



# Completing Your 2026- 2027 FAFSA

University of San Francisco
Office of Financial Aid

#### **What We Will Cover**

- 2026-27 FAFSA Updates
- What Is Needed to Complete Your FAFSA
- Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) Creation
- Contributor Information
- Reviewing the 2026-27 FAFSA
- FAFSA Submission Summary
- Questions and Answers



#### 2026-27 FAFSA Timeline

#### 9.24.2025/ 10.01.2025

The 2026-27 FAFSA officially releases and is open for all students and families to complete.

#### 3.02.2026

FAFSA filing priority deadline for Regular Decision and Cal Grant application deadline.

#### Today- 9.30.2025

The 2026-27 FAFSA is open to all students and families to participate in beta testing.

#### 1.15.2026

FAFSA priority filing deadline for Early Action and Early Decision.







# Preparing To Complete the FAFSA

#### **Completing the FAFSA**



Online FAFSA

https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa





Complete Online FAFSA

#### **Preparing To Complete the 2026-27 FAFSA**

- Create a <u>StudentAid.gov</u> account or Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID).
- <u>Gather</u> information needed to complete the FAFSA.
- <u>Determine</u> who are the contributor(s) on your FAFSA.
- For dependent students, use the Who's My FAFSA Parent? tool to determine which parent(s) will contribute their information.
- Stay informed and up-to-date about 2026-27 FAFSA updates and notifications:
  - o Follow Federal Student Aid (FSA) on social media.
    - X (Twitter), Instagram, Facebook, Youtube
- <a href="https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/fafsa-support">https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/fafsa-support</a>



#### What You Will Need



→ FAFSA: Verified Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). <a href="https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create">https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create</a>

- Parent or spouse contributor information
  - ◆ Name

-account

- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number (if available)
- Email Address
- Income and AssetInformation (If Required)

- → Social Security number
- → Alien Registration number
- → Tax Return (2024)
- → Records of child support received
- → Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- → Net worth of investment, business, and farm

#### Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)

#### What is a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)?

- An account username and password used to log in to all Federal Student Aid products and tools on StudentAid.gov.
   All students and their parent and spouse contributor(s) will require a FSA ID.
- Parent and spouse contributor(s) without an SSN is also required to have an FSA ID. Additional verification may be needed.

### **Creating an FSA ID**

- Create an account at <u>https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/</u>.
- Provide your name, date of birth, and Social Security number (if applicable).
- 3. Enter a unique username, your email address, a strong password, mailing address, phone number, communication preference, and complete challenge questions and answers.
- 4. Confirm and verify your information.
- 5. Agree to terms and conditions.
- 6. Allow 3 days for your FSA ID to be verified.





### What if you don't remember your FSA ID?

- To reset your password, you will need to have access to the verified email or verified phone number used when creating your FSA ID.
- How are you ensuring that you will have access to this information in the future?
- e.g . Password manager
  - FSA ID
  - Verified email



#### Who is a Contributor?

Any individual required to provide consent and approval for federal tax information (FTI) along with their signature on the FAFSA® form, including the student and based on their dependency status the following individuals:

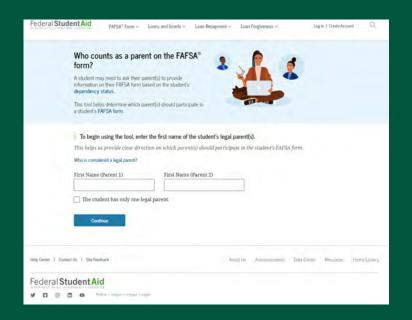
| Dependent Student  | Independent Student |
|--|---------------------|
| Biological or adoptive parent;<br>or the parent's spouse<br>(stepparent) | Student's spouse    |

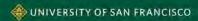


# **Who's My FAFSA Parent? Wizard**

If you are a dependent student, use the Who's My FAFSA Parent? Wizard to identify which parent(s) will be a required contributor on your form.

https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents









# Completing the FAFSA



#### **SCAN ME**

To complete the 2026-27 FAFSA https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

