

# COMPLETING THE 2026-2027 FAFSA

*(for an independent student)*

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# Before we begin...

Creating your FSA Account ID is a crucial first step:

You need to create an FSA Account ID, (and your spouse if you filed separate tax returns).

Check out our FSA Account ID tutorial page for detailed instructions on creating your FSA Account ID.

- The FAFSA uses ‘Skip Logic’ to streamline the application process:
  - Based on your responses, the FAFSA will only show questions relevant to your situation.
  - Because of this logic, some questions in the tutorial might not appear in your actual application.
- Signing and submitting the FAFSA is a crucial final step.
  - Ensure that you sign and submit the FAFSA. If you have Contributors on your FAFSA, they have to sign and submit. The application won't be processed until this step is completed.

## ❖Note:

- There is no fee involved for completing the FAFSA
- You do not commit yourself to a school by completing the FAFSA
- You are not committed to a student loan by completing the FAFSA

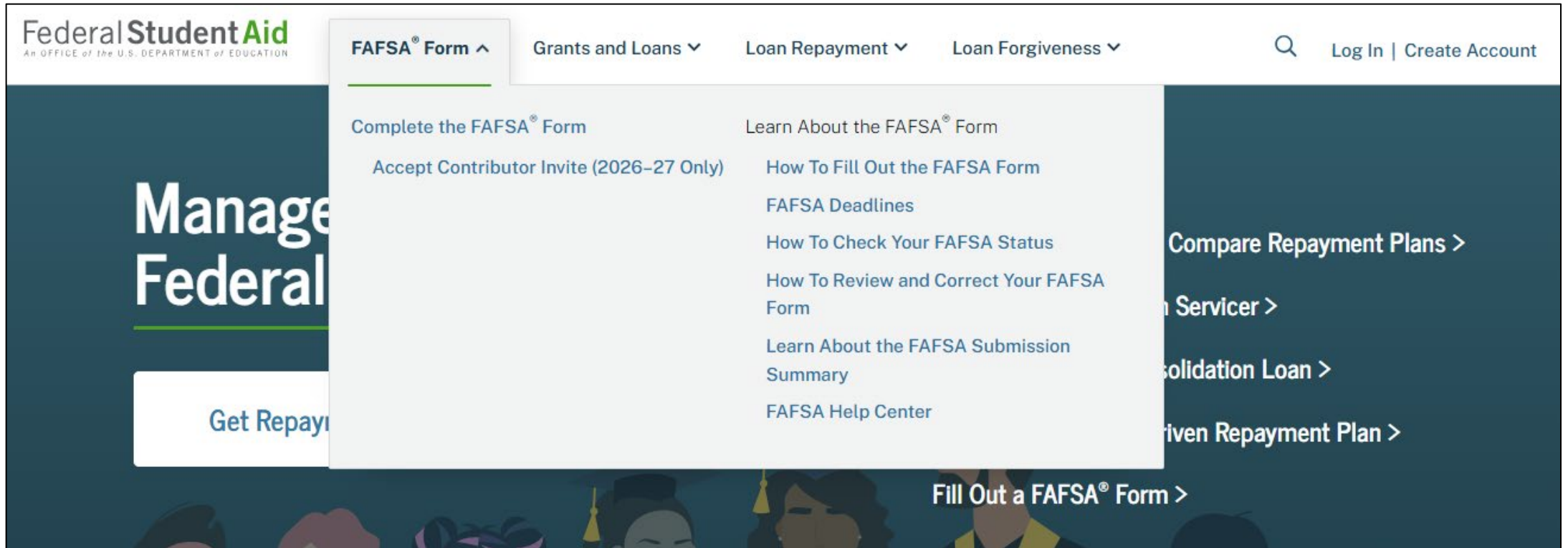
# Info needed to complete the FAFSA

## (2026-2027 Academic Year)

- Federal tax information for you (and your spouse if you are married): **2024 Tax Year** (most information will transfer from the IRS)
  - IRS Form 1040
  - Schedules attached to the 1040 form
  - IRS W-2 (received from your employer)
- Your Social Security Number.
- Your Alien Registration Number (ARN) if you are not a U.S. citizen.
- Records of untaxed income such as child support received, interest income and veterans noneducation benefits, for you, and for your spouse if you are married.
- Information on cash, checking and savings account balances; non-retirement investments; real estate other than your primary residence; business and farm net worths (if not family owned or family owned over 100 employees). Also needed for your spouse if you are married.

