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The College Application Process

PEOPLE TO KNOW



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Students With Last Name:

A-FI
Fo-La
Le-Sk
Sl-Sy
Sz-Z



■ CCC Coordinators

- Hana Sato
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All Students
All Students



CAREER AND COLLEGE CENTER (CCC)

- **Open Mon-Thurs @ 8:00am-4:00pm in room #107**
- **The CCC can help students with the following:**
 - Create a post-secondary plan
 - Take inventories to increase self-awareness
 - Research careers/resume development
 - Scholarship search and assistance
 - Financial aid
 - College admission test information
 - Summer/community/volunteer/job opportunities/building resumes
 - Washburn college access networks (TRIO Upward Bound, Project Success & Genesys Works)



SIGN UP FOR REP VISITS

CAREER & COLLEGE CENTER This Week's Rep Visits!

Sign up on WHS Website

1. Click Counseling Tab
2. Click Career & College Center
3. Click CCC Events



This Week's Upcoming Events

DATE	TIME	COLLEGE REP VISITS & EVENTS
Tues 9/19	9:45am (2nd)	North Dakota State University (Fargo, ND)
Tues 9/19	1:05pm (5th)	Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island)
Tues 9/19	2:05pm (6th)	University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)
Wed 9/20	10:45am (3rd)	Applying to Private/Highly Selective Colleges (SENIORS ONLY)
Wed 9/20	1:15pm (5th)	Applying to Private/Highly Selective Colleges (SENIORS ONLY)
Wed 9/20	2:15pm (6th)	University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO)
Thurs 9/21	9:45am (2nd)	Creating your Common App Account (SENIORS ONLY)
Thurs 9/21	10:45am (3rd)	University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA)
Thurs 9/21	1:15pm (5th)	Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa)



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Home > Career & College Center (CCC)

Washburn Achieve Twin Cities Career & College Center (CCC)

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- [Make an appointment here](#)
- [Sign up for CCC events here](#)
- [Visit our website here](#) -- for all things College and Career!

UPCOMING CCC EVENTS (in Career & College Center -- CCC)

Each event has a sign up link -- click on the name of the event to sign up!

This Week's Rep Visits/Events

DATE	TIME	COLLEGE
Wed 9/13	1:15pm (5th)	Colorado College (Colorado Springs, CO)
Wed 9/13	2:15pm (6th)	Seattle University (Seattle, WA)
Thurs 9/14	10:45am (3rd)	Northeastern (Boston, MA)
Thurs 9/15	11:30-1:00pm	MN College of Art & Design Drop-in Session for Q&A (Location: Art Room 102)
Fri 9/15	1:05pm (5th)	MCAD Admissions & Portfolio Info (Minneapolis, MN) (Location: Art Room 102)
Fri 9/15	2:05pm (6th)	MCAD Admissions & Portfolio Info (Minneapolis, MN) (Location: Art Room 102)

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FULL LIST OF CCC EVENTS HERE

ORDER OF OPERATIONS



Step 1: Get organized and ask questions

Step 2: Develop the college list

Step 3: Complete applications

Step 4: Obtain Letter of Rec authorization if necessary

Step 5: Meet with Counselor

Step 6: Track applications through college portal(s) and Xello

Step 7: Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA or Dream Act)

Step 8: Apply for Scholarships



NOTE: Do not wait on ACT scores, transcripts, or teacher recs to send in your application

STEP 1: GET ORGANIZED AND ASK QUESTIONS

You will be making a leap into your future. You can do it.

- Make informed choices
- Engage with the process
- Use your resources well
- Remain calm and organized
- The “best” school is the one that fits you best. There is no one single “best” school for you.



STEP 2: DEVELOP COLLEGE LIST



- A good school is one that is a good *fit* for you
- A school where you will be happy, engaged, grow and that meet your needs
 - Educational
 - Personal
 - Social
 - Financial



STEP 2: DEVELOP COLLEGE LIST



■ **Likely** – *realistic*

- Your profile is **SIGNIFICANTLY** stronger than the typical freshman
- 60-90% chance of admission

■ **Possible** – *selective*

- Your profile is similar to the typical freshman
- 30-60% chance of admission



■ **Reach** – *more selective*

- Your profile is not as strong as the typical freshman
- less than 30% chance of admission

STEP 2: DEVELOP COLLEGE LIST



- **“Objectively Important Profile” factors (published)**
 - GPA
 - ACT or SAT scores if you choose to send them

