FAFSA Overview

A Presentation for the FAFSA Completion Project Participants

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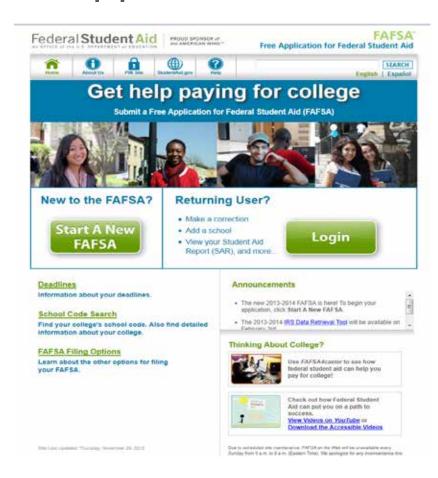
<u>Agenda</u>

- What is the FAFSA?
- When does the student complete the FAFSA?
- Where does the student go to complete the FAFSA?
- Who is an eligible student?
- How does an student complete the FAFSA?(Detailed information about completing the FAFSA)
- What are the student's Next Steps?
- What are some of the student Frequently Asked Questions?
- What are some additional resources?



What is the FAFSA?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid



- <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>
- Used to apply for grants, some loans, and campus based aid.
- Available in English and Spanish
- It's <u>FREE</u> to apply!



When does the student complete the FAFSA?

- The FAFSA isavailable in early January each year, and there are different deadlines for different programs.
- Be sure to check for deadlines.



The application needs to be completed annually.





Where does the student go to complete the FAFSA?

- Online at <u>www.fafsa.gov</u> is faster and easier than using paper.
- If needed, students can download a PDF FAFSA or order a paper FAFSA.



Who is eligible?

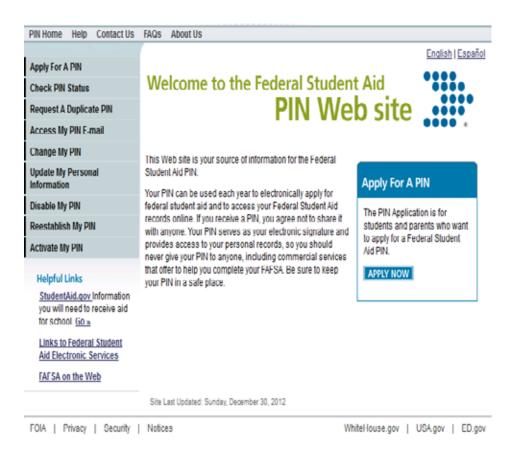
General eligibility requirements:

- Demonstrate financial need (for most programs);
- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- Have a valid Social Security number
- Be registered with Selective Service, if you're a male
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school;
- Not be in default
- Have a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate or a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law.





Federal Student Aid PIN



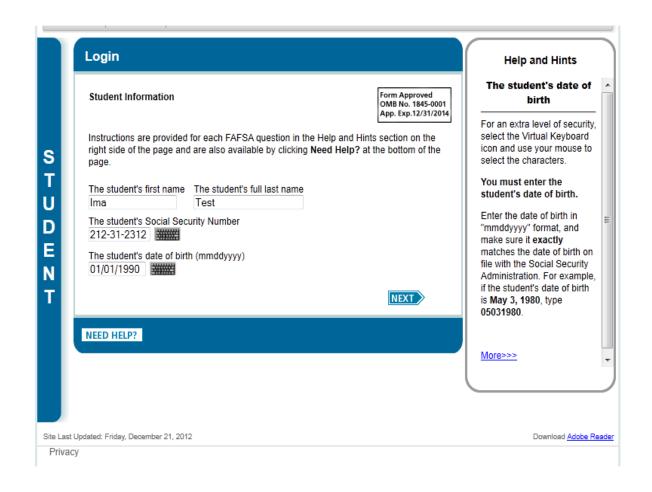
- www.pin.ed.gov
- This is the way that the student and parents can sign the application electronically.
- Please note that the PIN should not be shared with anyone!



