

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



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Presentation Highlights

- **What is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
- **Types of Aid**
- **Prepare for the FAFSA**
- **Completing the FAFSA**
- **Next Steps**
- **Questions**

Note: For this presentation, we are showing the 2017-2018 online FAFSA. At the time of this presentation the 2018 – 2019 FAFSA online was not available.

What is the FAFSA?

- The application used for federal student aid programs offered by the U.S. Department of Education (ED)
- Determines the eligibility for state, school and private aid
- Federal, state, school and private aid covers many expenses – tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, computer and dependent care
- Determines the amount you or your family will be expected to contribute to college Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- All federal grant and loan awards are determined by the FAFSA

What is the FAFSA?

- Managed by the Office of Federal Student Aid, part of the Department of Higher Education
- ED awards more than \$150 billion a year in federal aid
- Completing the FAFSA is **FREE**
- Many families with children in college do not file a FAFSA
 - Anyone who fills out the FAFSA will at least qualify for a federally insured, low-cost loan —and perhaps other valuable aid such as Pell grants.

Types of Available Aid

Grants are typically awarded on the basis of need and generally do not have to be repaid.

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants
- Iraq and Afghanistan Service

Types of Aid Available

- Federal Work-Study Program
- Federal Perkins Loan Program
- The William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program
- State government aid
- Aid from the college
- Scholarships

Prepare for the FAFSA

- **Seniors** – Families who have a senior in high school will complete their first FAFSA in October of senior year and will renew the FAFSA each year they attend college
- **Deadlines: Federal, State, School (2018-2019)**
 - Federal – June 30, 2019
 - State – www.fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines
 - School – check with school (ask – is it the date the school receives your FAFSA or when your FAFSA was processed)
 - FAFSA Corrections – September 30, 2019
- **Filing Options:**
 - FAFSA on the web – www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - PDF FAFSA
 - Paper FAFSA
 - FAFSA by telephone
 - Hearing impaired – TTY line 800-730-8913

Prepare for the FAFSA

Create a FSA ID

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Student and one Parent must have one
- Used as electronic signature
- Used to access National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)

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Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

Prepare for the FAFSA

- Your Social Security Number
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your 2016 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student (**Note:** You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
- Records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans non-education benefits, for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate but not including the home in which you live; and business and farm assets for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student
- An FSA ID to sign electronically.

IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

The IRS **Data Retrieval Tool** allows applicants who have already filed their federal income tax returns to prefill the answers to some questions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by transferring **data** from their federal income tax returns. This can save the family some time in completing the FAFSA.

- Feature within the online FAFSA that allows you to access your tax info from the IRS and then transfer the data into your FAFSA
- DRT was turned off for the 2017-2018 FAFSA due to personal identity and security issues
- DRT will be available for the 2018-2019 FAFSA (October 1, 2017)
- Data transferred from the IRS DRT will be masked
 - Information successfully submitted: Families will see -
Transferred to the IRS

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Student Login

Select **Enter your (the student's) FSA ID** to enter your username and password. Only the student should log in with an FSA ID.

Or
Select **Enter the student's information** to enter the student's name, Social Security Number and date of birth. (You may have to enter your FSA ID later in the process)

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Student Information

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Instructions are provided for each FAFSA question in the Help and Hints section on the right side of the page and are also available by clicking **Need Help?** at the bottom of the page.

Enter either your (the student's) FSA ID or personal information to log in to FAFSA on the Web.

Enter your (the student's) FSA ID OR Enter the student's information

Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.

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Help and Hints

Login Options

The FSA ID, which consists of a user-created username and password, replaced the PIN effective May, 2015. It allows users to electronically access personal information on Federal Student Aid Web sites as well as electronically sign a FAFSA.

Select one:

Enter your FSA ID (only the student should log in with an FSA ID).

Or

Enter the student's name, Social Security Number and date of birth. (You may have to enter your FSA ID later in the process.)

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Welcome, GDIT DATA!

Fill out your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)!
To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started.

For which school year are you applying for financial aid?

2017-2018 school year **START 2017-2018 FAFSA**

2016-2017 school year **START 2016-2017 FAFSA**

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

FSA ID Last Time, Date FSA ID Used: 4:09, 04/20/2016

FSA ID Status:
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You can use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA.

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Save key
The save key is used temporarily by the student or parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA.

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The Save Key is for temporary use for you or your parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA.

