



New FAFSA Opens - 12/31/23



VASA - 1/24 TBD

# New FAFSA 2024-25



# 1. Updates to FAFSA Form

- **Contributor** is a new term - anyone (student, student's spouse, biological or adoptive parent, or parent's spouse [stepparent]) who is required to provide information and signature. Must also provide consent to have federal tax info transferred from IRS directly.
- The “*parent wizard*” on the FAFSA form will offer filtering questions that determine which parents will need an invitation to be a contributor. The parent wizard will also identify if there's another parent whose information must be included
- Students will be able to include up to **20 colleges** (up from 10)
- The save key has been eliminated on the FAFSA form
- New *demographic questions* about the student's gender, race, and ethnicity are for research only and do not affect aid eligibility

## 2. Required StudentAid.gov Accounts

- Everyone “contributing” to the FAFSA form online must have their own **StudentAid.gov account**
- Parents and other contributors (not including the student) without a Social Security number (SSN) will be able to create a StudentAid.gov account to fill out and sign their section of the student's FAFSA
- Students who are citizens of the Freely Associated States can create a StudentAid.gov account without an SSN

**You Can Create Your Login Now (FSA ID):**

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

### 3. Consent to Transfer Federal Tax Info Online

- All contributors, including the student, must provide **consent/approval** to have federal tax info transferred directly from IRS to FAFSA form
- Required even if the contributor didn't file a tax return
- If the student or another contributor doesn't provide consent and approval, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid—even if they manually enter tax information into the FAFSA form

## 4. Changes to Aid Formulas

- New formulas **expand Federal Pell Grant eligibility** to more students and link to family size, household income, and the federal poverty level
- **The Student Aid Index (SAI)** replaces the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) in the calculation to determine eligibility for need-based funding.  
The formula is: Cost of Attendance – Student Aid Index – Other Financial Assistance = Financial Need
- Federal Pell Grant *lifetime eligibility* has been restored for students who had an eligible federal student loan discharge.

## 5. Independent Youth: homeless, foster, etc.

- There is federal student aid available for students who cannot provide parent information due to unusual circumstances
- Students who are homeless, orphans, former foster youth, or who have unusual circumstances will benefit from simplified questions
- Students who indicate unusual circumstances will be granted provisionally independent status and can submit
- **Financial aid administrators** at individual colleges will make the final determination of a student's dependency status based on the documentation that the student submits to the school

# Resources

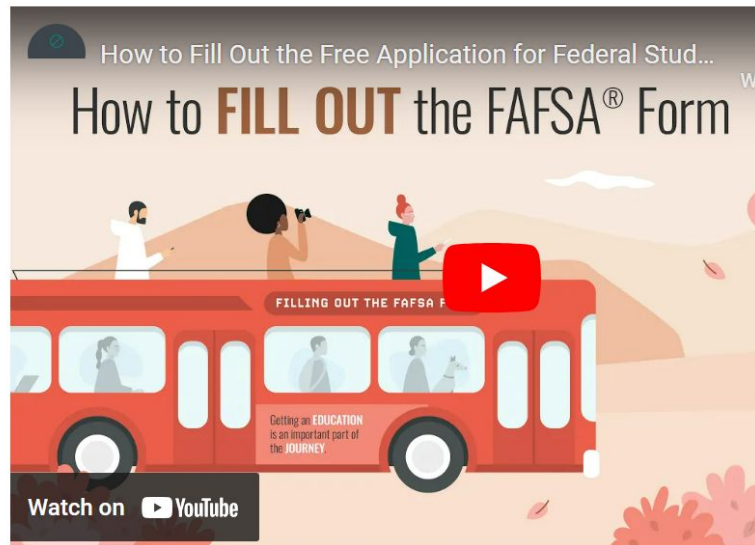
**How to Fill Out FAFSA (ALWAYS a “.GOV” - never pay!)**

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

**Dept of Education - Federal Student Aid Help Videos**

<https://www.youtube.com/@FederalStudentAid/playlists>

## *How To Fill Out the FAFSA® Form Video*



# Start gathering information now for the FAFSA.

Flyer available [here](#).



**Are you a Senior completing the 2024-25 FAFSA?**

**Let's gather everything you need to get started.**

## **Step 1: Secure FSA IDs**

Student and parent must each secure an FSA ID using a unique phone number and unique email address (<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>).

## **Step 2: Gather information and documents**

- 2022 Tax forms and wage statements (W-2, etc)
- Social security number for parents & students (or permanent resident number)
- An FSA ID for both the student & one parent.
- Alien registration card (if you are not a US Citizen)
- Date of birth of parents & students
- Parents' date of marriage (and divorce, if applicable)
- Date you moved to Virginia
- Drivers license (if you have one)
- Current statements for checking, savings & other asset accounts
- Current investment records, including 529 plans or other prepaid college plans
- Military Families: LES (student and/or parents) for any month in 2022

**Need completion help? Beginning January 2, you can schedule an appointment for FAFSA (or VASA) completion support using [appointments@collegeaccessfairfax.org](mailto:appointments@collegeaccessfairfax.org).**



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## Upcoming Events (view prior recordings on our website)

<b>FAFSA/VASA Completion Event (Annandale HS)</b> <i>January 9, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm</i>	<b>FAFSA/VASA Completion Event (Mount Vernon HS)</b> <i>January 11, 2024 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm</i>	<b>FAFSA/VASA Completion Event (Lake Braddock SS)</b> <i>January 16, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</i>
<b>FAFSA/VASA Completion Event (Hayfield SS)</b> <i>January 25, 2024 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm</i>	<b>FAFSA/VASA Completion Event (Falls Church HS)</b> <i>January 30, 2024 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i>	<b>FAFSA/VASA Completion Event (Lewis HS)</b> <i>February 1, 2024 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm</i>

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