Details for completing the FAFSA



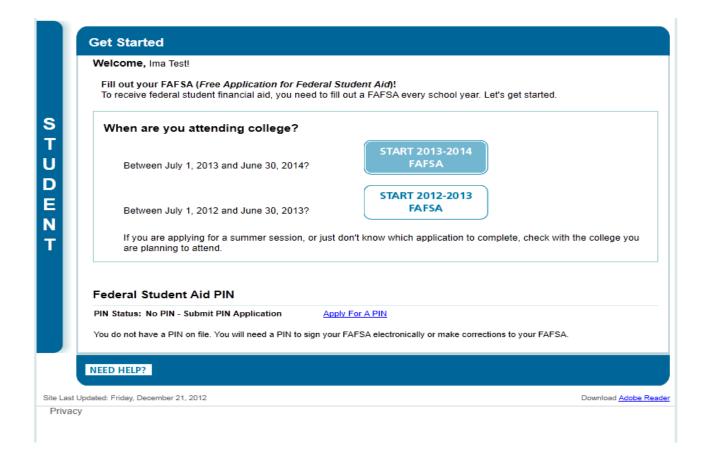
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Get started page

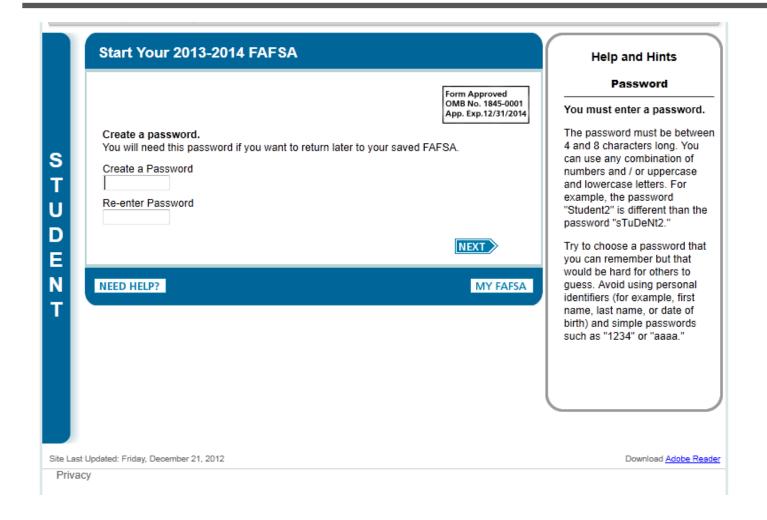






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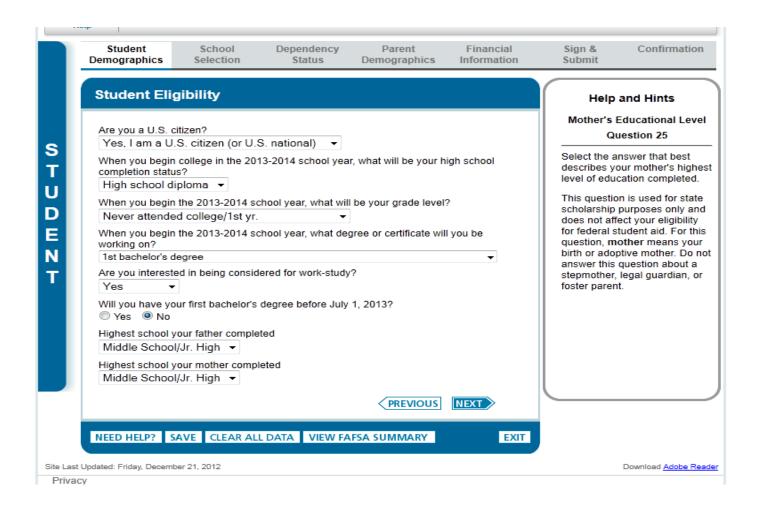
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Student eligibility page







Eligible noncitizen

The student is a:

- U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swains Island) or
- U.S. permanent resident with a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C (Permanent Resident Card, Resident Alien Card, or Alien Registration Receipt Card), also known as a green card.

