2026-2027 Update

High School Counselor Workshop

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PACFAA
Pacific Financial Aid Association
Ka lawelawe ʻana i ka nele o nā haumāna "We Serve Students and Their Needs"

Housekeeping

- Session is being recorded and will be posted to the P20 websites – www.collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com
- Your cameras, microphones and the chat have been turned off. Please post your questions in the Q&A during the session
- Restrooms are down the hall to the left or right, pick your favorite tree

Hawaii Community Foundation

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2026 – 2027 HCF Common Scholarship Application

https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/students

EDUCATION TEAM

Agenda

- Scholarship Program Overview
- Helpful Tips

Why Apply for HCF’s Scholarships?

One online application may qualify you for…

Over 300 Scholarship Funds

Over $8 million in scholarship awards

Application Updates for 2026-2027

Application opens!

Dec. 8, 2025

Feb. 26, 2026

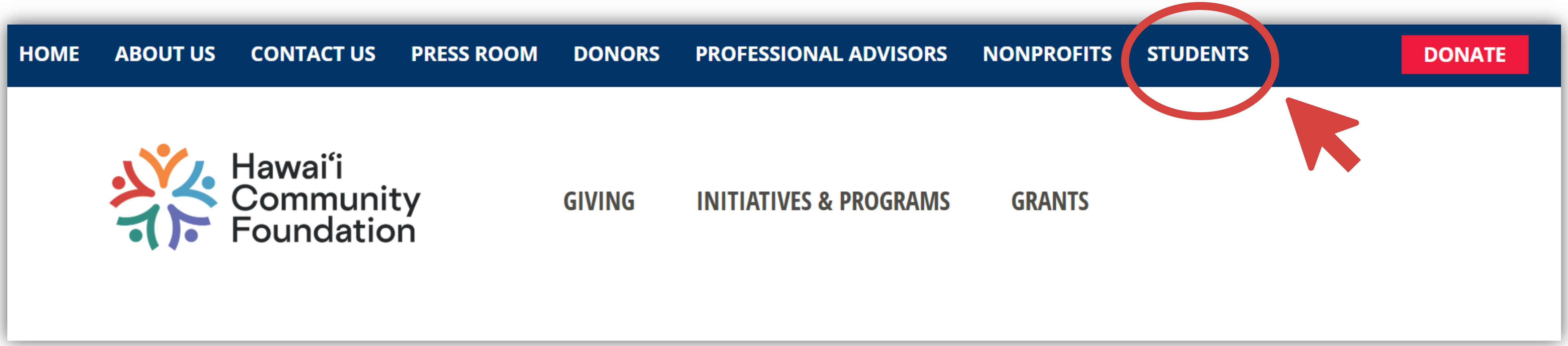
Application closes @ 4PM HST.

Letters of Recommendation Due @ 4PM HST.

Mar. 13, 2026

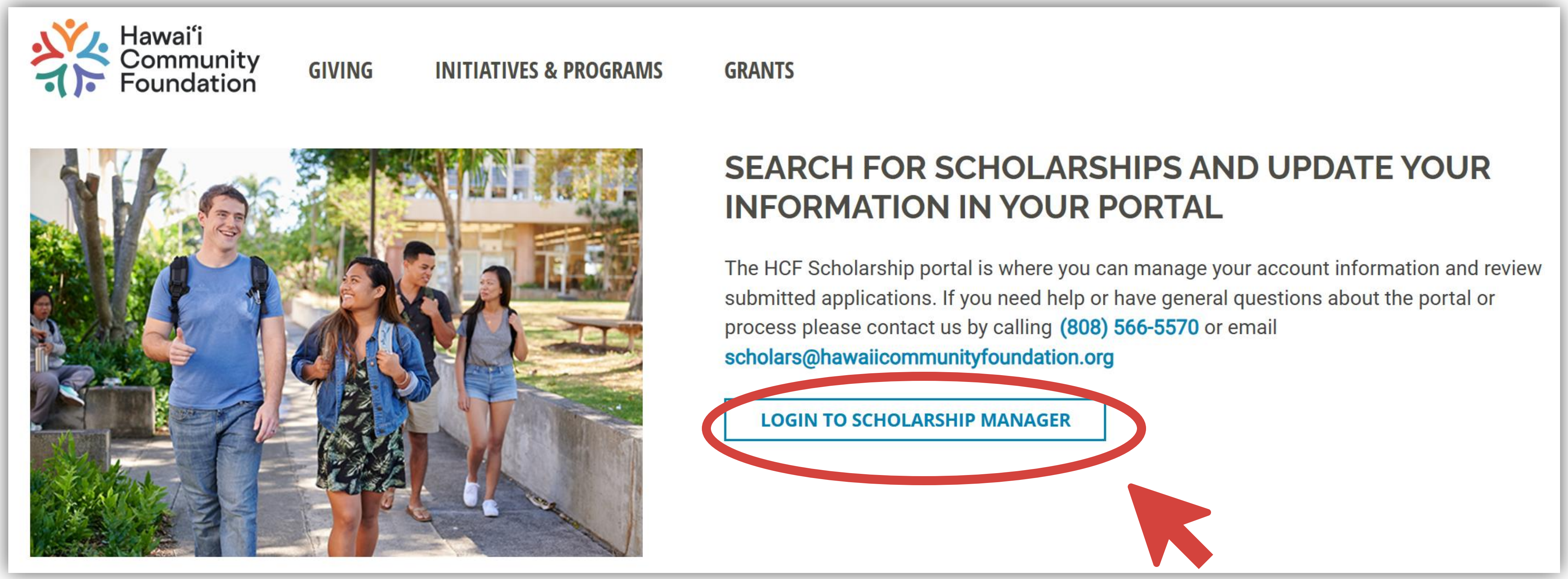
How to Apply: Step 1

Go to: https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org



How to Apply: Step 2

Click the link to Scholarship Manager.



How to Apply: Step 3

Log into your Scholarship Manager account or create an account.

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Home | Welcome to Scholarship Manager | Contact Us | Scholarship Search

HCF's 2025-2026 Common Scholarship Application is CLOSED as of 2/28/2025 at 4PM HST.

We encourage you to complete your FAFSA for any available institutional aid: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Returning Users

- Log into your Scholarship Account using the username and password you entered when you first created your account. The system will lock you out of your account after three failed login attempts. If you forgot your username and/or password, click here.

First Time Users

- Create a Scholarship Account

HCF Basic Eligibility Criteria

General criteria that apply to most scholarships include:

- Be a resident of the State of Hawaiʻi
- Demonstrate financial need
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA (unless otherwise stated)

Required Document #1: Transcripts

An unofficial or official transcript is required and must be your most recent.

ALL TRANSCRIPTS MUST INCLUDE:

- The institution's name
- The student's full name
- A list of course history
- Current cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Current grades/information for each course
  - **High School Seniors:** Must include 9th – 11th grade at a minimum (IF available, include 12th grade information)
  - **Current College Students:** Must also include past semester grades/information (wait until Fall term grades are posted)

Required Document #2: FSS

<u>FAFSA opens 10/1/2025</u>

Completion of the FAFSA is mandatory for all eligible students.

- Upload the FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) to your HCF Common Scholarship Application:
  - FSS must contain applicant's **full name, Student Aid Index (SAI)** calculation, & **current year**
- Invalid FSS examples:
  - Wrong year
  - No name or name does not match application
  - Federal student aid estimator
  - Missing SAI

Required Essays

- What inspired you to choose your field of study and academic plan? (300 words)
- How will your academic plans help you to give back to the community? (300 words)

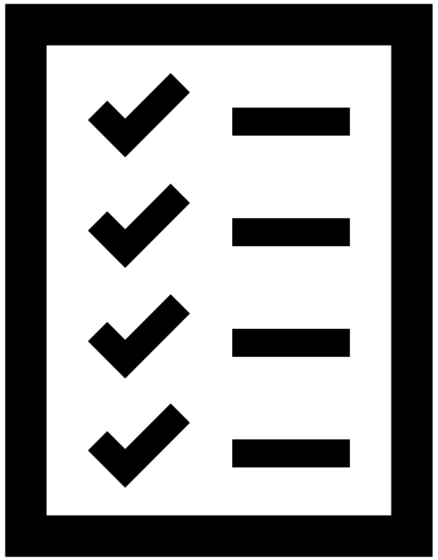
Optional Documents & Questions

Examples of Optional Documents:

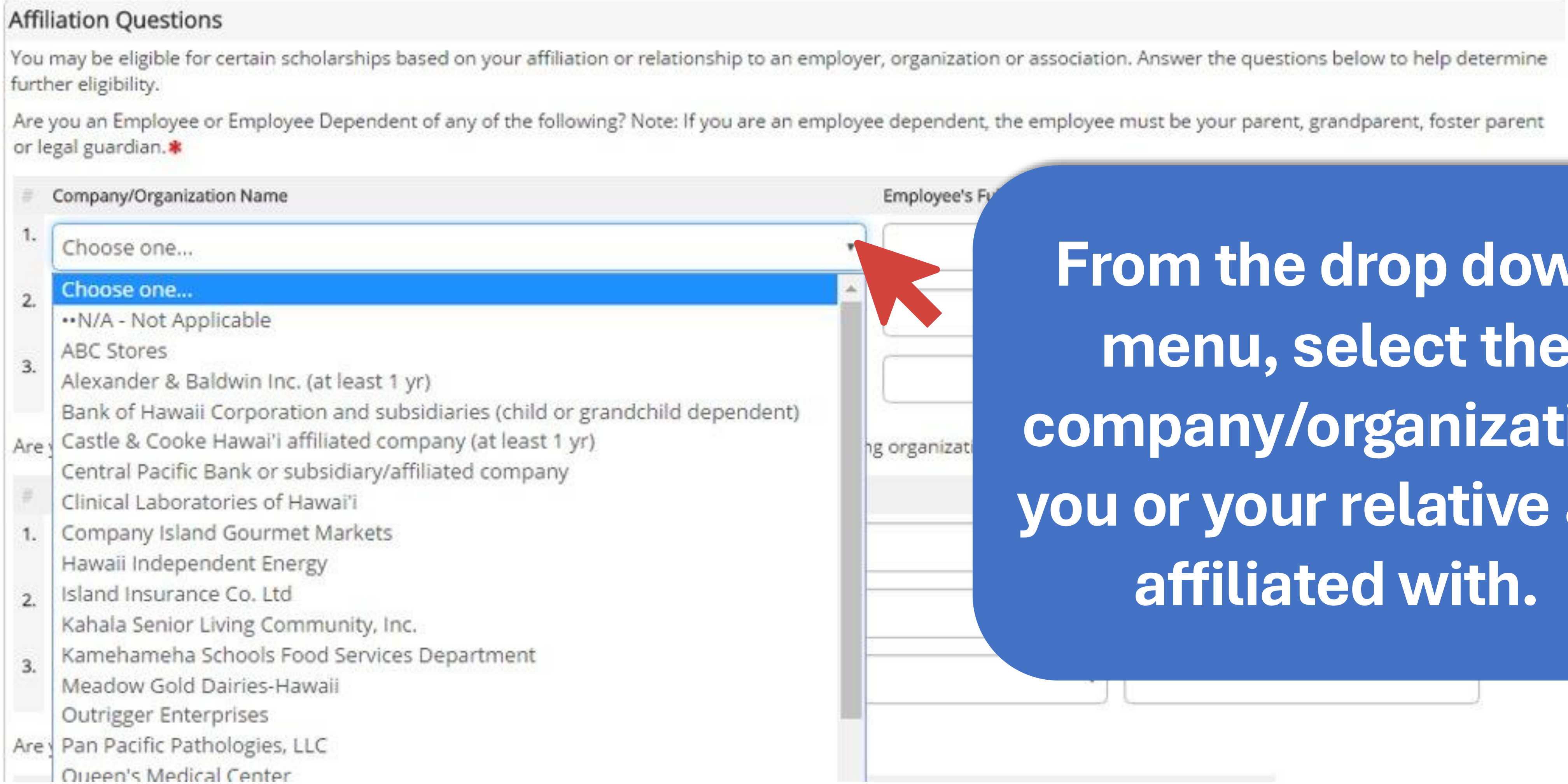
- Letters of Recommendation (students can request up to 3)
- Kamehameha Schools Hoʻoulu Verification Services Letter (Female applicants only)
- SAT/ACT Scores (high school seniors only)

Optional Questions

- May qualify you for additional scholarships!



