



# **Critical Questions?**

- How do I apply for federal aid?
- Am I eligible for federal aid?
- Am I eligible to receive scholarships?
- What will I pay?
- What do I need to know about borrowing loans?

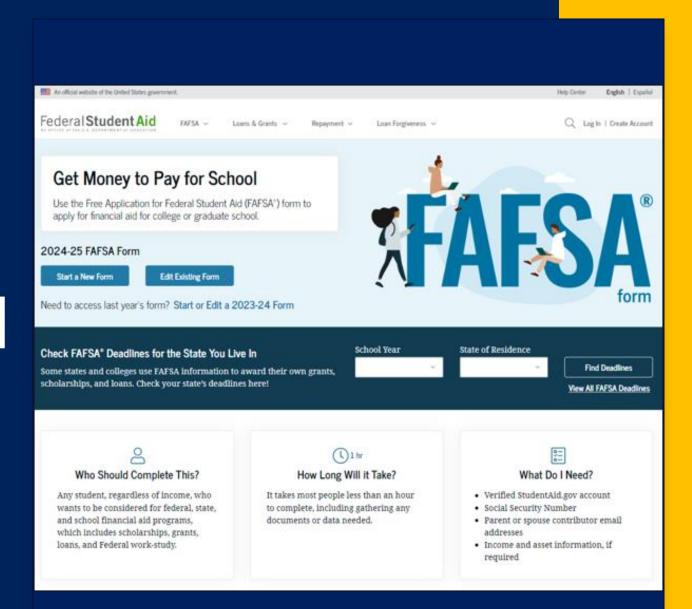


# Philosophy of Financial Aid

 Available to <u>ALL</u> families regardless of family income or college cost.

 It is the primary responsibility of the family to pay the educational costs to the extent that they are able.

# APPLICATION PROCESS



# Create a Federal Student Aid ID

- Go to: studentaid.gov
- Apply for FSA ID: Parents AND students!
- Sign FAFSA electronically
- Parent and student create their OWN FSA ID with their OWN email address
- Avoid using high school email

#### Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

#### Get Started

Already have an account? Log In

#### What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form
- Signing your Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- · Applying for repayment plans
- · Completing loan counseling
- Using the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool

#### What You'll Need

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

An official website of the United States government.

Help Center Feed

Feedback & Ombudsman

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· Social Security number

MANAGE LOANS V





# FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) GUIDELINES







Submit the FAFSA beginning in December 2023

 Must complete within 45 days from the date started. Check priority deadlines at every school you are considering

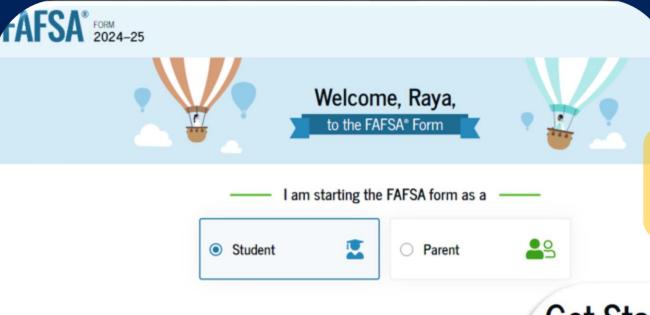
 February 1 and March 1 are common dates for 2024-2025 The 2024-2025 FAFSA will use 2022 federal tax information

Direct Data
 Exchange
 pulls income
 information from
 IRS into the FAFSA

# Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

#### What you need to Apply:

- Student and Parent social security numbers
- Parent's Email Addresses
- Federal tax information or tax returns including W-2 information
- Records of untaxed income such as:
  - Child support received
  - Voluntary contributions to retirement accounts
- Information on cash: savings and checking account balances, investments and business/farm assets



## studentaid.gov

## Select your role

### Get Started

Welcome to TestE's application!

#### Fill out your FAFSA form!

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA form every school year. Let's get started.

# Select the appropriate year

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#### For which school year are you applying for financial aid?

If you are applying for a summer session or just don't know which application to complete, check with the college you are planning to attend.

Which school year should I choose?

Start 2023-2024 FAFSA Form

or

Start 2024-2025 FAFSA Form

C→ Exit FAFSA Form

## **ONBOARDING**





1<sup>st</sup> page provides overview of FAFSA with a video.

2<sup>nd</sup> page provides information about Contributors to the FAFSA

## **ONBOARDING**

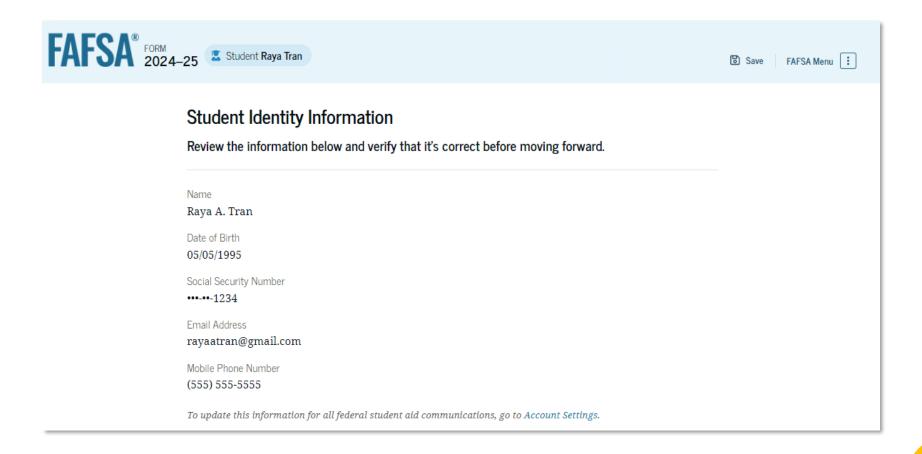


3<sup>rd</sup> page provides information on consent and completion time.