# **FAFSA Landing Page**

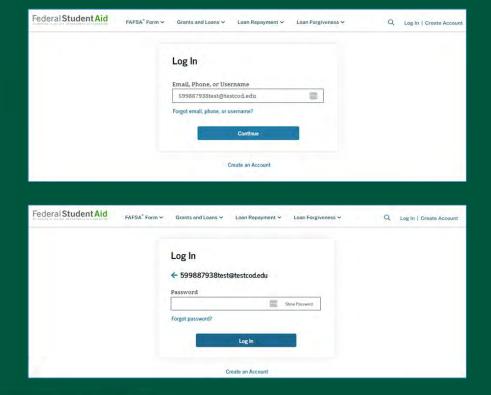


 Be sure to complete the FAFSA for the appropriate academic year.

| 2025-2026                               | 2026-2027                               |
|---|---|
| Fall 2025<br>Spring 2026<br>Summer 2026 | Fall 2026<br>Spring 2027<br>Summer 2027 |

 On this page, you are directed to "start a new form" or "edit existing forms."

### Student Log In



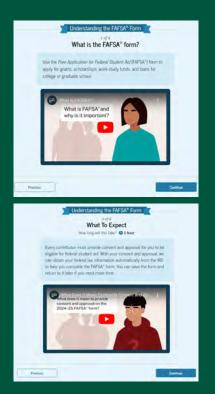
To access the FAFSA form, all students are required to have an FSA ID. If the student does not have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account".

#### **Student Role**



After logging in, the student can select the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA.

# **Understanding the FAFSA**

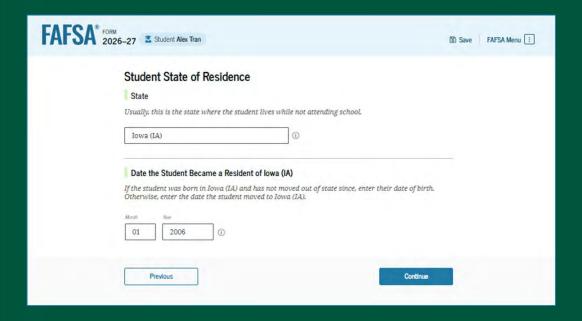




#### **Understanding the FAFSA Form**

- What is the FAFSA form?
- Contributors to the FAFSA form
- 3. What to expect
- 4. After Submitting the FAFSA form

## **State of Legal Residence**



Student answers the question based on their state of legal residence and the month and year they became a resident in that state.

### **Provide Consent and Approval**



The student is asked to provide consent and approval to transfer and use tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA form.

Consent must be provided or approved to be eligible for federal student aid.

### **IRS Import Information**



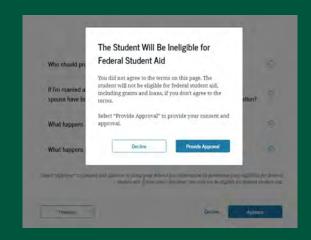
The results from the IRS import will be displayed after consent is provided.

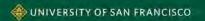
In this example, there is no federal tax information available from the IRS for this student.

#### What about...

# Student and contributor who don't provide consent and approval

- Student and contributor has two opportunities to provide consent and approval prior to submitting the FAFSA.
- When consent and approval is not provided, a student aid index (SAI) will not be calculated and the student is ineligible for all student aid.
- Warning messages will appear regarding federal student aid ineligibility



