The Financial Aid Process for 2022-2023

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The first F in "FAFSA" stands for "free!"

There are websites at which students can get help filing the FAFSA® form **for a fee**. These sites are not affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Do not to pay these sites for assistance that is provided for free at ED's website.



What is FAFSA® and Financial Aid?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid-Standard free form that collects information about the student and the parent.
- Financial Aid Funds provided to students to help pay for educational expenses.





FAFSA

- Information used to calculate the <u>Expected Family Contribution</u> (EFC)
 - Measure of <u>2020</u> taxable and untaxable income and <u>current</u> assets of both student and parent
 - Other factors = family size, number in college and other demographic info such as marital status and the age of the older parent.
- Colleges use the <u>EFC</u> to determine financial aid eligibility
 - For the 2022-2023 academic year, the FAFSA may be completed beginning

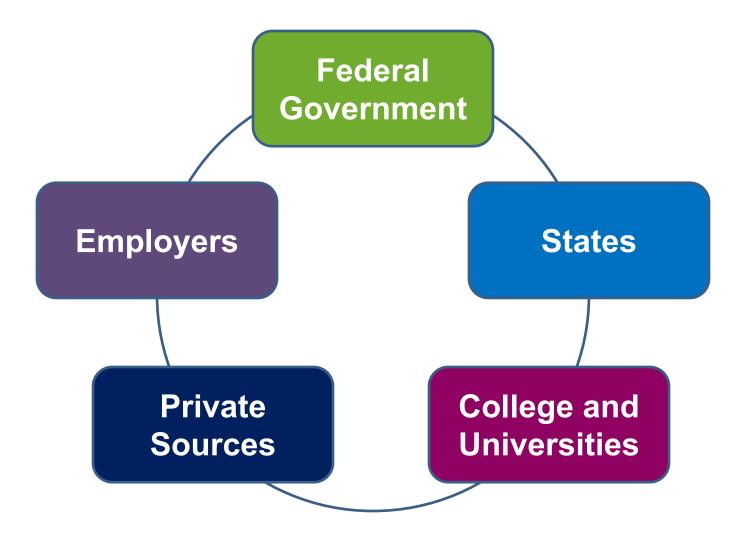
October 1, 2021

- NOTE: Re-apply/submit the FAFSA every year
- The earlier you file, the earlier you may receive your aid offer and the more aid you may be offered
- Most colleges set <u>FAFSA filing priority dates</u>
- Admissions process vs. Financial Aid process





Sources of Financial Aid





FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

- Built-in edits to prevent costly errors
- Skip-logic allows student and/or parent to skip unnecessary questions
- Option to use Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
 Data Retrieval Tool to import tax data
- More timely submission process
- Detailed instructions
- Simplified process in future years



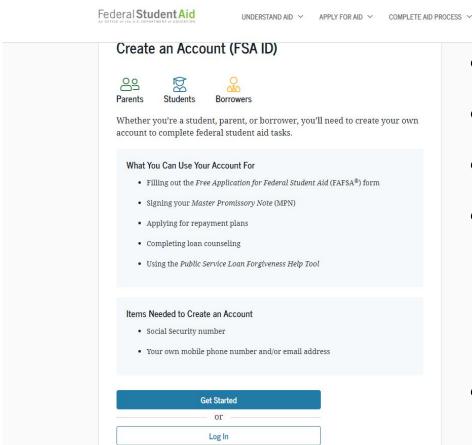
Federal Student Aid ID

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

- The FSA ID is the <u>electronic signature</u> for the FAFSA
- Used by students and parents throughout financial aid process, including subsequent school years
 - FAFSA Corrections
 - FAFSA Renewal
 - Student Loan Promissory Note Signatures
- Only the owner should create an FSA ID
- Each student must have their own FSA ID
- One parent must have their own FSA ID