4<sup>th</sup> page provides information on what to expect after you complete the FAFSA

Start form

# Student Identity Information



\*To update any inaccurate information, go to: 'Account Settings' on Studentaid.gov

return.

- . FTI received from the U.S. Department of Treasury will supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
- The U.S. Department of Education may request updated tax information from the U.S. Department of Treasury once consent is provided. If FTI has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised FTI), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.
- If I do not approve and consent to the disclosure of my FTI, the U.S. Department of Education will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of others who have requested that I share my FTI on their FAFSA form.
- I am permitted to revoke my approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my FTI, as outlined herein, at StudentAid.gov. However, by revoking such approval and consent, neither I nor other applicants for which I participated and shared my FTI will be eligible for future federal student aid and/ or other financial aid program that used FTI to make determinations for eligibility of aid awarded by an institution of higher education, state higher education agency, or other designated scholarship organization.

#### Provide Consent or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

#### Summary

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

- → 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 your 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:

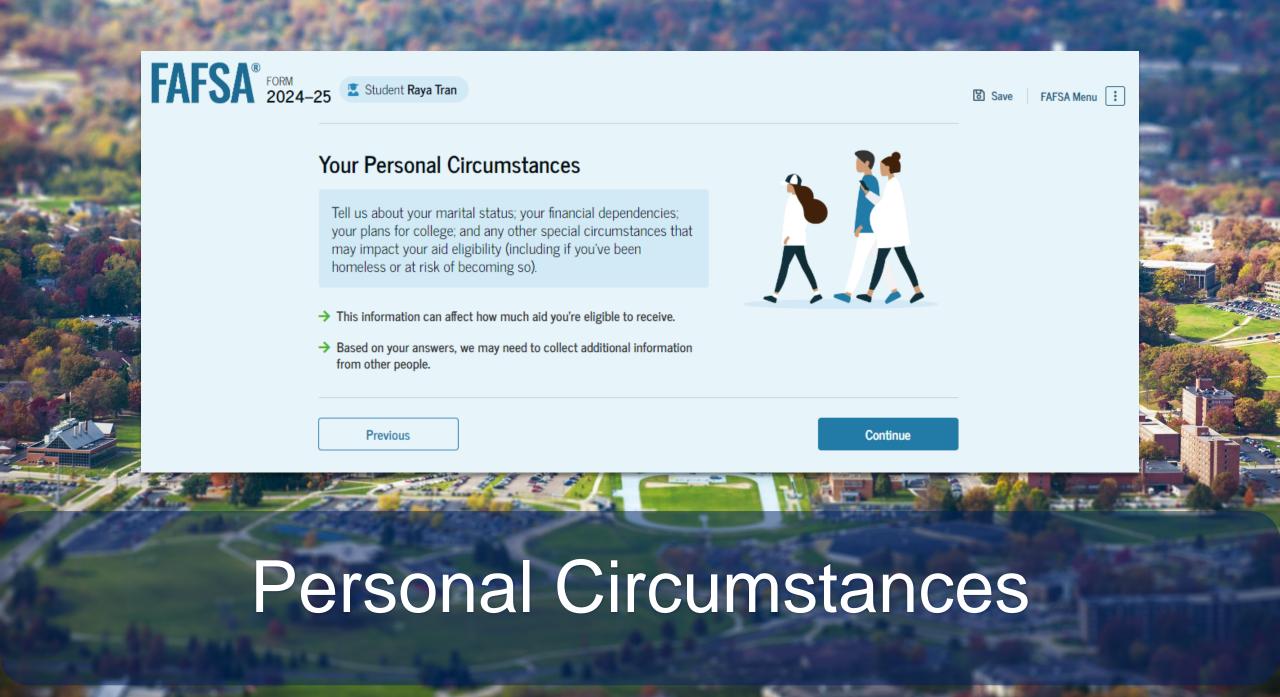
- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated 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(1)(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(I)(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.
- The use of my FTI for the application, award, and administration of student aid awarded by the federal government, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, and designated scholarship organizations.
- The redisclosure of my FTI to any future 2024–25 FAFSA forms for which I elect to participate (e.g., if I elect to participate in my child's FAFSA form or to complete my own FAFSA form after participating in another FAFSA form). My FTI will be redisclosed to these additional applications upon my affirmation to participate. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my FTI to that FAFSA form.