- **“Subjectively Important Profile” factors (unpublished)**
 - Rigor of Courses (Unweighted GPA, Unranked)
 - Activities/ Unusual Talent
 - Diversity (Race, Ethnicity, Income, Geography)

STEP 3: COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Deadlines
 - Rolling Admissions
 - Regular Deadline
 - Early Action/Priority Deadline
 - Early Decision (binding contract)



STEP 3: COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- The Common Application
- Institutional Applications
- Coalition Application
- Black Common Application



STEP 3: COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Be Professional!
 - Appropriate grammar, punctuation
 - Formal language; do not use texting/tweeting format
 - Professional email address
- Follow all directions



MN DIRECT ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

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- [State of MN Direct Admissions Pilot Program](#)
- Goal is to let students know that they are “college material”
- WHS submitted academic information to MN OHE
- E-Mail was sent to students confirming direct admission to colleges that each student will be admitted to by answering a quick survey OHE.
- Each college that student selects will be sent a personalized email regarding next steps. Usually a link to a modified application.
- All MN schools are participating with exceptions
- No obligation to attend any of the schools
- Fees are waived

DA Tiered GPA College Admittance Examples

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Tier 6* (GPA 3.5>): St. Thomas, Gustavus, UM Rochester

Tier 5 (3.0-3.49): UMD, UM Morris, St. Kate's, St. John's/Ben's,
MSU Mankato, MCAD, Bethel, Augsburg

Tier 4* (2.75-2.99): Winona State, Hamline

Tier 3 (2.75-2.99): Concordia (St. Paul), Bemidji State

Tier 2 (2.50-2.74): St. Cloud State, Dunwoody, St. Scholastica

Tier 1 (<2.50): Normandale, Minneapolis College, Henn Tech

*Must have at least a C average in Math, English, and Science

ESSAY RESOURCES

- Not all colleges require an essay (ex: U of M, Iowa, Iowa State)
- The Washburn Writing Lab can help with pre-writing techniques and brainstorming, organizing and outlining rough drafts, proofreading for grammar and mechanics and polishing final drafts to turn in.
- Contact the Writing Lab Coordinator, Mary Manor, if you have any questions at Mary.Manor@mpls.k12.mn.us
- Join Manor for the College Essay Writing Breakout Room!

STEP 4: REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Be sure that a letter is REQUIRED. Use CA or college website as a resource
- Obtain LOR Authorization Form from counselor or CCC (no appointment needed)
- Make in-person request to teacher with authorization form
- Student should waive FERPA rights in CA
- Add teacher name into Xello for each individual college
- Teacher uploads letter to Xello and is auto-forwarded to CA

STEP 5: MEET WITH COUNSELOR



- Senior Meeting with Counselor includes:
 - Review of colleges
 - ACT discussion
 - Student must send via ACT website
 - Transcript request
 - Fee Waivers processed if eligible
 - Additional forms and counselor LOR
 - Ensure Xello and CA are connected

STEP 6: COMPLETE AND TRACK APPLICATIONS

If you get an email or postcard that says you are missing materials:

- Step 1: Check Xello to see what Washburn has sent to the college.
- Step 2: Check college portal (if the college has one) to see if the college has received your materials.
- Step 3: Check with the CCC to help problem-solve.

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- Submit an application on one of three platforms (Golden Gopher Application or Common App) Pay the \$55 application fee or submit a fee waiver request through counselor.
- SELF REPORT high school course grades and standardized test scores (No official transcript is required at the time of application).



STEP 7: APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID



- Fill out your **FAFSA** at fafsa.gov or **MN Dream Act** at ohe.state.mn.us beginning in December/January
- The CCC is available if one-on-one help is needed
- Complete verification if chosen
- Continue to follow up with all financial aid offices
- Review preliminary financial aid package



STEP 8: APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS



- Did you know?:
 - 90% of scholarships are given from the attending institution
 - Institutional scholarships can be awarded based off your college application
 - Always make sure to check your college's website for more institutional scholarship opportunities
- Private scholarship opportunities:
 - WHS Scholarship Spreadsheet on CCC Website
 - Most will be available starting in January
 - i.e. Washburn scholarship



SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE



■ Fall: (Applications)

- 9/28 Senior College and Financial Aid Night for Families
- 10/4 -10/5 National College Fair @ Minneapolis Convention Center
- 10/28 ACT (10/6 late registration)
- 11/1 Early Action/Priority Deadlines

■ Winter: (Scholarships/Financial Aid)