FSA ID

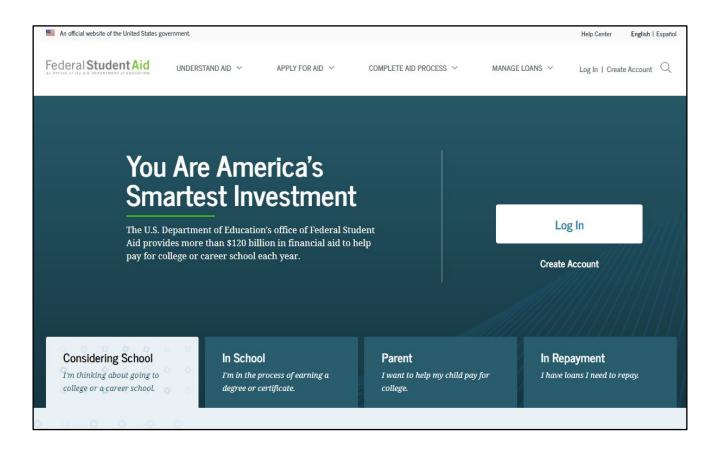


- Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Email address
 - Not High School Email
 - May only use an email one time
- Mobile Phone Number
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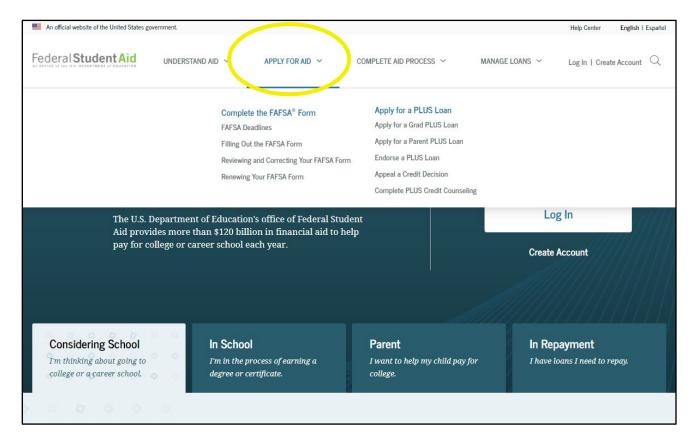
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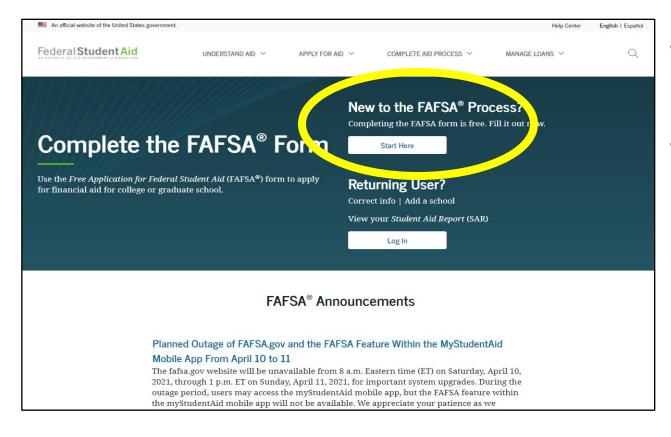


Apply for Aid





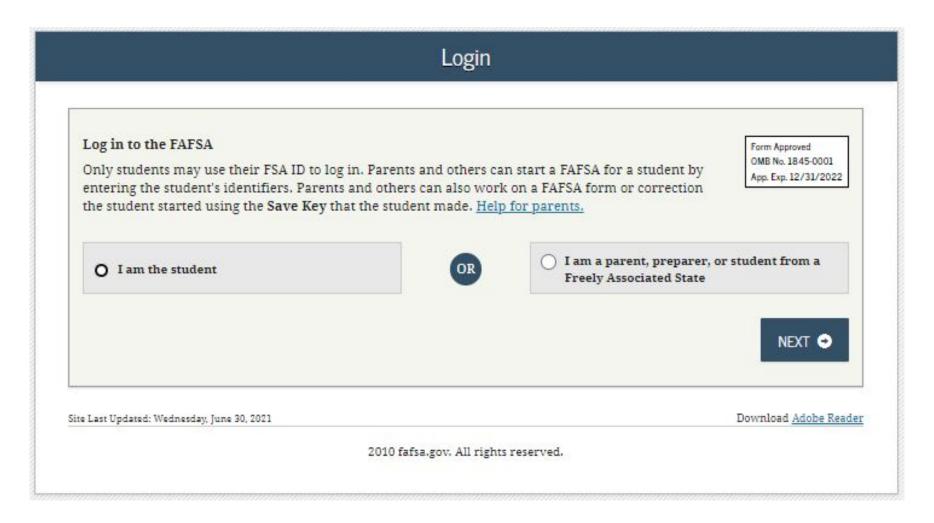
FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)



- Begin with "Start Here"
- Once student record is established you will Log In each time