— Frequently Asked Questions -	
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Who should provide consent?	⊗
If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse h to provide consent for you to access their tax information?	ave 🛇
What happens after I provide consent?	⊗
What happens If I revoke consent?	⊗
What happens if I decline consent?	⊗

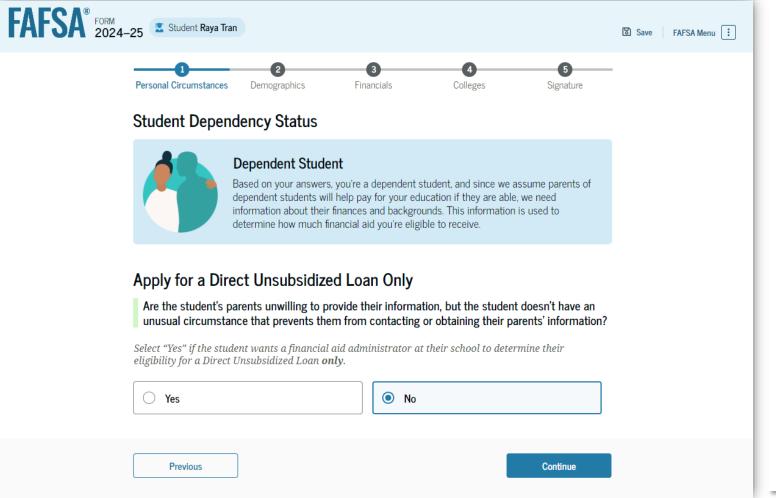
Select "Approve" to consent to using your tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

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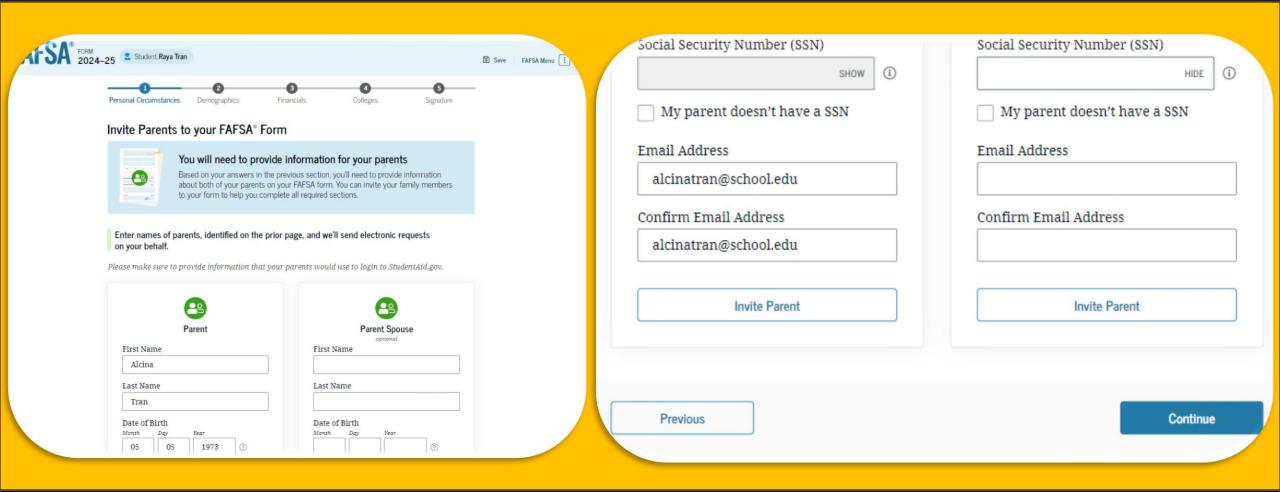
1	- Marital Status
2	Student College or Career School Plans
3	Dependent/Independent Student Questions
	<ul> <li>Active military/veteran? Children?</li> <li>Foster Care? ETC.</li> </ul>
4	Unusual Circumstances Question
5	Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only
6	- Parents Marital Status

# Student Dependency Status



- This page appears if the student is a Dependent.
- Students can click 'Yes' if parents are unwilling to help fill out the FAFSA form.
- If a Dependent student does not provide parents information, they are only eligible for Direct Unsubsidized Loans.

# Invite Parents to your FAFSA Form









FAFSA Menu :

#### **Student Demographics**

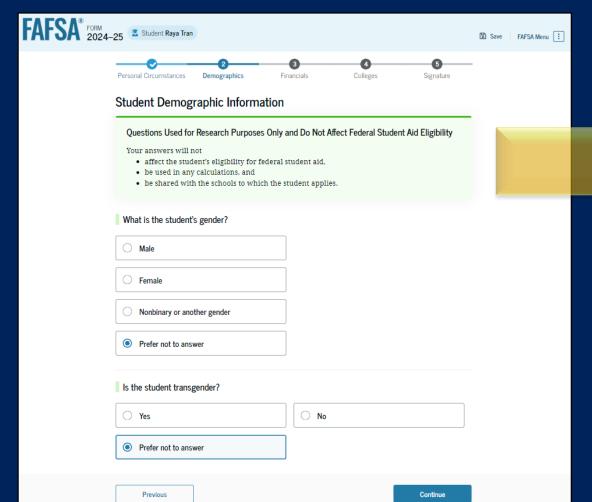
We'll ask questions about you and your parent(s). Some of these questions will help determine how much federal student aid you may be eligible to receive for school.