- 12/9 ACT (register by 11/3)
- 1/18 Financial Aid Workshop at Washburn
- 2/20 Financial Aid Workshop at Washburn
- 3/4 Washburn Scholarship Application Opens
- 3/21 Financial Aid Workshop at Washburn

■ Spring: (Graduation)

- 4/9 Washburn Scholarship Application Closes
- April/May Financial Aid packages
- 5/1 Make final decisions
- 6/15 Graduation



MISCELLANEOUS FINAL NOTES



- College application fee waivers available for students who qualify for Educational Benefits through the WHS website
- For more than 3 out-of-state transcripts there will be a \$5 transcript fee (collected in June)
- North Star Promise Scholarship Program is coming! (free college tuition < \$80,000)
- Students signed up for counselor appointments already but can email counselor if missed.

Financial Aid Overview & “Better FAFSA” Updates



Financial Aid Overview

- Types of Financial Aid Forms
- Financial Aid Timeline
- Types of Financial Aid
- Important Financial Aid Tips

Financial Aid Forms

FAFSA

- FREE Application for Federal Student Aid
- **Students** who are US Citizens, permanent residents, and refugees should complete FAFSA
- Determines “Student Aid Index” (formerly the “Expected Family Contribution”) and Pell Grant/Federal Loan eligibility

MN Dream Act

- Non-citizens can complete the MN Dream Act and qualify for state grants

CSS Profile

- Required by some (typically more selective/expensive) colleges
- More detailed than FAFSA



Estimated Financial Aid Timeline:

Dec:
FAFSA/MN
Dream Act
Opens

Dec-March: Receive
admission decision
and merit
scholarships

March-April:
Receive full
financial aid award

May: Accept,
decline, or
appeal award

September: Start
college—yay!

Fall: Create
an FSA ID
account to
prepare

Ongoing: update the FAFSA
every year to keep receiving aid



Types of Financial Aid

“Free Money”

Grants (federal, state, institutional)

Institutional Scholarships

- Academic merit (sometimes have GPA requirement)
- Athletic (DI, DII schools)
- Artistic (sometimes require arts involvement)
- Diversity

Outside Scholarships

“Money You Have to Pay Back”

- Work Study (through employment)
- Loans

[Click here to learn more about financial aid packages!](#)

Stanford | Financial Aid

March 28, 2014
Original

2014-2015

Leland Stanford, Jr
ID#00000001

Cost of Attendance:

The budget includes the actual cost of tuition and certain fees, and a standard amount for housing and meals. Allowances for the typical costs of books and supplies, personal expenses, and transportation to and from campus are estimates of your actual expenses and included for the purpose of determining the full cost of attendance and eligibility for aid.

Tuition	\$44,184
Room and Board	\$13,631
Campus Hlth Serv Fee	\$573
Orientation Fee	\$438
Books and Supplies	\$1,425
Personal Expenses	\$2,550
Travel	\$405
Total Expenses	\$63,206

Scholarships and Grants:

This is gift aid that does not have to be paid back. Aid from Stanford is awarded based on our calculation of your need. If information is still required, these awards are estimates and may change. Details regarding quarterly amounts can be found at aess.stanford.edu.

Stanford Resources	
Stanford Fund Scholarship	\$50,476
Federal/State Resources	
Pell Grant	\$5,730
SEOG Grant	\$2,000
Outside Resources	
Outside Scholarship/Grant	\$2,000
Total Grants and Scholarships	\$60,206

Net Cost to you:

Net Cost is Cost of Attendance minus Scholarships and Grants. Additional resources listed below may be available to help you with the Net Cost.

Total Net Cost	\$3,000
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Parent Contribution:

Calculated amount based on information provided on your financial aid application and a standard formula.

Parent Contribution	\$0
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Student Responsibility:

You are expected to contribute through summer earnings and assets as well as earnings during the academic year. For information about applying for jobs on campus see financialaid.stanford.edu/aid/employ. You may also meet your student responsibility through outside scholarships and/or student loans.

Student Contribution	\$200
Academic Year Job Earnings	\$2,800

Loan Programs:

Student or Parent loans may be available to help finance your Net Cost. Any loans listed here have been offered for that purpose. You may be eligible for additional loans; see details about loan eligibility and processing instructions at financialaid.stanford.edu/loans. Your total student indebtedness at Stanford, excluding loans not yet accepted, is \$0.

* This award is contingent upon receipt and review of your parent's signed complete 2013 federal income tax return (including W-2s) as submitted to CSS IDOC. The review may result in a change in the aid awarded if actual figures differ from those on the application.

