## **Applying for Financial Aid**

Presented by: The Hartnell College Financial Aid Office

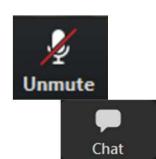




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- Use the chatbox for general questions.
- Do not share personal or identifiable information.
- There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the presentation.

#### What will you learn?



- SVP Requirements
- Types and sources of financial aid
- Required financial aid application forms
- How to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), CA
   Dream Act Application and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form

## **Salinas Valley Promise (SVP)**



#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Be a graduate of a high school or adult school within the Hartnell Community College District
- First-time college student
- Enroll full-time (at least 12 units or more)
- Submit the FAFSA or the California Dream Act Application

#### **Steps: Deadline March 2, 2021**

- 1. Submit an application for admissions to Hartnell College through <a href="CCCApply">CCCApply</a>
- 2. Submit the <u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or <u>California Dream Act Application</u>
  a. Indicate Hartnell College (School Code: 001209) on your application
- 3. Submit the <u>Salinas Valley Promise Program</u>
  <u>Application</u>

#### **Program Benefits**

- Free in-state tuition, regardless of household income
- A free laptop OR Hartnell bookstore voucher
- Participation in a summer institute
- Student success and professional development workshops
- Mentoring by faculty, peers, and industry professionals



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https://www.hartnell.edu/promise/

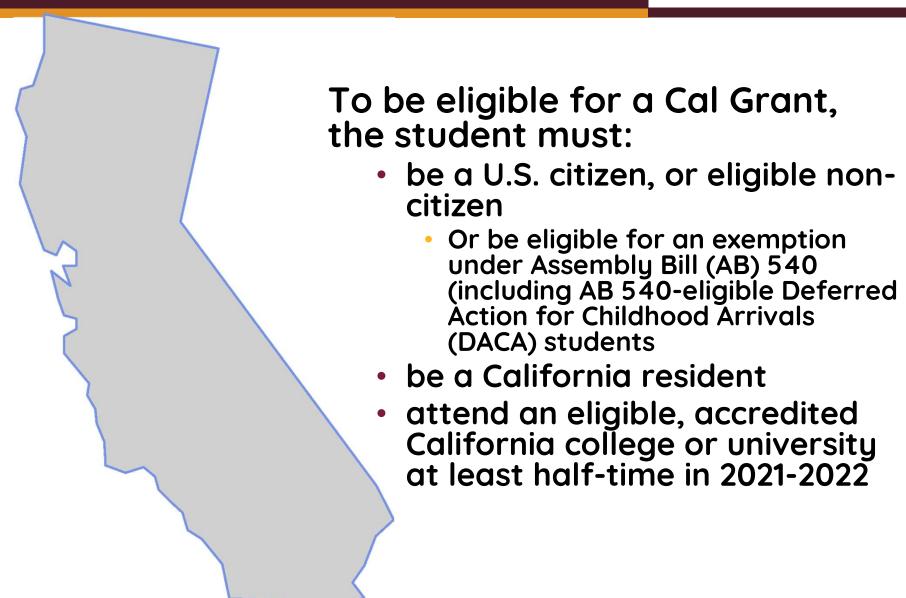
### Types of Financial Aid



- Gift Aid Grants or scholarships that do not need to be earned\* or repaid
- Work Money earned by the student as payment for a job on or off campus
- Loans Borrowed money to be paid back, usually with interest

#### **Eligibility for Cal Grants**



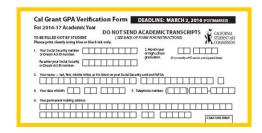


## Application Requirements for the Cal Grant for 2021-2022



By March 2, 2021, complete and submit:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov or with the myStudentAid App
  - If eligible under Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) or DACA, students should complete the California Dream Act Application at <u>dream.csac.ca.gov</u>
- Cal Grant GPA Verification Form at <u>csac.ca.gov</u>
  - Check with your high school or college counselor for more details on how to file the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form, required of all students







#### California Chafee Grant



- The California Chafee Grant program provides up to \$5,000 annually to current and former foster youth for college or vocational training at any accredited college in the U.S., based on available funding
- To be eligible, foster youth must be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18 and not have reached their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday as of July 1 of the award year
- Current or former foster youth are encouraged to apply during their senior year of high school as early as October 1
- To apply, foster youth must complete:
  - 2021-2022 FAFSA
  - California Chafee Grant Program Application
  - AB 540 students may also be eligible

To apply for a Chafee Grant, go to:

www.chafee.csac.ca.gov



## By March 2, 2021, complete and submit

- 2021-2022 FAFSA at <u>fafsa.gov</u> or CA Dream Act at <u>dream.csac.ca.gov</u>
- 2021-2022 Cal Grant verified GPA as submitted by the school

#### **Information and Tips**



- Gather all documents ahead of time
- Create an FSA ID for you and your parent if you are filing a FAFSA
- File early, but no later than March 2, 2021, for the Cal Grant
- Do not use 2020 income and tax information
- Use IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer income and tax information from 2019 federal income tax returns to the FAFSA
- Student and at least one parent whose information is reported must complete and sign the financial aid application
- Keep a copy of the Submission Confirmation Page

#### Get a FSA ID to Sign the FAFSA



- The FSA ID allows students and parents to access and sign electronically.
- The FSA ID is secure and eliminates the need for students and parents to provide personally information every time they access U.S. Department of Education web sites.
- Students and their parents should get an FSA ID ASAP.
- FSA ID is not necessary for the CA Dream Act, but students will need to create a User ID and Password.