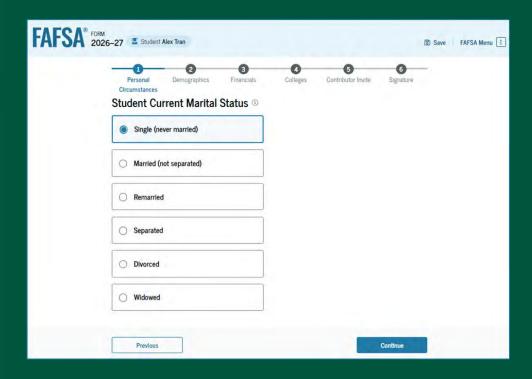






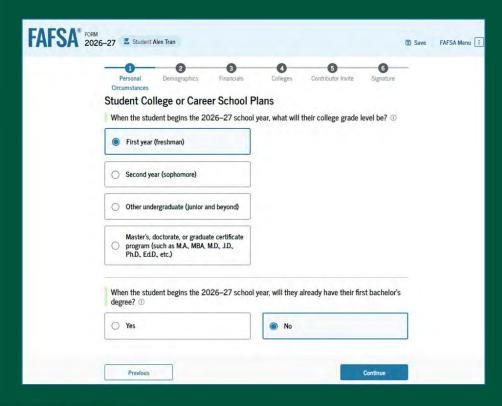
# Your Personal Circumstances

#### **Marital Status**



The student selects their current marital status.

### College or Career School Plans



Answer the following based on student's grade level and bachelor's degree completion status for the 2026-2027 school year.

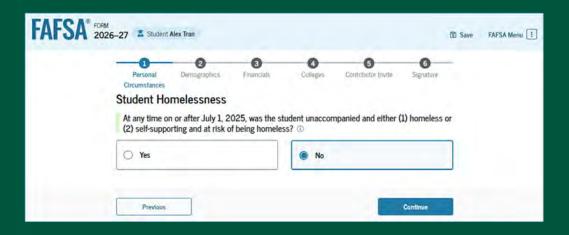
#### Student Personal Circumstances



- Student is asked if any of these personal circumstances apply.
  - Select all that applies
  - None of these apply
- Read carefully!

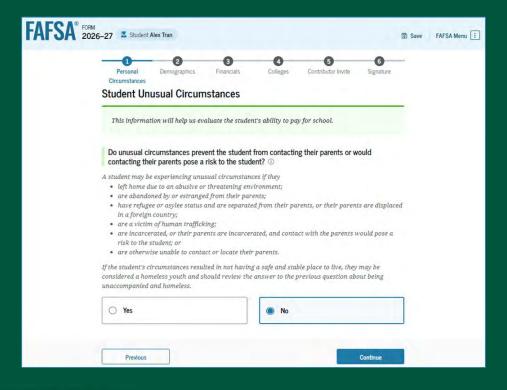
Answers to this question helps to determine a student's dependency status (dependent vs independent).

#### **Other Circumstances**



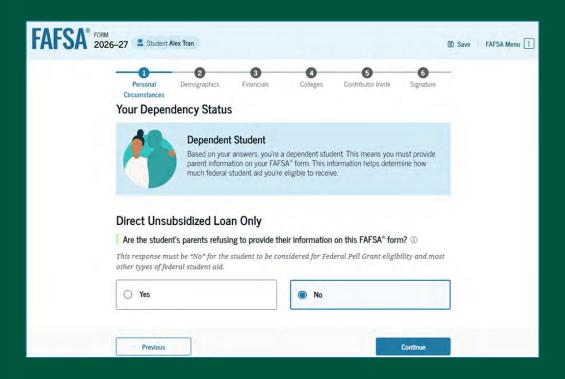
- Was the student at anytime on or after July 1, 2025 unaccompanied and homeless or self supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- This is another question that helps determine a student's dependency status.

#### **Unusual Circumstances**



- The student is asked if any unusual circumstances prevents them from contacting their parent(s) or would pose a risk to the student if they are to contact their parent(s).
- Some circumstances may be considered a homeless youth. Review the previous question to see if that applies.
- If you answer "yes," contact the Financial Aid Office to determine next steps after submitting the FAFSA.

