



# 2025-2026

## FAFSA

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# What has changed:

- Changes to the application and federal methodology
- Reduced the number of questions
- The application is role-based and each person that needs to complete a section of the FAFSA will be considered a [Contributor](#)
- Consent is required for Direct Data Exchange (DDX) between the Department of Education and the IRS
- Multiple siblings in college will not be used to determine financial need
- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be replaced with the term Student Aid Index, SAI.

# Contributor

- The application is now role-based and each person that needs to complete a section of the FAFSA will be considered a Contributor
  - The Student will invite someone else to contribute to their FAFSA - i.e parent
  - All contributors will need a FSA ID. Even those without a Social Security Number.
- The student will only complete the student section of the FAFSA
- The contributor will only complete their section of the FAFSA



# Account Username & Password (FSA ID)

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## Get Money to Pay for School

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

### 2024-25 FAFSA Form

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Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form](#)

### Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In

Some states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

School Year  State of Residence

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#### Who Should Complete This?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs, which includes scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal work-study.

#### How Long Will it Take?

It takes most people less than an hour to complete, including gathering any documents or data needed.

#### What Do I Need?

- Verified StudentAid.gov account
- Social Security Number
- Parent or spouse contributor email addresses
- Income and asset information, if required

**Must be set up prior to starting the 2025-2026 FAFSA**

Ideally, set up the FSA ID at least 7 days before filing the FAFSA

Set up at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) > Create Account

First Name

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Middle Initial

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Last Name

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Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

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Social Security Number

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[What if I don't have a Social Security number?](#) ^

If you don't have a Social Security number (SSN) **and** at least one 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.

# Account Username & Password (FSA ID)

If no SSN, the contributor will check here



# Account Username & Password (FSA ID)

## Warning: Your Account Will Be Limited Without SSN

If you create an account without an SSN, you'll be limited in what you can do. You should only continue creating an account without an SSN if one of the following statements is true for you:

- ☒ I am a parent or spouse of a student who is applying for aid, and I do not have an SSN.
- ☒ I am a citizen of the [Freely Associated States](#) and need to complete the FAFSA® form online.

*Note: Any previously completed FAFSA forms won't be linked to your new account. You will still be able to access information from 2023–24 FAFSA form if you use your identifiers on the FAFSA roles page.*

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[Continue Without SSN](#)

Since verification will not be completed with Social Security Administration, contributors will need to verify their identity another way:

- Answering knowledge based questions created through a partnership with TransUnion

**- OR -**

- Contact Federal Student Aid Information Center, FSAIC, and provide identity verification documents



# Consent - Required by student and all contributors

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### 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<sup>®</sup> 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(d)(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(d)(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

- 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.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent?

If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent for you to access their tax information?

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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Approve

# Consent = Direct Data Exchange - IRS

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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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This screenshot shows the 'Your Finances' section of the FAFSA 2024-25 form for Student Raya Tran. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2024-25), the student's name (Raya Tran), and options to 'Save' and view the 'FAFSA Menu'. The main heading is 'Your Finances', followed by a paragraph explaining that the form helps schools determine the student's ability to pay for college without financial aid. To the right of the text is an illustration of a person in a blue hoodie holding a pen and pointing at a diagram with dollar signs. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Allows for an individual's federal tax information (FTI) to be directly transferred from the IRS to the FAFSA

**Consent is required by all contributors on FAFSA**

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### Your Finances

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

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This screenshot shows the 'Your Finances' section of the FAFSA 2024-25 form for the Parent of Raya Tran. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2024-25), the contributor's name (Parent of Raya Tran), and options to 'Save' and view the 'FAFSA Menu'. The main heading is 'Your Finances', followed by a paragraph explaining that the form helps schools determine the student's ability to pay for college without financial aid. To the right of the text is an illustration of a person in a blue hoodie holding a pen and pointing at a diagram with dollar signs. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

