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2024-25 FAFSA Completion Guide

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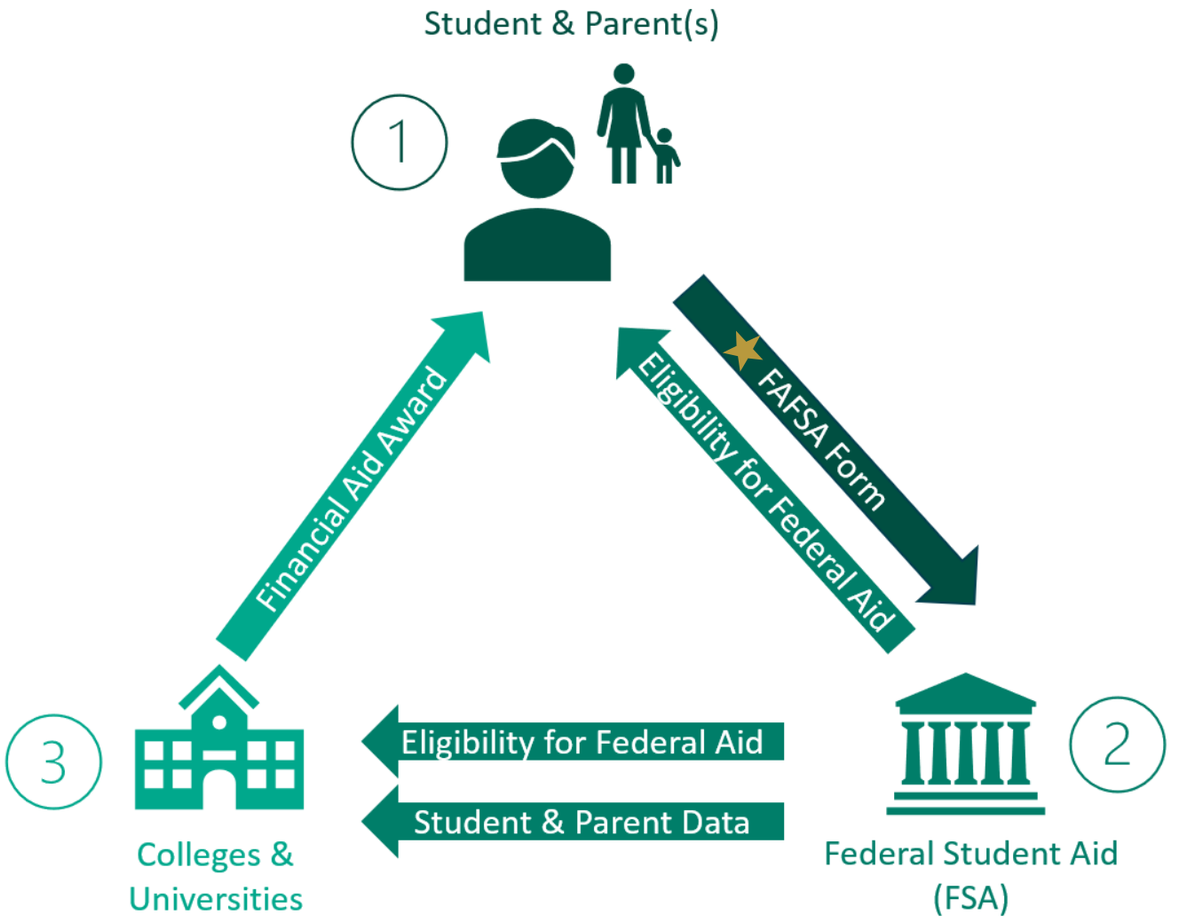
FAFSA Overview

Congratulations! You've done the hard work in high school to make a reality. At this point, you've successfully navigated the college admissions process and submitted applications to multiple college, and you're likely now waiting for decision updates.

The next step in your process is to navigate the complex world of college financial aid. The central feature of this process for most college-bound students is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.

The FAFSA form enables students and their parent(s) to report their income from the previous year to the office of Federal Student Aid (FSA). FSA officers use this information to determine each student's eligibility for grants and loans administered by the federal government, including the Federal Pell Grant. Additionally, FSA shares student and parent information with colleges and universities to help financial aid administrators distribute need-based financial aid.

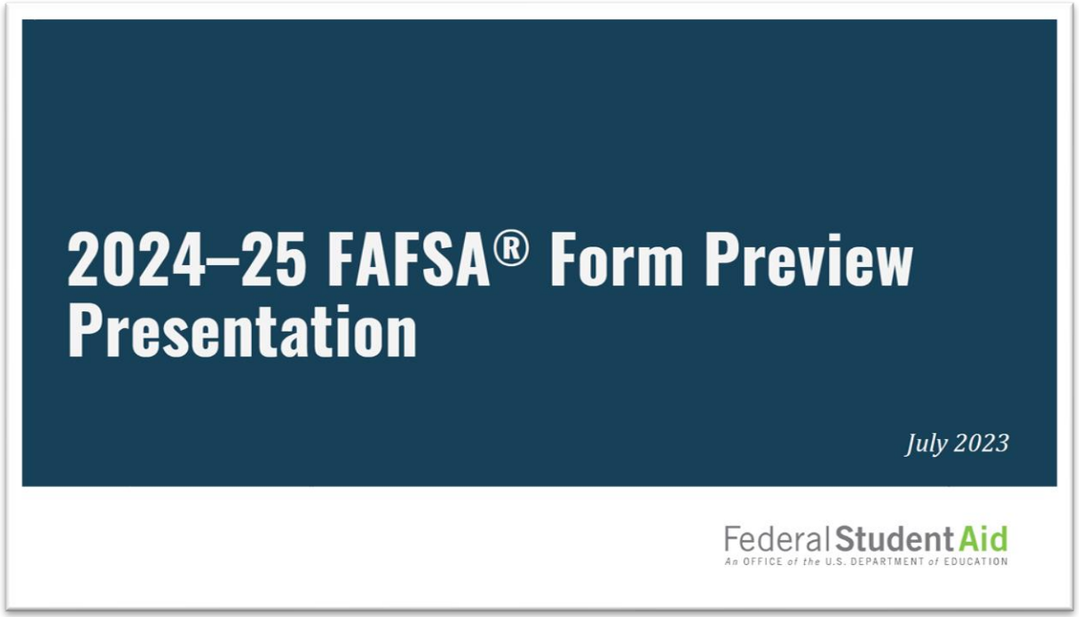


How to Use This Guide

This presentation is adapted from the 2024–25 FAFSA Form Preview Presentation that was published by Federal Student Aid in July 2023.

The Meeting Street Scholarship Fund has modified the sequence of slides for clarity and length and added helpful notes and reminders. Please note that Federal Student Aid may have made slight changes to the FAFSA form since the publication of this guide.

This presentation is intended to guide students and parents through the FAFSA completion process step-by-step, and we recommend that you approach the following slides sequentially.



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Login, Consent & Dependency Status

Before You Start

To complete the FAFSA form, <u>you</u> (student) will need:

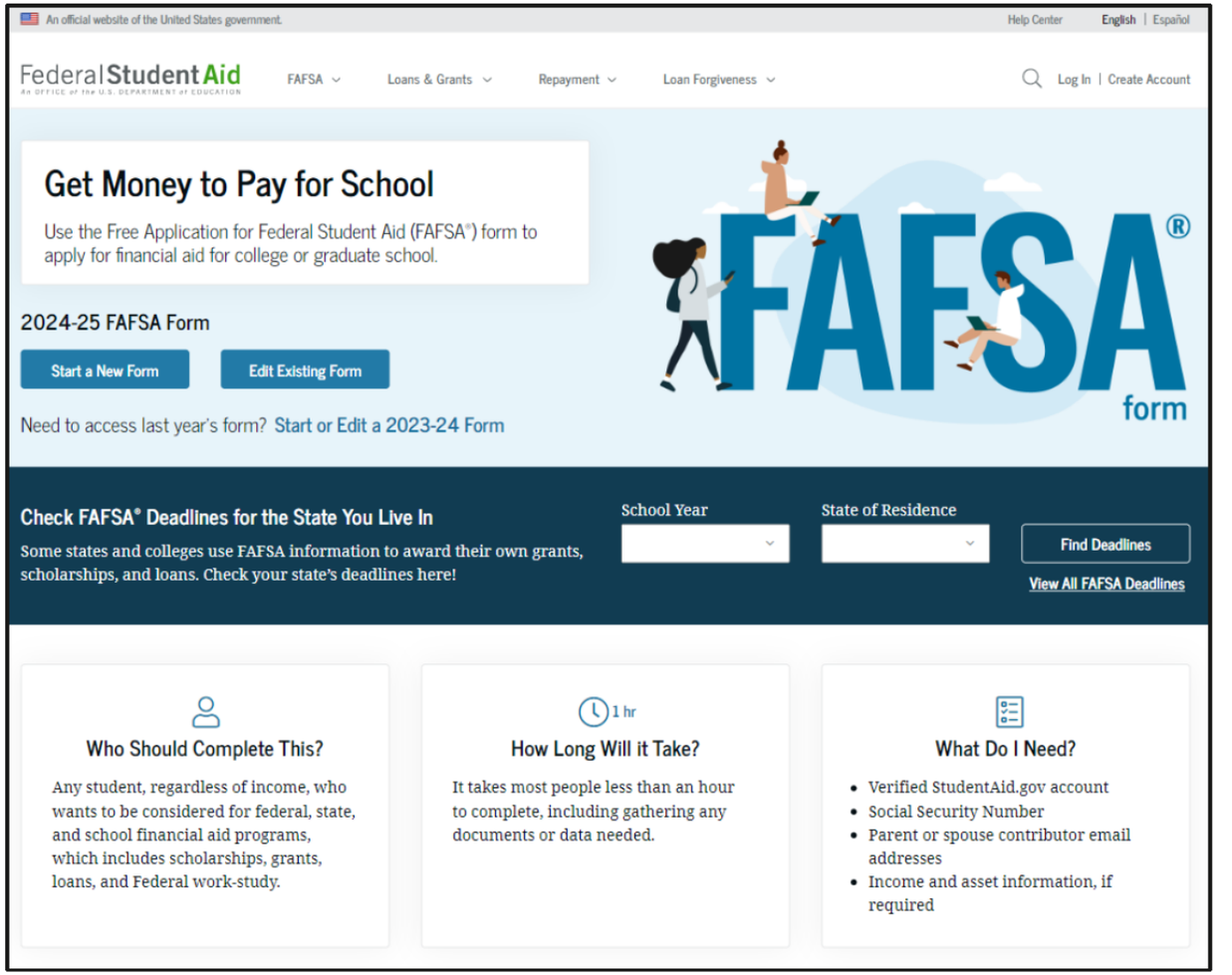
- ☑ Your FSA ID
- ☑ A Social Security Number (if available) for each parent required to contribute information
- ☑ A reliable email address for each parent required to contribute information
- ☑ Your 2022 Tax Return paperwork (1040 form), if you submitted one in Spring 2023
- ☑ The names of the colleges to which you applied (you can list up to 20 schools)

Step 1 – Visit the FAFSA Form Website

https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

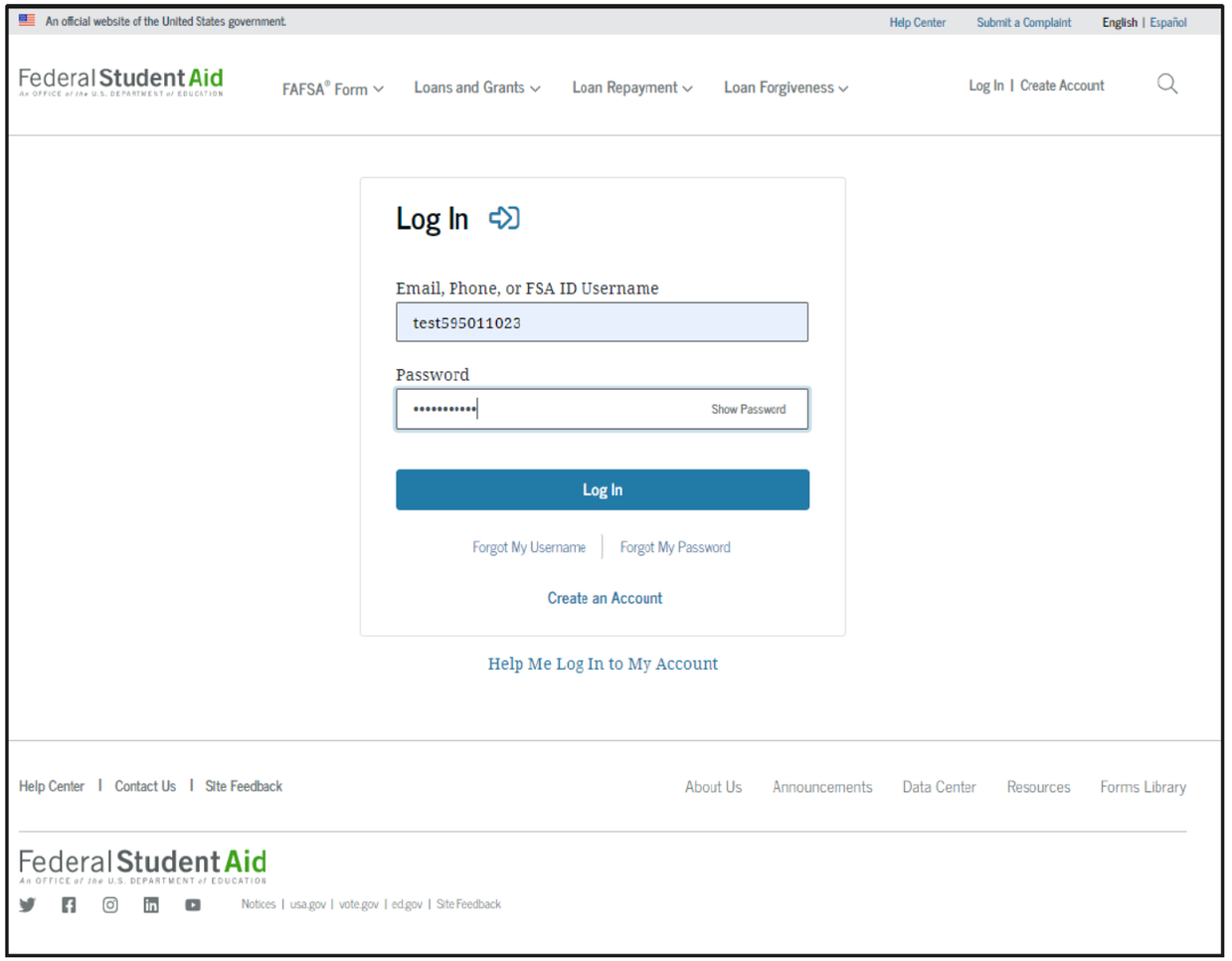
Step 2 – FAFSA Form Landing Page

This is the main FAFSA® form landing page. On this page, students are directed to "Start a New Form" or "Edit Existing Form." For the purpose of this presentation, the student is beginning a new application.



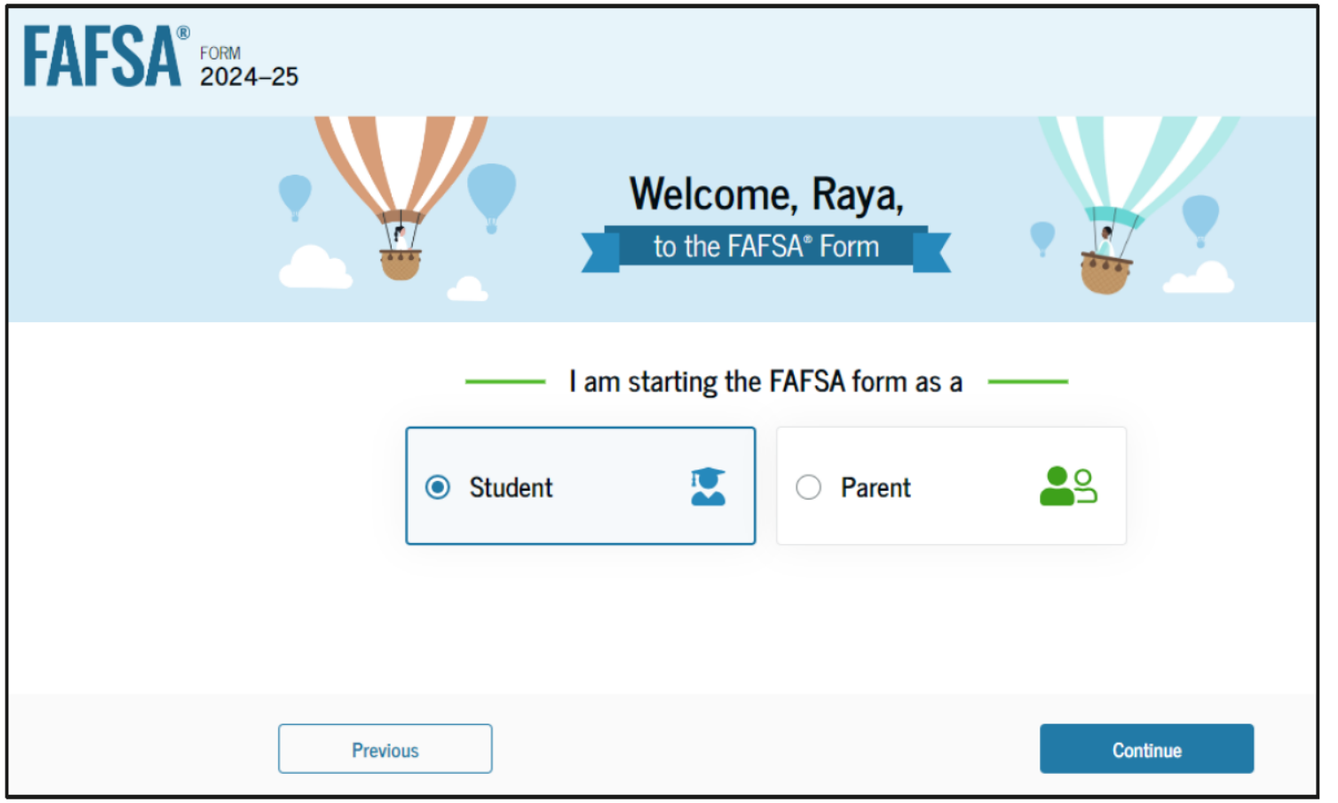
Step 3 – FAFSA Form Login

If the student selects "Start a New Form" from the FAFSA® landing page and they are not logged in to StudentAid.gov, they are taken to the “Log In” page to enter their log-in credentials. To access the FAFSA form, all students are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the student doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account."



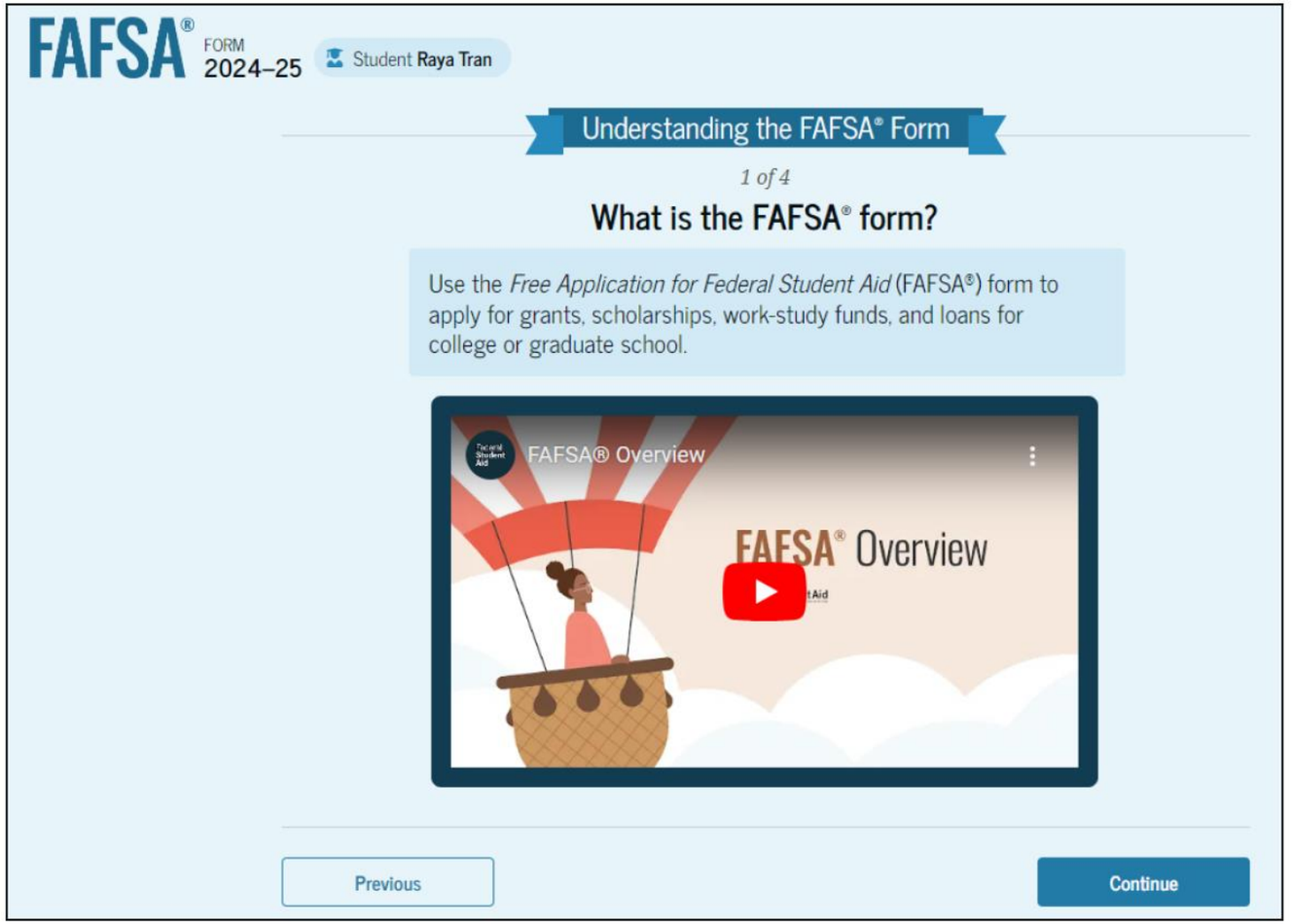
Step 4 – Select Your Role

After logging in, the student can select the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA® form: “Student,“ or "Parent.“ The student selects “Student."



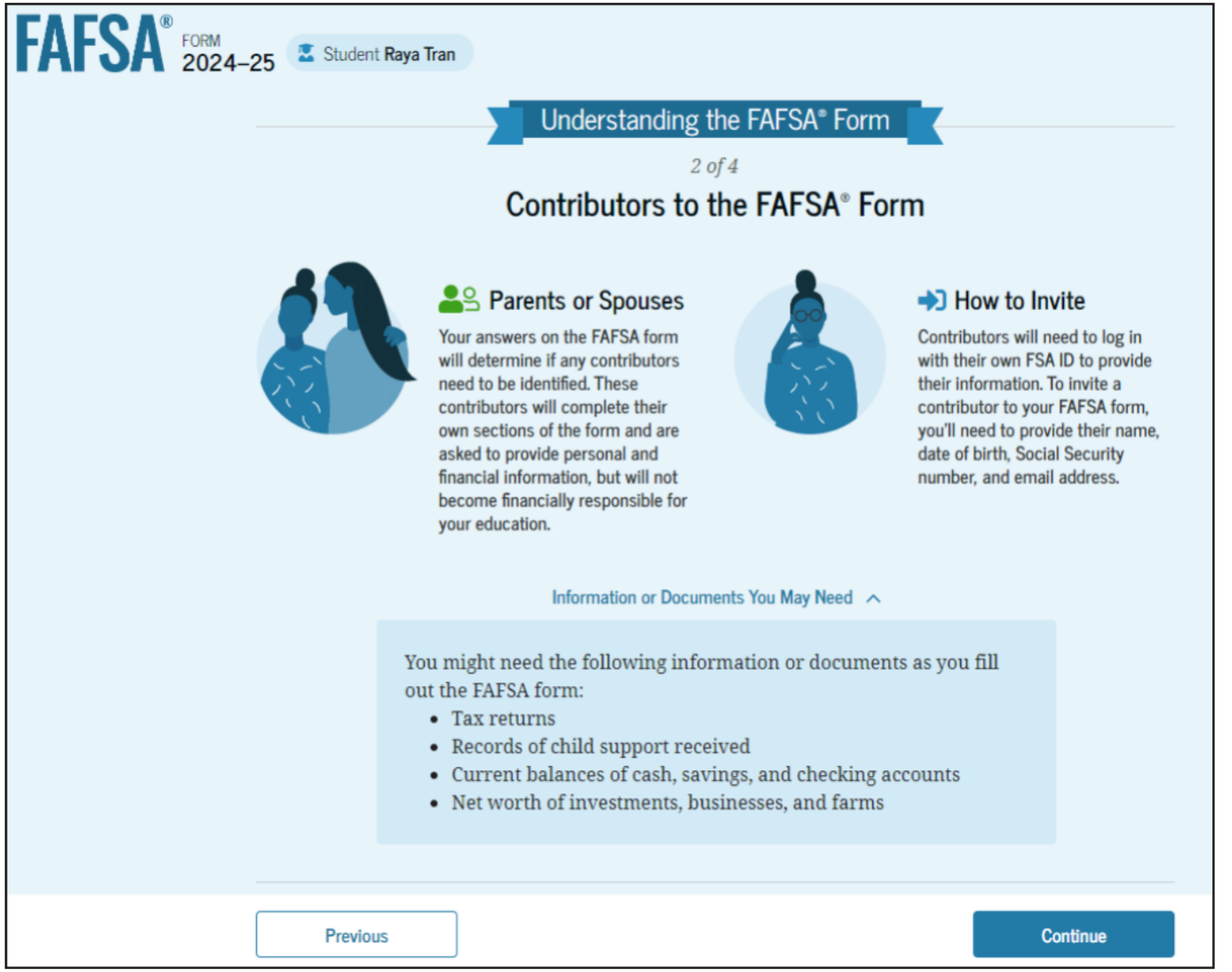
Step 5 – Student Onboarding (1 of 4)

When the student starts the 2024–25 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. The first onboarding page provides an overview of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video.



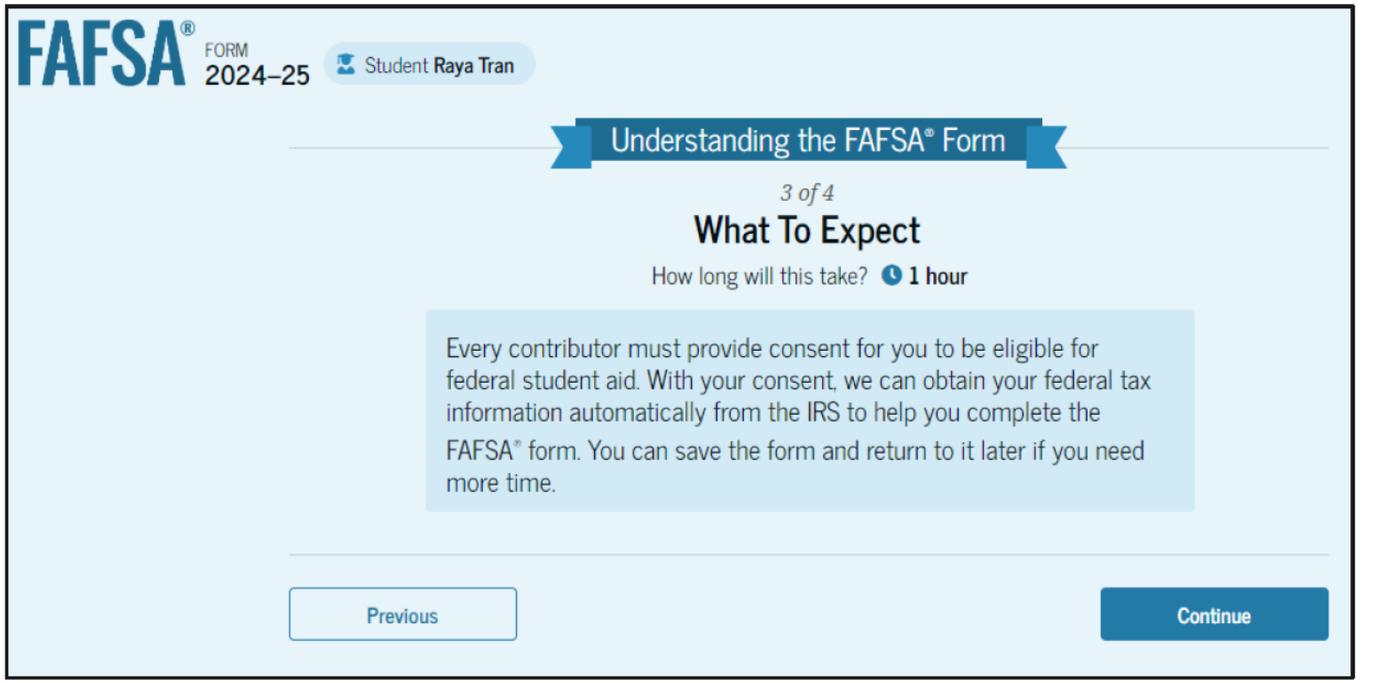
Step 5 – Student Onboarding (2 of 4)

The second FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about the different roles that may be required to participate in the student's FAFSA form and documents that may be needed to fill out the form.



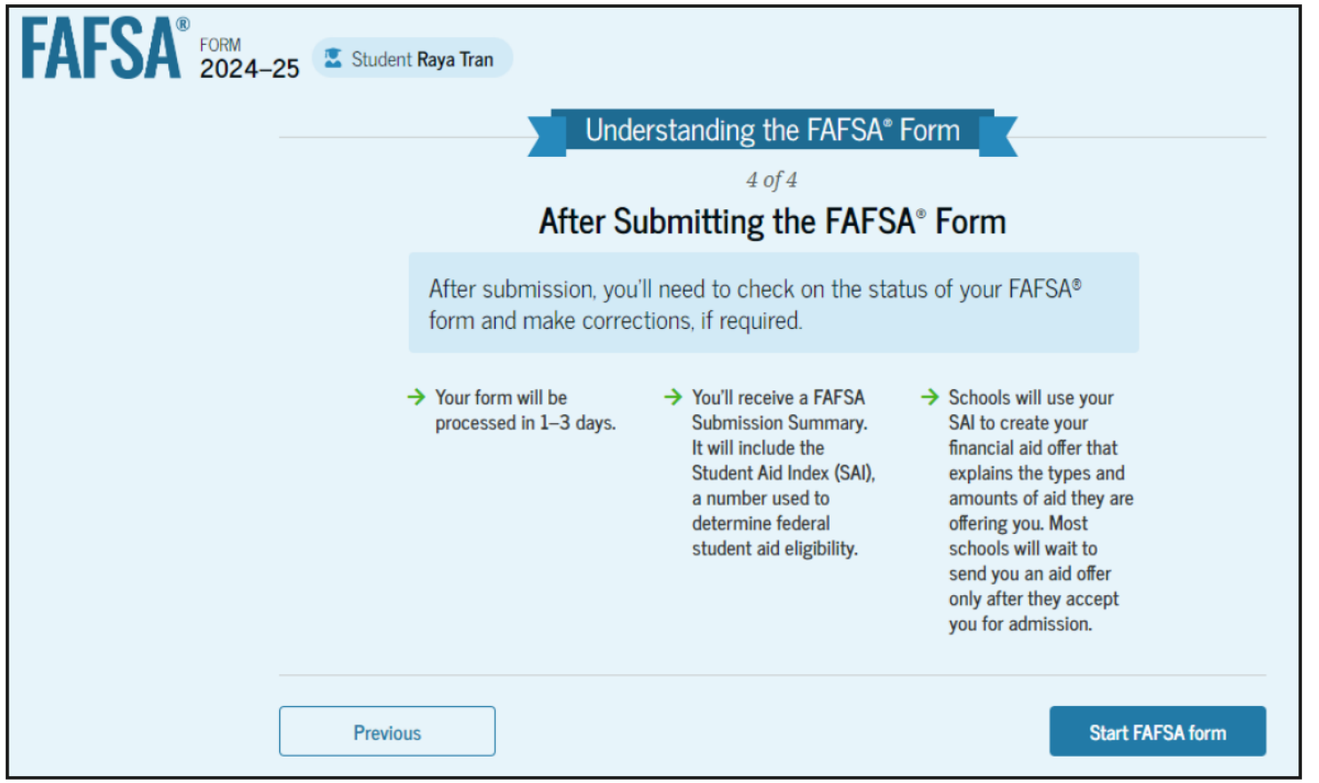
Step 5 – Student Onboarding (3 of 4)

The third FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about the types of questions the student can expect to see and how they can get additional help with filling out the FAFSA form.



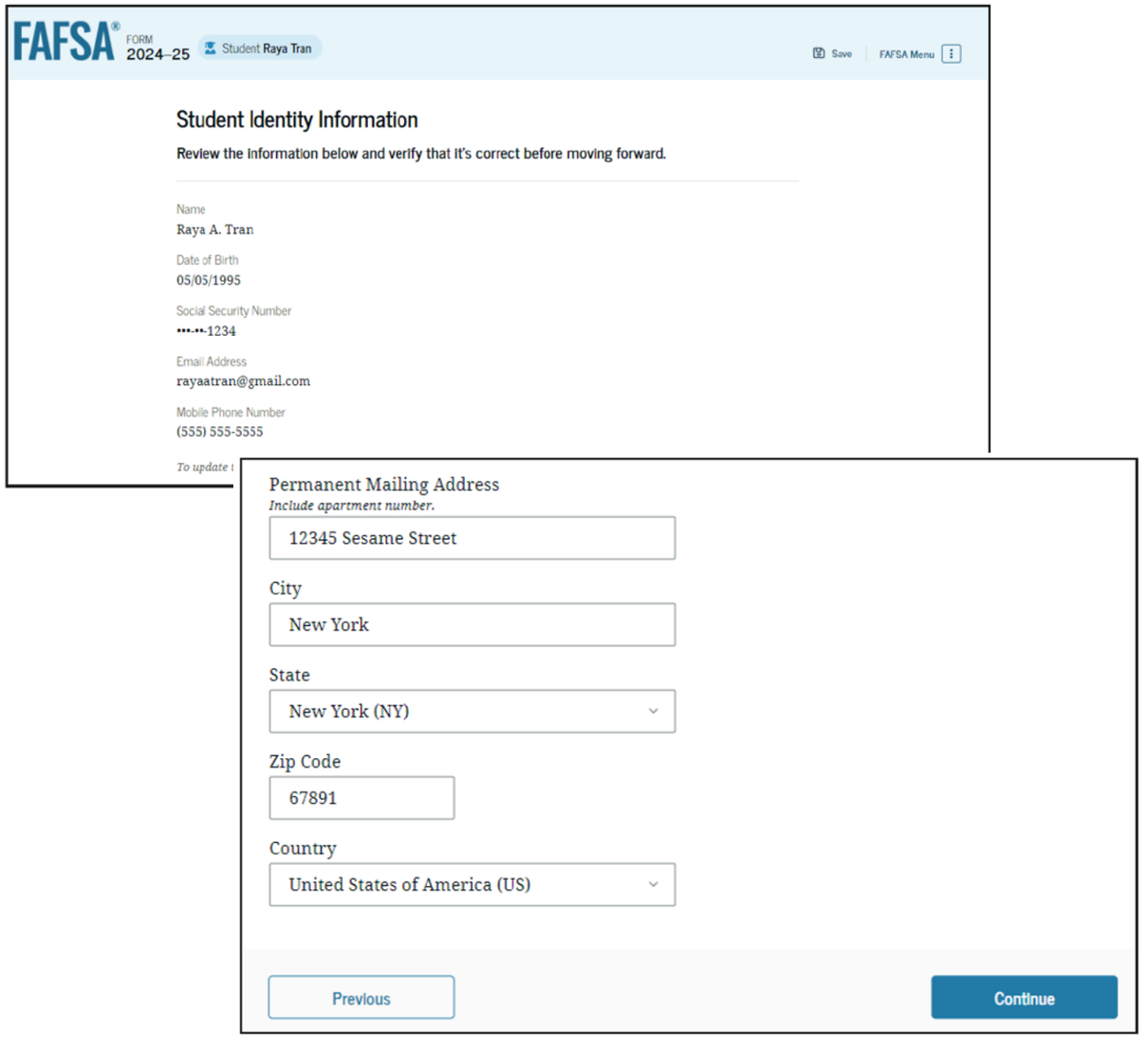
Step 5 – Student Onboarding (4 of 4)

The last FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about what to expect once the FAFSA form is completed and submitted. On this page, the student can select "Start the FAFSA form" to begin.



