

Looking at the Financial Aid Process



We'll Discuss

- Types of Aid
- First Steps and Info.
- FAFSA Overview
- After You Submit
- We're Here to Help



Types of Aid

Types of Financial Aid

Gift Aid

- Grants
- Scholarships

Self-Help Aid

- Savings
- Student Employment
- Loans



Grants

Federal

- Pell Grant (Max: \$7,395)
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) (\$100 to \$4,000)
- TEACH Grant (\$3,772)

State of Indiana

- 21st Century Scholars
- Frank O'Bannon Grant
- William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship
- Workforce Ready Grant

Visit INvestEdIndiana.org/Grants



Need Based vs. Merit Based

- Where to look for scholarships:

FREE National Search Sites

College/University

Local/Community

- School Counselor
- Community Foundation
- Business & Employer
- Church & Civic Organizations

Visit [INvestEdIndiana.org/Scholarships](https://InvestEdIndiana.org/Scholarships) for more information

Enter the INvestEd

\$1,000

Scholarship Giveaway!

- No essay required
- Need to be 16 or older
- Not based on GPA
- Must live in Indiana

Enter at: INvestEdIndiana.org/1000



Student Employment

Benefits

- Earn money to pay for college & minimize student loans
- Job & interview experience
- Build time management skills

Options

- Federal Work-Study
- Working Part-time
- Internships

Federal Direct Loans Rate: 6.53% and Fee 1.057%

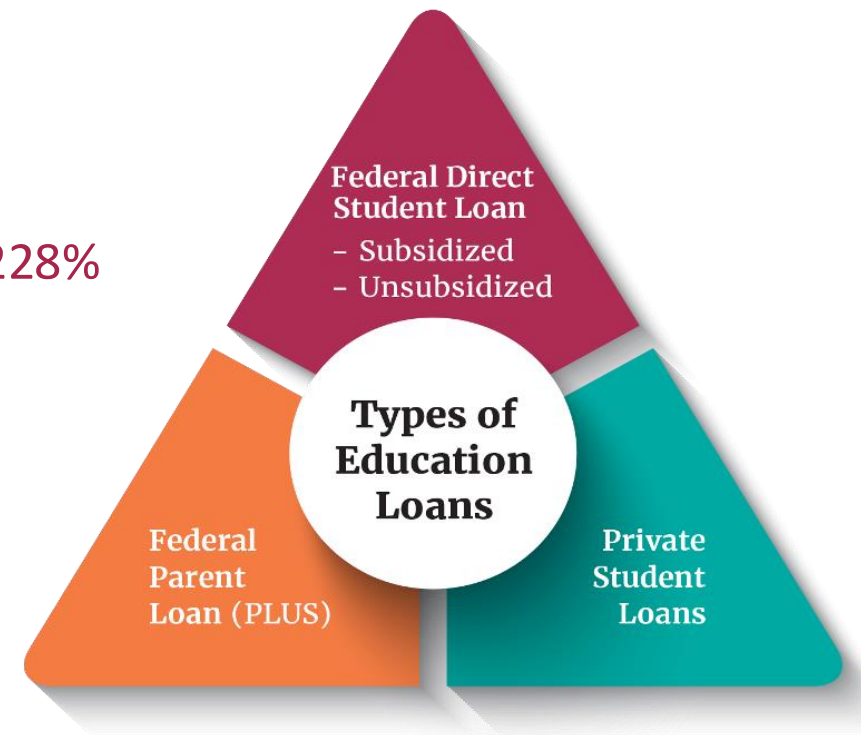
- Student's Loans
- Subsidized & Unsubsidized
- Annual Limits