# www.studentaid.gov

When you navigate to the studentaid.gov website, hover over **FAFSA Form** on the middle menu bar:



From the dropdown menu, select 'Complete the FASFA Form'

The student will start the form and enter the appropriate information to be sent to their spouse if they're married.

[Click on the Start New Form button for 2026-27 to begin.](#)

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## 2026–27 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

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

**Start a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form**

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Edit Existing Forms

Accept an Invitation for a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form

Accept an Invitation

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The student logs in with their FSA ID and password.

### Log In

Email, Phone, or Username

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### Log In

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Password

 Show Password


[Forgot password?](#)


Log In

# Complete the Two-Step Verification and accept the disclosure to continue logging in

## Two-Step Verification

You have the following two-step verification methods enabled. Select one to complete verification.

**SMS Verification**  
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**Email Verification**  
\*\*\*\*\*@gmail.com



**Enter Secure Code**

Enter the secure code we sent in a text message to your mobile phone: (•••) •••

Enter the secure code below

[Resend code](#)



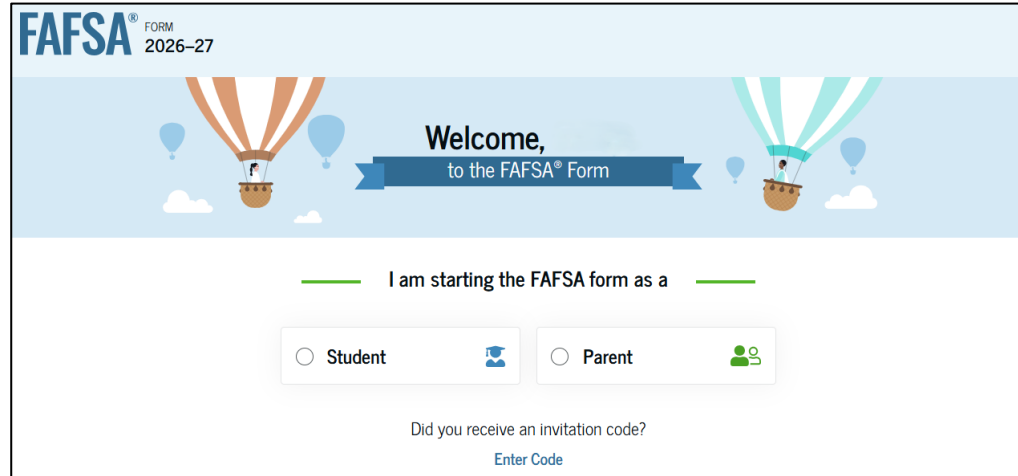
## Please Read Before Continuing

You are accessing a U.S. Federal Government computer system intended to be solely accessed by individual users expressly authorized to access the system by the U.S. Department of Education. Usage may be monitored, recorded, and/or subject to audit. For security purposes and in order to ensure that the system remains available to all expressly authorized users, the U.S. Department of Education monitors the system to identify unauthorized users. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and recording. Unauthorized use of this information system is prohibited and subject to criminal and civil penalties. Except as expressly authorized by the U.S. Department of Education, unauthorized attempts to access, obtain, upload, modify, change, and/or delete information on this system are strictly prohibited and are subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1030, and other applicable statutes, which may result in fines and imprisonment. For purposes of this system, unauthorized access includes, but is not limited to:

- any access by an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, who is not the individual user, for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain (regardless of whether the commercial entity or third party is providing a service to an authorized user of the system); and
- any access in furtherance of any criminal or tortious act in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or any State.

If system monitoring reveals information indicating possible criminal activity, such evidence may be provided to law enforcement personnel.

Select the Student option and click on the Continue Button



Once you select the 'Student' option, a pop-up box window will open. By clicking on the Accept button, you authorize the IRS to transfer your 2024 federal tax data to your FAFSA.

If you decline to share your tax data, you will *not* be eligible for aid.

## By Starting This Form You Agree To Share Your Information

By selecting "Accept" to start your 2026-27 FAFSA® form, you approve of the use and disclosure of any federal tax information for which you previously provided consent to the U.S. Department of Education for the 2026-27 FAFSA cycle for purposes of completing this FAFSA form.