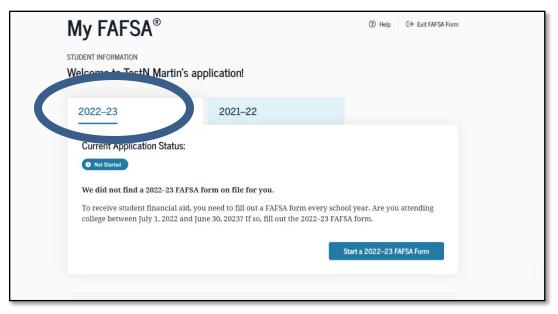


FAFSA on the Web Login





FAFSA/Award Year



- Until October 1 the only FAFSA year available is 2021-2022
- Seniors in High School now will file the 2022-2023 FAFSA, available on October 1, 2021
- Two years will be displayed on October
 be sure to select:

2022-2023

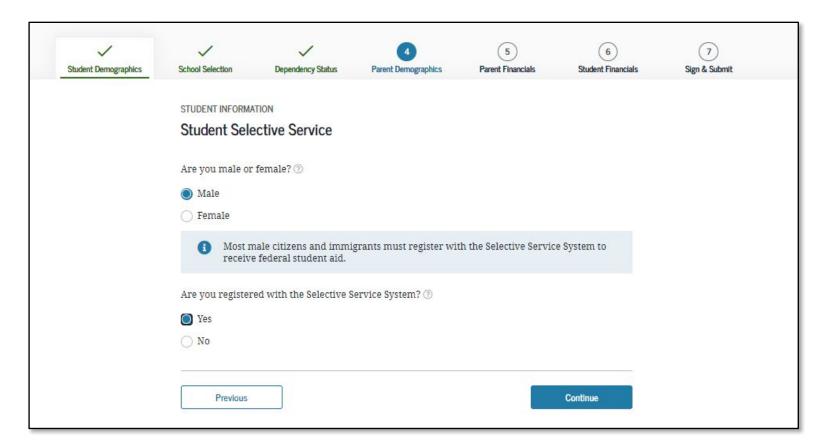




- Filing the Wrong FAFSA year
- Failing to use student's legal name
- Missing financial aid deadlines
- Transposing digits or inserting extra digits
- Using incorrect Social Security Numbers/Date of Birth
- Submitting wrong parent's financial information/not including step-parent
- What to include for investment/net worth