#### **Your Dependency Status**



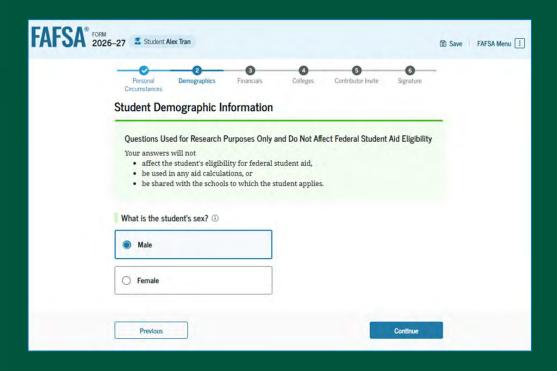
- Based on your answers to the previous questions, the student is determined to either be a dependent or independent student.
- For dependent students, they have the option to apply for Direct Unsubsidized Loan only if parents are unwilling to provide their information on the FAFSA.





# Student Demographics

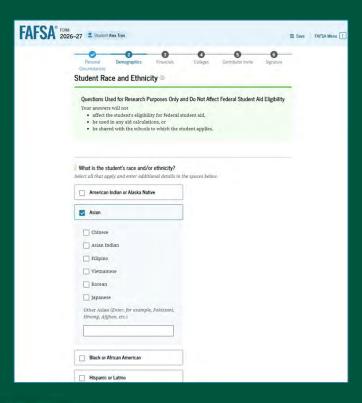
## **Student Demographic: Sex**



Student will be asked about their sex.

Answers to questions in this section does not affect a student's aid eligibility or determination nor shared with colleges and universities.

#### Student Demographic: Race and Ethnicity



Student will be asked about their race and ethnicity.

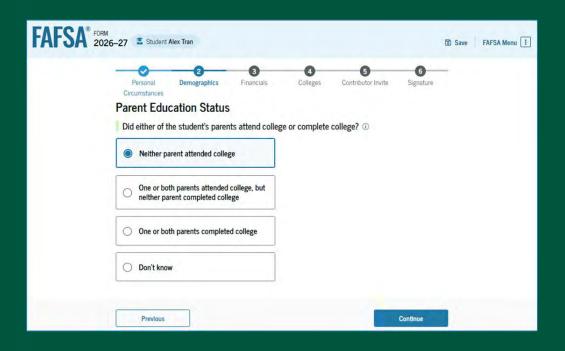
Answers to questions in this section does not affect a student's aid eligibility or determination nor shared with colleges and universities.

#### **Student Citizenship Status**



- Student selects their citizenship status.
- Eligible non-citizens will be asked to provide their A-Number.
- Students who selects "neither U.S. citizen nor eligible non-citizen" are not eligible for federal student aid. This includes students who may have a Social Security Number or DACA students.

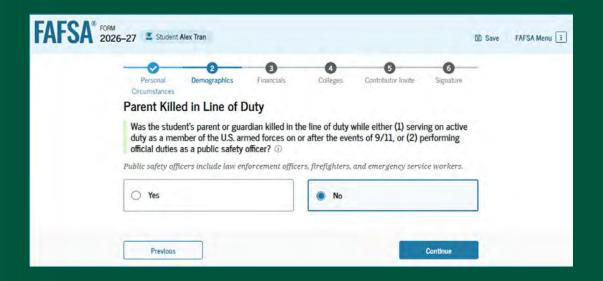
#### Parent Education Status



Student will be asked to provide information on their parents' education level or status.

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

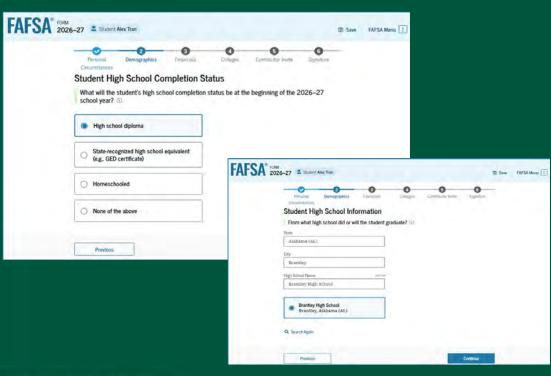
#### **Parent Killed in Line of Duty**



The student is asked if their parent was killed in the line of duty either serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after 9/11 or performing official duties as a public safety officer.