#### **Key Dates**



- Cal Grant Deadline: March 2, 2021
- Tax Year: 2019 Federal Income Tax Returns
- Academic Year: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

#### Common Mistakes



- Not reading definitions and instructions carefully for
  - 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 and Date of Birth and trying to correct them
- Including assets that should be excluded (value of primary residence, retirement plans)

### Ways to Apply



#### FAFSA / myStudentAid / StudentAid.gov



#### **CA Dream Act**



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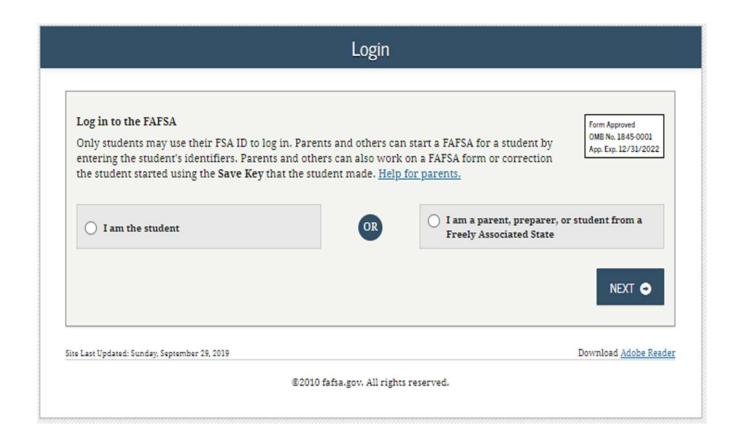
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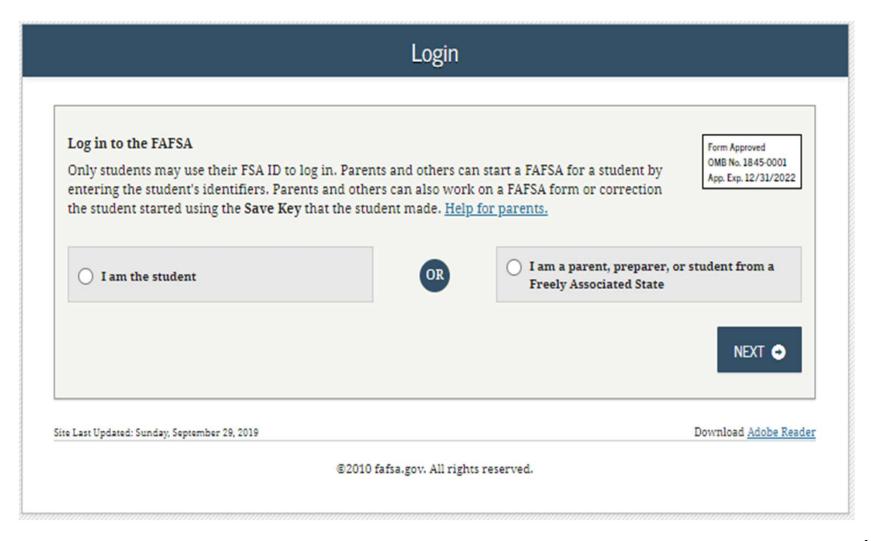
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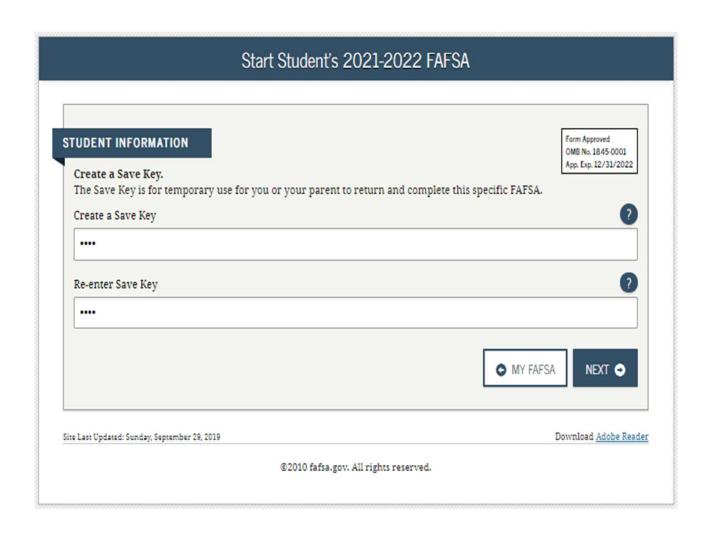
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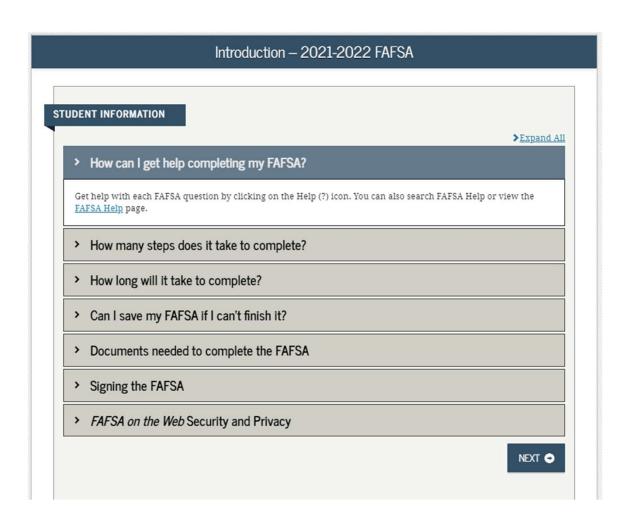
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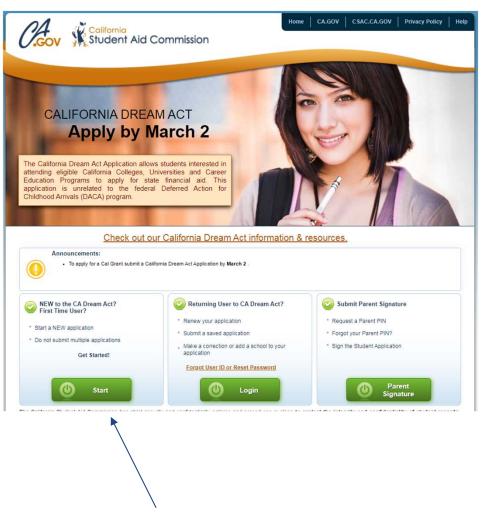
### **FAFSA Introduction Page**