Selective Service

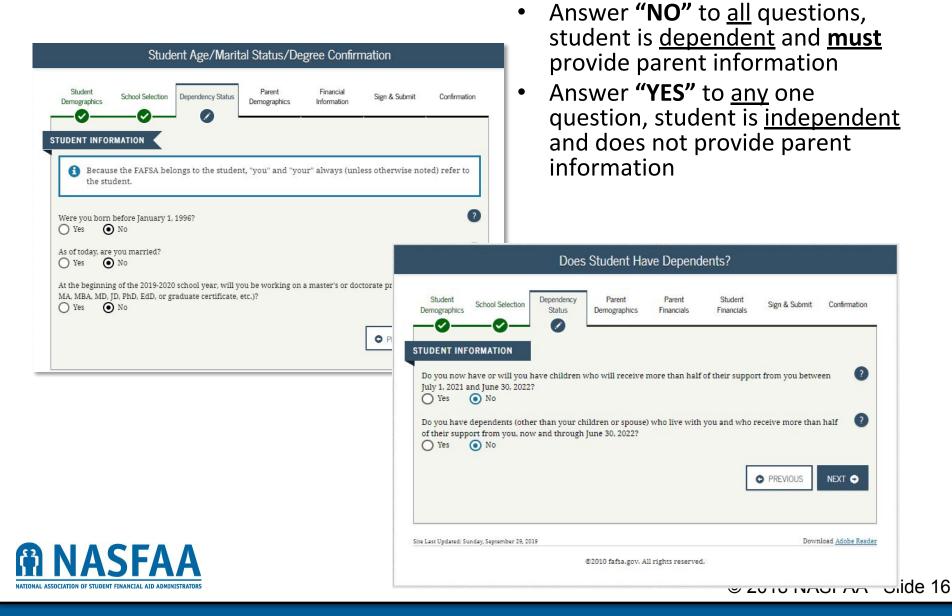


Reminder to register with SS

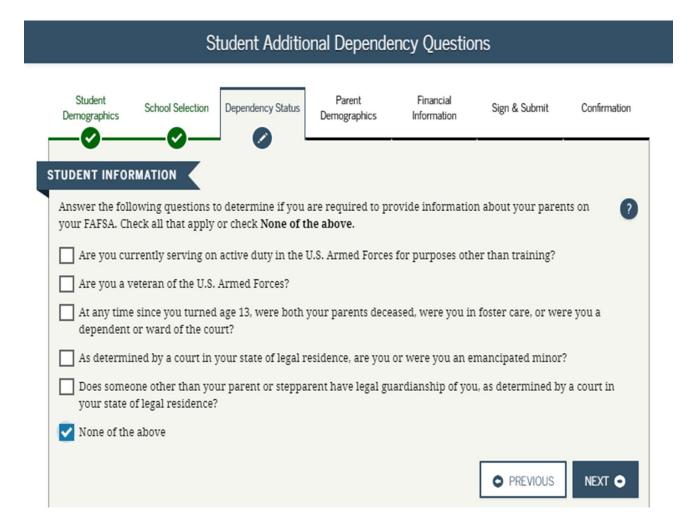
The answer does not impact aid eligibility.



Dependency Status Determination



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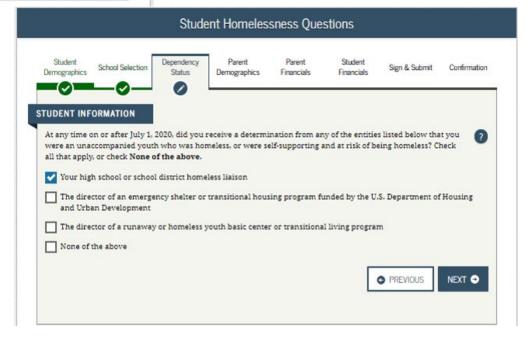




Homeless/at Risk For Homelessness

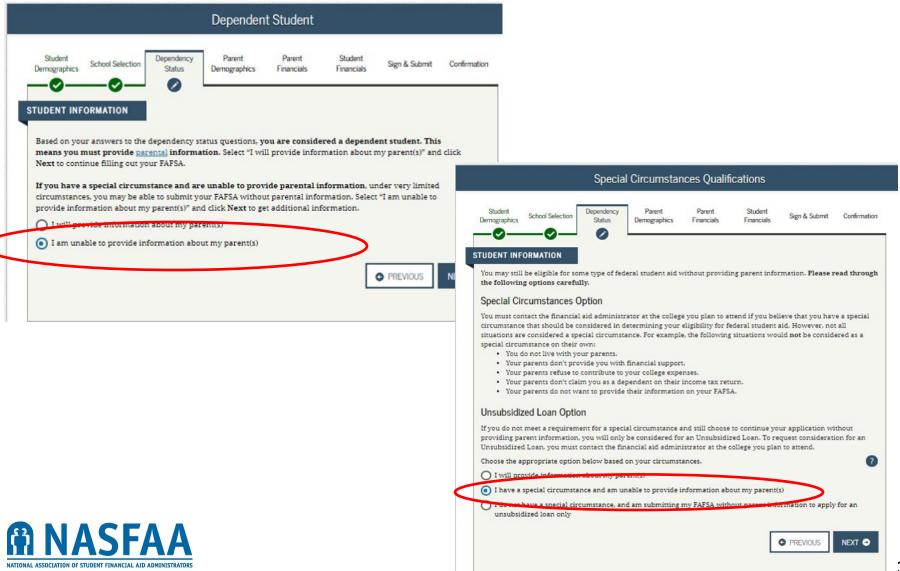


If applicant falls in this category, they will skip parental information and be considered Independent.





Student is determined to be Dependent but has Special Circumstances



Dependency Special Circumstances

Examples of Special Circumstances

- Both parents are incarcerated
- Student left home due to an abusive environment
- Student is estranged from both parents
- Student does not know where parents are and are unable to contact them

Not a Special Circumstance

- Student does not live with parents
- Parents do not provide student financial support
- Parents refuse to contribute to college expenses
- Parents do not claim student as a dependent on tax return
- Parent refuses to complete the FAFSA