The student has an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing:

- "Refugee,"
- "Asylum Granted,"
- "Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending),"
- "Conditional Entrant" (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980), or
- "Parolee" (you must be paroled for at least one year, and he or she must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that he or she are not in the United States for a temporary purpose and that he or she intend to become a U.S. citizen or permanent resident).





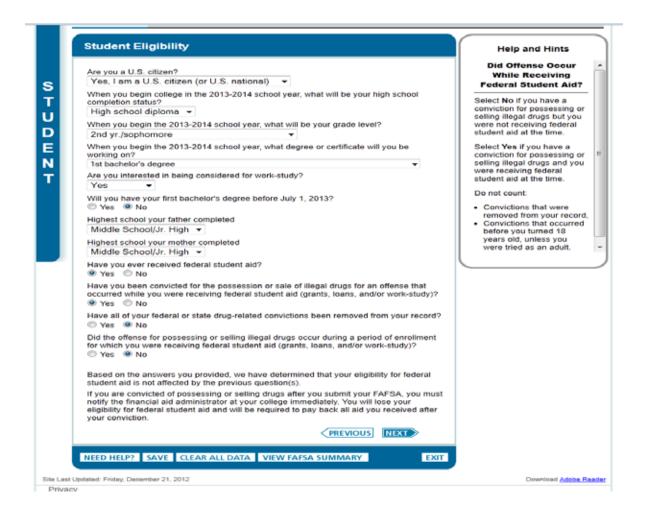
Eligible noncitizen

- The student holds a T-visa (for victims of human trafficking) or his or her parent holds a T-1 visa. The college or career school's financial aid office will ask to see the visa and/or certification letter from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- The student is a "battered immigrant-qualified alien" who is a victim of abuse by his or her citizen or permanent resident spouse, or he or she is the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act.
- The student is a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.





Drug conviction question





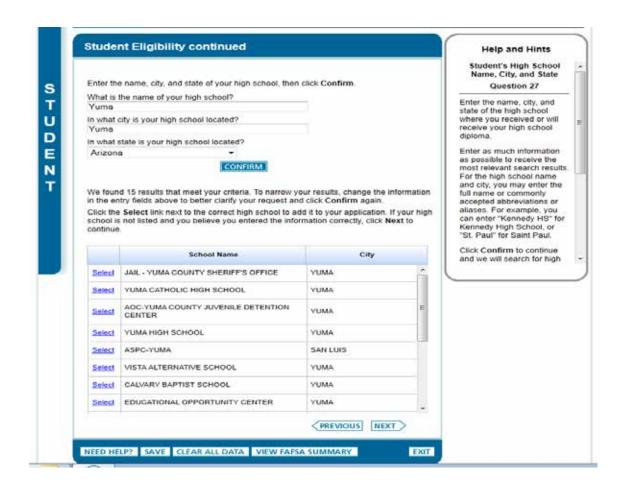
Drug conviction

- Yes; eligibility might be suspended if the offense occurred while the student was receiving federal student aid (grants, loans, or work-study). When he or she completes the FAFSA, he or she will be asked whether they had a drug conviction for an offense that occurred while they were receiving federal student aid.
- If eligibility for federal student aid has been suspended due to a drug conviction, the student can regain eligibility early by successfully completing an approved drug rehabilitation program or by passing two unannounced drug tests administered by an approved drug rehabilitation program.
- If the student regains eligibility during the award year, notify the financial aid office immediately so he or she can get any aid he or she is eligible for.





