

Busting Unique Situations, DACA, & & Foster Care Questions



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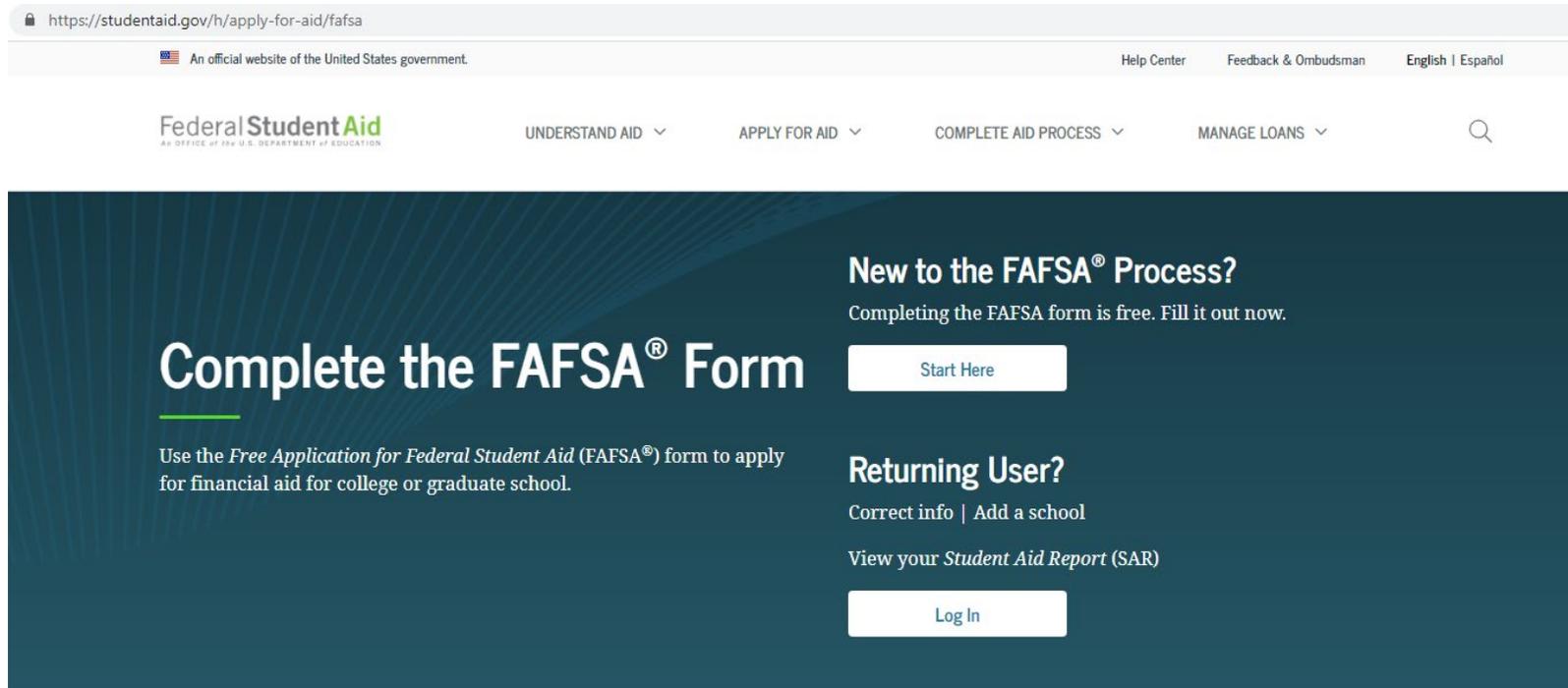
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Zap line

- FAFSA 101
- Unique Situations
- Foster Care/Ward of the Court
- DACA
- Help for counselors and students
- Q&A
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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the FAFSA website. At the top, there is a browser address bar with the URL <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Below the address bar, there is a navigation bar with the text "An official website of the United States government." and links for "Help Center", "Feedback & Ombudsman", and "English | Español". The main navigation menu includes "Federal Student Aid" (with a subtext "AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION"), "UNDERSTAND AID", "APPLY FOR AID", "COMPLETE AID PROCESS", and "MANAGE LOANS". A search icon is also present.