This question is used to determine a student's eligibility for maximum Pell Grant amount.

#### **Student High School Completion Status**



- Student's high school completion status when they start the 2026-2027 academic year.
- For students who graduated high school, they will be asked to enter their high school information.





# **Your Finances**

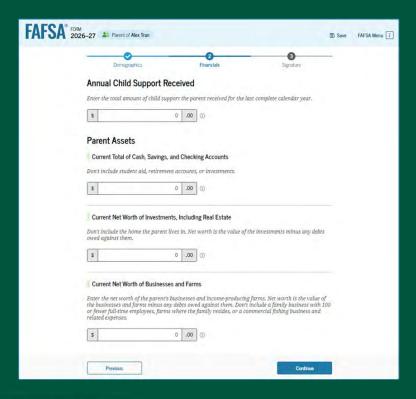
#### Student Tax Return Information





- Student is asked supplemental tax return questions based on their 2024 tax return information (if applicable).
- If IRS information was successfully transferred, information will not need to be manually entered here.
- Please be sure to have your 2024 IRS 1040 tax form and other financial information available to complete this section.

#### **Assets**



Enter amounts based on values as of the day FAFSA is submitted.

#### Assets include:

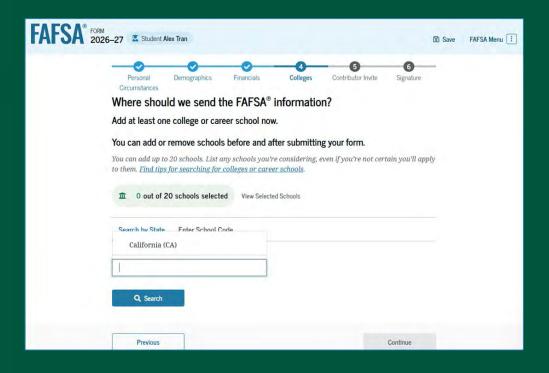
- New Child support received (independent/parent contributor).
- Balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts.
- Net worth of investments such as real estate, stocks, bonds, CDs.
   Don't include primary home that you and your parents live in.
- Net worth of businesses and investment farms. (value minus debt owed against them).
   Don't include family business with 100 or fewer employees.





# Select Your College

#### Selecting Colleges to Receive the FAFSA

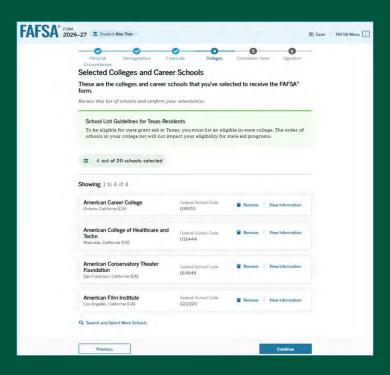


- You may use the search by school name, state, and city to locate the school. You may also enter USF's federal school code.
- Students may select up to 20 schools to send the FAFSA to.

University of San Francisco (USFCA) School Code:

001325

#### **Your Selected Colleges**



Review your schools selected before continuing.

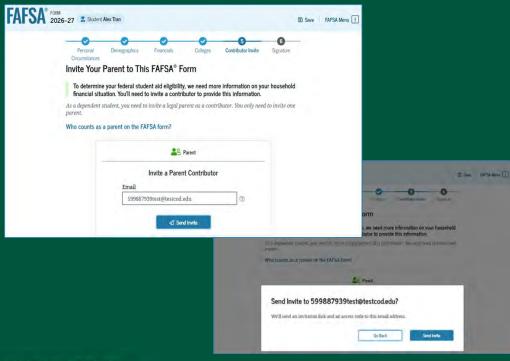
You may go back to add additional schools to receive a copy of your FAFSA electronically or continue.





# Inviting Parent as a Contributor

## **Dependent Students: Inviting Parent Contributors**



Dependent students will be asked to provide an email address to send an invite to their parent contributor to complete their required portion of the FAFSA.