Important Tips:

- ★ Don't automatically dismiss schools with high "sticker prices"
- ★ If you qualify for free lunch, you will likely qualify for aid
- ★ Apply on time and stay aware of deadlines!
- ★ When you get your financial aid package, be sure to understand what is loan money and what is grant money
- ★ If it seems too good to be true—it probably is!
- ★ Don't forget other costs: books, transportation, entertainment, etc.
- ★ Apply for outside scholarships - Achieve has a very comprehensive [Scholarship List](#) and Washburn has a [Scholarship Spreadsheet](#)



Key Updates on 2024-2025 FAFSA

- FAFSA form is much simpler
- FSA ID - everyone needs one, create them early on
- Students and contributors will need to give consent for their information to be transferred from IRS
- New terminology

FAFSA Simplification

- After creating FSA ID, FAFSA will be MUCH simpler and faster for most families
- Federal Student Aid overhauled the website, shortened questions, and developed a mobile site

The 2024-2025 FAFSA will open in December 2023

- Federal Student Aid has not released the official date yet
- MN Dream Act will also open in December
- CSS Profile will still open Oct 1

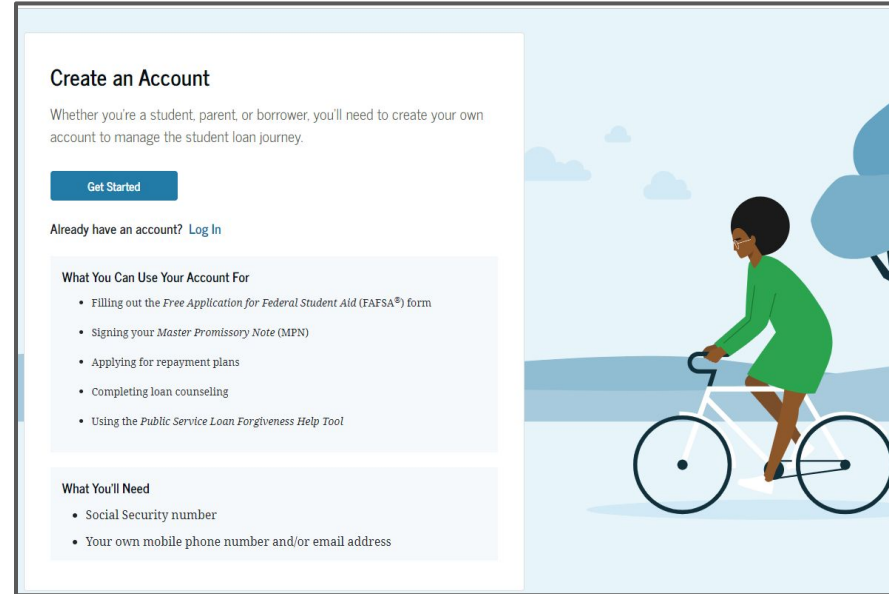


FSA IDs are more important than ever!