Affiliation Questions



Affiliation Questions

You may be eligible for certain scholarships based on your affiliation or relationship to an employer, organization or association. Answer the questions below to help determine further eligibility.

Are you an Employee or Employee Dependent of any of the following? Note: If you are an employee dependent, the employee must be your parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian.*

#	Company/Organization Name	Employee's Fu
1.	Choose one...	
2.		
3.		

Choose one...
••N/A - Not Applicable
ABC Stores
Alexander & Baldwin Inc. (at least 1 yr)
Bank of Hawaii Corporation and subsidiaries (child or grandchild dependent)
Castle & Cooke Hawai'i affiliated company (at least 1 yr)
Central Pacific Bank or subsidiary/affiliated company
Clinical Laboratories of Hawai'i
Company Island Gourmet Markets
Hawaii Independent Energy
Island Insurance Co. Ltd
Kahala Senior Living Community, Inc.
Kamehameha Schools Food Services Department
Meadow Gold Dairies-Hawaii
Outrigger Enterprises
Pan Pacific Pathologies, LLC
Queen's Medical Center

From the drop down menu, select the company/organization you or your relative are affiliated with.

Important Dates

Aplication Opens:
December 8, 2025

Application Deadline:
February 26, 2026 @ 4PM

LOR Deadline: March 13, 2026 @ 4PM

Helpful Tips

Our Best Advice

- Make sure your transcript meets the requirements
- Ask for LORs early & follow-up with recommenders
- Start your application early
- Write any short responses on a separate document
- Contact us BEFORE deadline day!

General Timeline

Complete your FAFSA	Submit an HCF Common Scholarship App	Check email for updates	Accept awards (if awarded)
October	December - February	April - May	May – June *check award email for deadlines

Helpful Resources

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HCF COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

We envision a thriving Hawai'i where every learner has a strong educational foundation, built through learning experiences relevant to their needs and interests, with opportunities to explore their passions and live a meaningful and purposeful life. Our scholarships support students who are pursuing degrees from colleges and universities, as well as those obtaining career and technical education at a community college.

The 2026-2027 HCF Common Scholarship Application opens on December 8, 2025. Apply by February 26, 2026, 4 PM Hawai'i Standard Time.

Download 2026-2027 Flyer

READ THE SCHOLARSHIP FAQS

FAFSA Contact Information - Hawaiʻi P20

Email
FAFSA@Hawaii.edu

Website
https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com

HCF Contact Information

Phone
808-566-5570

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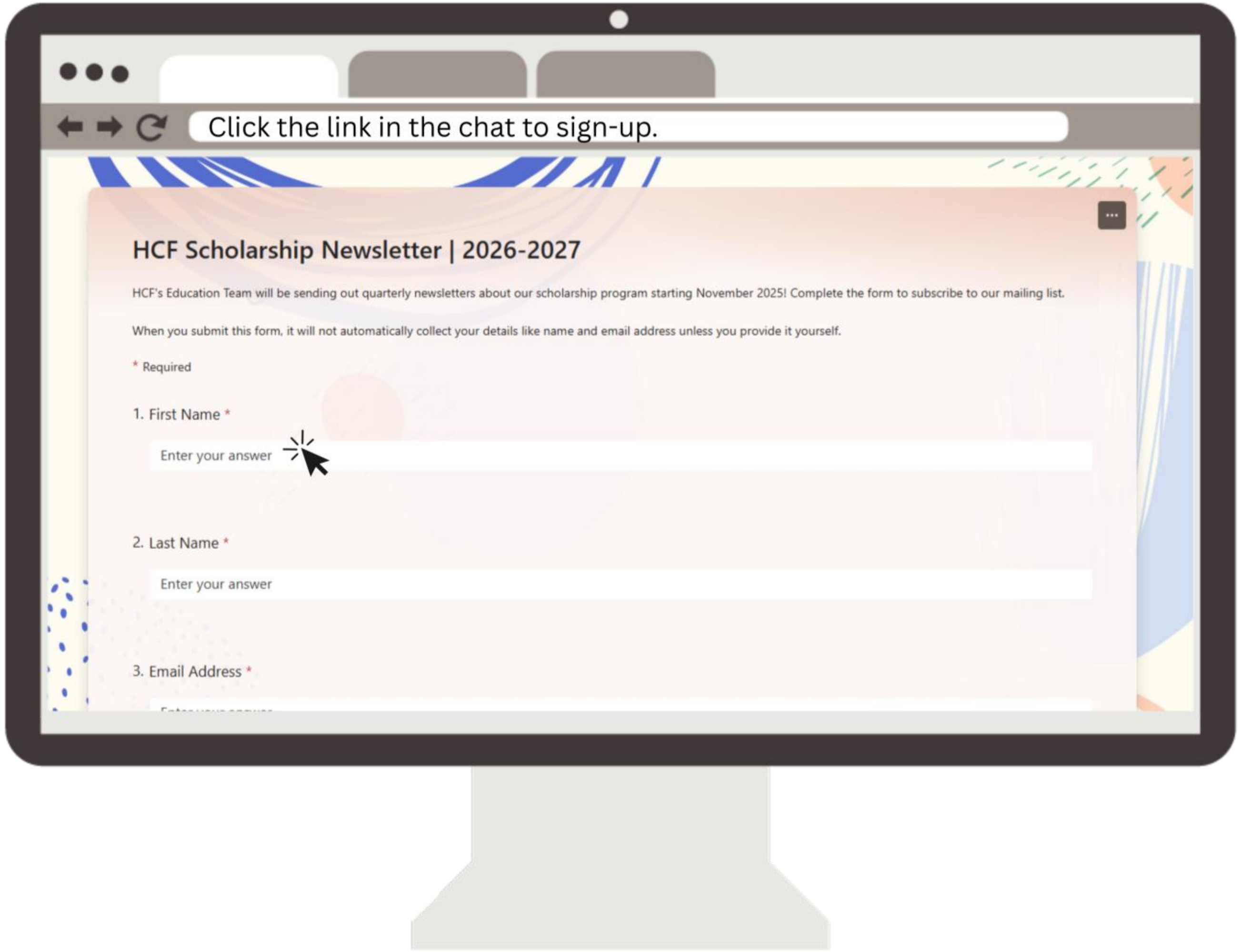
Sign-up for our Scholarship Newsletter!



University of Hawaii Common Scholarship Application

Amy Akana

UH System Common Scholarship Application

Bookmark me!
https://www.hawaii.edu/tuition/scholarships/

- Open October 1, 2025 - March 2, 2026
- One application for approximately 800 scholarship funds
  - For 25-26, awarded nearly 3 million dollars systemwide
- Open to students attending ANY campus within the University of Hawaii System

“How to Apply” page and link to application >>>>>>>>>

✓ Application checklist

- Be a University of Hawaii system student
- Complete the FAFSA (optional, but recommended)
- Transcripts (unofficial are OK)
- Contact info for recommendations (1-3 people)
- General essays (300-word maximums)
- Additional optional essays for specific scholarships
- Review and submit

General Essays (max 300 words each)

- How are you currently planning to pay for college? Do you anticipate financial challenges during the upcoming year? If so, how do you plan to manage them? If applicable, please share any financial challenges you have encountered and how you managed/resolved them. (REQUIRED for all applicants)

- Why did you choose the major you intend to pursue in college? How does it align with your specific academic interests, strengths, and career goals? (REQUIRED for all applicants)

- Describe an experience that helped you grow as a person. How did it help you grow, how did you demonstrate initiative in achieving/addressing it, and what did you learn that you can apply in future situations?

Community Service

- Optional, but highly recommended
- There are many ways to be of service to others:
  - Formal or informal service projects or volunteer hours
  - Significant home or family responsibilities (ex. financially supporting parents, providing child or elder care, working unpaid at a family business)
  - Activities that give back to or contribute to the community
- Please indicate whether service was paid or unpaid, and whether it was part of coursework

Letters of Recommendation

- Need the name(s) and email address(es) of 1-3 references
- All recommendations are submitted via an online form by the recommender - nothing accepted via email and/or from the student
- Students can track letters of recommendations even after submitting the application
- **Deadline for students to list name/email of recommenders: March 2, 2026, 4pm HST**
- **Deadline for recommenders to submit: March 9, 2026, 4pm HST**

Transcripts

- Required for:
  - New first-time students (HS transcript)
  - Transfers from non-UH schools (college transcripts)
- No need to submit UH transcripts/STAR reports - we can access that information internally
- Transcripts can be unofficial, but must show student name, school name, grades, GPA, and the date printed

Tips and Recommendations for students

- Take your time - no advantage to submitting early…
- …but also don’t wait to the last moment to submit!
- Answer questions completely and accurately - don’t expect selection committees to fill in the blanks for you.
- Your progress will auto-save, no need to do the application all in one sitting.
- Ask people to read over your essays for proofreading and content suggestions.
- It’s OK to recycle essays and statements from other applications, but they should still be tailored to the specific application prompt.
- We’re asking for your lived experiences, plans, and hopes - AI is not going to give as good of an answer as you will.

Any Questions?

UH System Common Scholarship Program

scholars@hawaii.edu

808-956-6203

Kamehameha Schools

- Day Mau

Pauahi Foundation

College Scholarship Opportunities

2026-2027 Academic Year

Presented by:

Kamehameha Schools Resource Centers
(808) 534-8080
scholarships@pauahi.org
www.pauahi.org/apply-for-a-scholarship

IMPORTANT CHANGES

- NO application fee
- ONE application for ALL scholarships
- NO CSS Profile
- ONE deadline - November 30, 2025
- NO KS College Portal(Net Partners) Requirement at time of application
- ONE Notification
- NO Disbursements to Schools, funds are sent directly to awardees

Pauahi Foundation Scholarships

The Pauahi Foundation offers over 200 college scholarships for:

- New and returning scholarship recipients
- Merit based scholarships
- Need based scholarships
- Classified degree seeking programs

Complete our Pauahi Foundation application to be considered for multiple scholarship opportunities.
Found at www.pauahi.org/scholarships-listing

Scholarship eligibility is detailed in individual scholarship guidelines.

