

# Busting Unique Situations, DACA, & & Foster Care Questions



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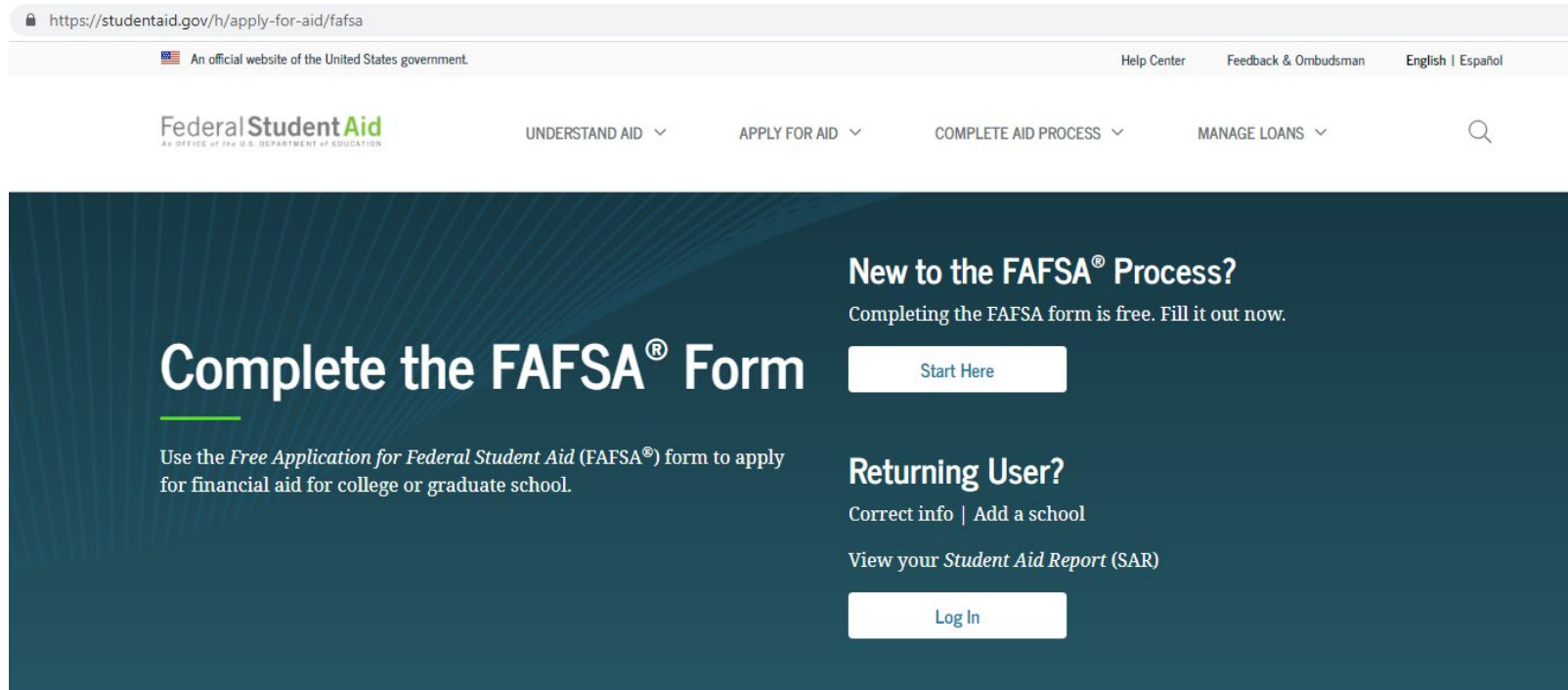
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# Zap line

- FAFSA 101
- Unique Situations
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- DACA
- Help for counselors and students
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# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



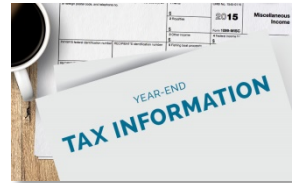
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>  
Mystudentaid app



# Information Needed



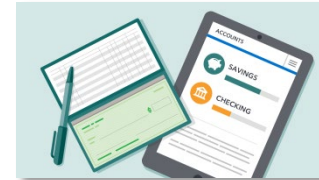
SSN or Alien  
Registration  
Number



Tax & income  
information



Untaxed  
income



Current cash,  
savings &  
checking  
account  
balances



Investments  
other than the  
home in which  
you live

# FSA ID

- Can be created by visiting <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id>
- Students and parents must create their own individual IDs
- Only one parent needs to have an FSA ID
- Valid email address