Decline

Accept

Next you will be presented with four screens of 'Understanding the FAFSA Form' information.

**Understanding the FAFSA® Form**

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### What is the FAFSA® form?

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form to apply for grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans for college, career school, or graduate school.


You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
- Records of child support
- Current balances of debt
- Net worth of investments


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### Contributors to the FAFSA® Form

 **Parents or Spouses**

Your answers on the FAFSA® form will determine if any contributors (your spouse, your biological or adoptive parent[s], or your parent's spouse) need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but they won't be financially responsible for your education.

 **How To Invite**

Contributors will need to log in with their own StudentAid.gov account username and password to provide their information. To invite a contributor to a FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their email address.

Which parent is considered a contributor? ▾

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### What To Expect

How long will this take? ⌚ 30 minutes

Every contributor must be eligible for federal student aid. You can obtain your federal student aid to help you complete the FAFSA form.

You can save the form for later.

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### After Submitting the FAFSA® form

After submission, you'll need to check on the status of your FAFSA form and make corrections, if required.

- Your form will be processed in one to three days.
- You'll be able to view your FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include the Student Aid Index (SAI), an index number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.
- Schools will use your SAI to create your financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering you. Most schools only send an aid offer when they accept you for admission.

Review the information pulled into the FAFSA from your FSA Account ID.

Click the Continue button.

**FAFSA**<sup>®</sup> FORM 2026-27 Student Save

### Student Identity Information

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

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Name

Date of Birth

Social Security Number

Email Address

Mobile Phone Number

Enter the month and year you became a resident of MN then click the Continue button.

### Student State of Residence

**State**

*Usually, this is the state where the student lives while not attending school.*

Minnesota (MN) ⓘ

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**Date the Student Became a Resident of Minnesota (MN)**

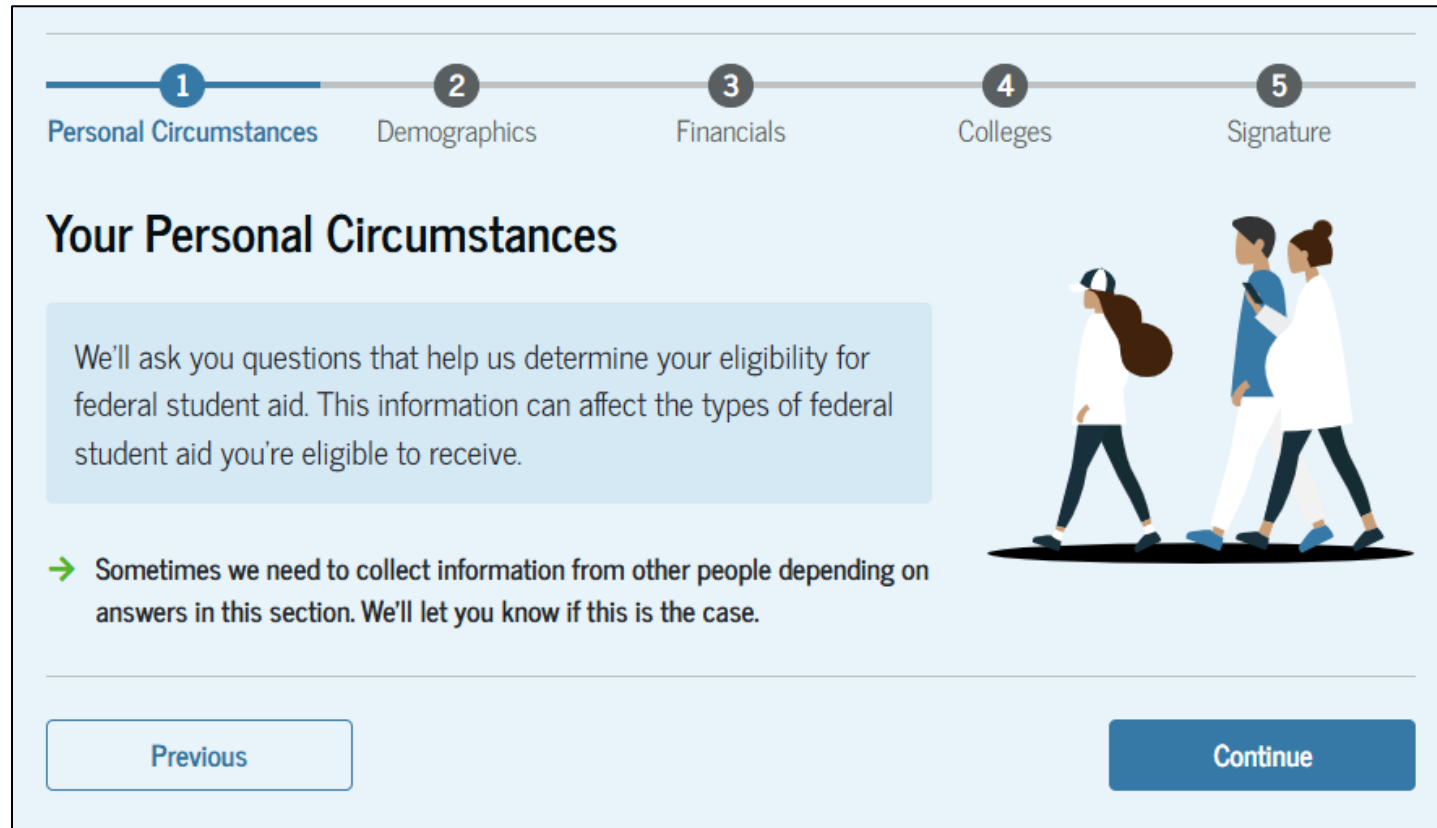
*If the student was born in Minnesota (MN) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the student moved to Minnesota (MN).*

