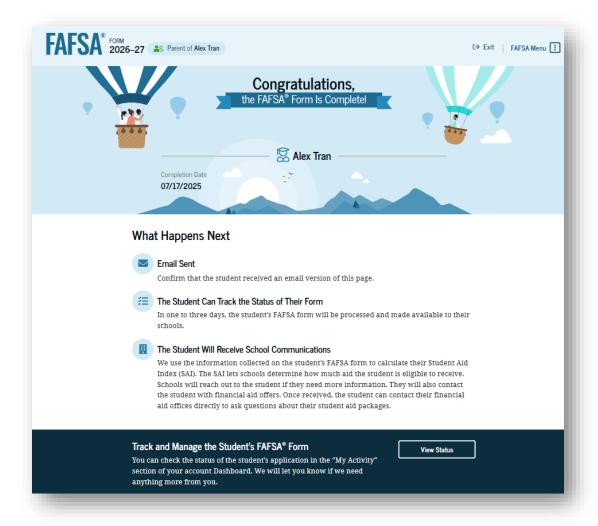
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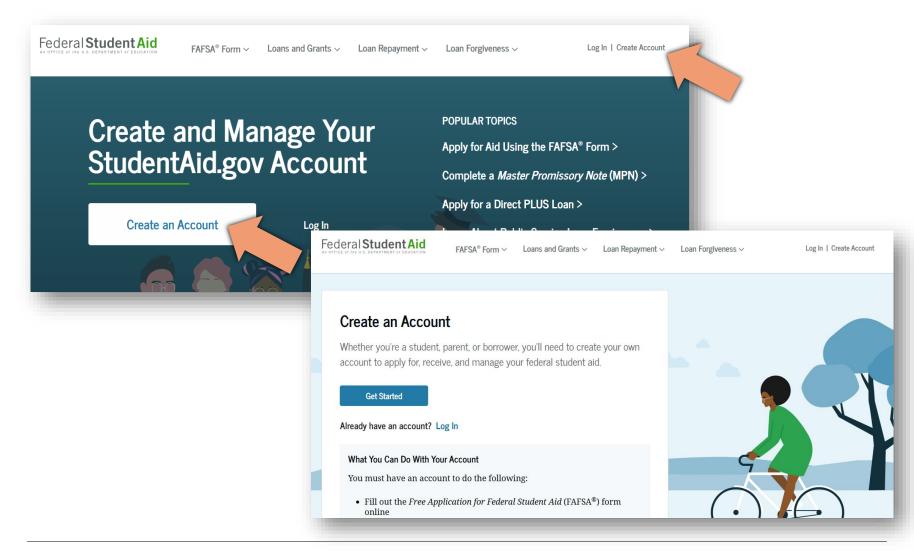






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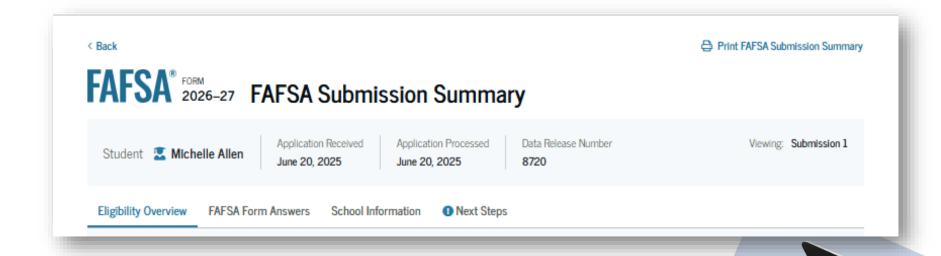


What Happens After Submitting Your FAFSA Form?





