



FINANCIAL AID GUIDE FOR CALIFORNIA FOSTER YOUTH

October 2017



Visual Guide for Part 3. How do I Apply for Financial Aid?

This “Visual Guide” is intended to compliment Part 3 of the *Financial Aid Guide for California Foster Youth*, found within pages 6-10, with screen shots of the actual FAFSA application and detailed instructions.

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Disclaimer

- While we have made every effort to be accurate in this guide, financial aid programs change. Be sure to get current information.
- This guide is intended for foster youth in California who qualify for “Independent Status” on the FAFSA, because they have been in foster care on or after their 13th birthday or have a legal guardian. If you do not qualify for “Independent Status” we recommend you seek additional support and guidance in completing the Parental Demographics and Financial Information Section.
- **If you are an undocumented student**, remember to fill out the CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) at www.dream.csac.ca.gov instead of the FAFSA. If you are a CA undocumented student, you should apply even if you were a DACA recipient and granted a temporary social security number. Most of the questions in the CADAA mirror the questions in the FAFSA; this guide can still be a helpful tool.

**Begin a New FAFSA at
www.fafsa.ed.gov**

STEP 1: BEGIN A NEW FAFSA AT WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV (Pg. 7)

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The FAFSA must be completed every year.

If you have done the FAFSA before, you can sign in as a returning user and click on “FAFSA Renewal.”

This allows you to pre fill the current year’s FAFSA with some data from last year’s application.

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My FAFSA

Welcome, SOME GUY!

2017-2018 2016-2017

We did not find a 2017-2018 FAFSA on file for you.

However, we see that you completed a 2016-2017 FAFSA or submitted a *FAFSA4caster*. Information from that application can be used to renew your 2017-2018 FAFSA.

FAFSA RENEWAL

OR

You can also start a new 2017-2018 FAFSA.

START NEW FAFSA

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FSA ID Last Time, Date FSA ID Used: 12:38, 08/15/2016

FSA ID Status:
[User Account Management](#)
You can use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA.

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Create an “FSA ID”

Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID)

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION) (Pg. 7)

When you "Start a New FAFSA," there are two log-in options.

→ Choose the option that says: **"Enter your (the student's) FSA ID"**

→ Then click the blue link that says **"Create an FSA ID"**

-Your FSA ID will serve as your legal signature and you will need it to sign your FAFSA electronically at the end.

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Login

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

Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.
[Create an FSA ID](#)

FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address

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FSA ID Password

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OR

Enter the student's information

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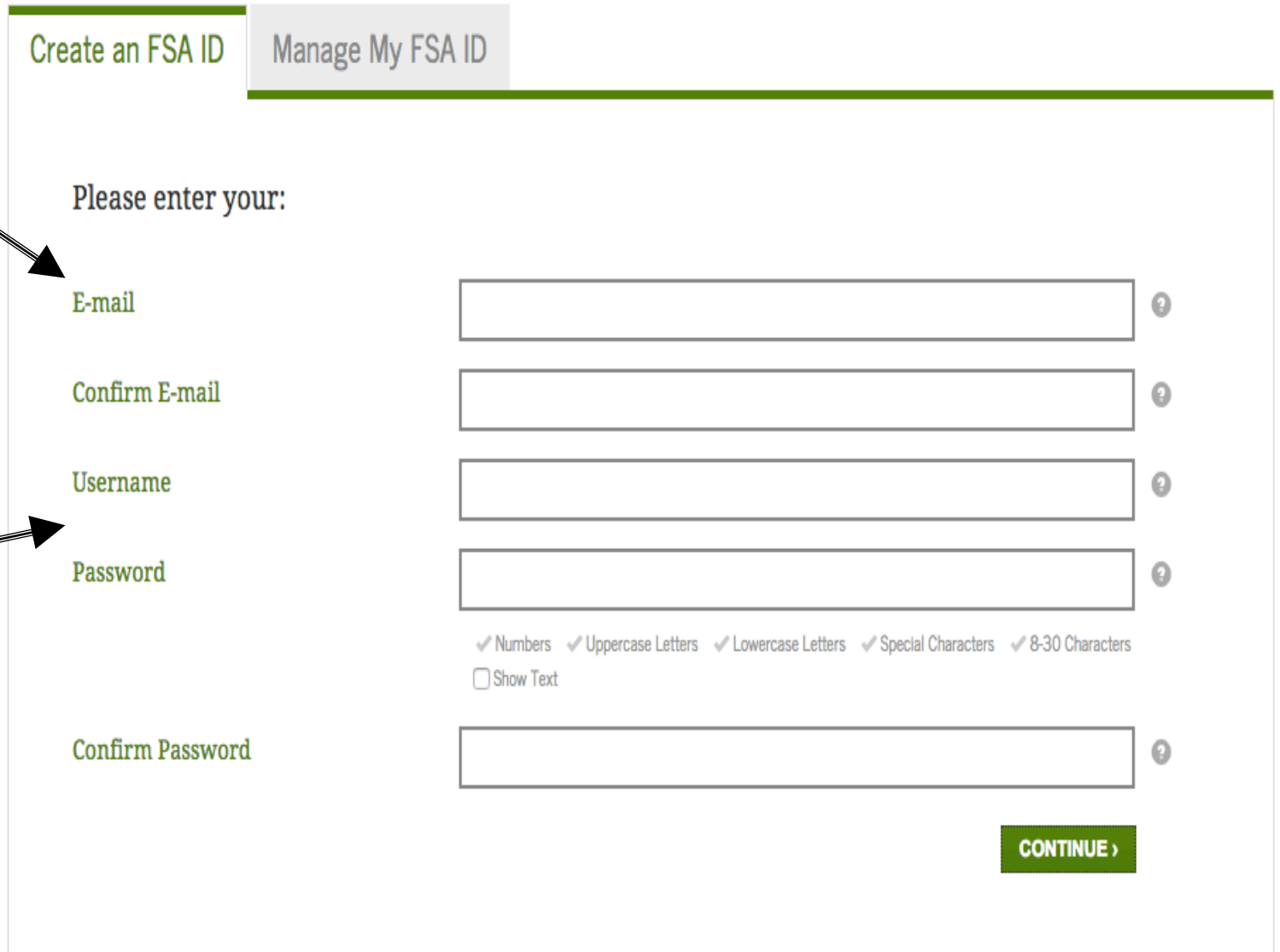
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You will be taken to a new page to create your FSA ID

→ Enter an email address that you check often so that you can get help if you get locked out or forget your username or password.

