

2024-2025 Financial Aid Process

Presenter:

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Topics We Will Discuss

- What is Financial Aid
- Cost of Attendance
- Student Aid Index
- Financial Need
- Types and Sources of Financial Aid
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA[®])
- Special and Unusual Circumstances
- What's Next



What Is Financial Aid?

 Financial aid consists of funds provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses



Cost of Attendance



Tuition and fees



Housing and food



Books and supplies

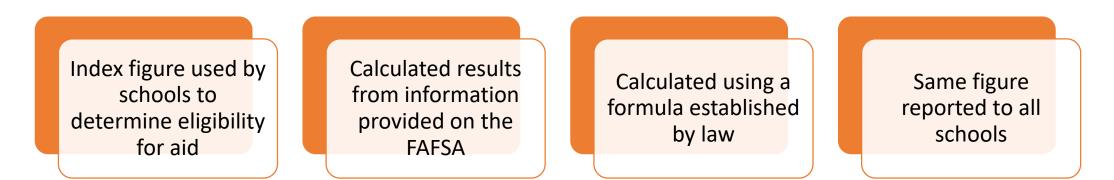


Transportation



Miscellaneous and personal

Student Aid Index



- Factors that determine the SAI:
 - Student and parent income (taxed and untaxed) for 2022
 - Assets
 - Family Size

What is Financial Need?

Cost of attendance (COA)

- Student aid index (SAI)

- Other financial aid (OFA)

= Financial need

Types and Sources of Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid

Gift Aid - Grants, Scholarships

Self-Help Aid - Student Loans and Work-Study Employment

Sources of Financial Aid

Federal Government	Private Sources	Colleges and Universities
States	Employers	

Federal Student Aid Programs

Federal Pell Grant	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
Federal Work-Study (FWS)	Teacher Education Assistance for College & Higher Education (TEACH) Grant
Federal Direct Student Loans	Federal PLUS Loans (Parent Loan)



The Financial Aid Process begins with the FAFSA Form StudentAid.gov

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Watch for websites <u>not</u> affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) that charge a FEE.
- Do not to pay for assistance that is provided for free.

The FAFSA Form

Application for:

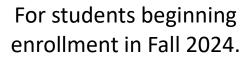
- Federal grants, work-study, and student loans
- State of Ohio grants
- For some schools, institutional scholarships and grants

Information provided:

- Demographic
- Taxable and untaxed income for 2022
- Assets (date the FAFSA is signed)

Students should submit the FAFSA regardless of income. Income is not the only factor in determining eligibility.

2024-2025 Financial Aid Timelines



Some institutions, Summer 2024 (LCCC). Available online December 31.

*Schools will begin to receive completed FAFSA's in late January Submit early/meet college <u>FAFSA Priority</u> <u>Date</u>

*Early application allows time to compare aid offers and could maximize aid eligibility Student does not need to be admitted to submit the FAFSA

*College may not review FAFSA/offer aid until admitted Re-apply/submit the FAFSA every year

*If the FAFSA is not completed within 45 days of starting the form, it will be deleted and families will have to start over.

<u>Contributors</u>

Anyone who provides information on the FAFSA

Student (and spouse if married)

Parent/Parents (for dependent students)

Designed to allow each contributor to complete the portion pertinent to them.

Overview of Contributors to the FAFSA

Each contributor must provide **consent** and **approval** for retrieval and disclosure of their **Federal Tax Information** (FTI).

All contributors must complete and sign their respective sections.

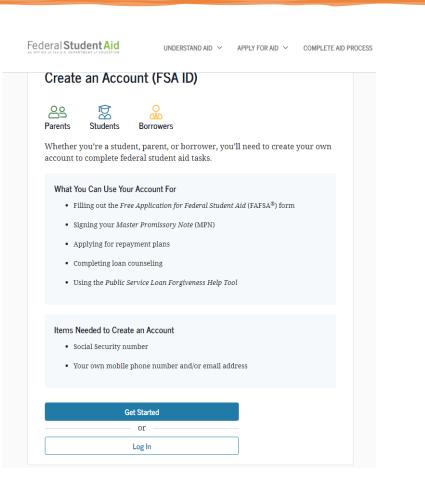
An incomplete application will not have an SAI calculated and the applicant will not be eligible for federal, state and some institutional aid.



USERNAME & PASSWORD: REQUIRED FOR SIGNING THE FAFSA ONLINE

Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

- Account username and password
 - Legal electronic signature
- <u>Required</u> to access the FAFSA form
 - Required of <u>all</u> students and parents
- Request at least 3 days before starting FAFSA
- You will need:
 - Social Security Number
 - Parent that does not have an SSN will have separate verification process
 - Using information from credit bureaus
 - This process is NOT available yet
 - Mobile number and email address
 - Do not use school email address
 - Each parent and student must have separate mobile number and email



Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

- Creating FSA ID requires use of MFA
- Use MFA one-time code by:
 - Email
 - Text
 - Authenticator app (download from mobile store)
- When FSAID is created you are presented with a one-use back-up code
 - WRITE THIS DOWN (You will not be presented with it again)
 - Used to access account if you cannot use any other MFA
 - Once used, MFA is disabled. Re-enable in your account settings
 - If you cannot log in with MFA or backup code call 1-800-433-3243

Prote	ect Your Account with Two-Step Verification
keep y	ever you sign in, we'll send a secure code to make sure it's really you. To your account protected, make sure your phone number and email are ed. We also suggest setting up verification using a secure authenticator
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	Email Verification johndoe.original@gmail.com
ß	Authenticator App
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	Your authenticator app can now be used to log in.