Month Year ⓘ

ⓘ

The next several screens ask questions about dependency status that will determine whether you need to provide contributor (parent or spouse) information. Keep in mind that:

- Even if you are self-supporting, you might still be considered a dependent for financial aid purposes.
- Your dependency status, dependent or independent, affects the types and amounts of financial aid you may be eligible for.



The screenshot shows a five-step progress bar at the top: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. Below the progress bar is the title 'Your Personal Circumstances'. A light blue box contains the text: 'We'll ask you questions that help us determine your eligibility for federal student aid. This information can affect the types of federal student aid you're eligible to receive.' To the right of this text is an illustration of three people walking: a woman with a large backpack, a man in a blue shirt, and a woman in a white lab coat. Below the illustration is a green arrow pointing right, followed by the text: 'Sometimes we need to collect information from other people depending on answers in this section. We'll let you know if this is the case.' At the bottom left is a 'Previous' button and at the bottom right is a 'Continue' button.

Select your marital status as of the day you are completing the FAFSA.

(For this tutorial, we are using Single marital status.)

If you are married and did not file jointly for 2024, you may be asked to 'invite' your spouse to your FAFSA as a *Contributor*. Your spouse will need their own FSA ID and will need to provide information and sign your FAFSA online.

The screenshot shows a progress bar at the top with five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. Below the progress bar is the title "Student Current Marital Status" with an information icon. There are six radio button options: Single (never married), Married (not separated), Remarried, Separated, Divorced, and Widowed. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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### Student Current Marital Status ⓘ

Single (never married)

Married (not separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

Previous Continue

Select your grade level for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please note, if you have been a PSEO student, for financial aid purposes you are considered a 'First year (freshman)'.

A bachelor's degree is a 4-year college degree

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### Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2026–27 school year, what will their college grade level be? ⓘ

First year (freshman)

Second year (sophomore)

Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)

Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

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When the student begins the 2026–27 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree? ⓘ

Yes  No

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Carefully review the Student Personal Circumstances questions and answer accordingly.

Additional information for the questions can be found by clicking on the encircled i icon next to each question.

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### Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply or "None of these apply."

- The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training. ⓘ
- The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces. ⓘ
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent). ⓘ
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court. ⓘ
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care. ⓘ
- The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence. ⓘ
- The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence. ⓘ
- None of these apply.

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Carefully review the question regarding homelessness and answer accordingly.

The screenshot shows a survey form with a progress bar at the top. The progress bar has five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances (highlighted in blue), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. Below the progress bar is the title "Student Homelessness". The main question is: "At any time on or after July 1, 2025, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?" There are two radio button options: "Yes" and "No". At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Continue".

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### Student Homelessness

At any time on or after July 1, 2025, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ⓘ

Yes  No

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Please note, if you answer yes to this question, you may need to provide documentation regarding homeless youth.