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### Log In ↗

FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone

[Forgot My Username](#)

Password

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Log In

or

Create an Account

# Student Dependency Status

- Answer is 'NO' to all questions
  - Student is dependent
  - Must include parental info
- Answer is 'YES' to any question
  - Student is independent
  - Does not need to include parental info

## QUESTIONS

- Born before Jan. 1, 1998
- Veteran
- Active-duty military
- Married
- Children or other dependents
- Both parents deceased
- Foster care after age 13
- Dependent/Ward of court after age 13
- Emancipated Minor
- Legal Guardianship
- Homeless or at risk of being homeless

# Who is my Parent?

- If parents are living together, **regardless of marital status**, include their combined financial information
- If parents are divorced or separated, include the financial information for **the parent that provided more than 50% of your support** during the past 12 months
  - If that parent is remarried, you **must include their current spouse's financial information** as well

{ Grandparents, foster parents, and legal guardians are NOT considered parents unless they legally adopted student }

# Unique Situations

- Dependency Override
  - Student is not able to provide parental information due to special circumstances
  - Student starts process with financial aid office
  - Internal Application
- Professional Judgment Consideration (PJ)
  - Medical and dependent care expenses
  - Death of Parent
  - Change of income
  - Change in marital status





# foster Care or Ward of the Court

- Student answers “yes” to dependency question
  - If they were in foster care or dependent/ward of court at any point after age 13, even if they are no longer in foster care or are a dependent/ward of court
- The school may require the student submit court documentation or documentation from social services.
- Institutional form
- The State of Kansas offers tuition waivers to students who were in the foster care system.

# Legal Guardianship

- Student can answer “yes” if they were in legal guardianship immediately before they reached 18
- The school may require the student submit court documentation
- The definition of legal guardianship doesn't include the student's parents even if they were appointed by a court to be the student's guardian
- Institutional form

# Homeless/At Risk

- “Homeless” means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing (at any point on or after July 1, 2020) (22-23 FAFSA July 1, 2021)
- “Unaccompanied” means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- Financial aid administrators may require students to provide a copy of the determination if you answered “Yes” to homeless or unaccompanied .

# Emancipated Minor

- If court determined the student to be an emancipated minor, they would answer “yes” to this question
- Once a student reaches age 18, they cannot become an emancipated minor
- The school may require the student submit court documentation
- Institutional form



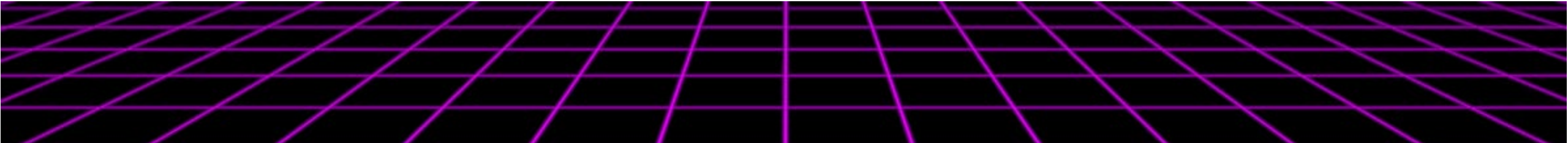


# DACA

- Undocumented Students/DACA Students
  - Not eligible for federal financial aid (even w/ valid SSN)
  - Undocumented/DACA students who graduate from Kansas HS may be able to qualify for in-state tuition at KS colleges
  - Undocumented/DACA students are not eligible for state aid
- Documented students can still qualify for aid if their parents are undocumented
  - DOE does not share any information with Homeland Security (ICE)
- Undocumented Parent(s)
  - SSN should be reported as 000-00-0000
  - Cannot obtain an FSA ID
  - Print Signature Page and mail to Department of Education (CPC)

# Student and Counselor Resources

- Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
  - [https://www.kasfaa.org/student\\_parent\\_counselor\\_resou.php](https://www.kasfaa.org/student_parent_counselor_resou.php)
- Kansas Board of Regents
  - [https://www.kansasregents.org/students/student\\_financial\\_aid/scholarships\\_and\\_grants](https://www.kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants)
- Department of Education-Financial Aid on the Web
  - <https://studentaid.gov/>
- NASFAA
  - [https://www.nasfaa.org/students\\_parents](https://www.nasfaa.org/students_parents)



Q & A



# Sessions

## **Footloose Through the FAFSA: A Step-by-Step Guide**

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## **Searching for Lost Treasure: How to Find Scholarship 101**

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