→ Create a Username and Password that can be easily remembered but should not be easy for someone else to figure out (Ex., do not use your name, date of birth, or the word "password").



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Create an FSA ID" with a secondary tab "Manage My FSA ID". The form is titled "Please enter your:" and contains five input fields: "E-mail", "Confirm E-mail", "Username", "Password", and "Confirm Password". Each field has a small question mark icon to its right. Below the "Password" field, there are five checked checkboxes: "Numbers", "Uppercase Letters", "Lowercase Letters", "Special Characters", and "8-30 Characters". There is also an unchecked checkbox labeled "Show Text". A green "CONTINUE >" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION) (Pg. 7)

→ Enter your name and Social Security number exactly as they appear on your Social Security Card.

** If you don't know your Social Security Number, you can call your county's child welfare department or Independent Living Program for assistance. You will need the physical card for employment, even for a work-study job.



Enter your name and Social Security number exactly as they appear on your Social Security card.

First Name ?

Middle Initial ?

Last Name ?

Date of Birth ?

Social Security Number - - ?
 Show Text

CANCEL

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CONTINUE

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION) (Pg. 7)

→ Enter your mailing address, phone number, and choose a preferred language.

→ While an address and phone number isn't required, it is recommended.

Mailing Address ?

City, State, Zip Code - ?

Would you like to register your mobile phone number to reset your password and retrieve your username?

Yes, I would like to register my mobile phone for account recovery. ?

By selecting this option, you agree to receive text messages on your mobile phone and confirm you have reviewed and agree to the [terms](#). Message and data rates may apply.

No, I do not want to register my mobile phone for account recovery.

Note: You can register at any time by managing your FSA ID.

Mobile Phone ?

Confirm Mobile Phone ?

Alternate Phone ?

Language Preference English Español ?

CANCEL

CONTINUE ›

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION) (Pg. 7)

→ Choose "Challenge Questions and Answers" that can easily be remembered in case you forget your username or password.

→ Question 5 is optional.

Please note that challenge questions and answers are not case sensitive.

Challenge Question 1 ?

Answer 1 ?
 Show Text

Challenge Question 2 ?

Answer 2 ?
 Show Text

Challenge Question 3 ?

Answer 3 ?
 Show Text

Challenge Question 4 ?

Answer 4 ?
 Show Text

Optional Question 5 ?
Would you like to provide an 8-digit code to use to access your loan balances over the phone?
 Yes No



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Write down these items somewhere safe so you don't forget:

- FSA ID Username
- FSA ID Password
- Email Address & Password

Log-In with your new FSA ID & Begin the FAFSA

STEP 2: CREATE AN "FSA ID" (FEDERAL STUDENT AID IDENTIFICATION) (Pg. 7)

→ Once your FSA ID is created, go back to the FAFSA login page of the FAFSA

→ Click "Enter your (the student's) FSA ID"

→ Enter your FSA ID Username or Verified Email Address & FSA ID Password

The screenshot shows the FAFSA login page. On the left, a vertical blue bar contains the word "STUDENT" in white, oriented vertically. The main content area has a blue header with the word "Login" in white. Below the header, the text "Student Information" is displayed. In the top right corner, there is a box containing the text: "Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001 App. Exp. 12/31/2017". The main text reads: "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*." Below this text are two radio button options: "Enter your (the student's) FSA ID" (which is selected) and "Enter the student's information". A vertical dashed line with the word "OR" in the middle separates the two options. Under the selected option, there is a note: "Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student." followed by a link "Create an FSA ID". Below this are two input fields: "FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address" and "FSA ID Password". Each input field has a link below it: "Forgot Username" and "Forgot Password" respectively. At the bottom right of the form area, there is a blue button with the word "NEXT" in white. At the bottom left of the page, there is a blue button with the text "NEED HELP?".



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- Any access in furtherance of any criminal or tortious act in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or any State. If system monitoring reveals information indicating possible criminal activity, such evidence may be provided to law enforcement personnel.

DECLINE

ACCEPT

**YOU'RE NOW
READY TO
START YOUR
ONLINE
APPLICATION!**

First, read the
Disclaimer and
Click "Accept"

- Select the school year that you plan to attend college.

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Get Started

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?

2018-2019 school year **START 2018-2019 FAFSA**

2017-2018 school year **START 2017-2018 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:

FSA ID Status:
[Create an FSA ID](#)
There is no FSA ID on file for the information you entered.

NEED HELP?

- The Introduction Page includes general information about the FAFSA

→ Click "Next"

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Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Financial Information Sign & Submit Confirmation

Introduction Page - 2018-2019 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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EXIT

→ Follow the directions to create a “Save Key” in case you need to save your application and finish it later.

- You can return within 45 days to complete and submit the application.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top, it says "Federal Student Aid" and "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®". Below that, there are navigation links for "Home" and "Help", and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Start Your 2018-2019 FAFSA". It includes a "Form Approved" stamp with OMB No. 1845-0001 and an expiration date of 12/31/2019. The instructions state: "Create a Save Key. The Save Key is for temporary use for you or your parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA." There are two input fields: "Create a Save Key" and "Re-enter Save Key", both with masked characters. A "NEXT" button is located below the input fields. At the bottom of the main content area, there are links for "NEED HELP?" and "MY FAFSA". On the right side, there is a "Help and Hints" section with the heading "Re-enter Save Key" and the text: "You must re-enter your save key to verify that it is correct." A vertical "STUDENT" banner is visible on the left side of the page.