Federal Direct PLUS Loans Rate: 9.08% and Fee 4.228%

- Parent's Loans
- Eligibility impacted by adverse credit

Private Student Loans Rate: Varies and Fee None

- Student and Cosigner's loan
- Eligibility based on credit score and income





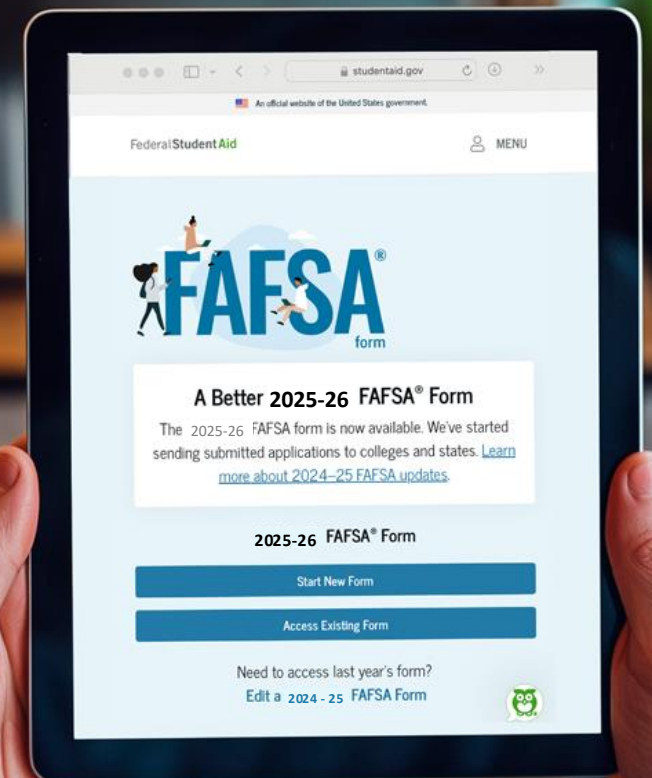
First Steps & Info.

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

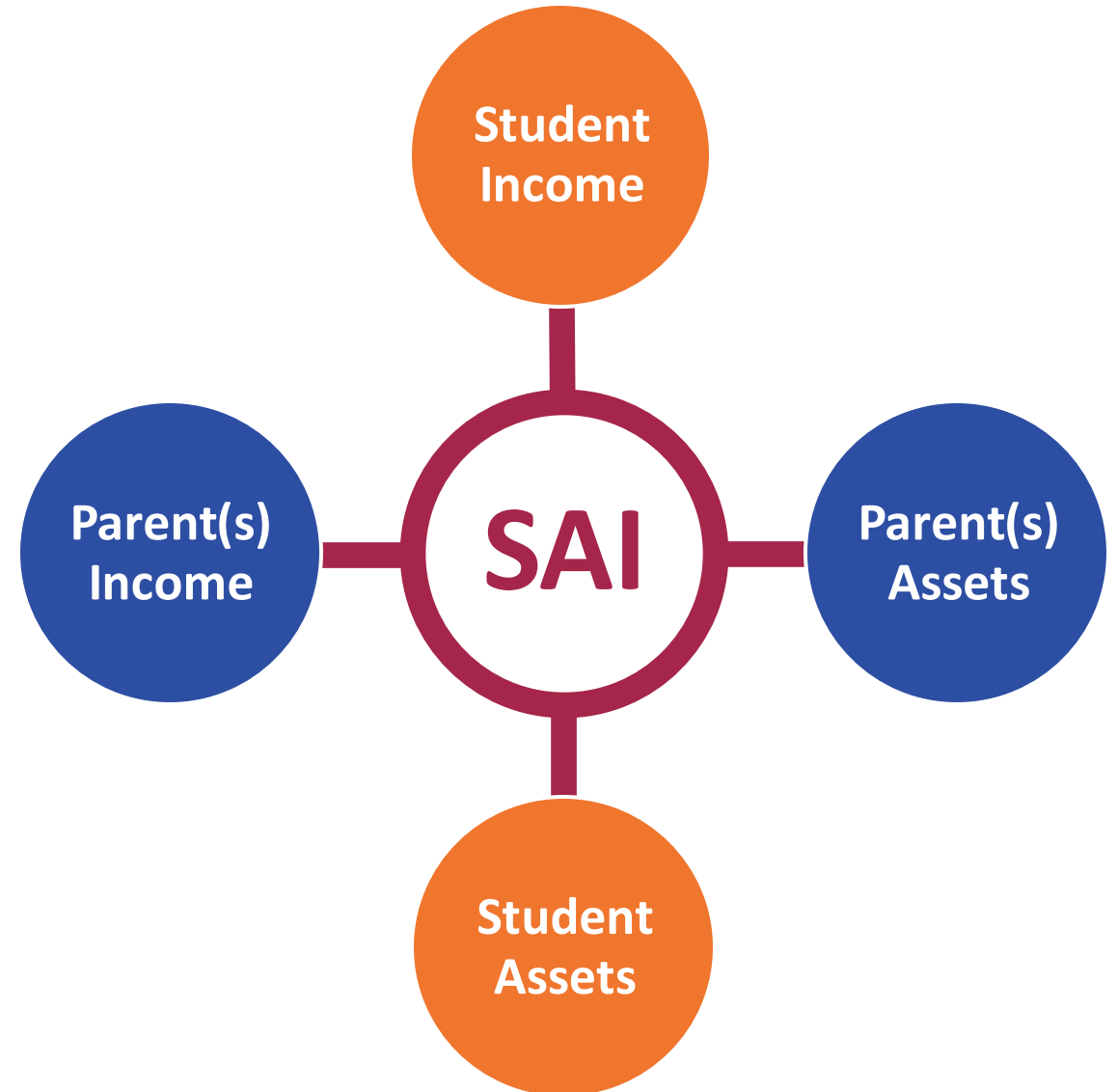
- Annual application for most forms of fin. aid
- Basis for determining:
 - Federal Funds
 - Grants
 - Work-study
 - Loans
 - State of Indiana Grants
 - Some Institutional funds
- Calculate Student Aid Index