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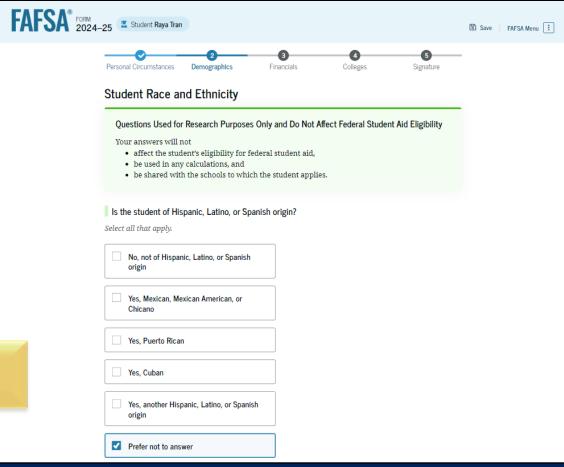
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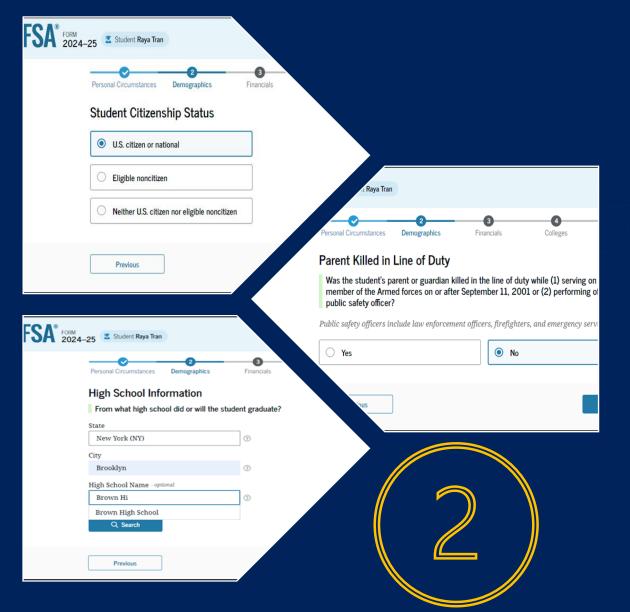
Gender





Race & Ethnicity

# Student Demographics Continued



- 1. Student citizenship status
- 2. Student's parent education status
- 3. 'Was Parent Killed in the Line of Duty' question
- 4. Student's high school completion status
- 5. Student's high school information



Student Raya Tran

Save

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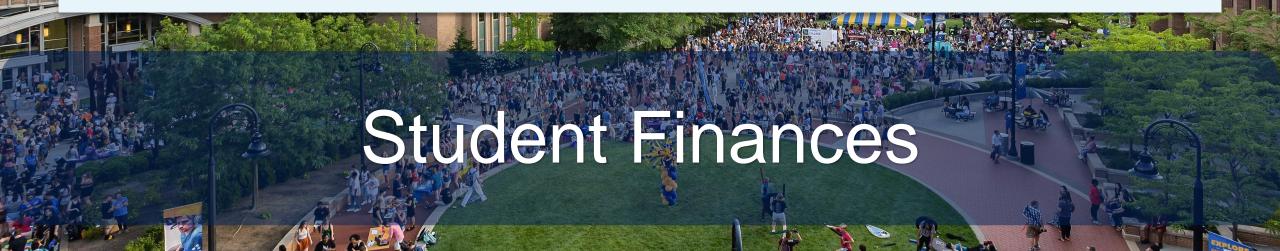
#### **Your Finances**

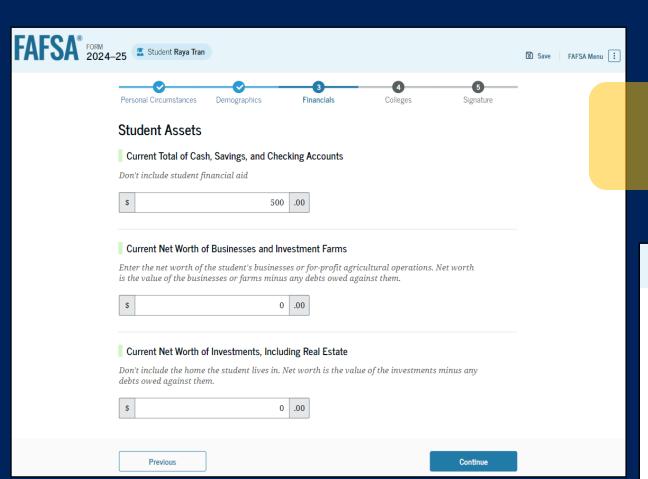
The FAFSA form helps schools determine your ability to pay for college without financial aid, so we ask in this section if you receive any federal or state entitlement benefits and if you have any investments, real estates, or other assets.



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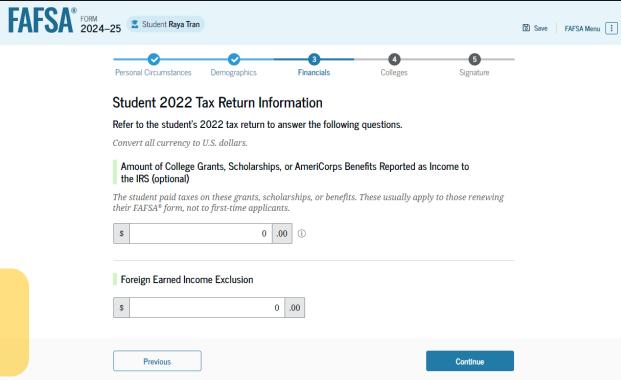