If you receive this message, you have been determined to be a Dependent Student and will need to provide your parent's/parents' information, unless you have Unusual Circumstances. Go to our 'Completing the 2026-2027 FAFSA for Dependent Student' for additional instructions

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### Student Unusual Circumstances

*This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.*

**Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?**

*A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they*

- left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- are abandoned by or estranged from their parents;
- have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- are a victim of human trafficking;
- are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or
- are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents.

*If the student's circumstances resulted in not having a safe and stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.*


Yes  No

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If you answer Yes to Student Unusual Circumstances, you will be considered Provisionally Independent.

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### Your Dependency Status

 **Provisionally Independent or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth**  
You Can Proceed without Parent Information

Based on your answers, you can submit your application without answering questions about your parent(s).

**To complete the financial aid process, you'll need to contact the financial aid office at the school you wish to attend.**

If you are not in contact with a parent, or contacting a parent would pose a risk to you, you are considered a provisionally independent student. You will need to speak with the financial aid office at your school about your circumstances.

If you have indicated that you are unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, the financial aid office at your school is required to make a determination of your status based on a written statement from you or a documented interview with you. Please contact your school's financial aid office to complete this process.

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

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You will need to submit additional information so your dependency status can be determined.

*If* you are determined to be an Independent Student, you will receive this message:



### Your Dependency Status



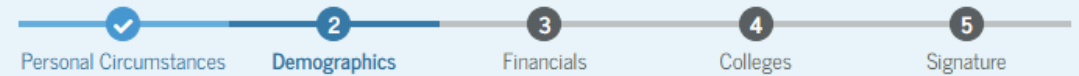
#### Independent Student

Based on your answers, you're an independent student. This means you don't need to answer financial questions about your parents to complete your FAFSA® form.

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The next several pages will ask questions about you. Some are for demographic use only; others help determine your eligibility for federal student aid.



### Student Demographics

We'll ask questions about your background and family.



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Questions that do not affect your aid eligibility have a 'Prefer not to answer' option and are used for research only.

Progress bar: 1. Personal Circumstances (checked), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Signature

### Student Demographic Information

**Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility**

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any aid calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's sex? ⓘ

Male

Female

Progress bar: 1. Personal Circumstances (checked), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Signature

### Student Race and Ethnicity ⓘ

**Questions Used for Research Purposes Only and Do Not Affect Federal Student Aid Eligibility**

Your answers will not

- affect the student's eligibility for federal student aid,
- be used in any aid calculations, or
- be shared with the schools to which the student applies.

What is the student's race and/or ethnicity? ⓘ

*Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below.*

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

## The Demographics section continues with the student's citizenship information.

Select your citizenship status from the given options.

**FAFSA**® FORM 2026-27 Student

Personal Circumstances **Demographics** Financials

### Student Citizenship Status ⓘ

U.S. citizen or national

Eligible noncitizen

Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

If you select 'Eligible noncitizen', enter the ARN from your green card.

Personal Circumstances **Demographics** Financials

### Student Citizenship Status ⓘ

U.S. citizen or national

Eligible noncitizen

A-Number ⓘ

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Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

If you select 'Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen' the student is not eligible for federal student aid.

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### Student Citizenship Status ⓘ

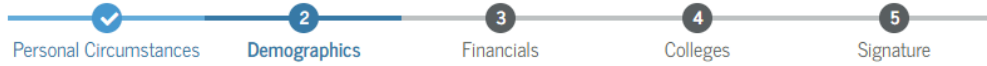
U.S. citizen or national

Eligible noncitizen

Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible noncitizen

**i** **Student Not Eligible for Federal Student Aid**  
Even though the student is not eligible for federal student aid, you may still continue with completing the FAFSA form as they may be eligible for [other types of aid](#).

Select the appropriate answer for the parent education question. The response does not affect your aid.



### Parent Education Status

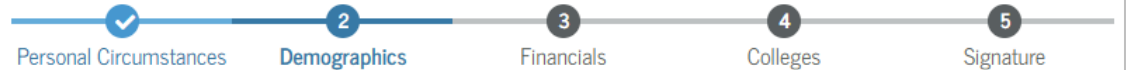
Did either of the student's parents attend college or complete college?

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

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Select the appropriate answer for the parent killed in the line of duty question.