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.
[Start Here](#)

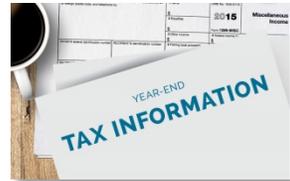
Returning User?
[Correct info](#) | [Add a school](#)
[View your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)
[Log In](#)

<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

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid login interface. At the top, the logo 'Federal Student Aid' is displayed with the tagline 'AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'. To the right are two menu items: 'UNDERSTAND AID' and 'APPLY FOR AID', both with downward-pointing chevrons. The main content area is a white box with a light gray border. It features a 'Log In' button with a right-pointing arrow icon. Below this is a text input field labeled 'FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone' with a question mark icon to its right. A link 'Forgot My Username' is positioned below the input field. The next field is labeled 'Password' with a question mark icon to its right. A 'Show Password' link is located to the right of the password input field, and a 'Forgot My Password' link is below it. At the bottom of the form is a large blue 'Log In' button. Below this button is the word 'or' centered between two horizontal lines. At the very bottom is a white button with a blue border labeled '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

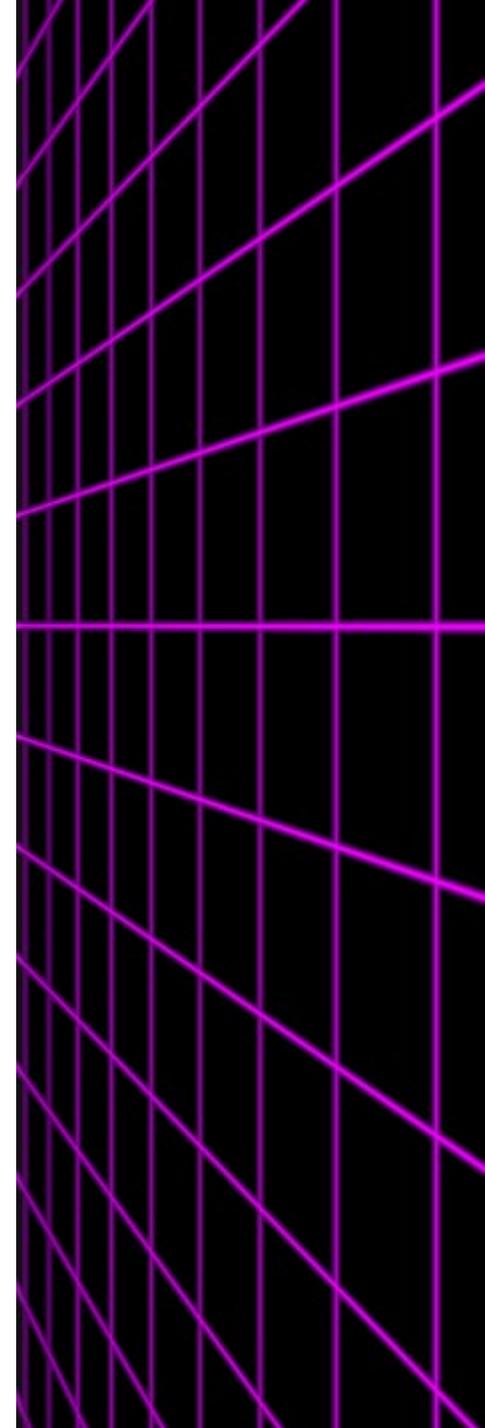
QUESTIONS

- 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

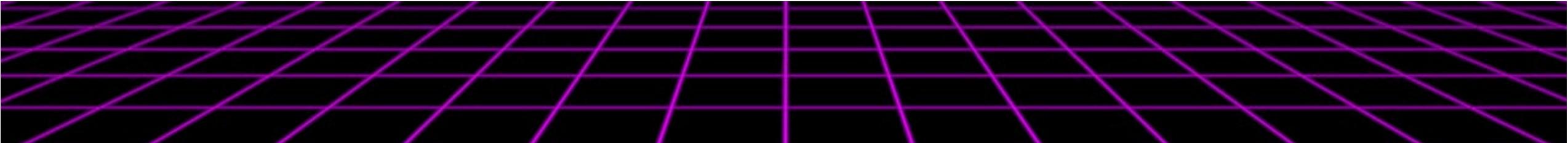


DACA

- 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
- Kansas Board of Regents
 - 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



Q & A



Sessions

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