#### **CA Dream Act**





- If you are completing a CA Dream Act, you will be asked to login
- If you haven't created an account before, you will be asked
  - if you have a social security number and/or,
  - if you meet the AB540 cirteria

## The FOTW A Seven-Section Online Form



- Student Demographics
- School Selection
- Dependency Status
- Parent Demographics
- Financial Information
- Sign and Submit
- Confirmation

The example you will see today is the FAFSA, but the CA Dream Act closely mirrors the FAFSA application

#### Section 1 - Student Citizenship Status

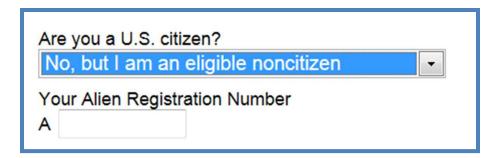


Select
Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national)
No, but I am an eligible noncitizen
No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen

- If U.S. citizen, status will be confirmed by Social Security match
- If eligible noncitizen, status will be confirmed by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) match.

## Section 1 - Eligible Noncitizen





- If eligible noncitizen, write in your eight- or nine-digit
   Alien Registration Number (ARN)
- If neither a citizen nor eligible noncitizen, the student is ineligible for federal aid. Such students should check with their college financial aid office for other aid opportunities.
- If the student is undocumented as defined in AB 540, he/she may be eligible for state financial aid. Learn more at dream.csac.ca.gov

## Section 1 - Student Aid Eligibility Drug Convictions



Have you ever received federal student aid?

Yes No

No

Have you been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, loans and/or work-study)?

Yes No

- Students who have never attended college since high school will not be asked any of the Drug Conviction questions
- Students who indicate that they have attended college before will be asked if they have ever received federal student aid
- If the answer is "yes," students will be asked if they were convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs. Most students will answer 'No" to this question and will not be asked any additional questions

# Section 1 - Student Aid Eligibility Drug Convictions (continued)



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Based on the answers you provided, we have determined that your eligibility for federal student aid is not affected by the previous question(s).

If you are convicted of possessing or selling drugs after you submit your FAFSA, you must notify the financial aid administrator at your college immediately. You will lose your eligibility for federal student aid and will be required to pay back all aid you received after your conviction.





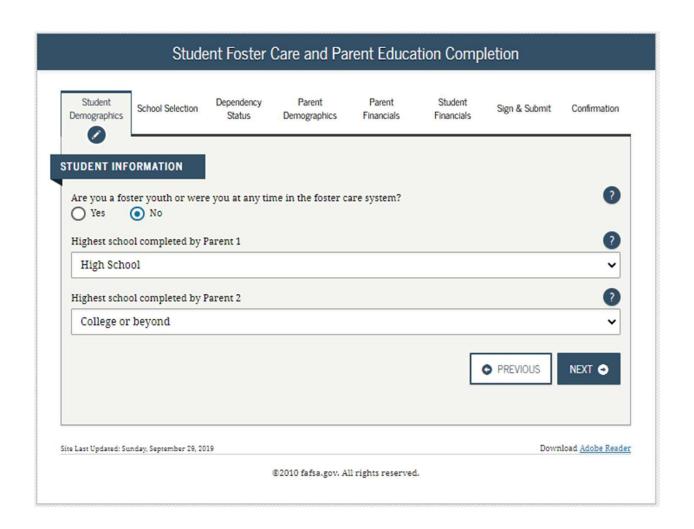
### **Student Education**



Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Parent Financials	Student Financials	Sign & Submit	Confirmation
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High scho	ol diploma						•
What college	degree or certifi	cate will you b	e working on wh	en you begin th	e 2020-2021 sc	hool year?	?
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#### Parent Education Level