### Parent Killed in Line of Duty

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?

*Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers.*

- Yes
- No

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Select the appropriate option for what your high school completion status will be when you begin the 2026-2027 academic year.

If you select 'High school diploma', you will add the high school in the next steps.

The screenshot shows a progress bar at the top with five steps: Personal Circumstances (1), Demographics (2), Financials (3), Colleges (4), and Signature (5). The 'Demographics' step is active. Below the progress bar is the title 'Student High School Completion Status' and a question: 'What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year?'. A note below the question says: 'Select "None of the above" only if the student won't have any of the other options when they start the 2026-27 school year.' There are four radio button options: 'High school diploma' (selected), 'State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)', 'Homeschooled', and 'None of the above'. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

If you select 'State-recognized high school equivalent' you will select the type and issuing state from the drop-down lists.

The screenshot shows the same progress bar as the first image, with 'Demographics' active. The title is 'Student High School Completion Status' and the question is 'What will the student's high school completion status be at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year?'. The note is the same. The 'State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)' option is selected. Below this option are two fields: 'Type' (a drop-down menu) and 'State' (a text input field). Below these fields are three radio button options: 'Homeschooled', 'None of the above', and 'None of the above' (repeated). At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Enter the state for your high school.

Progress bar: 1 (checked), 2 (active), 3, 4, 5

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### Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State

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Once you enter the state, the city field will be available.

Progress bar: 1 (checked), 2 (active), 3

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### Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State

City

Enter the name of the school or click on search.

Progress bar: 1 (checked), 2 (active), 3

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### Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State

 ×

City

 ×

High School Name - *optional*

Search

Select your high school from the list and click on the Continue button.

Progress bar: 1. Personal Circumstances (checked), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Signature

### Student High School Information

From what high school did or will the student graduate? ⓘ

State

City

High School Name optional

Senior High Minnesota (MN)

[Search Again](#)

Confirm the high school information then click on the Continue button or Edit if incorrect.

Progress bar: 1. Personal Circumstances (checked), 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, 5. Signature

### Confirm Your High School

Verify that your high school information below is correct. Once you're ready, select "Continue" and we'll add it to your FAFSA® form.

High School Name [Edit](#)  
High School

City

State  
Minnesota (MN)

This section asks questions regarding your finances.



## Your Finances

The FAFSA® form helps determine your ability to pay for school. We ask about your financial information in this section.



What if you have special financial circumstances?

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Select any programs that you qualified for in 2024 or 2025. Additional information regarding the program can be found by clicking on the icon of the i in the circle.



## Federal Benefits Received

### Responses Won't Reduce Federal Student Aid Eligibility

Answering these questions won't reduce your eligibility for federal student aid or these programs.

At any time during 2024 or 2025, did the student or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? ⓘ

*Family includes the student's spouse, children, and other dependents. Select all that apply or "None of these apply."*

- Earned Income Credit (EIC) ⓘ
- Federal Housing Assistance ⓘ
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch ⓘ
- Medicaid ⓘ
- Refundable Credit for Coverage Under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) or Health Insurance Subsidy ⓘ
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ⓘ
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ⓘ
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) ⓘ
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) ⓘ
- None of these apply.

This question asks whether or not you filed a US tax return for 2024.



## Student Tax Filing Status

Did or will the student file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ⓘ

Yes

No

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*If* you answer No, to filing a US tax return, you'll need to indicate whether you earned income in another country and/or filed a non-US tax return.

Did the student earn income in a foreign country in 2024, were they employed by an international organization but not required to report their income on any tax return, or did they file a tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory? ⓘ

*Examples of international organizations include the United Nations, World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund.*

Yes

No



## Family Size

Is the student's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2024 tax return? ⓘ

*Family size includes the student, their spouse, and other people, if they now live with the student and the student will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027. This includes dependent children who meet these criteria, even if they live apart because of college enrollment. Examples of family size changing include the birth of a child and a child independently supporting themselves such that they are no longer a dependent.*

Yes

No

The FAFSA is gathering your family size from your 2024 tax return. This includes the filer, spouse and dependents listed. If your family size has changed since then, select Yes and follow the prompts on the next page.

Read the 'family size' information carefully to know who to include.



## Number in College

How many people in the student's family, including the student, will be in college between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027?

ⓘ

Enter the number of family members, not including parents, that are attending college.