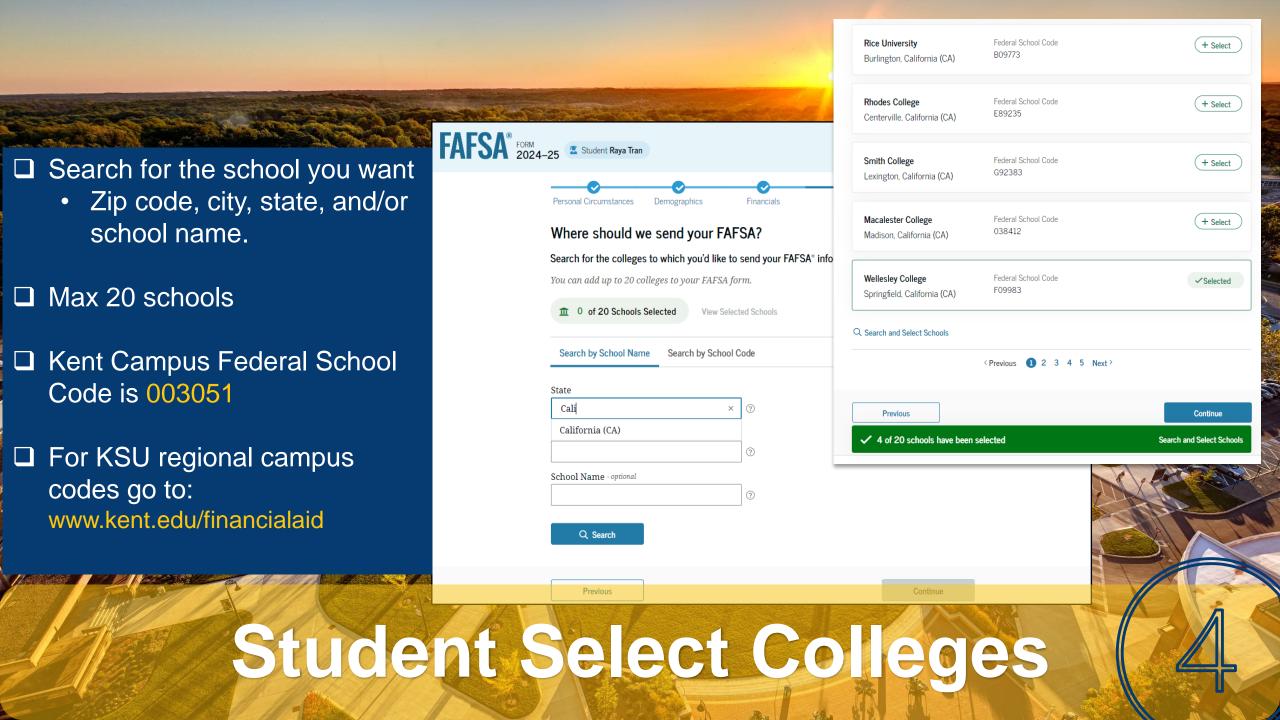
Tax Return

#### Assets





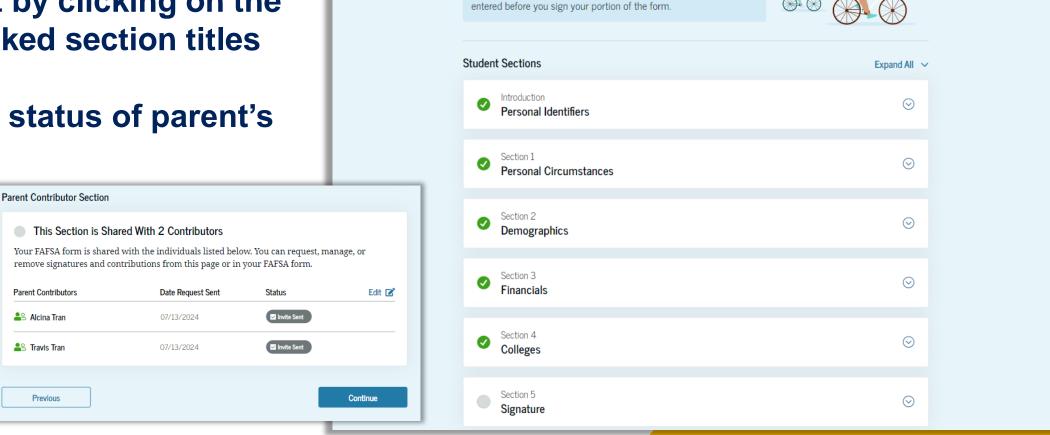
\*Enter Tax return information using 2022 taxes.



# Dependent Student Review Page

FAFSA® FORM 2024–25 Student Raya Tran

- Displays your responses
- Can edit by clicking on the hyperlinked section titles
- Can see status of parent's invite



Take a moment to review before signing

Expand the sections below to review and edit the information you've

Save FAFSA Menu :

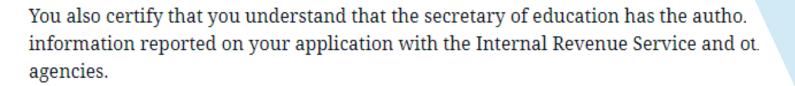
By signing this application electronically using your username and p. credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, you certi-



Student Raya Tran

# Student Signature

U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.



If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclose username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposely give for misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

#### You're Almost There!

The Student Section is complete!



Parent Contributors

#### Requirements for Dependent Students

Your FAFSA form is not complete until your parents complete th contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, you FAFSA form will be submitted for processing.

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status
♣º Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	✓ Invite Sent
% Travis Tran	07/13/2024	✓ Invite Sent

#### Sign Your FAFSA Form



I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above

#### ur FAFSA Application and Your Contributors

added to My Activity in your StudentAid.gov

ny FAFSA application information. e, contact your schools. to apply for state-based financial aid

# Emai arent's

# FederalStudentAid Help Complete [StudentFirstName]'s Form



[Contributor First Name],

[StudentFirstName] [StudentLastInitial] can't be eligible for federal student aid without your input. Help them complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.