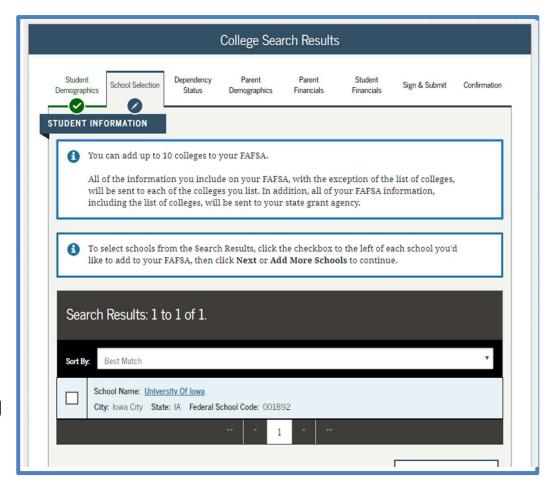


- FAFSA on the Web allows the student to list up to 10 colleges/universities that will receive his/her student and parent information
- The list of colleges will not be shared with the colleges listed on the FAFSA. It is, however, shared with state grant agencies who may base eligibility for state grants on whether a state college is listed first on the form
- The student should list first the California school he/she is most likely to attend
- The student may re-order his/her school choices
- Then, list other schools to which the student is applying for admission

## Section 2 School Selection (continued)

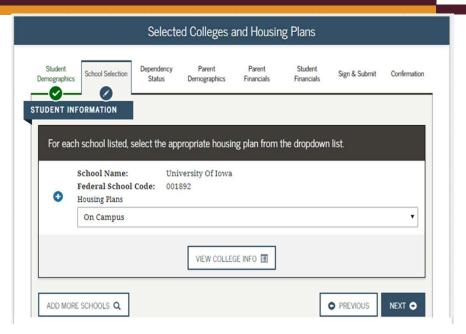


- While in the School Selection Section, the student will be asked to enter the location and name or the federal school code for each school to which he/she plans to attend.
- If the student does not know the federal school code, enter the state in which the college/university is located and search for the federal school code by the college/university name



#### Section 2 - School Selection (continued)

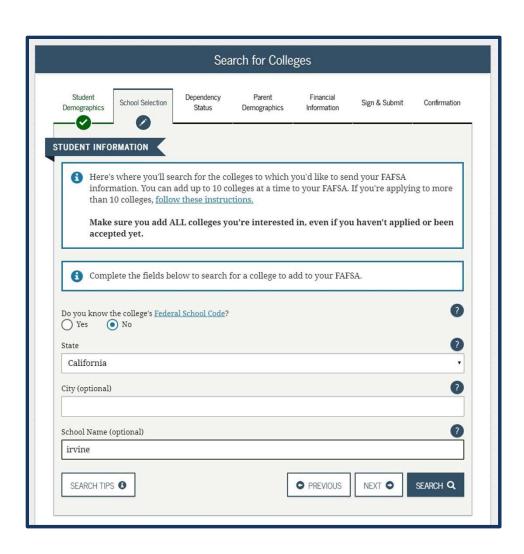




- The student will be asked to select the housing plan that best describes the type of housing the student expects to have while attending each listed school
- The choices for housing are: On Campus, With Parent, Off Campus
- Remember, selecting the "On Campus" housing option is not an application for on-campus housing. Students should check with the colleges/ universities about housing information when they apply for admission

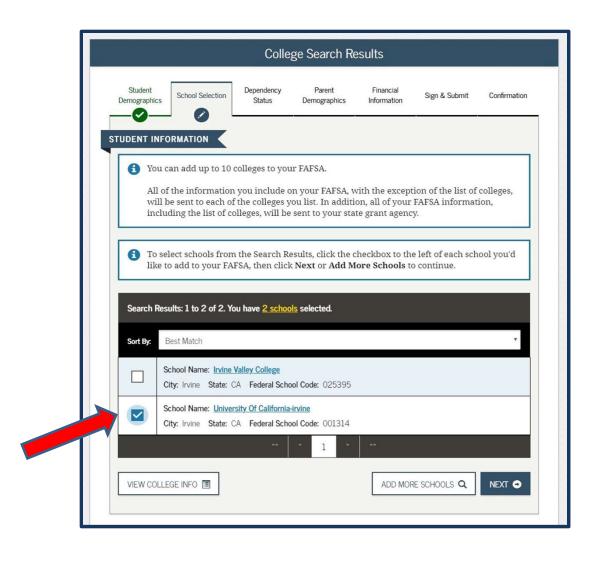
#### **School Selection**





#### School Selection - continued





#### Section 3 - Dependency Status



Dependent students are required to report parent information on the FAFSA Students who answer "yes" to any of the 13 dependency status questions are considered to be independent, otherwise they are dependent A student is considered to be dependent even if

- The student is financially selfsufficient
- The student does not live with his or her parents
- The student is not claimed as an exemption on the parent's federal income tax returns
- The parents refuse to complete the FAFSA, participate in verification, pay for college or live in a foreign country

#### Criteria for Independent Student Status

- Age 24 as of December 31 of the award year
- Married
- Graduate student
- Has children who receive more than half their support from the student
- Has other dependents who live with the student and receive more than half support from the student
- Active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
- Veteran
- After reaching age 13 was an orphan, in foster care or a ward of the court
- Court-ordered emancipated minor prior to reaching the age of majority
- Court-ordered legal guardianship
- Unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of homelessness

# Section 3 - Determination of Student Dependency Status



If the student checks "No" in all of the boxes about Dependency Status

- The student is considered a dependent student for FAFSA filing purposes and will be required to provide parental information
- The student will be asked to go to Section 4

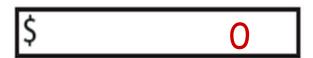
If any of the items in this section applies to the student, the student should check "Yes" in the appropriate box

- The student is considered an independent student for FAFSA filing purposes and is NOT required to provide parental information
- The student should skip Section 4 and go to Section 5

# Section 4 Parent Demographics



 If the answer to any question is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0:



(no cents)

- Report whole dollar figures:
- Recommendation: If your parents have not filed their 2019 federal tax return, use W-2 forms and/or other employment records - such as final 2019 pay check stubs - to estimate total income
- Remember, rather than miss any filing deadline, use estimated 2019 income information

## Section 4 Parent Demographics





Who is considered a parent?