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Write down these items somewhere safe so you don't forget:

- ✓ FSA ID Username
- ✓ FSA ID Password
- ✓ Email Address & Password
- Save Key

- Complete the seven sections listed as tabs at the top of the screen. The website will take you through each section.
- When you complete a section, just click "Next" at the bottom of the page to go to the next section.
- Note that if you didn't respond to all of the required questions, the system will alert you to complete the questions before you can move on to the next section.
- The FAFSA has detailed instructions and information about each question in the "Help & Hints" bar.

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Student Demographics | School Selection | Dependency Status | Parent Demographics | **Financial Information** | Sign & Submit | Confirmation

Student Demographic Information

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Your last name: Lastnamerapp | Your first name: Susan | Your middle initial: []

Your Social Security Number: 966-08-1001

Your date of birth (mmdyyyyy): 11/02/1982

Are you male or female? Male Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number): 1122 STRAIGHT STREET

Your city (and country if not U.S.): LEESBURG | Your state: Maryland

Your ZIP code: 20705

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

Your telephone number: []

Your e-mail address: newuser@fafsademo.com | Re-enter your e-mail address: newuser@fafsademo.com

What is your marital status as of today? I am single

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

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Help and Hints

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 Demographics Section

Part I: Student Demographics Information

Part II: Student Eligibility

FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (PG. 8)

PART I: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS INFORMATION

- Make sure that your name and social security number match **exactly** as they appear on your Social Security Card.
- If you select that you have lived in CA for at least 5 years, a textbox will appear on the screen saying that you are eligible for the California State student aid application (the Cal Grant). A separate application is not required, but you need to make sure that your high school has automatically submitted your GPA verification. See Part 4 of the Financial Aid Guide for more information.
- A driver's license and telephone number are not required to complete the application.
- Your legal status is "single" if you are not married, even if you live with or have a boyfriend, girlfriend or significant other.

You are eligible to transfer your FAFSA information into California's state student aid application. Use the **Start your state application** link on the FAFSA confirmation page to transfer your information.

Note: This feature is only displayed once on the confirmation page after submitting your FAFSA.

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Your last name: Demodefault Your first name: Susan Your middle initial:

Your Social Security Number: 966-06-0001

Your date of birth (mmddyyyy): 11/02/1978

Are you male or female?
 Male Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number): 1122 STRAIGHT STREET

Your city (and country if not U.S.): LEESBURG Your state: California

Your ZIP code: 20705

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

Your telephone number:

Your e-mail address: newuser@fafsademo.com Re-enter your e-mail address: newuser@fafsademo.com

What is your marital status as of today?
I am single

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

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FAFSA SECTION 1: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (PG. 8)

PART II: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- **Are you a US Citizen?** The three options are:
 - Yes, I am a U.S. Citizen (or U.S. national)
 - No, but I am an eligible noncitizen
- If you select "No, but I am an eligible noncitizen," you will be asked to provide your Alien Registration Number.
 - No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen

- Males are required to register with the Select Service System to complete their FAFSA application.
 - If you haven't registered yet, you will be able to click "**Register Me**" to automatically register within the FAFSA application.

The screenshot shows the 'Student Eligibility' section of the FAFSA application. The page has a blue header with navigation tabs: 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Financial Information', and 'Sign Up'. The 'Student Eligibility' section contains several questions with dropdown menus and radio buttons. Two orange boxes highlight the 'Are you a U.S. citizen?' question and the 'Are you registered with the Selective Service System?' question. Two arrows point from the text boxes on the left to these highlighted questions. At the bottom of the page, there are buttons for 'PREVIOUS', 'NEXT', 'NEED HELP?', 'SAVE', 'CLEAR ALL DATA', 'VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY', and 'EXIT'.

Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?
 Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)

Are you registered with the Selective Service System?
 Yes No

Most male citizens and male immigrants must register with the Selective Service System to receive federal student aid. If you are not registered, select **Register me**.
 Register me

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2018-2019 school year?
High school diploma

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
Never attended college/1st yr.

What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
Associate degree (general education/transfer program)

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?
No

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
 Yes No

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

Highest school completed by Parent 1
Other/unknown

Highest school completed by Parent 2
Other/unknown

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PART II: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY continued

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2018-2018 school year?
→ If you took college courses while in high school, and were dually enrolled, you are still considered a first-time college student and can select the option: **"Attended college before/1st yr."**

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Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Are you registered with the Selective Service System?
 Yes No

Most citizens and immigrants born male must register with the Selective Service System to receive federal student aid. If you are not registered, select **Register me**.
 Register me

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2018-2019 school year?

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
 ←

What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
 Yes No

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

Highest school completed by Parent 1

Highest school completed by Parent 2

Have you ever received federal student aid?
 Yes No

Have you been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study, and/or loans)?
 Yes No

Based on the answers you provided, we have determined that your eligibility for federal student aid is not affected by the previous question(s).
If you are convicted of possessing or selling drugs after you submit your FAFSA, you must notify the financial aid administrator at your college immediately. You will lose your eligibility for federal student aid and will be required to pay back all aid you received after your conviction.

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PART II: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY continued

What degree or certification will you be working on when you begin the school year?

→ If you will be attending a four-year university or college, select "first bachelor's degree"

→ If you will be attending a community college or trade school, select one of the following options:

- Associate degree (occupational or technical program)
- Associate degree (general education/transfer program)
- Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of less than 2 yr.)
- Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of at least 2 yr.)

→ It is important to NOT select "other/undecided" as it may limit the grants you can receive

The screenshot shows the 'Student Eligibility' section of the FAFSA application. The form is titled 'Federal Student Aid' and includes the U.S. Department of Education logo and the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. The page has a navigation bar with tabs for 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', and 'Financial Information'. The 'Student Eligibility' section contains several questions and dropdown menus. The question 'What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?' is highlighted with a blue box, and its dropdown menu is open, showing options such as 'Blank', '1st bachelor's degree', '2nd bachelor's degree', 'Associate degree (occupational or technical program)', 'Associate degree (general education/transfer program)', 'Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of less than 2 yr.)', 'Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of at least 2 yr.)', 'Teaching credential program (nondegree program)', 'Graduate/professional degree', and 'Other/undecided'. The '2nd bachelor's degree' option is selected. At the bottom of the form, there are buttons for 'NEED HELP?', 'SAVE', 'CLEAR ALL DATA', 'VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY', and 'EXIT'. A warning message at the bottom states: 'If you are convicted of possessing or selling drugs after you submit your FAFSA, you must notify the financial aid administrator at your college immediately. You will lose your eligibility for federal student aid and will be required to pay back all aid you received after your conviction.'