Application Timeline

Application Opened
September 15, 2025

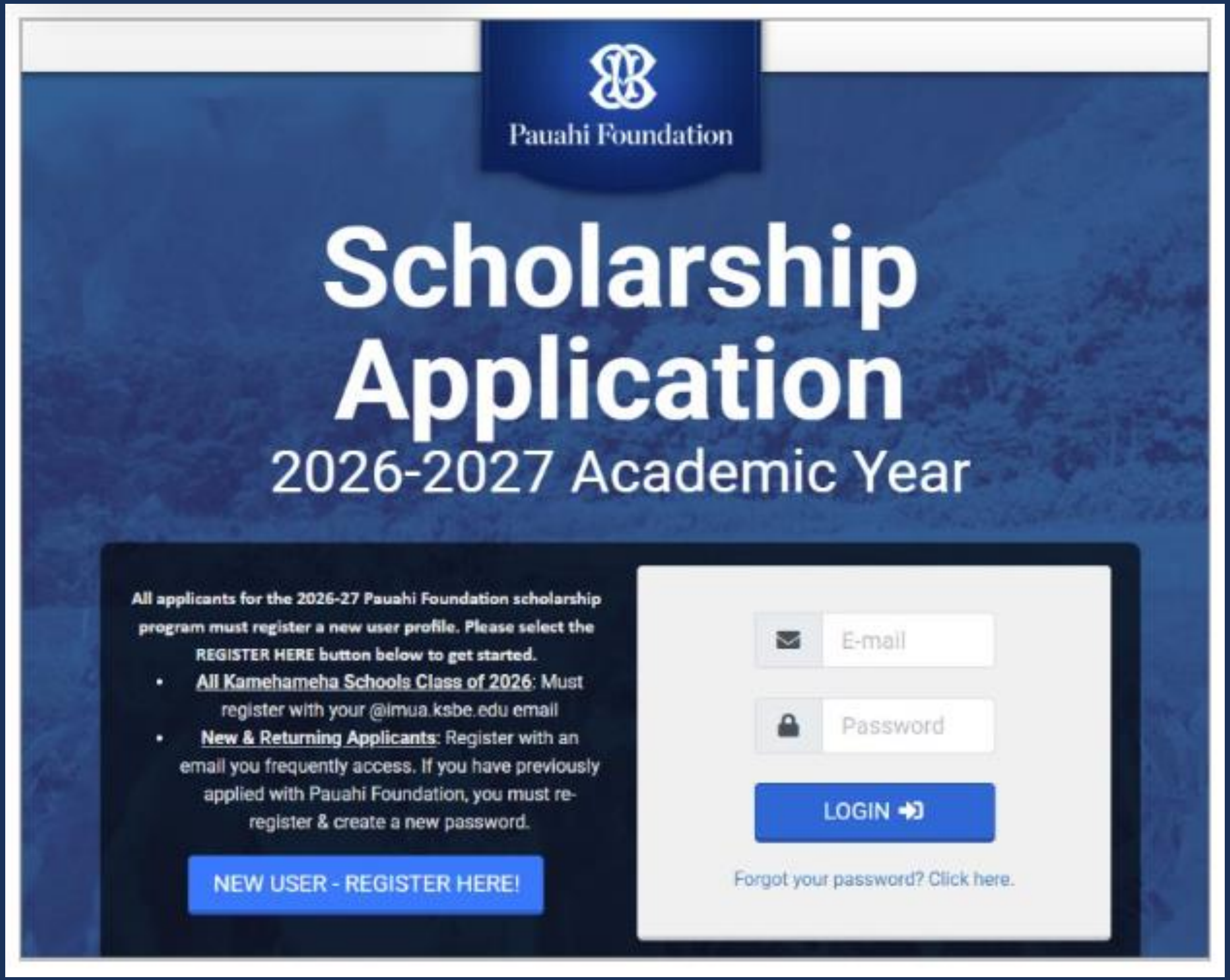
Application CLOSES
November 30, 2025

Award Notification
April 2026

Check Disbursement starting
September 2026

How to Apply

- Visit pauahi.org to access the online application
- Register (Applicants must register and complete an application each year)
- Create a secure password with UPPER, lowercase, and a special character
- Submit your online application and ALL requirements by NOVEMBER 30, 2025



Required Documents

Applicants must submit the following no later than NOVEMBER 30, 2025:

- Online application
- Personal statement
- List of extracurricular/community service activities
- For current high school seniors attending Kamehameha Schools only: One letter of recommendation: -

Additional requirements such as letters of recommendation, supplemental scholarship specific essays, portfolios and financial documents may be required if outlined by the individual scholarship.

Review the scholarship list for details

Application Details

Application and Agreement

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Letters of Recommendation

↓

Required Documents

Verification of Hawaiian Ancestry

1. Complete the Hoʻoulu Ancestry Registry (HAR) form
2. Gather your original Birth certificates
    a. Applicant (student)
    b. Hawaiian Parent
    c. Hawaiian parentʻs parent, etc. - To confirm Hawaiian ancestry from the application to an ancestor bnorn in Hawaii, on or before 1959
3. Submit all documents to Hoʻoulu Verification Services

Kamehameha Schools’ policy is to give preference to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law.

Need Kōkua?

Contact Us:
Kamehameha Schools Resource Centers
(808) 534-8080
scholarships@pauahi.org
pauahi.org

Hawaiʻi P-20 Updates

September 19, 2025

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Live on Stage — Here to rock your world…

DJ GUSTY GUS

Gus Cobb-Adams

(The Good Looking Guy!!)

FAFSA Completion for the State of Hawaii
Public High School Trend Data (EOY Reporting June 30)

Class Year	Total (#) of Seniors	(#) of FAFSA Completed	FAFSA Completion (%)
Class of 2024	10949	4756	43.4%
Class of 2025	11309	5435	48.1%

*Cash for College 2026 School FAFSA Data Spreadsheet Link

Key Data Points & Observations from 2025

- 58.1% was the highest FAFSA completion % by a high school
- No schools had a FAFSA completion % higher than 60%
- 4,081FAFSA applications were completed by March 15, 2025, (+693 applications in 2024)
- 1,354 FAFSA applications were completed between March 15, 2025 – June 30, 2025 (+790)
- 288 submitted FAFSA but never completed by July 5, 2024 compared to 175 submitted FAFSA but never completed by June 30, 2025 (-113 fewer FAFSA never completed)

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UH Application Data Initiative

- Provides High School College Counselors a list of students who have applied to any of the UH Campuses
- Provides a list of status information for enrolling like health clearances, majors/programs, etc.
- Principal must sign & return opt-in form
- First data report generated in November
- Official Announcement coming in October

First Application Data Initiative Email will come third week of November

Cash for College – FAFSA Challenge

- Official Announcement coming October 2026
- Featuring Class of 2026 competition to win:
  I. High schools organized into ten (10) divisions by enrollment size
  II. Highest percentage point increase of their March 15, 2025 FAFSA rate by March 15, 2026
- High schools must opt-in to participate in 2025-2026
- High schools must share FSA ID creation/FAFSA completion strategies

College Counselor Digital Toolkit

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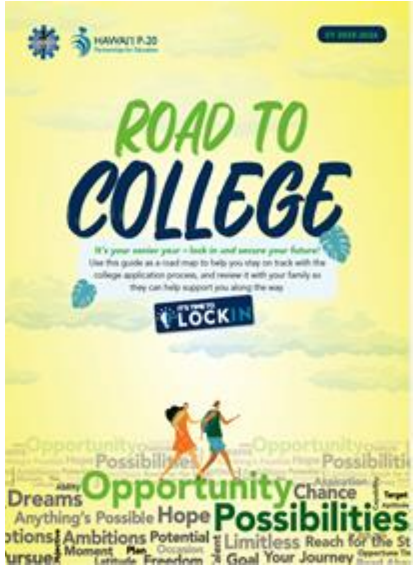
- How to Pay for College Booklet
- 12th Grade Road Map
- Local FAFSA Email
- Financial Aid Night Flyers
- Scholarship Workshop Flyers
- How to Create an FSA ID Cheat sheet
- Request a College Speaker or Presenter



Download Now:

https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/counselor-resources/

National GEAR UP for College Week!

Begins September 22 – 26, 2025

Kickoff the college planning season with a college planning event!

School-by-School events & activities

- College planning events
- FSA ID workshops/financial aid presentations
- College aspiration workshops
- College planning parent nights
- Peer mentor presentations

Upcoming Events

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Scholarship ʻAha 2025-2026
Register:
Collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com

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Scholarship Workshops

Thursdays
November 6 & November 20
6:00p-7:30p

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FAFSA Completion Webinars

Every Wednesday
6:00p-7:30p
November 5 - March 11

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Direct Admissions/Direct2UH Webinar

Thursday, September 25
3:00 p.m.

- Learn about how the Direct2UH works
- See how the program supports college & career Readiness
- View a walkthrough of the Direct2UH student experience
- Participate in a Q & A discussion about Direct2 UH

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Questions?

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2026-27 Delivery System

2025-2026 Funding Levels

Maximum Scheduled Award: $7,395

- Level funding from 2024-2025

2026 – 2027 ????? Pending Congress (7395)

Able to receive up to 150% of scheduled Pell award

- Minimum Award – $740

- The minimum Pell Grant is 10% of the maximum award amount, rounded to the nearest $5

studentaid.gov

- **fafsa.gov** and **fsaid.ed.gov** are both being redirected to **studentaid.gov**

- Redirect will continue until April, 2022 – or later?? Later!!

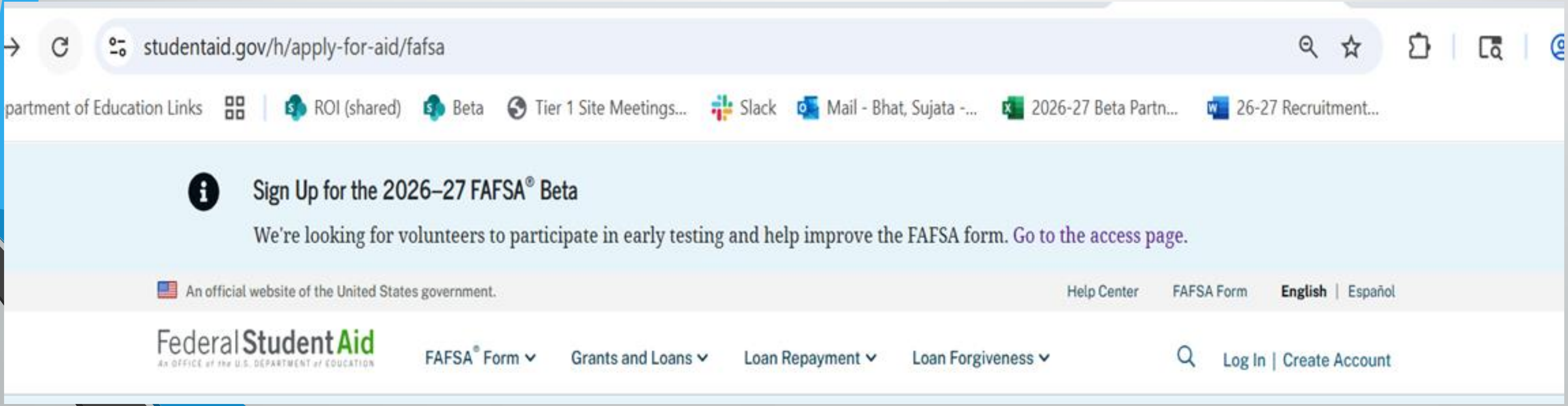
- Eventually (soonish – or not) all (most) Federal Financial Aid sites will launch from studentaid.gov

FAFSA 2026-2027 Update

- FAFSA to open on October 1, 2025
- Beta Testing #1 opened on August 01 - invited participants
- Beta #2 is now open
- Same procedures and protocol with a role-based form
- Same calculations of Pell eligibility
- FAFSA requires all contributors to create an FSA ID
- No waiting for SSA Match for those with SSN

Beta #2

- Open now TO ALL
- Student will submit a request to participate
- Link is located at [FAFSA.gov]
- Or….. [Studentaid.gov], select the FAFSA Form link from the top menu



Beta #2

- Feds will control number of participants
- No Additional Funds
- No Expedited Processing by Schools
- No Early Award Notifications

Changes to Assets

- Simplified Needs and Auto Zero Calculations are gone
- No asset questions for:

  Those eligible for maximum Pell

  Means-tested benefits recipients

  AGI < $60K and no lettered tax schedules

  AGI < $60K and only Schedule C, provided Schedule C gain/loss < $10K

Asset Reporting

NOT REPORTED:

- The net worth of a family-owned business with 100 or fewer employees
- The net worth of a farm on which the family resides
- The net worth of a commercial fishing business

And then..........