- Biological or adoptive parent(s)
  - Including same-sex parents
  - Including unmarried parents living together
- In case of divorced or separated parents who don't live together, provide information about the parent the student lived with more in the last 12 months
- Stepparent (regardless of any prenuptial agreements), if currently married to the student's custodial parent



### Do <u>not</u> provide information on:

- Foster parents or legal guardians
  - If the student is in foster care or has a legal guardian, he/she is automatically considered an independent student
- Grandparents or other relatives are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted the student
  - If this is not the case, the student must attempt to get biological parental information



#### Section 4 - Parent Household Size







- Include in the parents' household:
  - the student
  - parent(s)
  - parents' other dependent children, if the parents provide more than half their support or the children could answer "no" to every question in Section 3, regardless of where they live
  - other people, if they now live with the parents and will continue to do so from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022 <u>and</u> the parents provide more than half their support now <u>and</u> will continue to provide this support from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022

#### IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)



- The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will transfer income and tax information from federal income tax returns into the FAFSA
- Not only does this simplify the FAFSA, but it also reduces the likelihood that the FAFSA will be selected for verification, saving time and hassle
- Most families will have filed federal income tax returns before the October 1 start date for the FAFSA

#### Who can't use the IRS DRT?

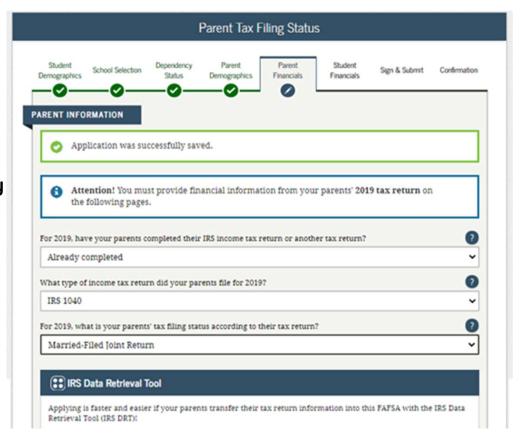
- Address on FAFSA (FSA ID) does not match address on federal income tax return
- Tax return filed too recently (< 3 weeks electronic, <</li>
   11 weeks paper)
- Change in marital status since the end of the tax year
- Married taxpayers who file as Head of Household or Married Filing Separately
- Parents who file the FAFSA as "Unmarried and both legal parents living together"
- Taxpayers who file a Puerto Rican or foreign income tax return instead of or in addition to a federal income tax return
- Parents who do not have a Social Security Number
- Victims of identity theft until the problem is resolved
- Those filling out a CA Dream Act Application

### Section 5 IRS Data Retrieval





- This question asks if parents have completed their 2019 IRS income tax return
- If parent(s) answer "Already completed," they will be given the option to transfer their 2019 income tax information directly from IRS records to the FOTW
- If parents indicate that they have recently filed their 2019 taxes, they may not be able to access their IRS data if they have filed taxes electronically within the last three weeks or by mail within the last eleven weeks
- Instead, they should use their actual 2019 IRS tax return to complete the FOTW so the student does not miss any important financial aid deadlines

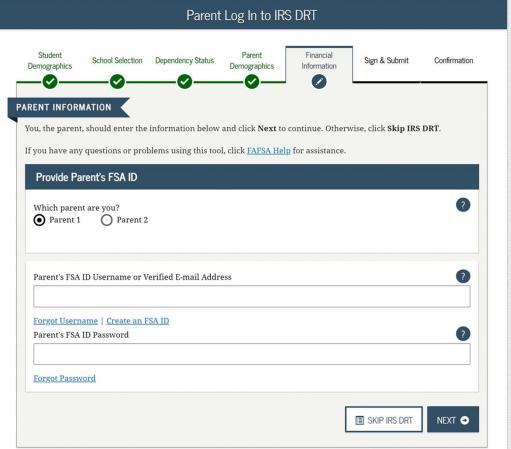


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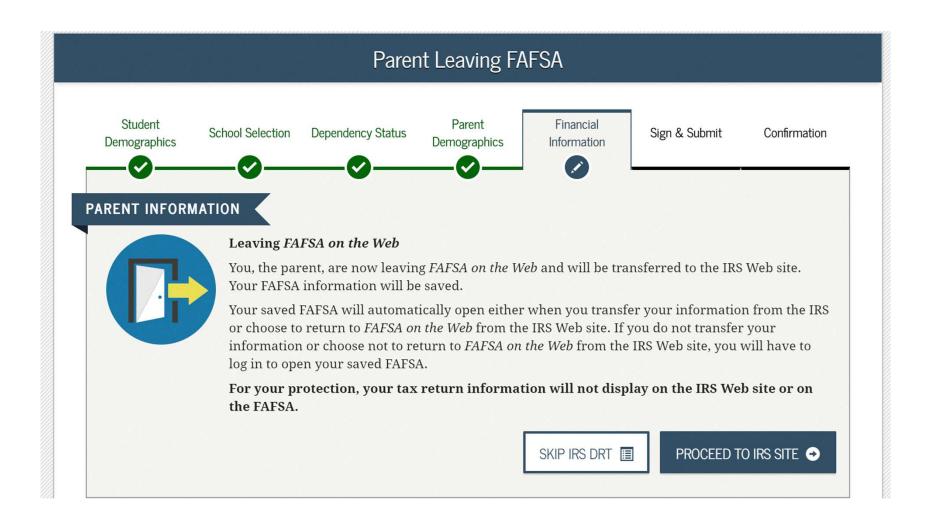