Visit studentaid.gov



FAFSA calculation

- Based on income, assets & family data
- Used by the college to calculate your financial aid offer



Visit [INvestEdIndiana.org/FAFSA](https://InvestEdIndiana.org/FAFSA)

User account unique to each person

- Student uses to login to FAFSA & sign electronically
- Contributors (parent, parent's spouse, student's spouse) use to sign electronically
- Student & contributors can **NOT** use the same email or phone number (used for two-step verification)

Note:

- FSA ID must be set up & confirmed before filing the FAFSA



Need help creating you FSA ID? Visit INvestEdIndiana.org/FAFSA



FAFSA Overview

- Opens on October 1st each year
- Uses completed tax data (prior/prior)



HS Graduation Year	FAFSA Year	Academic Year (Attending College Between:)	FAFSA Open Date	Tax Year Data
2025	2025-2026	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	October 1, 2024*	2023
2026	2026-2027	July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	October 1, 2025	2024
2027	2027-2028	July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2028	October 1, 2026	2025

Know deadlines

- State of Indiana priority deadline – **April 15th**
- Colleges—Ask them



Start FAFSA



- [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- Login using FSA ID
- Select Your Role
 - Student
 - Contributor (Parent)
- FAFSA Onboarding

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website homepage. At the top, the navigation bar includes the Federal Student Aid logo, dropdown menus for FAFSA, Loans & Grants, Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness, and links for Log In and Create Account. The main content area features a large banner with the text "Get Money to Pay for School" and "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." Below this, there are buttons for "Start a New Form" and "Edit Existing Form" for the 2025-26 FAFSA Form. A secondary banner asks if the user needs to access last year's form, with a link to "Start or Edit a 2024 - 25 Form". A section titled "Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In" includes dropdown menus for "School Year" and "State of Residence", a "Find Deadlines" button, and a link to "View All FAFSA Deadlines". At the bottom, there are three informational cards: "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.), and "What Do I Need?" (A list of requirements: Verified StudentAid.gov account, Social Security Number, Parent or spouse contributor email addresses, and Income and asset information, if required).

Confirmation and Consent



Confirm Information

- Check Identity Info (SSN, Address, etc.)

Provide Consent

- Providing consent from both student & contributor(s) is required to receive aid
- Consent allows the FAFSA to pull IRS data

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 interface for Student Raya Tran. The page title is "Student Identity Information" and it includes a prompt: "Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward." The information listed is: Name: Raya A. Tran; Date of Birth: 05/05/1995; Social Security Number: ****-1234; Email Address: rayaatran@gmail.com; Mobile Phone Number: (555) 555-5555. A note at the bottom states: "To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to Account Settings."

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[®] 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 2023¹ tax return information for the 2025-26¹ FAFSA form.

→ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

→ FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

Dependency Determination:

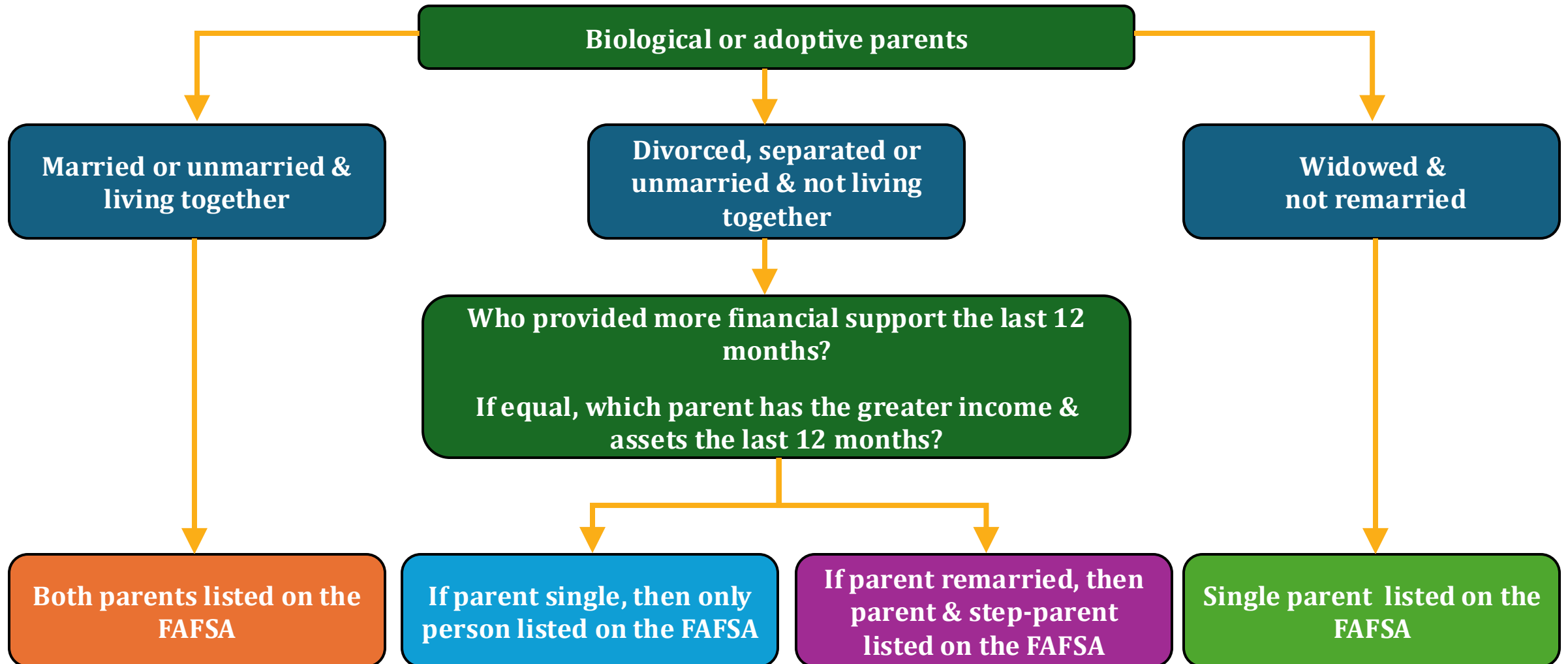
- Born before January 1, 2003
- Graduate/professional student
- Student marital status
- At risk of being homeless
- Additional situations

Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply.

- The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.
- The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.
- The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 20XX and June 30, 20XX.
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court. ?
- At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.
- The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
- The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.

Who is the Parent



School Selection



Select colleges you want to receive your FAFSA information

- List up to 20 colleges
- Encouraged to list at least one college from Indiana
- Can always update schools

Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials **Colleges** Signature

Where should we send your FAFSA?

Search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA® information.

You can add up to 20 colleges to your FAFSA form.

0 of 20 Schools Selected View Selected Schools

Search by School Name Search by School Code

State
Calif
California (CA)

School Name - optional

Search

Rice University Burlington, California (CA)	Federal School Code B09773	+ Select
Rhodes College Centerville, California (CA)	Federal School Code E89235	+ Select
Smith College Lexington, California (CA)	Federal School Code G92383	+ Select
Macalester College Madison, California (CA)	Federal School Code 038412	+ Select
Wellesley College Springfield, California (CA)	Federal School Code F09983	✓ Selected

Search and Select Schools

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Review, Sign & Submit



- Student reviews all entered information
- Student agrees and signs their part of the FAFSA

Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges **5** Signature

Sign and Complete Your Part

Summary

This page confirms you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA form, and that you have filled it out accurately to the best of your ability.

The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your FSA ID. Because this is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (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

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

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

- information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
- 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 programs electronically using a username and password, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person identified by the username and password, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that username and password, and/or any other credential to anyone else. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Sign Your FAFSA Form

I, **Raya Tran**, agree to the terms outlined above

Cancel Submit

Student Section Complete



- Next steps for student
- The form is not completed until the contributor(s) completes & signs their sections of the form

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2025-26 Student Section Complete page. At the top, it says 'FAFSA FORM 2025-26' and 'Student Raya Tran'. A banner reads 'You're Almost There! The Student Section is complete!'. Below this, there's a section for 'Parent Contributors' with 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 a date of 12/31/24. At the bottom, there's a section titled 'Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors' with instructions on how to manage the application.

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status
Alcina Tran	12/31/24	Invite Sent
Travis Tran	12/31/24	Invite Sent

This sidebar provides next steps for the student. It includes a 'Check Your Email' section with the email address rayaatran@gmail.com. A second section states 'Your FAFSA Form Still Needs Contributor Information' and notes that contributors will receive an email invitation every seven days. Below this is a 'Things You Should Know' section with two links: 'View Your FAFSA Submission Summary' and 'Questions About Your Eligibility For Aid?'. At the bottom, there is a recommendation for parents to complete their section and a link to 'Provide Parent Information Manually'.



Parent Info.