Eliminates manual entry of tax and income information

**Note:** Some students and contributors will still need to manually enter tax information



# Who needs to provide consent?

## For a Dependent Student

**If parents are married AND filed a joint tax return with current spouse**

Only 1 parent provides consent

**If parents are married AND filed separate tax returns**

Both parents provide consent

**If parents are unmarried BUT live together**

Both parents provide consent

**If parent(s) did not file a tax return**

Both parents provide consent

# Dependency Status

**To be classified as an independent student for the 2025–2026 award year, the student must answer “YES” to one of the following:**

- Born before Jan. 1, 2002
- Married (and not separated)
- A graduate or professional student
- A member of the armed forces on active duty
- A veteran of the armed forces
- Someone with dependent children or legal dependents other than a spouse
- An orphan
- A ward of the court
- A current or former foster youth
- An emancipated minor
- In a legal guardianship
- Is unaccompanied and homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless



## 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 person experiencing unusual circumstances may have:*

- *Left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;*
- *Been abandoned by or estranged from their parents, and have not been adopted;*
- *Been granted refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;*
- *Been a victim of human trafficking;*
- *Been incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with them would pose a risk to them; or*
- *Been otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents, and have not been adopted.*

*If their circumstances resulted in not having a safe, 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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# Students who are considered Dependent but do not have an Unusual Circumstance

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### Student Dependency Status



**Dependent Student**

The student is a dependent student. This means information about the student's parent(s) must be provided on the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form. This information helps determine how much federal student aid the student is eligible to receive.

### Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student's parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents' information? ⓘ

Select "No" if the student wants a financial aid administrator at their school to determine eligibility for ALL types of financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study funds. The student's parent(s) will be required to provide their information on the FAFSA form.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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**Scenario:** Student is considered Dependent but cannot provide parent information because Parent refuses to complete the FAFSA

**-OR-**

Parent is no longer providing financial support

# Parent Marital Status

- **Parents who live together** – Income and assets for both parents are reported
- **Divorced or separated parents** – Income and assets for parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support during the 12 months immediately prior to filing the FAFSA even if the student does not live with that parent or lives with the other parent.
  - If neither parent provided support in the 12-month period, the parent of record is the parent who provided the greater portion of support during the most recent year that the student received financial support from a parent.
- **Remarried parents** – Income and assets for parent and parent's spouse are reported – if married at time of application.
- **Single parent who is not divorced or separated** - Income and assets for the single parent is reported

# Parent Wizard Tool - Example 1

Student will be asked questions to help determine which parent to report on the FAFSA

**In this example** - student is instructed to provide information for both parents

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### Tell Us About Your Parents

On the FAFSA® form, your “Parent” is your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent who supports you financially.

Are your parents married to each other?

☒ Yes

☐ No



#### You will need to provide information for your parents

Based on your answers in this section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your parents to your form so they can complete their required sections.

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# Parent Wizard Tool - Example 2

## Tell Us About the Student's Parents

On the FAFSA® form, the “parent” is the student’s legal (biological or adoptive) parent.

Are the parents married to each other?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do the parents live together?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other parent over the past 12 months?

*If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don’t support the student financially, select “No,” and refer to the parent with the greater income or assets in the next question.*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

☒ Yes

☐ No

**In this example** - student is instructed to provide information for parent and step-parent

Notifies student that they can invite parent and step-parent to complete their section of the FAFSA



### Provide Information for the Parent and Stepparent

Based on your answers in the previous section, you’ll need to provide information about the parent and stepparent on the FAFSA® form. You can invite the parent and stepparent to the form so they can complete their required sections.

# Parent Wizard Tool - Example 3

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other parent over the past 12 months?

*If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support the student financially, select "No," and refer to the parent with the greater income or assets in the next question.*

☐ Yes

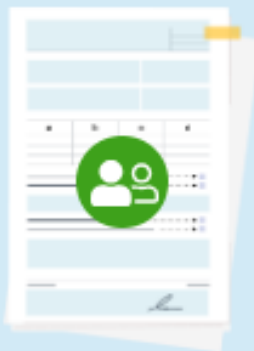
☒ No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

*Remember, this applies to the parent with the greater income and assets.*

☐ Yes

☒ No



## Provide Information for This Parent Only

Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about only this parent on the FAFSA® form. You can invite this parent to the form and have them complete their required sections.