Logging in with MFA

Two-Step Verification	Two-Step Verification		
Enter Secure Code	Enter Secure Code		
Enter the secure code we sent in a text message to your mobile phone: *****4567	Enter the secure code we sent to your email: jo*********@gmail.com		
Enter the secure code below	Enter the secure code below		
Resend code	Resend code		
Having Trouble? Try a different method.	Having Trouble? Try a different method.		
Submit	Submit		

Dependency Status

- Dependent = Parent(s) apply with the student.
- Independent = Student (and spouse) apply without parent(s).
- Categories that make a student independent:
- Age = 24 as of January 1
- Graduate Student
- Married
- Veteran/Active Duty

- Children/Dependents
- Orphan/Ward of Court/Foster Care = Age 13 or older
- Emancipation/Legal Guardianship
- Homeless or at risk of homeless and selfsupporting

Most high school students will be dependent.

Parent of Record on the FAFSA

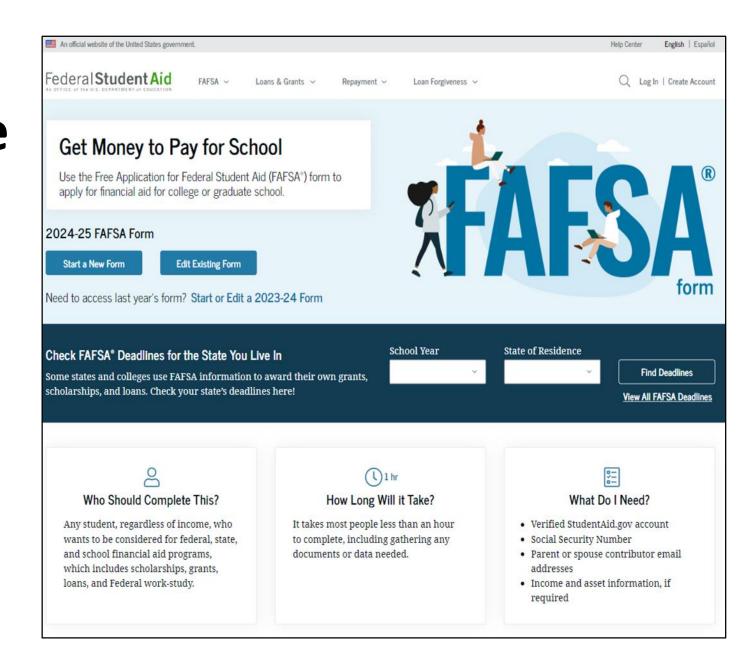
Biological or Adoptive Parent(s)

If biological parents are divorced or never married: • If not married BUT living together report <u>BOTH</u> parents

- Provide information for the parent that provides most financial support in 12 months prior to completing the FAFSA.
 - EVEN if the student does not live with that parent.
- If support provided is equal, report for the parent with the greater income and assets.
- If parent is re-married, report information about their spouse (student's step-parent)

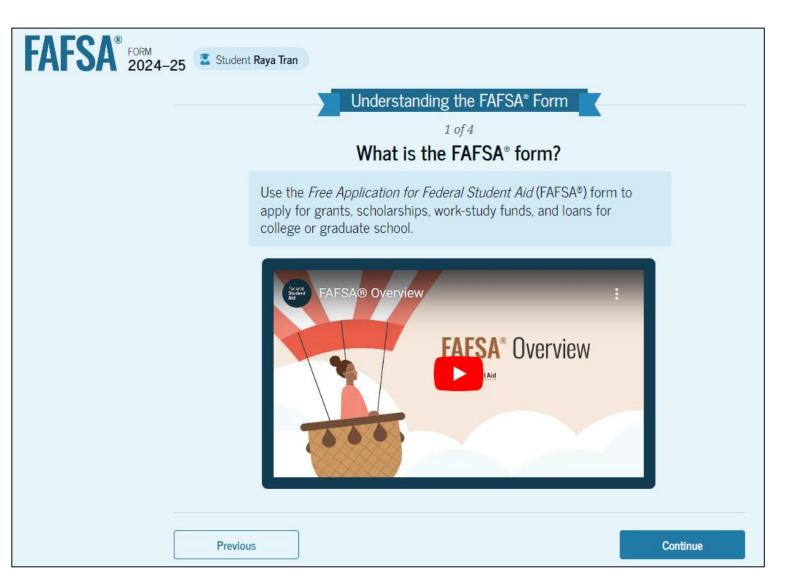
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Student FAFSA[®] Form Landing Page



Student Onboarding

When the student starts the 2024–25 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process.