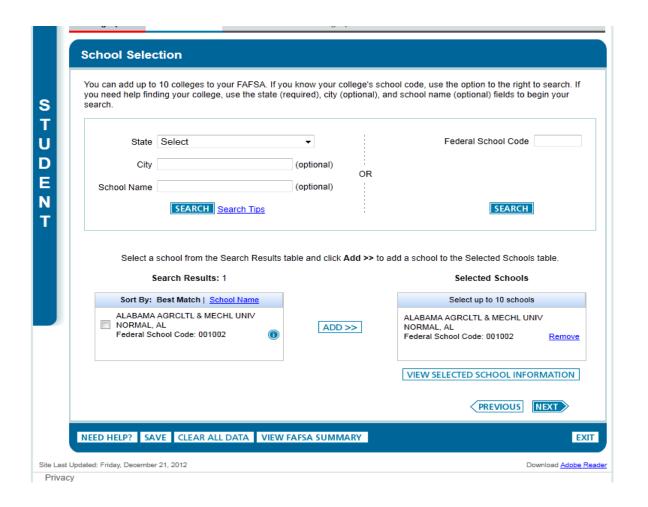
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School selection page

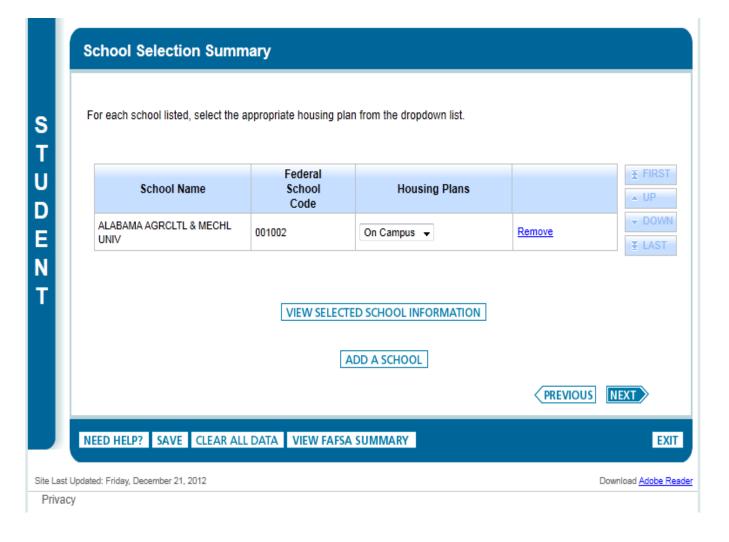






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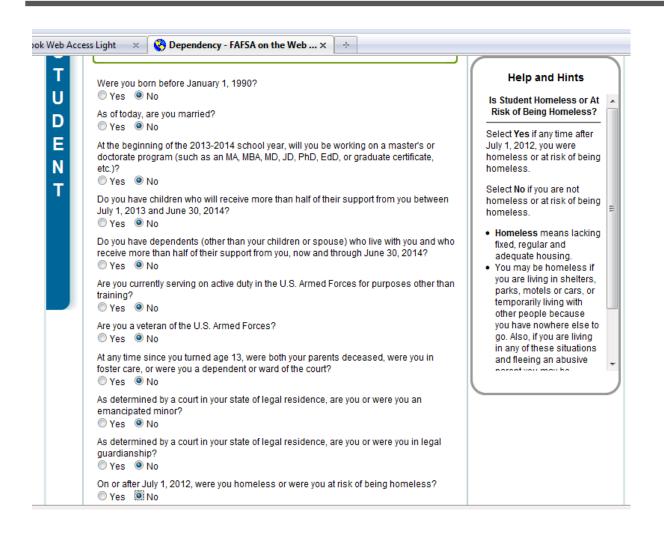
School selection summary







Dependency status



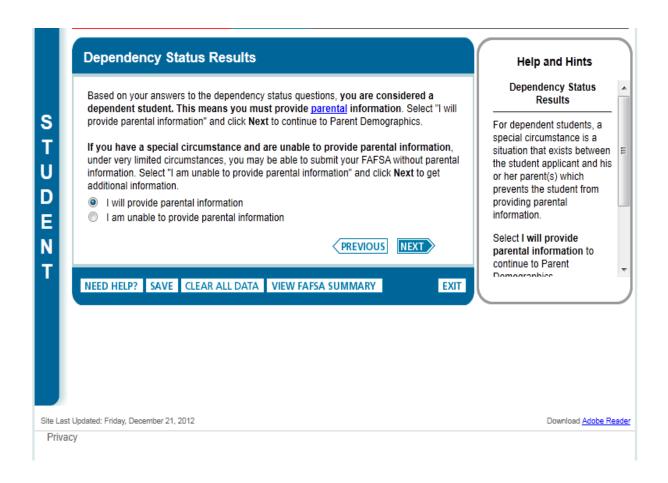
- If a dependent student, the student will report their own and his or her parents' information.
- If an independent student, the student will report his or her own information (and, if married, his or her spouse's).