**In this example** - student is instructed to provide information for one (1) parent

Notifies student that they can invite their parent to complete their section of the FAFSA


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### Invite Parents to your FAFSA® Form

 You will need to provide information for your parents  
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your family members to your form to help you complete all required sections.


Enter names of parents, identified on the prior page, and we'll send electronic requests on your behalf.  
*Please make sure to provide information that your parents would use to login to StudentAid.gov.*

 Parent

First Name  
Alcina

Last Name  
Tran

Date of Birth  
Month Day Year  
05 05 1973

 Parent Spouse  
optional

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth  
Month Day Year

Social Security Number (SSN)

SHOW ⓘ

☐ My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address  
alcinatran@school.edu

Confirm Email Address  
alcinatran@school.edu

Invite Parent

Social Security Number (SSN)

HIDE ⓘ

☐ My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Invite Parent

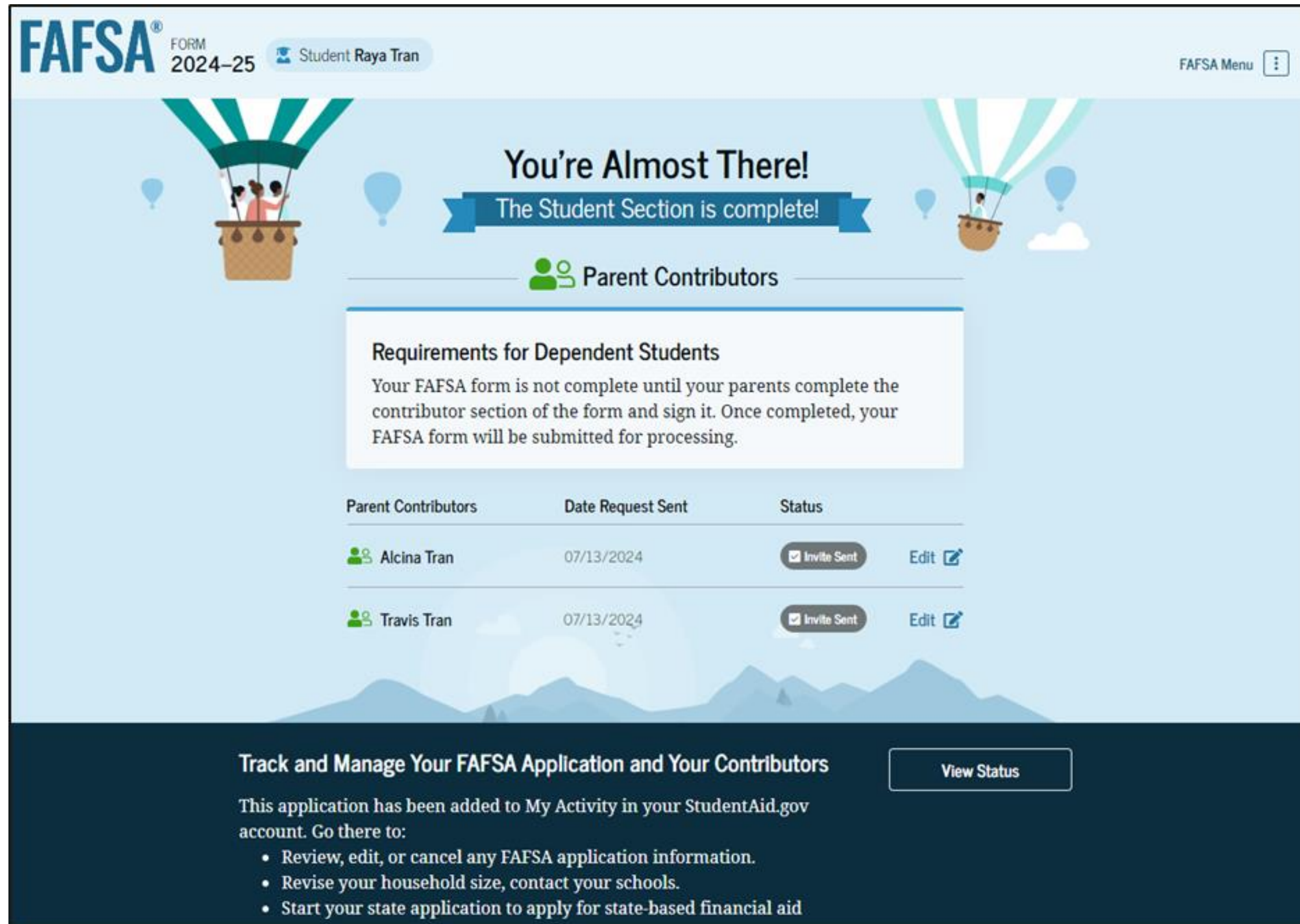
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- The student will invite the parent to complete their section of the FAFSA
- If parents do not have a SSN, student will enter mailing address for parent
- **All information must match** parent's information in their FSA ID - except for the email