Parent contributor will then access the FAFSA by accepting the invitation in the email.

#### **FAFSA Review Page**



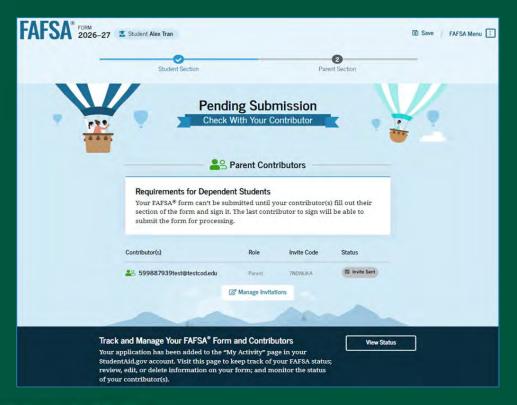
The review page displays the responses provided on the FAFSA. Before signing the FAFSA, review all sections to ensure accuracy and edit any responses as needed.

#### Signature Page



- Read and acknowledge the terms and conditions provided in this section.
   After agreeing to the terms and conditions and signing the signature page, you will now be able to submit the FAFSA.
- If a contributor is invited to complete their required section of the FAFSA, the FAFSA is not considered complete and cannot be processed until they submit their portion.

#### **FAFSA Submission Page**



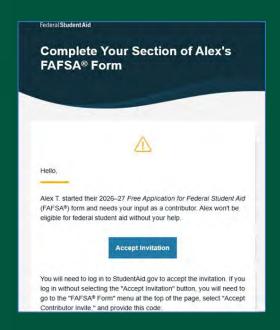
- The FAFSA submission page displays information about next steps for the student.
- Student is reminded that their FAFSA form is not completed and can't be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it.
- Check and track the status of the FAFSA form.
- Manage contributor invites.





### Contributor View

#### **Contributor's Email**



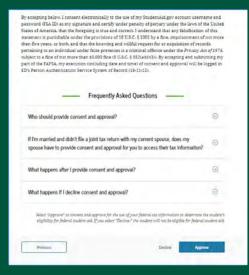


This demonstrates the view of the email contributors receive. Selecting "Accept Invite" will take the contributor to StudentAid.gov. A FSA ID will be required to log in.

Note the invitation code from the email as it will need to be entered.

#### **Contributor: Provide Consent and Approval**

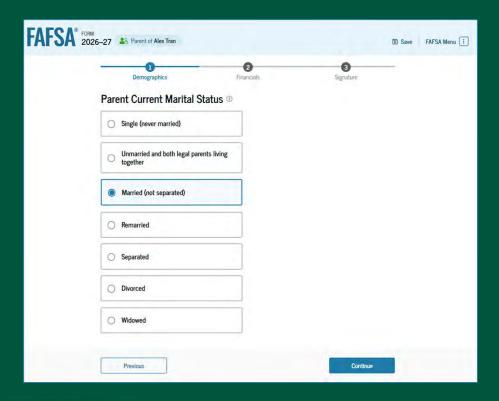




Contributor must provide their consent and approval. By providing consent, the federal tax information will be transferred directly to the FAFSA from the IRS.

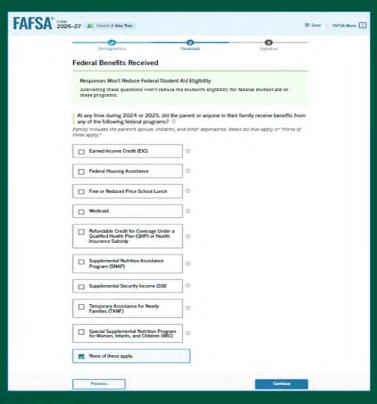
Student will be ineligible for student aid if they do not provide consent.

#### **Parent Current Marital Status**



The parent selects their current marital status as of today.