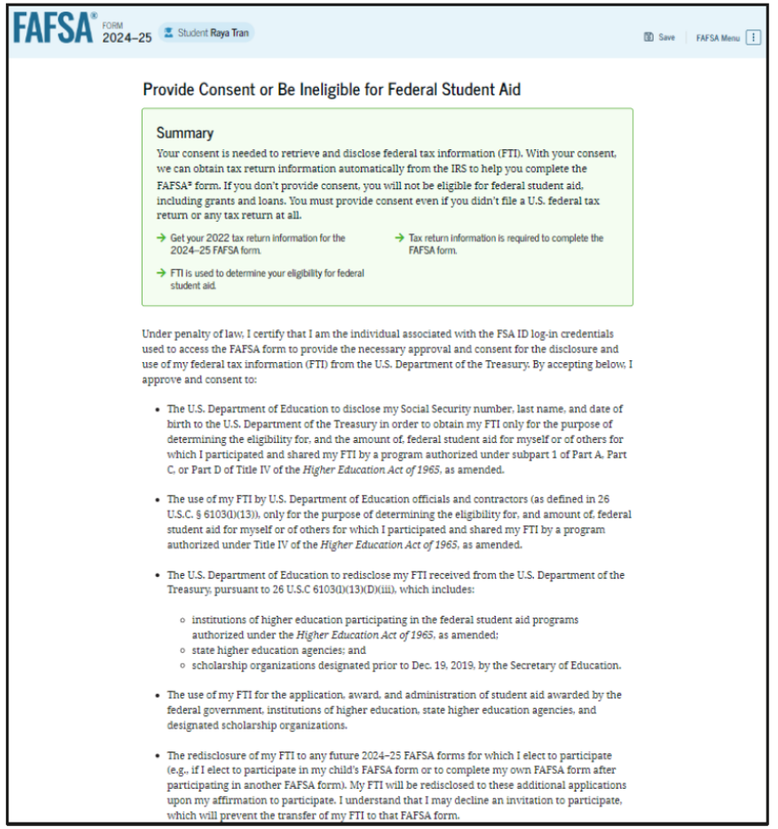
Step 6 – Verify FSA Account Information

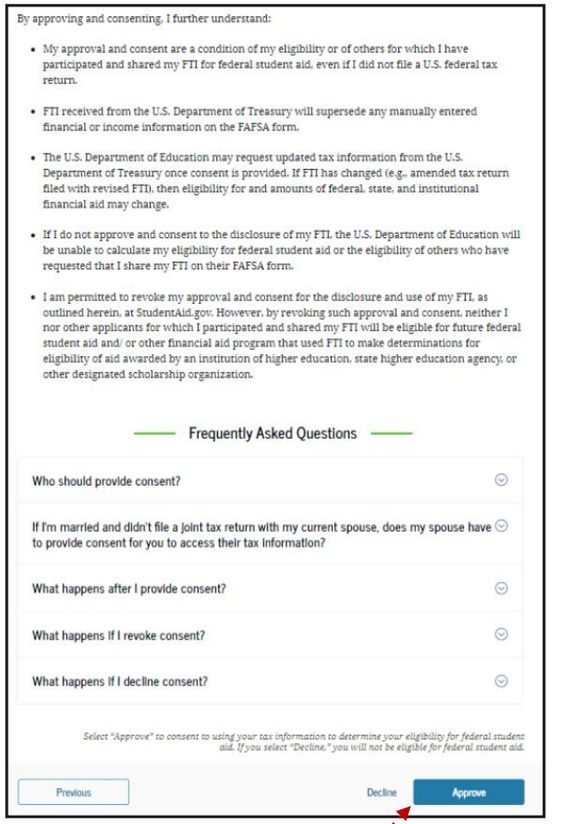
This is the first page within the student section. The student can verify that their personal information is correct. To update any of the personal information, the student must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov. For fields related to the student's mailing address, the student can edit them directly on this page.



Step 7 – Provide Consent to Disclose Federal Tax Information

This page informs the student about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Student Financials section. The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.





Important Reminder! You **must** select Approve and provide consent to be eligible for **any** federal financial aid, including the Federal Pell Grant. There is no way around this requirement.

Step 8 – Personal Circumstances | Introduction

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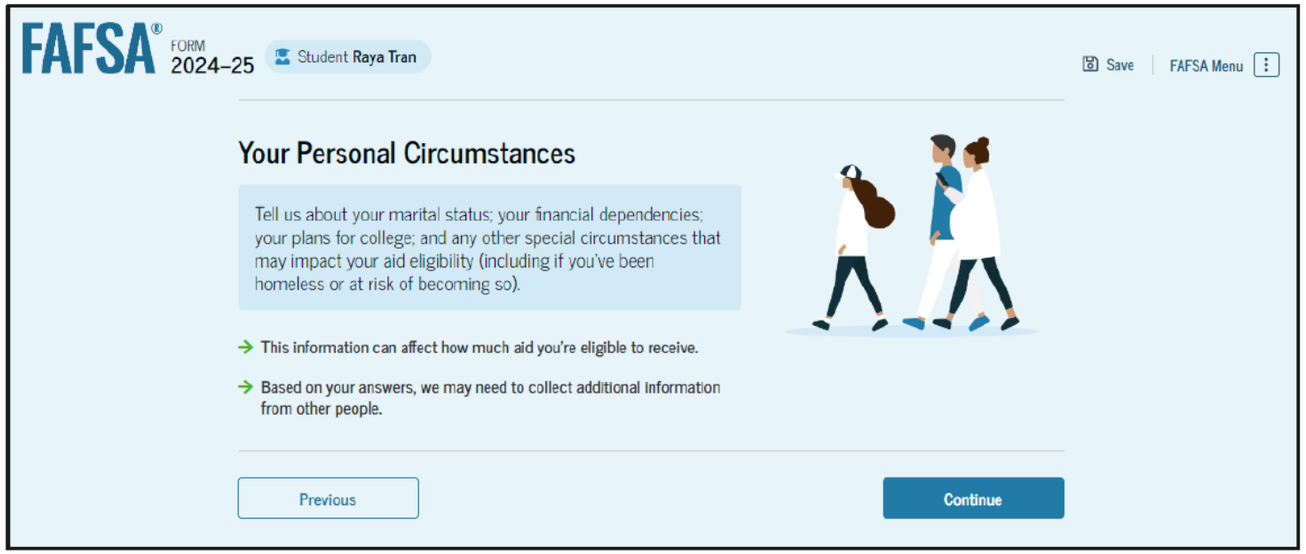
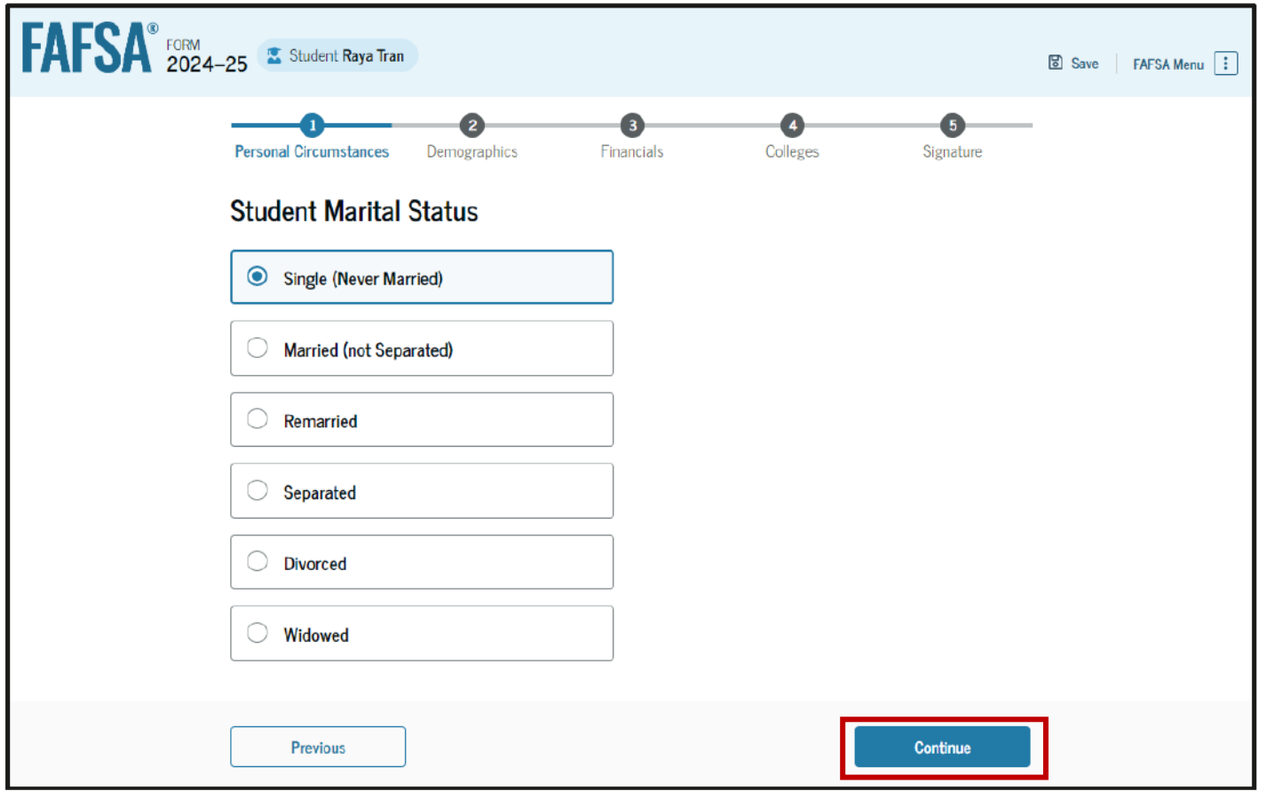


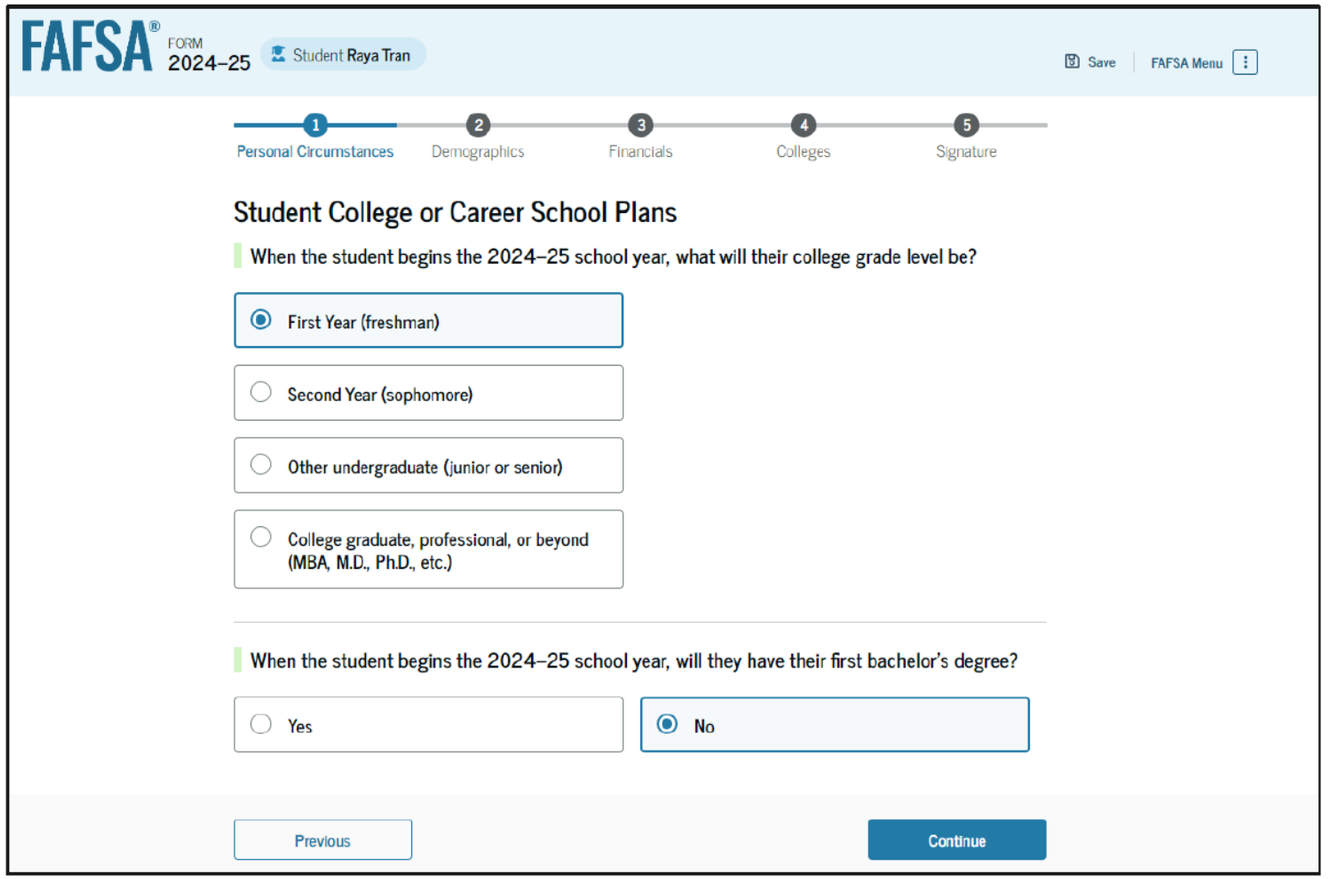
Step 8 – Personal Circumstances | Marital Status

The student is asked about their marital status.



Step 8 – Personal Circumstances | College Plans

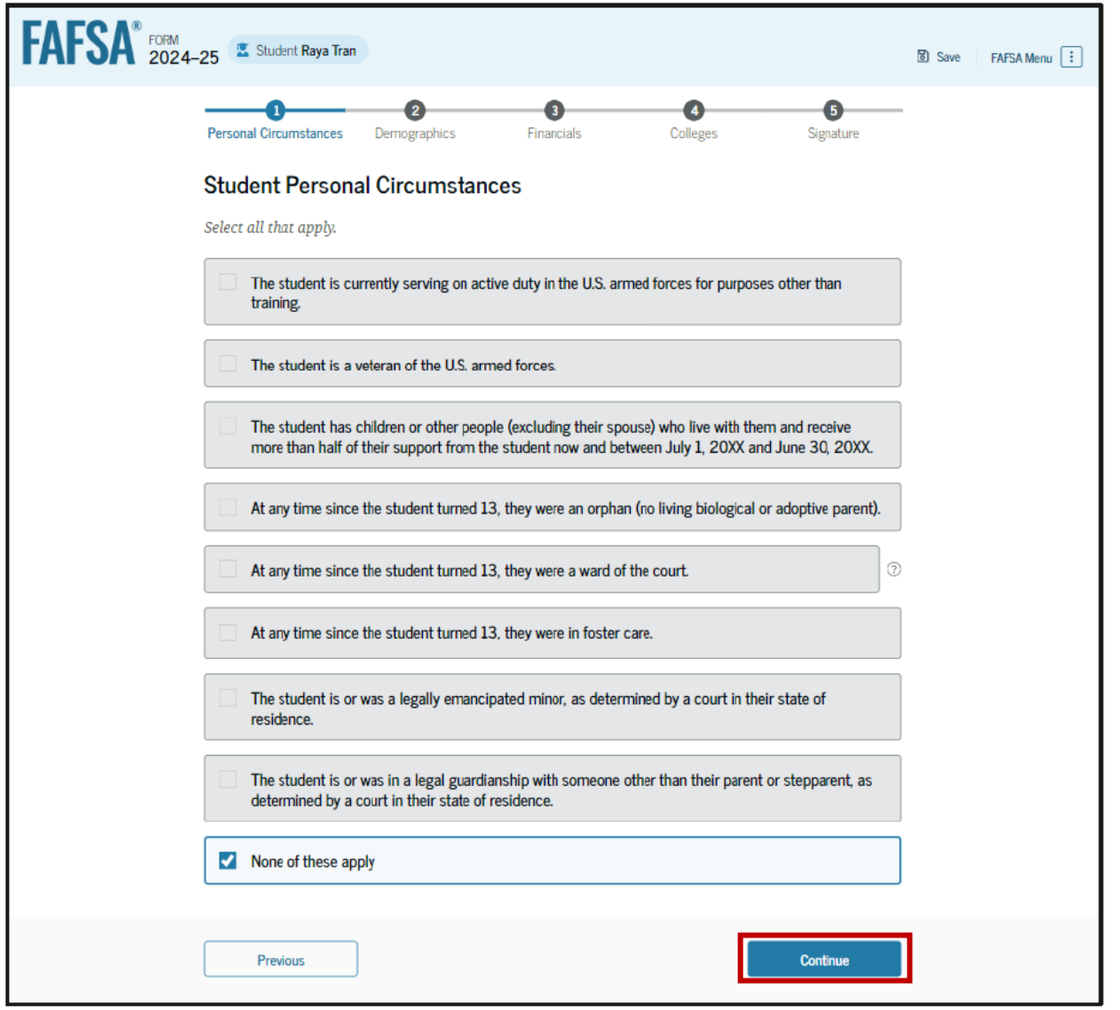
The student is asked about their college grade level for the 2024–25 school year and if they will have their first bachelor's degree. The student selects that they will be a "First Year (freshman)" and that they will not have their first bachelor's degree.



Step 8 – Personal Circumstances | Personal Circumstances

The student is asked if any of the listed personal circumstances apply to them.

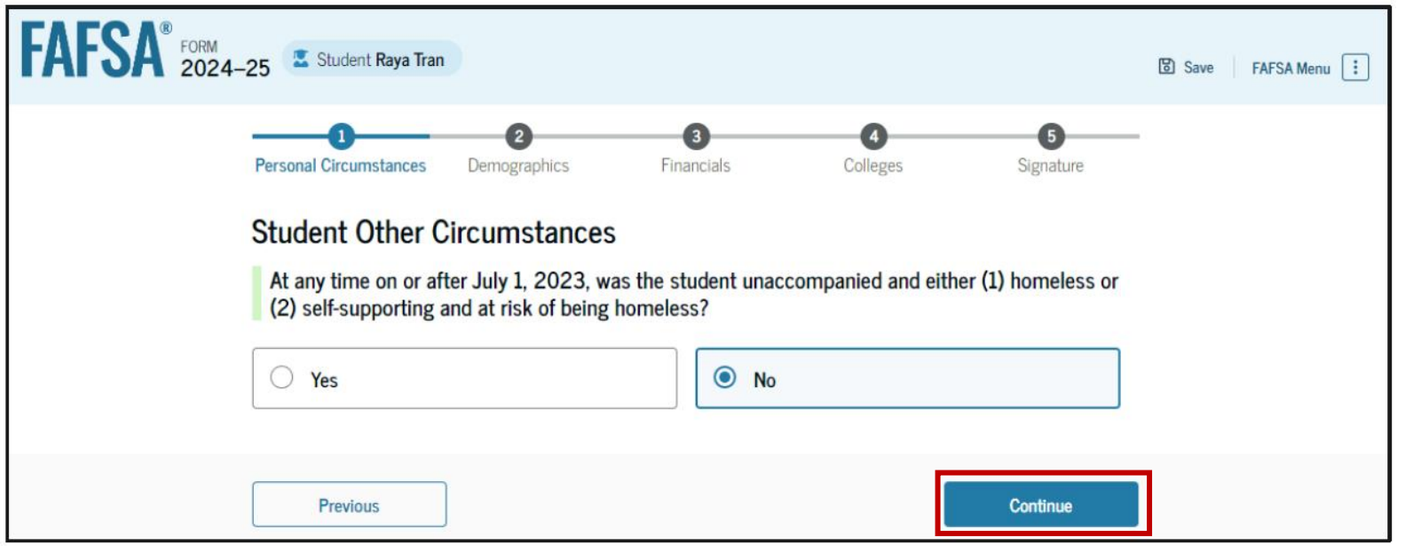
Please Note – While these circumstances will **not** apply to **most** students, students should select any circumstances that do apply. The way in which a student responds to this page and the next two pages will determine their status as a "Dependent" or "Independent" student, which will have important implications later in the FAFSA form.



Step 8 – Personal Circumstances | Other Circumstances

The student is asked if they were homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Please Note – While this circumstance will **not** apply to **most** students, students should respond “Yes” if applicable. The way in which a student responds to this page will determine their status as a “Dependent” or “Provisionally Independent” student, which will have important implications later in the FAFSA form.

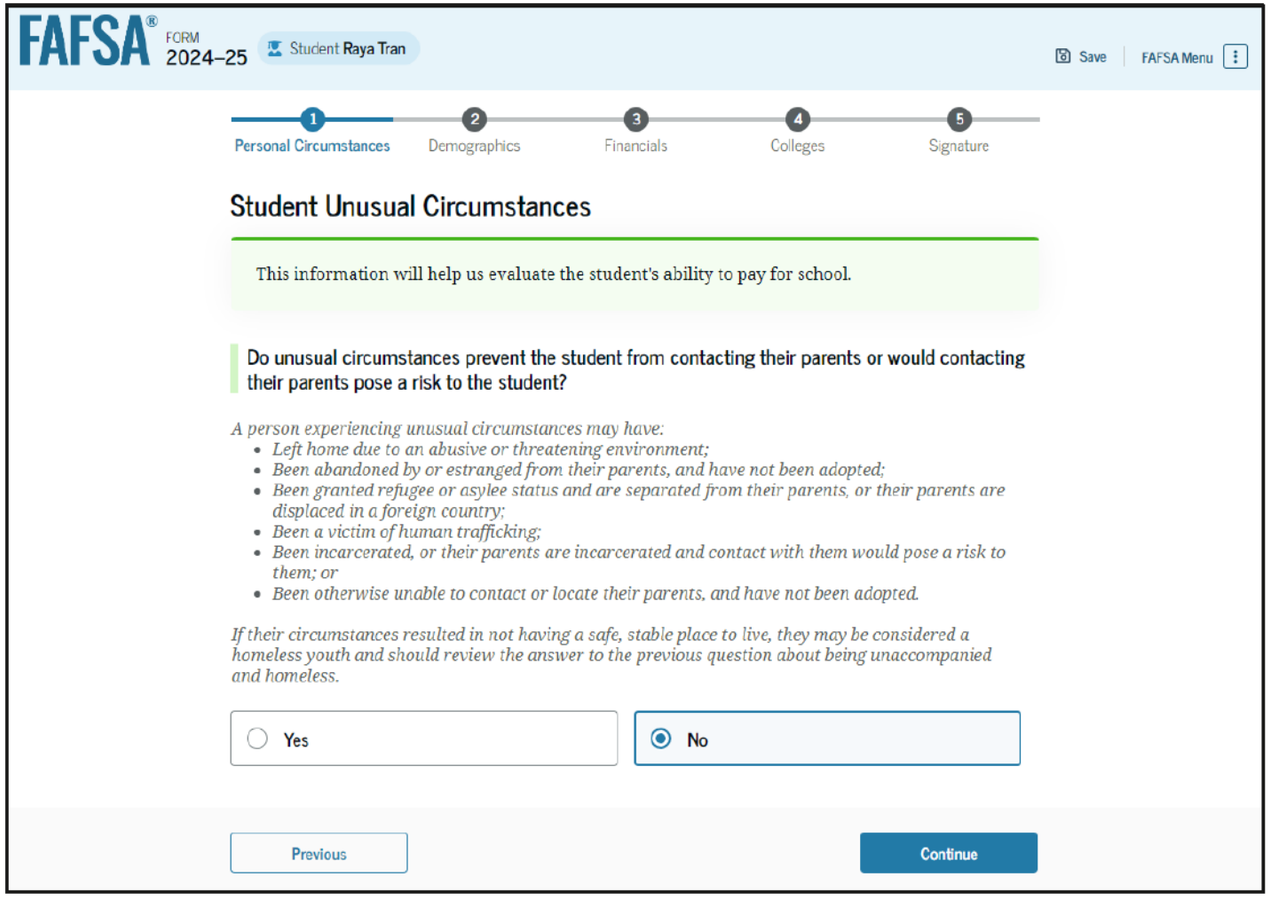


Step 8 – Personal Circumstances | Unusual Circumstances

The student is asked if unusual circumstances prevent them from contacting their parent(s).

Important Reminder! Students can **only** select "No" **if** they are physically unable to contact their biological or adoptive parent(s) **or** if doing so would pose a threat to their physical safety.

Students **must** select "Yes" in **all** other cases, even if their parent(s) have indicated they are unwilling to contribute information. An unwilling parent is **not** considered an unusual circumstance by FSA.



Step 9 – Personal Circumstances | Student Dependency Status

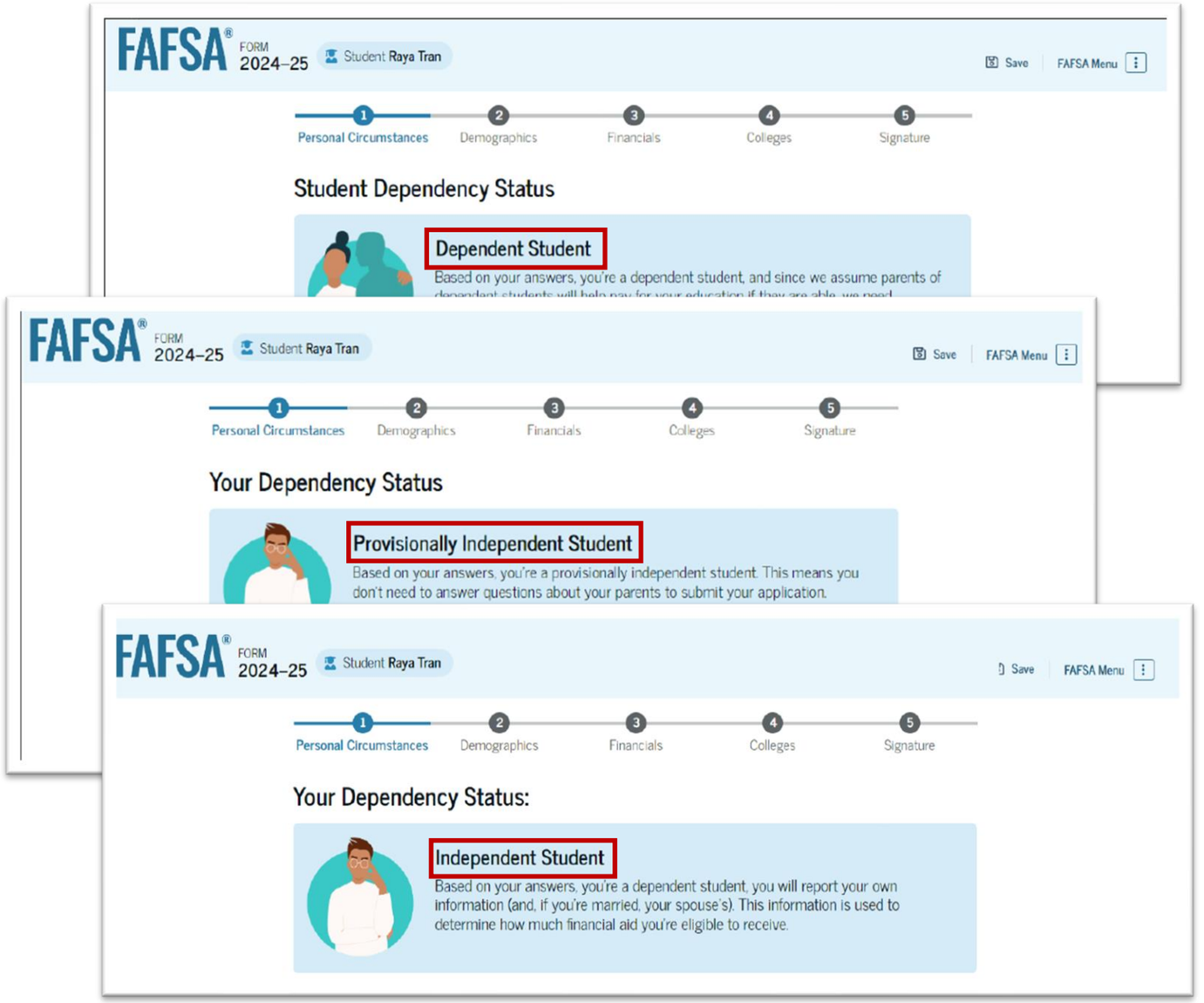
The student will be told their Dependency Status, which will dictate the questions they required to answer in the subsequent pages.

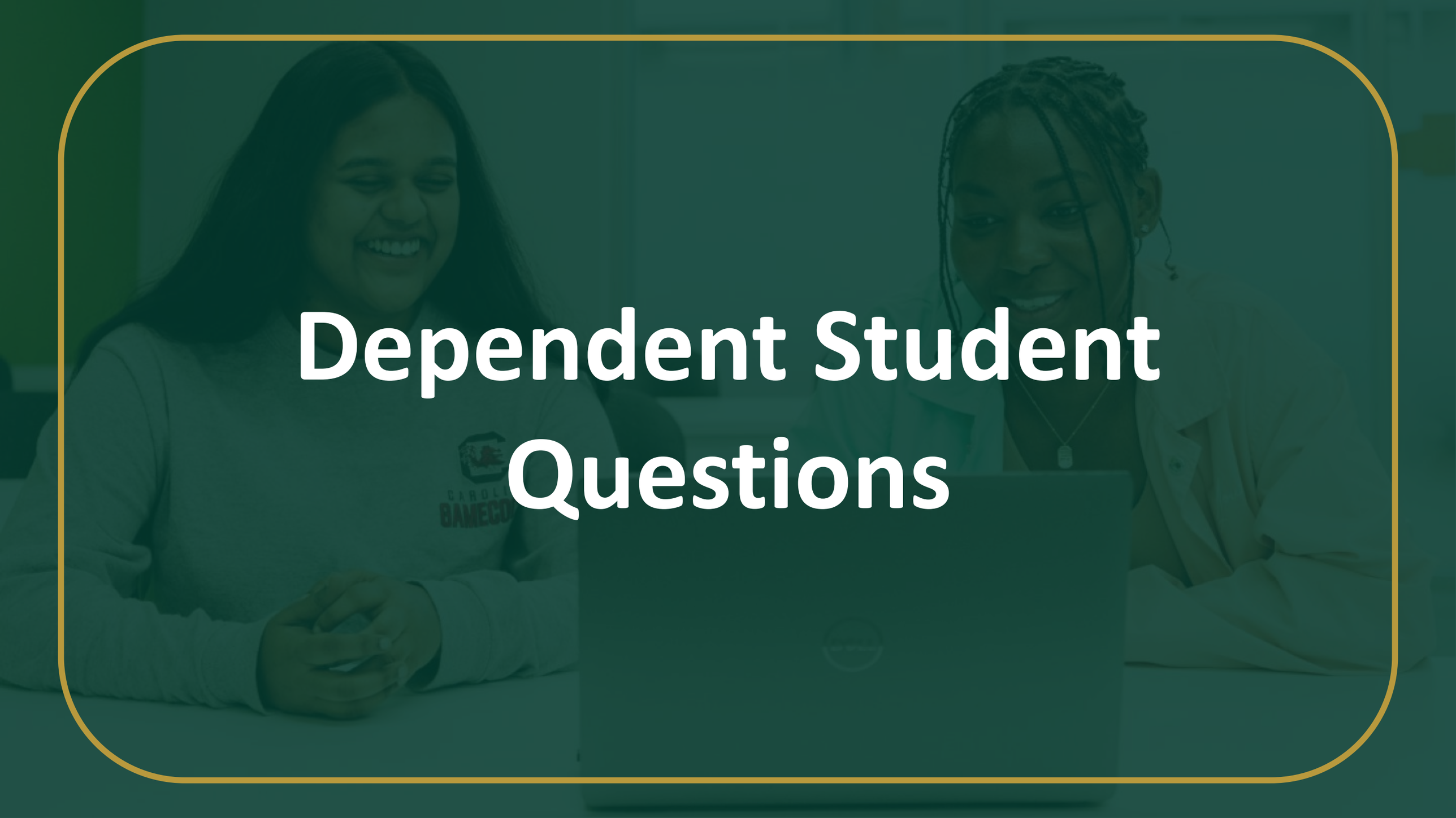
Most students who complete the form will be designated as a **Dependent Student**, which means that at least one parent will need to contribute information to their FAFSA form.

If you are designated as a **Dependent Student**, please click here.

If you are designated as a **Provisionally Independent Student**, please click here.

If you are designated as an **Independent Student**, please click here and scroll to Slide 190 for instructions.

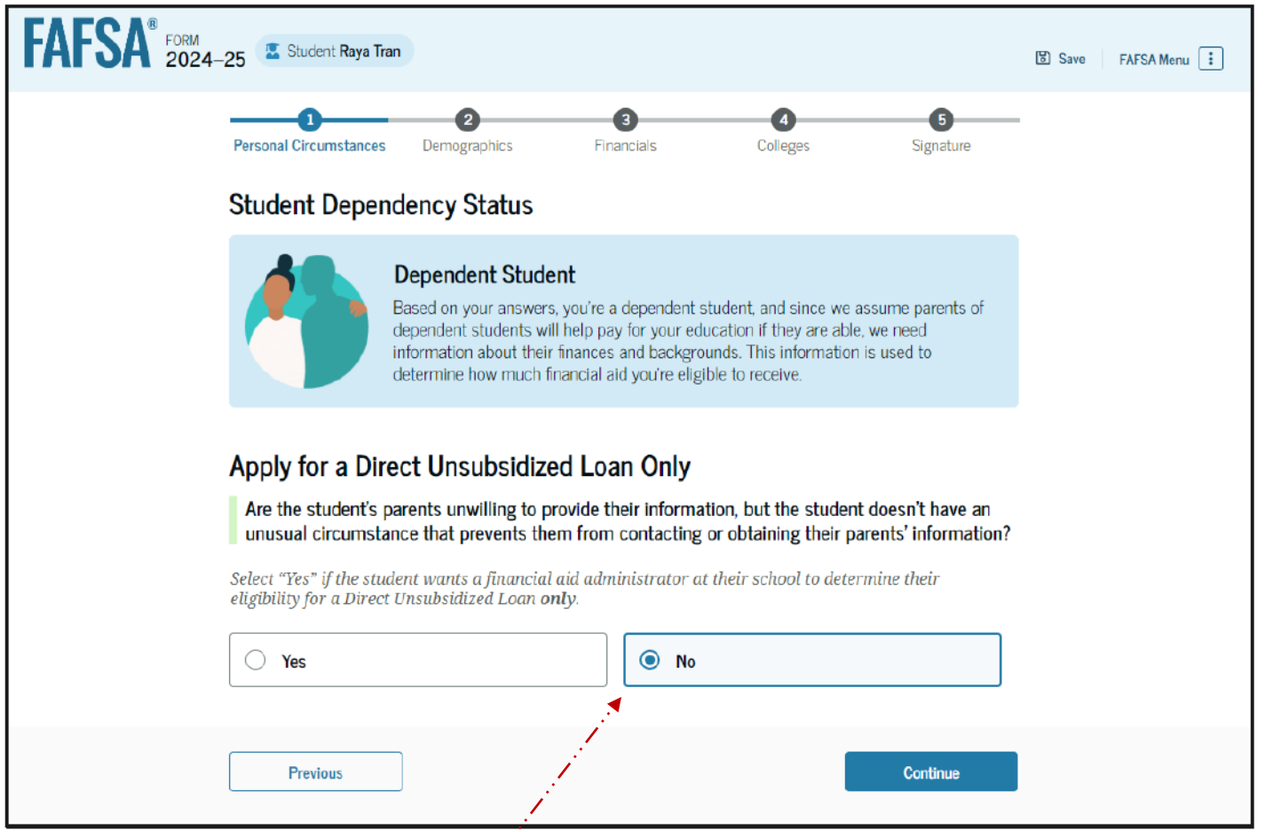




Dependent Student Questions

Step 9 – Personal Circumstances | Dependent Student Parent Willingness to Contribute

Based on the answers provided by the student, they are considered a dependent student. The student is asked if they want a financial aid administrator to determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only. This is an option if the student's parents are unwilling to provide information.