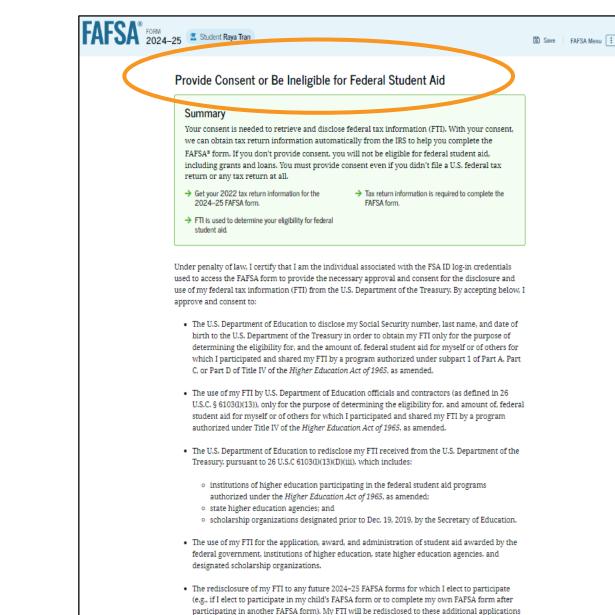
Student Identity Information

To update any of the personal information, the student must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov.

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	Student Identity Information Review the information below and verify that it's correct before moving forward.	
	Name Raya A. Tran	
	Date of Birth 05/05/1995	
	Social Security Number	
	Email Address rayaatran@gmail.com	
	Mobile Phone Number (555) 555-5555	
	To update this information for all federal student aid communications, go to Account Settings.	

Student Provides Consent

By providing consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA[®] form from the IRS.

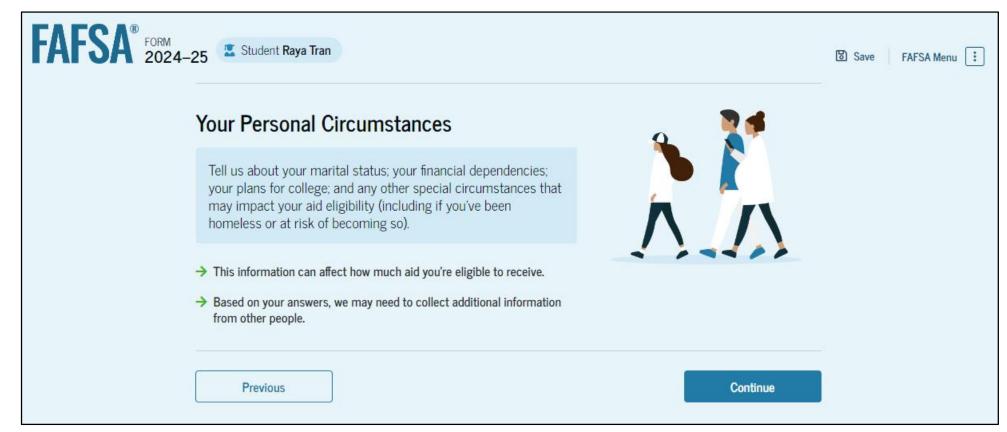


upon my affirmation to participate. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate,

which will prevent the transfer of my FTI to that FAFSA form.



Introduction: Student Personal Circumstances



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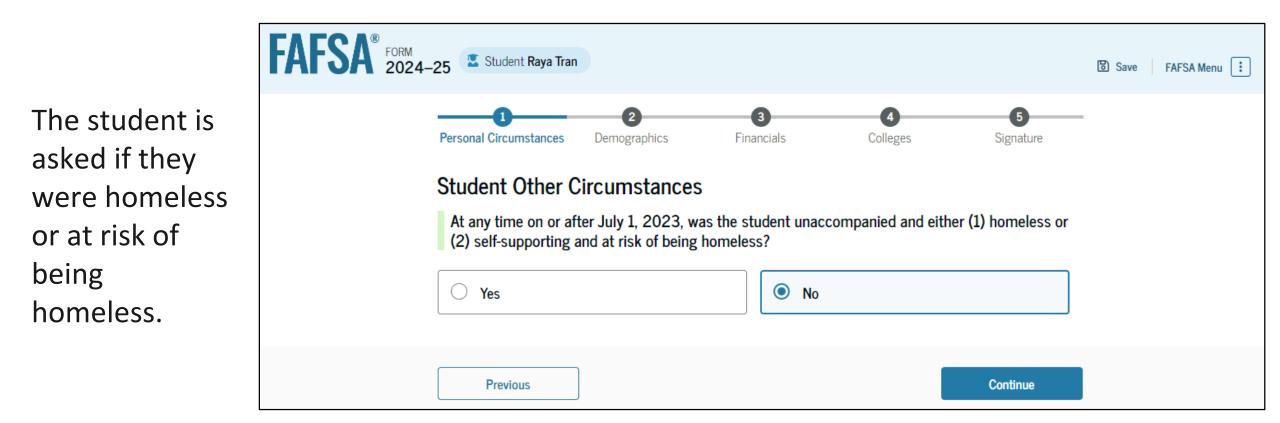
Student Personal Circumstances

The student is asked if any of the listed personal circumstances apply to them to determine the <u>Dependency Status</u>.