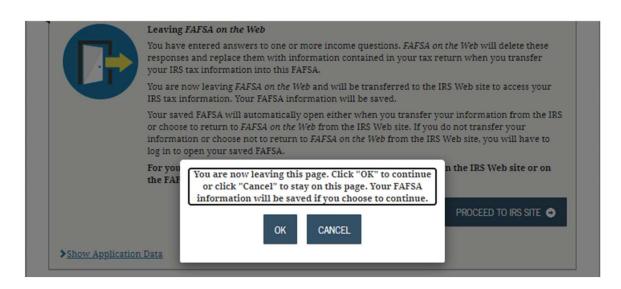


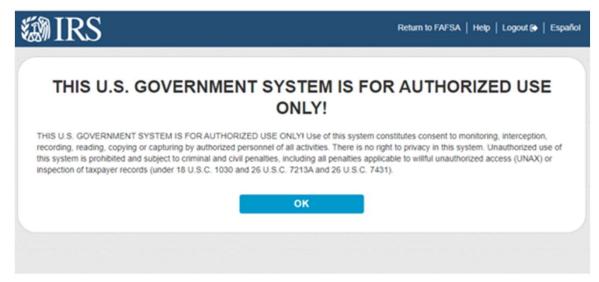
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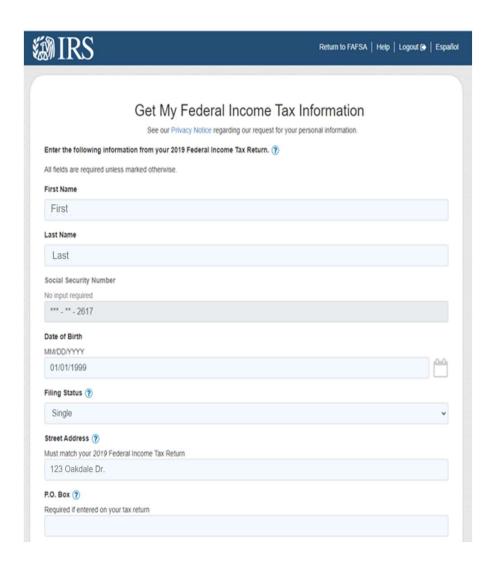


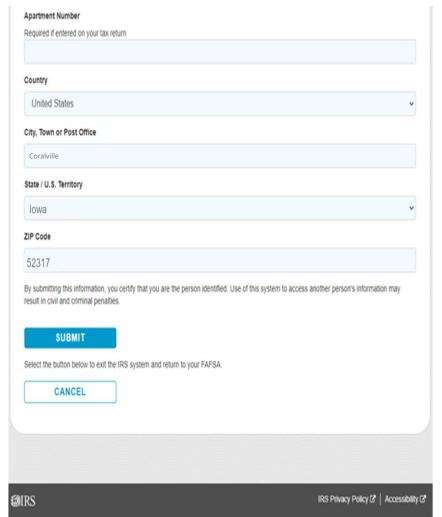




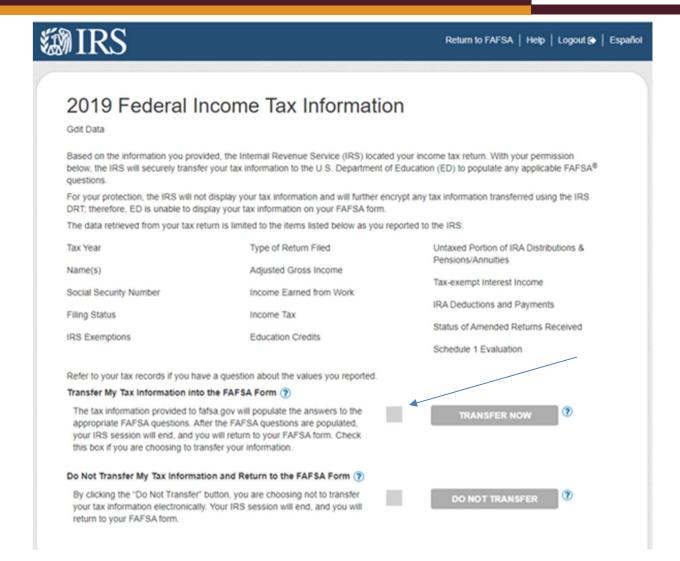












#### IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1



If IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1 is required, the applicant is not eligible for Auto Zero EFC or the Simplified Needs test

However, there are a few exceptions, if they filed Schedule 1 only to report one of the following

- Capital Gains (line 13 may not be less than 0)
- Unemployment compensation (line 19)
- Other income to report an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend (line 21 may not be less than 0)
- Educator expenses (line 23)
- IRA deduction (line 32)
- Student loan interest deduction (line 33)

### Schedule 1 is Required If Reporting ...



#### **Additional Income**

Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes

Alimony received

**Business income or (loss)** 

Other gains or (losses)

Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.