PART II: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY continued

- **Are you interested in being considered for work-study?** Work study allows students with financial need to earn a portion of their financial aid award money through part-time employment on or off-campus. You can decline it later if you change your mind.
- **You will be asked: "Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?"**
→ Answering yes may give you access to more support to help you in school. Answer YES to this question, even if you were only in foster care one day.
- **Foster youth can select "Other/unknown" for "Highest School Completed by Parent."**
→ Parent does not refer to a legal guardian or foster parent.
→ *How you answer does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid.*

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Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information
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Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Are you registered with the Selective Service System?
 Yes No

Most male citizens and male immigrants must register with the Selective Service System to receive federal student aid. If you are not registered, select **Register me**.
 Register me

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2018-2019 school year?

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?

What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
 Yes No

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

Highest school completed by Parent 1

Highest school completed by Parent 2

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PART II: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY continued

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- If this is not your first year of college, you will be asked if you have ever received federal student aid.
- If yes, you will be asked if you have been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offence that occurred *while* receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study, and/or loans).
- If yes, you will be provided a worksheet to help you determine whether your conviction affects your eligibility for federal student aid.
- If your eligibility for federal student aid has been suspended due to a drug conviction, you can regain eligibility early by completing an *approved drug rehabilitation program* or by passing two unannounced drug tests administered by an approved drug rehabilitation program.

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information
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Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Are you registered with the Selective Service System?
 Yes No

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2018-2019 school year?

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?

What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2018-2019 school year?

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2018-2019 school year?
 Yes No

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

Highest school completed by Parent 1

Highest school completed by Parent 2

Have you ever received federal student aid?
 Yes No

Have you been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study, and/or loans)?
 Yes No

Based on the answers you provided, we have determined that your eligibility for federal student aid is not affected by the previous question(s).

If you are convicted of possessing or selling drugs after you submit your FAFSA, you must notify the financial aid administrator at your college immediately. You will lose your eligibility for federal student aid and will be required to pay back all aid you received after your conviction.

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PART II: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY continued

- If you indicated that you completed your high school diploma on the prior screen, when you click "Next", you will see this screen asking you to provide the name, city and state of that high school.
- You will not be prompted to answer this question if you indicated that you received a GED certificate or state-authorized high school equivalent certificate on the prior screen.

Student Eligibility continued

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

What is the name of your high school?
Sylmar High School

In what city is your high school located?
Los Angeles

In what state is your high school located?
California

CONFIRM

PREVIOUS **NEXT**

NEED HELP? **SAVE** **CLEAR ALL DATA** **VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY** **EXIT**

Help and Hints

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 abbreviations or aliases.

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Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?
Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2017-2018 school year?
GED certificate or state authorized high school equivalent certificate

School Selection Section

Part I: School Selection

Part II: School Selection Summary

PART I: SCHOOL SELECTION

- Search for and select up to 10 colleges that you may want to attend. Information from this application will be sent to the schools you have selected.
- You can update or change school selections later if your plans change or you're just not sure yet. You must select at least one school to continue with the application.

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Student Demographics **School Selection** Dependency Status Parent Demographics Financial Information Sign & Submit Confirmation

School Selection

STUDENT

i • gdit, 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

City (optional)

School Name (optional)

Federal School Code

[Search Tips](#) OR

You can search by city or school name, if known.

→ Click "Search" to populate search results.

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School Selection

Search successfully completed. Check the Search Results table for schools meeting your search criteria.

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 Federal School Code

City (optional) OR

School Name (optional)

[Search Tips](#)

Select a school from the Search Results table and click **Add >>** to add a school to the Selected Schools table.

Search Results: 10

Sort By: **Best Match** | [School Name](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN PASADENA, CA Federal School Code: 001116 i
<input type="checkbox"/>	CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PASADENA, CA Federal School Code: 001131 i
<input type="checkbox"/>	FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PASADENA, CA Federal School Code: G01200 i

Selected Schools

Select up to 10 schools

No schools selected

PART I: SCHOOL SELECTION

- Click “ADD” to select up to 10 schools.
- Be careful when selecting your schools. Some school names are very similar and it’s easy to get them confused.
- Costs vary by school type. State colleges and universities are generally the most affordable; private trade schools can be costly. Ask for help if needed to make selections.

Sort By: Best Match | [School Name](#)

Select up to 10 schools

<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 001223 i	<input type="checkbox"/> PASADENA CITY COLLEGE PASADENA, CA Federal School Code: 001261 Remove
<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 007047 i	<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 001223 Remove
<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES TRADE TECH COLLEGE LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 001227 i	<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 007047 Remove
<input type="checkbox"/> WESTWOOD COLLEGE - LOS ANGELES LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 030727 i	<input type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES TRADE TECH COLLEGE LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 001227 Remove
<input type="checkbox"/> CALIF STATE UNIV-LOS ANGELES LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 001140 i	
<input type="checkbox"/> DONGGUK UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES, CA Federal School Code: 031095 i	

[ADD >>](#)

[VIEW SELECTED SCHOOL INFORMATION](#)

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PART II: SCHOOL SELECTION SUMMARY

- This page asks you to indicate your housing plans for each campus. Most four-year universities or colleges offer on-campus housing, but only a few community colleges in California offer on-campus housing.
- **Do NOT** select “With Parent” as your housing plan if you plan to live with a foster parent, relative caregiver or legal guardian. Instead, select “Off-Campus.” This is crucial for getting all the money that is available to you to pay for your living expenses.
- Note that the order in which you list the colleges will not impact your eligibility for CA state aid programs.