Student Income Protection Allowance = $11,770 for 2024

Foreign Earned Income Inclusion: Any foreign earned income exclusion claimed on a federal tax return will now be added back to your AGI

Simplified Contributor Invite Process

- Students completing a 2026-27 FAFSA form will be able to invite a parent simply by entering their email (any email)

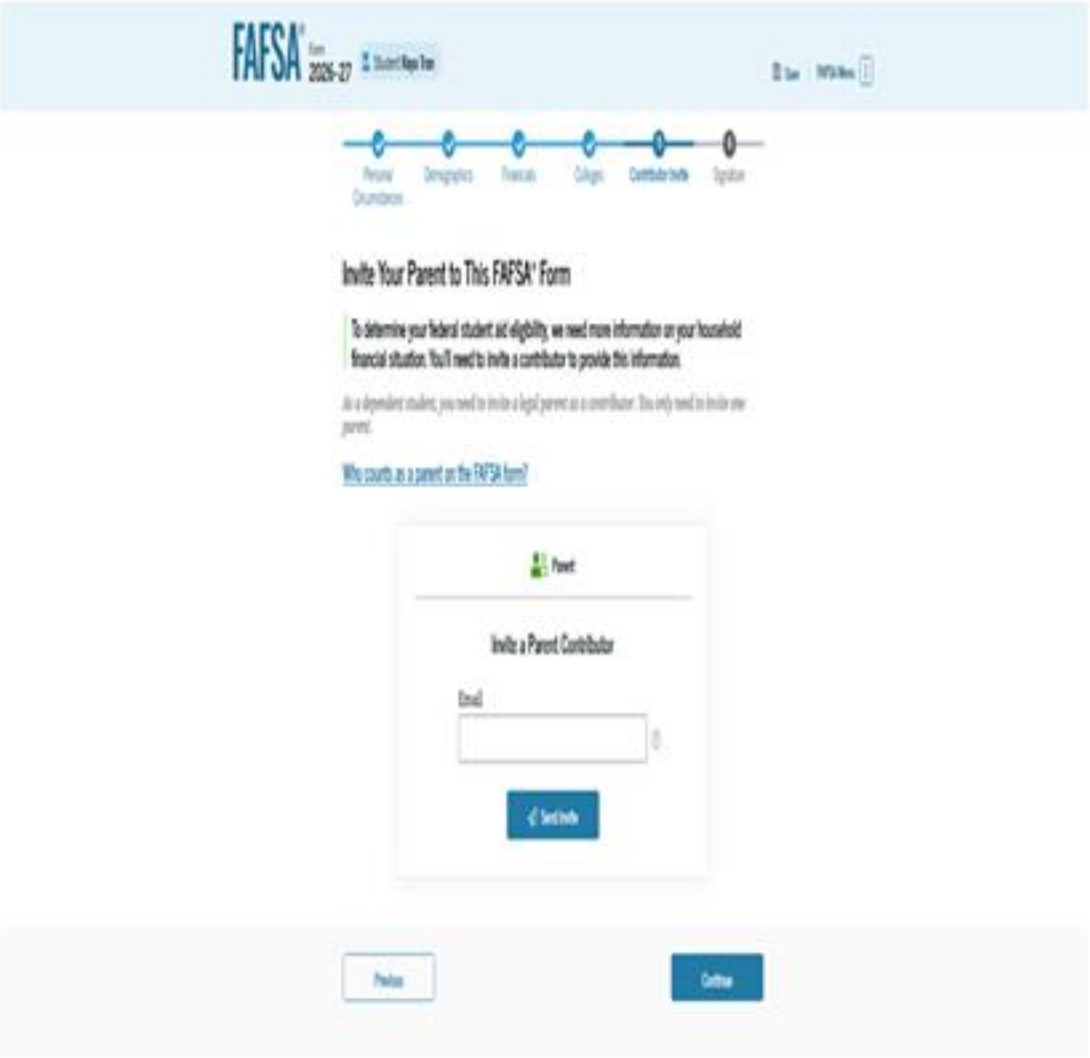
- Will generate a unique, non case sensitive code. The code will be sent to the parent or spouse by email

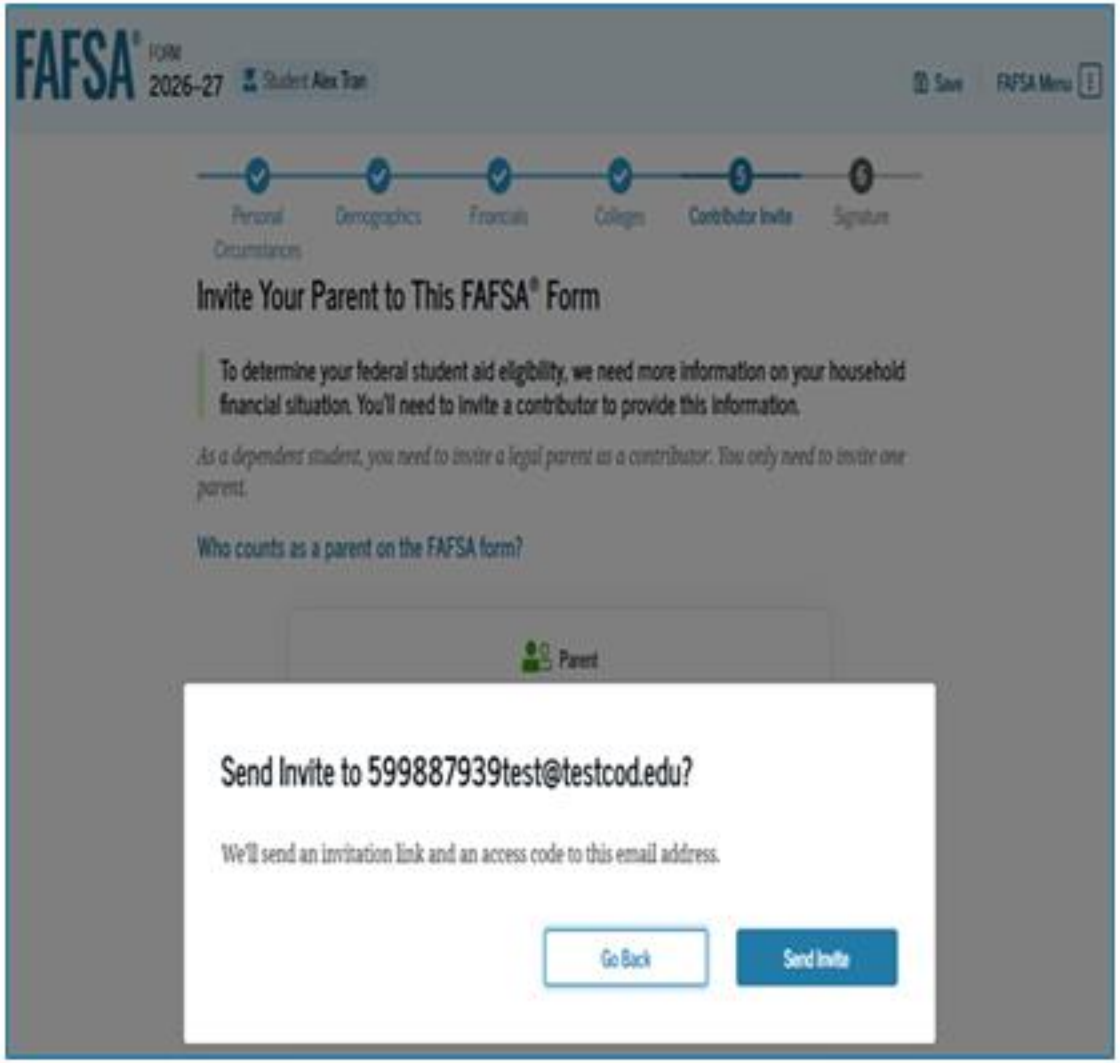
- The parent or spouse will be directed to accept the invite by entering the code on an "Accept an Invite" page that can be accessed by the email or StudentAid.gov once they are logged in

Simplified Contributor Invite Process

Available to students who invite a contributor, or parents who invite a spouse, to complete a 2026-27 form. If a contributor begins a FAFSA on behalf of a student, they will use the existing process to invite the student to the form. In that case, the student must have a StudentAid.gov account and will be linked immediately to the application upon being invited.

Student Invites Parent to FAFSA Form





Parent’s Invite Email

Alcina,

Raya T. started their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and added you as a contributor. Raya won't be eligible for federal student aid without your input.

Login or create an account on StudentAid.gov:

Accept Invitation

Provide this code when prompted:

7BR4U7T

Why You Were Invited

We need some inforation from you to determine what aid Raya is eligible for. Being a contributor doesn't mean you are financially responsible for Raya's education costs.

The FAFSA form is used to determine a student's eligibility for financial aid including:

- Federal Pell Grants
- federal student loans
- state financial aid
- school financial aid

Interest Rates

Loan Type	Borrower Type	Interest rates for loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/25 and before 7/1/26
Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Undergraduate	6.39% (6.53%)
Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Graduate or Professional	7.94% (8.08%)

Interest Rates

- For Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2026, the interest rate is **8.94%** (9.08%).

- These are fixed interest rates for the life of the loan.