## Student 2024 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2024 tax return to answer the following questions.

*If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.*



### Report Combined Taxes

Report the combined tax information for the student and their spouse.

### Amount of College Grants, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps Benefits Reported as Income to the IRS

*Students typically answer this question with a zero because most scholarships and grants, including Federal Pell Grants, are not considered taxable income. If the student is married, include the amount their spouse reported. If the response is other than zero, the amount is typically not the same as the amount reported on IRS Form 1098-T (Box 5) or the adjusted gross income reported on the tax return.*

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### Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

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Refer to the student's 2024 federal tax return, form 1040, and schedules 1-3 if present.

For grants, scholarships and AmeriCorp benefits; check your tax return for Schedule 3 and use the amount from line 3 if one is listed.

For foreign earned income exclusion; check your tax return for Schedule 1 and enter the amount (as a positive number) from line 8d if one is listed.

## IRA or Pension Rollover

You may be asked if you moved funds between retirement accounts.  
If you didn't, enter 0.  
If you did, find the dollar amount on your 1040 form as noted below.

### IRA Rollover Into Another IRA or Qualified Plan

\$  .00

### Pension Rollover Into an IRA or Other Qualified Plan

\$  .00

IRA Rollover - Refer to form 1040, lines 4a & 4b.  
Subtract line 4b from 4a and enter the amount here.

Pension Rollover – Refer to form 1040, lines 5a & 5b.  
Subtract line 5b from 5a and enter the amount here.

Review each area, enter a 0 if you do not have anything to report.

Annual Child Support Received: Enter the amount received, for all children, for the last complete calendar year.

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts: If your parent(s) is/are the owner(s) of a college savings account for you, you do not have to include the amount of the account here.

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate: Do not include retirement accounts or the home you live in. Net worth equals the asset value minus any debt (loans or liens) against it.

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms: Net worth equals the asset value minus any debt (loans or liens) against it. Do not include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

**i** **Report Combined Assets and Child Support Received**  
Report the combined assets and child support received for the student and their spouse.

### Annual Child Support Received

Enter the total amount of child support the student received for the last complete calendar year.

\$  .00 ⓘ

### Student Assets

#### Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student aid, retirement accounts, or investments.

\$  .00 ⓘ

#### Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

Don't include the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

\$  .00 ⓘ

#### Current Net Worth of Businesses and Farms

Enter the net worth of the student's businesses and income-producing farms. Net worth is the value of the businesses and farms minus any debts owed against them. Don't include a family business with 100 or fewer full-time employees, farms where the family resides, or a commercial fishing business and related expenses.

\$  .00 ⓘ

## Select Colleges and Career Schools

Search for and select colleges and career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA® form.



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Continue

You can choose up to 20 schools to send your FAFSA to.




### Where should we send the FAFSA® information?

Add at least one college or career school now.


You can add or remove schools before and after submitting your form.

You can add up to 20 schools. List any schools you're considering, even if you're not certain you'll apply to them. [Find tips for searching for colleges or career schools.](#)

 0 out of 20 schools selected [View Selected Schools](#)

[Search by State](#)

State

 Search


Begin searching for the school by entering the state the school is in.

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State

Minnesota (MN)

City optional

Austin

School Name optional

Riverland Community College

 Search

Enter the city and name of the school, (both are optional), then search

Select the school you want to add, then click on the Continue button.


Search Results 1 to 1 of 1

SORT BY: **MOST RELEVANT** A-Z

**Riverland Community College**

Austin, Minnesota (MN)

Federal School Code  
002335

 Selected

 [Search and Select More Schools](#)

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 1 out of 20 schools have been selected

Continue

When searching for Riverland, select the campus with the Austin address. Or search by Federal School Code 002335.

If you would like to add additional schools, click on the Search and Select More Schools button. Otherwise, click on the Continue button.

The screenshot shows a progress bar at the top with five steps: Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges (current step), and Signature. Below the progress bar is the heading "Selected Colleges and Career Schools" followed by the text "These are the colleges and career schools that you've selected to receive the FAFSA® form." and a sub-heading "Review this list of schools and confirm your selection(s)." A green box contains "School List Guidelines for Minnesota Residents" with the text "To be eligible for state grant aid in Minnesota, you must list an eligible in-state college. The order of schools in your college list will not impact your eligibility for state aid programs." Below this is a button "1 out of 20 schools selected" with a school icon. A section titled "Showing 1 to 1 of 1" contains a table with one row for "Riverland Community College" in Austin, Minnesota (MN), with Federal School Code 002335, and buttons for "Remove" and "View Information". At the bottom is a "Search and Select More Schools" button and a "Continue" button.

Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials **Colleges** Signature

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1 out of 20 schools selected

Showing 1 to 1 of 1

<b>Riverland Community College</b> Austin, Minnesota (MN)	Federal School Code 002335	Remove	View Information
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Search and Select More Schools

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If it is determined that your spouse needs to be invited to your FAFSA, to provide information, you will be presented with a form to enter their email address. *This needs to be the same email address they use on their FSA ID.*

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Personal Demographics Financials Colleges Contributor Invite Signature

### Invite Spouse as a Contributor

A contributor is anyone who's required to provide information on your FAFSA form. You need to invite your spouse to provide this information.

This will help us get a better understanding of your family's federal financial aid. You'll need to provide your spouse's email address to invite them to your form.

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### Invite Your Spouse to This FAFSA® Form

To determine your federal student aid eligibility, we need more information on your household's financial situation. You'll need to invite a contributor to provide this information.

*Because you are married, you need to invite your spouse as a contributor.*

Spouse

### Invite Your Spouse

Email

Send Invite

### Spouse Contributor

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

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

Spouse

YOUR FAFSA INVITE CODE: 101@ttat.com

Invite Sent

Other ways to send the invite ^

Copy and Send the Invite Link ⓘ

[www.fafsa.gov/invite/101@ttat.com](http://www.fafsa.gov/invite/101@ttat.com) Copy Link

You can also have them go to [www.fafsa.gov/invite](http://www.fafsa.gov/invite) and enter code:

**101@ttat.com**

Cancel Invite

You are almost done!

Review the information you have entered by clicking on the down arrow for each section.

If all information is correct, click on the Continue button.

Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges **5** Signature

## Continue To Sign Your Form

Here's a summary of the information you provided on the FAFSA® form. Continue once you're ready to submit.

**✓ Scroll To Continue**  
After reviewing your answers, scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Continue." Then, sign your section of the FAFSA form.

### Student Sections Expand All

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- ✓** Section 3 **Financials**
- ✓** Section 4 **Colleges**



## Sign and Submit the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form <sup>1</sup>

### Summary

This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA<sup>®</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 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 this application electronically using your FSA ID, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

- will use federal and/or state student aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
- are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and
- will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time.

Review the signature disclosure, check 'agree' box at the bottom of the screen and click on the Sign & Submit button. This completes your FAFSA.

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.

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

### Sign and Submit Your FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the terms outlined above.

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Sign and Submit

The congratulations screen indicates that your application has been successfully submitted. Please review the 'What Happens Next' items.

Monitor your email for communications from the school(s) you sent the FAFSA to. Additional information may need to be submitted to the school(s) in order to calculate your awards.

**NOTE:** If you were required to send an invite to your spouse, your FAFSA is not complete until they complete their portion.

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## Congratulations, the FAFSA Form Is Complete!

Completion Date: /2025 | Data Release Number: | Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI):

*The estimated SAI is subject to change based on final processing of your FAFSA form. The SAI is not a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college or career school. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility.*

Based on the eligibility criteria, you don't appear to be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. However, you may be eligible for other federal, state, or institutional grants; scholarships; and/or work-study programs.

### What Happens Next

- Check Your Email**  
You will receive an email version of this confirmation page at the following email address: darcy.drake-tapp@riverland.edu.
- Track the Status of Your Form**  
In one to three days, your FAFSA form will be processed and made available to your schools. Check the status of your form by logging in to StudentAid.gov and selecting your FAFSA submission from the "My Activity" section of your account Dashboard.
- You Will Receive School Communications**  
Your selected colleges or career schools will reach out to you if they need more information. Schools will send you financial aid offers after reviewing your information. This may take some time. Once received, you can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their financial aid offers.

## Pending Submission

Check With Your Contributor

Spouse Contributor

### Requirements for Married Independent Students

Your FAFSA® form is not complete until your spouse fills out their section of the form and signs it. Once they sign, they will be able to submit the form for processing.

*financialaid@riverland.edu*