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School Selection Summary

For each school listed, select the appropriate housing plan from the dropdown list.

You may change the positioning of any school in this list. To do so, click on the school name and then use the buttons on the right to change the position of the selected school. The **FIRST** and **LAST** buttons will move the school to either the top or bottom of your list, and the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons will move the school one position up, or one position down.

For federal student aid purposes, it does not matter in what order you list your selected schools. However, the order in which you list schools may affect your eligibility for state aid. Find more information on your state's preferences for listing schools [here](#).

School Name	Federal School Code	Housing Plans	
PASADENA CITY COLLEGE	001261	On Campus	Remove
LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE	001223	With Parent	Remove
LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE	007047	Off Campus	Remove
LOS ANGELES TRADE TECH COLLEGE	001227	Off Campus	Remove

FIRST
UP
DOWN
LAST

VIEW SELECTED SCHOOL INFORMATION

ADD A SCHOOL

Dependency Status Section

Dependency Determination

FAFSA SECTION 3: DEPENDENCY STATUS (PG. 9)

Dependency Determination

-These questions appear one by one until a question is answered "Yes." If you can answer "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, you qualify for and are considered as "Independent Status" for the purposes of the FAFSA.

"Independent Status" means that you do not have to provide any information, including income information, about biological, adoptive or foster parents (including relative or non-relative caregivers) or legal guardians in the Parent Demographics section.

STUDENT

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information
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Dependency Determination

Application was successfully saved.

Were you born before January 1, 1995?
 Yes No

As of today, are you married?
 Yes No

At the beginning of the 2018-2019 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, 2018 and June 30, 2019?
 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, 2019?
 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, 2017, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
 Yes No

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Dependency Determination Continued

Current or former foster youth may qualify for "Independent Status" on the FAFSA if they can answer "Yes" to any part of either of these two questions:

"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?"

OR

"Does someone other than your parents or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?"

Dependency Determination

Application was successfully saved.

Were you born before January 1, 1994?

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

NOT SURE IF YOU QUALIFY?

- Neither legal guardians nor foster parents are considered parents when completing the FAFSA. If you are in legal guardianship, you can qualify for “Independent Status” on the FAFSA.
- Even if you were in foster care, or were a dependent or ward of the court, for just one day after you turned 13, you qualify.
- Dependent or Ward of the Court? The term “ward” is used to mean “dependent” of the court. You are a ward of the court (regardless of whether this status is determined by the county or state) if the court has assumed custody of you, even for just one day. Court-ordered documents exist that designate you as a ward of the court.

HOW TO PROVIDE VERIFICATION OF YOUR STATUS

- Your school may require documentation to verify your independent status.
- You will not receive your financial aid unless you provide the requested verification forms to your school.
- Please see Part 4: After the FAFSA of this guide to learn how to provide this verification.

If your answers on this page result in your qualification for “Independent Status,” the FAFSA will ask you at the end of the section if you want to answer questions about your parents. **You can answer “No” to skip questions about parental income**, including foster parents, legal guardians or relative caregivers. **Answering “No” will not prevent you from getting financial aid.**

TIP If you exited foster care before the age of 13 and were either reunified with your parents or adopted, you will most likely need to provide information about your parents’ income. You can request an exemption from this requirement, however, for special circumstances. Consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend for more information.

Dependency Determination Questions Continued

If you were in foster care on or after your 13th birthday, don't include your number of siblings, relatives, family of origin or foster family. For example, enter "1" for your number of family members if you are single and do not have children.

Enter "1" for yourself to indicate how many people in your household will be in college.

Answer "No" to skip additional questions about parental income, including foster parents, legal guardians or relative caregivers. Answering "No" will not prevent you from getting financial aid.

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Dependency Determination

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017?
 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, 2017?
 Yes No

Your number of family members in 2016-2017 (household size)

How many people in your household will be in college in 2016-2017?

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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Parent Demographics Section

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Student Tax Information

i **Attention!** You must provide financial information from your **2016 tax return** on the following pages.

✓ Application was successfully saved.

For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?
Already completed ▾

For 2016, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?
Single ▾

Did you file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return for 2016?
 Yes No

⋮ Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)!
[LINK TO IRS](#)

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Did you file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return?

If you filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return, select **Yes**; otherwise, select **No**.

You are not eligible to use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) if you filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return.

Related Topics:

[Why can't I use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool if I filed a tax return outside the U.S.?](#)

Because you were determined to be **“Independent”** in the previous Dependency Determination section, you will **not** be required to complete this section. You will automatically proceed to the next section called **“Financial Information.”**

Financial Information Section

Option a). If you select "*Already Completed*" IRS Income Tax Return

Option b). If you select "*Not Going to File*" IRS Income Tax Return

Option c). If you select "*Will File*" IRS Income Tax Return

Student Tax Information



▪ **Attention!** You must provide financial information from your **2016 tax return** on the following pages.



▪ Application was successfully saved.

For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

- Select
- Already completed
- Will file
- Not going to file

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Student Filed 2016 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 2016 tax return and your 2016 income is similar to your 2015 income, use your 2015 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

You must select one of three options about your tax information:

- Already completed
- Will file
- Not going to

Pay careful attention to which year's income and financial information you have to report in this section.

STUDENT

Option a).

If you select “*Already Completed*”

IRS Income Tax Return

If you filed taxes for the requested year, select this option.

If you select "Already Completed," tax information will be requested for the indicated year.

Select "Link to IRS" to transfer your tax return information directly into the FAFSA from the IRS using their "Data Retrieval Tool" (DRT).

- To protect security of tax information, you will not be able to see the actual information that is being transmitted.
- If you have difficulty with the DRT or it's not working, you can manually enter the information from your tax return.
- If you don't have a copy of your tax return, you can download a transcript at irs.gov/transcript.

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- Student Demographics
- School Selection
- Dependency Status
- Parent Demographics
- Financial Information

Student Tax Information

Attention! You must provide financial information from your 2016 tax return on the following pages.

Application was successfully saved.