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Re-enter Save Key
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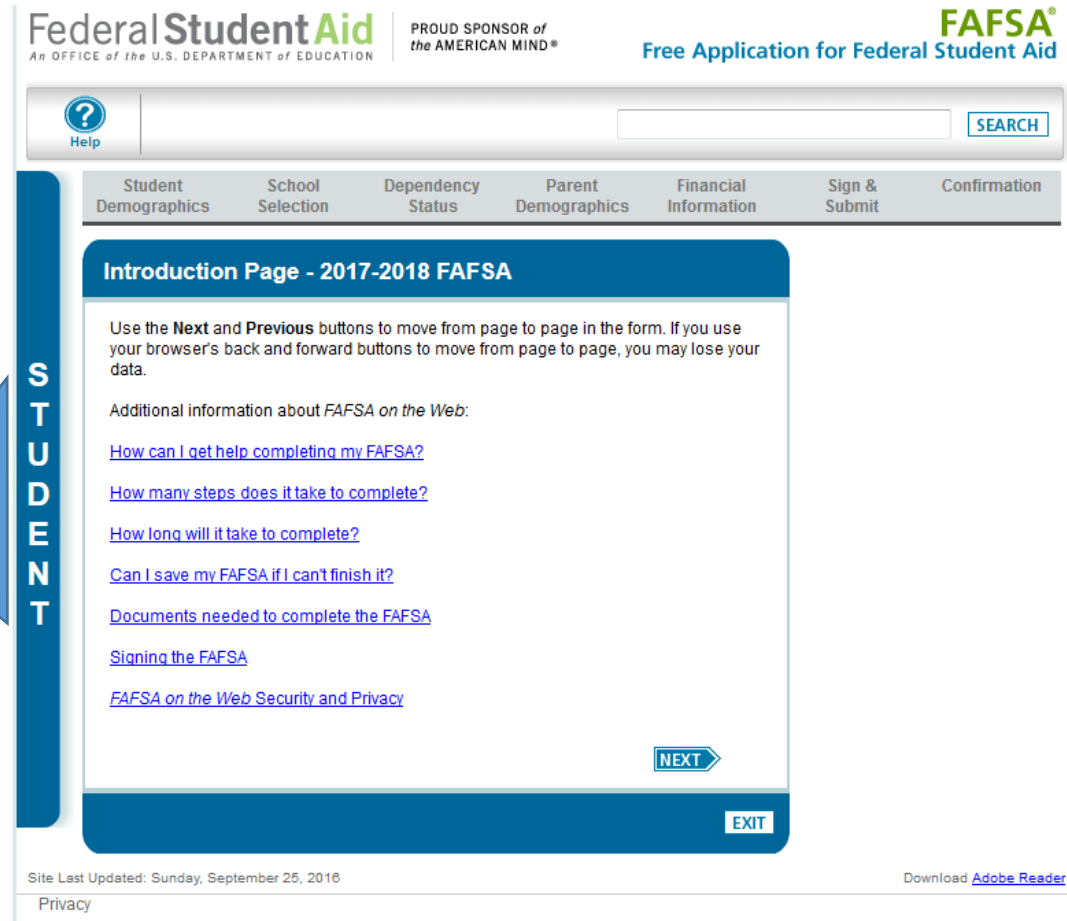
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Re-enter Save Key
You must re-enter your save key to verify that it is correct.

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Introduction Page



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top, it features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo with the text 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION' and 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. To the right is the 'FAFSA®' logo and the text 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid'. Below this is a search bar with a 'SEARCH' button and a 'Help' icon. A navigation menu includes 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Financial Information', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The main content area is titled 'Introduction Page - 2017-2018 FAFSA' and contains instructions on using 'Next' and 'Previous' buttons, a list of helpful links, and 'NEXT' and 'EXIT' buttons. A vertical 'STUDENT' label is on the left side of the content area. At the bottom, it says 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 25, 2016' and 'Download Adobe Reader'. A 'Privacy' link is at the bottom left.

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Introduction Page - 2017-2018 FAFSA

Use the **Next** and **Previous** buttons to move from page to page in the form. If you use your browser's back and forward buttons to move from page to page, you may lose your data.