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Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges Signature		
Student Personal Circumstances		
Select all that apply.		
The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.		
The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.		
The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 20XX and June 30, 20XX.		
At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).		
At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.	0	
At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.		
The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.		
The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.		
None of these apply		



Student Other Circumstances



Student Unusual Circumstances

- If a student says "YES" to unusual circumstances, they will submit the FAFSA without parent information.
- The college(s) will work with them to finalize status.

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	Student Unusual Circumstances		
	This information will help us evaluate the student's ability to pay for school.		
	Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?		
	 A person experiencing unusual circumstances may have: Left home due to an abusive or threatening environment; Been abandoned by or estranged from their parents, and have not been adopted; Been granted refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country; Been a victim of human trafficking; Been incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated and contact with them would pose a risk to them; or Been otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents, and have not been adopted. 		
	If their circumstances resulted in not having a safe, stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.		
	◯ Yes		
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Student Dependency Status: Dependent

Student

This is an option if the student's parents are **unwilling** to provide information. The student will only be able to receive a Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

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	Student Dependency Status	
	Dependent Student Based on your answers, you're a dependent student, and since we assume parents of dependent students will help pay for your education if they are able, we need information about their finances and backgrounds. This information is used to determine how much financial aid you're eligible to receive.	
	Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only Are the student's parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn't have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents' information? Select "Yes" if the student wants a financial aid administrator at their school to determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only. Yes	
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Student: Tell Us About Your Parents

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	Tell Us About Your Parents	
	On the FAFSA® form, your "Parent" is your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent who supports you financially.	
	Are your parents married to each other?	
	Yes No	
	You will need to provide information for your parents Based on your answers in this section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your parents to your form so they can complete their required sections.	
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Dependent Student Invites Parents to FAFSA®

Form

- The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents to send them an invite to their FAFSA[®].
- Student must know parent(s) DOB and SSN to invite.

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Invite Parents to your FAFSA® Form			
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Student's Parent

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Email

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

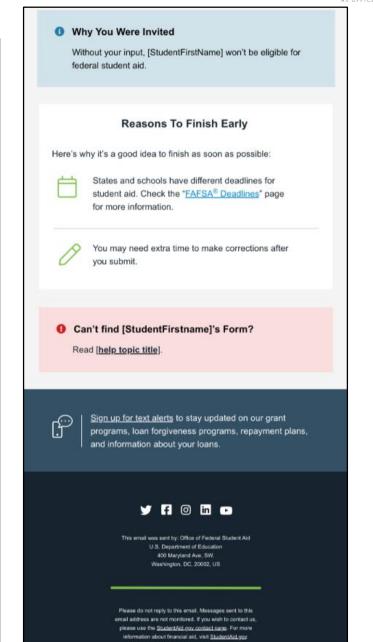
- Federal Pell Grants,
- federal student loans,
- state financial aid, and
- school financial aid.

[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



Student Demographic Information

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- Student is asked:
 - Race
 - Gender
 - Ethnicity
- FOR Research Purposes only.
- Response does not impact aid.
- Schools to not see responses.

FORM 2024–25 Student Raya Tran		🔀 Save 🛛 FAFSA Menu 🔃
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Student Demographic Informati	on	
Questions Used for Research Purposes O Your answers will not • affect the student's eligibility for fede • be used in any calculations, and • be shared with the schools to which the		gibility
What is the student's gender?		
O Male		
Female		
Nonbinary or another gender		
Prefer not to answer		
Is the student transgender?		
O Yes	0 No	
Prefer not to answer		
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Student Tax Return Information

- The student is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The student enters a response in each entry field.
- If the student filed a 2022 federal tax return, all other tax information is transferred from the IRS.

FAFSA® FORM 2024-25	Student Raya Tran				🗑 Save 🛛 FAFSA Menu 🔃
Personal	Circumstances Demographics	3 Financials	4 Colleges	5 Signature	2
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Student Assets

FAFSA® FORM 2024-	-25 Student Raya Tran	Save FAFSA Menu
	Personal Circumstances Demographics Financials Colleges Signature	
	Student Assets	
	Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts	
	Don't include student financial aid	
	\$ 500 .00	
	Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms	
	Enter the net worth of the student's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them.	
	\$ 0.00	
	Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate	
	Don't include the home the student lives in. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.	
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Search and Select School

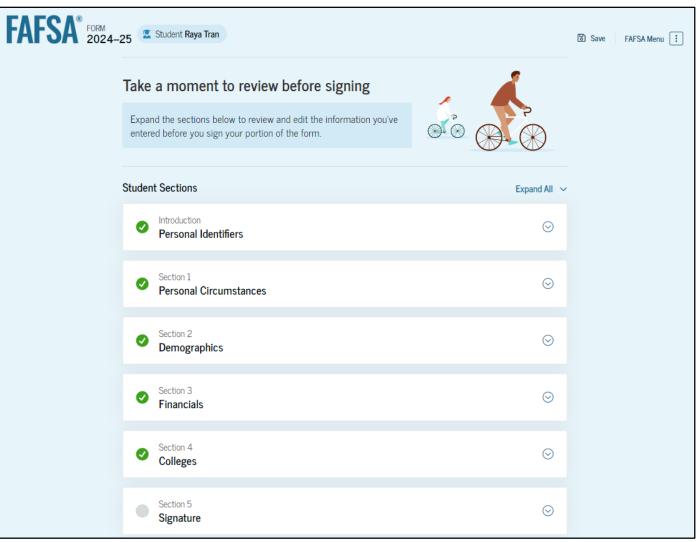
Student College Search

- 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.