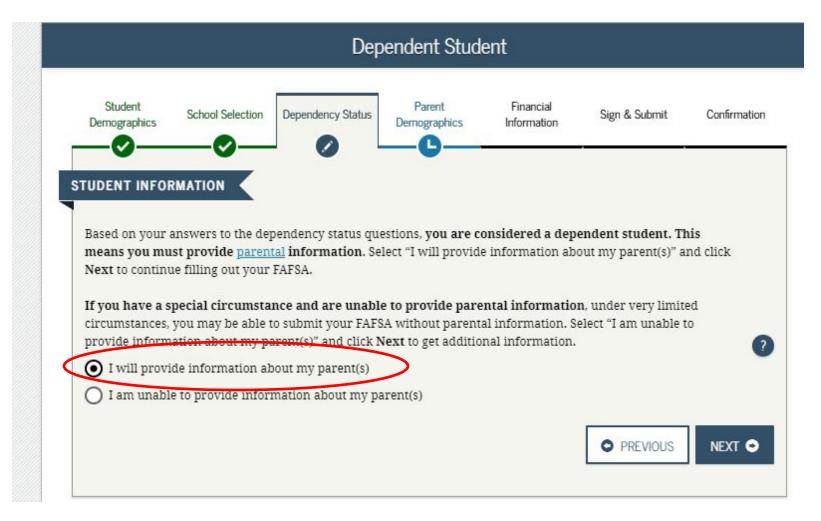


Dependency Special Circumstances

- A dependent student with special circumstances may submit the FAFSA without parental information.
- The student should follow-up with the financial aid office at the college(s) they have applied to explain and document their circumstances.
- If the college finds the circumstance and documentation acceptable, they will update the FAFSA to override the student status to Independent.



Student is determined to be Dependent





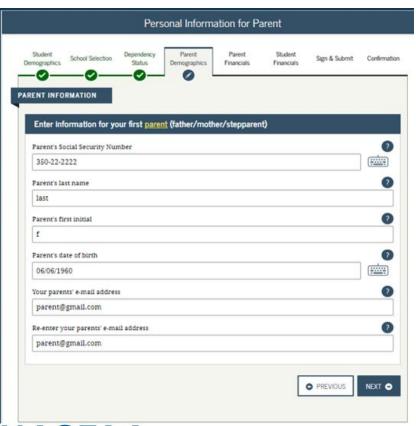
WHO is the Parent for the FAFSA?

- Biological or Adoptive Parent(s)
 - If not married BUT living together report <u>BOTH</u> parents
- If parents are divorced:
 - Provide information for the parent you lived with most during the last 12 months
 - If you did not live with 1 parent more than the other, the parent who provided the <u>most</u> financial support <u>during</u> the last 12 months or most recent year you received support
- Include Step-parent information
 - Regardless of any 'agreements'

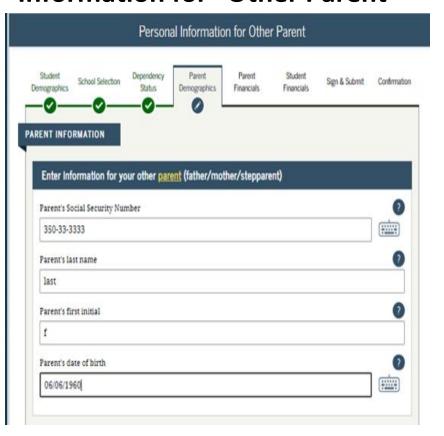


Parent Information

Information for Parent #1

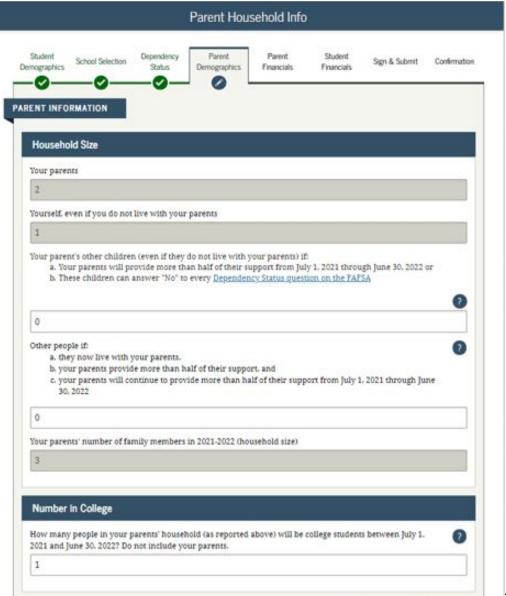


Information for "Other Parent"





Household Information



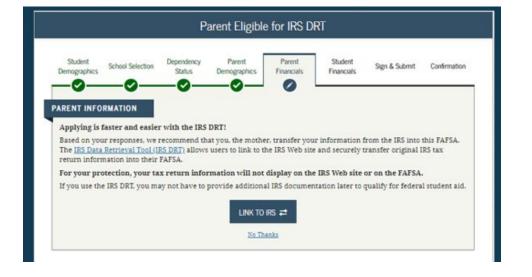


IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

- Allows for certain tax return information to be transferred from the IRS database
- Participation is voluntary and student/parent chooses whether to transfer data to FOTW
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity
- If tax record is found, IRS transfers information to populate the FAFSA
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office
- Certain tax filers cannot use the DRT



