

FAFSA

California State University
Central Valley and Sacramento-San Joaquin

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- Must be enrolled at a UC or CSU
- Must be enrolled at least ½ time
- 1st Undergraduate program
- Income ≤ \$184,000
- Assets ≤ \$184,000
- Maximum UC award \$5,028
- Maximum CSU award \$2,298
- Last processed award each academic year

MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Only for students who have less than 40% of their UC or CSU fees covered by grants and scholarships

Golden State Teacher Grant Program

The new Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) provides up to \$20,000 in financial aid to eligible students enrolled in a Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) approved teacher preparation program within an accredited California institution of higher education on or after January 1, 2020.

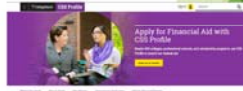
If awarded a Golden State Teacher Grant of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), students must commit to teaching in a high need field at a priority school.

For additional information please e-mail:
goldenstateteachers@csac.ca.gov

CSS Profile (for institutional aid)

- ▶ Some private colleges ask for additional information such as home equity, income and assets from non-custodial parents, retirement plans, etc.
- ▶ Not used for awarding federal financial aid- only aid from the colleges/universities
- ▶ Not all schools require- participating institutions include USC, Stanford University, the Claremont Colleges, UC San Francisco. About 200 colleges nationally.
- ▶ Cost - \$25 for app & one college, \$16 for additional colleges
- ▶ Online Registration only-

<https://profileonline.collegeboard.org>



Applications



CA Dream Act Application (CADA) www.caldreamact.org

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov



Financial Aid Platforms

FAFSA / myStudentAid / StudentAid.gov



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Start here for:

- ▶ Initial FAFSA
- ▶ Continuing a saved FAFSA
- ▶ Making updates
- ▶ Renewal FAFSA



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FAFSA – Seven Sections of FAFSA Fun!

- 1 - Student Information
- 2 - School Selection
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- 4 - Parent Information
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1 - Student Information

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Student E-mail and Phone

Student Information

Your e-mail address

Your cell phone number

Your home phone number

Your fax number

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Student Address

Student Information

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)

Your ZIP code (include 9 digit)

Your state

Your ZIP code

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Student Residency and Eligibility

Student Information

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Yes No

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The screenshot shows the 'Student Education' section of the FAFSA form. It includes a navigation bar with tabs for Search, School Selection, Demographics, Parent Information, Student Information, and Sign & Submit. The main content area contains the following questions:

- What will your high school completion date be when you begin college in the 2020-2021 school year?
- What college degree is intended will you be seeking or what you begin the 2020-2021 school year?
- Will you have your first teacher's degree before you begin the 2020-2021 school year?
 No Yes
- When will your college grade level be when you begin the 2020-2021 school year?
- Have you intended to being considered for work-study?
 No Yes

Buttons for 'Previous' and 'Next' are visible at the bottom right of the form.

The screenshot shows the 'Student Selective Service' section of the FAFSA form. It includes the same navigation bar as the previous section. The main content area contains the following questions:

- Are you a male or female?
 Male Female
- Did you register with the Selective Service System and your program must register with the Selective Service System to receive Federal student aid?
 Yes No
- Are you registered with the Selective Service System?
 Yes No
- Do you intend to register with the Selective Service System?
 Yes No