Contributor/Parent Info



Invitation Email

- Log In
- Accept Invitation

My Activity

Your Student Wants Your Help on a FAFSA Form

Raya Tran has identified you as a parent on their 2025–26 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

Parents are required to provide their financial and demographic information on the student's FAFSA form. This does not make you financially responsible for Raya's educational costs or any federal student loans they decide to accept.

[Visit the FAFSA Help Center](#)

Accept Invitation

Decline Invitation



By accepting this invitation, you agree to share your personal and contact information from your StudentAid.gov account on the student's FAFSA form. Once you accept, your information will be linked to this form.

Federal Student Aid

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 [\[Help topic title\]](#).

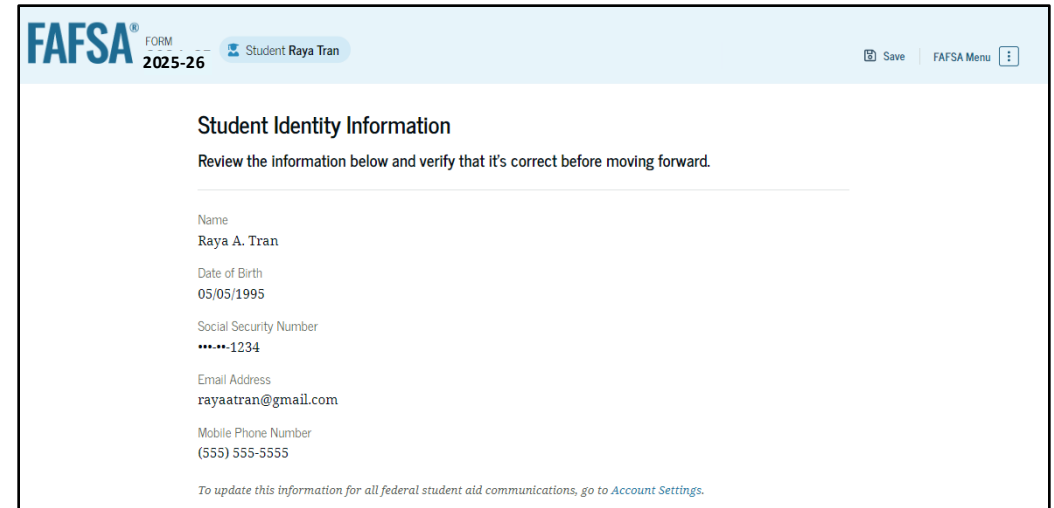
Log In

Confirm Information

- Check Identity Info (SSN, Address, Etc.)

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FAFSA[®] FORM 2025-26 Student Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Student Identity Information

Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.

Name
Raya A. Tran

Date of Birth
05/05/1995

Social Security Number
••••-1234

Email Address
rayaatran@gmail.com

Mobile Phone Number
(555) 555-5555

To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to Account Settings.

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→ Get your 2023¹ tax return information for the 2025-26¹ FAFSA form.

→ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

→ FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

Importing Your IRS Info.



After Consent

- IRS Data is automatically imported into your student's FAFSA

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FAFSA Form 2025-26 Student Raya Tran

Save | FAFSA Menu

We're securely importing your information.

Do not leave this page while your information is being imported into your application.

Loading..

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FAFSA Form 2025-26 Student Raya Tran

Save | FAFSA Menu

We're securely importing your information.

Success!
We have confirmed your information with the IRS, but you may have to answer additional questions in the Finances section. Select "Continue" to proceed.

Previous Continue

Parent Demographics




- Completed by the parent contributor
- Current Marital Status

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Demographics About You

We'll ask about your marital status, college students in your household, and legal residence.

→ This is because most dependent students receive support from their parents, and this affects how much they're able to pay for school.



Previous Continue

FAFSA[®] FORM 2025-26 Parent of Raya Tran

1 Demographics 2 Financials

Parent Current Marital Status

Single (Never Married)

Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Married (not Separated)

Remarried

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

Previous

Parent Financials



Tax Filing Status

- Determines if one or both contributors need FSA ID/Sign & Submit

Family Size

- Could need adjusting if different from 2024 tax forms

Number in College

FAFSA[®] FORM 2025-26 Parent of Raya Tran Save | FAFSA Menu

Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Parent Tax Filing Status

Did or will the parent file a **2023** joint tax return with their current spouse?

Yes No

FAFSA[®] FORM Parent of Raya Tran

Demographics 2 Financials 3 Signature

Family Size

Is the parent's family size different from the number of individuals claimed on their **2023** 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, 2025** and **June 30m 2026**?
Do not include the student applicant.

?