Farm income or (loss)

Other income (other than positive Alaska Permanent Fund dividends) Capital losses

#### Adjustments to Income

Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists and fee-basis government officials

Health savings account deduction

Moving expenses for members of the Armed Forces

Deductible part of self-employment tax
Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and qualified plans
Self-employed health insurance deduction
Penalty on early withdrawal of savings

**Alimony paid** 



# Order your free IRS Tax Return Transcript at www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript

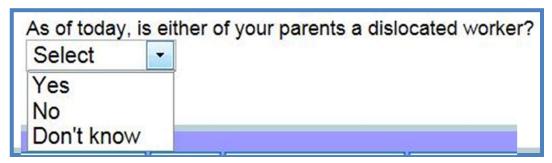




- If you can't use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you may be required to provide an IRS Tax Return Transcript if selected for verification
- The online tax return transcript is preferred because it can be emailed to the college, but getting it requires more information
  - A credit card account number of the account number from a loan
  - A mobile phone number registered to you
- Otherwise, you will need to obtain a tax return transcript by mail sent to the address on your income tax return

#### Section 5 - Parent Dislocated Worker





- The student will be asked to check if parent 1 and/or parent 2 is a dislocated worker
- A person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she:
  - lost his/her job
  - has been laid off or received a layoff notice
  - is receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or is losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation
  - is self-employed but is unemployed due to economic conditions or natural disaster
  - is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces and has experienced a loss of employment because of relocating due to permanent change in duty station
  - is a displaced homemaker
    - A displaced homemaker is generally a person who previously provided unpaid services to the family (e.g., a stay-at-home mom or dad), is no longer supported by the husband or wife, is unemployed, and is having trouble finding or upgrading employment

### Section 5 - Parents' 2019 or 2020 Household Federal Benefits



In 2019 or 2020, did your parents receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below? Check all that apply or check <b>None of the above</b> .
☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ☐ Medicaid
☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
☐ Free or Reduced Price Lunch
☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ( <u>TANF</u> )
☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
☐ None of the above

Indicate if the student, his/her parents, or anyone in the parents' household received benefits in 2019 or 2020 from any of the federal programs listed

### Section 5 2019 Additional Financial Information





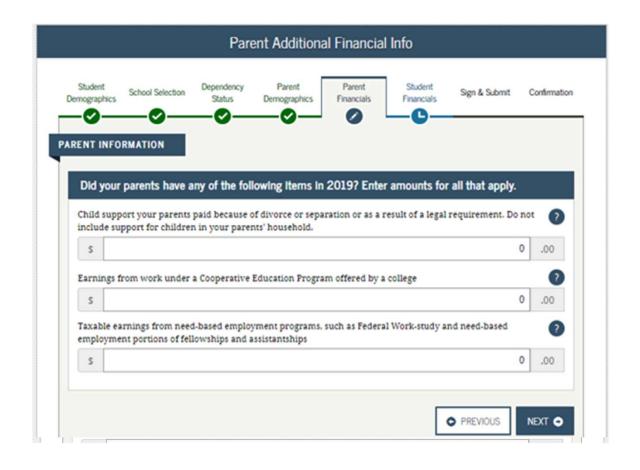
The student will be asked to report if his or her parents received or paid any of the following items in 2019. Check all that apply and provide amounts.

- American Opportunity or Lifetime Learning tax credits
- Child support paid
- Taxable earnings from Work-study, Assistantships, or Fellowships
- Taxable grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS
- Combat pay or special combat pay
- Cooperative education program earnings

### Section 5 2019 Parent Untaxed Income



- The student will be asked to report if his or her parents had any untaxed income in 2019. Check all that apply. Some examples of the most common items are:
  - Payments to taxdeferred pension and retirement savings plans such as 401(k) and 403(b)
  - IRA deductions and payments to selfemployed SEP and Keogh
  - Child support received
  - Tax exempt interest income
  - Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military and clergy





Parents may be asked to report their assets as of the day they complete the FOTW if amounts exceed those shown in the question on the FOTW. If so:



- Parent(s) must list the net value of their assets as of the day they complete the FOTW
- If net worth is zero, enter 0



NOTE: Some financial aid offices may request supporting documentation for the answers to these questions

### Section 5 Parent Assets



s of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?	(
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s of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate (not your parents' ho	ome)?
s of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? <b>Don't inc</b> amily farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.	clude a

- Students should report the current balances of their parents' cash, savings, and checking accounts as of the day they complete the financial aid application
- They may also be asked to provide information about the net value of parent investments such as real estate, rental property, money market and mutual funds, stocks, bonds and other securities
- In addition, they may be asked questions about the net value of parent businesses and investment farms
- They should not include the home in which they live, the value of life insurance and retirement plans, or the value of a family-owned and controlled small business

### Section 5 - Student Household Federal Benefits (Independent Students)



Indicate if the student, his/her spouse, or anyone in the student's household received benefits in 2019 or 2020 from any of the federal programs listed

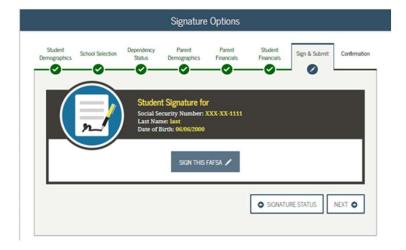
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP)
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Swomen, Infants and Children (WIC)
- None of the above