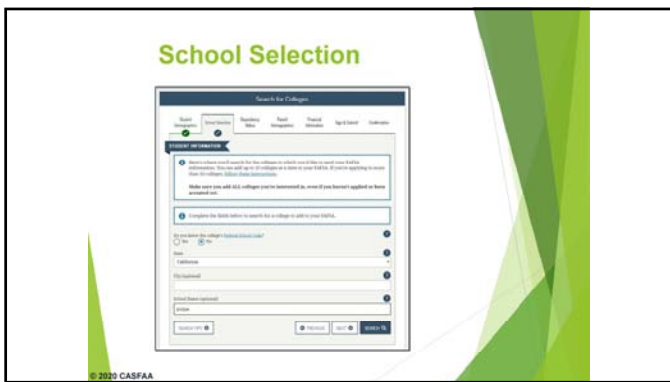
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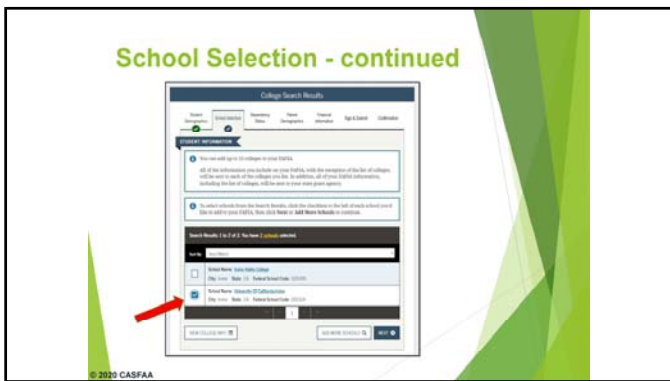
The screenshot shows the 'Search for High School' section of the FAFSA form. It includes the same navigation bar. The main content area contains the following information and questions:

- Application was successfully saved.
- Because the FAFSA belongs to the student, the user must always receive information about the FAFSA.
- Enter the name, city, and state of your high school from the search.
- What is the name of your high school?
- What ZIP is your high school located?
- What city is your high school located?
- What state is your high school located?

Buttons for 'Search', 'Previous', and 'Next' are visible at the bottom right of the form.

2 – School Selection






3 – Dependency Determination

Dependency Determination


NO to all questions:

- ▶ Makes the student dependent
- ▶ Must submit parent information



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Dependency Determination



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Foster Youth

Answer **YES** (mark the box) if at any time since the student turned age 13, he/she was in foster care even if no longer in foster care today due to:

- ▶ Adoption
- ▶ Reunification
- ▶ Reached the age of majority (18 yrs.) in California

Note: Documentation may be required

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Emancipated Minors

Answer **YES** (mark the box) if the student:

- ▶ as of today, is an emancipated minor, or
- ▶ was an emancipated minor immediately before turning 18 years old

Note: Documentation (issued from a court in the student's state of legal residence) may be required

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Legal Guardianship

YES	NO
Student can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today he or she is in a legal guardianship.	Student is still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect.
Student can provide a copy of a court's decision that he or she was in a legal guardianship immediately before he or she reached the age of being an adult in his or her state.	The court decision was not in effect at the time the student became an adult.
The court was located in the state of legal residence for the student at the time the court's decision was issued.	The guardianship was established by an attorney but not ordered by a court.

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Dependency Determination



Homeless, Unaccompanied Youth

Select **YES** if any time after July 1, 2020, the student is

- ▶ A homeless, unaccompanied youth **OR**
- ▶ Unaccompanied, self-support and at risk of homelessness

“Homeless” or “at risk of being homeless”

- ▶ Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. Includes living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because the student has nowhere else to go

“Unaccompanied”

- ▶ Not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian

“Youth” = Under **24** years of age

Resources for homeless students: NAEHCY.org

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Homeless, Unaccompanied Youth

Students are considered to be **independent** if they are determined to be Homeless Unaccompanied Youth by:

- The student’s high school or school district homeless liaison, or
- The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funding by HUD, or
- The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program, or
- The college’s financial aid administrator

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What if...