Additional information about *FAFSA on the Web*:

- [How can I get help completing my FAFSA?](#)
- [How many steps does it take to complete?](#)
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Student Demographic Information

Your last name: Hudson | Your first name: Tricia | Your middle initial: []

Your Social Security Number: 308-47-2132

Your date of birth (mmddyyyy): 01/11/1963

Are you male or female?
 Male Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number): []

Your city (and country if not U.S.): [] | Your state: Select

Your ZIP code: []

Have you lived in your state for at least 5 years?
 Yes No

Your telephone number: []

Your e-mail address: []

What is your marital status as of today?
Select

Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide?
 Yes No

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Student's Last Name Question 1

This is your proper last name, not a nickname, and it must match exactly the name on your Social Security card. Remember to only use letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), apostrophes ('), dashes (-), or blanks (spaces). No other characters are allowed.

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Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?
Select

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2017-2018 school year?
Select

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2017-2018 school year?
Select

What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2017-2018 school year?
Select

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?
Select

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2017-2018 school year?
 Yes No

Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?
Select

Highest school completed by Parent 1
Select

Highest school completed by Parent 2
Select

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Student's Citizenship Status

Question 14

You must select the option that indicates your citizenship status.

Select **U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)** if you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

Select **Eligible noncitizen** if you are:

- A U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551), or a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the

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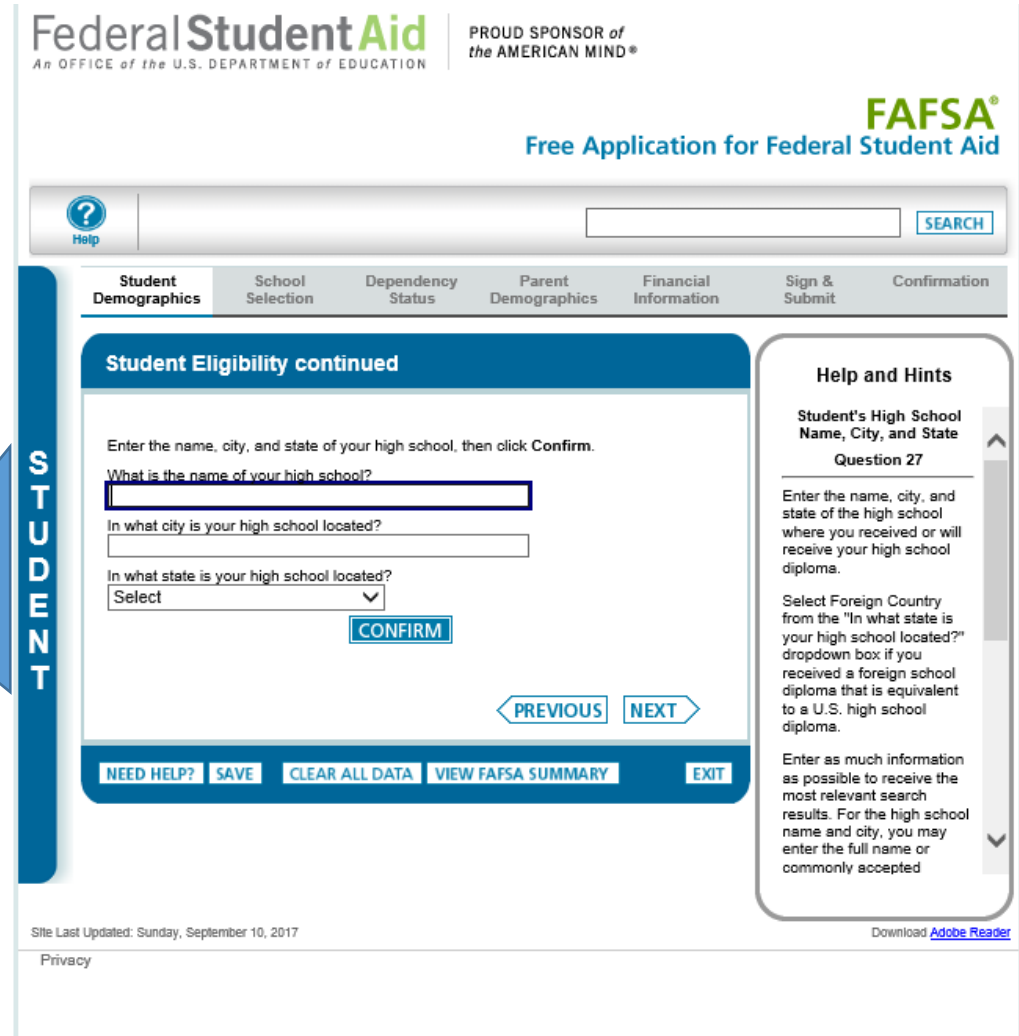
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Student Eligibility continued

Enter the name, city, and state of your high school, then click Confirm.