For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?
Already completed

For 2016, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?
Single

Did you file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return for 2016?
 Yes No

Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)!
[LINK TO IRS](#)

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- NEED HELP?
- SAVE
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- Leaving *FAFSA on the Web* will display when going to the IRS Web site.
- It will inform you that your IRS tax information will not display, for your protection.
- Click "PROCEED TO IRS SITE" or "SKIP IRS TRANSFER" if you would like to enter the information manually.

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Leaving FAFSA on the Web
You are now leaving *FAFSA on the Web* and will be transferred to the IRS Web site to access your IRS tax information. Your FAFSA information will be saved.

Your saved FAFSA will automatically open either when you transfer your information from the IRS or choose to return to *FAFSA on the Web* from the IRS Web site. If you do not transfer your information or choose not to return to *FAFSA on the Web* from the IRS Web site, you will have to log in to open your saved FAFSA.


For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS Web site or on the FAFSA.
Click **Proceed to IRS Site** to continue. Otherwise, click **Skip IRS Transfer**.

If you have any questions or problems using this tool, view available [Help](#) options for assistance.

SKIP IRS TRANSFER **PROCEED TO IRS SITE**

Next, you will be taken to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool Site

- A warning text appears as the IRS Data Retrieval Tool site is displayed.
- Click "Ok"

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Get My Federal Income Tax Information

See our [Privacy Notice](#) regarding our request for your personal information.


Enter the following information from your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. ? Required fields *

First Name *	GDIT
Last Name *	DATA
Social Security Number *	*** - ** - 2630
Date of Birth *	01 / 01 / 1999
Filing Status	
Address	
Street	
P.O.	
Apt.	
County	
City	
State	
ZIP	

Select the return to y

Return Submit

Message from webpage

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2018-19 IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 1:

The fields at the top are pre-filled based on FAFSA responses. The Social Security Number cannot be updated.

Provide the address that matches your **Federal Income Tax Return** for the requested year.



Get My Federal Income Tax Information

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Enter the following information from your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. ? Required fields *

First Name *	GDIT
Last Name *	DATA
Social Security Number *	*** - ** - 2630
Date of Birth *	01 / 01 / 1999
Filing Status * ?	Single <input type="button" value="v"/>
Address - Must match your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. ?	
Street Address *	<input type="text"/>
P.O. Box (Required if entered on your tax return) ?	<input type="text"/>
Apt. Number (Required if entered on your tax return)	<input type="text"/>
Country *	United States <input type="button" value="v"/>
City, Town or Post Office *	<input type="text"/>
State/U.S. Territory *	Select One <input type="button" value="v"/>
ZIP Code *	<input type="text"/>

Select the button below to exit the IRS system and return to your FAFSA.

By submitting this information, you certify that you are the person identified. Use of this system to access another person's information may result in civil and criminal penalties.

Get My Federal Income Tax Information

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Enter the following information from your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. ? Required fields *

First Name *	GDIT
Last Name *	DATA
Social Security Number *	*** - ** - 2630
Date of Birth *	01 / 01 / 1999
Filing Status * ?	Single v
Address - Must match your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. ?	
Street Address *	4050 Alpha Rd Test
P.O. Box (Required if entered on your tax return) ?	
Apt. Number (Required if entered on your tax return)	
Country *	United States v
City, Town or Post Office *	Farmers Branch
State/U.S. Territory *	Texas (TX) v
ZIP Code *	75244

Select the button below to exit the IRS system and return to your FAFSA.

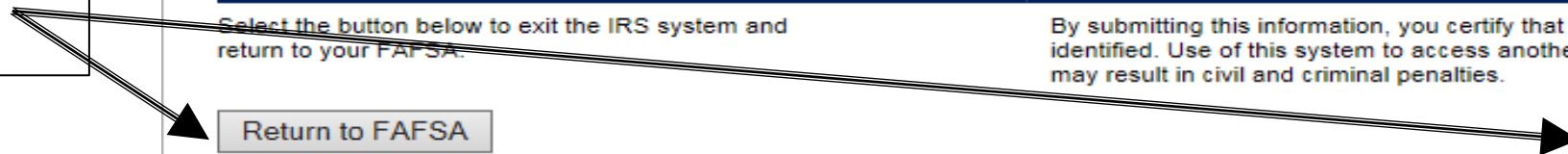
By submitting this information, you certify that you are the person identified. Use of this system to access another person's information may result in civil and criminal penalties.

[Return to FAFSA](#)

[Submit](#)

2018-19 IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 1, continued:

- Click "Submit" to retrieve IRS data, or "Return to FAFSA" to discontinue use of the IRS DRT and return to your FAFSA.



2018-19 IRS Data Retrieval Tool, page 2:

- Check the "Transfer My Tax Information..." box and click "Transfer Now" to carry this data back into your FAFSA
OR
- Check the "Do Not Transfer..." box and click "Do Not Transfer" to discontinue use of the IRS DRT

You are again notified on this page that the information will not display on the IRS page or on the fafsa.gov site.

2016 Federal Income Tax Information

Gdit Data


Based on the information you provided, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) located your income tax return. With your permission below, the IRS will securely transfer your tax information to the Department of Education (ED) to populate any applicable FAFSA® questions.

For your protection, the IRS will not display your tax information and will further encrypt any tax information transferred using the IRS DRT; therefore, ED is unable to display your tax information on your FAFSA.

The data retrieved from your tax return is limited to the items listed below as you reported to the IRS:

Tax Year	Type of Return Filed	Untaxed Pensions
Name(s)	Adjusted Gross Income	Untaxed IRA Distributions
Social Security Number	Income Earned from Work	Tax exempt Interest Income
Filing Status	Income Tax	IRA Deductions and Payments
IRS Exemptions	Education Credits	Status of Amended Returns Received

Refer to your tax records if you have a question about the values you reported.

 Print this page for your records before choosing an option below.

Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA

- The tax information provided to FOTW will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions. After the FAFSA is populated your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA. Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.

[Transfer Now !\[\]\(3342c215b2a8b663596a81468d5dc314_img.jpg\)](#)

Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA

- By clicking the "Do Not Transfer" button, you are choosing not to transfer your tax information electronically. Your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA.