PLUS Loan

- Grad PLUS is gone - byby
- Parent PLUS loans remain, but with new caps: $20K/year, $65K aggregate per student

New repayment landscape

- Only two plans available for new borrowers (Standard or RAP)
- Existing borrowers must transition off SAVE, PAYE, or ICR by July 1, 2028
- RAP includes a $10 minimum and factors in dependents and separated income for married borrowers
- Economic hardship & unemployment deferments eliminated for post-7/1/2027 borrowers

PELL Grant Changes

- Beginning with the 2024–25 award year, the Department will no longer publish a Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedule.
- Instead, Scheduled Pell Grant Eligibility will be determined in one of three ways:

1

Maximum Pell Grant

Non-tax filers; **or**

Tax filers, based on:

- AGI
- Poverty guidelines
- Family size

2

Calculated Scheduled Pell Grant

- Maximum Published Scheduled Pell Grant *minus* Calculated SAI

3

Minimum Pell Grant

Based on:

- AGI
- Poverty guidelines
- Family size

MAX PELL – DEPENDENT STUDENTS

CRITERIA FOR MAXIMUM SCHEDULED PELL GRANT

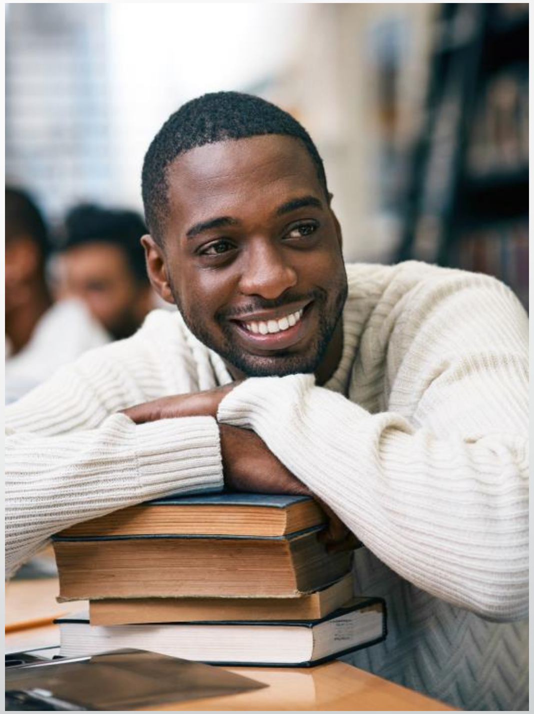
Parent not required to file federal income tax return

OR

Single parent with AGI > 0 and ≤ 225% of poverty guideline for family size and state of residence

OR

Parent NOT single parent and has AGI > 0 and ≤ 175% of poverty guideline for family size and state of residence



CALCULATED SCHEDULED PELL GRANT

- Students not eligible for an automatic Max Pell Grant may be eligible for a Calculated Scheduled Pell Grant
- Published Maximum Pell Grant *minus* Student Aid Index (SAI) = Calculated Scheduled Pell Grant, rounded to the nearest $5

Example:
• Max Pell = $7,850 (just an example – actual number not yet published) • SAI = 1,002 • Calculated Scheduled Pell = $7,850 – 1,002 = $6,848 = Rounded to $6,850

MIN PELL – DEPENDENT STUDENTS

CRITERIA FOR MINIMUM SCHEDULED PELL GRANT

Student's parent is a single parent with an AGI $\leq$ 325% of the poverty guideline for family size and state of residence

OR

Student's parent is **NOT** a single parent and has AGI $\leq$ 275% of the poverty guideline for family size and state of residence

2024-25 Eligibility for Max/Min Pell Grant

Student's Parent **is** a Single Parent			
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	Max Pell Parent AGI Limit (225% of Poverty Guideline)	Min Pell Parent AGI Limit (325% of Poverty Guideline)
2	$21,060	$47,385	$68,445
3	$26,490	$59,603	$86,093
4	$31,920	$71,820	$103,740
5	$37,350	$84,038	$121,388
6	$42,780	$96,255	$139,035
7	$48,210	$108,473	$156,683
8	$53,640	$120,690	$174,330
9+	Add $5,430 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 225% (Max Pell) or 325% (Min Pell) to determine the Parent AGI Limit.		

Student's Parent **is not** a Single Parent			
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	Max Pell Parent AGI Limit (175% of Poverty Guideline)	Min Pell Parent AGI Limit (275% of Poverty Guideline)
2	$21,060	$36,855	$57,915
3	$26,490	$46,358	$72,848
4	$31,920	$55,860	$87,780
5	$37,350	$65,363	$102,713
6	$42,780	$74,865	$117,645
7	$48,210	$84,368	$132,578
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PELL Grant

- An applicant with an SAI equal to or greater than twice the maximum Pell Grant award amount for the award year are ineligible for a Pell Grant.
- For the 2026–27 award year, this threshold is $14,790.
- Note, this limit does not apply to students who qualify for a Pell Grant under the Special Rule (dependents of certain deceased service members and Public Safety Officers).

FSA ID - What remains the same

- Students will need a StudentAid.gov account (FSA ID) to start the FAFSA form online
- Users will be presented with the same questions in the account creation process
  - Personal Information (Name, DOB, Social Security Number)
  - Account Information (Username and password)
  - Contact Information
  - Communication Preferences
  - Challenge Questions
- Users will continue to set up multi-factor authentication
- Identity match with the Social Security Administration (SSA) will be completed when SSN is provided

FSA ID - What is changing

- All contributors must have an FSA ID to access the FAFSA form online
- Identity match required for each contributor to verify FSA ID
- A verified email address will be required to establish an account (not a mobile number)
- Users (parents) can apply without entering an SSN
- Users without a SSN will complete a knowledge-based identity verification process

VERIFICATION FOR NON-SSN HOLDERS

- Identity match required for each contributor to verify FSA ID
- Conducted on students who are from the Freely Associated States and have a pseudo-SSN
- The student’s spouse, parent, or other parent are sent through the knowledge-based ID verification process when they do not have an SSN

FSA ID - Real-time identity verification

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- Beginning in August, 2025 all users who create a StudentAid.gov account with a Social Security number (SSN) will have their accounts verified immediately, instead of the current one-to-three day waiting period

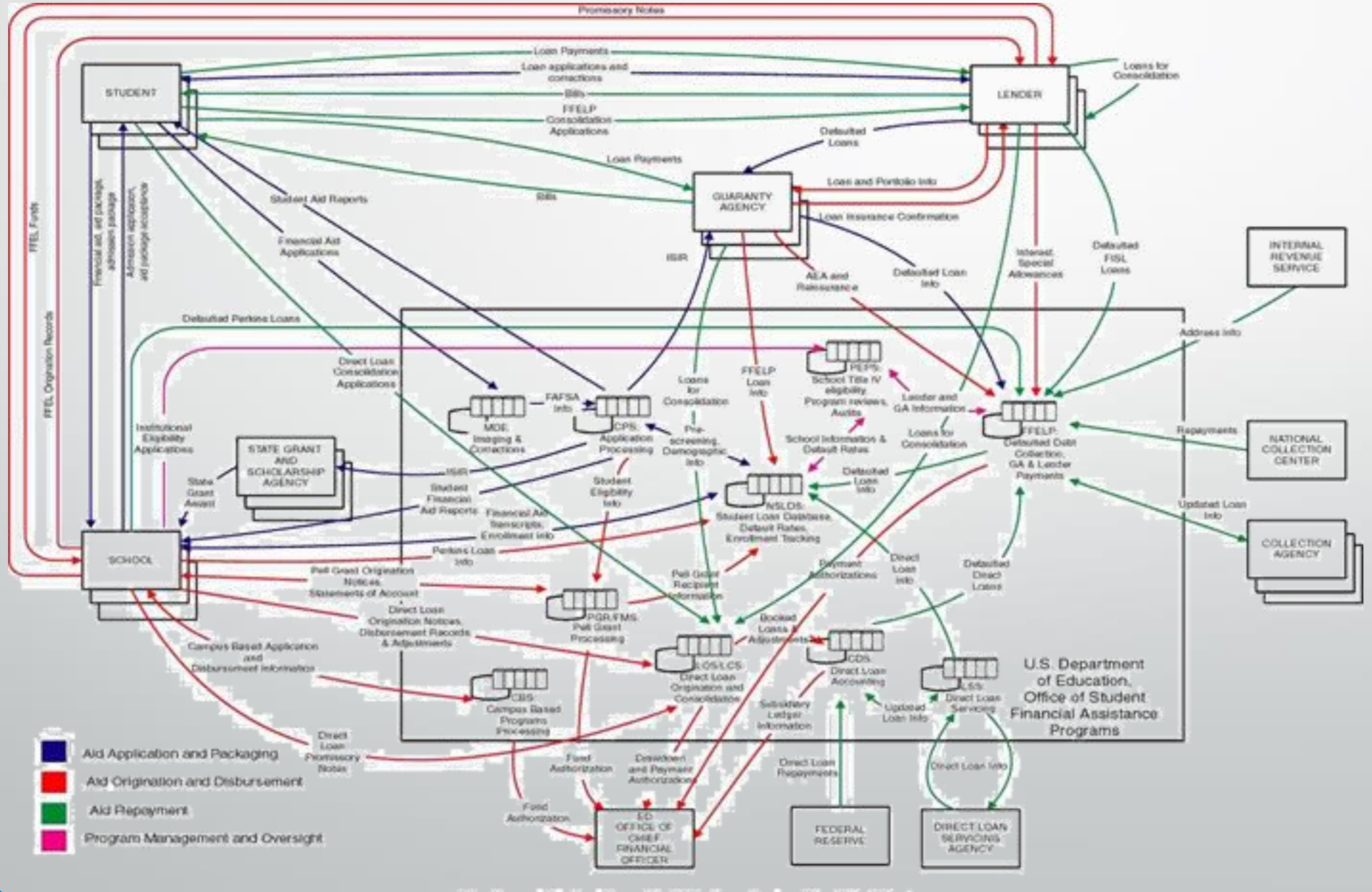
- This will allow for the immediate FAFSA completion and ingestion of tax information from the IRS

- Users who do not have a SSN will continue to follow identity validation processes

What’s coming, maybe................

- FAFSA Renewal Application is coming
- Saving/Transferring Parental data for multiple kids coming soon
- SEOG??????
- Federal Work Study????
- Full time = 15 Credits

The Current Federal Financial Aid Delivery System (Simplified View)