Parent Asset Information



Assets do **NOT** include the values of:

- The home you live in
- Retirement plans
- Value of life insurance

Assets **DO** include the values of:

- Child support received (last full calendar year)
- Cash, savings, and checking
- Business or family farm
- Real estate, stocks, bonds, 529 college savings plans*, and other investments

The screenshot shows a financial aid application form with three steps: 1. Demographics (checked), 2. Financials (current step), and 3. Signature. The form includes the following sections:

- Annual Child Support Received**
Enter total amount received in child support for the last complete calendar year.
Input: \$ 0 .00
- Parent Assets**
Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts
Don't include student financial aid
Input: \$ 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.
Input: \$ 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.
Input: \$ 5,000 .00

* Education savings plans still counted as parental asset but **ONLY** if the account is designated for the student

Review, Sign & Submit



- Review all entered information
- Contributor agrees, signs & submits the FAFSA

FAFSA FORM 2025-26 Parent of Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Congratulations,
the FAFSA® Form Is Complete!

Raya Tran
Completion Date 12/31/24

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® Form [View Status](#)

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.

Demographics Financials **3** Signature

Sign and Complete Your Section

Summary

This page confirms that you understand the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and filled out the form accurately to the best of your ability.

The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your account username and password (FSA ID). Because your FSA ID is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.

Identify the student's application electronically using your account username and password, YOU, certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge, and you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and any other information that you are required to provide on income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

I certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application.

I certify that the information on this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically submitted is true and correct, and I certify that I am the person who provided the information, and/or any other credential, you certify that you are the person who provided the information, and/or any other credential and have not disclosed that information to anyone else. If you purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances criteria required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(2)(A) which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both.

and submit the application for Raya Tran (Student).

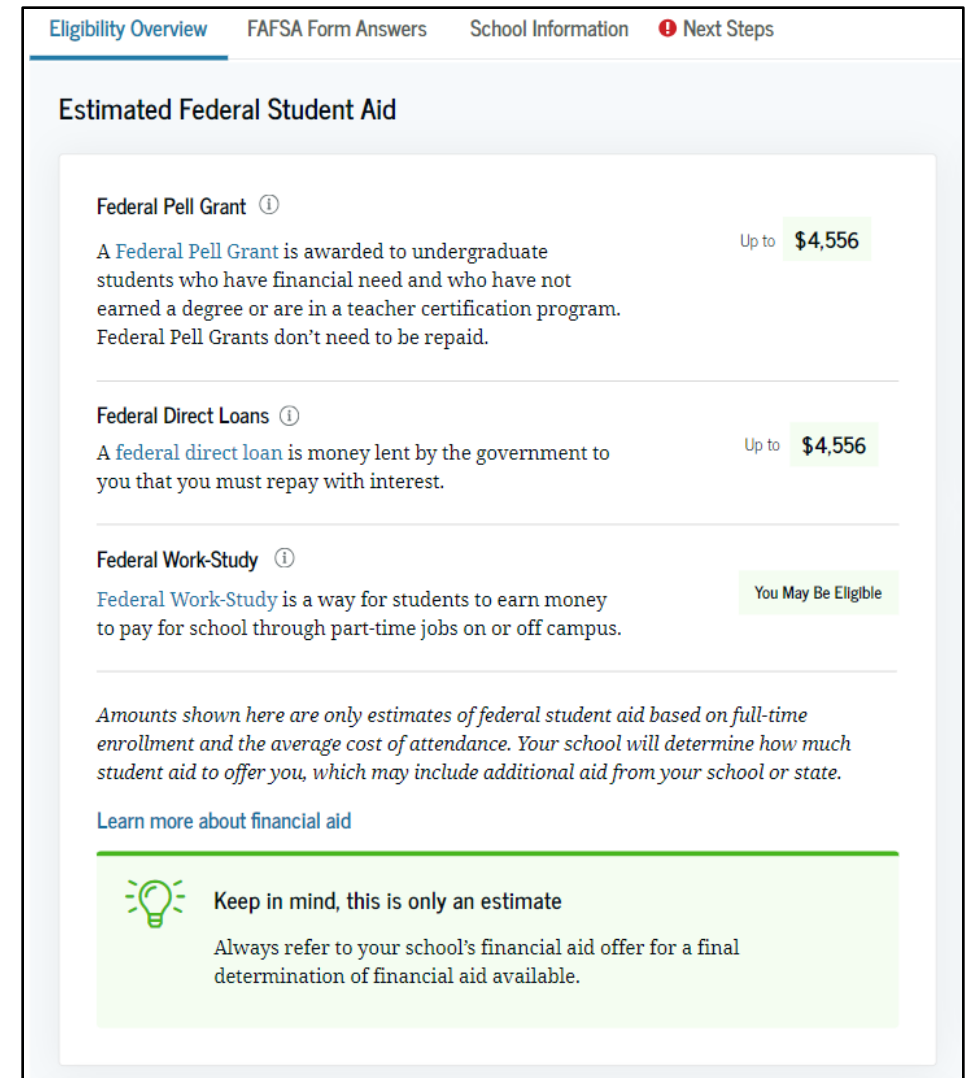
I, Raya Tran, agree to the terms outlined above.