# Student Section Completed





The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 Student Section completion page. At the top, the FAFSA logo and 'FORM 2024-25' are on the left, and the user 'Student Raya Tran' is on the right. A central banner reads 'You're Almost There! The Student Section is complete!'. Below this, a section for 'Parent Contributors' includes a message: 'Requirements for Dependent Students: Your FAFSA form is not complete until your parents complete the contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, your FAFSA form will be submitted for processing.' A table lists two contributors: Alcina Tran and Travis Tran, both with 'Invite Sent' status and '07/13/2024' dates. The bottom section, 'Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors', includes a 'View Status' button and instructions to check the StudentAid.gov account for further actions.

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**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 the contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, your FAFSA form will be submitted for processing.

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status
 Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent <a href="#">Edit</a>
 Travis Tran	07/13/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent <a href="#">Edit</a>

**Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors** [View Status](#)

This application has been added to My Activity in your StudentAid.gov account. Go there to:

- Review, edit, or cancel any FAFSA application information.
- Revise your household size, contact your schools.
- Start your state application to apply for state-based financial aid

Application is not considered complete until all contributors have completed their sections

## 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

### Why You Were Invited

Without your input, [StudentFirstName] won't be eligible for federal student aid.

### Reasons To Finish Early

Here's why it's a good idea to finish as soon as possible:



States and schools have different deadlines for student aid. Check the ["FAFSA® Deadlines"](#) page for more information.



You may need extra time to make corrections after you submit.

### Can't find [StudentFirstname]'s Form?

Read [\[help topic title\]](#).



[Sign up for text alerts](#) to stay updated on our grant programs, loan forgiveness programs, repayment plans, and information about your loans.