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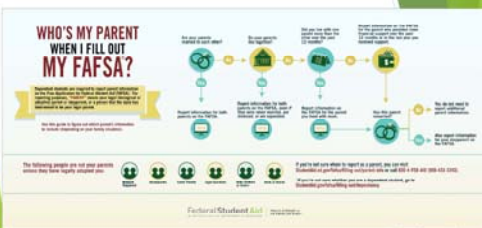
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- ▶ Colleges have the authority, *but are not obligated*, to “override” federal dependency status
 - ▶ Process will vary college to college
- Note:** Student **MUST** follow-up with college



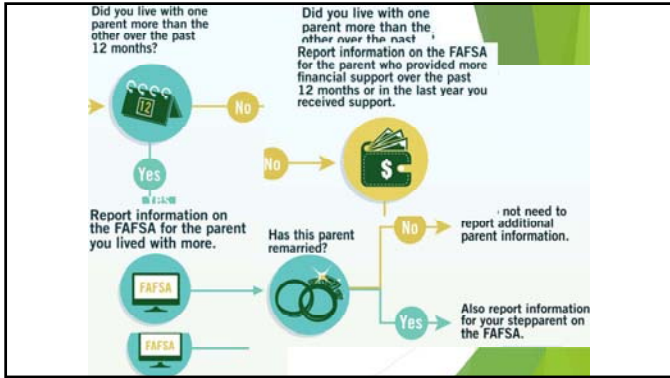
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Whose info goes on a FAFSA?



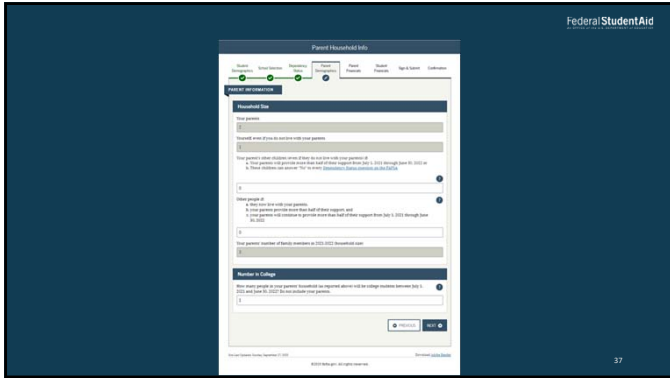
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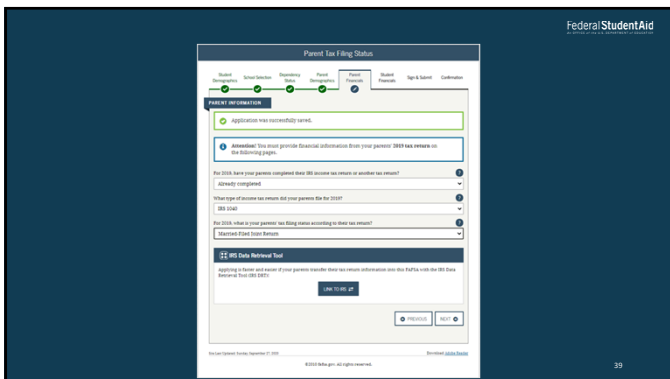




4 – Parent Information



5 – Parent Financials



Federal Student Aid

Parent Eligible for IRS DIT

Student Information Demographics Parent Information Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

PARENT INFORMATION

Applying to federal and private student loans for the 2019-2020?

Parent (or your spouse), we've discovered that you, the student, transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA. For 2019-2020, you'll need to verify certain information to verify the IRS data and complete transfer original IRS tax return information into their FAFSA.

For your convenience, you can review information IRS and display on the IRS website on our the FAFSA.

If you use the IRS DIT, you may have to provide additional IRS documentation later to qualify for federal student aid.

[Link to IRS at](#)

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6 – Student Financials

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Student Tax Filing Status

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Because the FAFSA belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

For 2019, have you completed your 2019 income tax return or another tax return?

Already completed

What income tax return did you file for 2019?

IRS 1040

For 2019, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Single

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Applying to federal and private student loans for the 2019-2020? We've discovered you've already used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to transfer your tax return information into your FAFSA.

[Link to IRS at](#)

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IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)

The DRT imports federal tax return information onto the FAFSA

- Must have valid SSN and own email address

Who isn't eligible to use it?