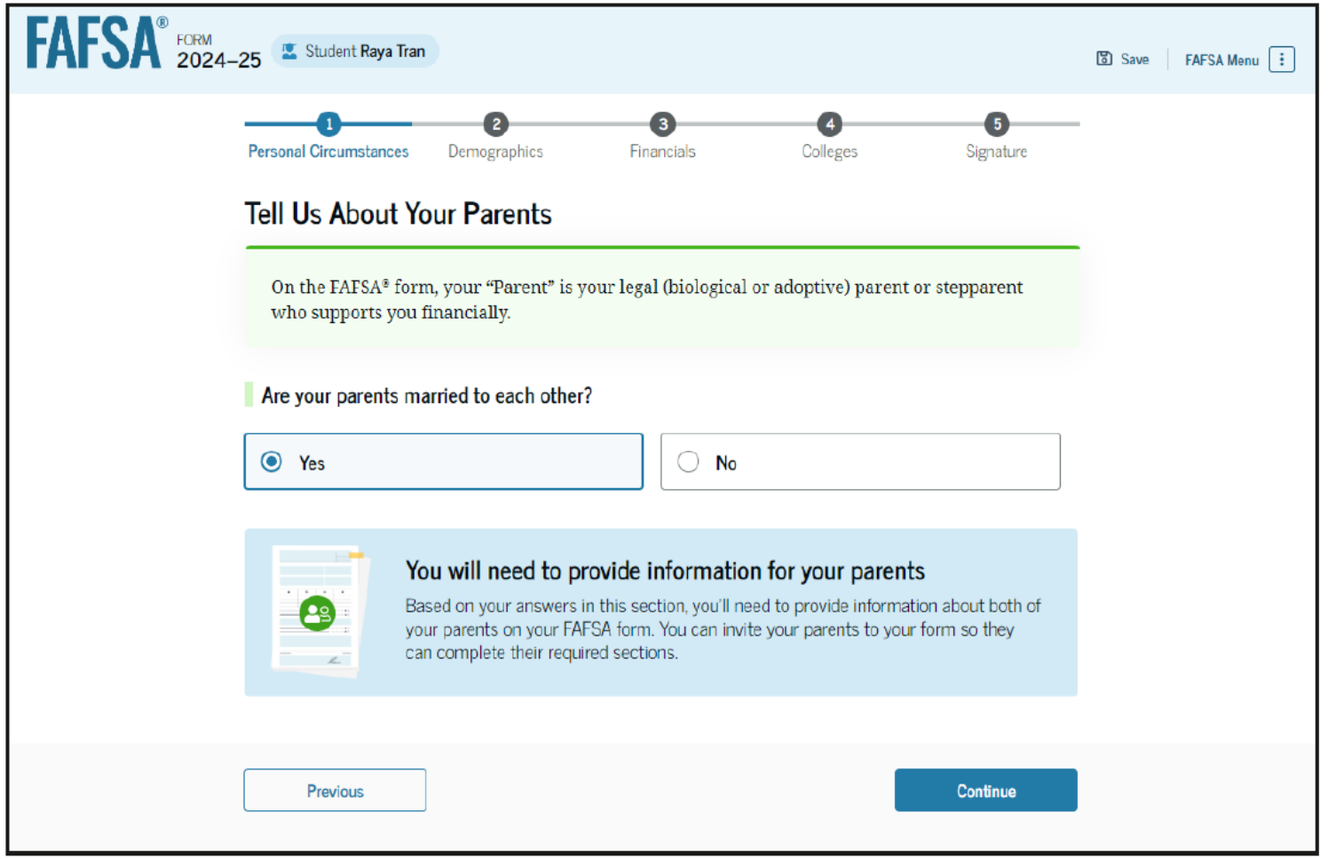
Important Reminder! You **must** select "**No**" if you want to be considered for a Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG Grant or Direct Subsidized Loan.

Step 9 – Personal Circumstances | Parent Marital Status

The student will clarify whether their parents are married to each other.

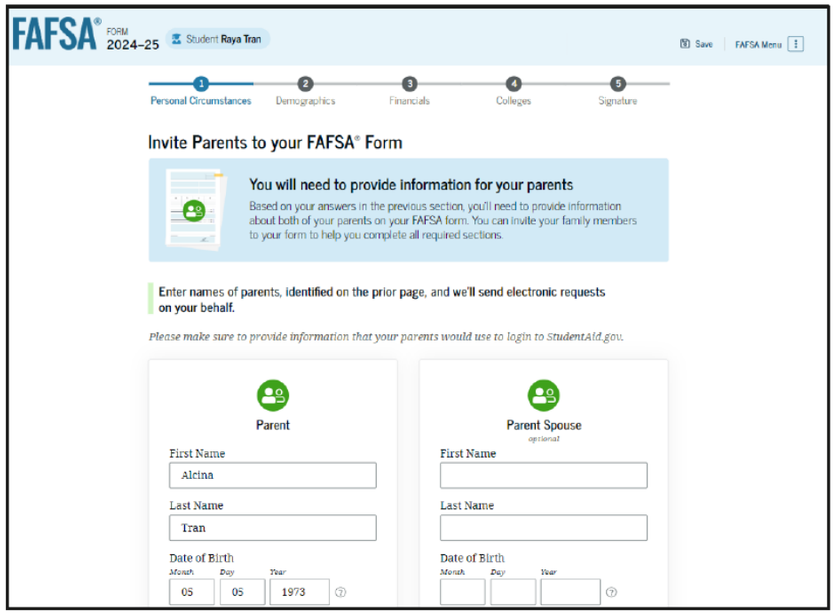
If the parents are married, information for both parents will likely be required.

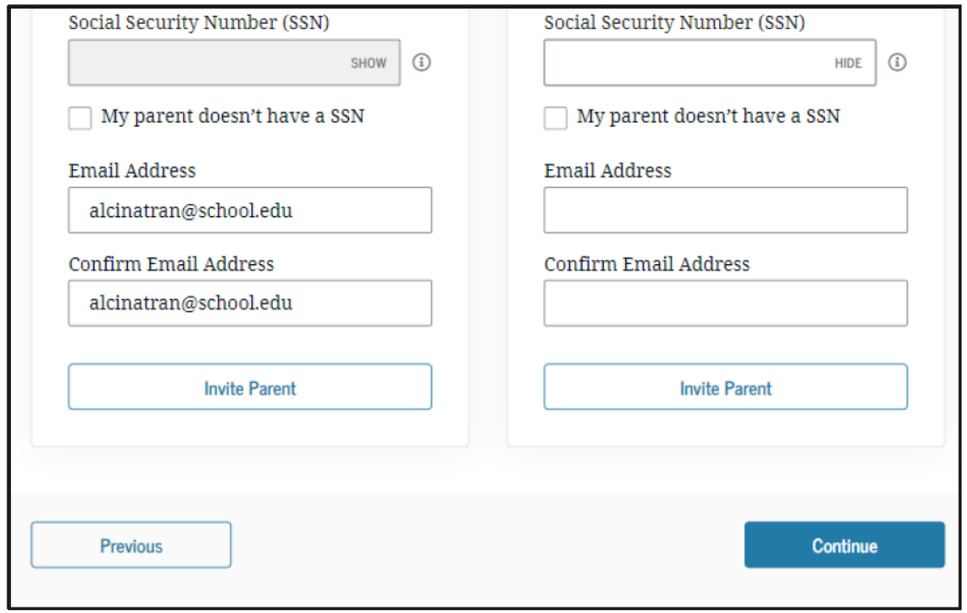
If the parents are unmarried, information for one parent will be likely be required.



Step 9 – Personal Circumstances | Invite Parents to Form

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.





Please Note – Use the next slide to help you determine which parent(s) you need should invite to contribute to your FAFSA form.

Who are your "Parents" and who needs to contribute information?

For most students, **at least one parent** will need to contribute to their FAFSA form

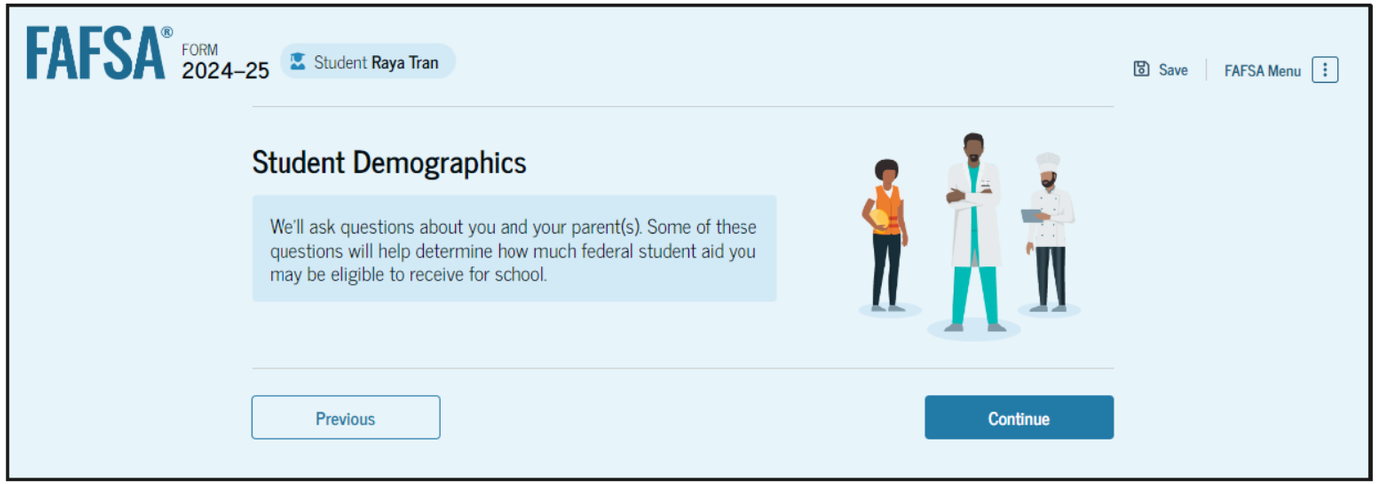
The FAFSA considers the student's "parent" to be their **legal (biological or adoptive) parent.**

If parents **are married**	If parents are **divorced or separated**	If parents **have never been married but living together**	If parent **has never been married and does not live with the other parent**
If parents are married and file taxes together, one parent will need to be invited as a contributor	**If parents are divorced or separated and not living together**, the parent who provided more financial support in the last 12 months will need to be invited as a contributor	**If parents have never been married but live together**, both parents will need to be invited as contributors	**If parent has never been married and does not live with the other parent**, one parent will need to be invited as a contributor
If parents are married but don't file taxes together, both parents will need to be invited as a contributor	**If remarried and parent and stepparent did not file taxes together,** both the parent and stepparent will need to be invited as a contributor		

Who will you need to ask to contribute to your FAFSA form?

Step 10 – Student Demographics | Introduction

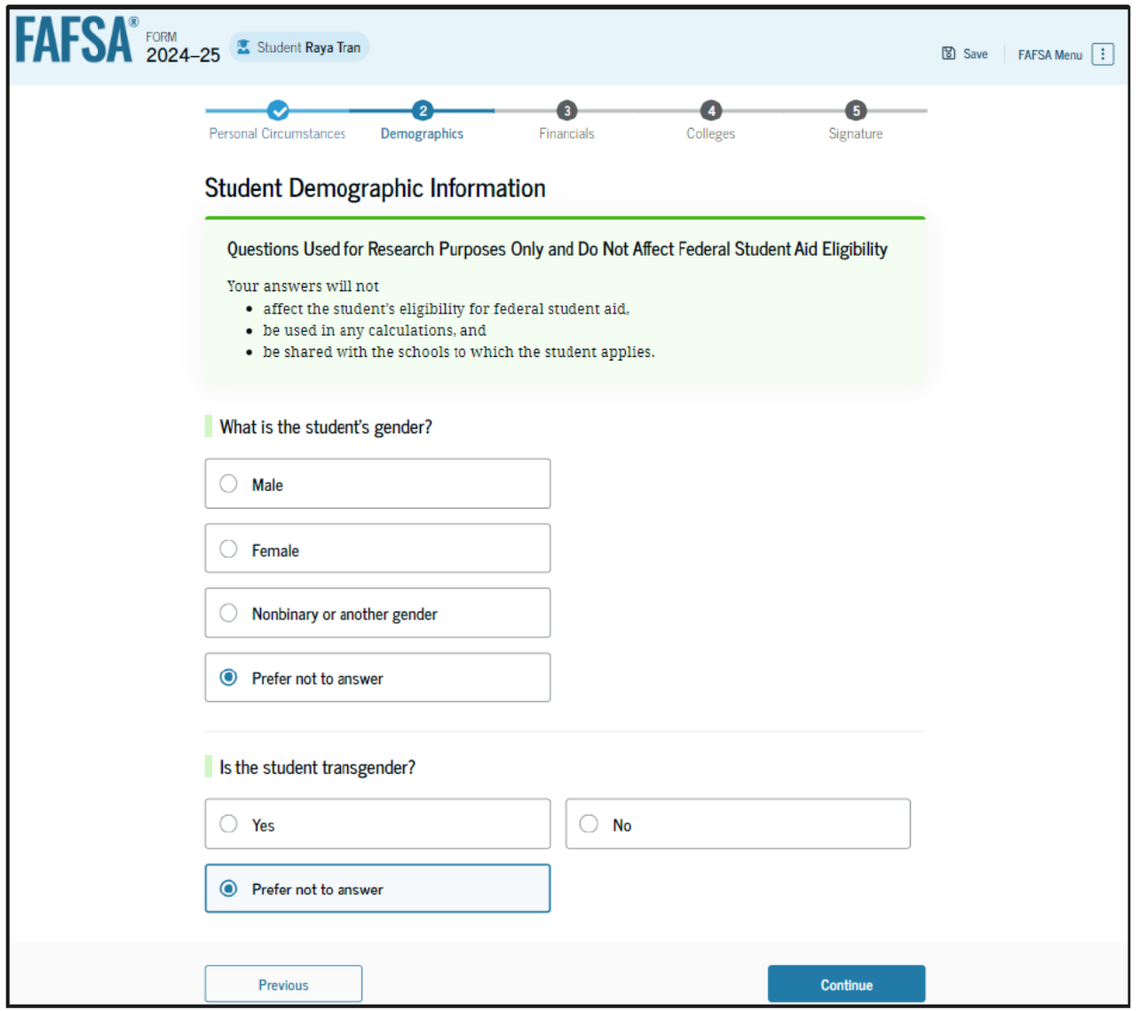
This is the first view within the Student Demographics section. It provides an overview of the section.



Step 10 – Student Demographics | Gender

The student is asked about their gender identity and if they are transgender. The student selects their response from the options for both questions.

Please Note – The answers to these questions are **not** considered in any way when determining eligibility for federal student aid. Moreover, student responses to these questions are **not** visible to the parent(s) who are invited to contribute or the schools to which the student applied.



Step 10 – Student Demographics | Race & Ethnicity

The student is asked if they are of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin. They are also asked about their race. The student selects checkboxes to answer both questions.

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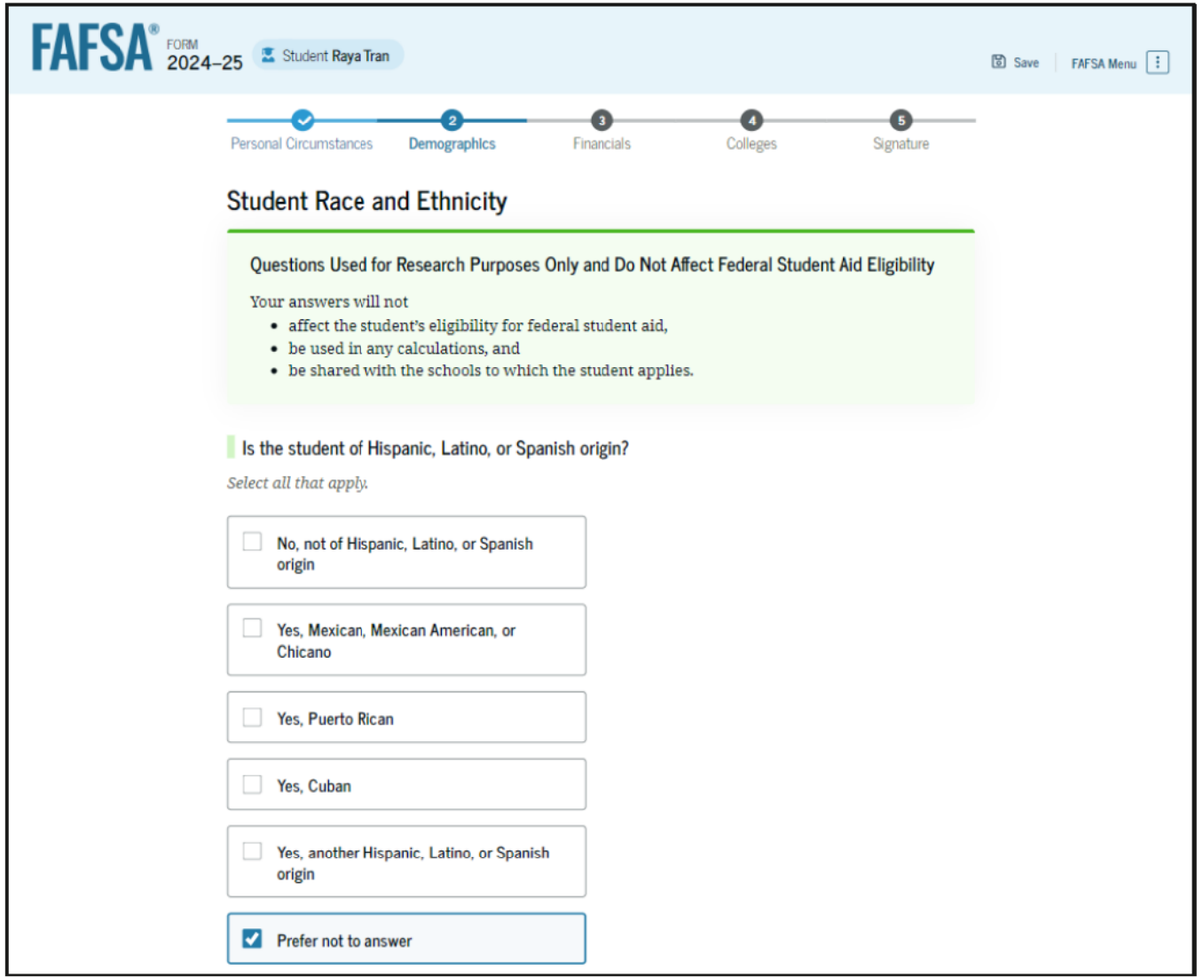
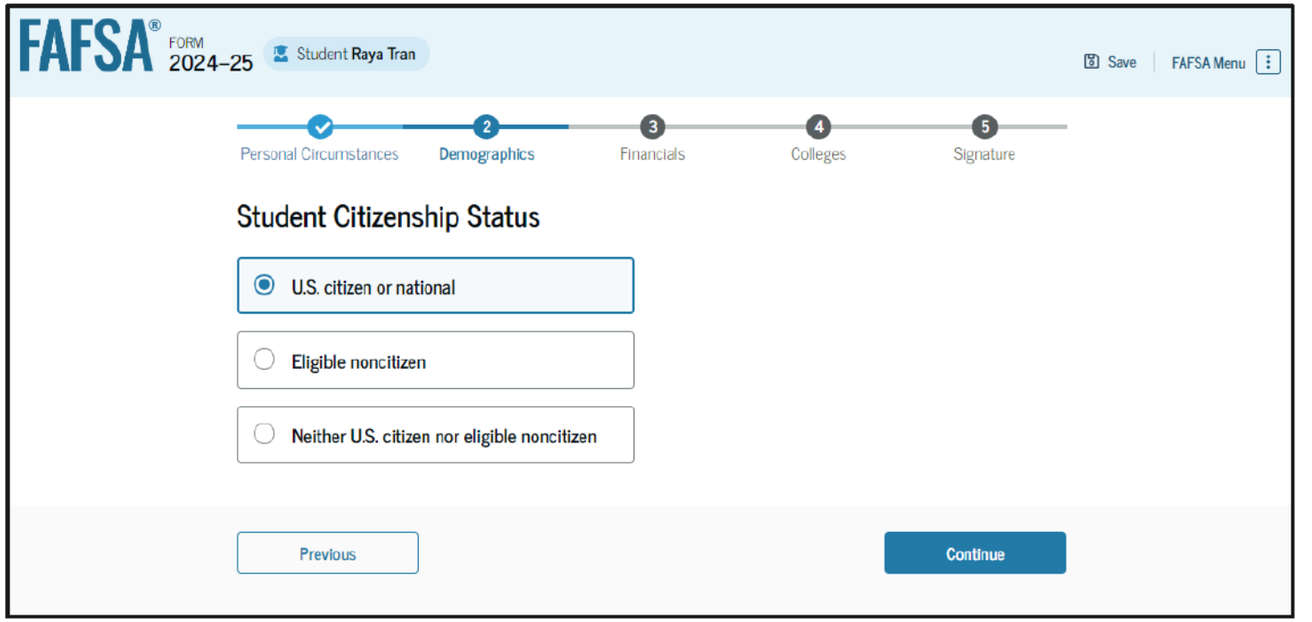


Step 10 – Student Demographics | Citizenship Status

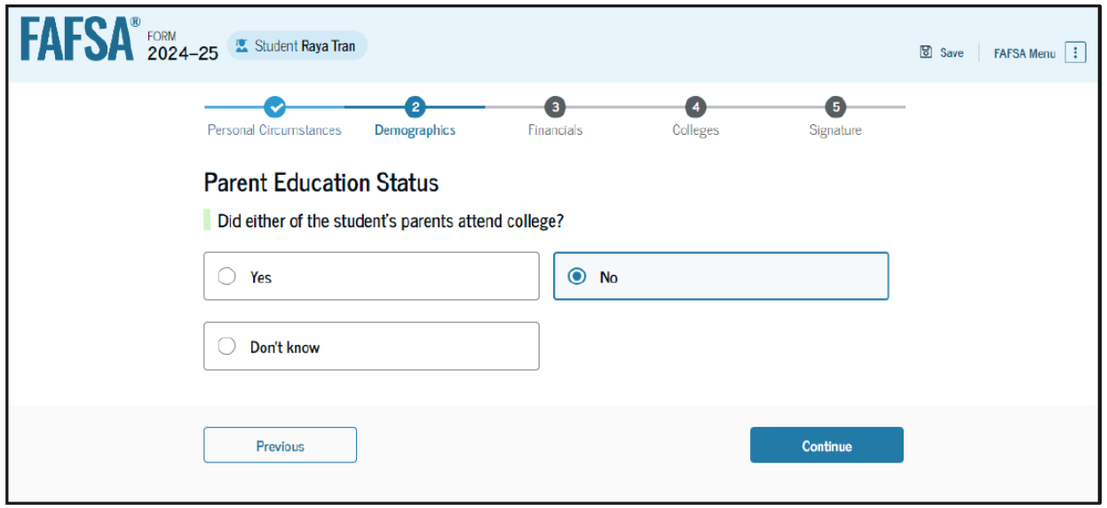
The student is asked about their citizenship status. The student selects the "U.S. citizen or national" option.

Please Note – "Eligible noncitizen" refers to students with an Alien Registration Card (I-551 or I-551C) or those with a special designation from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Any students who were not born in the United States and are not "eligible noncitizens" should select the third box. In that case, the student is not eligible for federal student aid.

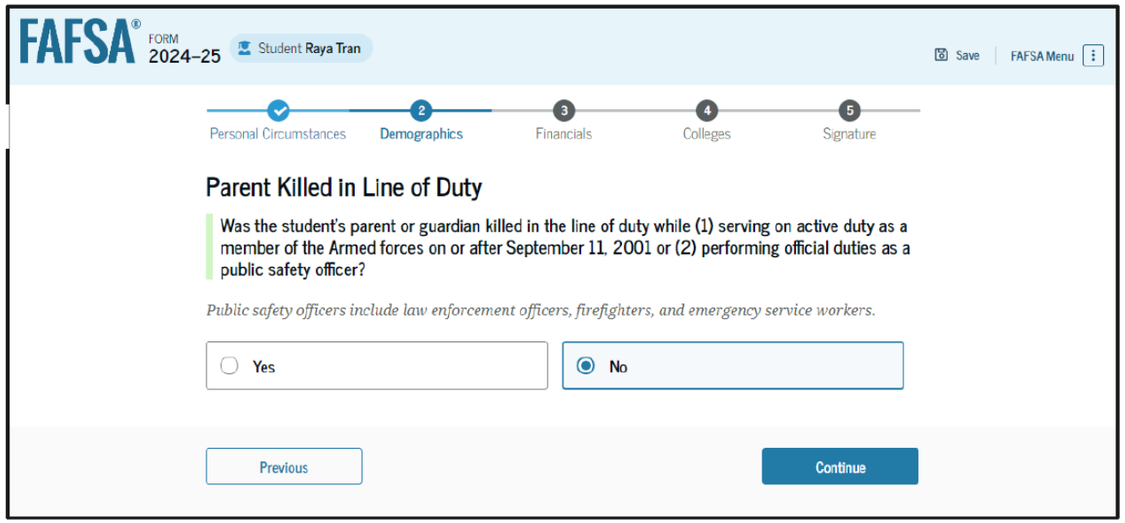


Step 10 – Student Demographics | Parent Circumstances

The student is asked about their parents' education status.

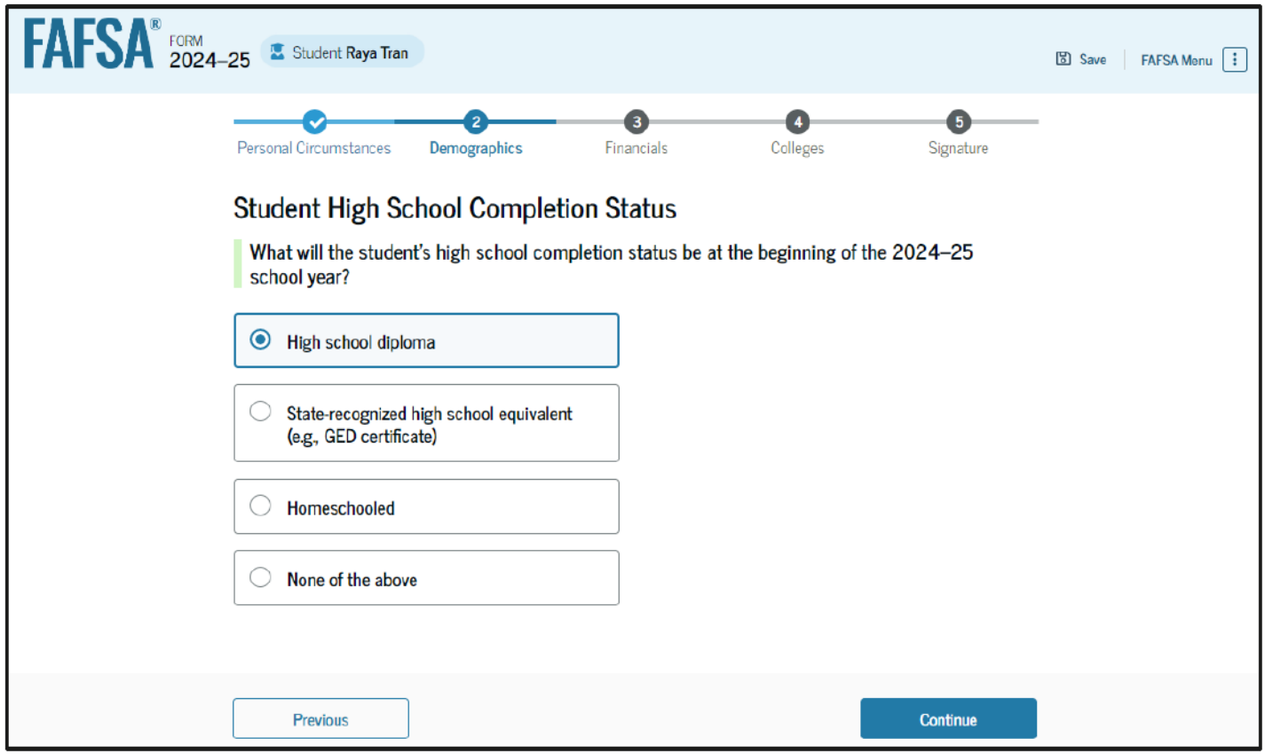


The student is asked if their parent was killed in the line of duty.



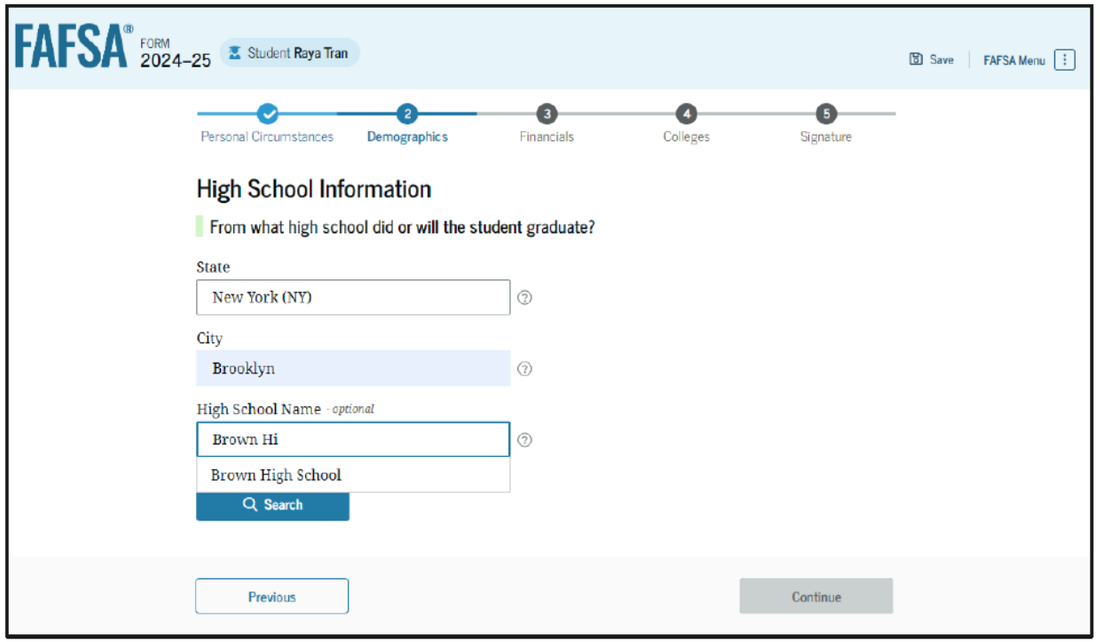
Step 10 – Student Demographics | HS Completion Status

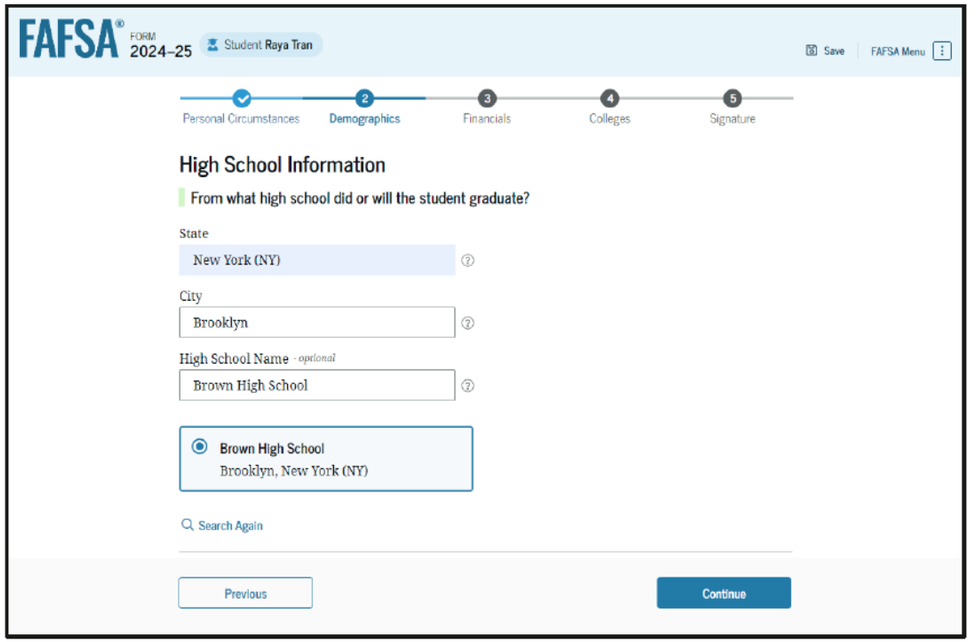
The student is asked about what their high school completion status will be when they start the 2024–25 school year.



Step 10 – Student Demographics | High School Information

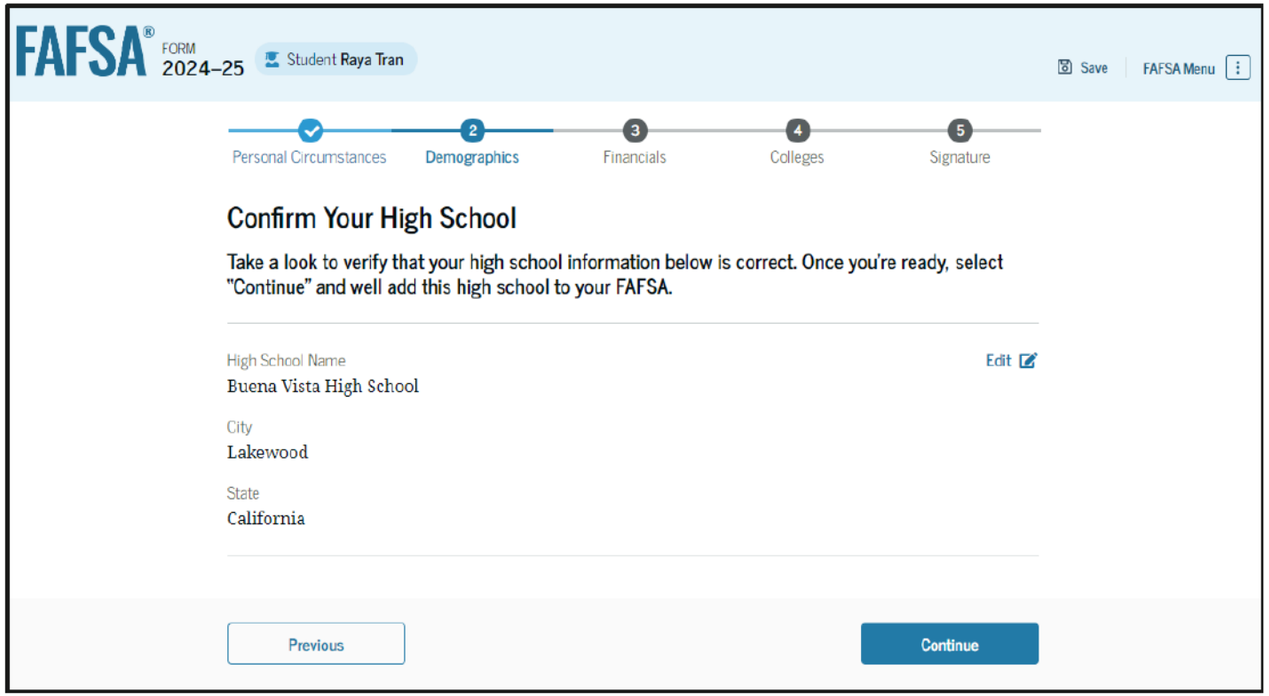
The student is asked which high school they did or will graduate from. The student enters their high school's state and city. After selecting "Search," they select the correct high school from the search results.





Step 10 – Student Demographics | Confirm High School

The student has the option to edit the high school information presented on this page by selecting "Edit," which will return them to the high school information page. The student confirms their high school information and selects "Continue" to proceed to the next section.



Step 11 – Student Finances | Introduction

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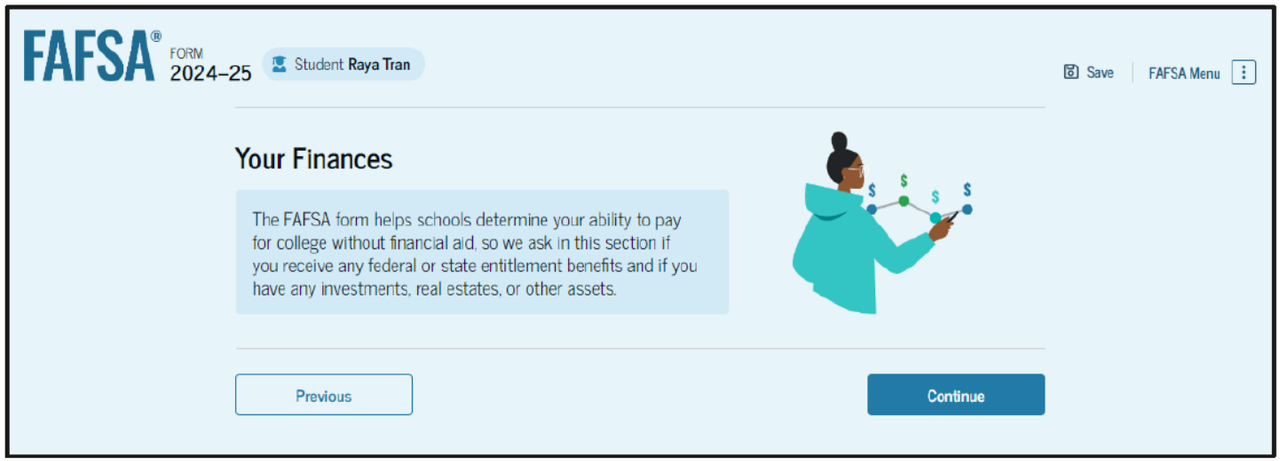
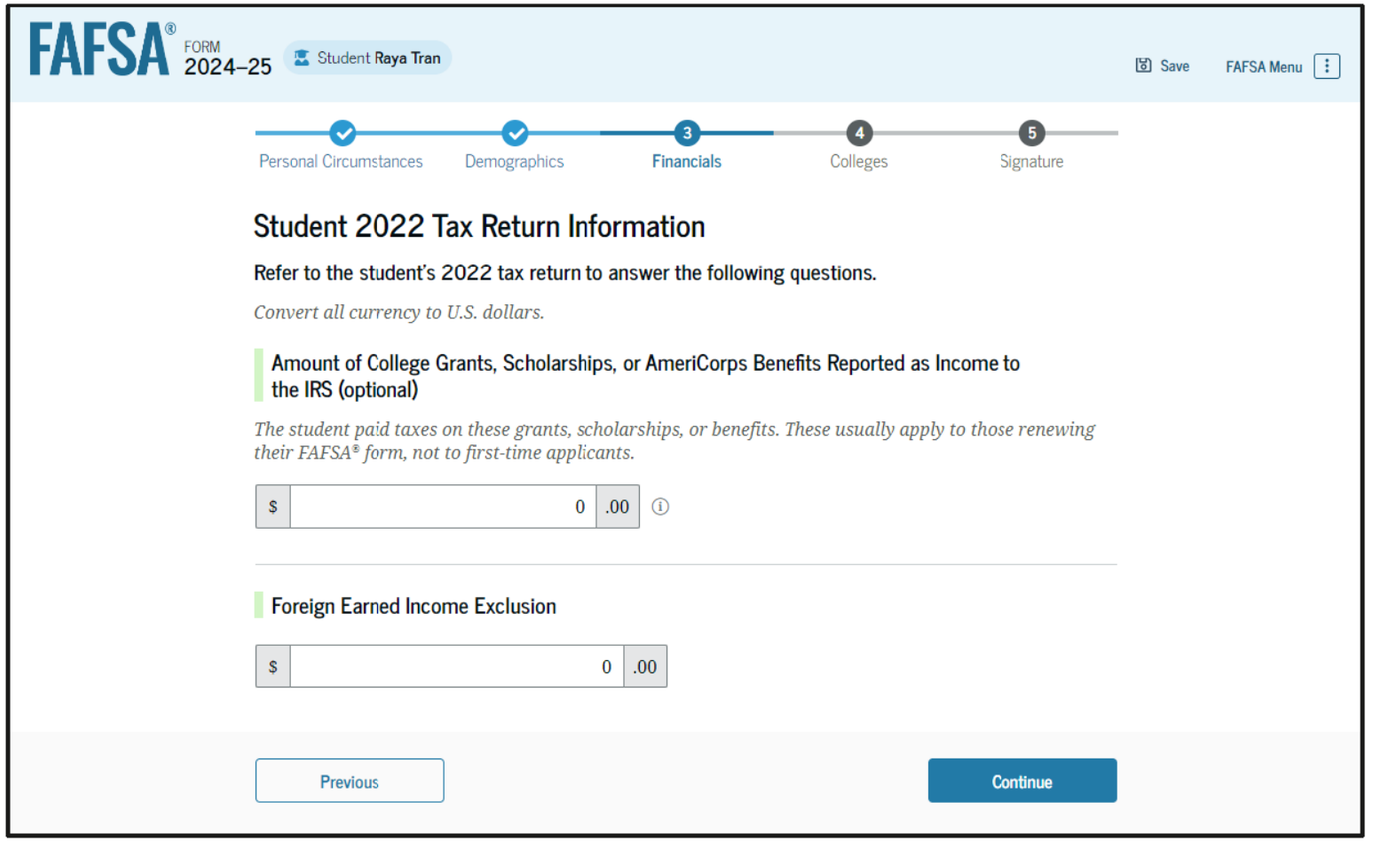


Step 11 – Student Finances | Tax Return Information

The student is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The student enters a response in each entry field.