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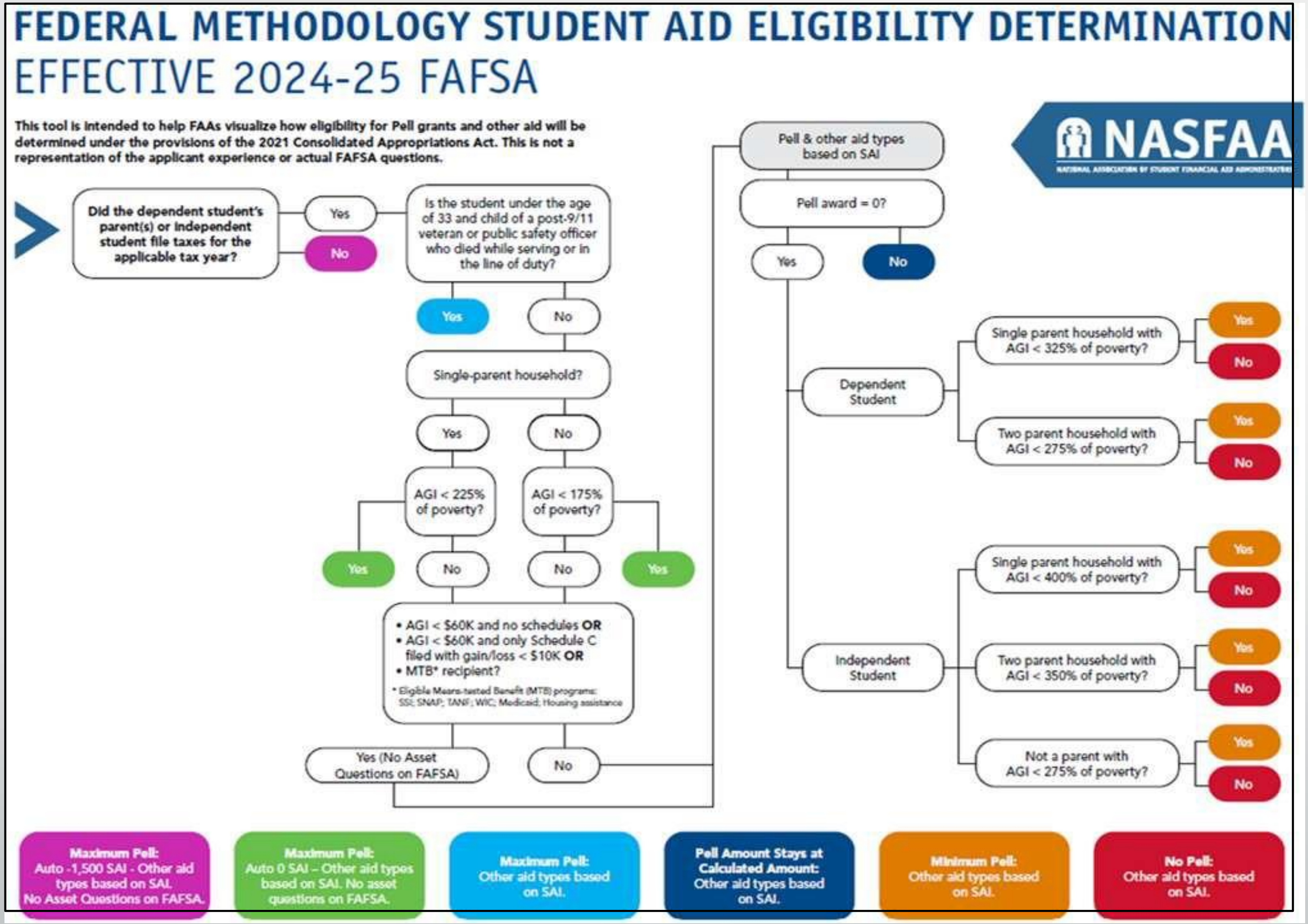
FEDERAL METHODOLOGY STUDENT AID ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION
EFFECTIVE 2024-25 FAFSA
This tool is intended to help FAAs visualize how eligibility for Pell grants and other aid will be determined under the provisions of the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act. This is not a representation of the applicant experience or actual FAFSA questions.
NASFAA
Did the dependent student's parent(s) or independent student file taxes for the applicable tax year?
Yes
No
Is the student under the age of 33 and child of a post-9/11 veteran or public safety officer who died while serving or in the line of duty?
Yes
No
Single-parent household?
Yes
No
AGI < 225% of poverty?
AGI < 175% of poverty?
Yes
No
No
Yes
• AGI < $60K and no schedules OR
• AGI < $60K and only Schedule C filed with gain/loss < $10K OR
• MTB* recipient?
* Eligible Means-tested Benefit (MTB) programs: SSI; SNAP; TANF; WIC; Medicaid; Housing assistance
Yes (No Asset Questions on FAFSA)
No
Pell & other aid types based on SAI
Pell award = 0?
Yes
No
Dependent Student
Single parent household with AGI < 325% of poverty?
Two parent household with AGI < 275% of poverty?
Independent Student
Single parent household with AGI < 400% of poverty?
Two parent household with AGI < 350% of poverty?
Not a parent with AGI < 275% of poverty?
Yes
No
Maximum Pell: Auto -1,500 SAI - Other aid types based on SAI. No Asset Questions on FAFSA.
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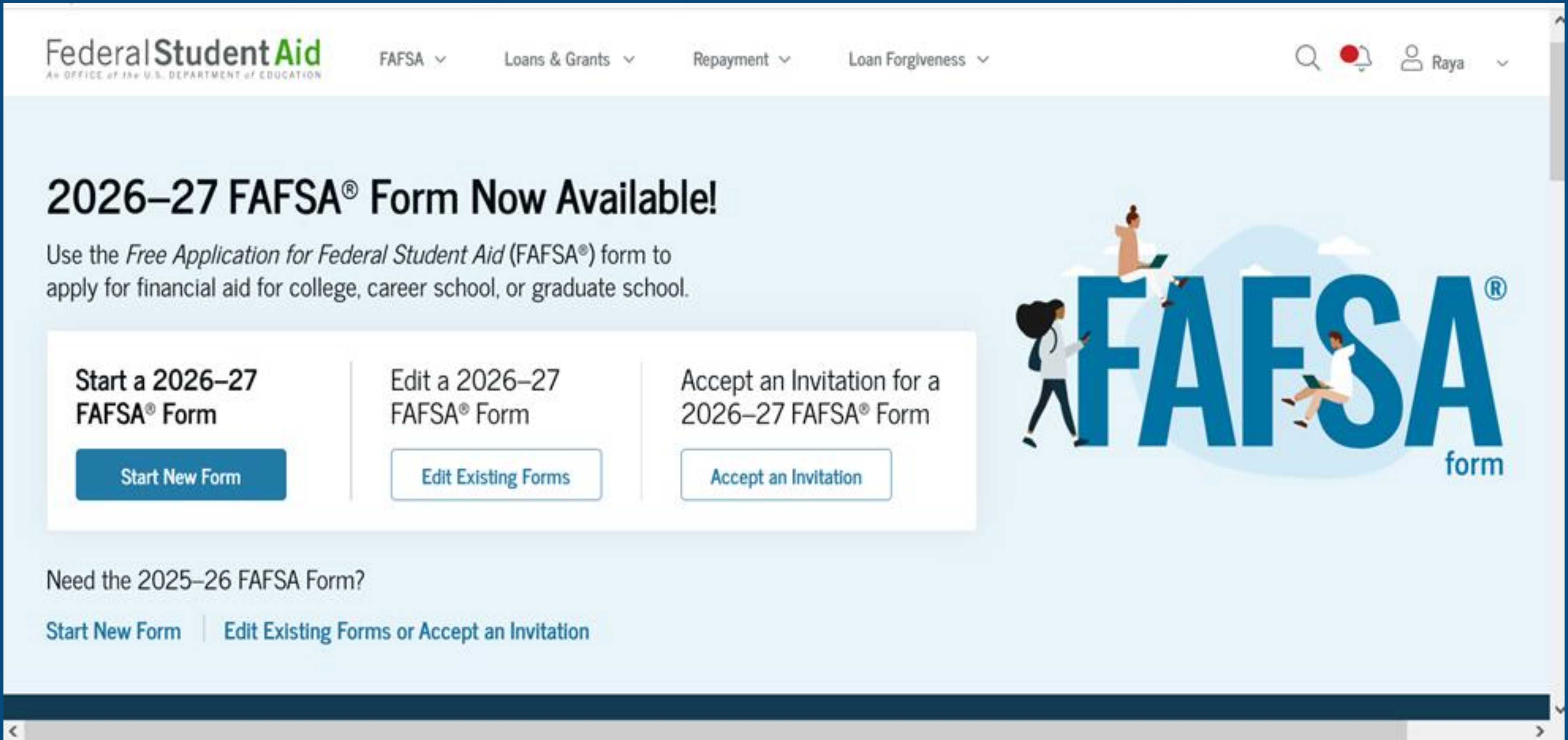
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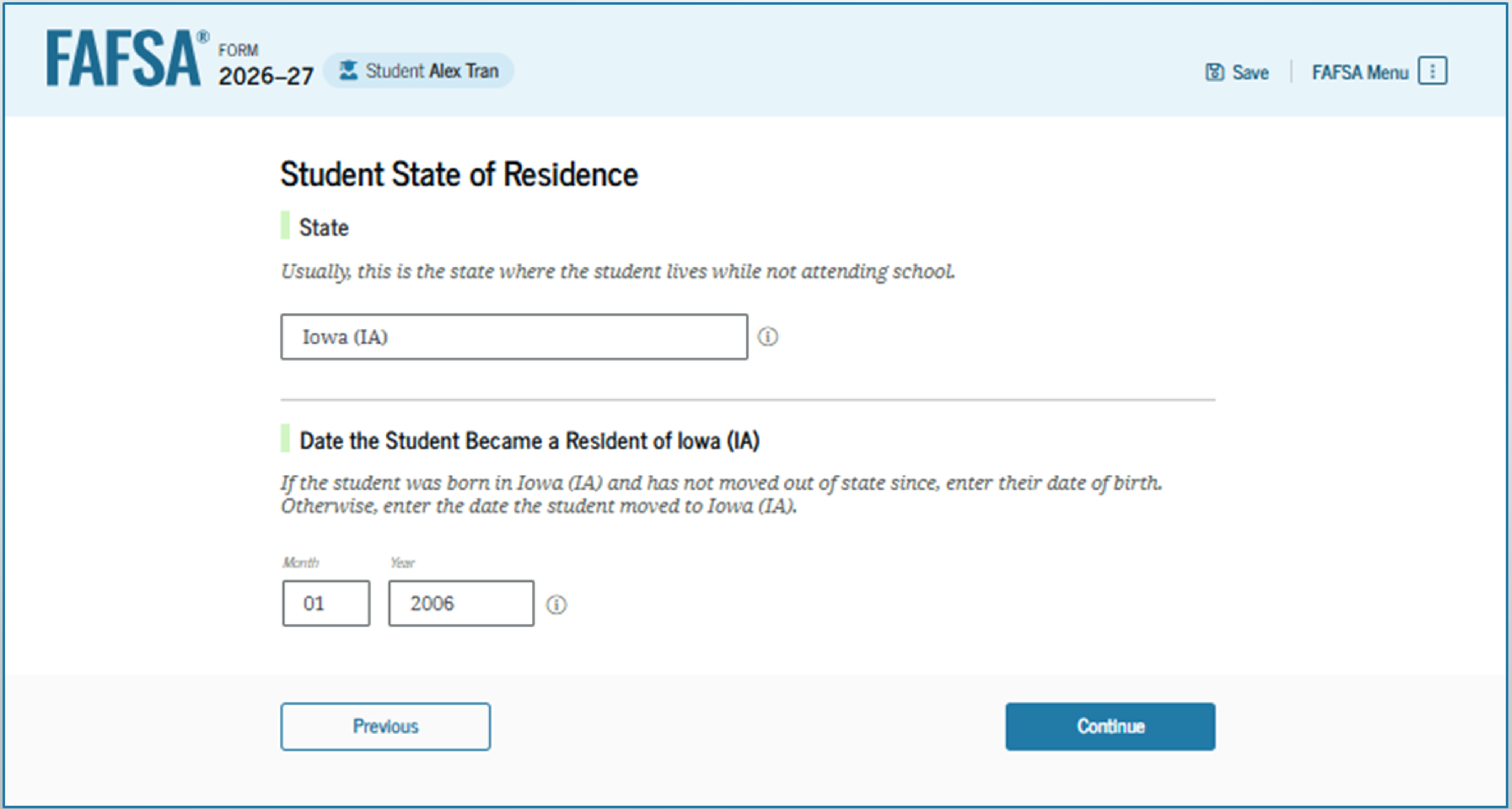
Dependent Student State of Legal Residence



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Student State of Residence

State

Usually, this is the state where the student lives while not attending school.

Iowa (IA)

Date the Student Became a Resident of Iowa (IA)

If the student was born in Iowa (IA) and has not moved out of state since, enter their date of birth. Otherwise, enter the date the student moved to Iowa (IA).