		Burlington, California (CA)	B09773
FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran	🕄 Save FAFSA Menu 🗄	Rhodes College Centerville, California (CA)	Federal School Code E89235
Where should we send your FAFSA? Search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA [*] information. You can add up to 20 colleges to your FAFSA form.		Smith College Lexington, California (CA)	Federal School Code G92383
① of 20 Schools Selected View Selected Schools Search by School Name Search by School Code		Macalester College Madison, California (CA)	Federal School Code 038412
State California (CA) ⑦		Wellesley College Springfield, California (CA)	Federal School Code F09983
School Name - optional		Q Search and Select Schools	
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Student Review Page

To edit a response, the student can select the question's hyperlink and will be taken to the corresponding page.



Student Review Page (Continued)

Since the student invited their parent into the form, they see the parent contributor section and the status of their parent's invite.

Parent Contributor Section

This Section is Shared With 2 Contributors

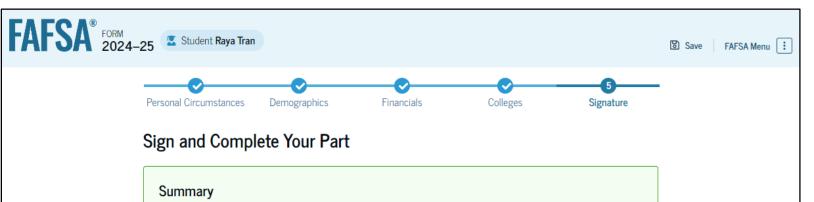
Your FAFSA form is shared with the individuals listed below. You can request, manage, or remove signatures and contributions from this page or in your FAFSA form.

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status	Edit 🗹
Section Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	Invite Sent	
≗≗ Travis Tran	07/13/2024	Invite Sent	
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Student Signature

After agreeing and signing, the student is able to <u>submit their section</u> of the FAFSA form.

Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed yet.



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

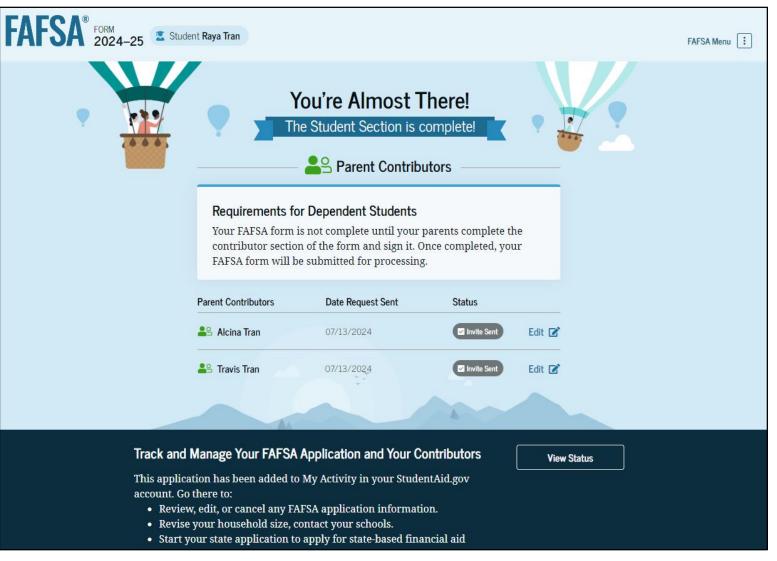
The FAFSA form is a legal document you will electronically sign with your FSA ID. Because this is associated with your personal information, do not share it with anyone.

By signing this application electronically using your FSA ID (username and password) and/or any other credential or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

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

Student Section Complete

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.