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Dependency status results





Special circumstances

There are a few situations in which a FAFSA may be submitted without parent information despite being considered a dependent student:

- The students parents are incarcerated.
- The student has left home due to an abusive family environment.
- The student does not know where his or her parents are and are unable to contact them (and he or she has not been adopted).
- The student is older than 21 but not yet 24, is unaccompanied, and is either homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.



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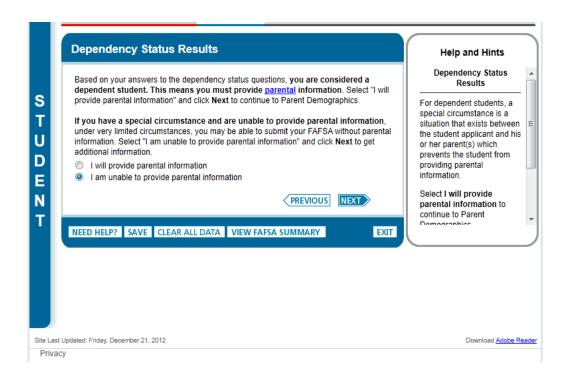
What if the student's parents are unwilling to provide their information on the FAFSA?

- An student can't be considered independent of his or her parents just because they refuse to help with the FAFSA.
- Still, we do understand that in some cases, the parents are not supporting the dependent student at all and refuse to provide their information on the student's FAFSA.
- The process that should be followed in this situation is explained in the next slide.





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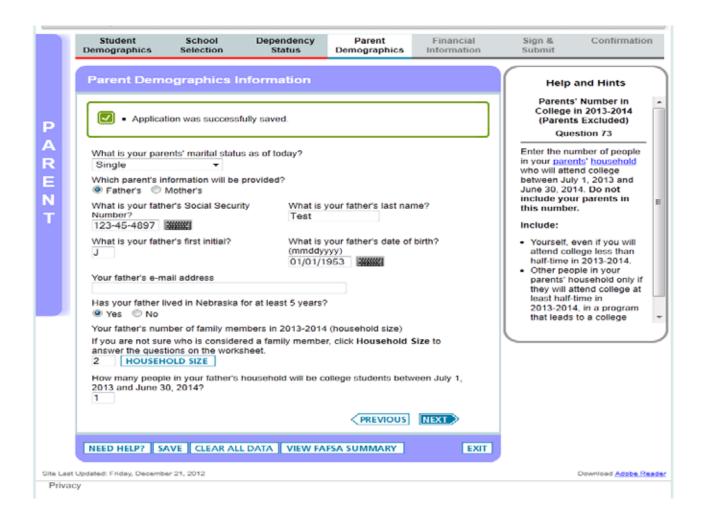
If in that situation, here's the process:

When FAFSA on the Web asks whether he or she is able to provide information about his or her parents, say no. On the next screen, select the option that says he or she doesn't have a special circumstance but he or she still can't provide parent information.