[Do Not Transfer !\[\]\(19d44b37fb4fa155bf9d60c77a3d3cb2_img.jpg\)](#)

2018-19 "Student Financial Information" page.

An alert message will indicate that the IRS Data was successfully transferred and will be identified as "Transferred from the IRS".

This data cannot be changed or viewed.

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Student Financial Information

i You have successfully transferred your 2016 IRS tax information.

Your IRS tax information has been successfully transferred into this FAFSA. Questions that were populated with tax information will be marked with "Transferred from the IRS." For your protection, IRS tax return information is not displayed on the FAFSA.

What income tax return did you file for 2016?
Transferred from the IRS

What was your adjusted gross income for 2016?
Transferred from the IRS

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016?
Transferred from the IRS

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Here is the top half of the 2018-19 "Student Financial Information continued" page.

The bottom half of the page is continued on the next slide.

The entry boxes that contain IRS Data have been replaced with the "Transferred from the IRS" label. This data cannot be changed.

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Student Financial Information continued

Enter the amount of your (and your spouse's) income tax for 2016.
Transferred from the IRS

Enter your (and your spouse's) exemptions for 2016.
Transferred from the IRS

Did you (or your spouse) have any of the following items in 2016? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

2016 Additional Financial Information

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

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Student's Child Support Paid Question 44b

Check the box if you (and if married, your spouse) paid child support in 2016.

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Here is the bottom half of the page.

- The entry boxes that contain IRS Data have been replaced with the "Transferred from the IRS" label. This data cannot be changed.
- Click "Yes" to skip questions about your assets.

Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans from IRS Form

Transferred from the IRS

Child support received

Tax exempt interest income
Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form

Transferred from the IRS

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form. Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here

Transferred from the IRS

Untaxed portions of pensions
Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form. Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here

Transferred from the IRS

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

Money received or paid on your behalf

Do you want to skip questions about your assets?
 Yes No

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Option b).

If you select *“Not Going to File”*

IRS Income Tax Return

If you did not have to file taxes, select this option. You will still be asked questions about any income you may have earned or received.

Student Tax Information:

Select "Not going to file" an IRS tax return.

Select this if, for example, you did not work or did not make enough money that requires you to file taxes for the requested year.

TIP

Unsure if you made enough money to file taxes? Each year the income requirement is different. For example, in 2016 if you were single, under the age of 65 and your gross income was at least **\$10,350**, then you need to file a tax return.

Gross income = total income paid to you before any deductions or taxes were taken out.

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Financial Information Sign & Submit Confirmat

Student Tax Information

For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?
Not going to file

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Student Filed 2016 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 2016 tax return and your 2016 income is similar to your 2015 income, use your 2015 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 Financial Information:

You will be asked to report how much money you made from **working**. If you did not work, enter zero.

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Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information	Sign & Submit	Confirmation
<h3>Student Financial Information</h3> <p>How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016? \$ <input type="text"/> .00</p> <p>As of today, are you a dislocated worker? <input type="button" value="No"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="CHECK FOR ERRORS"/> <input type="button" value="PREVIOUS"/> <input type="button" value="NEXT"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="NEED HELP?"/> <input type="button" value="SAVE"/> <input type="button" value="CLEAR ALL DATA"/> <input type="button" value="VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY"/> <input type="button" value="EXIT"/></p>						

If you are unsure if you are a dislocated worker, click and see the "Help & Hints" bar for a full definition.

Note: If you answer Yes, the financial aid administrator at your college may require proof that you or your spouse is a dislocated worker.

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Student's 2016 Income Earned from Work

Question 39

Find the scenario that best fits your tax filing status.

- If you did not file taxes, include the information from your 2016 W-2 Forms – box numbers 1 + 8.
- If you are married and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) to transfer information from a joint tax return into your FAFSA, you must manually enter your income earned from work. Report your and your spouse's earnings separately. You can use your tax return, W-2s, or other earning statements to calculate your income.

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- Untaxed Social Security benefits.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- Gifts from family or friends.

**See Help & Hints bar for the complete list when you click the field to enter the income within "Other Untaxed Income"

Student Financial Information continued

Did you have any of the following items in 2016? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

2016 Additional Financial Information

- Child support paid
- Taxable earnings from Work-study, Assistantships or Fellowships
- College grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income
- Combat pay or special combat pay
- Cooperative education program earnings

2016 Untaxed Income

- Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans
- Child support received
- 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
- Money received or paid on your behalf

Do you want to skip questions about your assets?
 Yes No

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If any of the boxes are selected, you will be asked to provide the dollar amount.

If the FAFSA determines that you have a high income, you will be asked to report any assets over \$1. Otherwise, you can skip questions about assets.

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Student Financial Information continued

Did you have any of the following items in 2016? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

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- Child support paid
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- Yes No

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Help and Hints

Student's Child Support Paid Question 44b

Check the box if you (and if married, your spouse) paid child support in 2016.

Option c). If you select “*Will File*” IRS Income Tax Return

Very few people will need to select this option. If you were required to file taxes, but missed the deadline, select this option.

Student Demographics

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Parent Demographics

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Confirm

Student Tax Information



▪ **Attention!** You must provide financial information from your **2016 tax return** on the following pages.



▪ Application was successfully saved.

For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

Will file

For 2016, what will be your tax filing status according to your tax return?

- ✓ Select
- Single
- Head of Household
- Married-Filed Joint Return
- Married-Filed Separate Return
- Qualifying Widow(er)
- Don't know

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Help and Hints

Student's 2016 Tax Return Filing Status Question 34

If you filed or will file a tax return, you must select your tax return filing status for 2016:

- Single
- Head of Household
- Married-Filed Joint Return
- Married-Filed Separate Return
- Qualifying Widow(er)
- Don't know

If you (and if married, your spouse) filed a 1040 or 1040A tax return, select the tax return filing status from the "Filing Status" field of your tax return.

If you (and if married, your spouse) filed a 1040EZ tax

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Student Tax Information:

If you select "Will file" a tax return, indicate what your filing status will be when you do file.