Providing information as a contributor does not make you financially responsible for [StudentFirstName]'s education costs. Completing the FAFSA form is how they qualify for student aid including

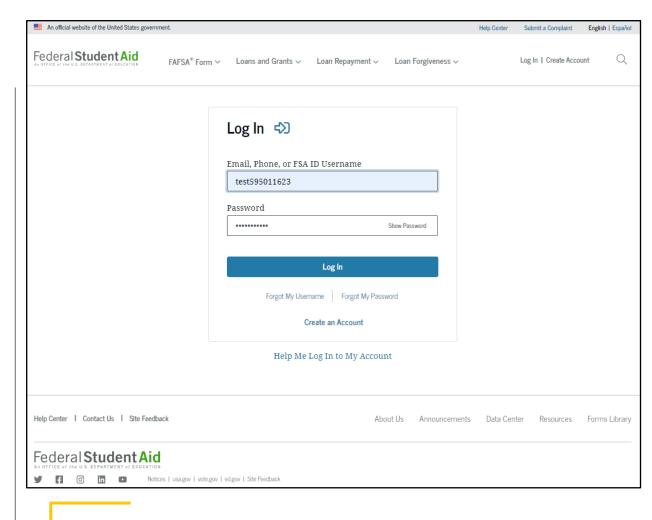
- · Federal Pell Grants,
- federal student loans.
- · state financial aid, and
- school financial aid.

[Log in with your FSA ID (account username and password) to complete your section.]

Note: Forms are deleted after 45 days of inactivity.

Don't recognize [StudentFirstname]? Read [Help topic title].

Log In

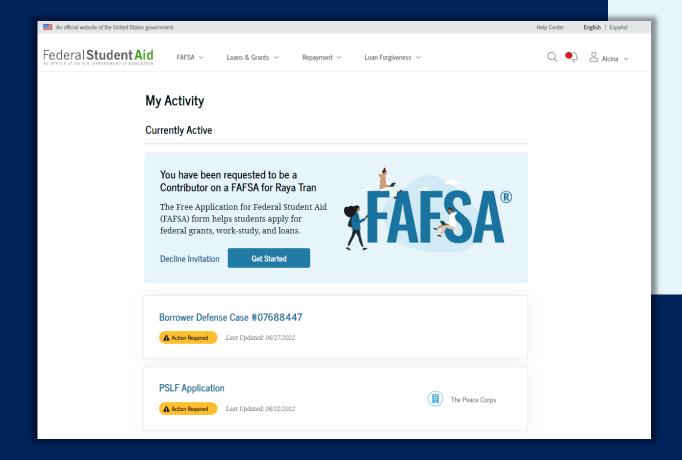


Here you will use your individual parent FSA ID or create an account if you have not already made one





#### 'My Activity' page will show an invitation to be a contributor on the student's FAFSA



This page provides information about being a contributor

#### Parent Contributing to the FAFSA® Form

You have entered Raya Tran's FAFSA® form!



→ This FAFSA form can't be submitted for processing until you provide some required personal and financial information.

Why have I been invited to contribute to this FAFSA® form?

→ You can save this form and come back to it later.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

You have been invited to the student's form to provide personal and financial information the will help determine their eligibility for federal student aid.  Answers on the student's FAFSA form have indicated that you will need to provide additional information as a contributor to help determine their eligibility for federal student aid.		
Does contributing to the form mean I'm responsible to pay for college?	$\odot$	
No! Providing your consent and personal and financial information doesn't make you financially responsible for the student's education costs.		
What kind of information will I be asked to provide?	0	
You'll need to provide consent for the student to be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. With your consent, we can obtain your federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA form. You'll also need to provide personal and financial information.		
What happens after I complete my sections?	0	
After you submit your required sections and the student's FAFSA form is processed, the student will receive a FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include the Student Aid Index (SAI), a number used to determine federal student aid eligibility. Schools will use the SAI to create a financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering the student.		
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## Parent Information on the FAFSA

Questions and screen will be similar to the student portion of the FAFSA

- 1. Check Identity information
- 2. Provide consent
- 3. Parent's Demographics
- 4. Parent's Finances
- 5. Review Information
- 6. Sign and submit!





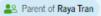
Legal Residency





- Federal Benefits
- Tax Filing Status
- Family Size
- Number in College
- Assets
- 2022 Taxes





Demographics





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# Parent Signature

#### Sign and Complete Your Section

#### Summary

This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA<sup>2</sup> form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability.

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

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

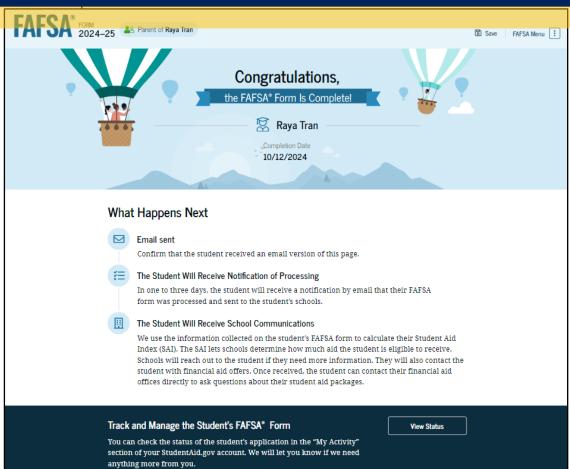
- · information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
- U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

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

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

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

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



# What are Assets?

- Cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Other real estate, installment and land contracts
- Mutual funds, money market funds, CDs
- Stocks and stock options
- Child Support
- Bonds, commodities and precious metals
- Uniform Transfer to Minors Act and Uniform Gifts to Minors Act accounts
- Family Farms
- Family owned and controlled small businesses





- Retirement accounts (IRAs non-education, 401K, 403B)
- The home you live in
- Cash value of life insurance policies

# What are NOT assets?

# 529 SAVINGS PLANS

KENT.EDU/BURSAR/PAYMENT-OPTIONS-OVERVIEW

- Treated same as mutual funds, CD's and other investments.
- For financial aid purposed, if the student is dependent, the <u>529</u> plan is a parent asset.
- Only include the 529 plan for the student whose FAFSA is being completed.