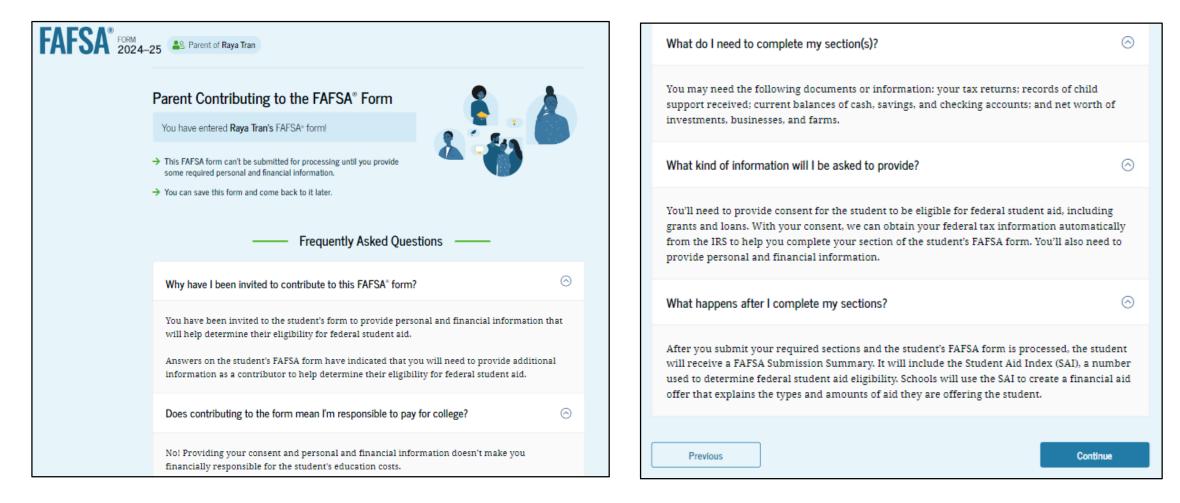
Parent Log In

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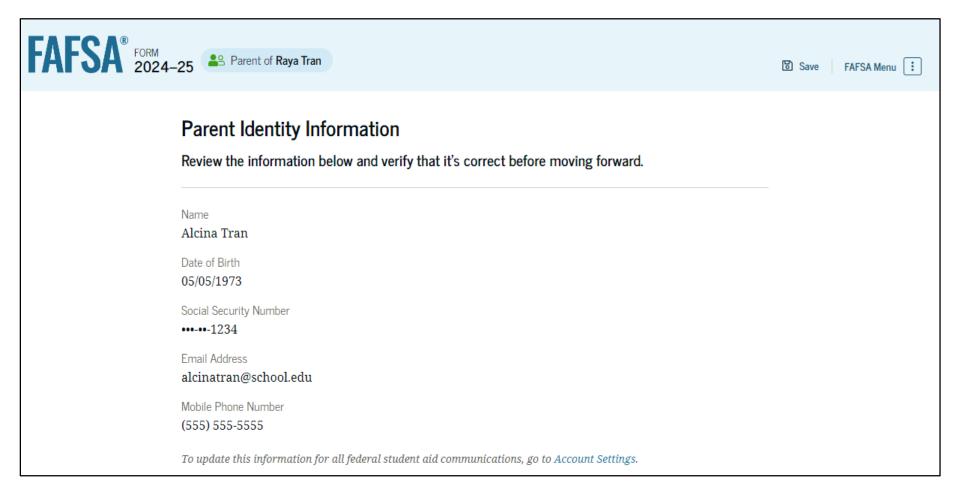
Parent Contributing to the FAFSA[®] Form

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



Parent Identity Information

To update any of the personal information, the parent must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov.



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Parent Provides Consent

- This page informs the parent about consent.
- By providing consent, the parent's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA[®] form from the IRS.

FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 Parent of Raya Tran	Save FAFSA Menu
Provide Consent or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid	
Summary Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA ² 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. Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024–25 FAFSA form. Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.	

FTI is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID log-in credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By accepting below, I approve and consent to:

- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under subpart 1 of Part A, Part C, or Part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(1)(13)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended.
- The U.S. Department of Education to redisclose my FTI received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, pursuant to 26 U.S.C 6103(1)(13)(D)(iii), which includes:
 - institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
 - state higher education agencies; and
 - $\circ~$ scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education.
- The use of my FTI for the application, award, and administration of student aid awarded by the federal government, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, and designated scholarship organizations.
- The redisclosure of my FTI to any future 2024-25 FAFSA forms for which I elect to participate
 (e.g., if I elect to participate in my child's FAFSA form or to complete my own FAFSA form after
 participating in another FAFSA form). My FTI will be redisclosed to these additional applications
 upon my affirmation to participate. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate,
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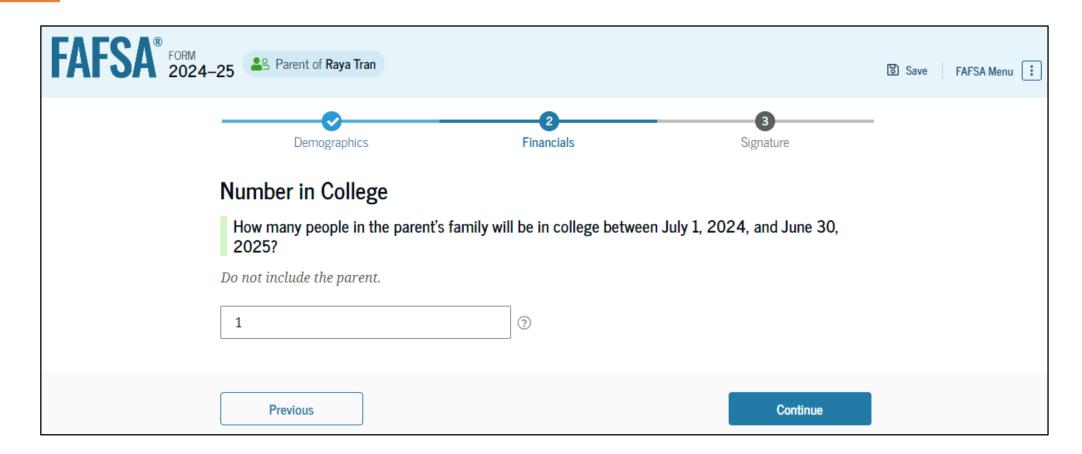
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Parent Family Size

- This page asks the parent if their family size has changed since filing their 2022 tax return.
- If yes, parent may update.