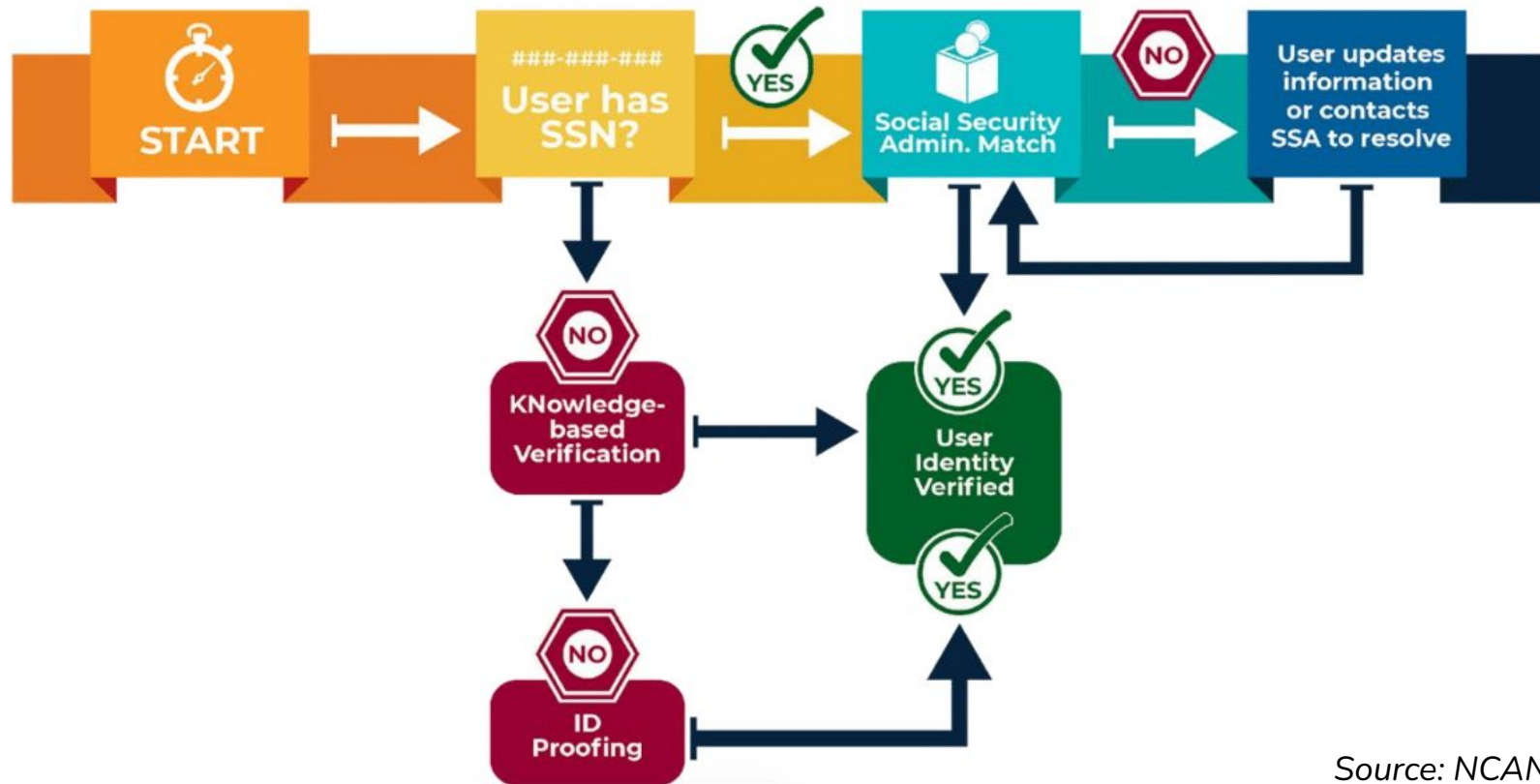
Every contributor (including parents and students) needs to create an FSA ID

Create an FSA ID early to prepare!

You'll use the FSA ID to start the FAFSA



Id match & verification flow



Source: NCAN & FSA

Create an Account

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account is true and correct and that I'm the individual who I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I may be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text" value="09"/>	<input type="text" value="07"/>	<input type="text" value="1991"/>

Social Security Number

I don't have a Social Security number.

Cancel

Continue

Contributor

- Dependent students will start the FAFSA and determine which parent's information they need to include on their FAFSA
 - Parent wizard can help determine this
- Students will then be able to invite the parent to fill out the contributor section of the FAFSA
 - Contributor will log in with their own FSA ID to complete this section

Parent Wizard Questions

ARE YOUR PARENTS MARRIED TO EACH OTHER?

- If yes, provide information about both parents
- If no, next question

DO THE PARENTS LIVE TOGETHER?

- If yes, provide information about both parents
- If no, next question

DID ONE PARENT PROVIDE MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAN THE OTHER OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS?

- If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support the student financially, select "No," and refer to the parent with the greater income or assets in the next question.
- Yes or No, next question

HAS THE PARENT YOU IDENTIFIED IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION REMARRIED?

- If yes, provide information for the parent and stepparent
- If no, provide information about this parent only

Are the parents married to each other?

Yes

No

Do the parents live together?

Yes

No

Did one parent provide more financial support than the other parent over the past 12 months?

If both parents provided an exact equal amount of financial support or if they don't support the student financially, select "No," and refer to the parent with the greater income or assets in the next question.

Yes

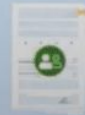
No

Has the parent you identified in the previous question remarried?

Remember, this applies to the parent with the greater income and assets.