Month: 01 Year: 2006

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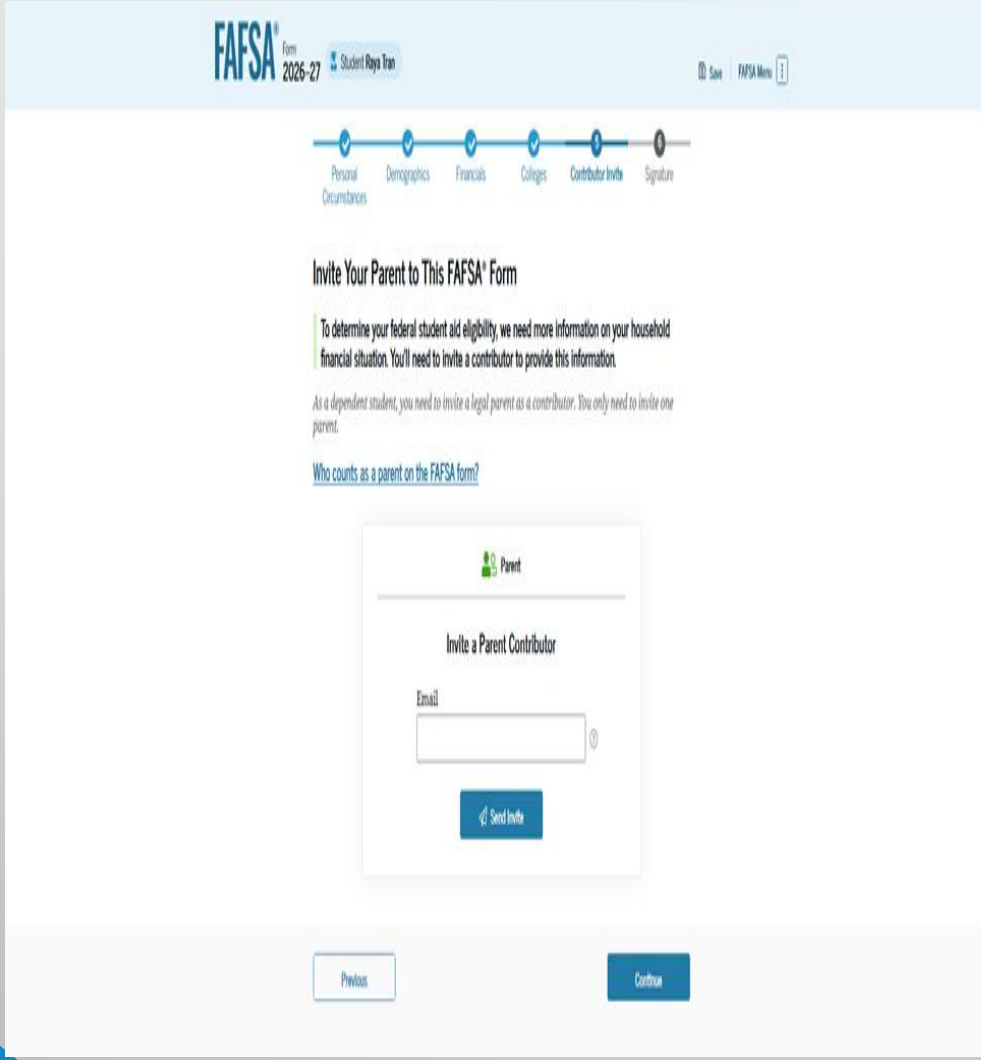
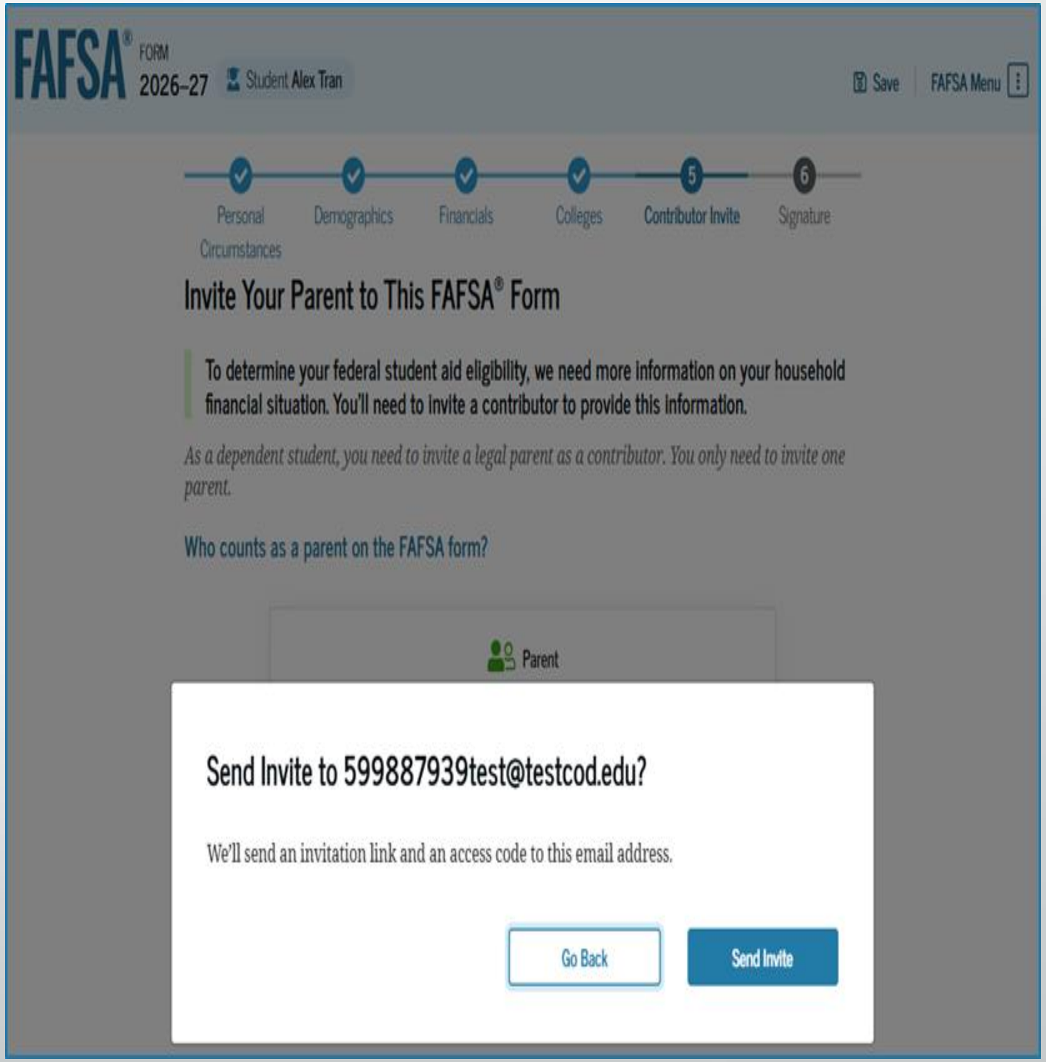
Student Invites Parent to FAFSA Form





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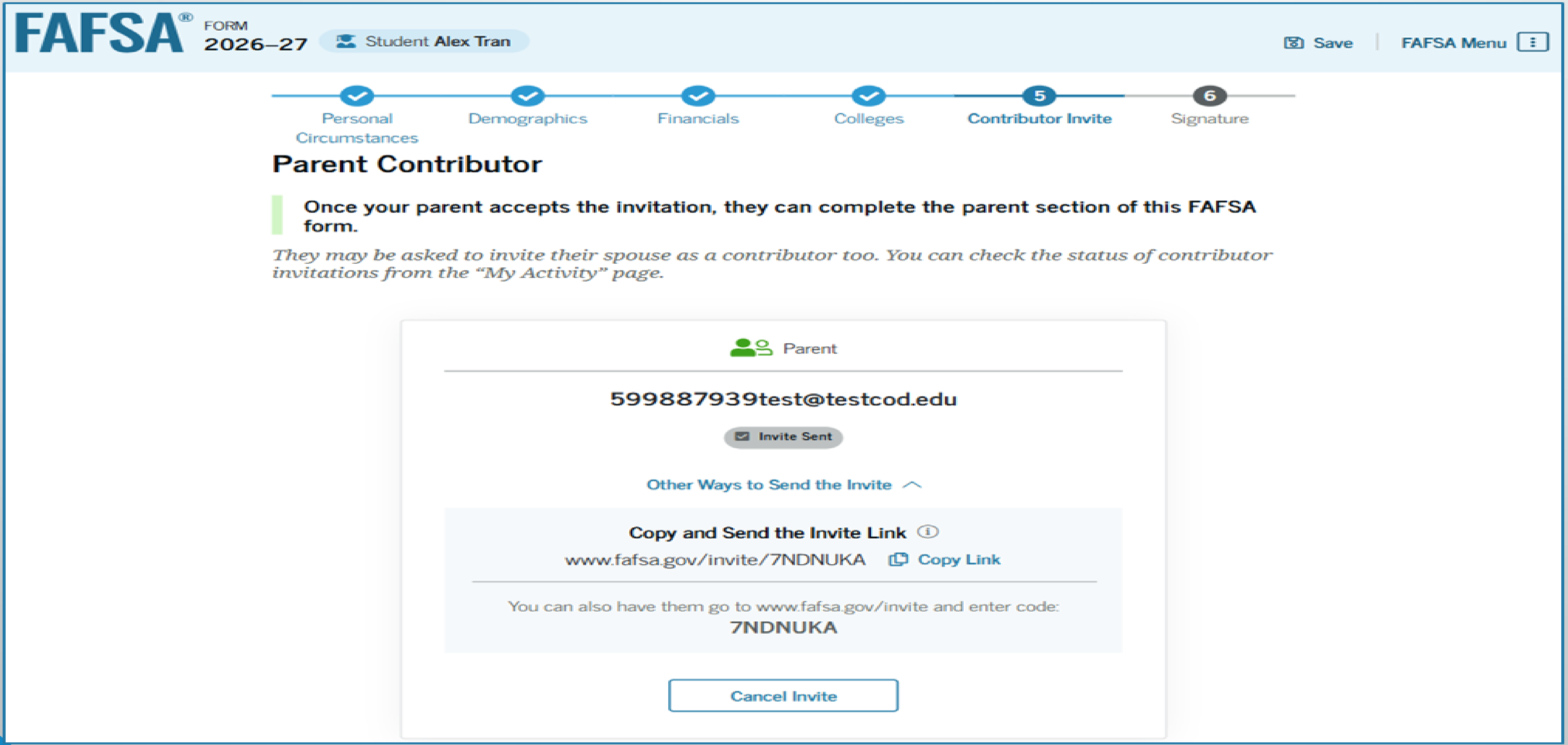


Parent’s Invite Email

Alcina,

Raya T. started their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and added you as a contributor. Raya won't be eligible for federal student aid without your input.