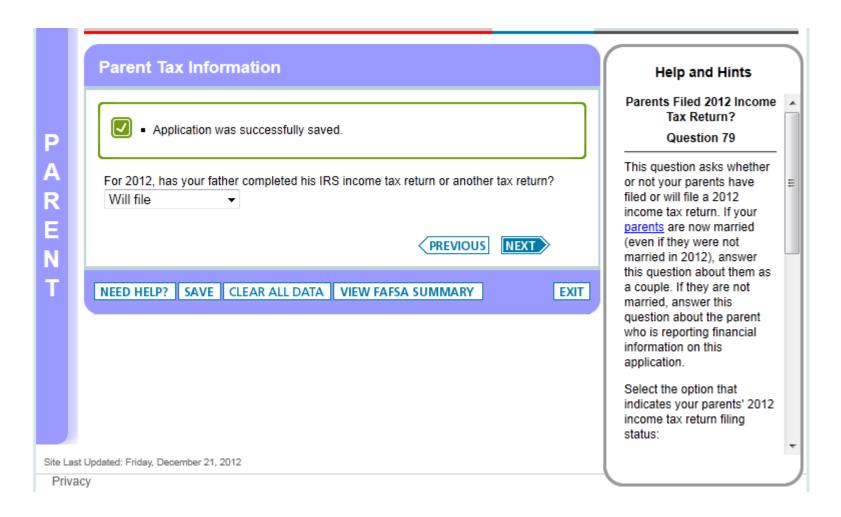
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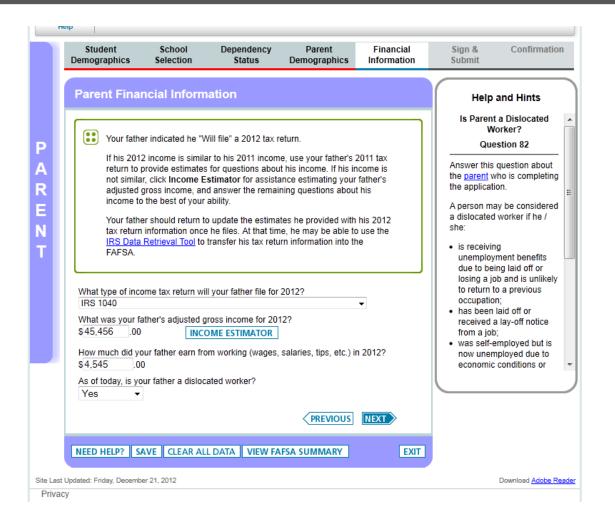
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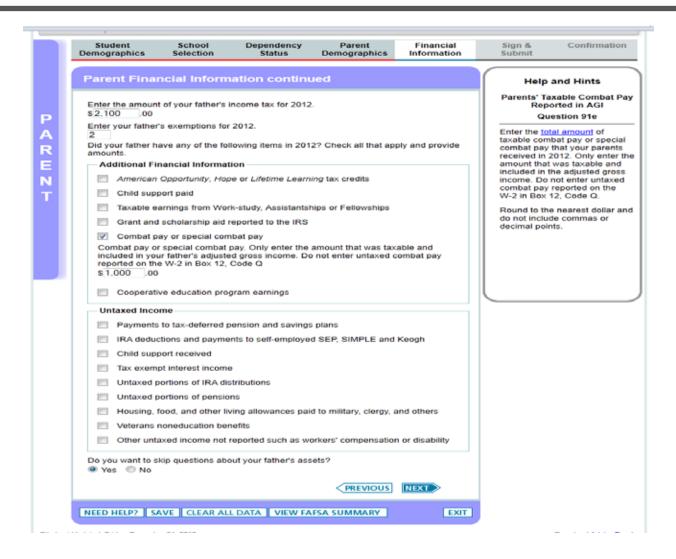
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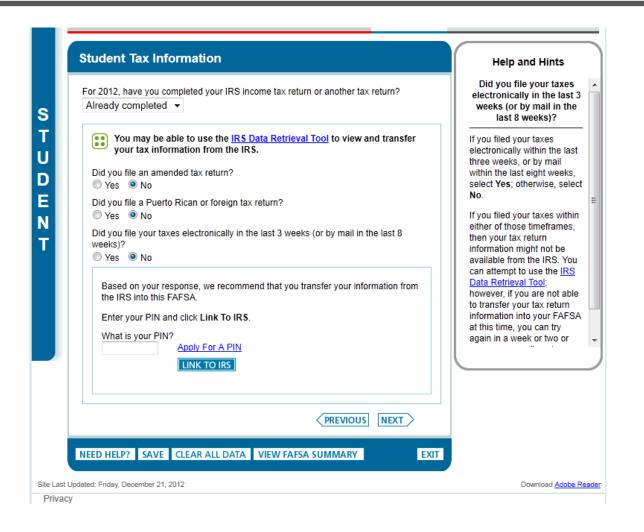