What is the name of your high school?

In what city is your high school located?

In what state is your high school located?
Select

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Student's High School Name, City, and State
Question 27

Enter the name, city, and state of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma.

Select Foreign Country from the "In what state is your high school located?" dropdown box if you received a foreign school diploma that is equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma.

Enter as much information as possible to receive the most relevant search results. For the high school name and city, you may enter the full name or commonly accepted

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School Selection

i ▪ Tricia, based on the information you provided, we have determined that you may qualify for federal student aid. Continue through the application for us to determine how much aid you can receive.

✓ ▪ Application was successfully saved.

You can add up to 10 colleges to your FAFSA. If you know your college's school code, use the option to the right to search. If you need help finding your college, use the state (required), city (optional), and school name (optional) fields to begin your search.

All of the information you include on your FAFSA, with the exception of the list of colleges, will be sent to each of the colleges you list. In addition, all of your FAFSA information, including the list of colleges, will be sent to your state student grant agency.

State: (dropdown) Federal School Code:

City: (optional) OR

School Name: (optional)

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Dependency Status



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Dependency Determination

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Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018?
 Yes No

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2018?
 Yes No

Your number of family members in 2017-2018 (household size)

How many people in your household will be in college in 2017-2018?

You are considered an **"independent"** student. This means you are not required to answer questions about your parents.

However, you may want to answer questions about your parents if:

- you are a law school or health profession student (such as a medical or nursing student), or
- your school requires parental information from all students.

Do you want to answer questions about your parents?
 Yes No

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Does Student Have Children He / She Supports?
Question 51

Select **Yes** if you have children **and** they are receiving more than half of their support from you (and if married, your spouse).

Select **Yes** if you are expecting a child who will be born before or during the school year, and you (and if married, your spouse) will provide more than half of the child's support.

Select **No** if you do not have children. Also select **No** if your children are **not** receiving more than half of their support from you (and if married, your spouse).

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Dependency Determination

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Were you born before January 1, 1904?
 Yes No

As of today, are you married?
 Yes No

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
 Yes No

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018?
 Yes No

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2018?
 Yes No

Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
 Yes No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
 Yes No

At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
 Yes No

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
 Yes No

Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
 Yes No

On or after July 1, 2016, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
 Yes No

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Is Student Homeless or At Risk of Being Homeless?

Select **Yes** if any time after July 1, 2016, you were homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

Select **No** if you are not homeless or at risk of being homeless.

- Homeless means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing.
- You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go.

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Dependency Status Results

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, you are considered a **dependent student**. This means you must provide **parental information**. Select "I will provide parental information" and click **Next** to continue to Parent Demographics.

If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA without parental information. Select "I am unable to provide parental information" and click **Next** to get additional information.

I will provide parental information
 I am unable to provide parental information

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Dependency Status Results

For dependent students, a special circumstance is a situation that exists between the student applicant and his or her parent(s) which prevents the student from providing parental information.

Select **I will provide parental information** to continue to Parent Demographics.

Select **I am unable to provide parental information** to get additional information about special circumstances.

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Parent Demographics Information

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As of today, what is the marital status of your legal [parents](#) (biological and/or adoptive)?

Your parents' e-mail address

Have your parents lived in Indiana for at least 5 years?
 Yes No

Your parents' number of family members in 2017-2018 (household size)
If you are not sure who is considered a family member, click **Household Size** to answer the questions on the worksheet.
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How many people in your parents' household will be college students between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018? Do not include your parents.

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Parents' Marital Status
Question 59

You must select the answer that describes your [parents'](#) marital status **as of today**.

"Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent or a person determined by the state to be a parent (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). If one of your parents is widowed or divorced and has remarried, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, widowed stepparents, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you.