Login or create an account on StudentAid.gov:

Accept Invitation

Provide this code when prompted:

7BR4U7T

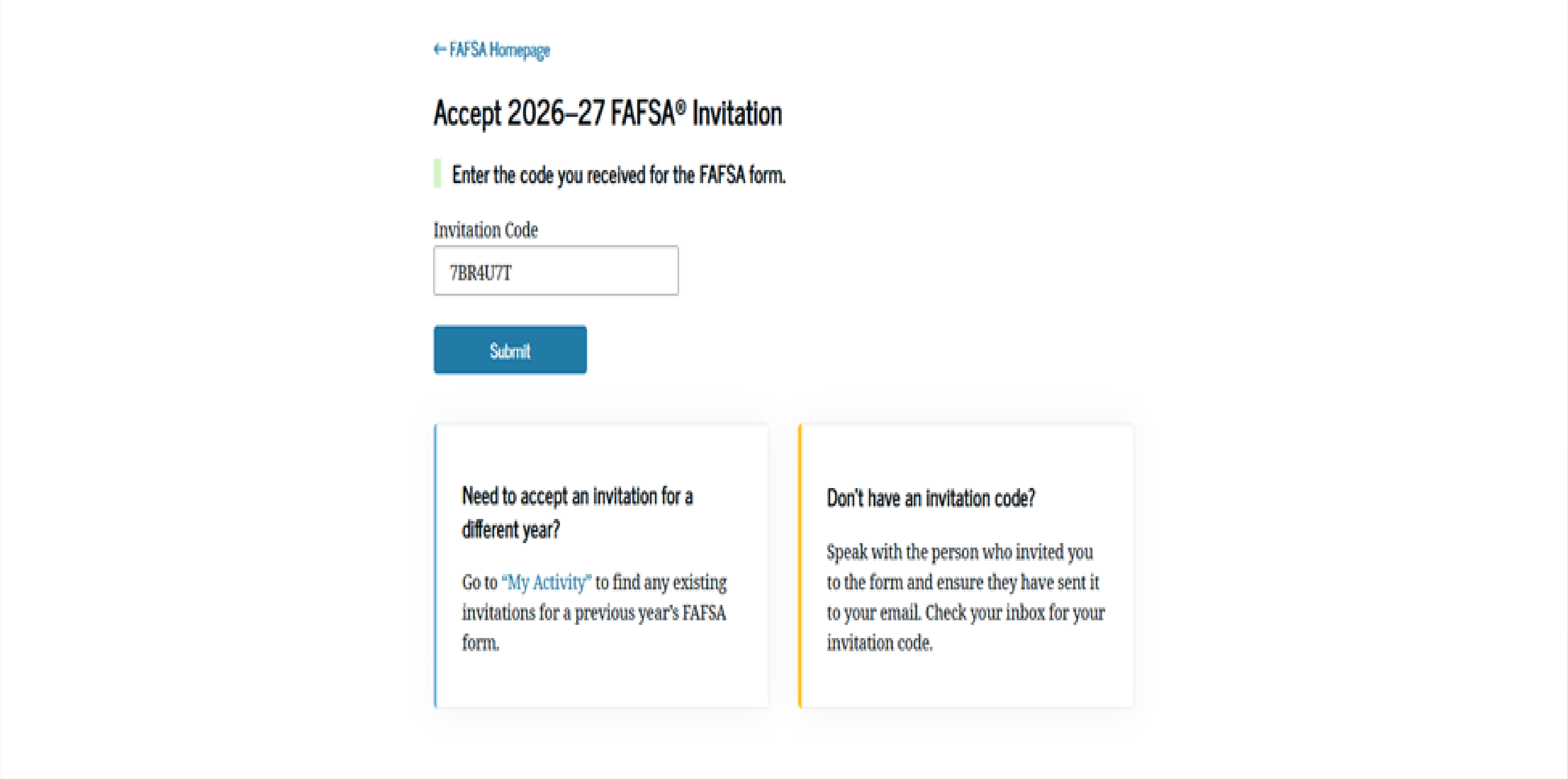
Why You Were Invited

We need some inforation from you to determine what aid Raya is eligible for. Being a contributor doesn't mean you are financially responsible for Raya's education costs.

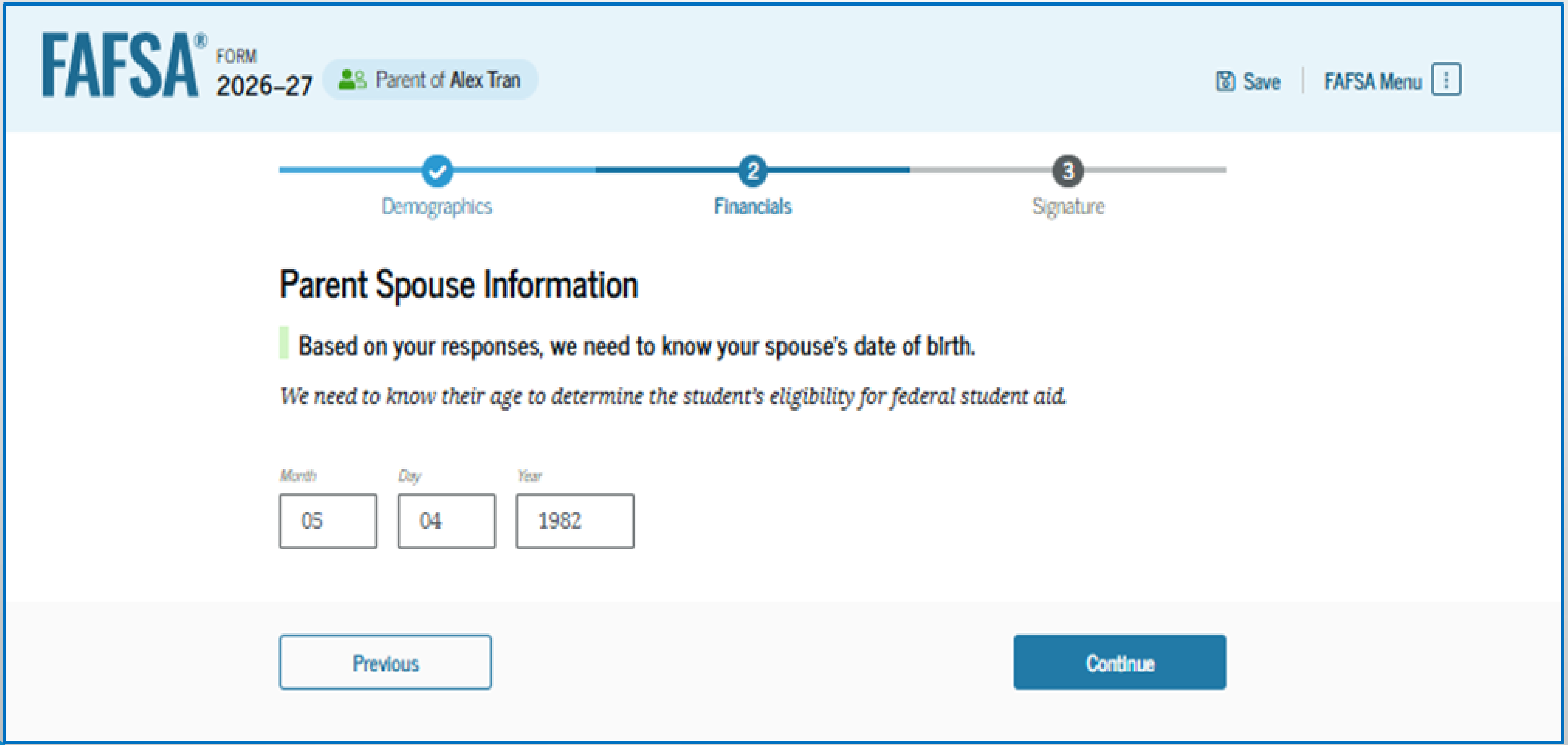
The FAFSA form is used to determine a student's eligibility for financial aid including:

- Federal Pell Grants
- federal student loans
- state financial aid
- school financial aid

Parent Accepts Student Invite



Dependent Student: Other Parent Information



Annual FAFSA 101 Workshop

- Friday, September 26, 2025, @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Screen-by-Screen Explanation of the FAFSA Process
- Focused on supporting students/parents to complete FAFSA
- Open to all high school/college access professionals
- Registration is available now at:

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Financial Aid Nights

- August 20th to October 1st
- Every Wednesday Evening: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Free Virtual, Online Zoom Workshops for students/parents
- Outlines the Financial Aid Process & FAFSA process
- Easy registration & access through:

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FAFSA Completion

- November 05 to December 17
- Every Wednesday Evening: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Free Virtual, Online Zoom Workshops for students/parents
- Screen by Screen Completion and Help Room
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Scholarship Webinars

- Two (2) Webinars - November 6 & November 20
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FAFSA Communications & Resources

- FAFSA Postcard Mailout
- Promotional Flyers - Financial Aid Nights
- Promotional Flyers - FAFSA Completion Nights
- Promotional Flyers - Scholarship Webinars
- How to Pay for College Booklet
- Road Map to College Guide - Class of 2026 edition
- FSA ID Information Cheat Sheet
- Social/digital media promotion
- Posters mailed directly
- Resources available in “Counselor Section,” of

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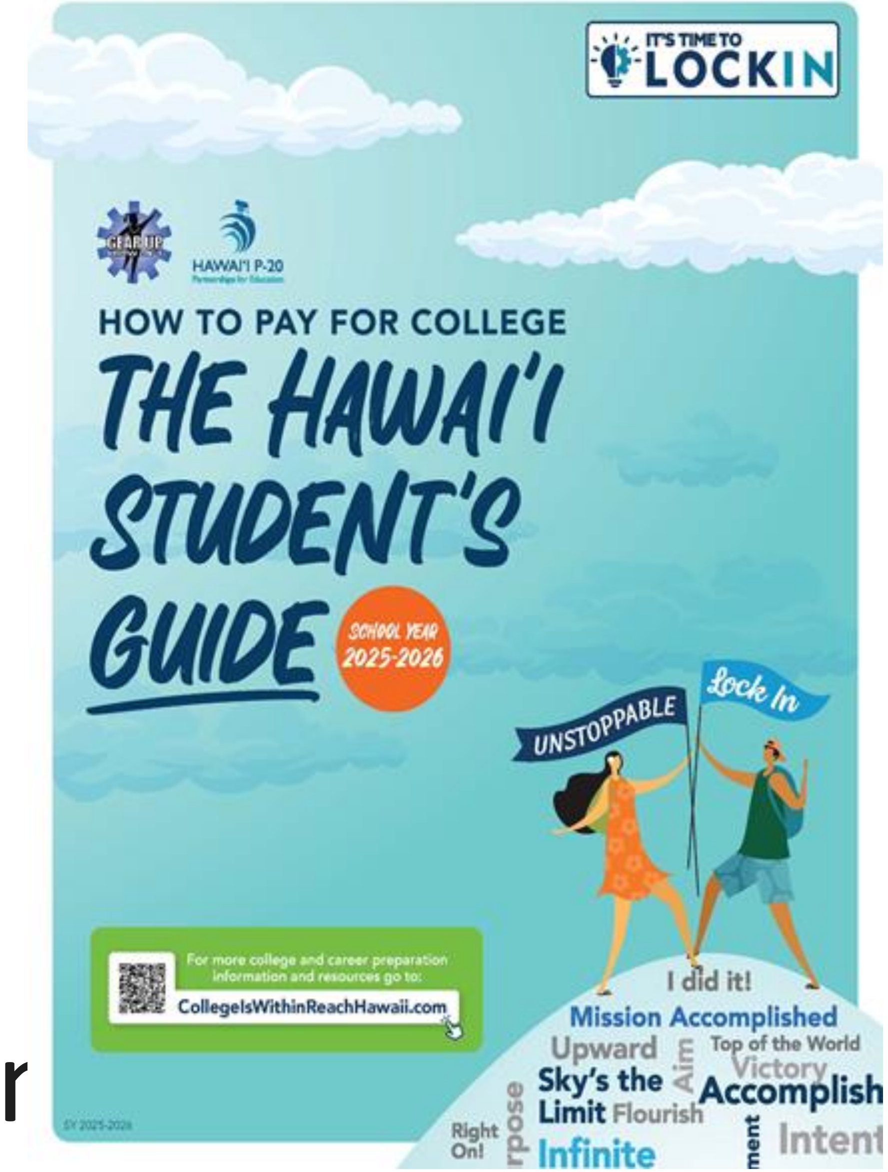

Peace……………………………Out!!!

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Cash for College FAFSA Challenge

- Seeking input from High School College Counselors for 2025-2026 Challenge
  - Contact Gus or Frank to share thoughts
- High schools must opt-in to participate
- Official announcement coming in November
- First Cash for College report will be out the first week of November