Yes

No

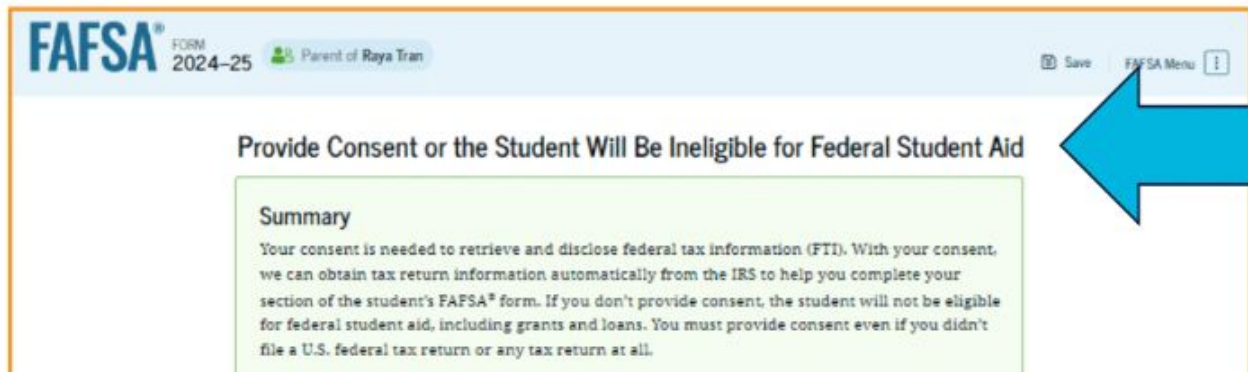


Provide Information for This Parent Only

Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about only this parent on the FAFSA[®] form. You can invite this parent to the form and have them complete their required sections.

Agreeing to IRS Data Exchange

- After creating an FSA ID, contributors will use it to give consent for their information to be transferred from IRS
 - Rather than giving permission at the end (through a signature page), now they'll provide it at the beginning
- If either a student or their “contributor” (parent/guardian) does not give consent, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for a parent/guardian. The header includes the FAFSA logo, the form year (2024-25), and the user's role (Parent of Raya Tran). In the top right corner, there are 'Save' and 'FAFSA Menu' buttons. The main heading is 'Provide Consent or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid'. Below this is a 'Summary' section with the following text: '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 your section of the student's FAFSA form. If you don't provide consent, the student 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.' A large blue arrow points from the right side of the screen towards the 'Save' button.

Terminology

OLD	NEW
EFC (expected family contribution)	SAI (Student Aid Index)
Household Size	Family Size
Parent (s)	Contributors
Student Aid Report	FAFSA Submission Summary
Dependency Status	Student Personal Circumstances
IRS Data Retrieval Tool	Direct Data Exchange



Process

OLD

Contributor could access the FAFSA without creating FSA ID first

Parent without social security number could not create FSA ID. Signature page required

Using IRS Data Retrieval Tool was optional

Parent info provided was determined by “whom the student lived with more out of the year”

Student could enter up to 10 colleges

NEW

Contributor will NOT be able to access the FAFSA without an FSA ID set up prior to starting the form

Parent(s) without SSN will be required to create an FSA ID - new process

Everyone has to click a permission box allowing their financial information to be transferred from the IRS, including non tax-filers

New definition of parent is “parent who provides the greater portion of the student’s financial support

Student will be able to add up to 20 colleges

Formula Changes

OLD

Household size reported by student applicant

Businesses and farms with fewer than 100 employees not counted as an asset

Number in college included in EFC calculation

Families with Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) greater than \$50,000 required to report asset information

Lowest EFC is 0

NEW

Family size based on number of people claimed as exemptions on tax forms

Net value of businesses and farms of any size counted as an asset

Number in college NO LONGER included in SAI calculation. Question will still appear for institutional purposes

Families with AGI greater than \$60,000 will be required to report asset information

Lowest SAI is -1500

Next Steps


- Create an FSA ID account today to be ready for the December launch
- Keep an eye out for communications from the CCC & Counseling Dept.
- FSA will be creating more family-facing resources in the months to come
- Start planning for college costs by using Net Price Calculators or the College Scorecard tool



BREAKOUT SESSIONS



- **6:45-7:05pm** Breakout Session I
- **7:10- 7:30pm** Breakout Session II
- **7:35-7:55pm** Breakout Session III
- FSA ID Creation: Room 107 (CCC)
- Scholarship Information: Room 122 (Choir Room)
- College Essay Writing: Room 119
- Applying to Large Regional School : Auditorium (**Only Session 3**)
- Tips for the Common App: Room 115
- Sala de Habla Espanol: Room 106C
- Somali Speaking Room/Qolka Afka Soomaaliga: Room 106B



*Stay for as many sessions as you would like. Presenters will repeat each topic **three times.***