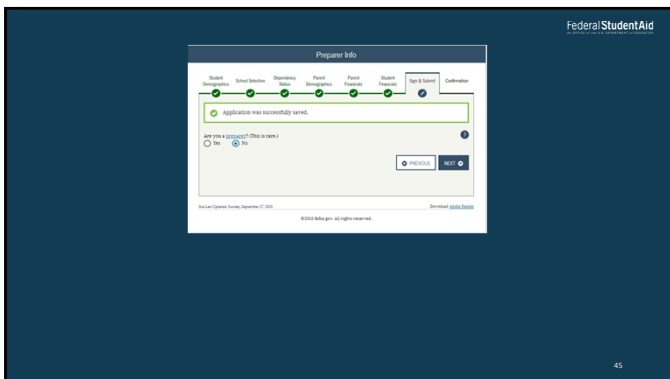
Victim of Identity Theft

Married student or parent who -

- Filed as Married Filing Separately or Head of Household
- Parent's marital status is "Unmarried and both legal parents are living together"

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7 – Sign and Submit



FSA Summary

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Student Demographics

Personal Information

Name: [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted]
Social Security Number: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]
State: [Redacted]
City: [Redacted]
Zip: [Redacted]
Country: [Redacted]
Phone Number: [Redacted]
Email Address: [Redacted]
Marital Status: [Redacted]
Sex: [Redacted]
Race: [Redacted]

School Information

School Name: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]
City: [Redacted]
State: [Redacted]
Zip: [Redacted]
Country: [Redacted]
Phone Number: [Redacted]
Email Address: [Redacted]

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Financial Information

Federal Income Tax

Filing Status: [Redacted]
Adjusted Gross Income: [Redacted]
Federal Tax Exempt Income: [Redacted]
State Tax Exempt Income: [Redacted]
Federal Tax Credits: [Redacted]
State Tax Credits: [Redacted]
Federal Tax Deductions: [Redacted]
State Tax Deductions: [Redacted]
Total Federal Tax: [Redacted]
Total State Tax: [Redacted]
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Parent Financials