Eligible for IRS DRT







Net worth of investments (As of 'today')

- Cash, Savings, and Checking
- Investments/Business/Farm Value
 - Current/market value minus debt = Net Worth
 - Real estate (not home you live in), trust funds, money market and mutual funds, CD's, stocks, bonds, commodities
 - Education benefits/savings accounts (Coverdell, 529, refund value of prepaid tuition plans)
 - Asset of the parent not student
 - Must include value of <u>ALL</u> accounts owned by parent

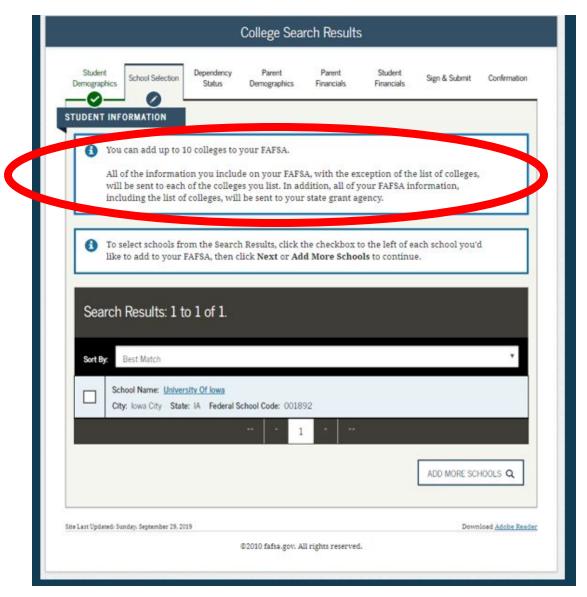


Assets **NOT** included on the FAFSA

- Value of your primary residence
- Value of Life Insurance
- Traditional Retirement Plans
- Cash, Savings, Checking already reported
- Business or farm with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees
- Family Farm you live on and operate