Please Note – You would have filed your 2022 tax return in Spring 2023, if you filed anything. Many high school students do not earn enough income to qualify as a tax filer.

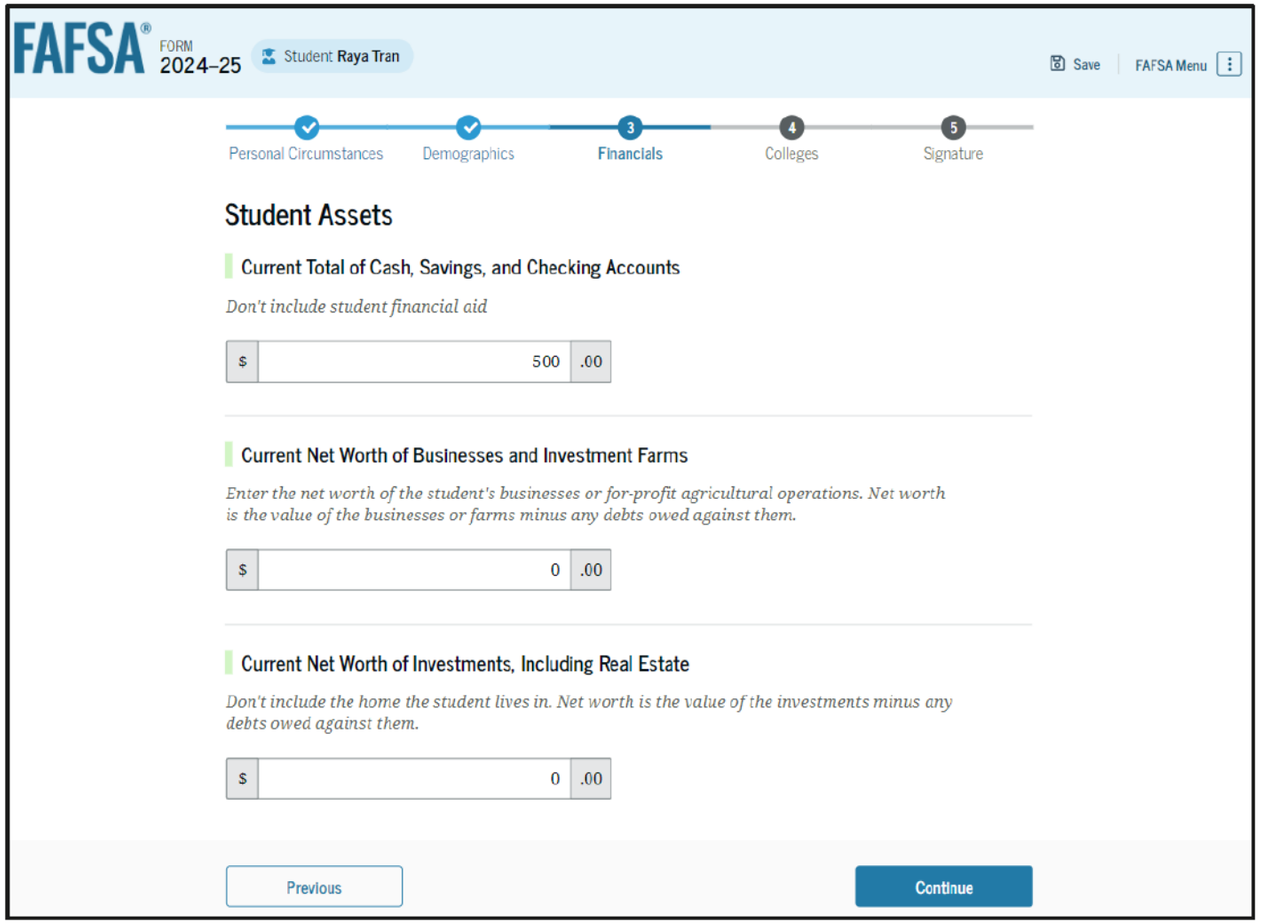
Regardless of your tax filing status, the answer to the questions listed on this page is likely $0.00.



Step 11 – Student Finances | Student Assets

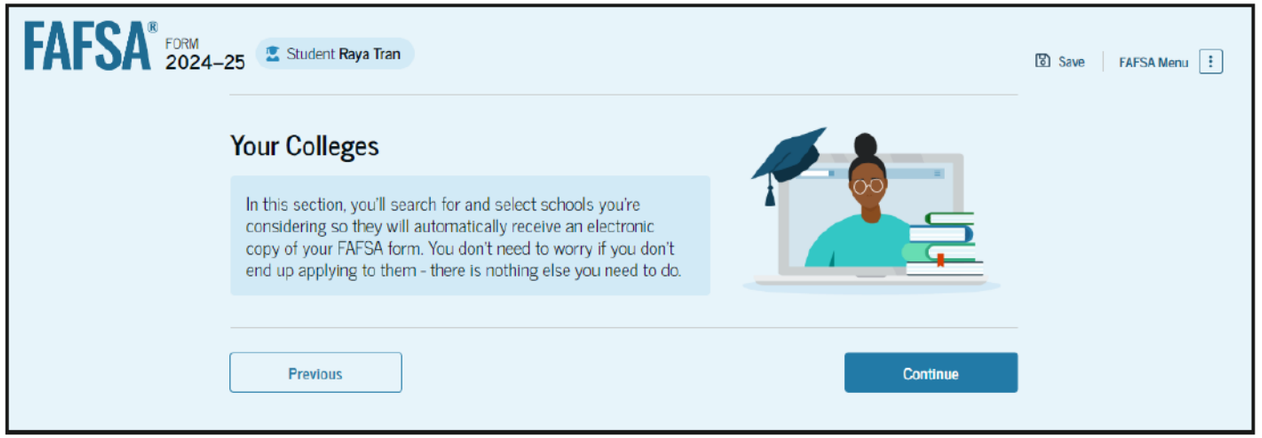
The student is asked about their assets.

The student enters a response in each entry field.



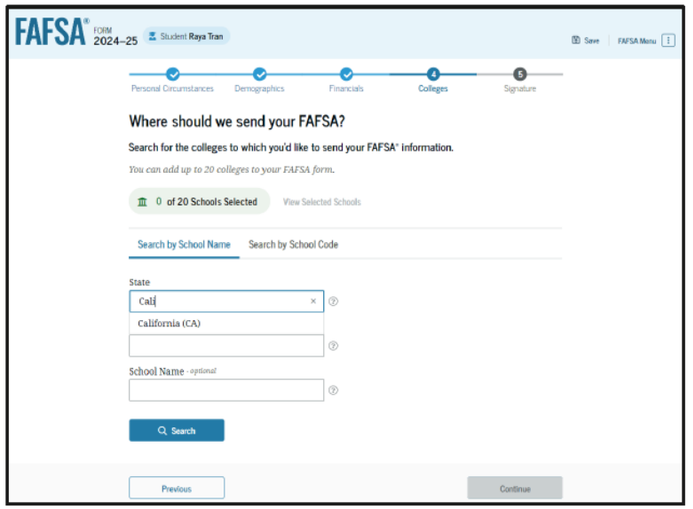
Step 12 – Colleges | Introduction

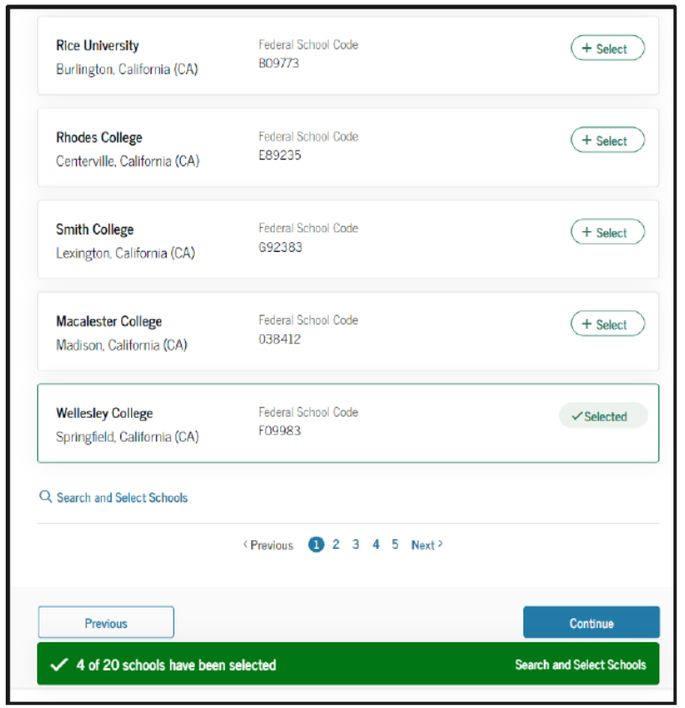
This is the first page in the Select Colleges section, which is the final part of the FAFSA® form's student section to require information. It provides an overview of the section.



Step 12 – Colleges | College Search

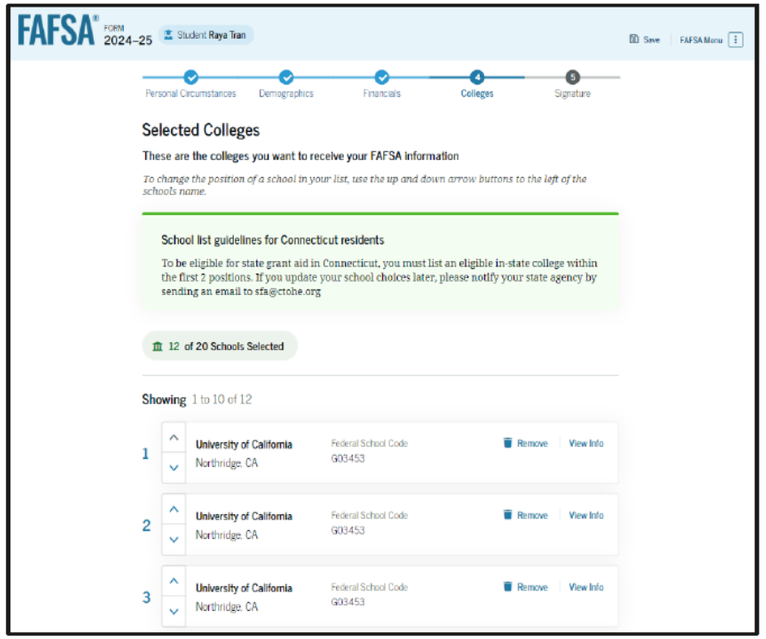
The student is asked to search for the colleges and/or career schools they would like to receive their FAFSA® information. The student searches for a school by entering a state, city, and/or school name. After selecting "Search," they select the correct school from the search results. Students can select to send their FAFSA information to a maximum of 20 schools.

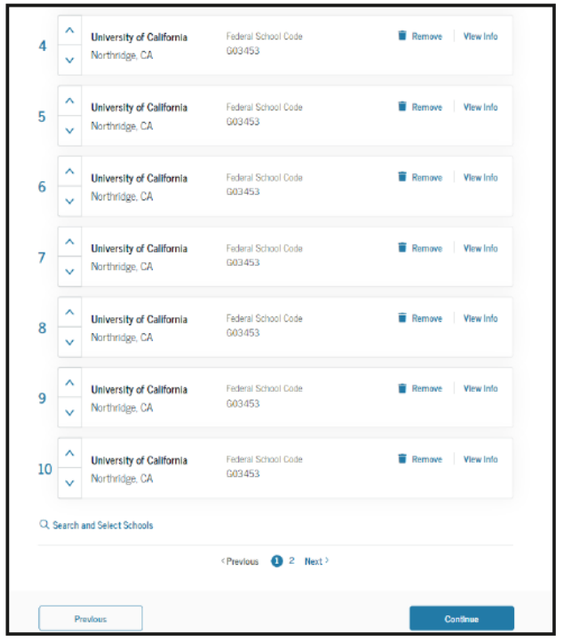




Step 12 – Colleges | Confirm College List

The student can view which colleges and/or career schools they have selected. If the student has not selected 20 schools, they have the option to search and select more schools, and for students in some states, they have the option to change the position of their selected schools. When the student selects "Continue," they will have completed entering the required student information for their section and can proceed to review and sign their form.





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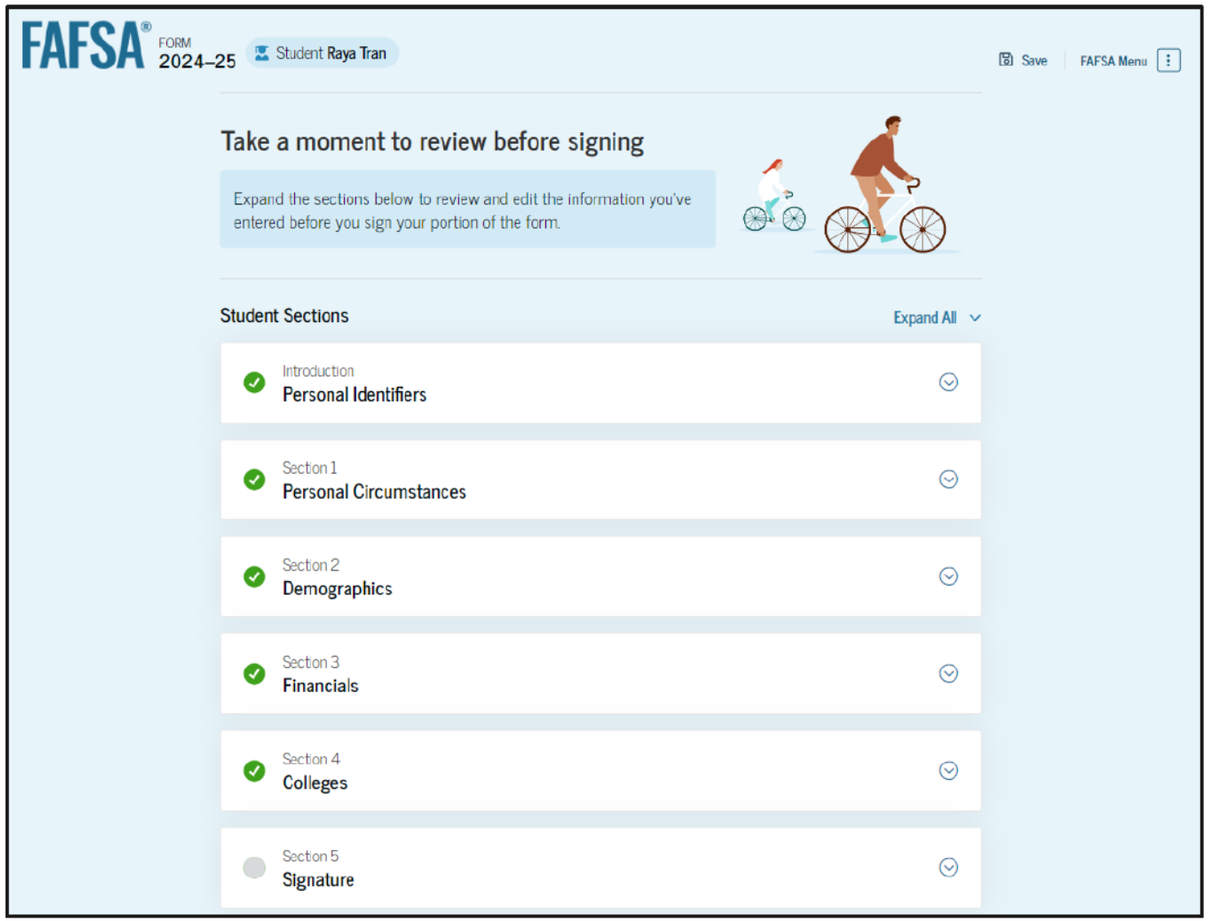
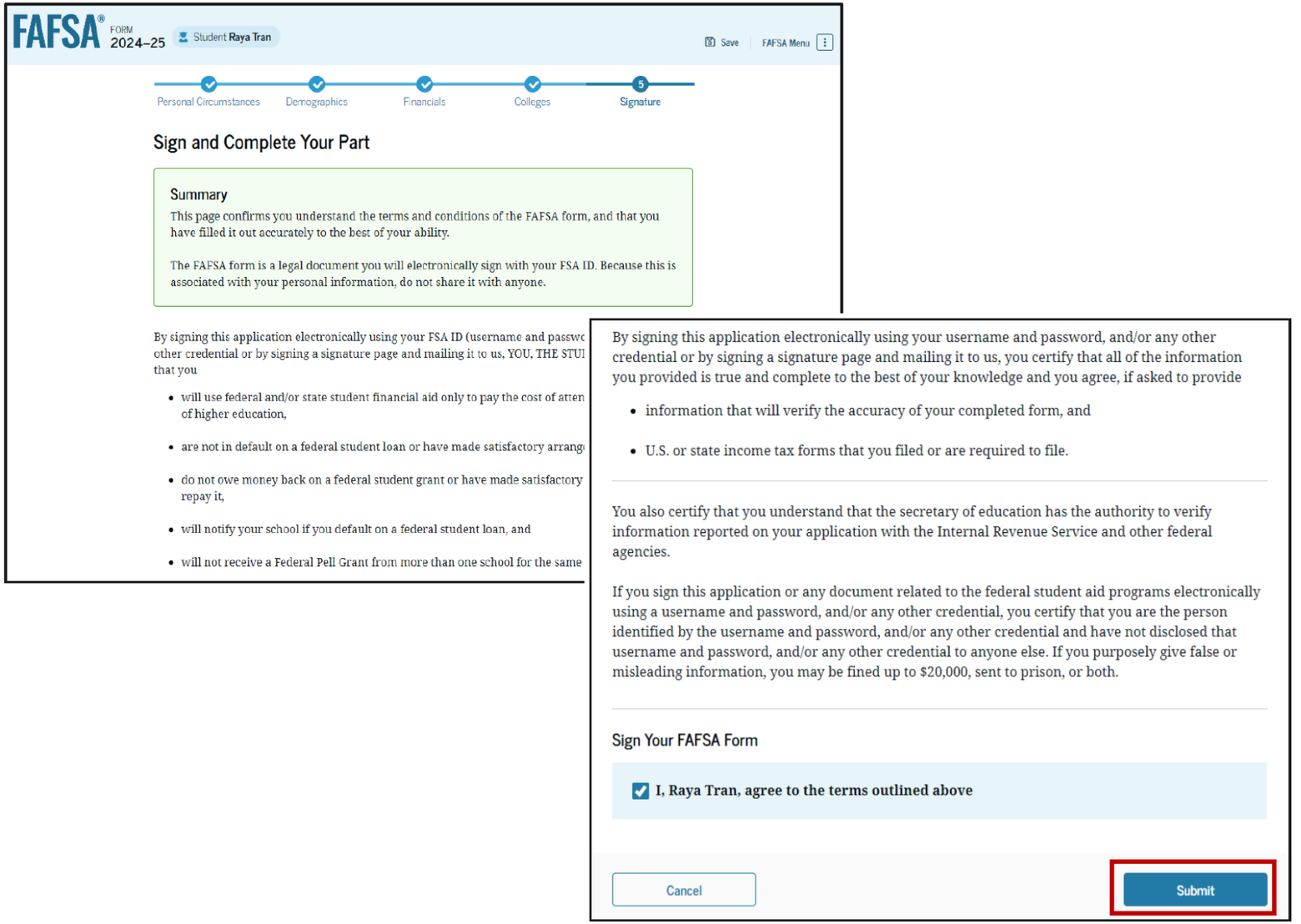


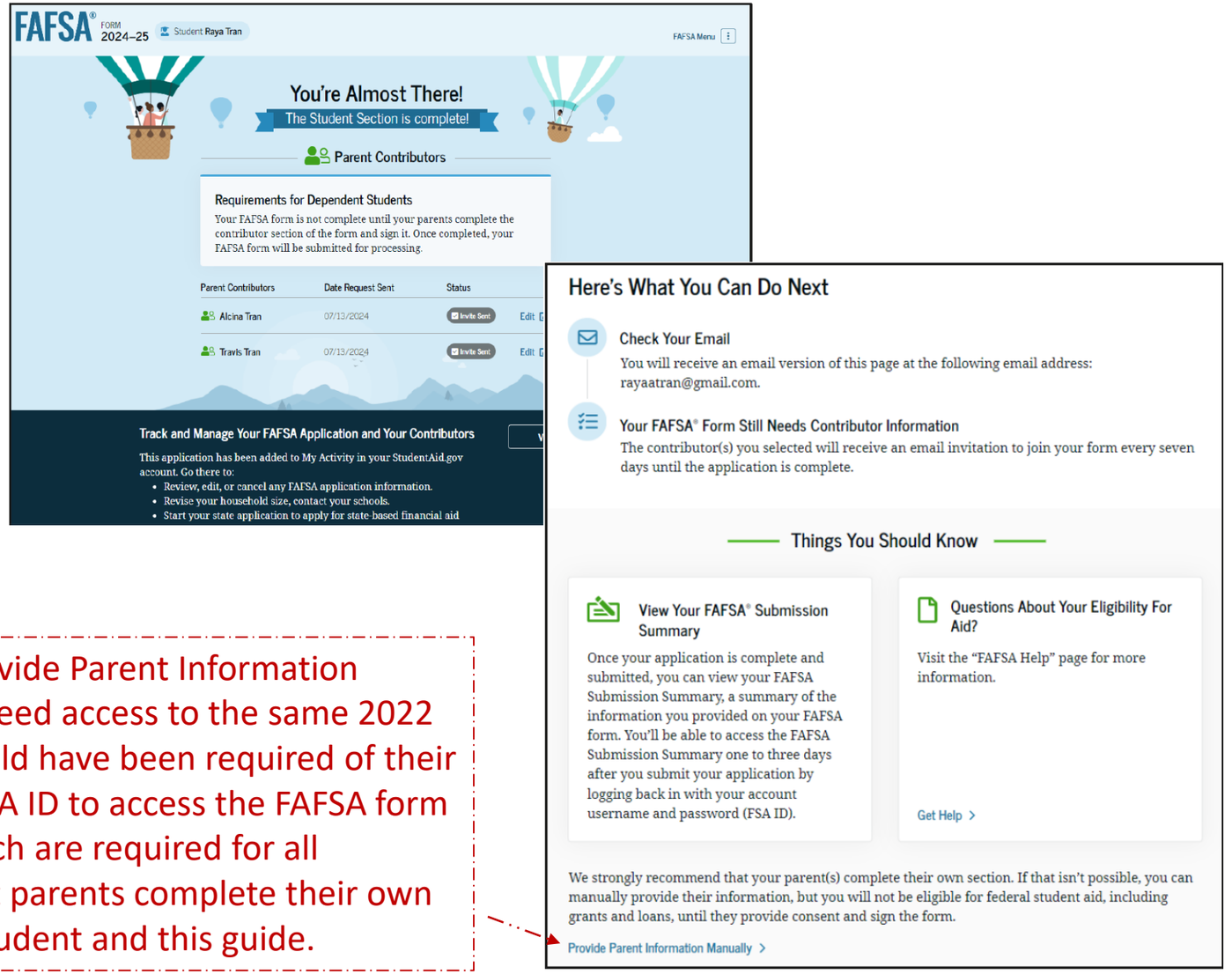
Step 14 – Student Signature

On this page, the student acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and signs their section. After agreeing and signing, the student is able to submit their section of the FAFSA form. Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed yet.



Step 15 – Student Section Complete

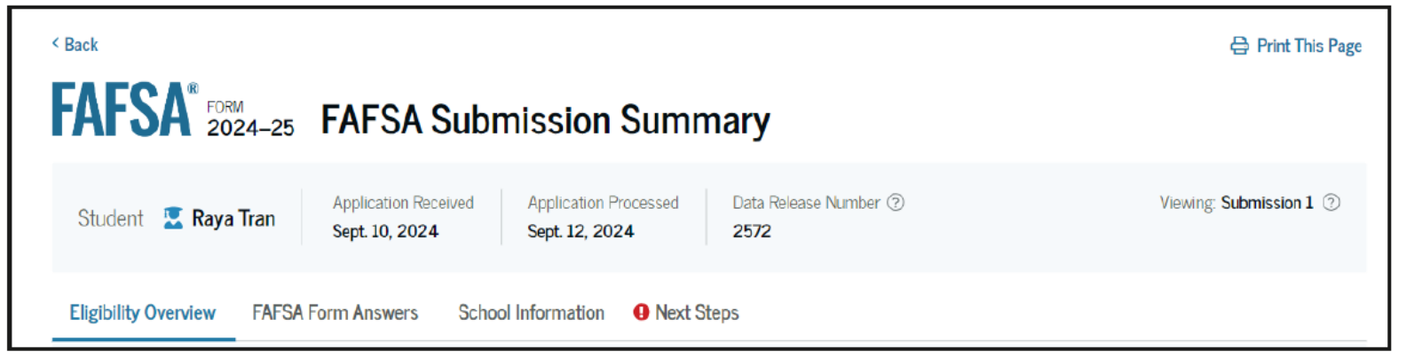
Upon signing the student section, the student is presented the student section complete page. This page displays information for the student about next steps, including tracking their FAFSA® form. The student is reminded that their form is not completed and can't be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it.



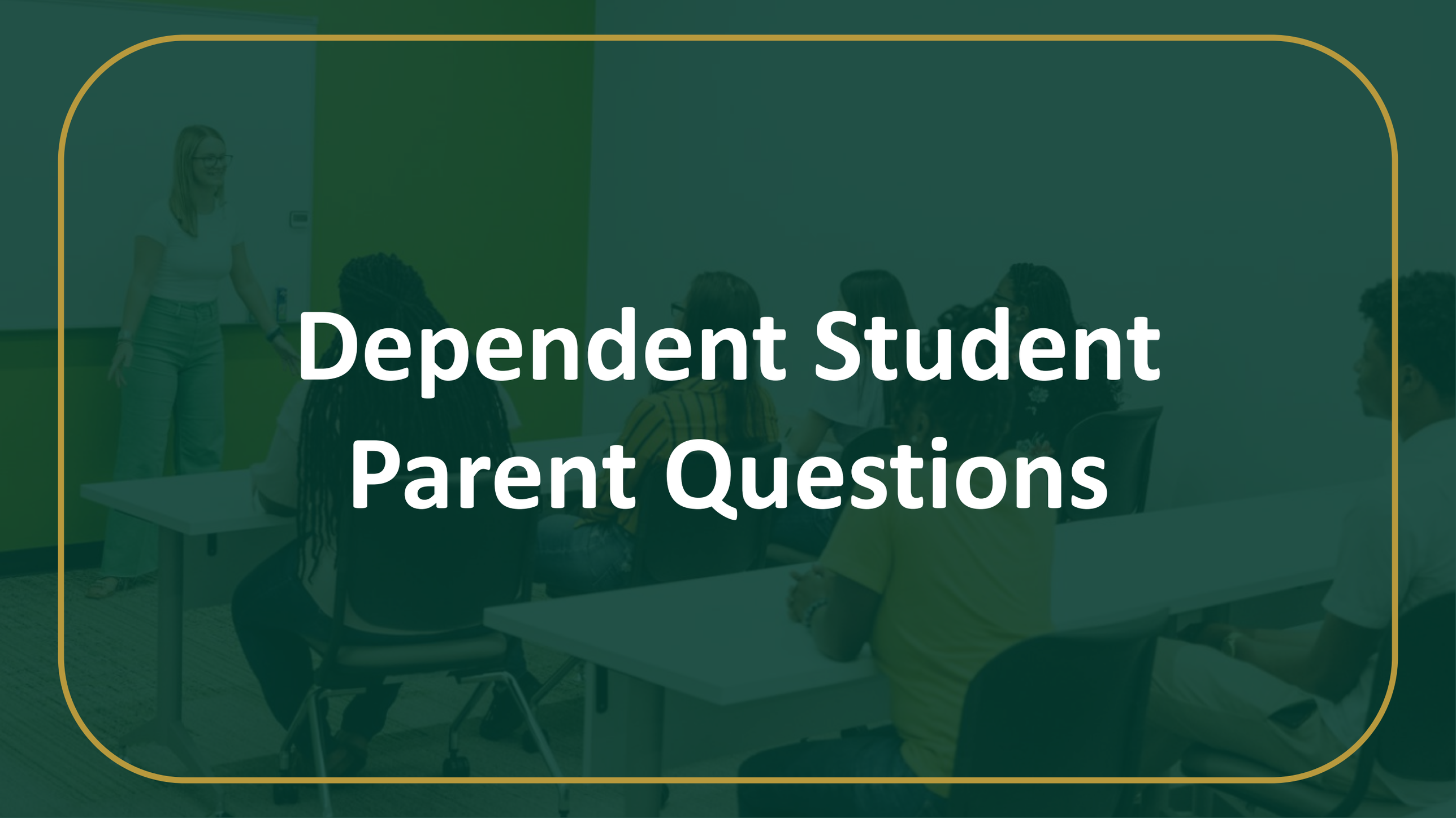
Please Note – Students **do** have the option to provide Parent Information Manually. If they choose this path, students will need access to the same 2022 tax documentation (filed in Spring 2023) that would have been required of their parents. Moreover, their parent(s) still need an FSA ID to access the FAFSA form and provide consent and a signature, both of which are required for all contributors. For this reason, we recommend that parents complete their own portion of the form with the assistance of their student and this guide.

Step 16 – FAFSA Submission Summary

Within 3 days of both the student and parent(s) successfully submitting the FAFSA form, the student can use their FSA ID to log back into their FAFSA form and view their FAFSA Submission Summary.



The student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary for their processed FAFSA® form and any subsequent corrections that they submit. The FAFSA Submission Summary is broken into four tabs: Eligibility Overview, FAFSA Form Answers, School Information, and Next Steps. At the top, the student will see information about when their form was received and processed. They also have the option to print their FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.



Dependent Student Parent Questions

Before You Start

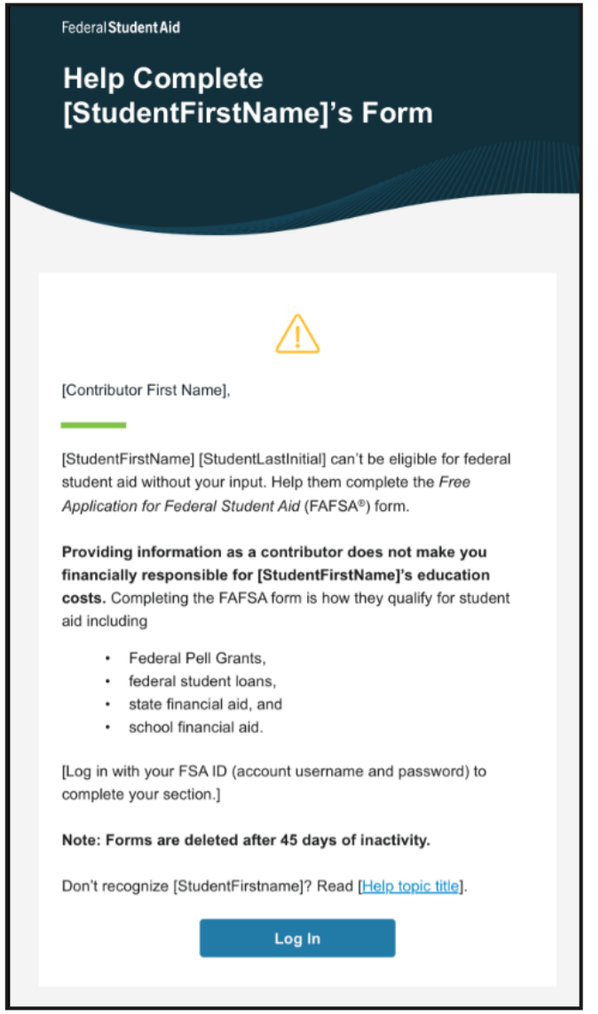
To complete the FAFSA form, <u>you</u> (parent) **will need:**

- ☑ Your FSA ID
- ☑ Your 2022 Tax Return paperwork, if you filed taxes in Spring 2023
- ☑ Any other financial documentation related to your income and assets in 2022

Please Note – The updated FAFSA form and process are even more dependent on up-to-date and accurate tax records of students and parents. If you are a parent who did not file taxes for 2022, we strongly recommend that you meet with a tax professional as soon as possible to clarify your individual situation for that tax year and next steps.

Step 1 – Parent Receives Invitation Email

This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects “Log In" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.



Federal Student Aid

Help Complete [StudentFirstName]’s Form

[Contributor First Name],

[StudentFirstName] [StudentLastInitial] can’t be eligible for federal student aid without your input. Help them complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

Providing information as a contributor does not make you financially responsible for [StudentFirstName]’s education costs. Completing the FAFSA form is how they qualify for student aid including

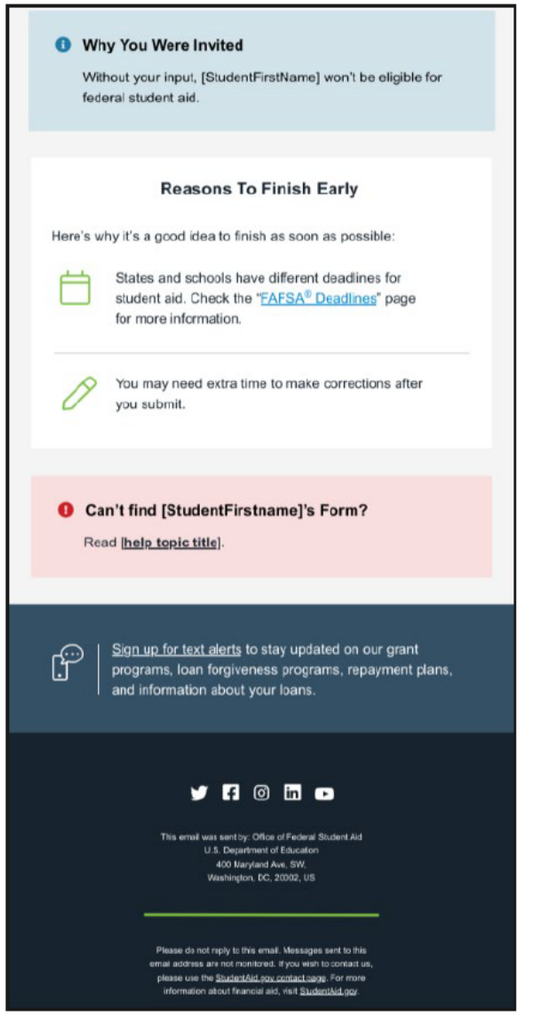
- Federal Pell Grants,
- federal student loans,
- state financial aid, and
- school financial aid.

[Log in with your FSA ID (account username and password) to complete your section.]

Note: Forms are deleted after 45 days of inactivity.

Don’t recognize [StudentFirstname]? Read [Help topic title].