A message will appear to confirm that you have missed the deadline to file taxes, but still plan to file an income tax return.

Click "Ok" if this is true.

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Student Tax Information

X The following error(s) have occurred:

- You indicated that you will file taxes. If you have missed the 2016 tax filing deadline of April 2017 but still plan to file a 2016 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), click "OK." Otherwise, change your answer.

For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

X Will file

For 2016, what will be your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Single

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Student Filed 2016 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 2016 tax return and your 2016 income is similar to your 2015 income, use your 2015 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 Financial Information:

Either use the prior year's tax if the information is similar to provide estimates, or click "Income Estimator" for assistance estimating the adjusted gross income, and answer the remaining questions about income as accurately as possible.

Gross income = total income paid to you before any deductions or taxes were taken out.

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Student Financial Information

i You indicated you "Will file" a 2016 tax return.

If your 2016 income is similar to your 2015 income, use your 2015 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 best of your ability.

Once you file your tax return, you **must** correct your FAFSA, changing 1) your filing status from "Will file" to "Already completed" and 2) your estimated answers to the final amounts on your 2016 tax return. At that time, you may be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer your tax return information into the FAFSA.

What income tax return will you file for 2016?

What was your adjusted gross income for 2016?
 \$.00 [INCOME ESTIMATOR](#)

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016?
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As of today, are you a dislocated worker?

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If you are unsure if you are a dislocated worker, click and see the "Help & Hints" bar for a full definition.

Note: If you answer Yes, the financial aid administrator at your college may require proof that you or your spouse is a dislocated

Student Financial Information Continued:

Depending on the amount of income you report, you may be asked if you received any federal benefits. These federal benefits often have different names locally:

Federal Benefit Name	Local California Benefit Name
Medicaid	Medi-Cal
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Cal Fresh (i.e. "food stamps")
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	CalWorks

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What income tax return will you file for 2016?

IRS 1040

What was your adjusted gross income for 2016? This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 37.

\$ 15,000.00 [INCOME ESTIMATOR](#)

How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016? This amount is the total of IRS Form 1040-lines 7+12+18 and Box 14 [Code A] of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065).

\$ 15,000.00

As of today, are you a dislocated worker?

No

In 2016 or 2017, did you or anyone in your household, receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below? Check all that apply or check **None of the above**. If, at the time you are completing the FAFSA, you or anyone in your household, did NOT receive any of these benefits during 2016 or 2017, but do receive any of them on or before December 31, 2017, you must return to the FAFSA and update your response.

Answering these questions will not reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs.

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ([SNAP](#))
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ([TANF](#))
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- None of the above

You will be asked to report further financial information.

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Enter the amount of your income tax for 2016. This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-lines (56 minus 46).

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Enter your exemptions for 2016. This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 6d.

Did you have any of the following items in 2016? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

2016 Additional Financial Information

- American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit
- Child support paid
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2016 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
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Do you want to skip questions about your assets?

Yes No

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Yes No

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Sign & Submit Section

The final section of the FAFSA!

READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

- Read and check the box indicating agreement with the statement.
- Click **"SIGN"** and then **"SUBMIT MY FAFSA NOW"**
- Since you entered your FSA ID to login to the FAFSA, you don't have to enter it again.


The screenshot shows the FAFSA 'Sign & Submit' page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The 'Sign & Submit' tab is active. A green box at the top left contains a checkmark and the text 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this is a button labeled 'VIEW OR PRINT YOUR FAFSA INFORMATION'. A question asks 'Are you a preparer?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'Student Signature' section includes fields for 'Student's Social Security Number' (masked as XXX-XX-2666), 'Student's last name' (data), and 'Student's date of birth' (01/01/1992). A scrollable box titled 'READ BEFORE PROCEEDING' contains a statement and four numbered conditions. Below the scroll box, there is a line 'I, the student, agree to the terms outlined above.' with radio buttons for 'Agree' and 'Disagree'. The 'Agree' button is highlighted with an orange box. Below this is a 'SIGN' button, also highlighted with an orange box. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'PREVIOUS', 'SUBMIT MY FAFSA NOW', 'NEED HELP?', 'SAVE', 'CLEAR ALL DATA', 'VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY', and 'EXIT'. The 'SUBMIT MY FAFSA NOW' button is highlighted with an orange box. On the right side, there is a 'Help and Hints' section with the title 'Terms of Agreement - Student' and a paragraph of text with a 'More>>>' link.

This is your Confirmation Page to show that your FAFSA is completed!

- Print or save a copy
- A copy will also be sent to you via email
- If you need to make any changes, you must wait a few days until it is processed to go back in and make changes



2017-2018 Confirmation Page

 Your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address: abc@fsa.gov

[PRINT THIS PAGE](#)

Confirmation Number: F 06600094006 08/10/2016 21:41:33
Data Release Number (DRN): 7880

Congratulations, gdit! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail 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
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	70%	86%	24%	NA
UNIV OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO	60%	80%	NA	NA

Eligibility Information

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 000000

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 - \$5,815.00

[Direct Stafford Loan](#) Estimate - \$9,500.00

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 \(AOTC\)](#).

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

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After the FAFSA

Once your FAFSA is processed within a few days, it will be indicated when you log back into FAFSA.

You can make a correction by choosing "Make FAFSA Corrections," or click to "View or Print your Student Aid Report (SAR)."

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My FAFSA

Welcome, SOME GUY!

2017-2018 2016-2017

Current Application Status: Processed Successfully

Congratulations, your FAFSA was successfully processed.

Original Application
Submitted: 10/01/2016
Processed: 01/01/2017

What Happens Next

- Your FAFSA information was made available to the school(s) you listed on your FAFSA.
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- [View or Print your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)
- [Make FAFSA Corrections](#) to make a change, add a school, or transfer IRS data into your FAFSA

FSA ID Last Time, Date FSA ID Used: 1:10, 08/15/2016

FSA ID Status:
[User Account Management](#)
You can use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA.

Create a shareable file with some of your student information.
[Learn More](#)

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