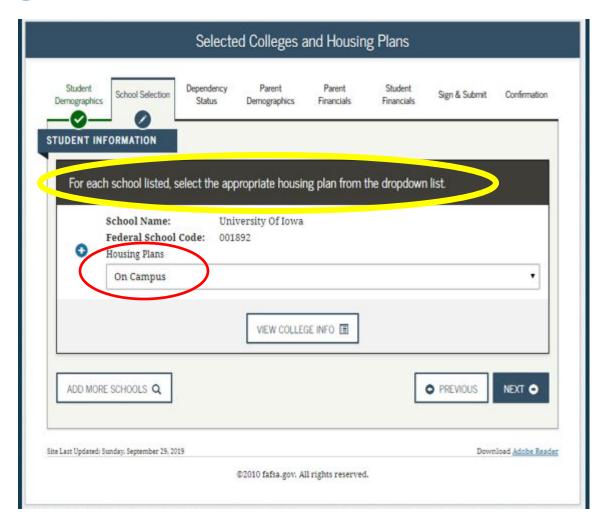


School Selection





Housing Plans



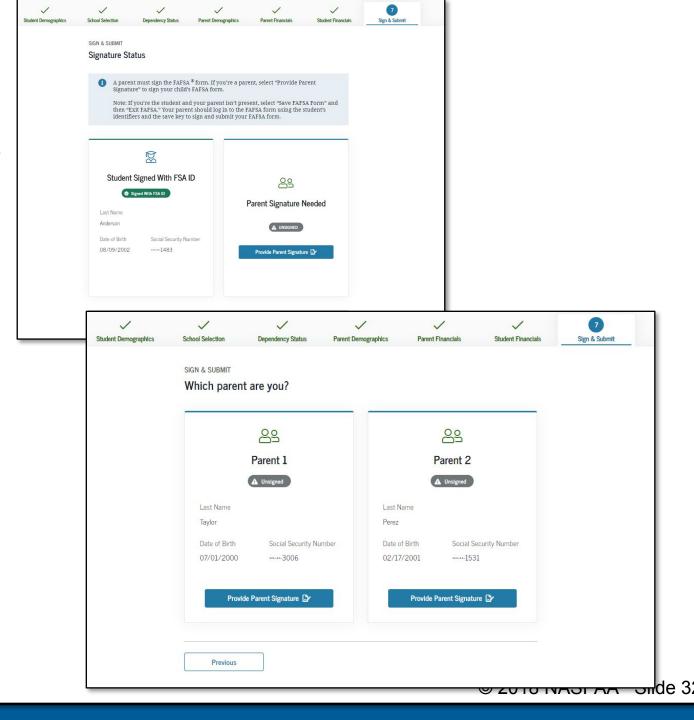


Sign

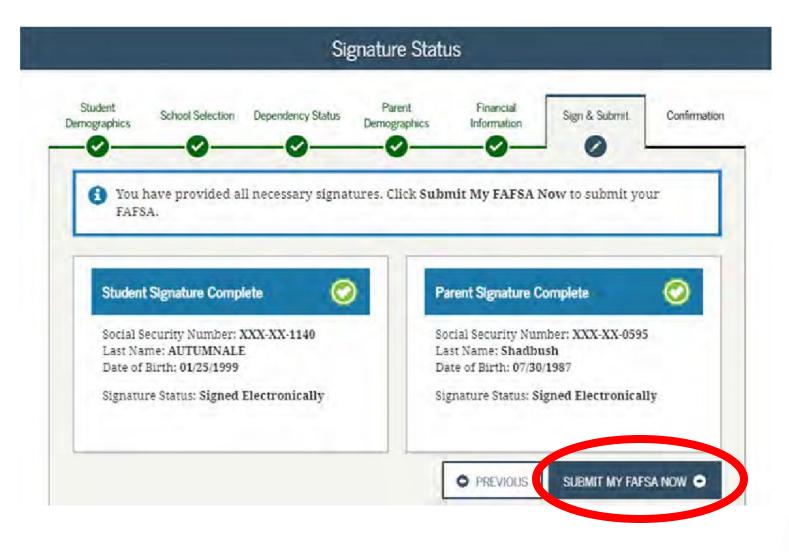
Other options to sign and submit

- ✓ Print signature page <u>OR</u>
- ✓ Submit without signatures
- ✓ "View or Print your FAFSA information





Submit



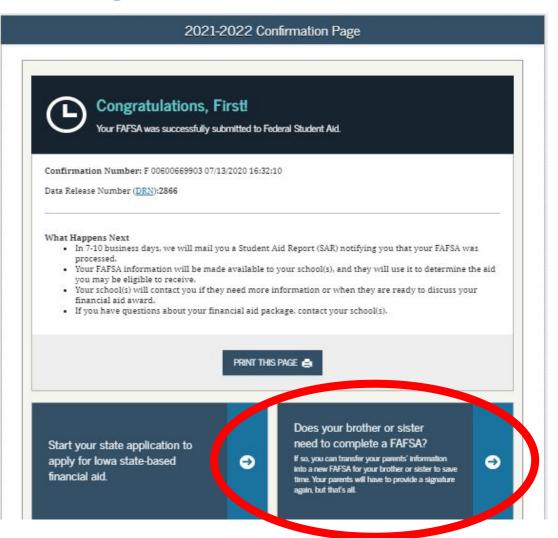




Confirmation Page

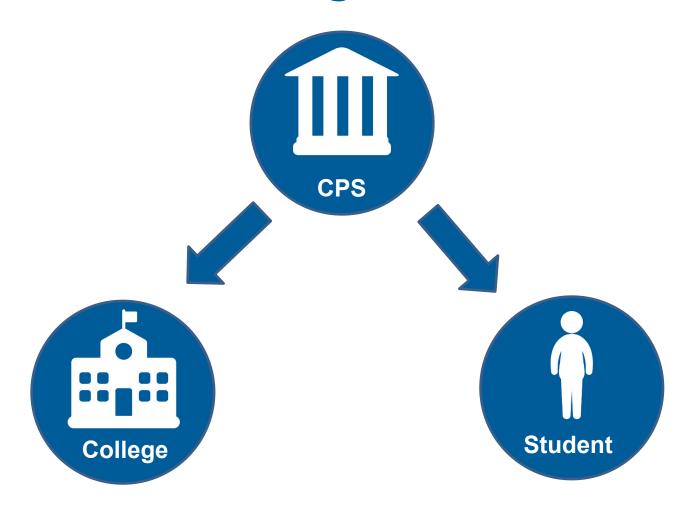
Includes -

- Confirmation Number
- ✓ EFC estimate
- Pell Grant and Direct Loan estimates
- Option for parents to transfer info to an application for a sibling