Log In



Why You Were Invited

Without your input, [StudentFirstName] won’t be eligible for federal student aid.

Reasons To Finish Early

Here’s why it’s a good idea to finish as soon as possible:

States and schools have different deadlines for student aid. Check the “FAFSA® Deadlines” page for more information.

You may need extra time to make corrections after you submit.

Can’t find [StudentFirstname]’s Form?

Read [help topic title].

Sign up for text alerts to stay updated on our grant programs, loan forgiveness programs, repayment plans, and information about your loans.

This email was sent by: Office of Federal Student Aid
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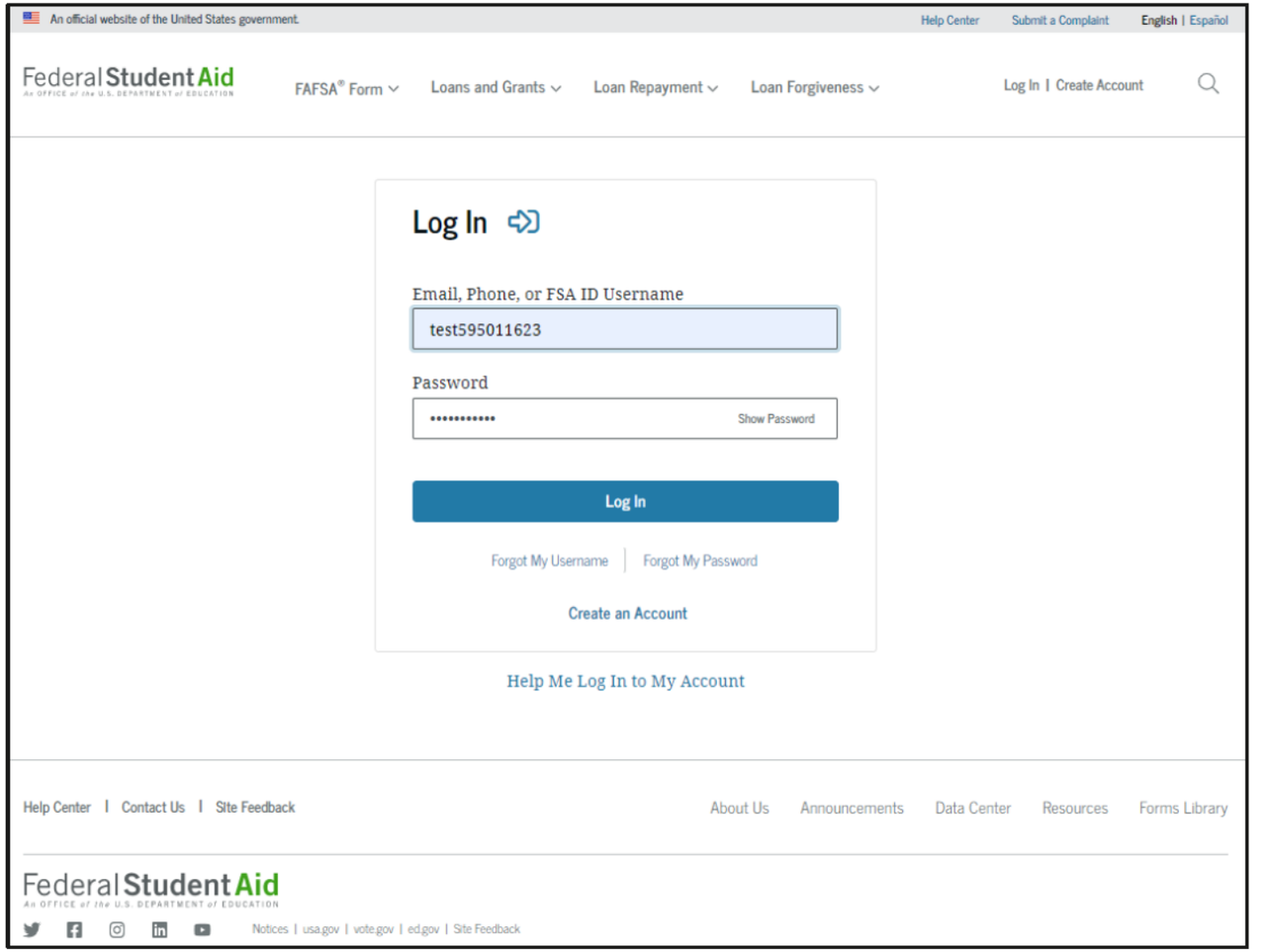
Please do not reply to this email. Messages sent to this email address are not monitored. If you wish to contact us, please use the StudentAid.gov contact page. For more information about financial aid, visit StudentAid.gov.

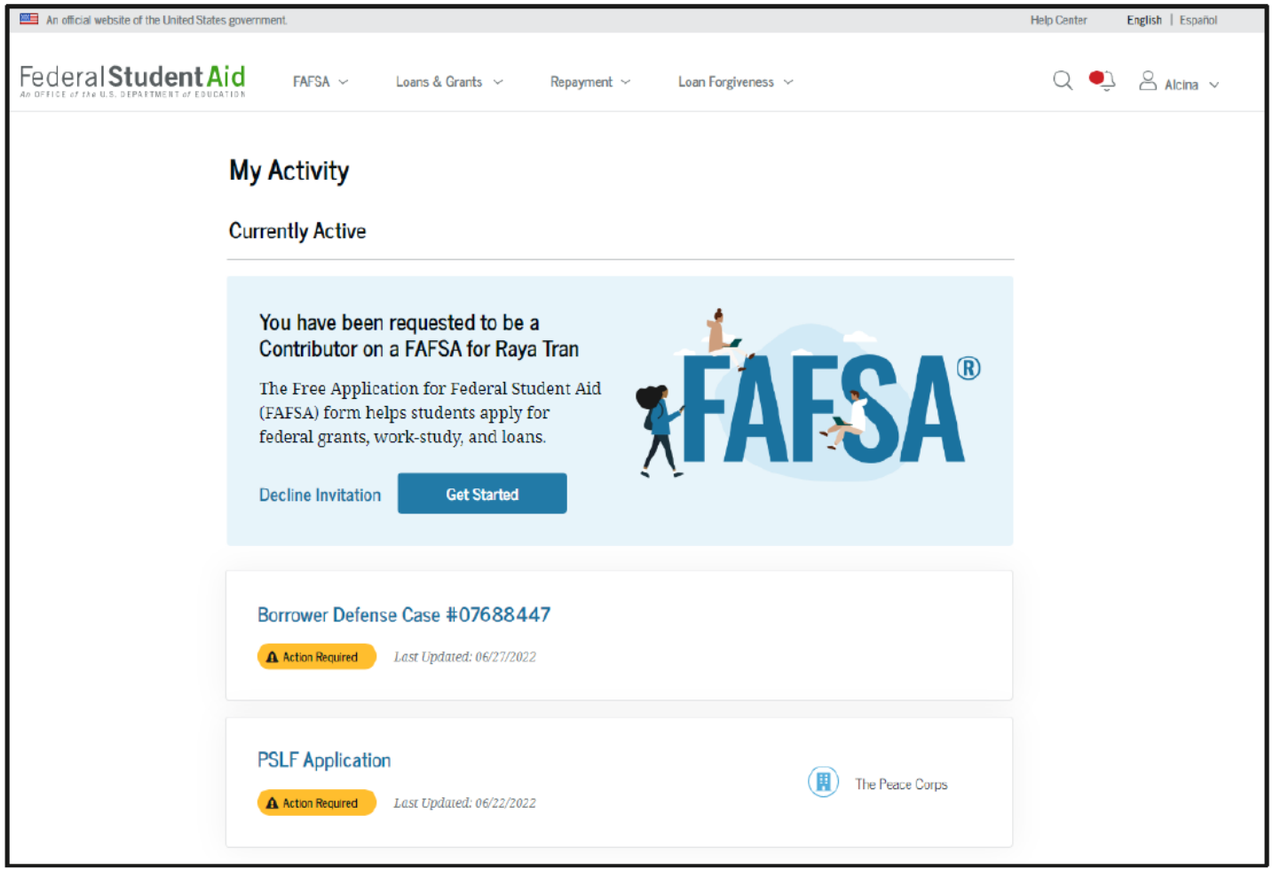
Step 2 – Parent Login

The parent is taken from their email to the “Log In” page to enter their log-in credentials. To access the FAFSA® form, all users are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the parent doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account."



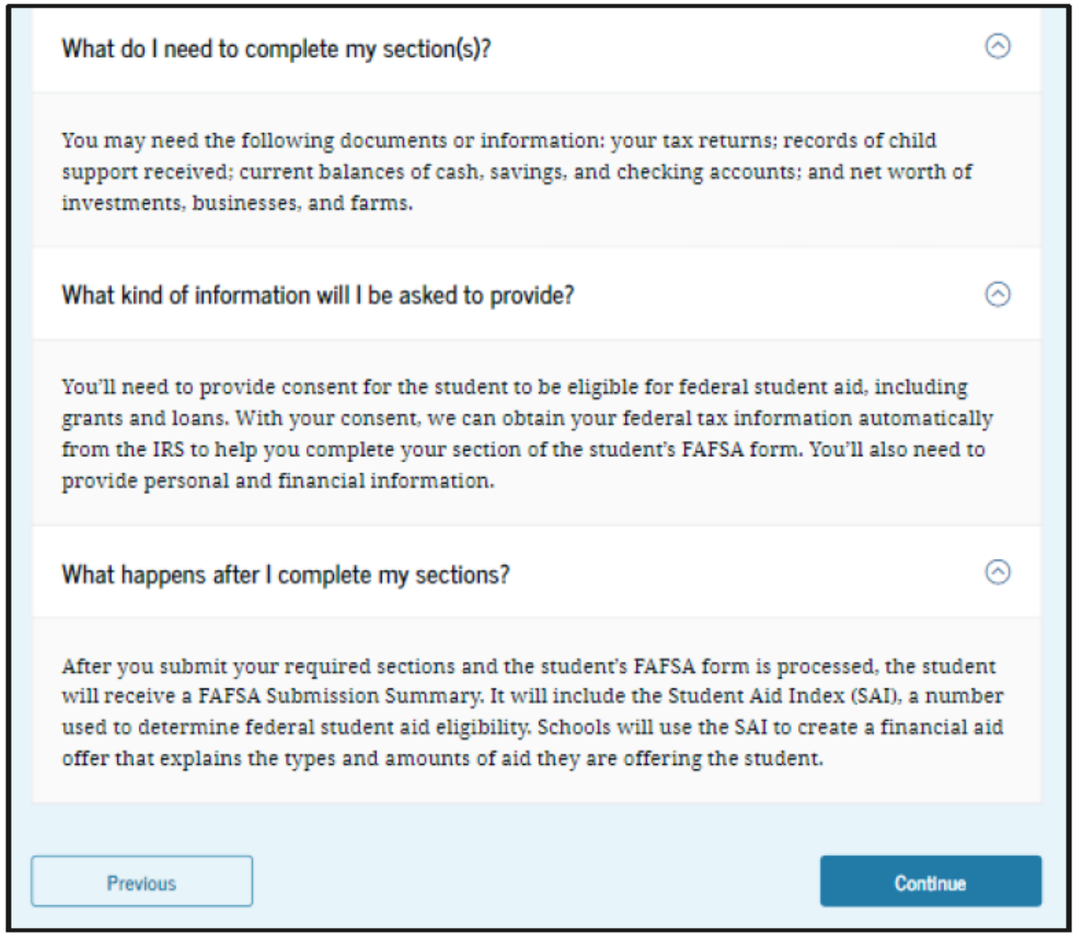
Step 3 – Parent Activity Center

After successfully logging in, the parent is taken to their “My Activity” page. The parent sees an invitation to be a contributor on the student’s FAFSA® form.



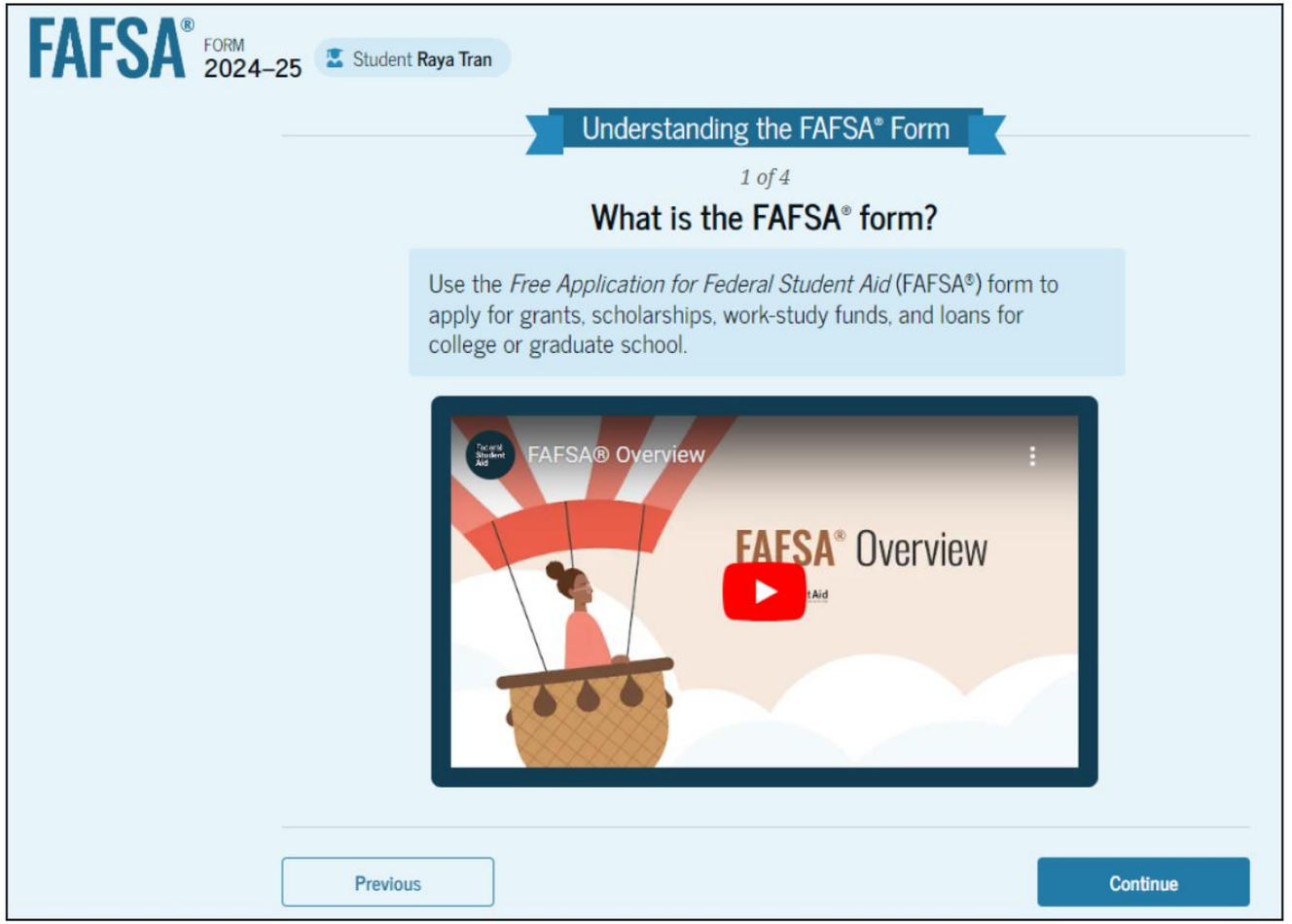
Step 4 – Contributor Introduction

This page provides information about being a contributor on a FAFSA® form.



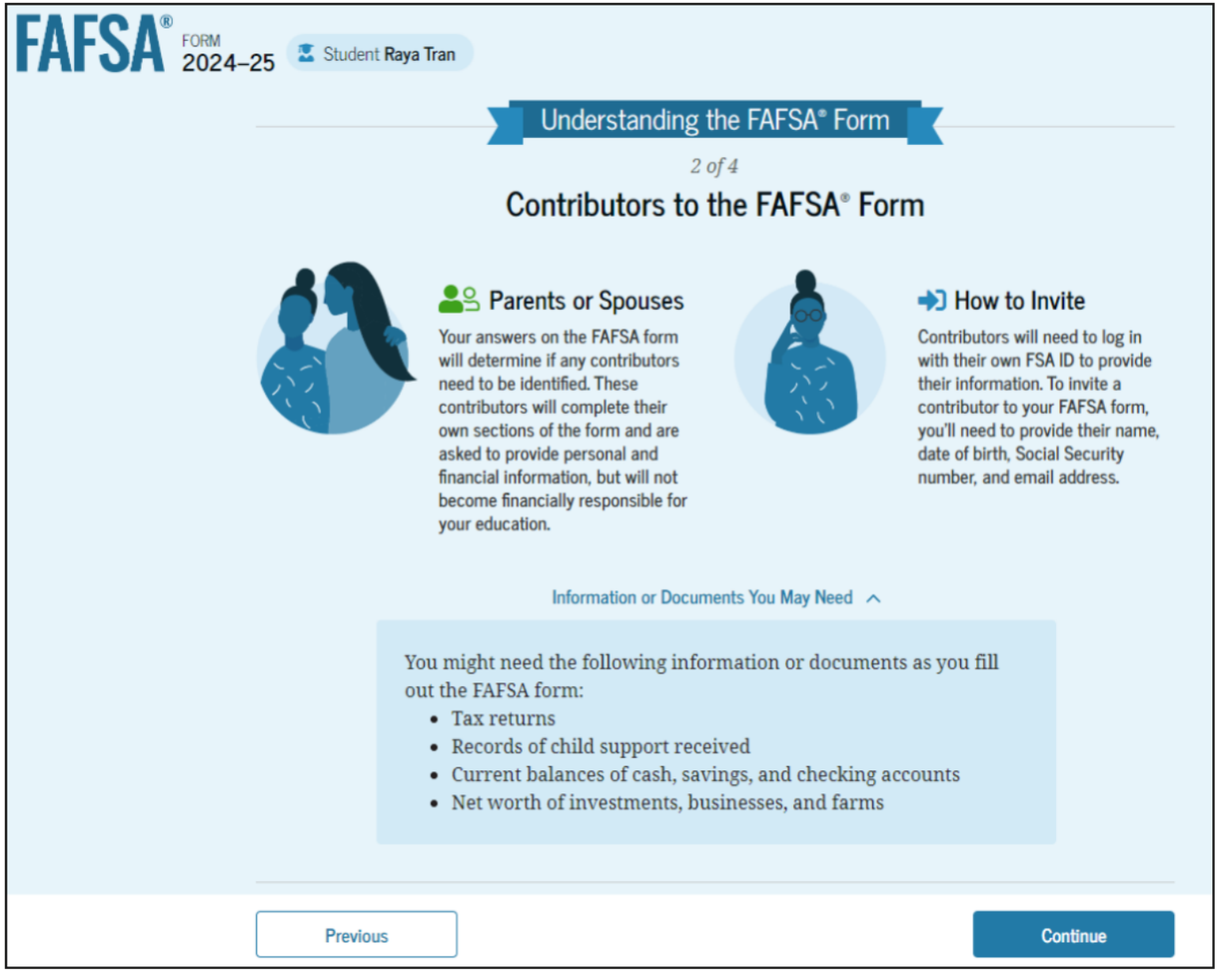
Step 5 – Parent Onboarding (1 of 4)

When the parent starts the 2024–25 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. The first onboarding page provides an overview of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video.



Step 5 – Parent Onboarding (2 of 4)

The second FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about the different roles that may be required to participate in the student's FAFSA form and documents that may be needed to fill out the form.



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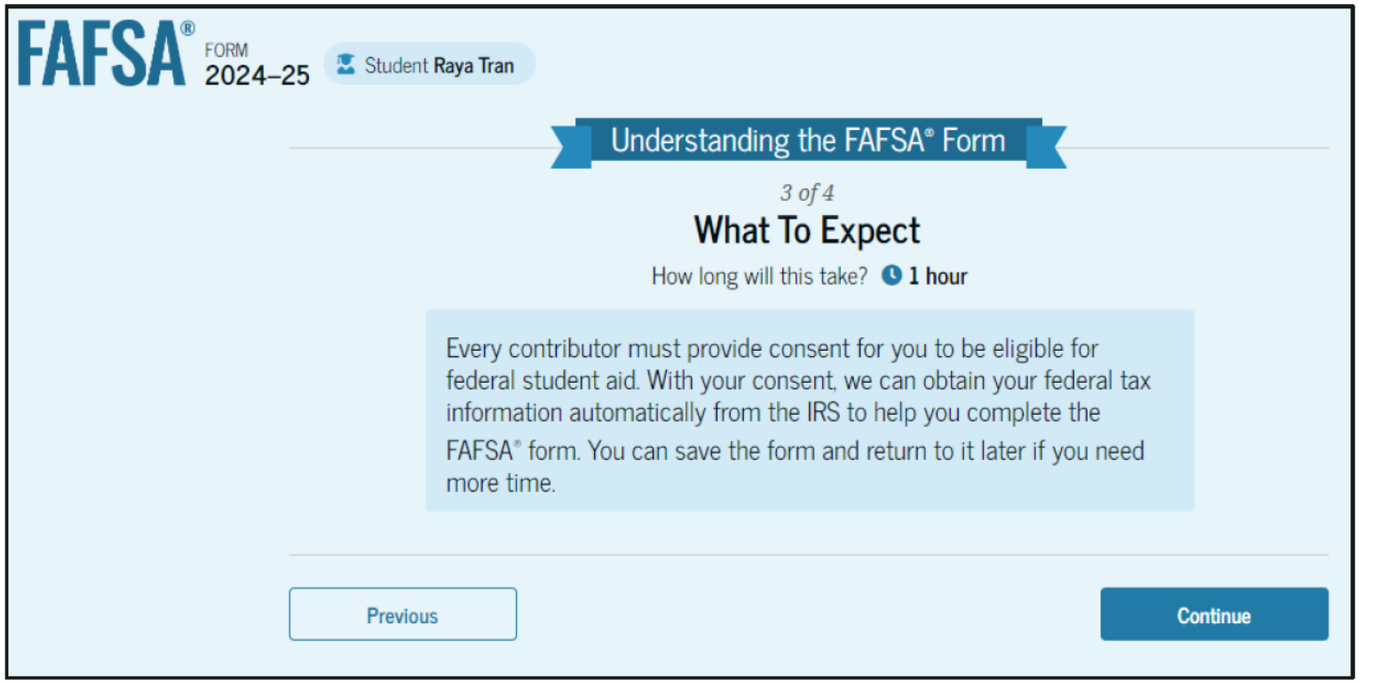

Step 5 – Parent Onboarding (4 of 4)

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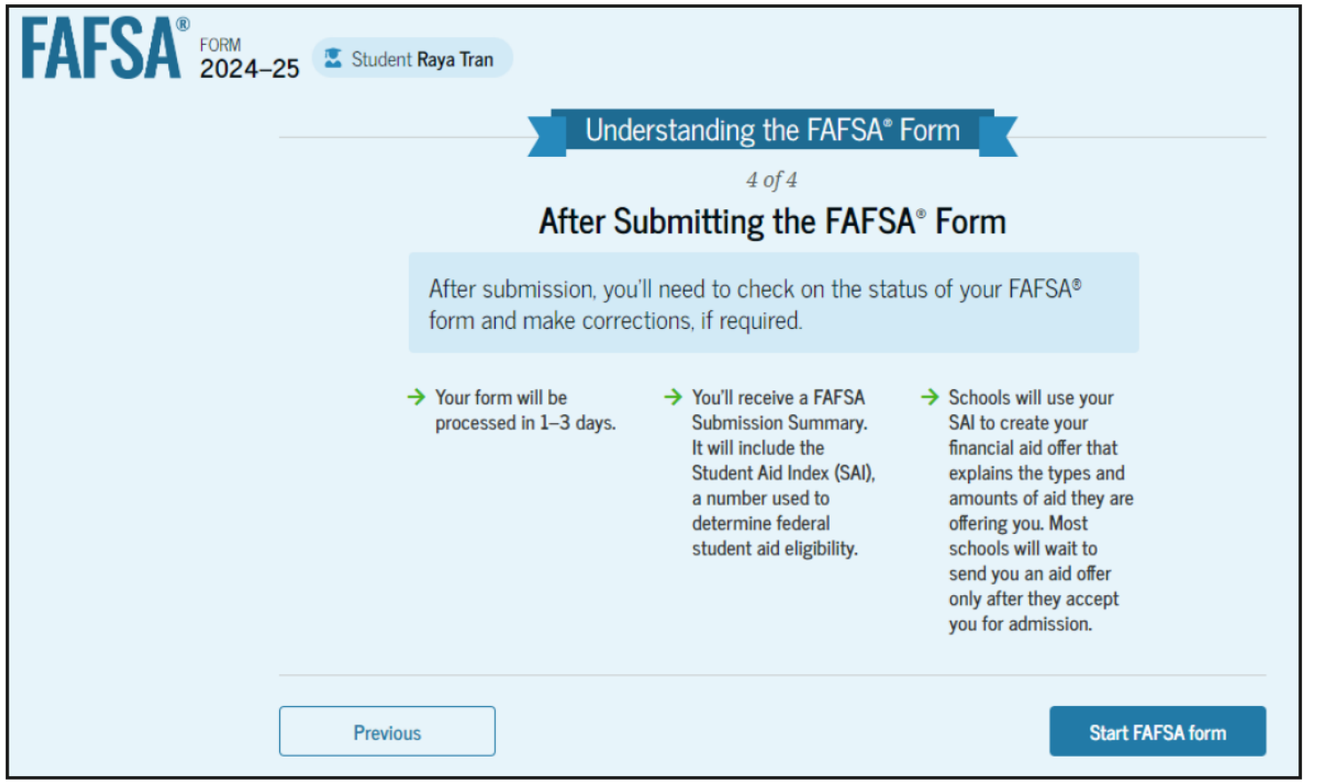
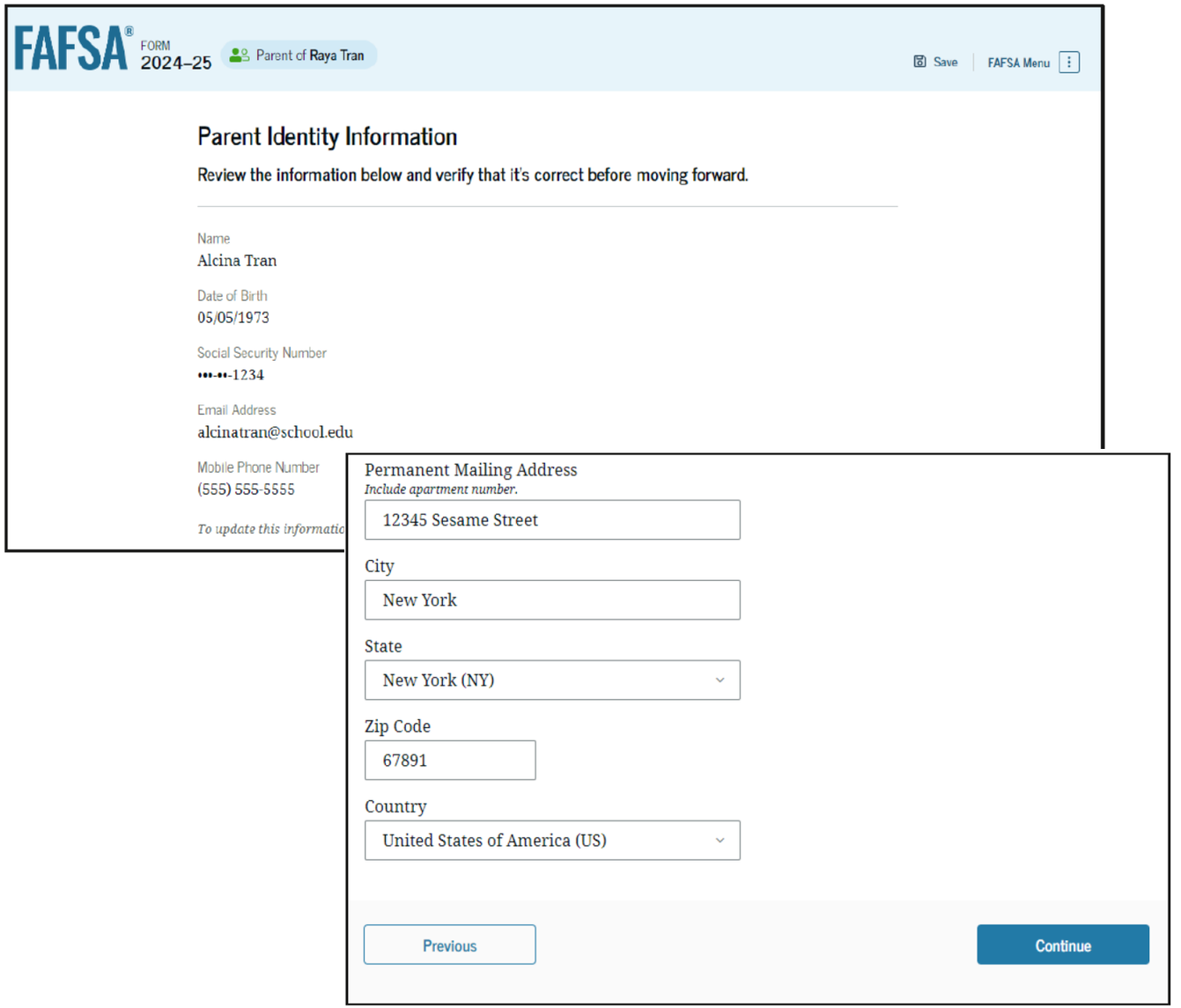


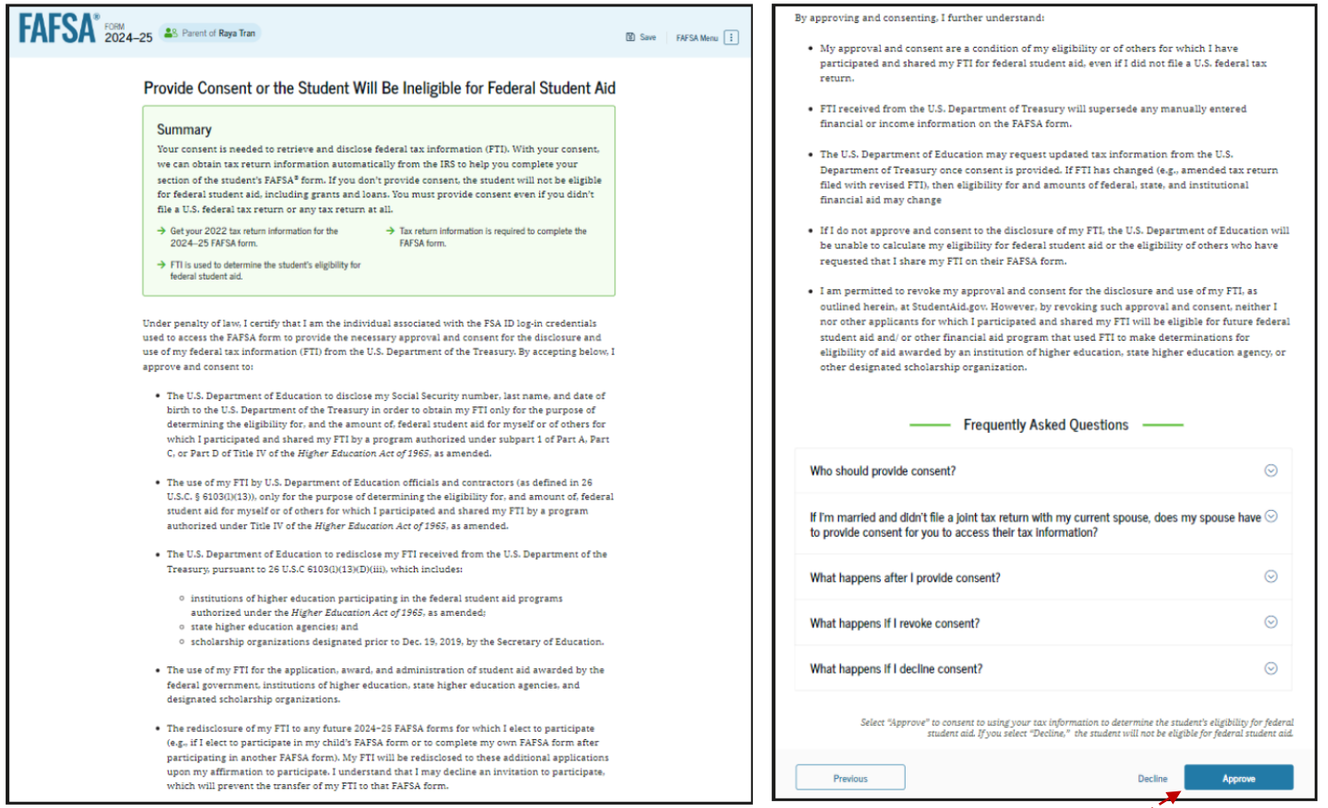
Step 6 – Verify FSA Account Information

This is the first page within the parent section. The parent can verify that their personal information is correct. To update any of the personal information, the parent must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov. For fields related to the parent's mailing address, the parent can edit them directly on this page.



Step 7 – Provide Consent to Disclose Federal Tax Information

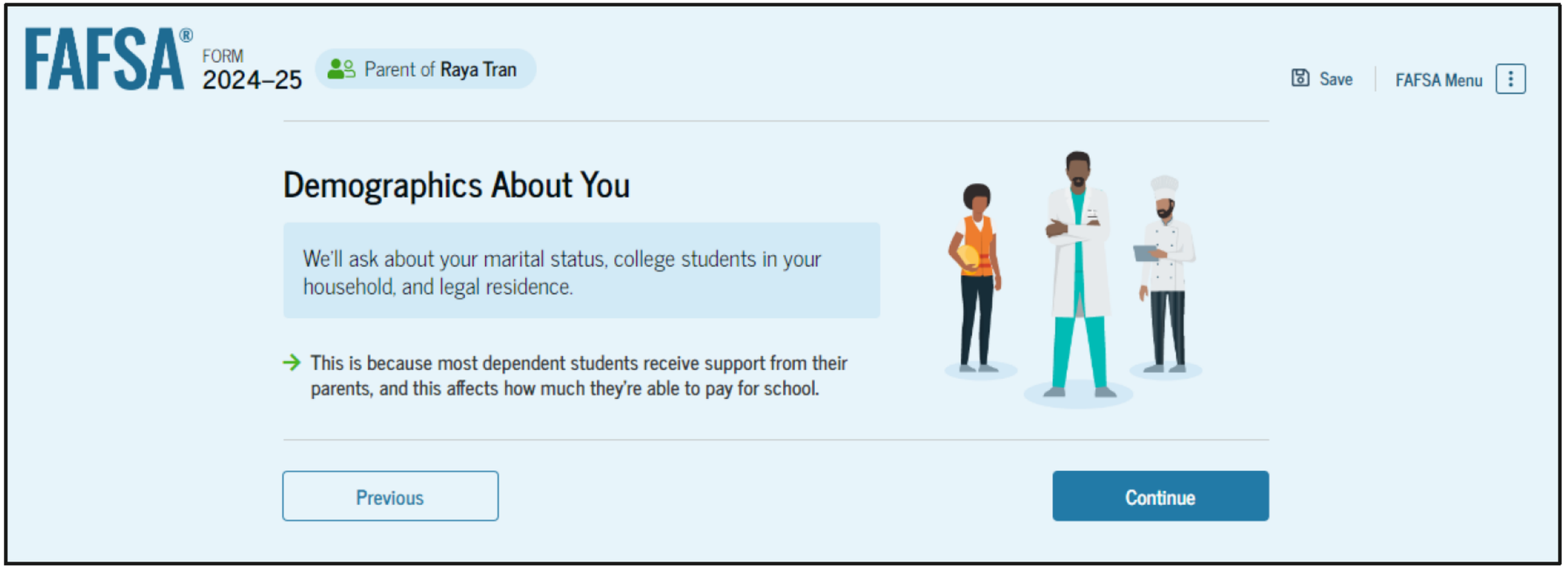
This page informs the parent about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the parent's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Parent Financials section. The parent selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.



Important Reminder! You **must** select Approve and provide consent for your student to be eligible for **any** federal financial aid, including the Federal Pell Grant. There is no way around this requirement.