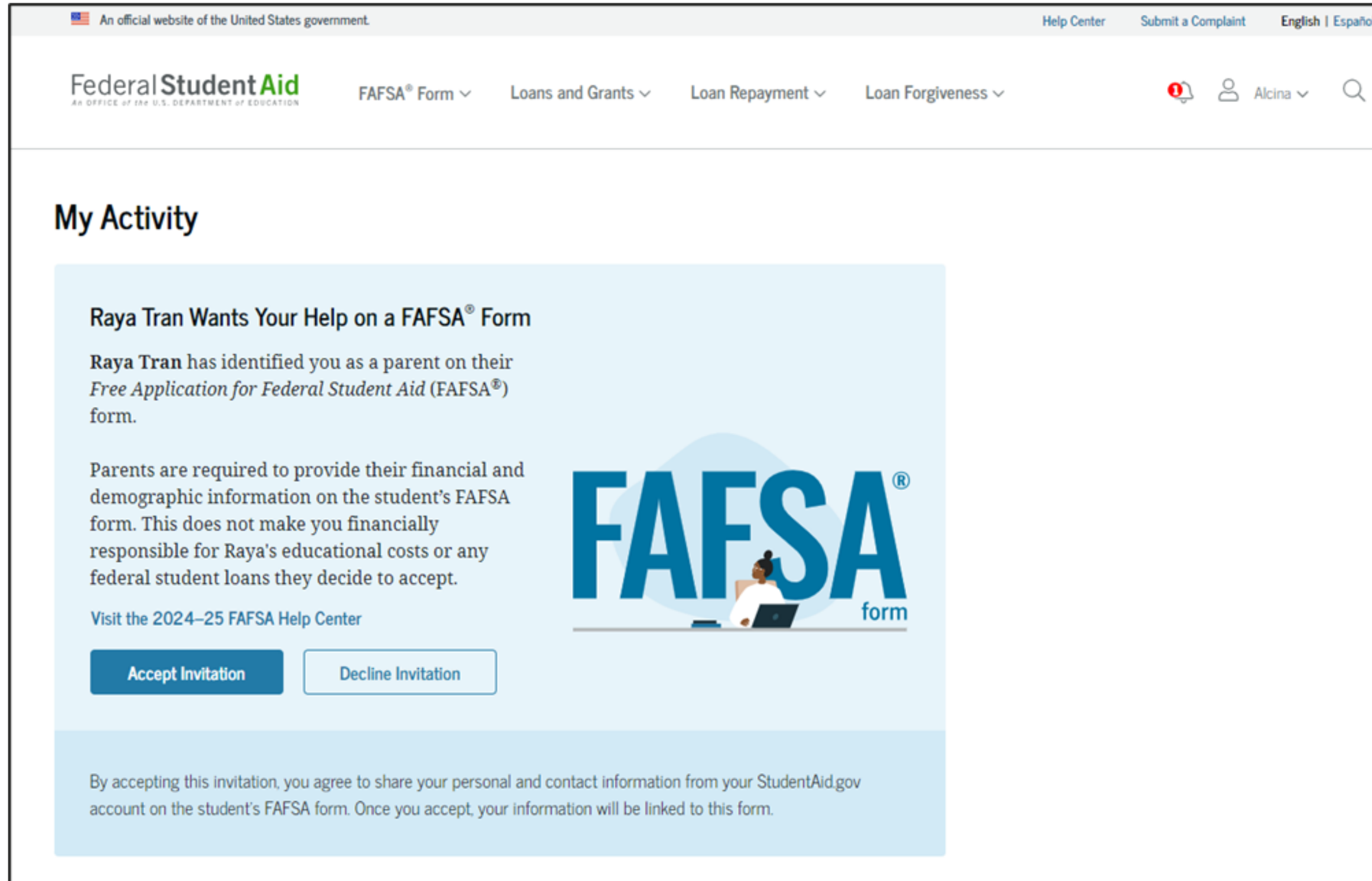
This email was sent by: Office of Federal Student Aid  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave. SW,  
Washington, DC, 20002, US

Please do not reply to this email. Messages sent to this email address are not monitored. If you wish to contact us, please use the [StudentAid.gov contact page](#). For more information about financial aid, visit [StudentAid.gov](#)

Communication  
Contributor receives  
**AFTER** invite is sent

Provides information  
as to why contributor  
is being invited

# Contributor Invitation



If no invitation shows up -  
make sure information on  
invitation matches  
information on contributor's  
FSA ID

Student can log back into  
their FAFSA and update the  
information on the invitation



# Marital Status

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Parent Current Marital Status

Single (Never Married)

Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Married (not Separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

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Marital Status is at time of application. Contributor answers this question

# Family Size

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent of Raya Tran. The progress bar indicates three steps: Demographics (completed), Financials (current), and Signature. The 'Family Size' section asks if the parent's family size is different from the 2022 tax return. The 'Yes' option is selected. A summary box shows a family size of 3, broken down as: Parent: 1, Other Parent: 1, Student: 1, and Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 1. Below this, a question asks for the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. The answer '1' is entered in the text box. The 'Continue' button is highlighted in blue.

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### Family Size

Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their 2022 tax return?