FAFSA Processing Results





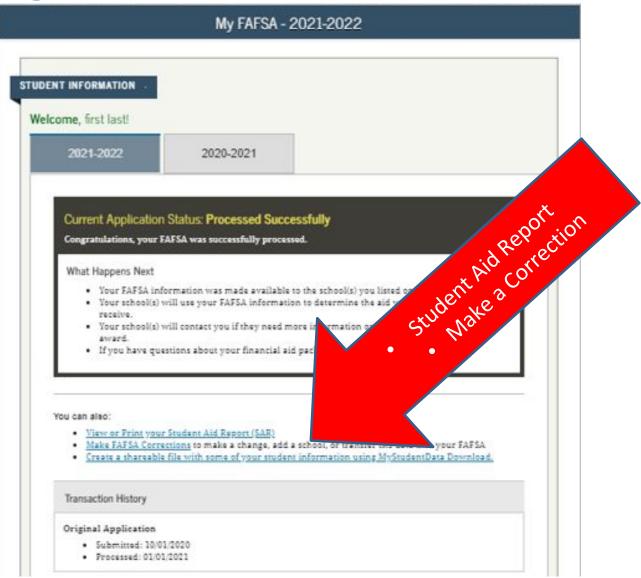
Making Corrections

 Corrections to FAFSA data may be made on FAFSA on the Web

- Add more schools
- Correct any mistakes (school may ask you to document)
- Do not UPDATE data such as assets/savings

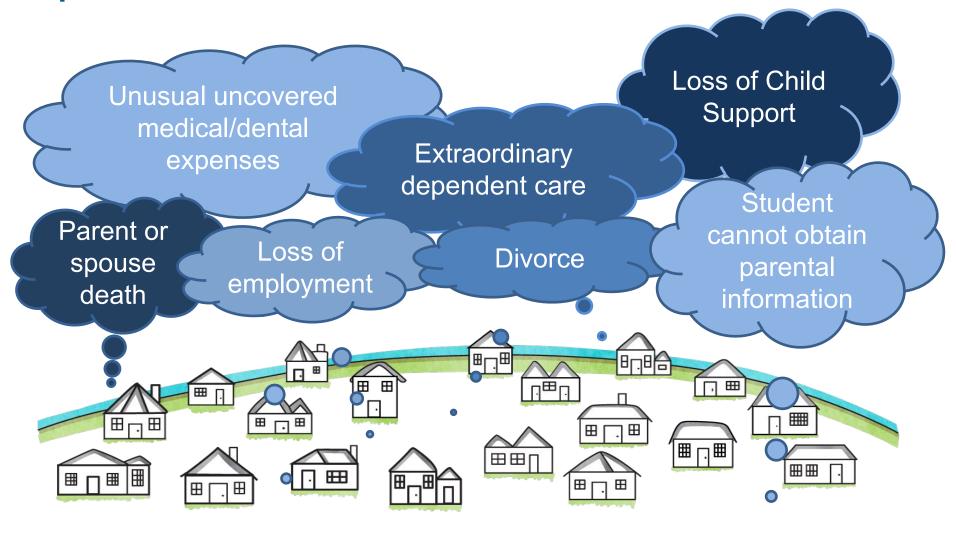


Processing Results





Special Circumstances





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- Conditions exist that cannot be documented with the FAFSA
- Send written explanation and documentation to your college's financial aid office
- College will review and request additional information if necessary
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education



Financial Aid Office reviews FAFSA

May request additional information

- Verification of Income
- Household size/Number in college

Determines Financial Aid Offer

- Usually emailed
- Amount of Aid awarded from each program
- How and When aid is disbursed
- Terms and Conditions of student's award



College Communications with the student

- Most colleges/universities use a school portal
 - an online resource that students can access to register for classes, view financial aid and billing.
- Most colleges/universities use a school assigned email account
 - students are required to activate and check regularly.
 - Schools will begin to communicate with the student primarily through this email account.



College Communications with the student

 Once a student enrolls in college, their college record (academics and finances) become protected under FERPA and students would need to give parent/guardian permission to access this information if they choose.
 EXAMPLE Below:

Designee Information				Find	First 1 of 1 Las
Person/Org Person					
First Name	Last Name		Access Code		What is This?
Phone	Email		Relationship		
Notes					
Academic Information	tion Release	More Information			
Account Information	on Release	More Information			
Financial Aid Infor	mation Release	More Information			



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