Step 8 – Parent Demographics | Introduction

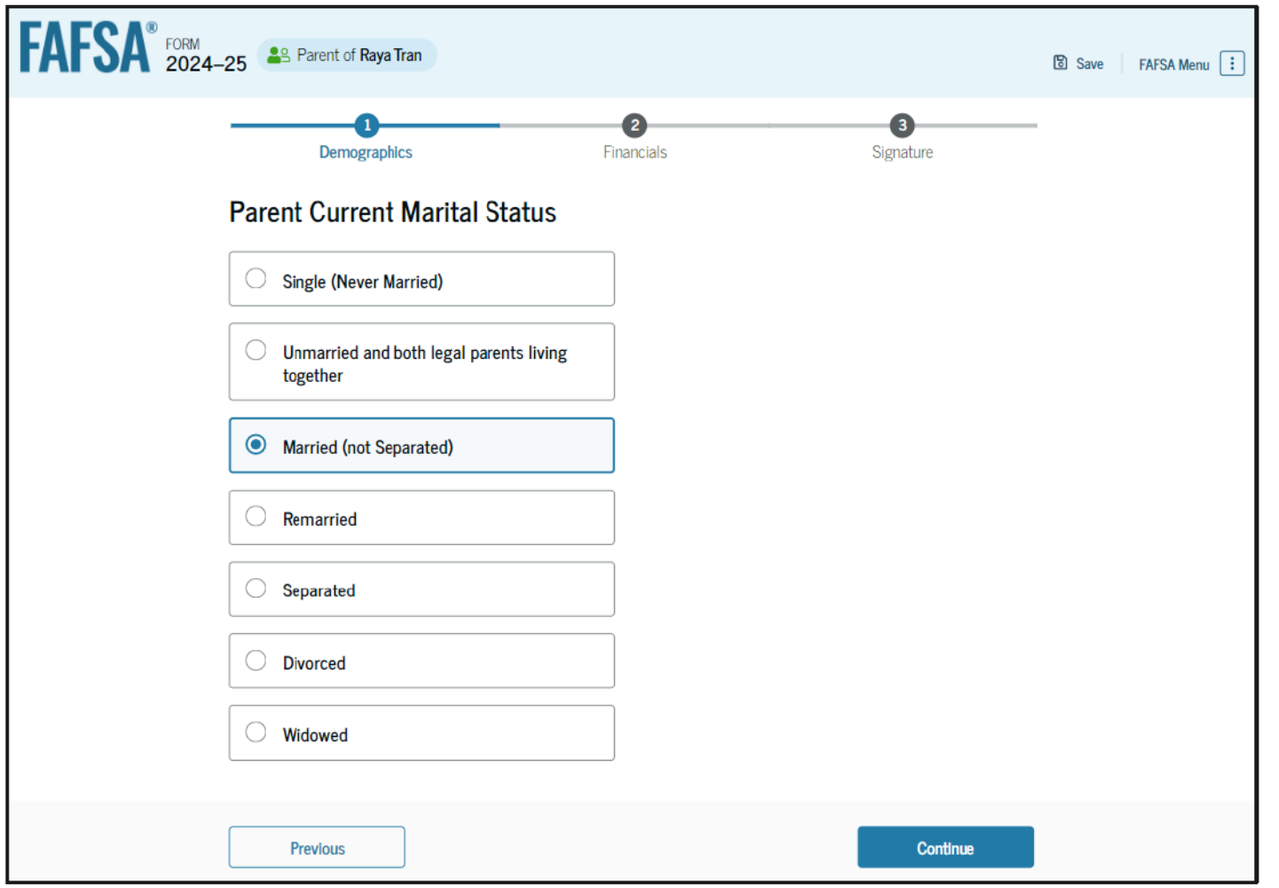
This is the first page in the Parent Demographics section. It provides an overview of the section.



Step 8 – Parent Demographics | Marital Status

The parent is asked about their current marital status. They select the "Married (not Separated)" option.

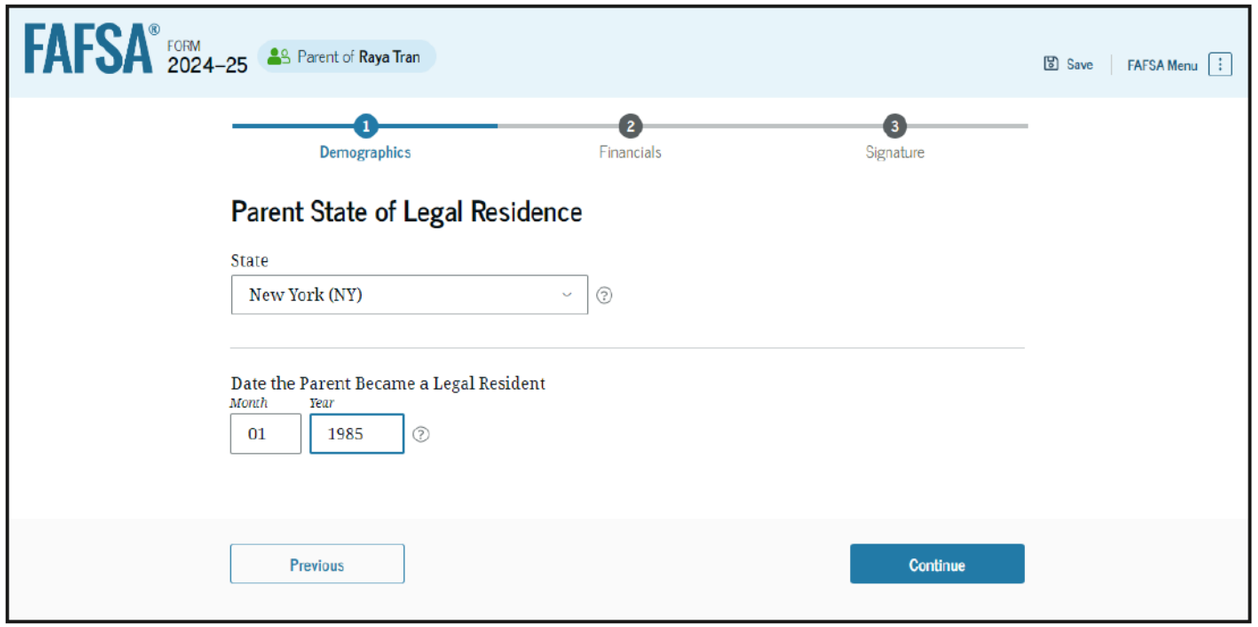
Please Note – Your response to this question should match the response that your student gave to a similar question on their form.



Step 8 – Parent Demographics | State of Legal Residence

The parent is asked about their state of legal residence. The parent selects the state from a dropdown box and provides the month and year when they became a legal resident.

Please Note – Indicate the month and year in which you first purchased a home or paid rent in the state where you currently live.



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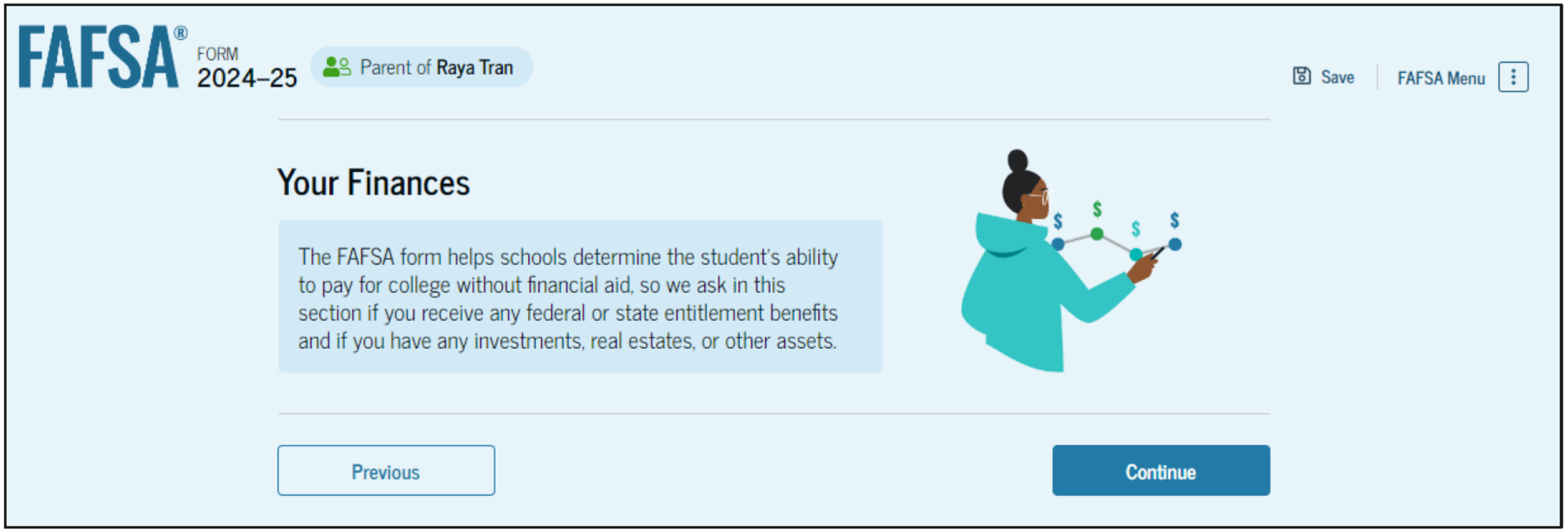
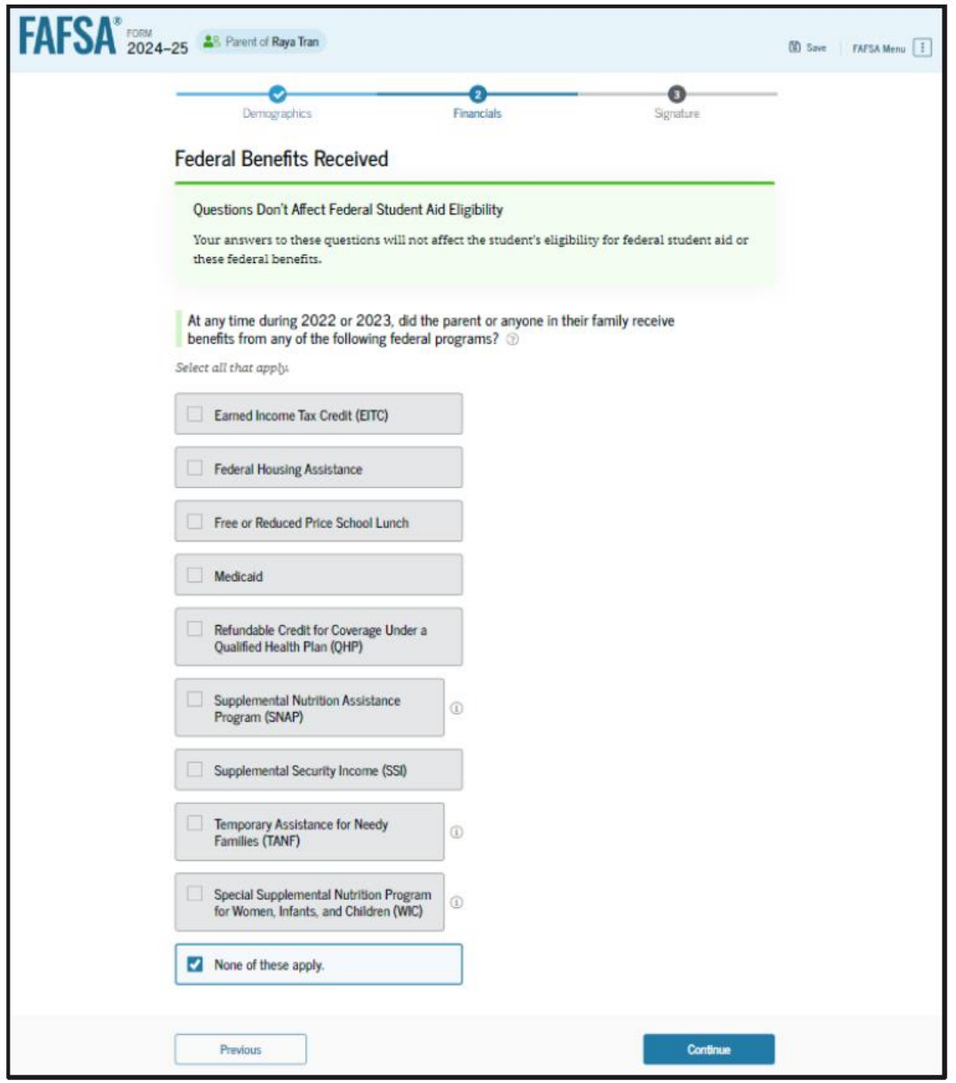


Step 9 – Parent Financials | Federal Benefits Received

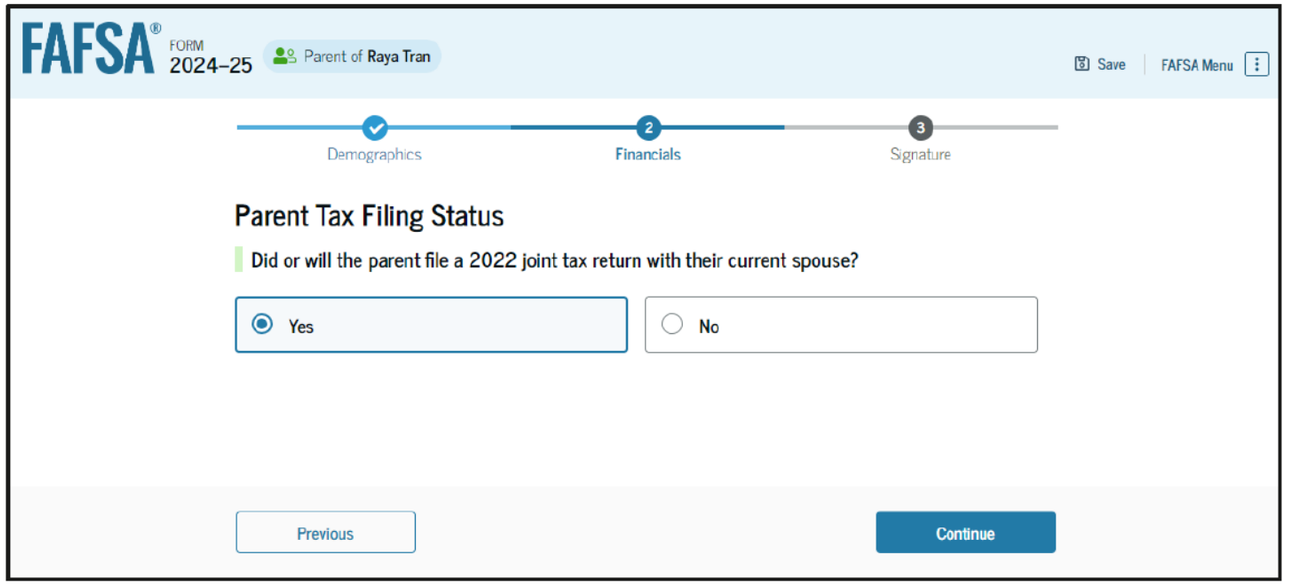
This page asks the parent if they or anyone in their family has received federal benefits.

Please Note – The answer to this question are **not** considered in when determining eligibility for federal student aid.



Step 9 – Parent Financials | Parent Tax Filing Status

This page asks the parent about their tax filing status. The parent selects "Yes" to "Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?"



Please Note – The language of this question will depend on your marital status. Some parents may not see this question at all.

You would have filed your 2022 tax return in Spring 2023. If you have not yet filed a tax return for 2022, please see a tax professional as soon as possible to clarify your individual situation and next steps. Generally, it is not possible for your student to qualify for federal student aid if their parents' required tax return has not been filed.

Step 9 – Parent Financials | Parent Family Size

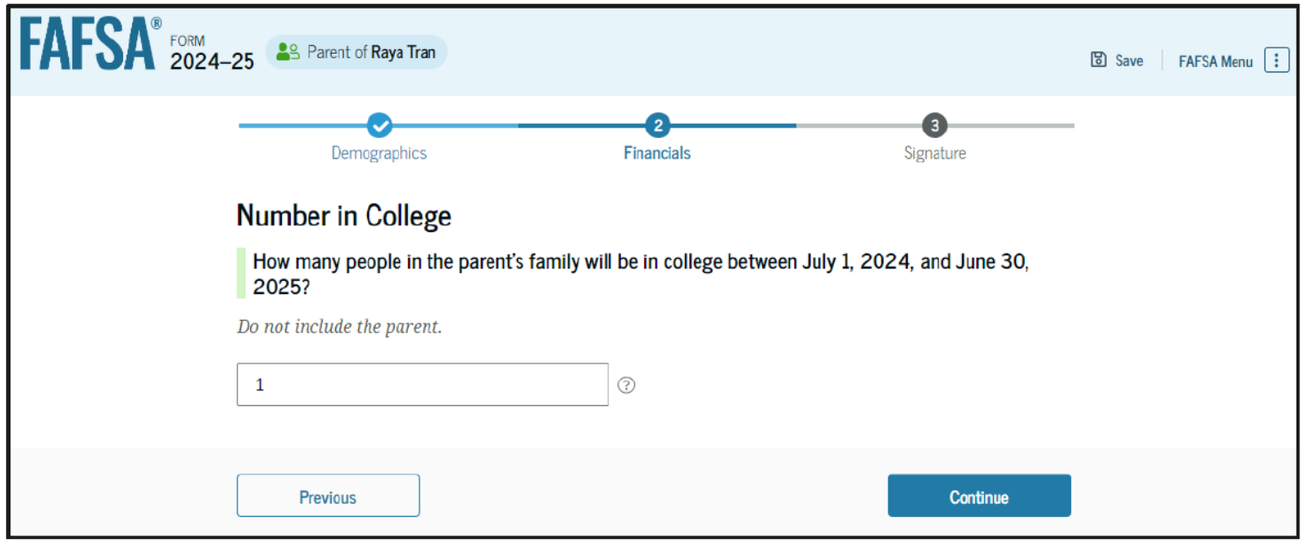
The parent is given the opportunity to manually update the family size if it has changed since filing their 2022 tax return.

When the FAFSA contributor manually enters the family size, include:

- the parent
- spouse or partner if they live in the home
- the student
- the parent's dependent children (even if they live apart because of college enrollment)
- other people living with the parent now and for whom the parent will provide more than half of their support between July 1 and June 30 of the award year covered by the FAFSA.

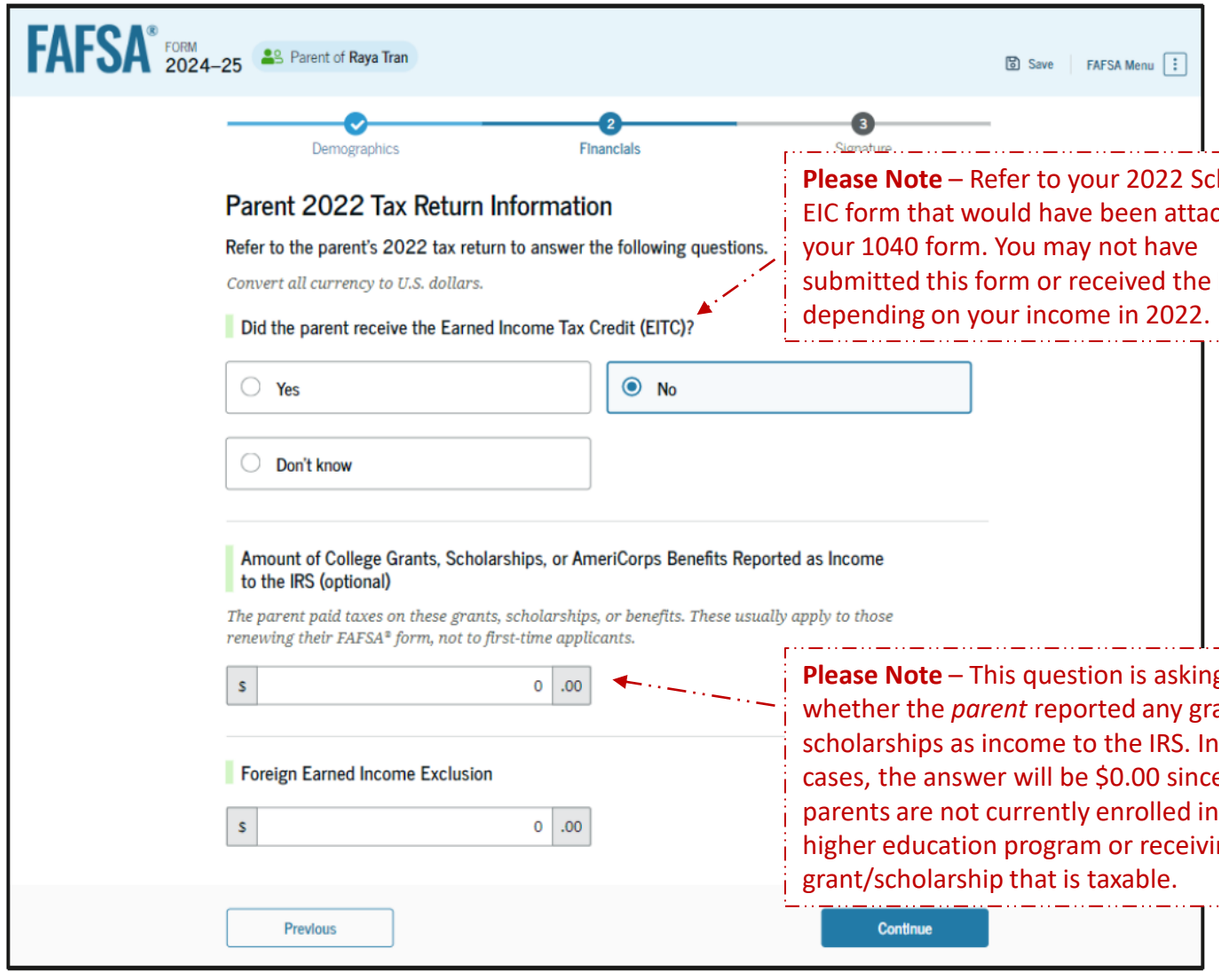
Step 9 – Parent Financials | Number in Colleges

This page asks the parent how many people in the family will be in college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. The parent enters a response into the entry field.



Step 9 – Parent Financials | Tax Return Information

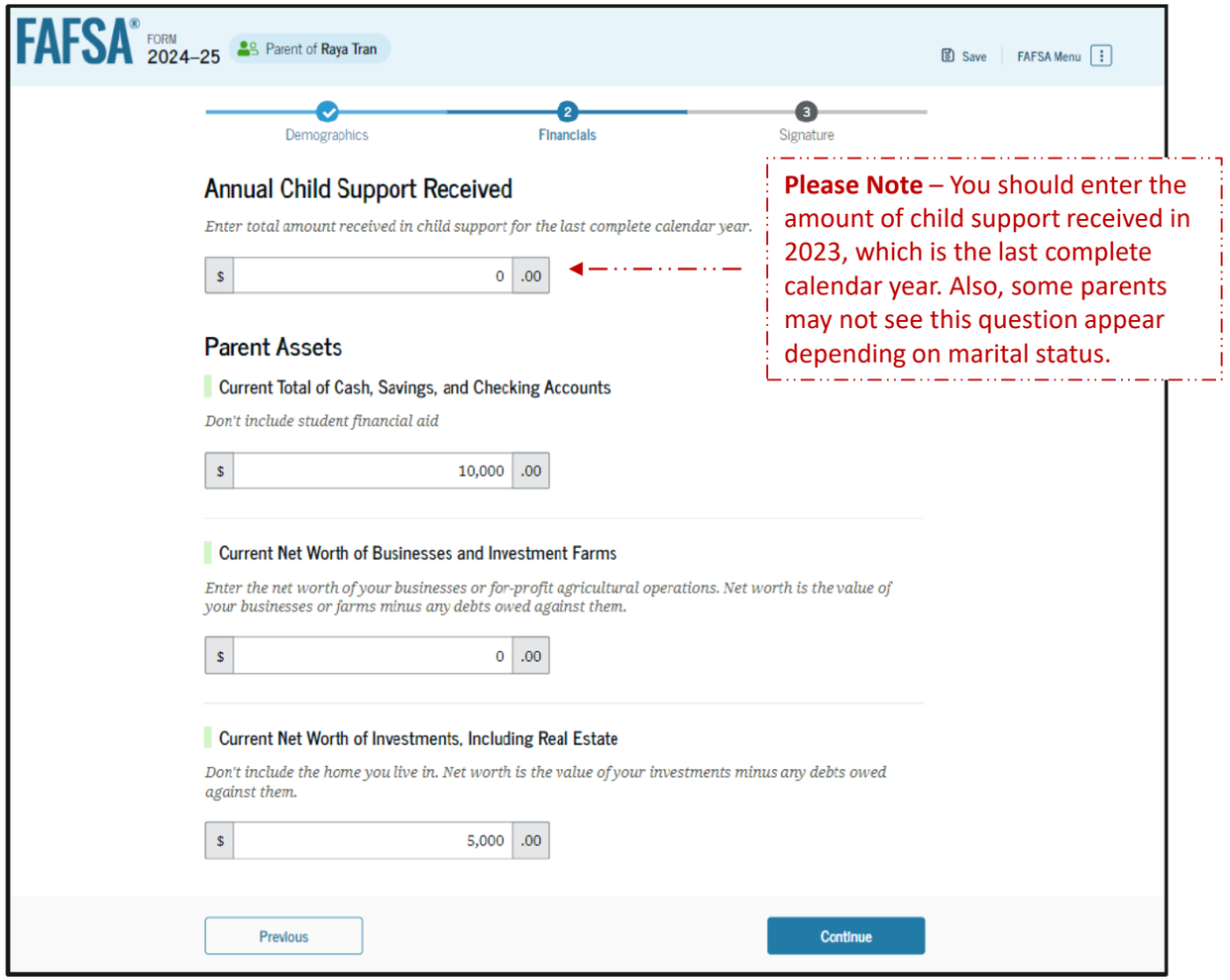
The parent is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The parent enters a response in each entry field.



Step 9 – Parent Financials | Parent Assets

The parent is asked about their assets.

The parent enters a response in each entry field.



Step 9 – Parent Financials | Other Parent Information

The parent is asked to provide information about their spouse or partner.

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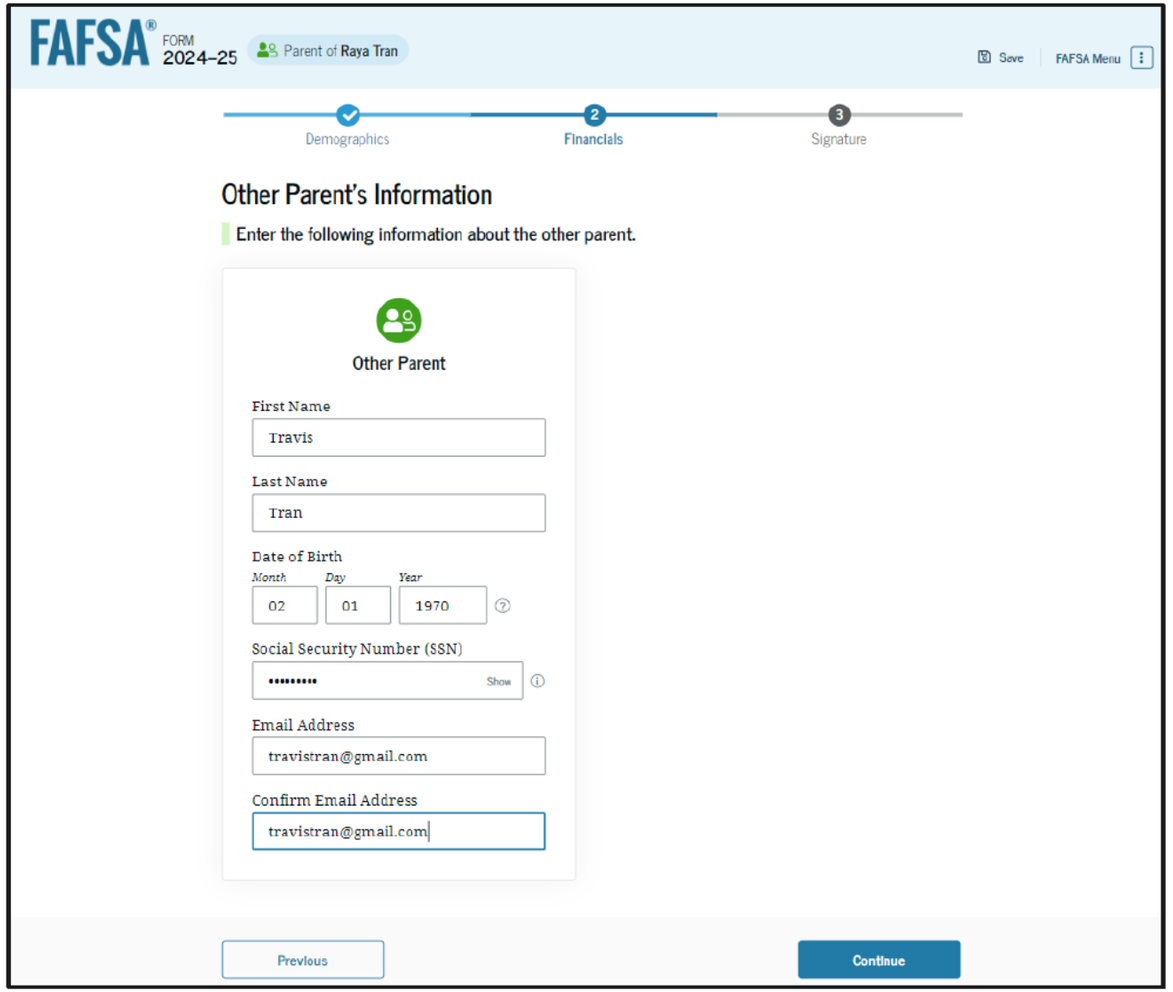
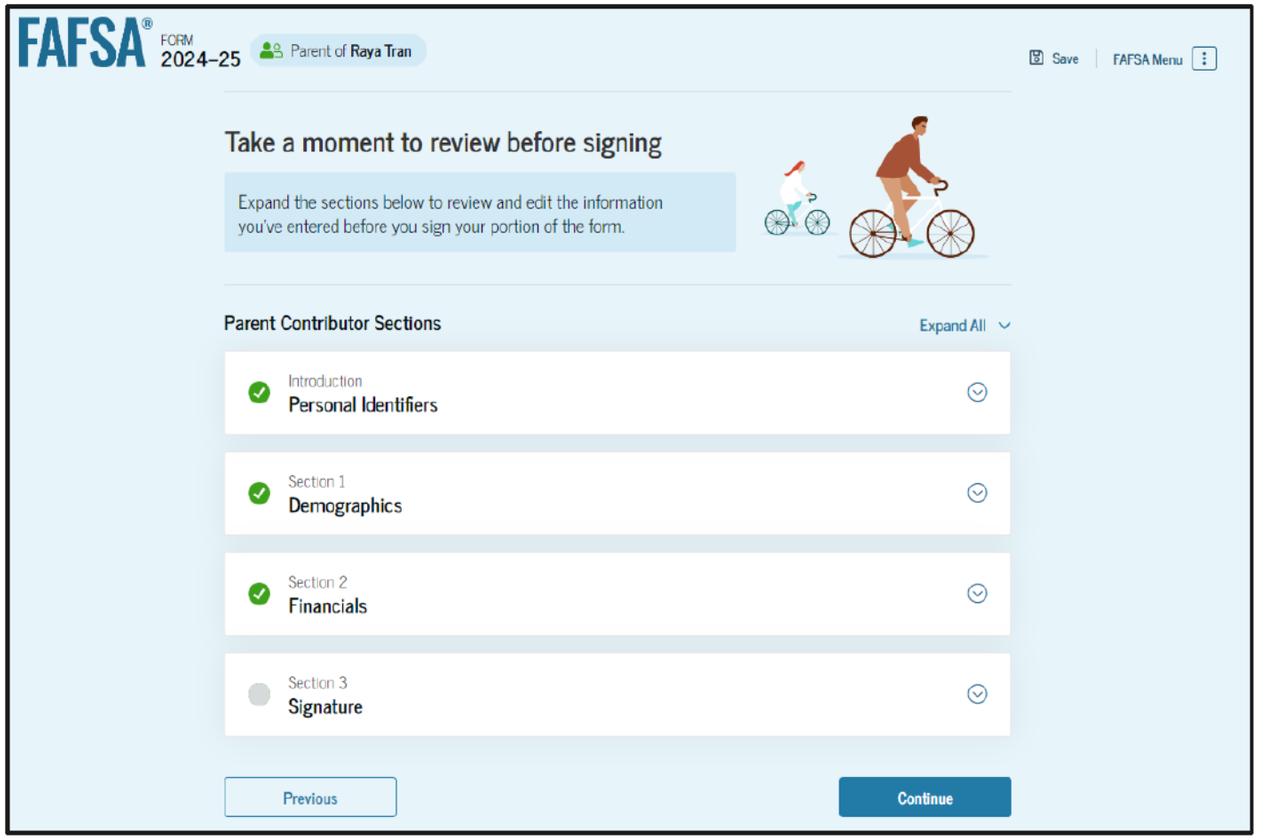


Step 10 – Parent Review Page

The review page displays the responses that the parent has provided in the FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the parent can only view responses within the parent section of the student's FAFSA form. The parent can view all their responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the parent can select the question's hyperlink to be taken to the corresponding page.



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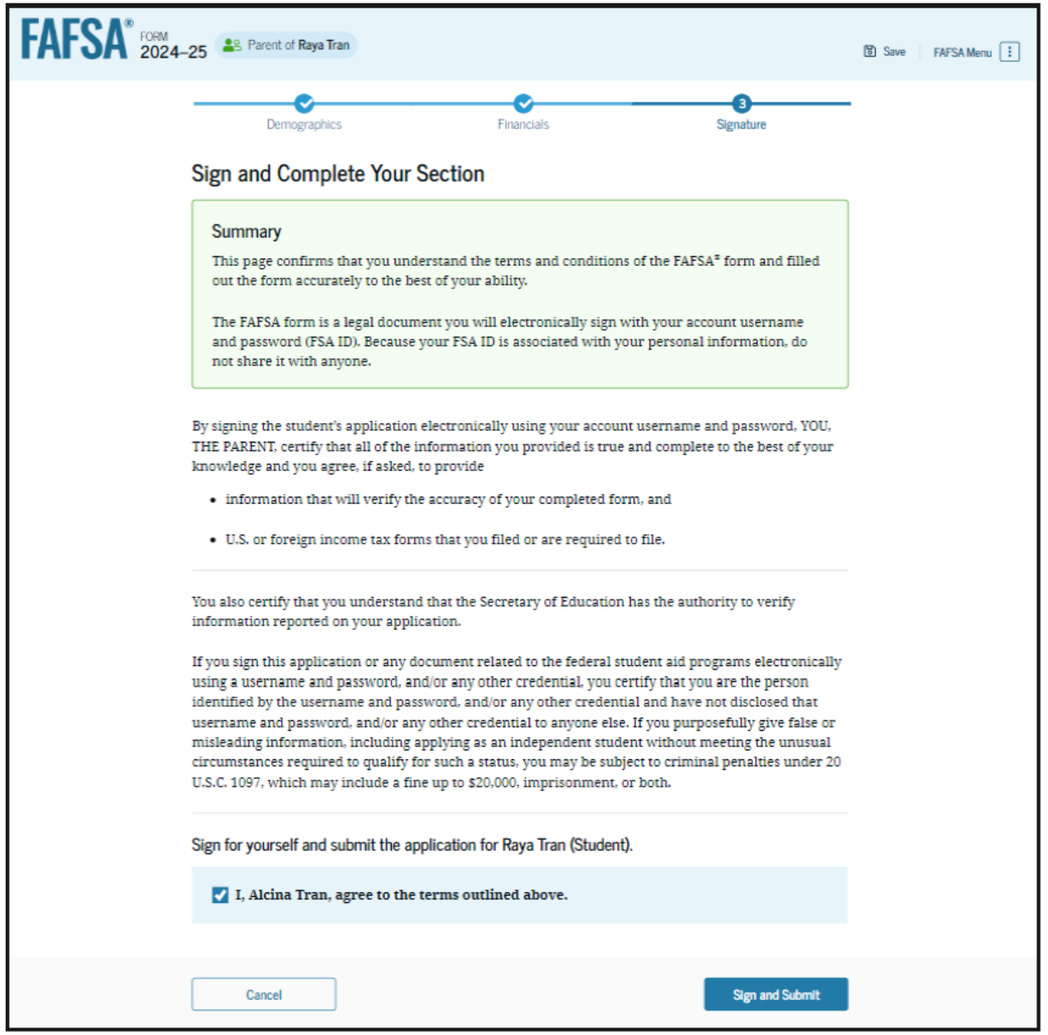
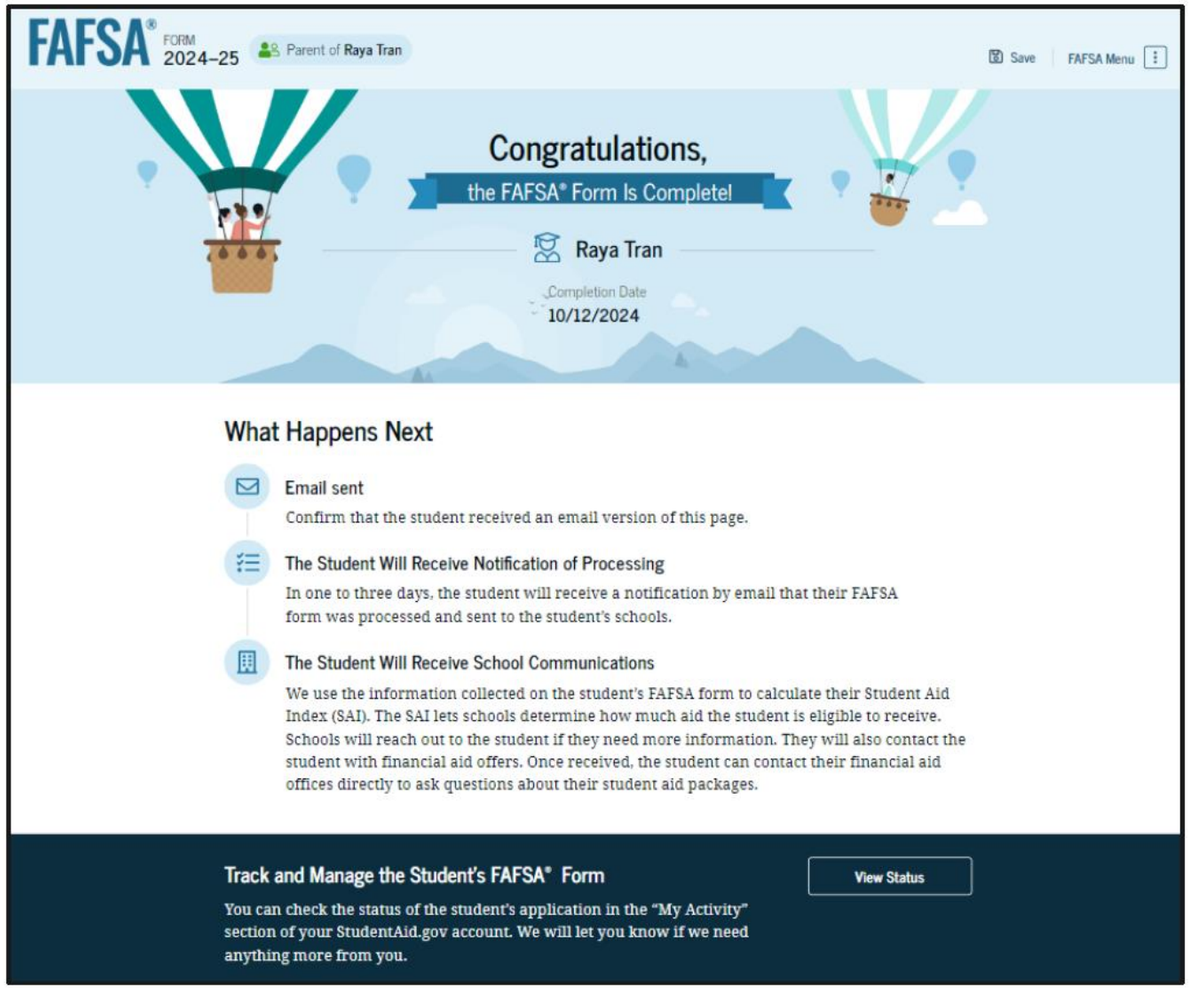


Step 12 – Parent Confirmation Page

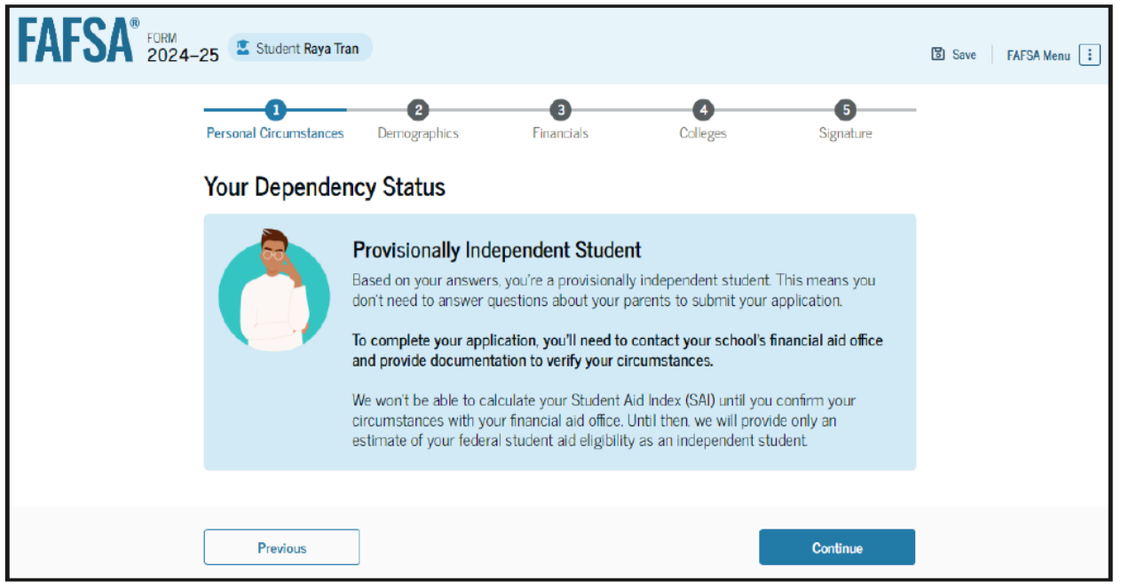
Upon submitting the student's FAFSA® form, the parent is presented an abbreviated confirmation page. This page displays information about tracking the student's FAFSA form and next steps. The student will receive an email with the full, detailed confirmation. With the student and parent sections completed and signed, the FAFSA form is now considered complete and submitted for processing.