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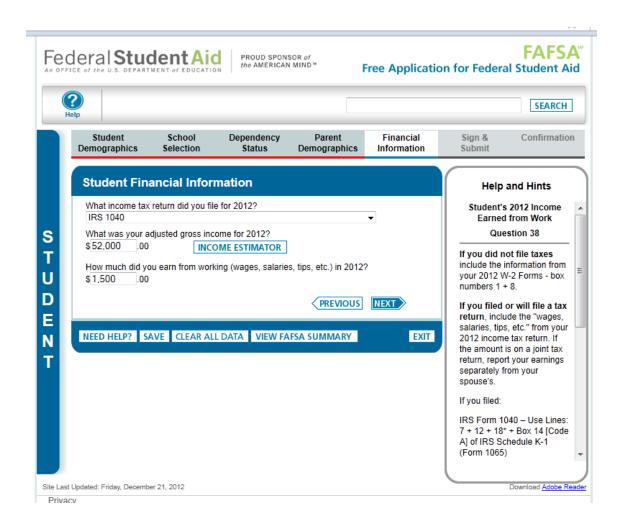
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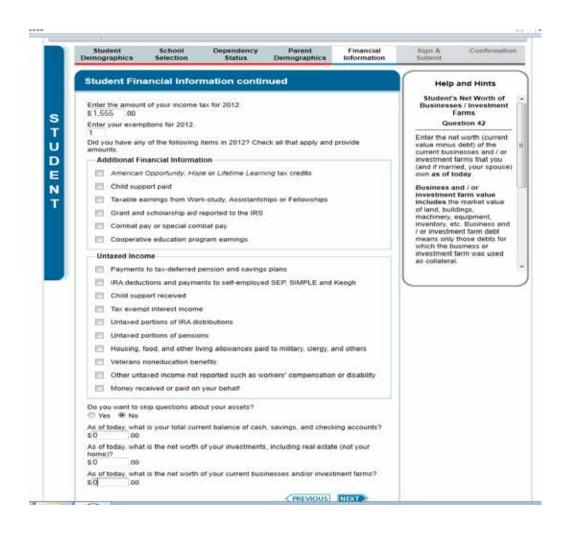
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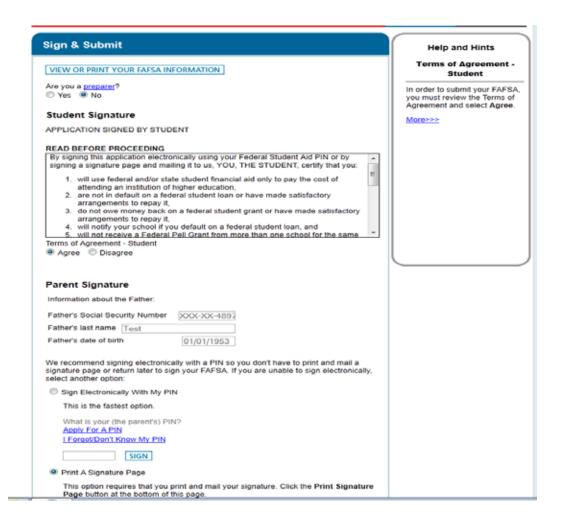