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	Enter the number of children or	t 1 Student 1 Parent's Children and (r other dependents who live with the the parent between July 1, 2024 ar	e parent and will receive more		
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Parent Number in College



Response no longer impacts student aid eligibility

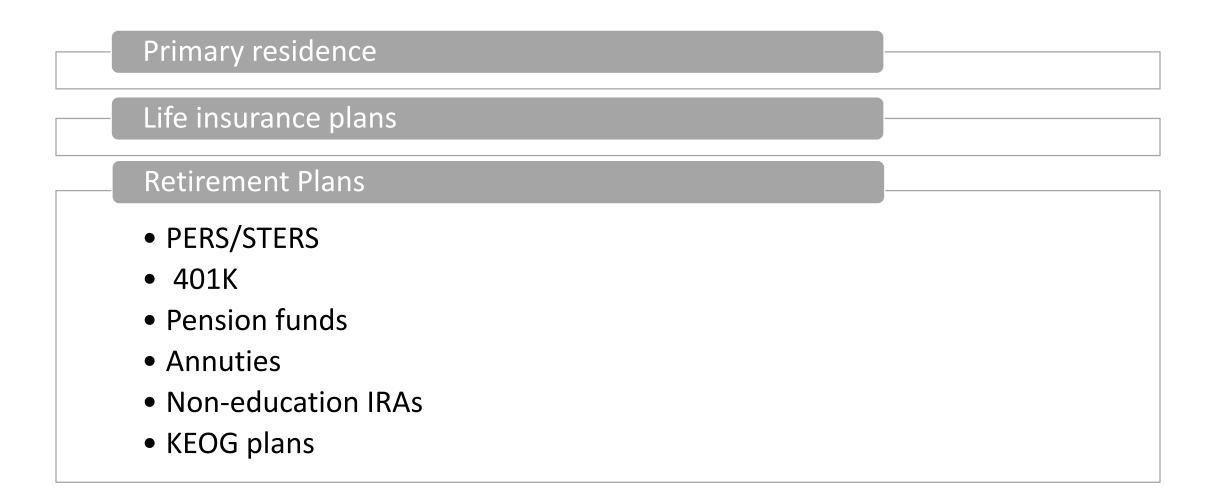
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Parent Assets

- Child Support Received is for the last complete calendar year.
- All other assets are as of the date the form is signed.

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Annual Child Support Received Enter total amount received in child support for the last complete calendar year. s 0 .00 Parent Assets Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts Don't include student financial aid s 10,000 .00	
Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms Enter the net worth of your businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of your businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them. s 0 .00 Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate	
Don't include the home you live in. Net worth is the value of your investments minus any debts owed against them. \$ 5,000 .00	
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Assets NOT reported



Assets Reported

- Real estate (not the home you live in)
- Rental property
- Trust funds
- Business and/or investment farm value
 - Market value of land, building, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc.
- Uniform Gifts to Minor Act accounts (UGMA and UTMA)
- Money market funds; mutual funds; stocks; stock options; bonds; certificates of deposits
- Other securities and Commodities
- Installment and land sale contracts
- Qualified education benefits and education savings accounts/529 savings plans/Coverdell savings plans/refund value of prepaid tuition plans

Report the Net Worth of Assets

- Value today minus debt
- Negative value is reported as Zero

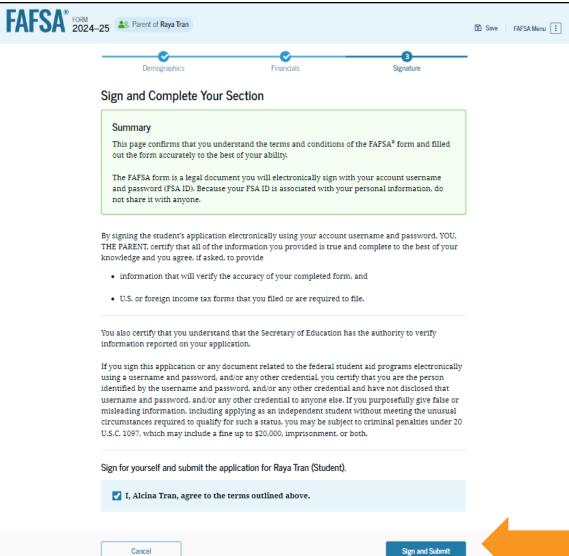
Other Parent Information

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

Demographics	Financials	3 Signature	
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Last Name			
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Social Security Number (S	SN)		
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Email Address			
travistran@gmail.com			
Confirm Email Address			
travistran@gmail.com			