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City: [Redacted]
State: [Redacted]
Zip: [Redacted]
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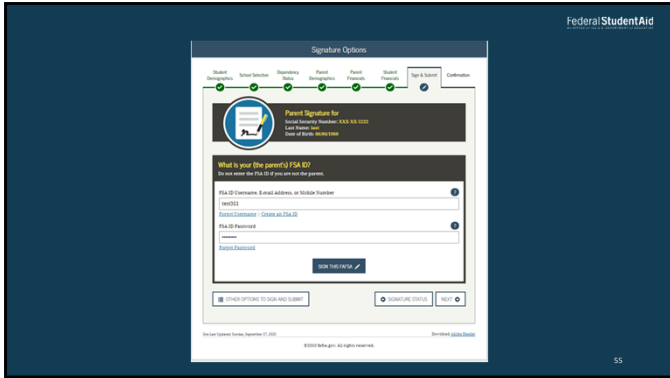
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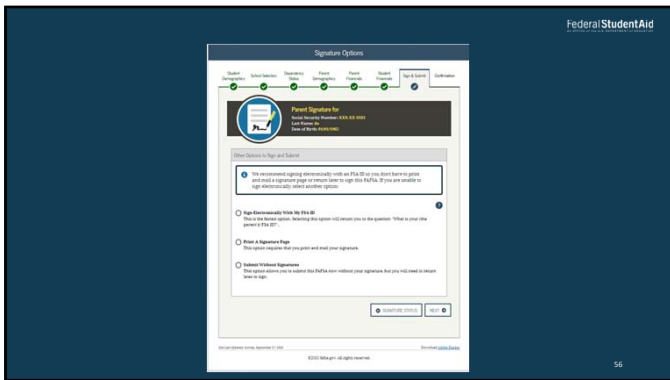
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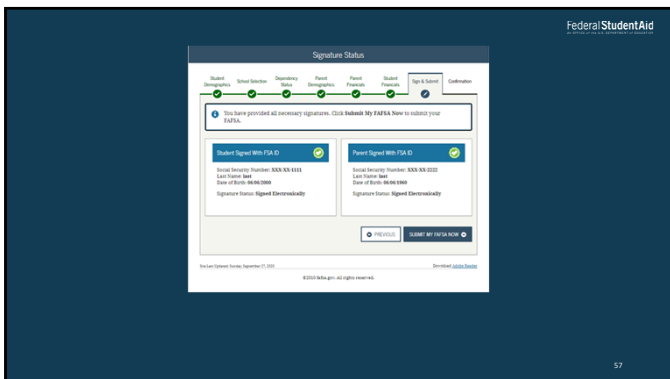
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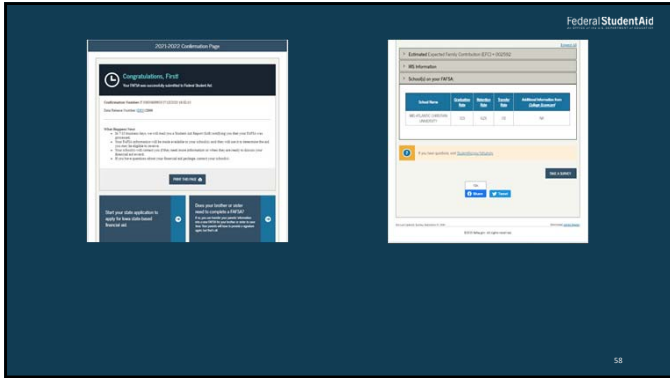
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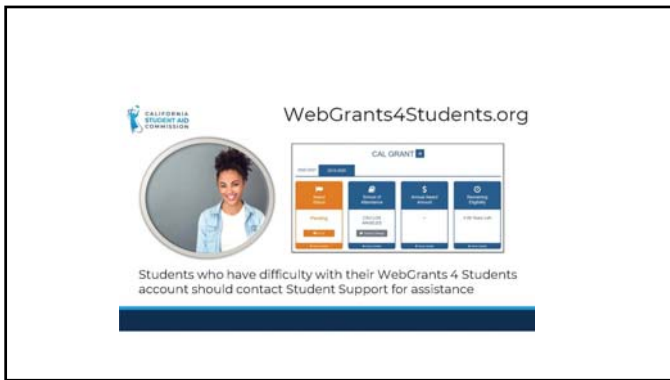
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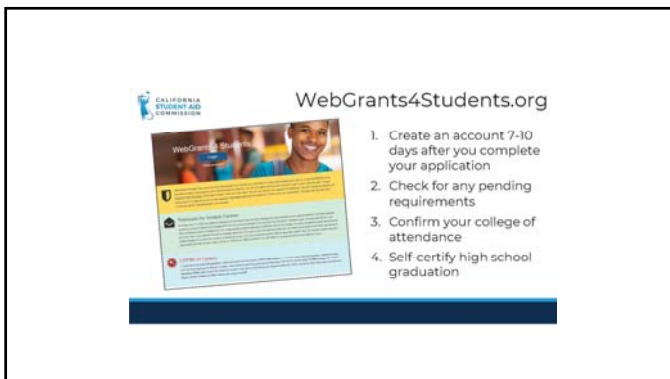












Common FAFSA Mistakes

- Not reading definitions and instructions carefully
 - Legal Guardianship
 - Parent
 - Head of Household Status
 - Number of Family Members (Household)
 - Number of Children in College
- Inputting information
 - Confusing student and parent questions
 - Name & Date of Birth and trying to correct them

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Common FAFSA Mistakes

- Listing only one college to receive FAFSA data
- Not using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- Not providing net worth of assets as of the date the FAFSA is completed
- Including assets that should be excluded (value of primary residence, retirement plans)
- 529 plans - where to report asset, where to report distributions

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FAFSA Concerns

- Correcting Name or Social Security Number
- Correcting Date of Birth
- Selective Service requirements
- Completing the FAFSA after March 2nd (missing out on Cal Grant eligibility)

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