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Parent Demographics Information

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What was your legal **parents'** (biological and/or adoptive) marital status on the day you submitted your FAFSA? **Married or Remarried**

When did your parents get married or remarried? Enter the month and year. (mmyyyy) **02/2004**

Which parent's information will be provided? **Blank**

What is your Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) Social Security Number? **XXX-XX-0003**

What is your Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) last name? **STUDENT**

What is your Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) first initial? **R**

What is your Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) date of birth? (mddy) **01/01/1984**

What is your Parent 2 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) Social Security Number? **XXX-XX-0002**

What is your Parent 2 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) last name? **STUDENT**

What is your Parent 2 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) first initial? **P**

What is your Parent 2 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) date of birth? (mddy) **05/01/1965**

Your parents' e-mail address **demo@fafsatest.com**

Re-enter your parents' e-mail address **demo@fafsatest.com**

What is your parents' state of legal residence? **Pennsylvania**

Did your parents become legal residents of Pennsylvania before January 1, 2011? **Yes**

When did your parents become legal residents? Enter the month and year for your parent who has lived in the state the longest. (mmyyyy)

Your parents' number of family members in 2016-2017 (household size) **HOUSEHOLD SIZE** **5**

If you are not sure who is considered a family member, click **Household Size** to answer the questions on the worksheet.

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Parents' Marital Status

Question 59

You must select the answer that describes your **parents'** marital status **on the day you submitted your FAFSA**.

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Parent Tax Information

- Attention! You must provide financial information from your mother's 2015 tax return on the following pages.
- Application was successfully saved.

For 2015, has your mother completed her IRS income tax return or another tax return?

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Parents Filed 2015 Income Tax Return? Question 80

This question asks whether or not your [parents](#) have filed or will file a 2015 income tax return. If your parents are now married (even if they were not married in 2015) answer this question about them as a couple. If your parents are either not married, divorced, separated, or widowed, answer this question about the parent who is reporting financial information on this application.

Select the option that indicates your parents' 2015 income tax return filing status:

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Parent Financial Information

What type of income tax return did your mother file for 2015?

What was your mother's adjusted gross income for 2015? This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 37.
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How much did your mother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2015? This amount is the total of IRS Form 1040-lines 7+12+18.
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As of today, is your mother a dislocated worker?

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Parents' Type of 2015 Tax Form Used

Question 81

If your parent uses the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and transfers his / her information from the IRS into your FAFSA, the answer to this question will be pre-filled and identified as "Transferred from the IRS."

If the answer to this question is not pre-filled, you must select the income tax return that your parents filed or will file for 2015:

- IRS 1040
- IRS 1040A or 1040EZ
- A foreign tax return
- A tax return for a U.S. territory or a Freely Associated State

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Parent Financial Information continued

Enter the amount of your mother's income tax for 2015. This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-lines (56 minus 48).
.00

Enter your mother's exemptions for 2015. This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 6d.

Did your mother have any of the following items in 2015? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

2015 Additional Financial Information

- American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit
- Child support paid
- Taxable earnings from Work-study, Assistantships or Fellowships
- College grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS
- Combat pay or special combat pay
- Cooperative education program earnings

2015 Untaxed Income

- Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans
- IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
- Child support received
- Tax exempt interest income
- Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- Untaxed portions of pensions
- Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to military, clergy, and others
- Veterans noneducation benefits
- Other untaxed income not reported such as workers' compensation or disability benefits

As of today, does the total amount of your mother's current **assets** exceed \$13,200.00?
 Yes No

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Parents' 2015 U.S. Income Tax Paid
Question 86

If your parent uses the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and transfers his / her information from the IRS into your FAFSA, the answer to this question will be pre-filled and identified as "Transferred from the IRS."

If the answer to this question is not pre-filled, enter your **parents'** total tax amount for 2015.

Click the "More" link for additional instructions on how to answer if your parents filed separate tax returns or one parent did or will file and the other will not file.

Financial Information Parent

As of today, does the total amount of your mother's current **assets** exceed \$13,200.00?
 Yes No

As of today, what is your mother's total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?
 \$.00

As of today, what is the net worth of your mother's investments, including real estate (not your mother's home)?
 \$.00

As of today, what is the net worth of your mother's current businesses and/or investment farms? **Don't include** a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.
 \$.00

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Financial Information Student



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Student Tax Information

For 2015, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Select

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Student Filed 2015 Income Tax Return? Question 32

You must select the answer that describes your tax filing status:

- Already completed
- Will file
- Not going to file

If you indicate you "Will file" a 2015 tax return and your 2015 income is similar to your 2014 income, use your 2014 income tax return to provide estimates for questions about your income. If your income is not similar, click **Income Estimator** for assistance estimating your adjusted gross income, and answer the remaining questions about your income to the

STUDENT



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Financial Information Student

The screenshot displays the FAFSA application interface. At the top, it features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo with the text 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION' and 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. To the right, it says 'FAFSA® Free Application for Federal Student Aid'. Below this is a search bar with a 'SEARCH' button and a 'Help' icon. A navigation menu includes 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Financial Information' (which is highlighted), 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The main content area is titled 'Student Financial Information' and contains the question: 'How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2015?'. A text input field shows '\$ 00'. Navigation buttons include 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT'. At the bottom of the form area are buttons for 'NEED HELP?', 'SAVE', 'CLEAR ALL DATA', 'VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY', and 'EXIT'. On the left side of the form, a vertical blue bar contains the word 'STUDENT'. On the right, a 'Help and Hints' sidebar provides instructions for using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, specifically for non-married and married students. At the bottom of the page, it states 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 10, 2017' and includes links for 'Privacy' and 'Download Adobe Reader'.