Provisionally Independent Student Questions

Step 9 – Personal Circumstances | Provisionally Independent Status

Based on the answers provided by the student, they are considered a provisionally independent student and are not required to provide parent information. The student is able to sign and submit their FAFSA® form, but they will need to contact their school to see what supporting documentation they need to submit. A financial aid administrator at the school will review and make a determination regarding a dependency override. Until the student's circumstances are verified, Federal Student Aid will only provide the student an estimate of their federal student aid eligibility.



Step 10 – Student Demographics | Introduction

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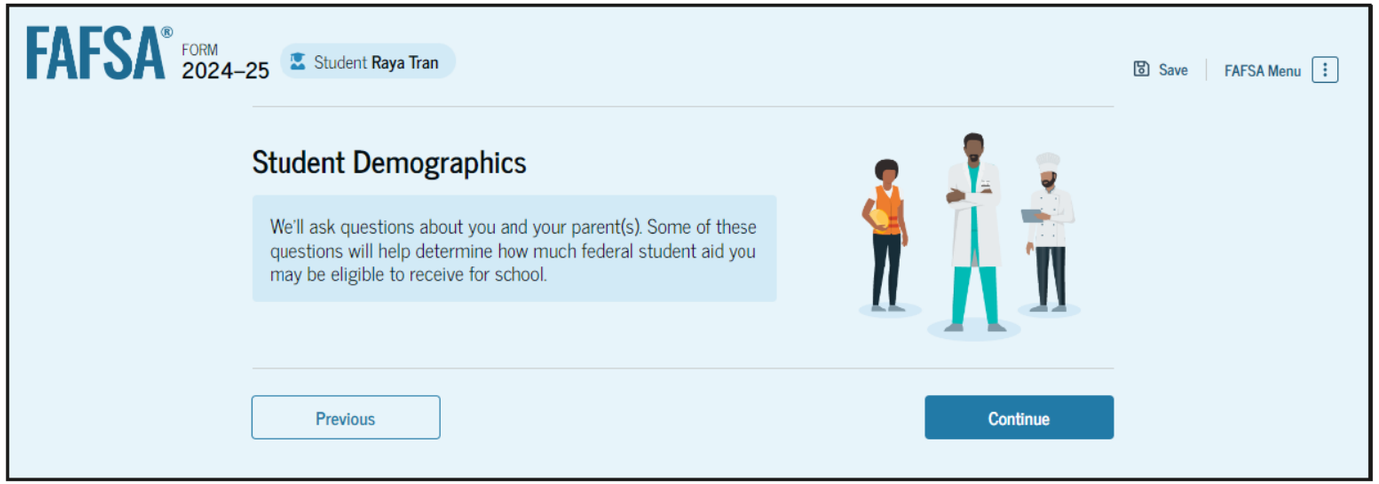

Step 10 – Student Demographics | Gender

The student is asked about their gender identity and if they are transgender. The student selects their response from the options for both questions.

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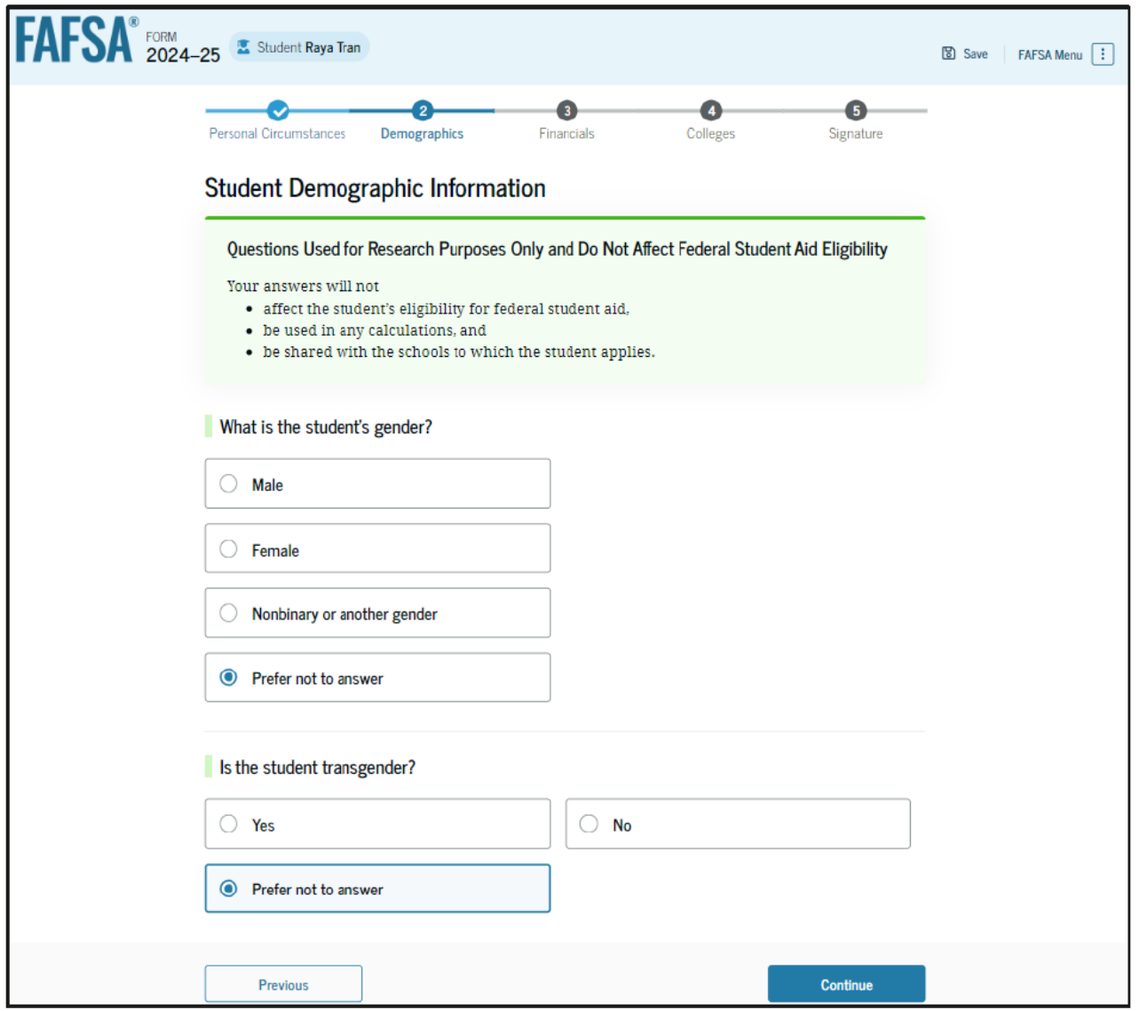

Step 10 – Student Demographics | Race & Ethnicity

The student is asked if they are of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin. They are also asked about their race. The student selects checkboxes to answer both questions.

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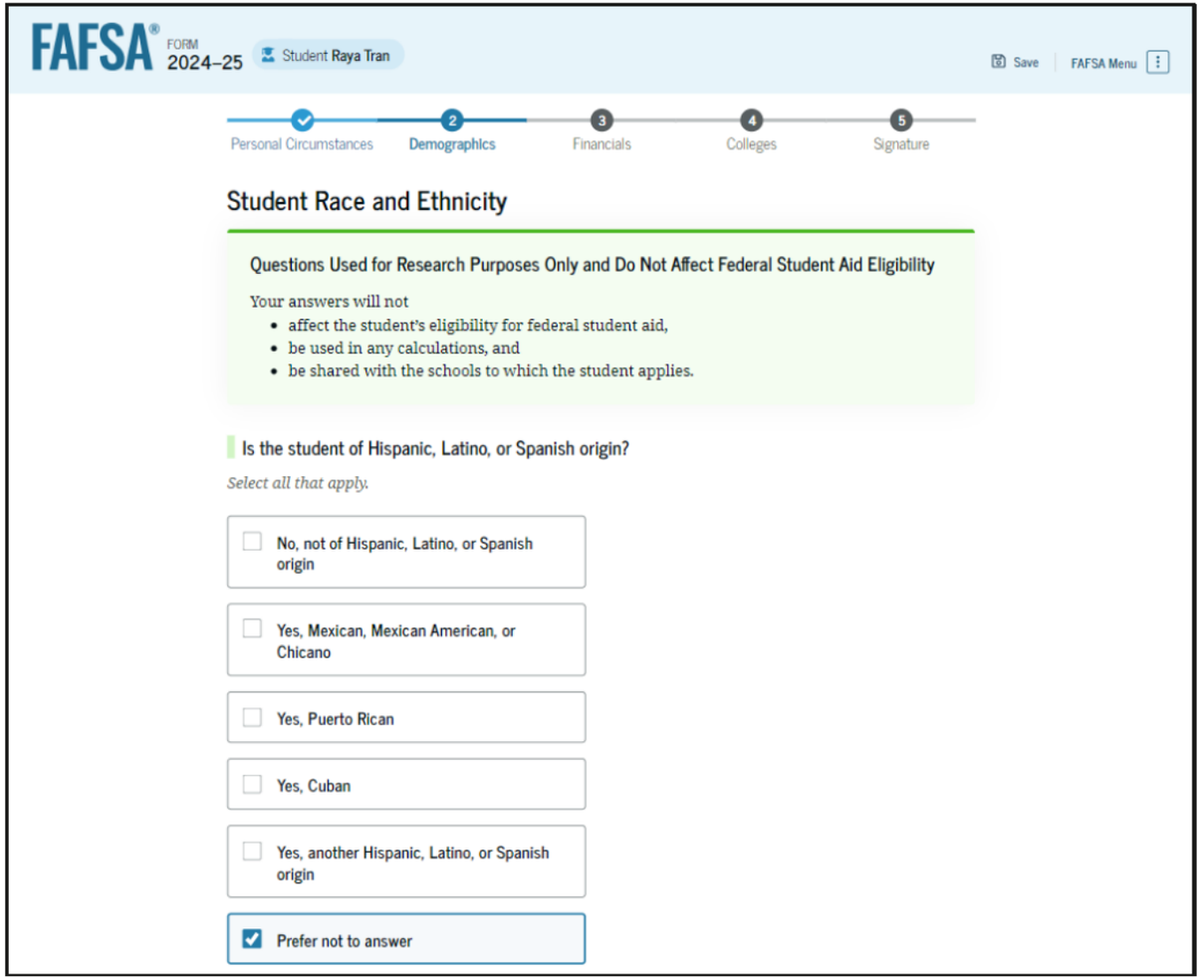
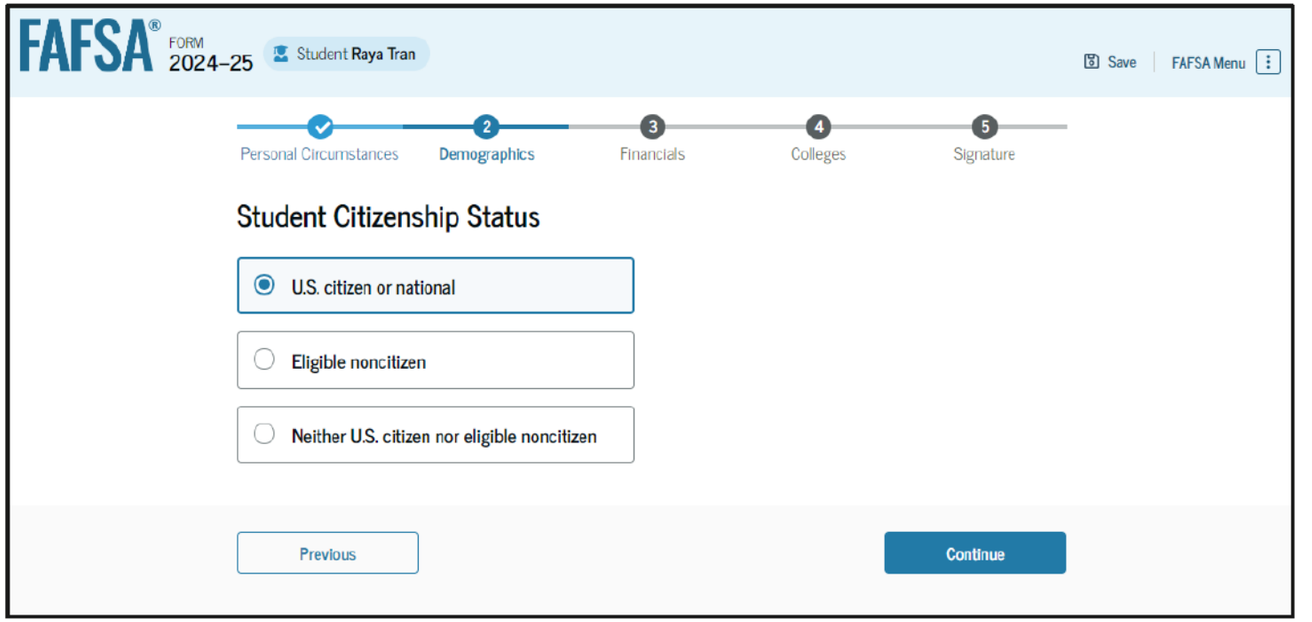


Step 10 – Student Demographics | Citizenship Status

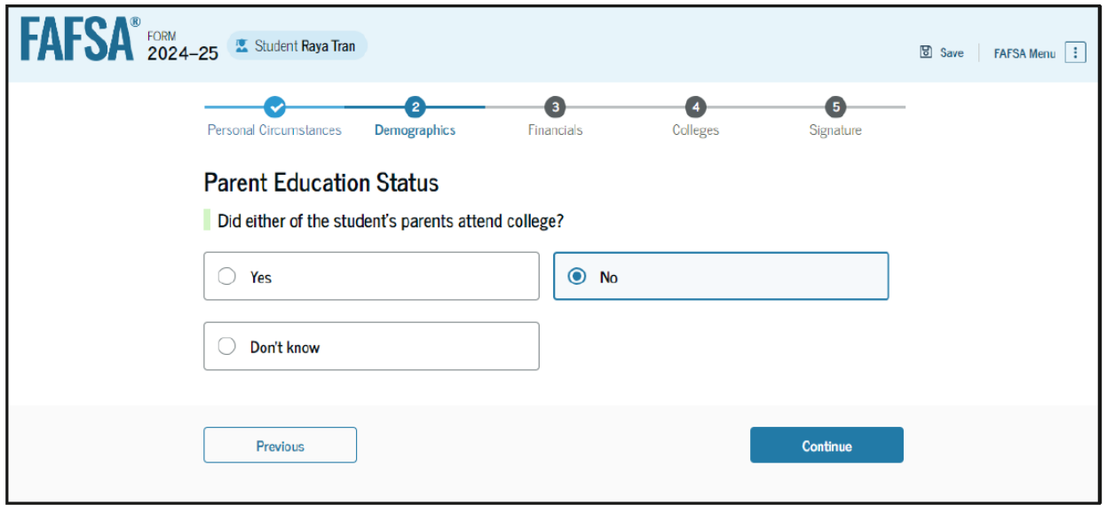
The student is asked about their citizenship status. The student selects the "U.S. citizen or national" option.

Please Note – "Eligible noncitizen" refers to students with an Alien Registration Card (I-551 or I-551C) or those with a special designation from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Any students who were not born in the United States and are not "eligible noncitizens" should select the third box. In that case, the student is not eligible for federal student aid.

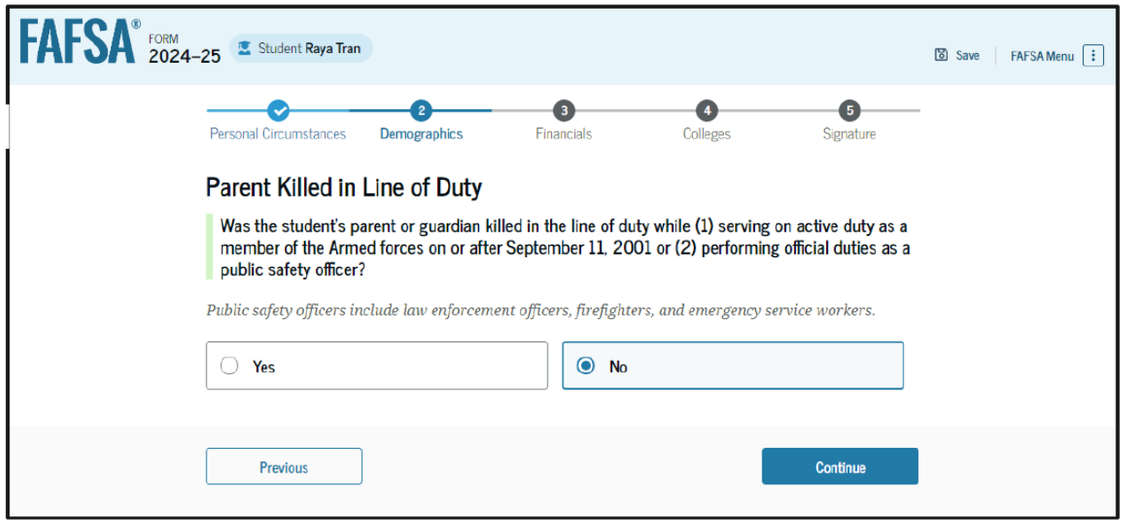


Step 10 – Student Demographics | Parent Circumstances

The student is asked about their parents' education status.

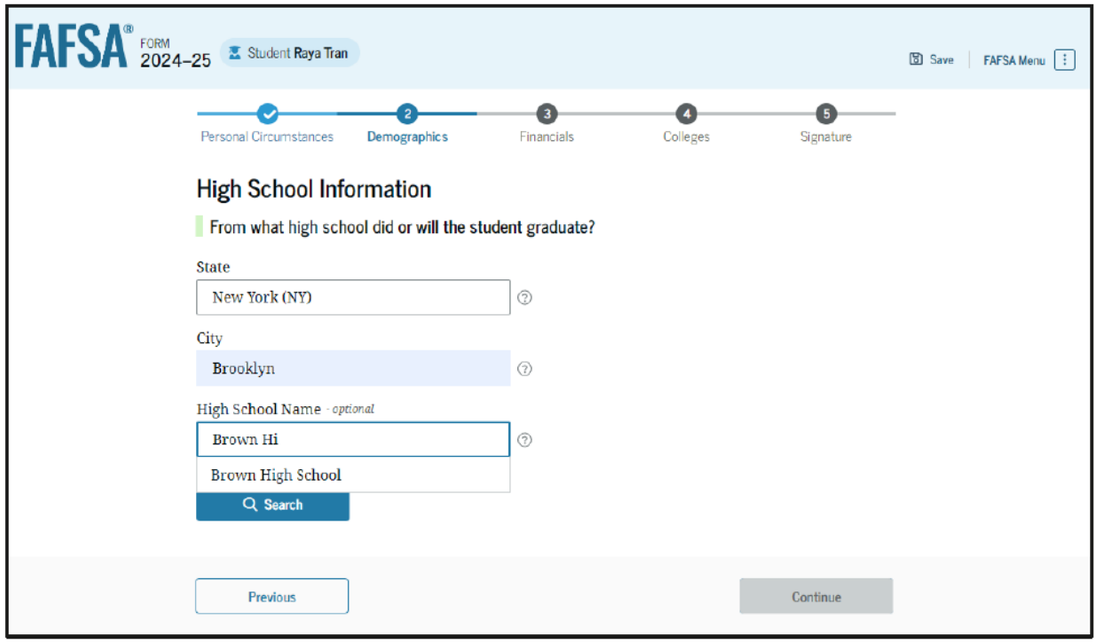


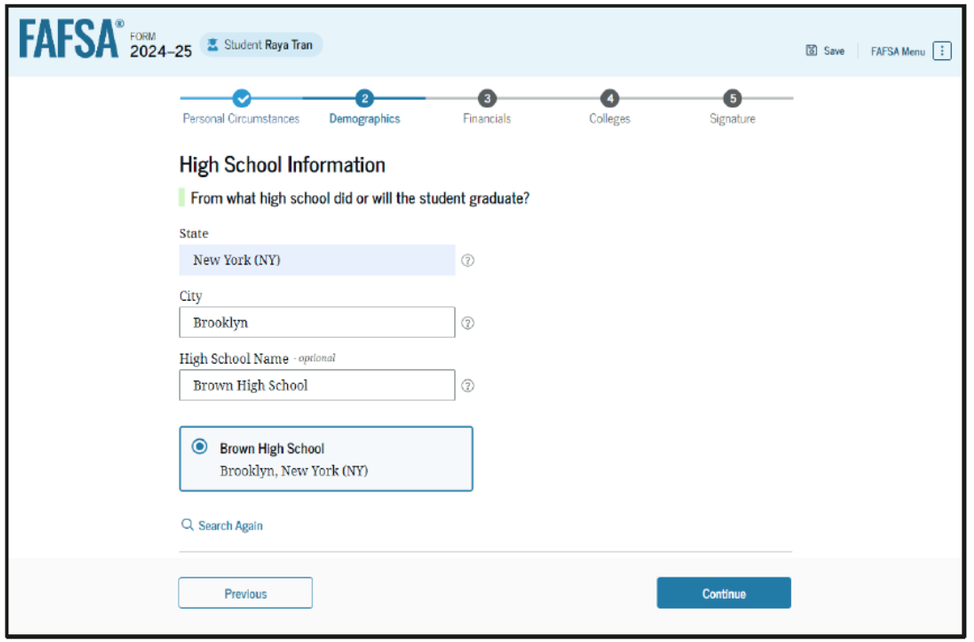
The student is asked if their parent was killed in the line of duty.



Step 10 – Student Demographics | High School Information

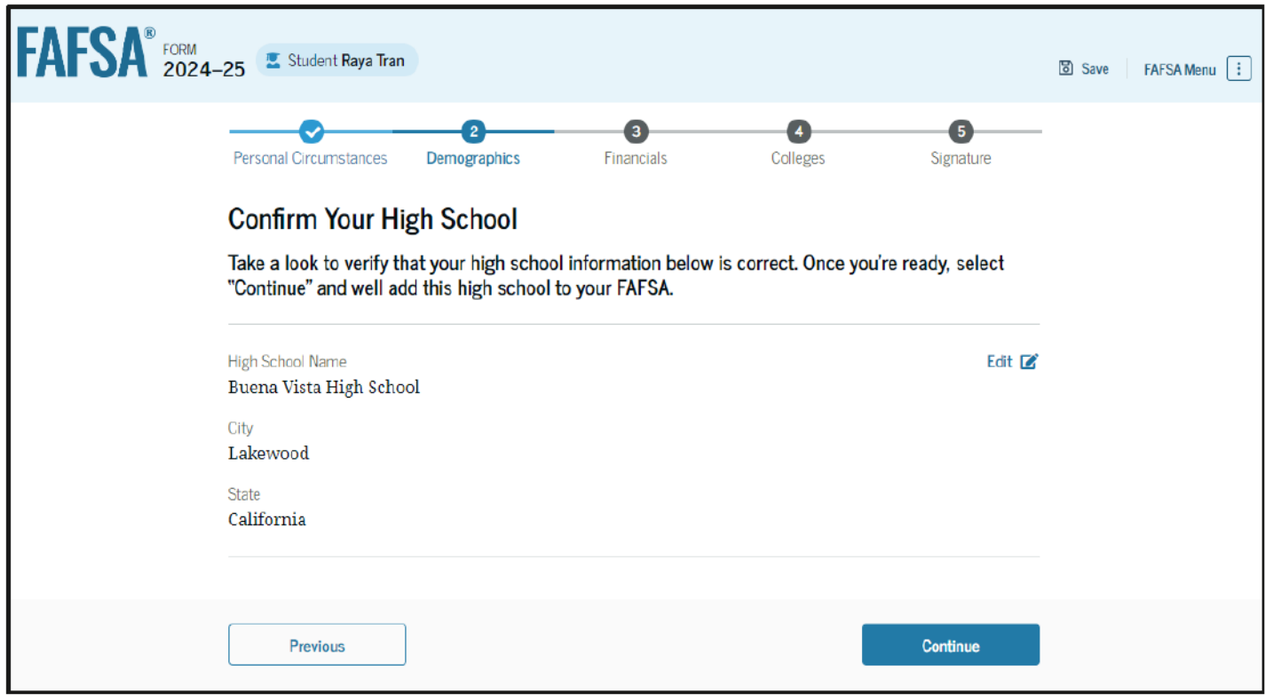
The student is asked which high school they did or will graduate from. The student enters their high school's state and city. After selecting "Search," they select the correct high school from the search results.





Step 10 – Student Demographics | Confirm High School

The student has the option to edit the high school information presented on this page by selecting "Edit," which will return them to the high school information page. The student confirms their high school information and selects "Continue" to proceed to the next section.



Step 11 – Student Finances | Introduction

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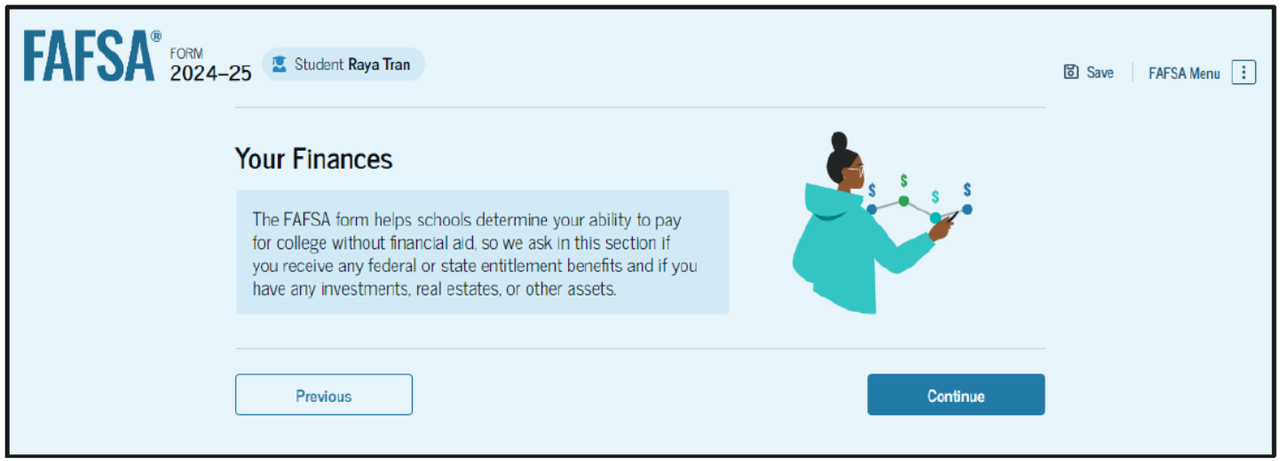
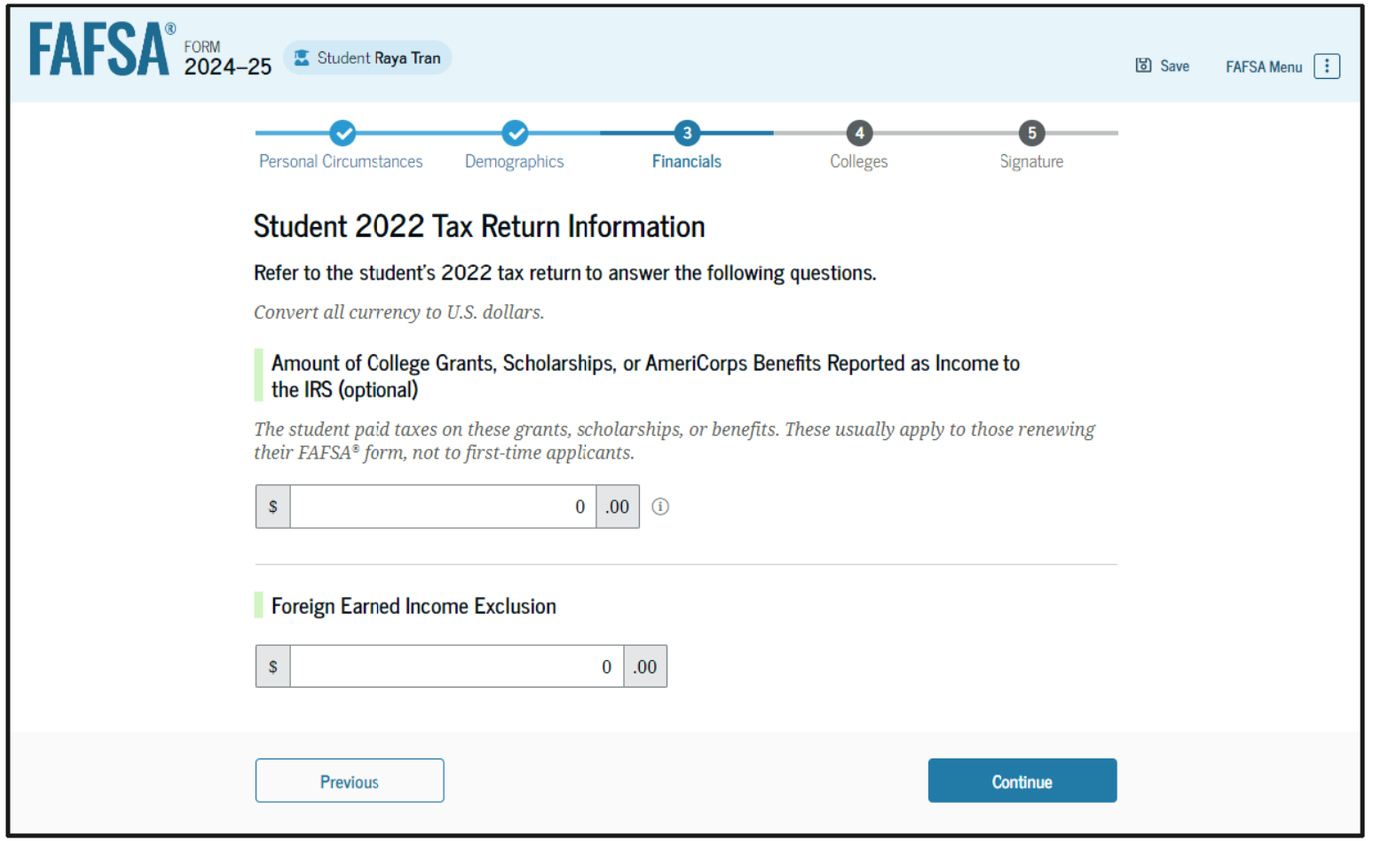


Step 11 – Student Finances | Tax Return Information

The student is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The student enters a response in each entry field.

Please Note – You would have filed your 2022 tax return in Spring 2023, if you filed anything. Many high school students do not earn enough income to qualify as a tax filer.

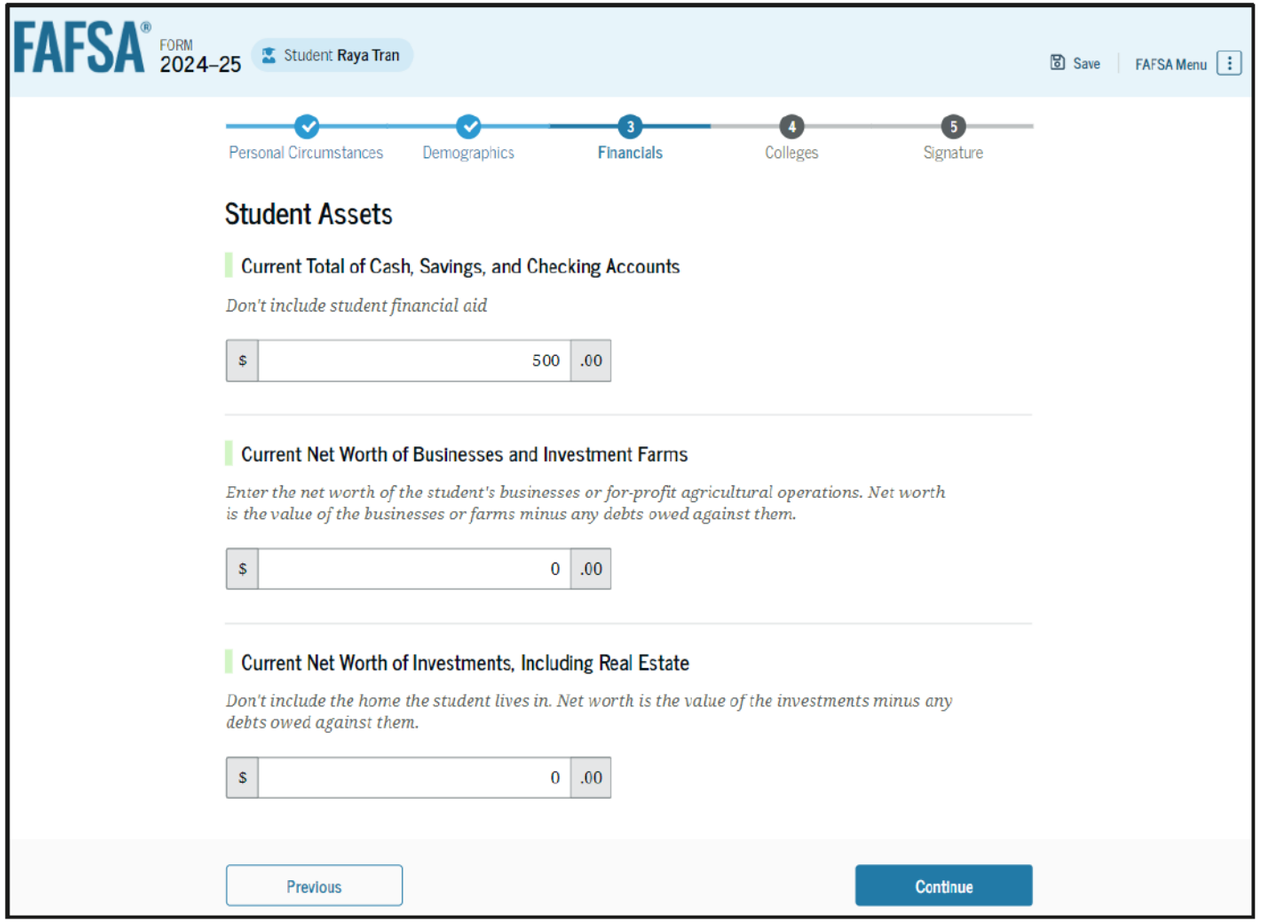
Regardless of your tax filing status, the answer to the questions listed on this page is likely $0.00.