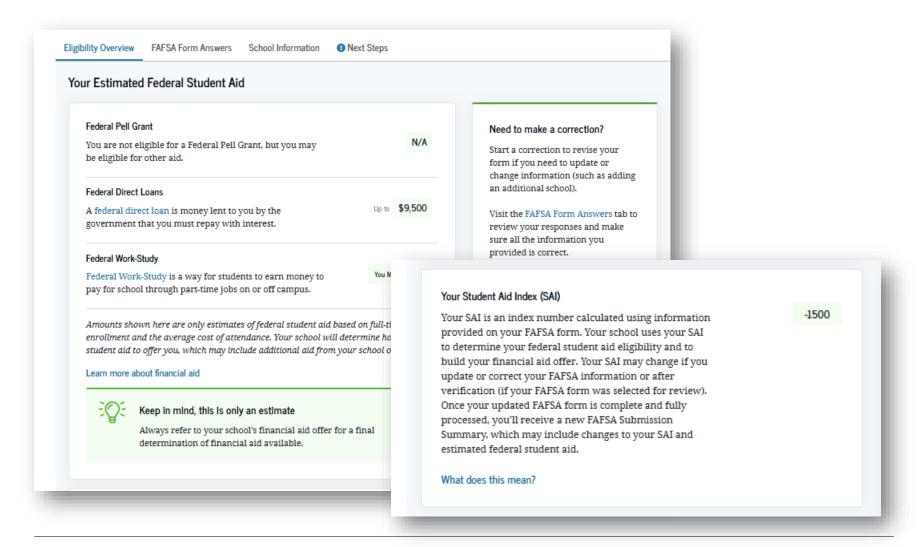
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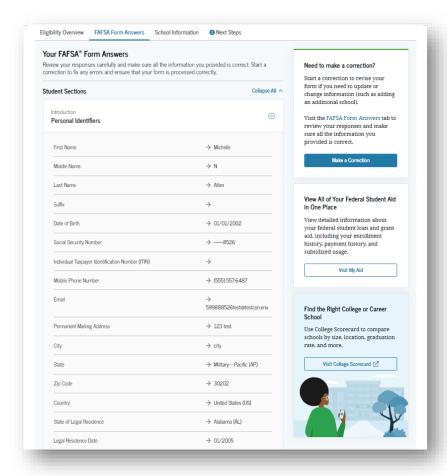
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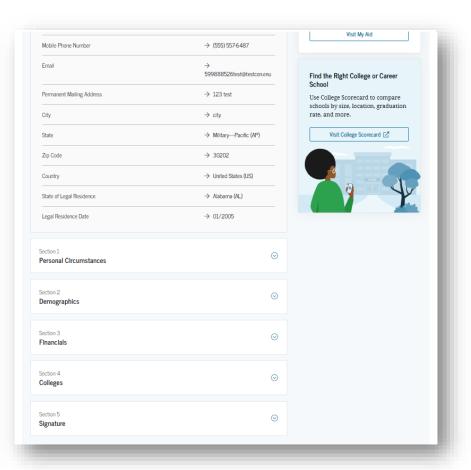






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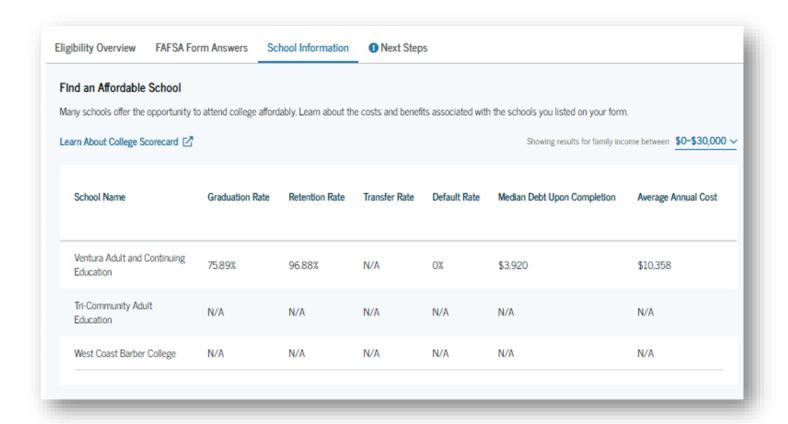