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✔ Application was successfully saved.

[VIEW OR PRINT YOUR FAFSA INFORMATION](#)

Are you a preparer?
 Yes No

Student Signature

Student's Social Security Number: XXX-XX-2132

Student's last name: Hudson

Student's date of birth: 01/11/1996

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN, username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you:

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

I, the student, agree to the terms outlined above.
 Agree Disagree

What is your (the student's) FSA ID?
 Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the student.

FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address:

FSA ID Password:

Don't have an FSA ID? [Create an FSA ID.](#) It takes only a few minutes.

[Other options to sign and submit](#)

SIGN

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Are you a preparer?

A preparer is anyone who charges a fee for helping you fill out your FAFSA. If a fee was paid to someone for advice or for completing this form, that person must complete this section.

Typically high school counselors, school financial aid administrators, or other mentors do not charge a fee to help you complete your application, so they are not considered preparers unless you paid them for their services.

If you are a preparer, select Yes.

Parent Signature

Information about the Mother:

Mother's Social Security Number:

Mother's last name:

Mother's date of birth:

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN, username and password, and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE PARENT, certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked:

1. to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form
2. to provide U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid I, the parent, agree to the terms outlined above.
 Agree Disagree

What is your (the parent's) FSA ID?
 Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the parent.

FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address: [Create an FSA ID](#)

FSA ID Password: [Forgot Username](#)
[Forgot Password](#)

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Data Release Number (DRN): 9999

Congratulations, LARRY! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid and has been processed.

What Happens Next

- In 7-10 business days, we will mail you a Student Aid Report (SAR) notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

School(s) on your FAFSA:

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Additional Information from College Navigator
ALABAMA AGRCLTL & MECHL UNIV	35%	66%	NA	NA

Eligibility Information

[Expected Family Contribution](#) (EFC) = 999999

The EFC is a measure of how much you can contribute to the cost of your education. Schools use your EFC to determine your federal student aid eligibility.

The EFC is not how much aid you will receive or how much you have to pay for college.

Based on the [eligibility criteria](#), you may be eligible for the following:

[Pell Grant](#) Estimate - \$825.00

[Direct Stafford Loan](#) Estimate - \$6,500.00

You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.

In addition, you should learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit* (AOTC).

You and your parent(s) indicated that you were going to file your taxes and were providing estimated 2015 tax information. Once you and your parents have filed your tax return, you must update the information you reported on the FAFSA to reflect the actual information from the 2015 tax return you and your parents filed. If you filed a federal tax return with the IRS, when you access your FAFSA online, you may be eligible to use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#), which is the best and easiest way to provide accurate tax information. With just a few simple steps, you and your parents can view information from your IRS tax return and transfer that information directly into your FAFSA.

If you have questions, visit www.fafsa.gov and click the "Help" icon on the FAFSA home page.

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Next Steps

- FAFSA online –processed within 3 –5 business days
- FAFSA paper –processed within 10 business days
- Student Aid Report(SAR)
 - Summary of FAFSA information –review for accuracy
 - Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - Data Release Number (DRN)
 - FAFSA Verification
 - Make corrections if necessary

Next Steps

- Institutional Student Information Record
 - (ISIR) Schools will receive this which is a summary of your FAFSA
- Financial aid award package/letter
 - Not all colleges listed on FAFSA will send an award package/letter (check with FAO)
 - Receive mid-march
 - Compare packages/letters
 - May 1st-decision

Questions

- Know who can answer your questions
 - On-line –Help Box offered for each question
 - Paper –pages 1, 2, 9 and 10
 - 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)
 - TTY 1-800-730-8913
 - Tax questions –consult a tax advisor
 - College Access Counselor –scheduler and email
 - <http://www.studentchoice.org/college-access-counselor/>

Thank You for Attending

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