☒ Yes ☐ No

The parent's family size is 3

Parent: 1 Other Parent: 1 Student: 1 Parent's Children and Other Dependents: 1

Enter the number of children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support from the parent between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025?

*Do not include the student applicant.*

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**Family Size** - Based on number of number of individuals claimed on Federal Tax Return. This can be updated if family size is now different.

**\*NEW\*** If student/parent and/or spouse is pregnant, the unborn child is not counted in the family size.

Contributor answers this question

# Number in College

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## Number in College

How many people in the parent's family will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025?

*Do not include the parent.*



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**Number in College** - Question is still asked but number in college will no longer affect financial need. Contributor answers this question.




# Other parent information

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## Other Parent's Information

Enter the following information about the other parent.

  
Other Parent

First Name  
Travis

Last Name  
Tran

Date of Birth  
Month: 02 Day: 01 Year: 1970 ?

Social Security Number (SSN)  
\*\*\*\*\* Show ⓘ

Email Address  
travistran@gmail.com

Confirm Email Address  
travistran@gmail.com

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If joint tax filed, other parent information will need to be entered. This is not inviting the other parent

**Note:** There are some instances where the other parent will need to be invited to complete their own individual section

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Annual Child Support Received

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

\$0.00

Parent Assets

Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts

Don't include student financial aid

\$10,000.00

Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms

Enter the net worth of your businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of your businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.

\$0.00

Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate

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

\$5,000.00

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Child Support - Total amount received for the last completed calendar year

Example 1:  
If completing FAFSA December 2024, then report child support for 2023

Example 2:  
If completing FASA January 2025, then report child support for 2024

# Investments/Assets

- Cash, saving, checking, time deposits, and money market funds
- New worth of investments, including real estate, rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member),
  - Trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.
  - Qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans).
  - Report refund value for ALL 529 plans that the parent owns
  - Bitcoin
- Net worth of business and/or farm
  - **All businesses - no longer minimum 100 employees**






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### Take a moment to review before signing

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



#### Parent Contributor Sections Expand All

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When completed - contributor will only see their information.

Contributor will not be able to view the student section/answers

## Congratulations, the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form Is Complete!

 Raya Tran

Completion Date  
10/12/2024

### What Happens Next



#### Email sent

Confirm that the student received an email version of this page.



#### The Student Will Receive Notification of Processing

In one to three days, the student will receive a notification by email that their FAFSA form was processed and sent to the student's schools.



#### The Student Will Receive School Communications

We use the information collected on the student's FAFSA form to calculate their Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI lets schools determine how much aid the student is eligible to receive. Schools will reach out to the student if they need more information. They will also contact the student with financial aid offers. Once received, the student can contact their financial aid offices directly to ask questions about their student aid packages.

### Track and Manage the Student's FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

You can check the status of the student's application in the "My Activity" section of your StudentAid.gov account. We will let you know if we need anything more from you.

[View Status](#)

# What we have learned from 2024-2025

- **Make sure each person sets up their own FSA ID**
  - Make sure name, SSN and date of birth are correct
  - Name must match name on Social Security Card
- **When Inviting the parent, make sure all information matches with information for the parent's FSA ID:**
  - Parent's Name - make sure no space after first or last name
  - Parent's Date of Birth
  - If no SSN, make sure address also matches
- **Be patient**
- **Attend FAFSA Completion Session for assistance in completing the FAFSA**





## What can you do today?

- Student set up their FSA ID online at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- Determine who will be the contributors
  - Have the contributor(s) set up their FSA ID online at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

# Resources

## [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA
- Creating your FSA ID

## [studentaid.gov/aid-estimator](https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator)

- Federal Student Aid Estimator

## [youtube.com/@FSAOutreach](https://youtube.com/@FSAOutreach)

- 2024-2025 FAFSA Prototype Preview - Dependent
- How to prepare for the 2024-2025 FAFSA Form

## [studentportal.isac.org/en/alternativeapp](https://studentportal.isac.org/en/alternativeapp)

- Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

# Questions