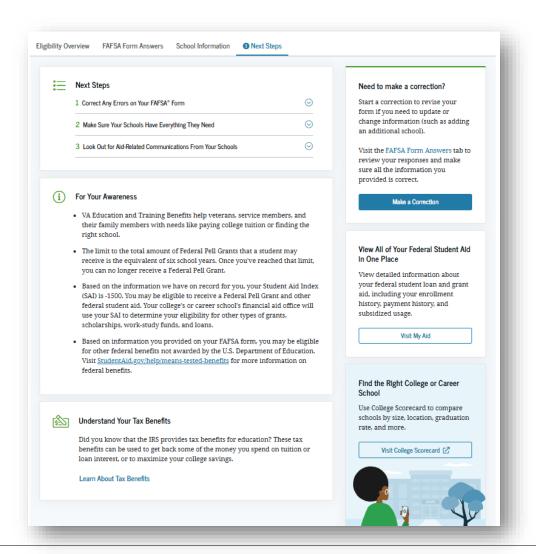
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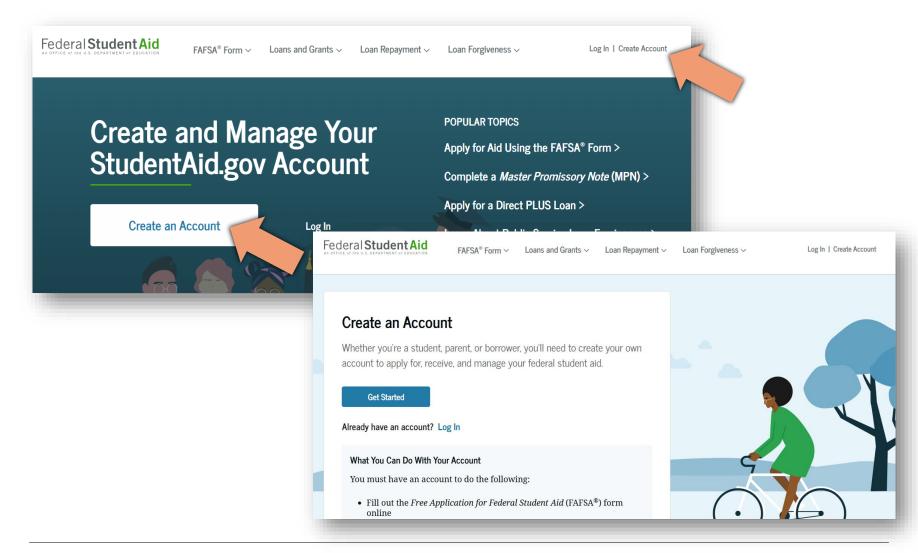






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Review your Financial Aid Award







RECEIVING A FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER

To receive a Financial Aid Package, a student must:

- List the institution on the FAFSA
- Complete verification process, if selected
- Apply for admission
- At some institutions, be accepted

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Each institution is different. For more information, check with your college's Financial Aid Office.





FINANCIAL AID AWARD OFFERS

Financial aid awards will all have basically the same information included:



Cost to attend the institution for the year

Amount of financial aid the institution is providing

Amount family is expected to contribute

Additional need to be funded through other sources





COMPARE AWARD OFFERS

SCHOLAR UNIVERSITY

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THE BEST ORDER TO ACCEPT AID



Scholarship and Grants

(e.g., money that you don't have to pay back!)

Understand all the conditions.

Make sure it's truly free.

2

Earned money

(e.g., Work Study)

Does not have to be paid back.

Money is paid through paycheck based on hours worked.

Considers class schedule and study time.

3

Borrowed money

(e.g., federal student loans, state government loans, college loans, private loans)

Must be paid back with interest.
Understand all conditions.







RESOURCES

Learn about resources to help you prepare for college.







www.studentaid.gov

Federal Student Aid offers resources and tools to help students manage their financial aid, including loan repayment options and the FAFSA application.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID ESTIMATOR

Estimate types of federal student aid you may be eligible for before you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Form.

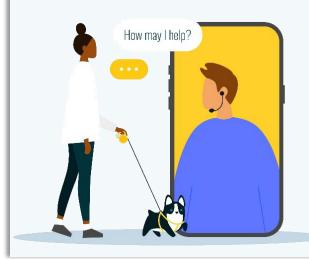
LOAN SIMULATOR

Loan Simulator helps you estimate monthly student loan payments and choose a loan repayment option that best meets your needs and goals.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION CENTER:

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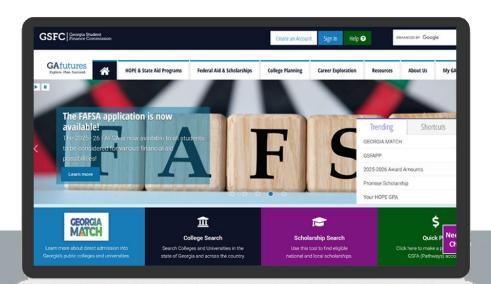




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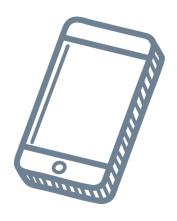




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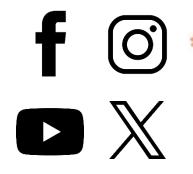
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