Parent Signature

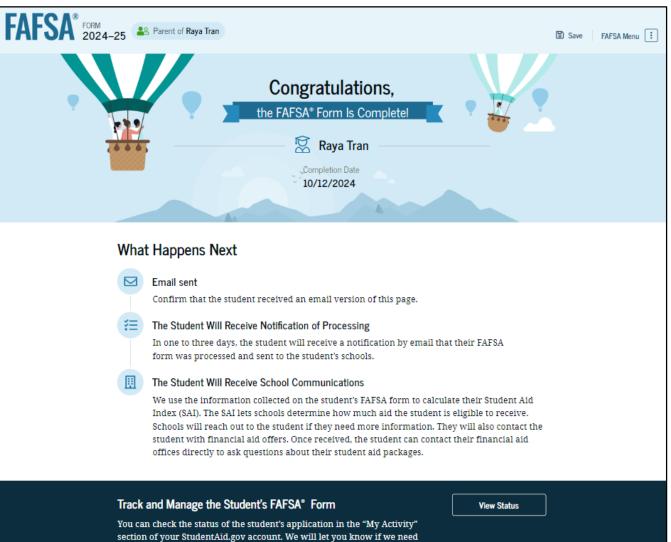
- On this page, the parent acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA[®] form and signs their section.
- Since all required sections are complete, the parent can both sign and submit the student's FAFSA form.



Student FAFSA[®] Confirmation

- Upon submitting the student's FAFSA[®] form, the parent is presented an abbreviated confirmation page.
- 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.



anything more from you.

What if I can't file online?

- There will be a paper FAFSA form available.
- It will take several weeks to process once mailed to the Federal Processing System.
- Even with wet signature on the paper FAFSA, they will still need to confirm identity....
 - HOW is still to be determined.

FAFSA[®] Form

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Federal Student Aid

Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans. Or apply free online at <u>fafsa.gov</u>.

Apply by the Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than **December XX**, 2023. We must receive your application no later than **June 30**, 2025. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2024–25 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as December 2023, and you may need to complete additional forms. Check with your high school counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college. See the state deadlines on page 2. If you are applying close to a deadline, we recommend you submit your FAFSA form online at fafsa.gov.

Fill Out the FAFSA[®] Form

Special Circumstances

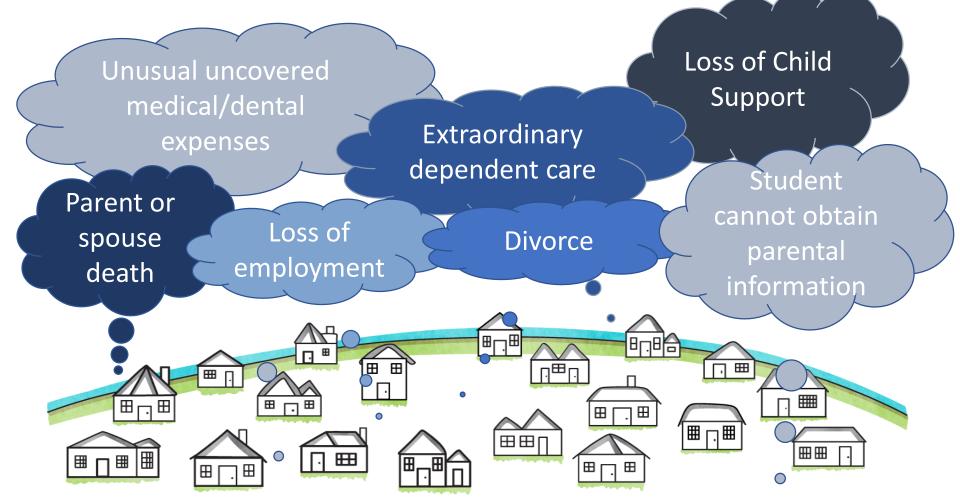
Conditions exist that cannot be documented on the FAFSA

Send written explanation and documentation to the financial aid office(s)

School will review and request additional information if necessary

School decisions are final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education

Special Circumstances



May require additional information

- Verification of Income
 - 2022 Tax returns/w2s
- Family Size
- Identity and statement of educational purpose
- Documentation of high school completion

Determines Financial Aid Offer

- Sent by email or regular mail
- Amount of Aid awarded from each program
- How and when aid is disbursed
- Terms and conditions of student's offer

Financial Aid Office Review

School Communications



Most schools use a student portal



Most schools assigned email account

An online starting point where students can register for classes, view financial aid and billing, etc. Students are required to activate and check regularly.

Schools will begin to communicate with the student primarily through this email account.

Student Privacy

Student Information Release

- Once a student enrolls, their college record (academics and finances) is protected under FERPA
- Students can give parent/guardian permission to access this information if they choose.
- EXAMPLE:

Designee Information		Fin	d 🛛 First 🚺 1 of 1 D Last
Person/Org Person			
First Name	Last Name	Access Code	What is This?
Phone	Email	Relationship	
Notes			
Academic Information Rele	ease More Information		
Account Information Relea	se <u>More Information</u>		

View Audit



Contact Information

mcornish@lorainccc.edu

Student Financial Aid Contact Information

Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Live Chat Monday and Tuesday 1-5 p.m. Wednesday – Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.