[Sign and Submit](#)



After You Submit

- **Eligibility Overview**
 - Includes Student Aid Index (SAI)
- **FAFSA Form Answers**
- **Next Steps**
 - Correct any errors
 - Update School Info
 - Make sure school has needed documents
 - Dependency paperwork (if needed)
 - Additional financial aid forms



The screenshot displays the 'Estimated Federal Student Aid' section of the FAFSA submission summary. It features a navigation bar with 'Eligibility Overview' (selected), 'FAFSA Form Answers', 'School Information', and 'Next Steps'. The main content lists three types of aid: Federal Pell Grant (up to \$4,556), Federal Direct Loans (up to \$4,556), and Federal Work-Study (You May Be Eligible). A disclaimer states that these are estimates based on full-time enrollment and average cost of attendance. A light green callout box with a lightbulb icon reminds the user that this is only an estimate and to refer to the school's financial aid offer for a final determination.

Eligibility Overview FAFSA Form Answers School Information **Next Steps**

Estimated Federal Student Aid

Federal Pell Grant ⓘ Up to **\$4,556**

A **Federal Pell Grant** is awarded to undergraduate students who have financial need and who have not earned a degree or are in a teacher certification program. Federal Pell Grants don't need to be repaid.

Federal Direct Loans ⓘ Up to **\$4,556**


A **federal direct loan** is money lent by the government to you that you must repay with interest.

Federal Work-Study ⓘ You May Be Eligible

Federal **Work-Study** is a way for students to earn money to pay for school through part-time jobs on or off campus.

Amounts shown here are only estimates of federal student aid based on full-time enrollment and the average cost of attendance. Your school will determine how much student aid to offer you, which may include additional aid from your school or state.

[Learn more about financial aid](#)

 **Keep in mind, this is only an estimate**

Always refer to your school's financial aid offer for a final determination of financial aid available.

All other aid determined by the college's Financial Aid Office

Special Circumstances

Changes to your situation not represented on the FAFSA may include:

- Change in employment or income status
- Medical expenses not covered by insurance
- Change in parent marital status
- Unusual dependent care expenses
- Student unable to obtain parent information

If a special circumstance occurs, contact the college's Financial Aid Office





Each college provides a financial aid offer outlining:

- Cost of attendance
- Financial aid amounts (Grants, scholarships, work-study & loans)
- Options to pay remaining balance



Timing & delivery of offer varies by college



What you should do:

- Review costs and financial aid offers
- Clearly understand your obligations
- Ask questions

Sample Financial Aid Offer



Typical Sections:

- Cost
- Grants & Scholarships
- Work Study
- Student Loans
- Remaining Balance
 - Outside Scholarships
 - Out of Pocket
 - Payment Plan
 - PLUS (Parent) Loan
 - Private Loan

IN InvestEd Sample University 2025-26 Financial Aid Offer	
Cost of Attendance	
Tuition & Fees	\$11,000
Housing & Food	\$13,000
Direct Cost Subtotal	\$24,000
Books & Supplies	\$1,100
Transportation	\$500
Misc. Personal Expenses	\$2,200
Total Cost of Attendance	\$27,800
Financial Aid Offers	
Pell Grant	\$4,250
Frank O'Bannon State Grant	\$3,250
Institutional Scholarship	\$3,500
Grants & Scholarships Subtotal	\$11,000
Federal Work-Study	\$3,000
Direct Subsidized Loan	\$3,500
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$2,000
Total Financial Aid	\$19,500
Remaining Balance	\$8,300



We'll Help!



Finalizing Financial Aid

- Review FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)** by logging into your FAFSA to identify errors or additional steps you need to take.
*To review the FSS, student must login with their FSA ID.
- Make FAFSA Corrections to update incorrect information** or add additional information to the FAFSA must be signed with the appropriate FSA ID(s) and submitted by the FAFSA priority deadline.
- Register for ScholarTrack at scholartrack.in.gov** and review your student information. *Grant eligibility may not be available until after the April 15th priority deadline.
- Contact each school to which you are accepted** and still consider your options. Provide your FAFSA information and respond by each deadline.



Deadlines
Check with each school about their individual deadlines.