Step 11 – Student Finances | Student Assets

The student is asked about their assets.

The student enters a response in each entry field.



Step 12 – Colleges | Introduction

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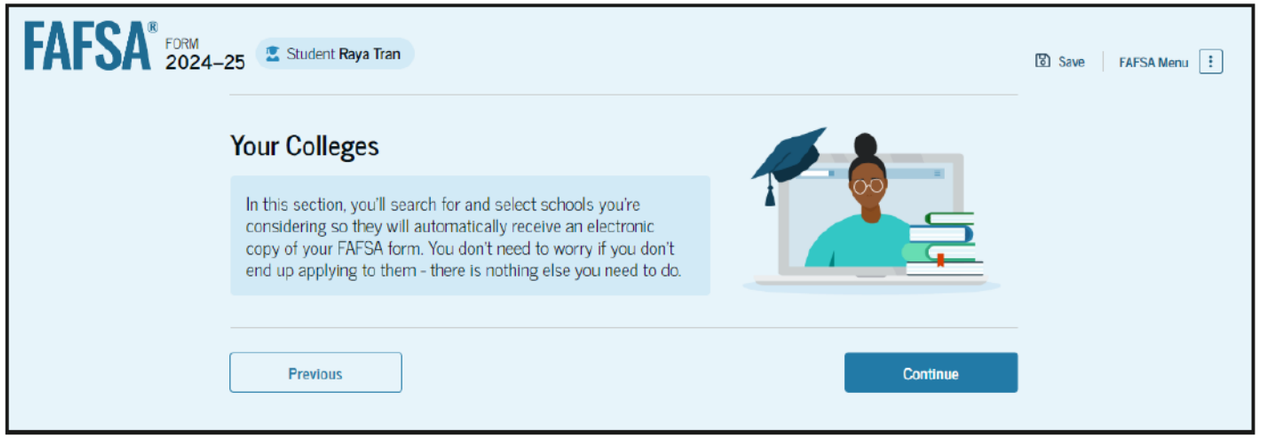
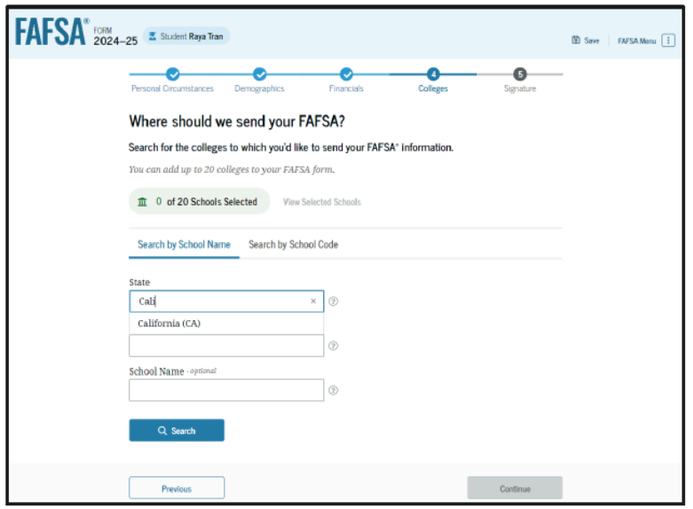
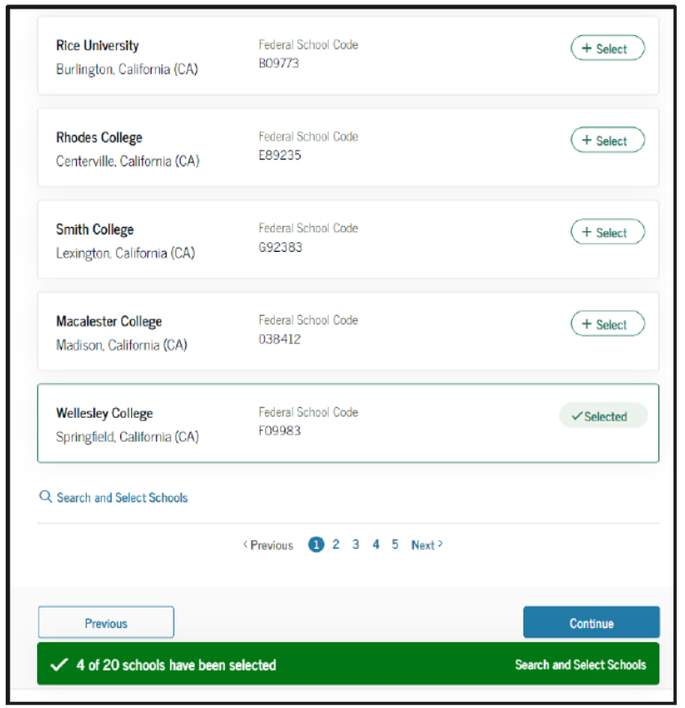


Step 12 – Colleges | College Search

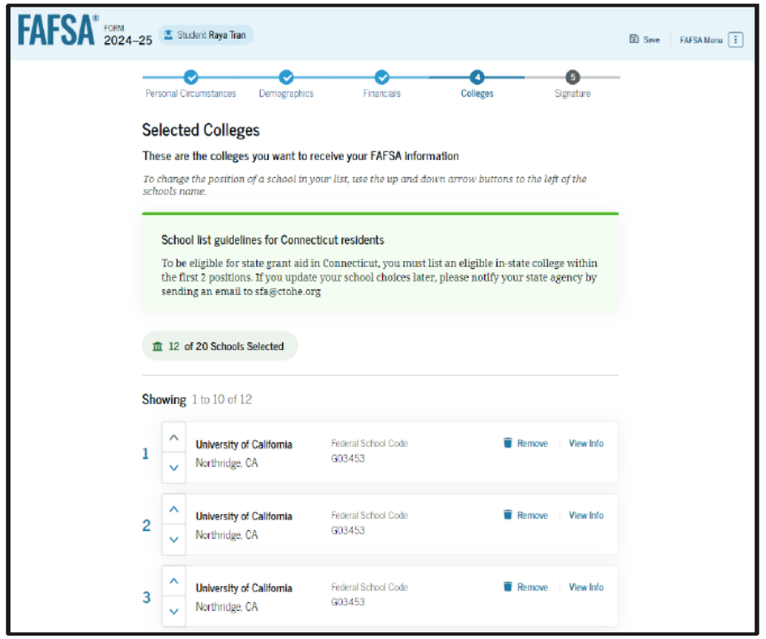
The student is asked to search for the colleges and/or career schools they would like to receive their FAFSA® information. The student searches for a school by entering a state, city, and/or school name. After selecting "Search," they select the correct school from the search results. Students can select to send their FAFSA information to a maximum of 20 schools.

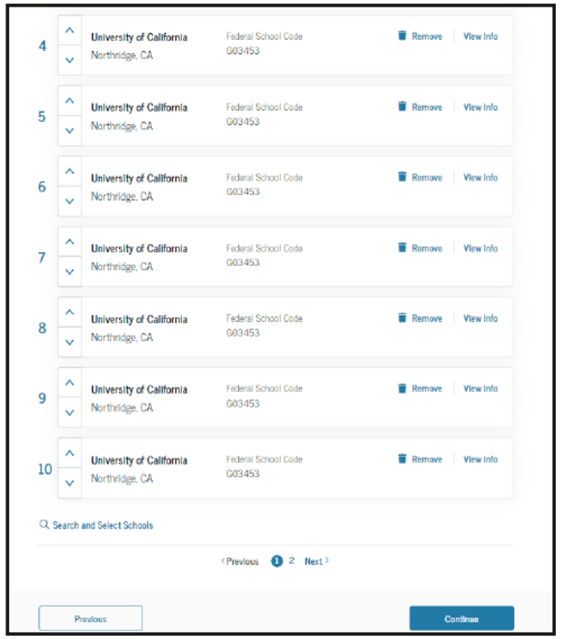




Step 12 – Colleges | Confirm College List

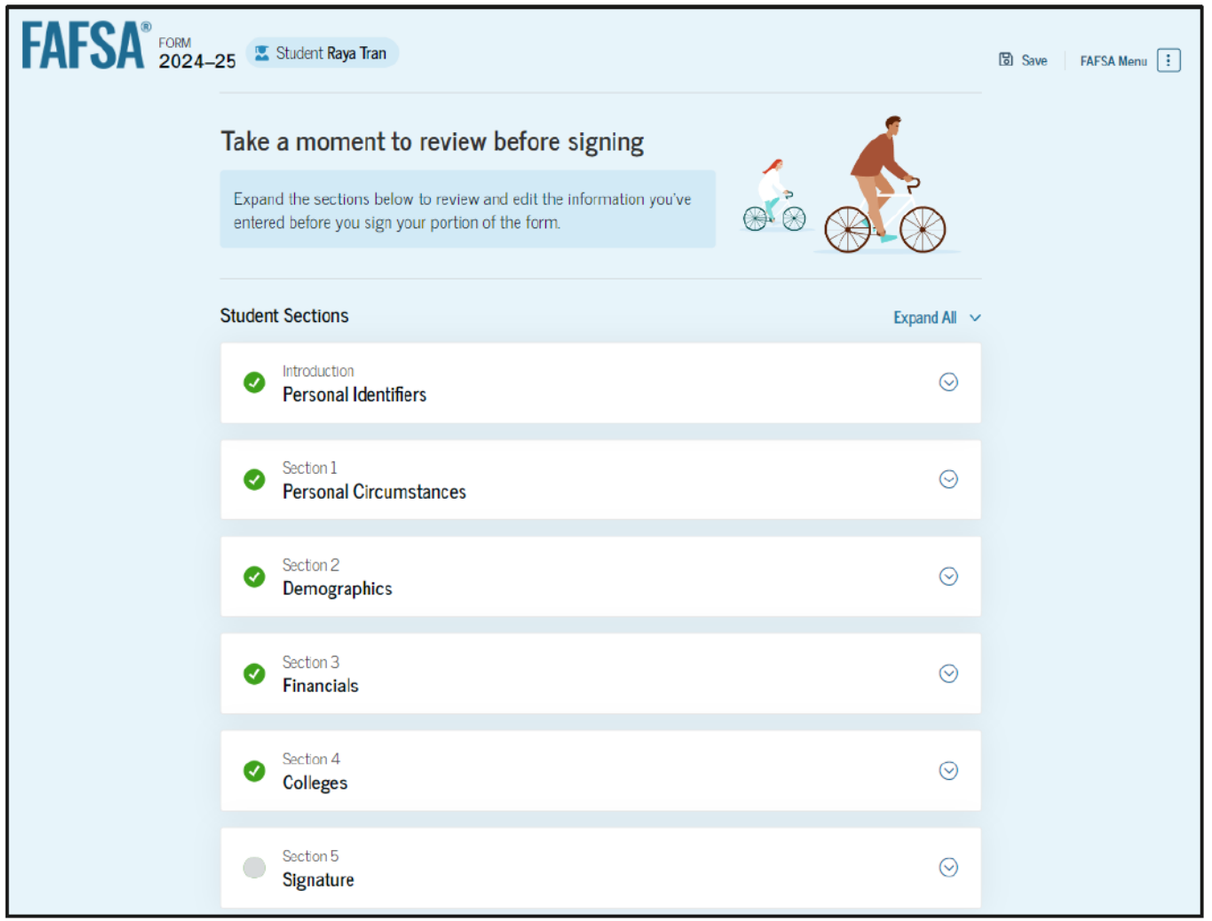
The student can view which colleges and/or career schools they have selected. If the student has not selected 20 schools, they have the option to search and select more schools, and for students in some states, they have the option to change the position of their selected schools. When the student selects "Continue," they will have completed entering the required student information for their section and can proceed to review and sign their form.





Step 13 – Review Page

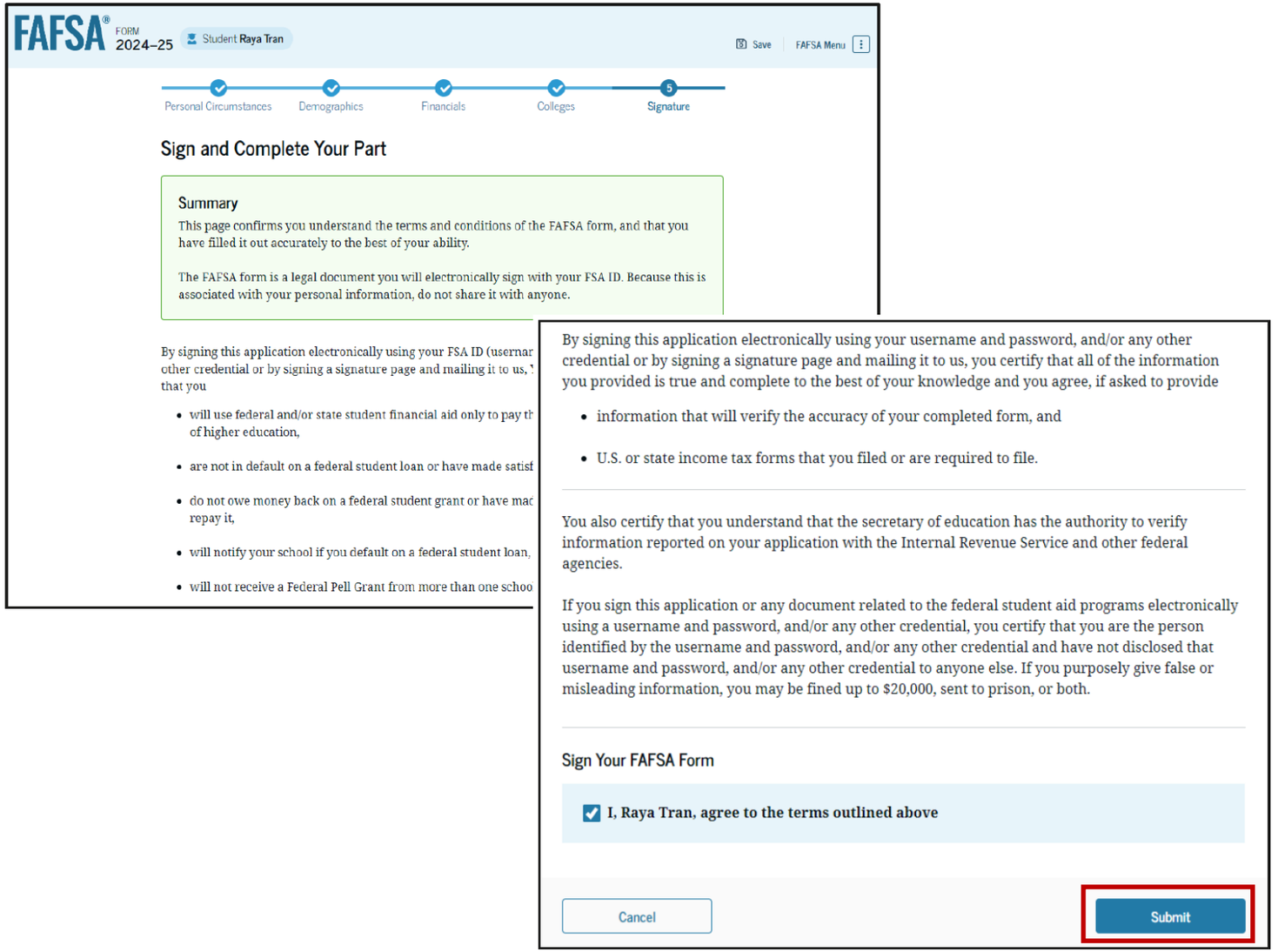
The review page displays the responses that the student has provided in the FAFSA® form. The student can view all their responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the student can select the question's hyperlink and will be taken to the corresponding page. Additionally, since the student invited their parent into the form, they see the parent contributor section and the status of their parent's invite.

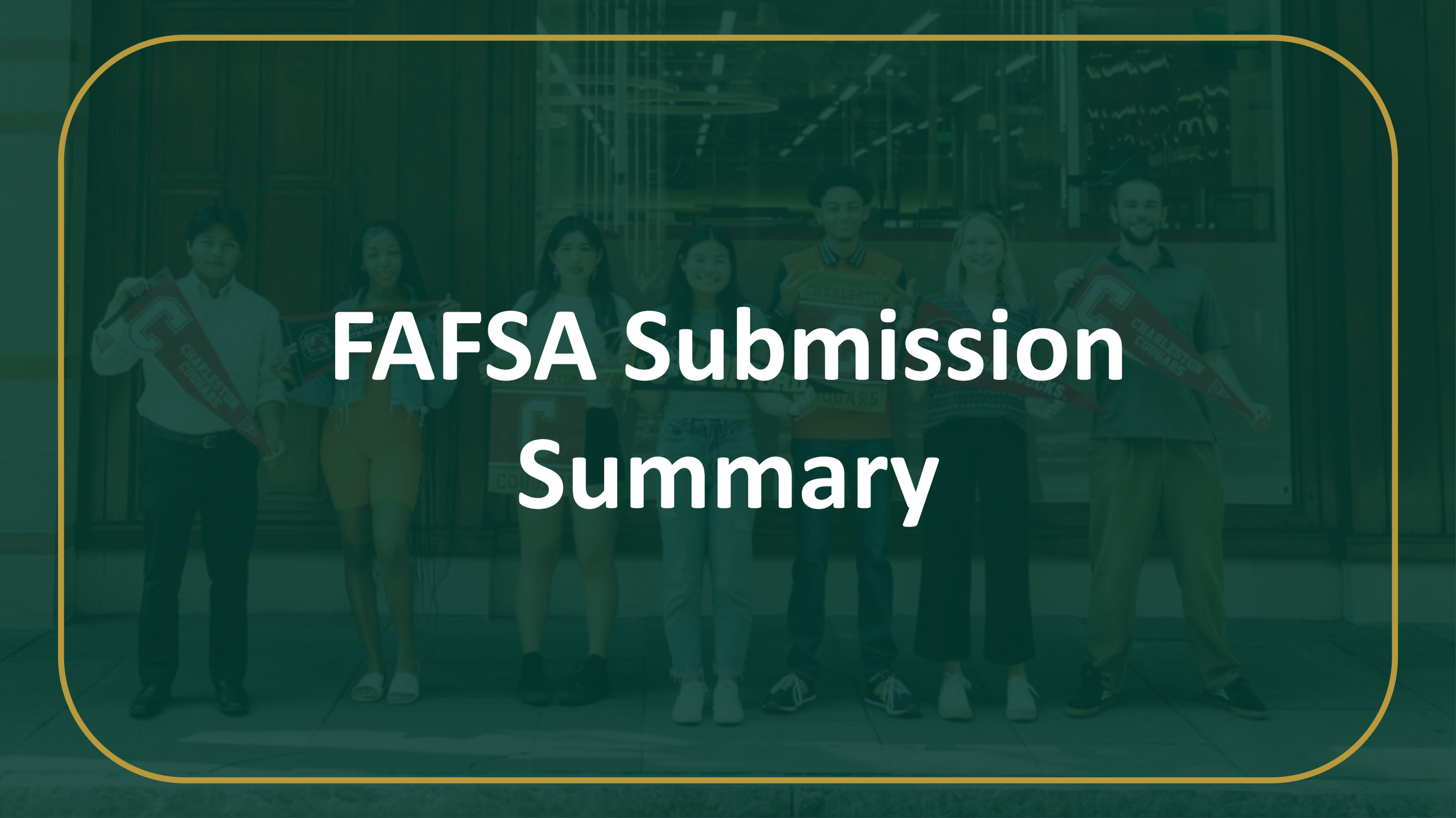


Step 14 – Student Signature

The student is able to sign and submit their FAFSA form, but they will need to contact their school to see what supporting documentation they need to submit. A financial aid administrator at the school will review and make a decision regarding a dependency override.

Until the student's circumstances are verified, Federal Student Aid will only provide the student an estimate of their federal student aid eligibility



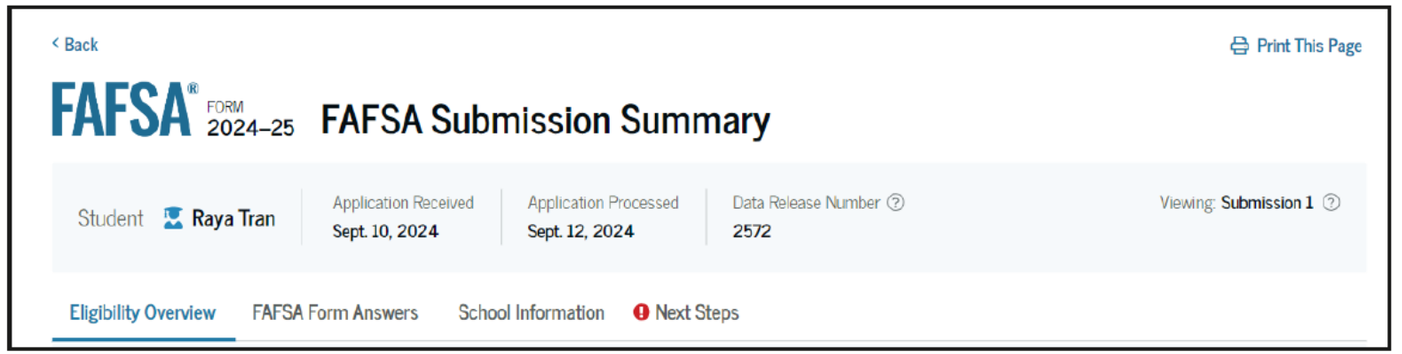


FAFSA Submission Summary

FAFSA Submission Landing Page

Within 3 days of both the student and parent(s) successfully submitting the FAFSA form, the student can use their FSA ID to log back into their FAFSA form and view their FAFSA Submission Summary.

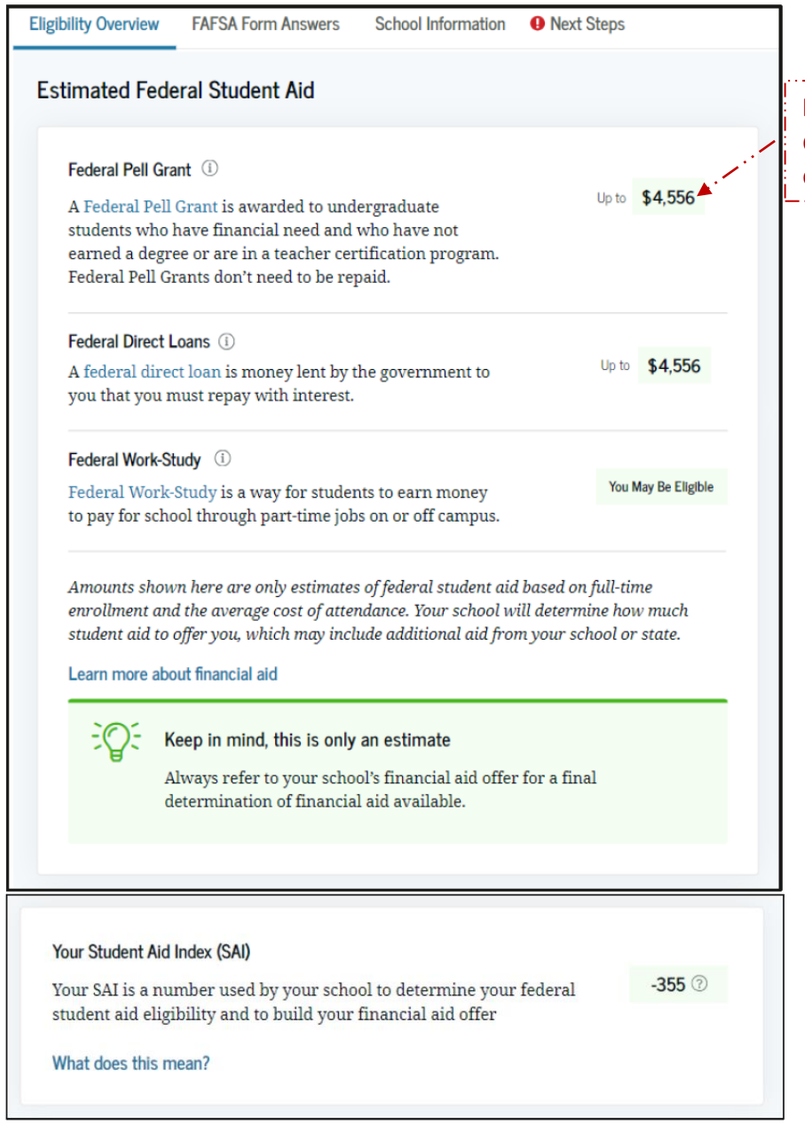
The student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary for their processed FAFSA® form and any subsequent corrections that they submit. The FAFSA Submission Summary is broken into four tabs: Eligibility Overview, FAFSA Form Answers, School Information, and Next Steps. At the top, the student will see information about when their form was received and processed. They also have the option to print their FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.



Section 1 – Eligibility Overview

On the Eligibility Overview tab, the student sees information about what federal student aid they may be eligible for, such as a Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans. They are also able to view the Student Aid Index. Any amounts of financial aid that display on this tab are estimates and are not guaranteed. Final determination of the student's financial aid eligibility is provided by their school's financial aid office.

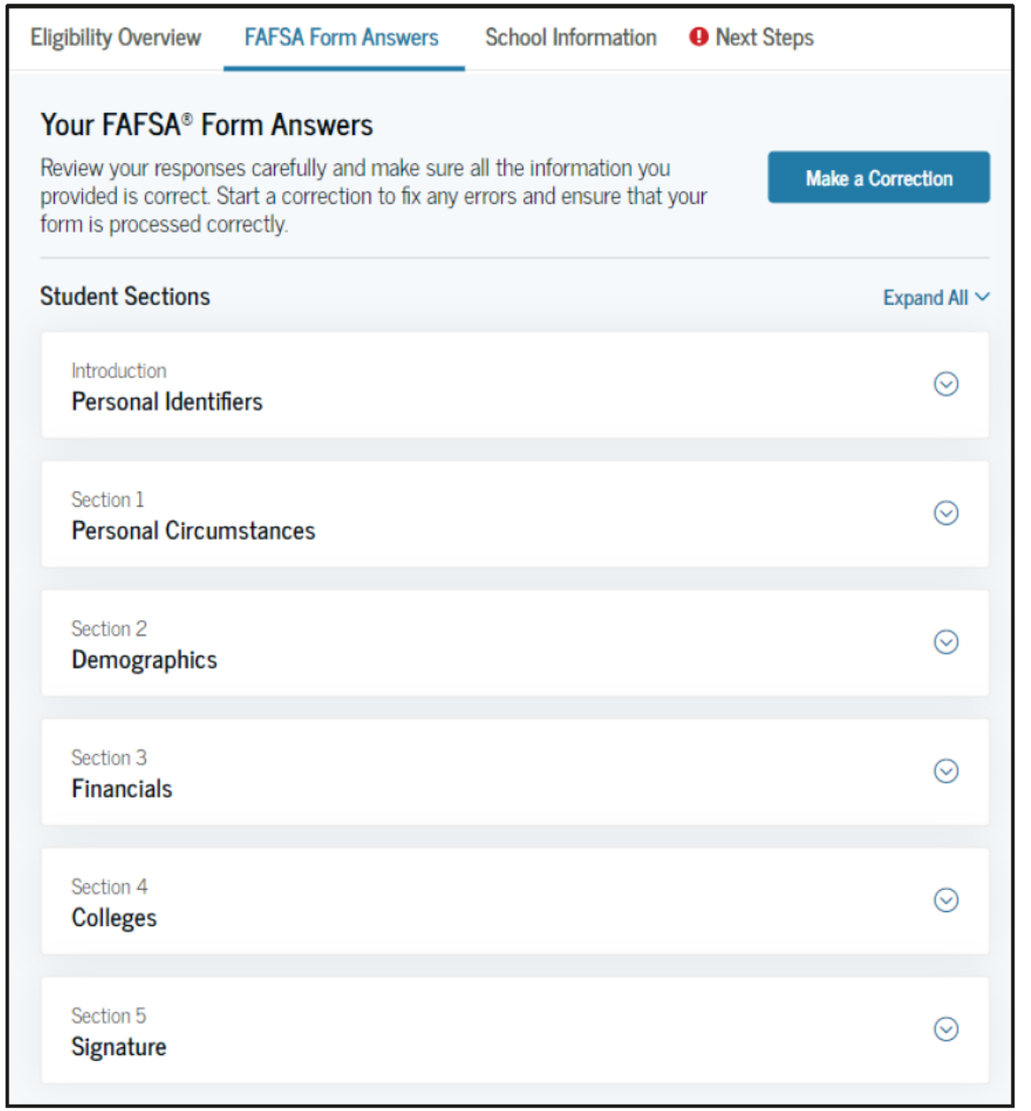
Important Reminder! If you are applying for the Meeting Street Scholarship, please take a screenshot or download a .pdf of this page. Then, upload that image or file to your application for proof of Pell eligibility.



Please Note – If there is any dollar amount listed here, you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant!

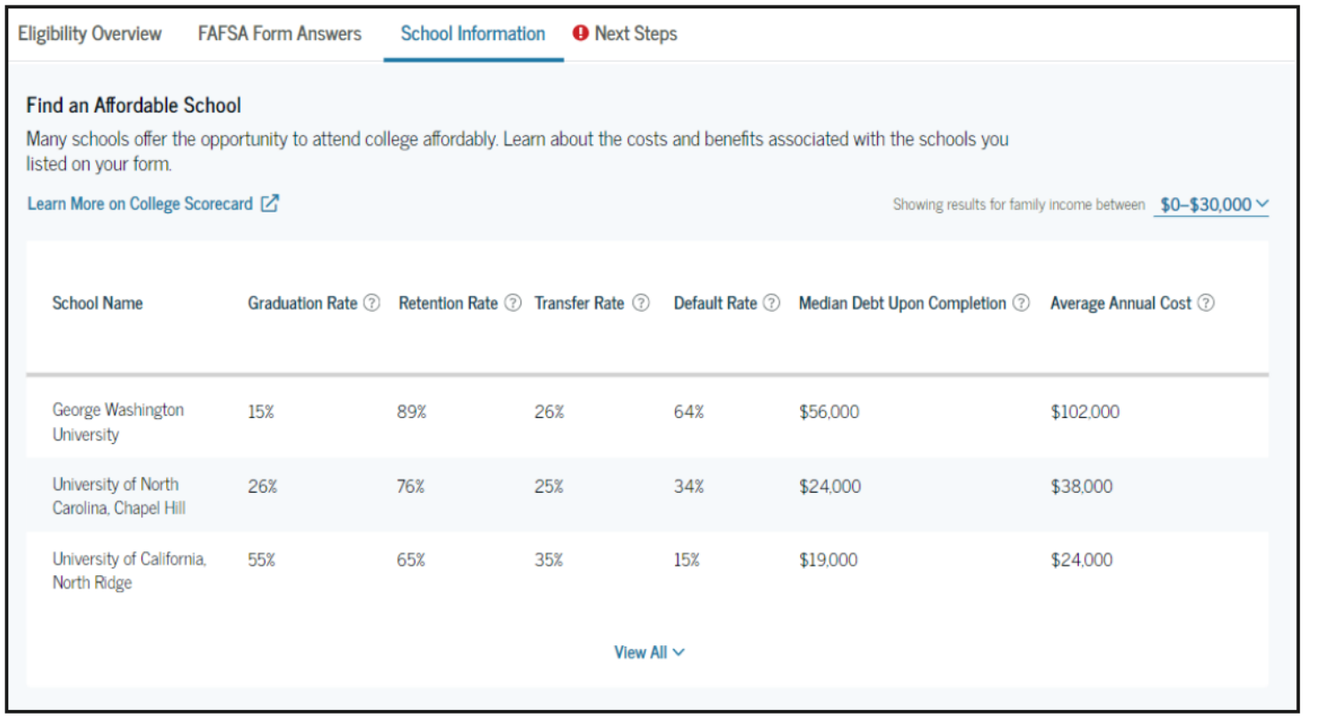
Section 2 – FAFSA Form Answers

On the FAFSA Form Answers tab, the student sees the answers that they and, if applicable, their contributor(s) provided on their FAFSA® form. If any of the provided answers are incorrect, the student can choose to start a correction.



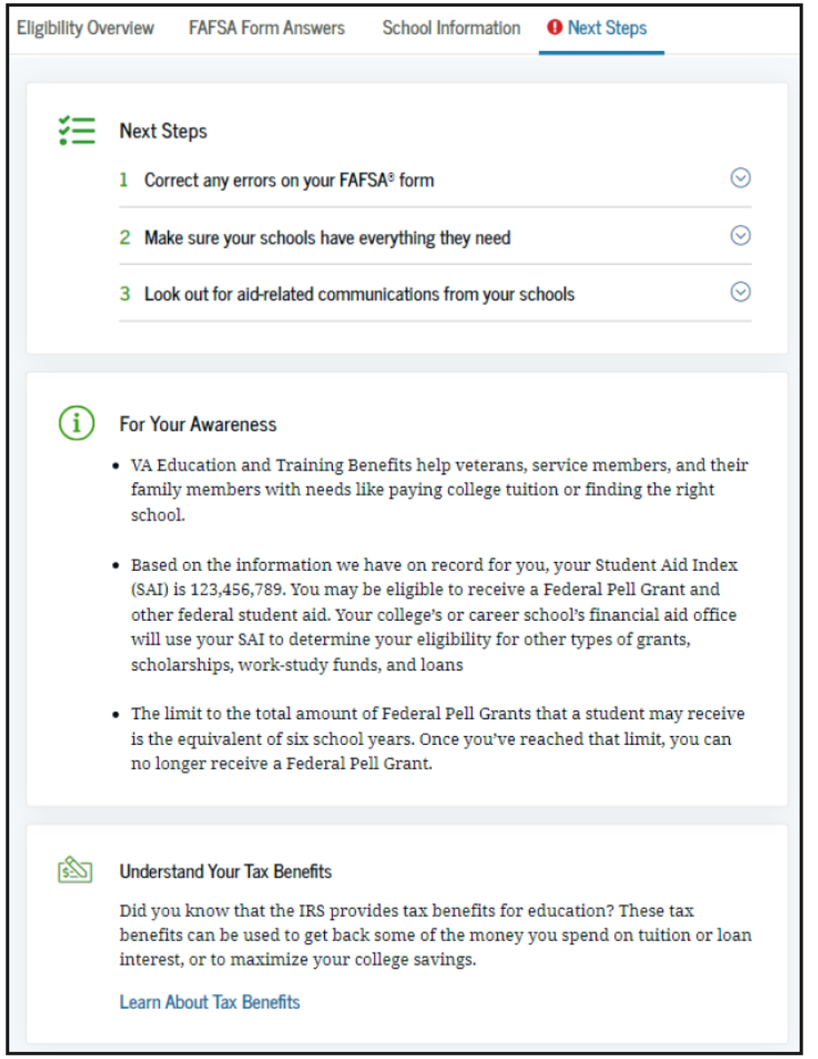
Section 3 – School Information

On the School Information tab, the student sees information about the college(s) and/or career school(s) that they selected to send their FAFSA® information. The student can compare the graduation rate, retention rate, transfer rate, default rate, median debt upon completion, and average annual cost of their selected schools.



Section 4 – Next Steps

On the Next Steps tab, the student sees comments that pertain to their FAFSA® form. Some comments may require the student to start a correction or send additional documentation to their school. Other comments may be informational and do not require any further action from the student.



Contact Information

For **general questions** about this presentation, FAFSA or the Meeting Street Scholarship, please contact John Huber-MacNealy, Senior Program Director at john@meetingstreetscholarshipfund.org or (843) 310-2992.

For **specific questions about your individual eligibility** for federal financial aid at specific colleges and universities, please contact the financial aid office at those schools.

For **questions about technical challenges** with your FSA ID or FAFSA form, please call the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) at 1-800-433-3243.