## **Avoid Errors!**



- Read instructions carefully and complete all sections
- Use the ? question marks for further information
- Errors on the FAFSA or supplemental forms may delay application processing and result in loss of financial aid funds

## Verification

- If the FAFSA is selected for Verification, you will need to complete this process to be eligible for Federal Student Aid.
- It is not optional
- Contact your school if you have questions on what documentation is needed

# **Professional Judgement**

- Conditions exist that cannot be documented with the FAFSA
- Send written explanation and documentation to your college's financial aid office
- College will review and request additional information if necessary
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education
- Does not guarantee additional financial aid

#### **Examples of Special Circumstances**

Unusual uncovered medical/dental expenses

Loss of unemployment benefits, child support, or alimony

Parent or spouse death

Loss of employment

Parent or student divorce





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#### **Admitted Student Awarding Process**

Student receives an electronic FAFSA Submission Summary or paper FAFSA Submission Summary with their Student Aid Index (SAI)

College receives an electronic version of FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)



Kent State runs the information through the system to calculate and offer financial aid



Student can view financial aid on FlashLine (student portal)



First Year Students will receive Financial Aid Offer

## How is Financial Aid Eligibility determined?

- Calculated using two main components:
  - Student Aid Index (SAI)
    - Index Number
    - Calculated from the information reported on the FAFSA
  - Cost of Attendance (budget)
    - Billable costs Tuition and Fees,
       Food and Housing
    - Non-billable costs Books, Course Materials, Supplies, Equipment, Transportation, Personal Expenses

#### What is the SAI?

- Calculated by the Department of Education
- Is an index number and not a dollar amount
- Stays the same regardless of school
- Determines if a student is eligible for federal or state grants
  - State grant amounts may differ based on type of university (public vs. private)
- Does not affect ability to receive federal student loans but can impact the type of federal loan you receive
- Helps determine a student's financial need

#### **Cost of Attendance Comparison**

	Kent State Resident	Kent State Non-Resident	Community College <sup>1</sup>	Private College <sup>2</sup>
Tuition & Fees*	\$12,846	\$22,316	\$7,170	\$69,030
Food & Housing*	\$13,040	\$13,040	\$11,810	\$14,410
Books, Course Materials, Supplies, Equipment**	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,900
Transportation**	\$2,576	\$2,576	\$2,824	\$975
Miscellaneous and Personal**	\$2,156	\$2,162	\$3,304	\$975
Total	\$31,818	\$41,294	\$26,308	\$87,290

## COA (Cost of Attendance) — SAI (Student Aid Index)

Financial Need





## Financial Aid Programs

#### **Types of Aid**

- Gift Aid
  - Scholarships and Grants
- Self-Help Aid
  - Work Study and Loans



#### Scholarships

kent.edu/scholarships



In F<mark>ina</mark>ncial Aid To More Than 30,000 Students In 2021-2022



In <mark>Sc</mark>holarships Offered To Incoming Freshman In 2021-2022 96%
Of Freshman Recieved Financial
Assistance In 2021-2022

#### FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS (FROM OHIO)

First-year students from Ohio are automatically considered for a number of merit scholarships at Kent State. You can use this link to find information about those opportunities, eligibility, and other resources.

VIEW SCHOLARSHIPS AND ELIGIBILITY

#### FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS (FROM OUTSIDE OF OHIO)

First-year students coming to Kent State from outside of Ohio are automatically considered for various merit scholarships. You can use this link to find out about those offerings, eligibility, and access other resources.

**VIEW SCHOLARSHIPS AND ELIGIBILITY** 



#### Search for Scholarships

01

Free money

02

No FAFSA required

03

Parent and student employers

04

Local organizations

#### New First-Year Student Scholarships

- ACT/SAT scores not required to be considered for merit scholarships or the Honors College Program
- First-year student scholarship information will be available at www.kent.edu/scholarships

#### Academic Achievement Award (Ohio Residents)

Annual awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000

#### Flashes Go Further Scholarships (Ohio Residents)

- Covers the difference between Instructional Fees + General Fees and other tuition-specific grants and scholarships
- For more information, please visit:
   <a href="https://www.kent.edu/financialaid/flashes-go-further-scholarship-program">https://www.kent.edu/financialaid/flashes-go-further-scholarship-program</a>

#### President's Achievement Award (non-Ohio Residents)

Annual awards range from \$7,500 to \$13,000

#### **Honors Distinction Award**

- Must be admitted to, enroll and participate in the Honors College program
- Annual Awards range from \$1000 -\$2000

#### Founders Scholarship

- Requires minimum 4.0 cumulative high school GPA.
- Annual awards range from \$1,000-\$2,000



**Website searches** 

External

#### Scholarships

#### **Other Resources**

- Volunteer opportunities may lead to serviceoriented scholarships
- Parent and student employers
- Business and industry groups that provide services or products in your major/career field
- Check with national organizations which may offer scholarships to individuals with your cultural background, personal circumstances, interests, and skills