Verification
The financial aid office may need to confirm some of your FAFSA information.

- Use INvestEd's Cost Comparison Sheet at [INvestEdIndiana.org](#)
- Review borrowing options using INvestEd's Student Loan Comparison Sheet at [INvestEdIndiana.org](#)
- Talk with each school's financial aid office regarding your options for study jobs, and secure loans.



School Search Questions

- Admissions**
 - What are the requirements to be admitted?
 - What is the application deadline for early decision and/or regular decision?
 - What percentage of freshmen return for their sophomore year?
 - Are test scores (SAT or ACT) required? How does submitting my scores impact admission and financial aid decisions?
 - Are there other forms I need to fill out to apply for financial aid?
- Financial Aid**
 - What percentage of students receive financial aid?
 - What scholarships or grants are available?
 - What percentage of students receive financial aid?
- Academics**
 - What are the top majors?
 - What percentage of classes are taught by professors vs. teaching assistants?
 - Are there hands-on opportunities like internships in my area of study?
 - What kind of help can I get if I'm struggling academically?
- Life on campus**
 - Are students required to live on campus?
 - Are there ways to get involved outside of the classroom?
 - Are freshmen permitted to have cars on campus?
 - What health care options are available when students get sick?
- Life after college**
 - What kinds of career services do you offer?
 - What is the job placement rate for recent graduates in my major?
 - What is the average student loan debt for graduates?
 - What is the average debt to starting salary ratio for students in my major?



Create Your Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID)

Go to [studentaid.gov](#) and click **Create Account** then **Get Started**

- 1** Enter your **Name, Date of birth, and Social Security Number.**
 - Parents/Contributors without SSN will still be able to make an account by selecting the "I don't have a Social Security number" box. They may be asked some additional questions to verify identity or need to provide documents to Federal Student Aid to have the account verified.
- 2** **Username:** Choose something you will remember and hasn't already been taken.
Email: Use your own personal email. You cannot use the same email for multiple accounts.
Password: Choose something you will remember that meets the password criteria and minimum field requirements.
- 3** Enter your **Mailing Address, City, State, and Zip Code.**
Mobile Phone: Use your own phone number. You cannot use the same phone number for multiple accounts. Make sure to check the box which allows you to use your mobile phone for account recovery.
- 4** **Select Your Communication Preferences**
 - Required Communications - Email is automatically selected to be recommended.
 - Informal Communications - These are optional. You may leave both boxes unchecked.
 - Language Preference - Select your preferred language. This automatically defaults to English.
- 5** **Challenge Questions:** You must select and answer all four questions.
 - Your answers must be between 3 and 55 characters.
 - Answers are not case sensitive.
 - Letters, numbers, and spaces are the only characters allowed.
- 6** Review **all information** and click on the **check box**, agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- 7** **Verify Your Account Recovery Options:**
 - Verify Your Mobile Phone Number - You will receive a 6 digit code via text to input.
 - Verify Your Email Address - You will receive a 6 digit code via email to input.
 - Authenticator App - Optional way to get into your account.
 - Backup Code - Make sure you store this in a safe place.



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FAFSA Essentials

Create your FSA ID at [studentaid.gov](#) and start your FAFSA!

APR 15

FAFSA priority deadline for State of Indiana grants

FREE FAFSA filing help: 317-715-9007

- What you need to start your FSA ID**
- Social security number
 - Current personal email address
 - Mobile phone number

- Additional items when filing the FAFSA**
- Tax return and W2s
 - Current bank statements
 - Investment records (non-retirement)
 - Value of real estate/rental property (excluding the home you live in)
 - Child support paid or received
 - Value of business or family farm

Student

Username: _____
Password: _____
Personal Email: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Backup Code: _____

Challenge Question Answers
1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

Contributor 2

Username: _____
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Scholarship Search Help

Scholarship Keys to Success

- Start early to start searching and applying for scholarships. Don't be afraid of essays. Clearly articulate your challenges, successes, goals, and interests.
- Search for scholarships at [INvestEdIndiana.org/Scholarships](#) weekly for online searches. Use a calendar to keep track of applications, deadlines, and requirements.
- Ask your school counselor, local community organizations, and college!
- Read the requirements carefully and apply early. Spend a couple of minutes regarding scholarship opportunities.
- Scholarship search or give out the questions about a scholarship at [INvestEdIndiana.org](#)

Places to check:

- School Counselor
- Community Foundation
- College/University
- Civic Organizations
- Places of Employment
- Local Businesses
- Church Groups

Enter the **INvestEd \$1,000 Scholarship Drawing!**

- No Essay required
- Need to be 16 or older
- Not based on GPA
- Must live in Indiana



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