Sign and submit





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Confirmation page

2013-2014 Confirmation Page



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Congratulations, Ima! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid. You should print this page for your records.



Optional Feature - Transfer your parents' information into another FAFSA - Do your parents need to complete a FAFSA for your brother or sister? Click here and all the information your parents provided in this application will be transferred to a new FAFSA. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.



- · You will be notified when your FAFSA is processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be
- 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).



Eligibility Information

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 26339

The EFC is an index that schools use to determine your eligibility and is not the amount of money that you have to pay. Your school's financial aid office will use your EFC to determine the specific types and amounts of student aid you are eligible to receive.

Based on the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for the following:

Direct Stafford Loan Estimate - \$5,500.00

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

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

You indicated that you had filed an IRS tax return when you provided your financial information and it appears that you were eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which allows you to view information from your IRS tax return and transfer that information directly into your FAFSA. The benefit of using the tool is that it's the easiest way to provide accurate tax information, and it also eliminates the need for providing a copy of your tax return to the financial aid office at your college. Once your FAFSA has been processed, you can return to FAFSA on the Web and use the tool to transfer your tax information

Your parent(s) indicated that they were going to file their taxes and were providing estimated 2012 tax information. Once your parent(s) have filed their tax return, you must update the information you reported on the FAFSA to reflect the actual information from the 2012 tax return your parents filed, if your parents filed a federal tax return with the IRS, when you access your FAFSA online, your parents 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, your parents can view information from their IRS tax return and transfer that information directly into your FAFSA.





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Optional Feature - Start your state application - Click here if you want to apply for New York state-based financial aid.



What Happens Next

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..... College Rates

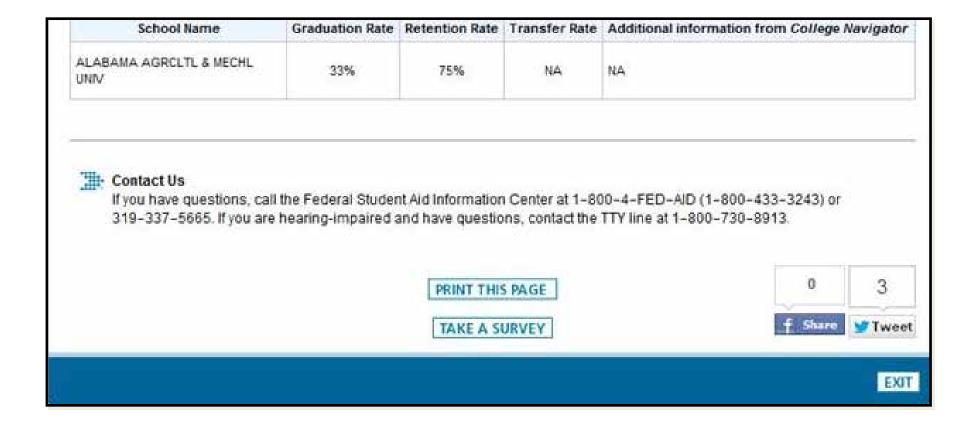
The table shows the graduation, retention, and transfer rates for the school(s) you selected. Go to the College Navigator Web site at www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator for complete information.

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Additional Information from College Navigator	
ALABAMA AGRCLTL & MECHL UNIV	32%	64%	NA	NA	





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FAFSA processing timeframes

- 3-5 days for the application to process. Once the application has processed, this information is made available to the colleges listed on the student's application. It is also available to the FAFSA Completion project districts.
- Once processed student can log back in to see Student Aid Report (SAR)-summary of information about what was submitted. If student included an email address on the application, we receive an email copy.



Student's Next Steps

What happens once the FAFSA is submitted



Student's Next Steps (Actual Text)

- You* will be notified when your FAFSA is 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.
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- *Note: 'You' in this text is referring to the student.





Frequently asked questions at FSAIC

These are the types of questions that might be answered by the Federal **Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC):**

Is my application on file?

My PIN is locked can you help me unlock it?

Is my application on file?

I would like my loan information please.

How much financial aid will receive?



Additional information for students

Publications Available at:

- <u>StudentAid.gov/checklist</u> (College Prep Checklist)
- <u>StudentAid.gov/funding</u> (Funding Your Education)

FAFSA PDF and Worksheet:

http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/options.htm

Worksheet can be accessed by searching 'worksheet' on the FAFSA pages.

Federal Student Aid Information Center 1-800-4-FED-AID