# Scholarship

1 Start NOW

Complete applications carefully

3 Answer all questions

Be aware of deadlines



#### Federal & State Grants

Federal Pell Grant

Max: \$7,395

FSEOG
Federal Supplemental Educational
Opportunity Grant

Max: \$1,000

OCOG
Ohio College Opportunity Grant

Max: \$3,200

PA State Grant

Max: \$600

#### Ohio Aid Programs 2023-2024

https://highered.ohio.gov/

Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP) Ohio Education Training & Voucher (foster care) Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Scholarship Ohio National Guard Scholarship Choose Ohio First (STEMM)



#### **Federal Direct Loans**

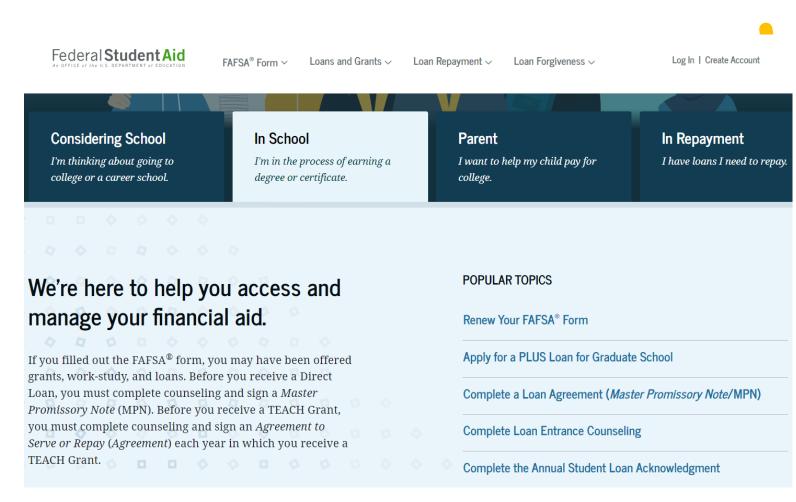


#### **Federal Direct Loans**

- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized
  - Freshman maximum: \$5,500
  - Fixed interest rate is 5.5%\*
  - Origination fee is 1.057%

#### Go to StudentAid.gov

- Sign in using FSA ID
- Complete Entrance Counseling
- Sign the Master Promissory Note (MPN)



\* Rates for 2023-2024

#### Other Loan Options

#### **Federal Direct PLUS**

- Only parents can apply for undergraduate students
- Credit based
  - Other options available if credit is denied
- Fixed interest rate is 8.05%\*, Origination fee is 4.228%

#### **Private Loans**

- Non-federal option
- Educational loan through a bank, credit union, state agency or school





#### **Estimating Your Cost**



#### **Tuition**

Visit the University's
Billing Office Website
(Bursar's Office)
www.kent.edu/tuition



#### **Food and Housing**

Visit the University's
Residence Services
Website

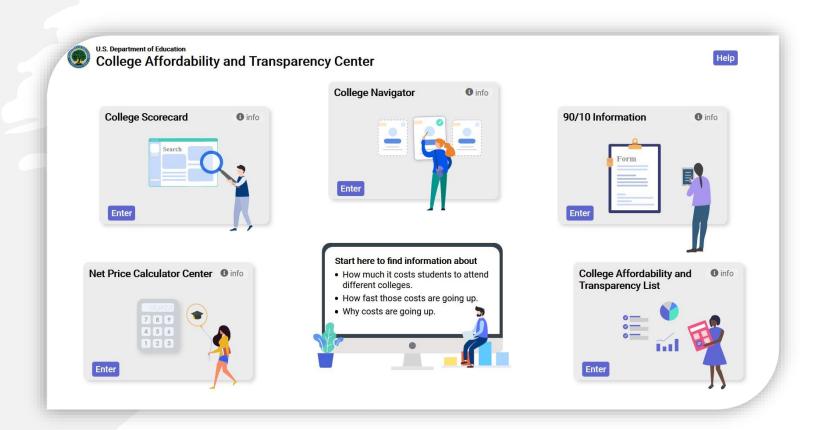
www.kent.edu/housing & www.kent.edu/dining



Estimate Amount Due

#### Net Price Calculator

- Helps you understand options for paying for college
- Estimates eligibility for Federal Student Aid







#### Important Kent State Websites

#### Kent State University Student Financial Aid

www.kent.edu/financialaid

Kent State University Scholarships

www.kent.edu/scholarships

Student Financial Aid Forms and Applications

www.kent.edu/financialaid/forms

# Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC)

**Phone:** 1-800-433-3243 (1-800-4 FED AID)

Website: fafsa.ed.gov 🗹

Student Aid on the Web, Website: studentaid.gov 🗹

#### **Standard Operating Hours**

- Monday: 8am 9pm ET
- Tuesday/Wednesday: 8am 8pm ET
- Thursday/Friday: 8am 6pm ET
- Saturday/Sunday: Closed

#### Standard Holiday Schedule

• Closed all federal holidays

#### Remaining 2023 Exceptions

- Closed the day after Thanksgiving (November 24)
- Closed the Friday before Christmas (December 22)

## Federal Student Aid on Social Media







YouTube







www.kent.edu/financialaid

# Kent State University Financial Aid Web Page

#### **NEW FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS**

Financial Aid Checklist »

Important Next Steps for Summer and Fall 2023! (PDF) »

FAFSA Night Presentation »

Financial Aid Next Steps »

Scholarship Opportunities »

Cost of Attendance »

Regional Campus »

Net Price Calculator »

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### **Contact Information**

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