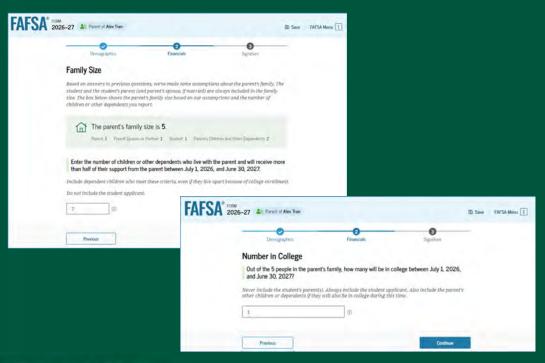
#### **Parent Federal Benefits Received**



This page asks if the parent or anyone in the family has received federal benefits.

Answering these questions will not reduce a student's eligibility for federal student aid or these programs.

# Independent Students and Parents: Family Size and Number In College

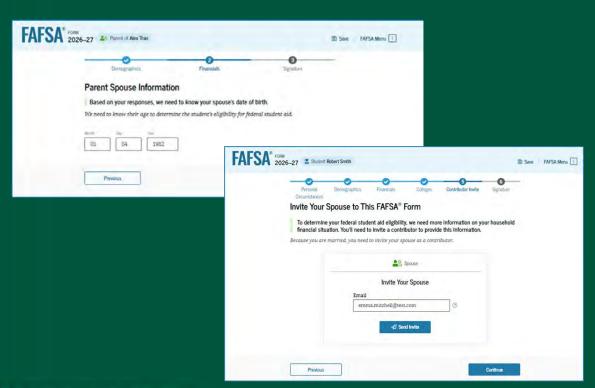


- Family size is pulled in from data on your tax return.
- You will have the opportunity to review the family size and update the number if it is no longer correct.

#### Include

 Children or other dependents who live with the parent and will receive more than half of their support between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027

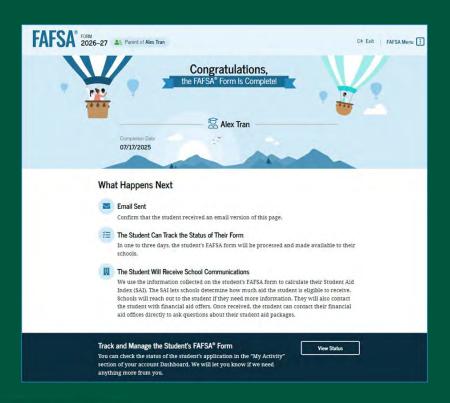
#### Other Parent Information



Parent is asked to provide information about their spouse or partner if married or remarried. If taxes were filed joint, they will not be asked to invite the other parent as contributor.

However, if taxes were filed separately or if marital status is unmarried living together, the other parent will also need to be invited as a contributor to complete their portion of the student's FAFSA.

#### **Contributor Confirmation Page**



- The confirmation page for contributor provides information on tracking the student's FAFSA and next steps.
- Student will receive an email with full detail confirmation.
- Once student and all contributor(s) have signed and submitted their portion of the FAFSA, the FAFSA is now complete!





### FAFSA Submission Summary

#### **FAFSA Submission Summary**

- The FAFSA Submission Summary page shows eligibility overview (Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans), FAFSA form answers, school information, and next steps.
- Displays your Student Aid Index (SAI). This is an index calculated to
  determine your family's need-based financial aid eligibility. This number does
  not represent the dollar amount you are expected to pay.
- See when the FAFSA was reviewed and processed.
- Print or save the FAFSA submission Summary to keep for records.





#### **Congratulations!**

You have successfully completed your 2026-2027 FAFSA!



If you need technical support with the FAFSA form and process, please contact **Federal Student Aid Information Center.** 

#### FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION CENTER

- 1-888-433-3243
- M Email
- Live Chat
- https://studentaid.gov/helpcenter/contact



## Contact the Office of Financial Aid

- **(415) 422-3387**
- Financialaid@usfca.edu
- **Q** Lone Mountain Main- Room 203
- https://myusf.usfca.edu/financial-aid



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### **Thank You!**

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