### Section 6 Student Signature Page



- Sign and Submit
  - Recommend that students and their parents sign the FAFSA electronically using their FSA IDs
  - Remember to read and mark "Agree" to the student Terms of Agreement
    - Use federal and state student aid funds for college costs
    - Not be in default on a federal student loan or made arrangements to repay it
    - Not owe money on a federal student grant or made arrangements to repay it

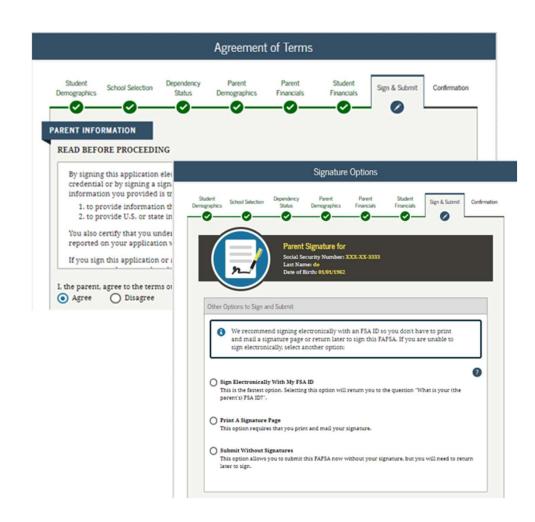




### Section 6 Parent Signature Page

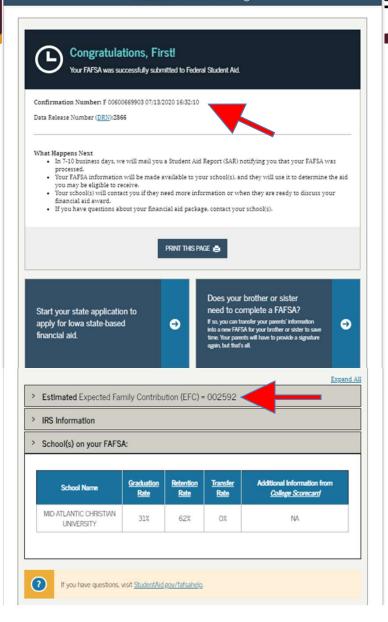


- Sign and Submit
  - Recommend that one custodial parent signs the FAFSA electronically using his/her FSA ID
  - Remember to read and mark "Agree" to the Terms of Agreement
- Parent(s) without Social Security Numbers
  - Click on "Other options to sign and submit" for Paper Signature Page





- date and time the FAFSA was submitted
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Estimated Federal Pell Grant and Federal Student Loan eligibility
- List of schools to receive FAFSA data
- Print and save a copy of the Confirmation Page



#### Student Aid Report (SAR)

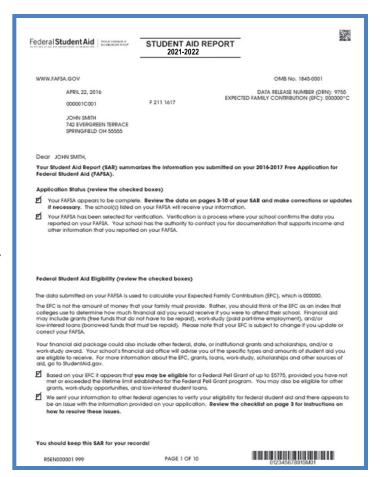


After the student completes the FAFSA on the Web, a SAR will be sent to the student

- An electronic SAR Acknowledgement will be sent if student provides an email address
- A paper SAR will be mailed if no student e-mail address is provided
- Student should contact FAFSA processor at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) if SAR not received within two weeks

An electronic copy of the data will be sent to each college or university listed by the student in Section 2

Keep a copy of the SAR with other financial aid documents



#### **Federal Verification**



Some students may be required to verify the information reported on the FAFSA or Dream Act

If selected for verification, the tax information of federal tax filers will be verified through

- The IRS Data Retrieval Process for FAFSA, or
- IRS Tax transcripts if requested by the college or university

Non-tax filers selected for verification may be asked to provide

- Signed statements confirming that they did not file a 2019 federal tax return and were not required by IRS to do so (e.g., Verification of Nonfiling Letter)
- Copies of W-2s, 1099s or other income documentation from each employer, if any income was earned from work

All selected aid applicants will also be asked to verify certain demographic data listed such as

- Household size and number in college
- Enrollment History for transfer students
- Identity Confirmation

#### **Check Your Cal Grant**



- By opening a WebGrants Account, a student can:
  - Check Cal Grant award status 24/7
  - Confirm student's high school graduation as required
  - Make changes to Cal Grant school choices
  - View how much a Cal Grant is worth at different California colleges and universities
  - View Cal Grant payment history
  - Create a WebGrants account at: mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

#### Summary of the Financial Aid Process



- Be sure to apply for financial aid this year and every year as soon as possible on or after October 1 to receive the best financial aid award possible
- File the FAFSA ASAP on or after October 1
- Submit all required forms, including the FAFSA, by each college's published deadlines (but no later than March 2)
- By March 2, submit a Cal Grant GPA Verification Form
- Keep a copy of all forms submitted
- Review the electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Acknowledgement or the paper SAR sent to the student
- Review the California Aid Report (CAR)
- Watch for financial aid award notifications from colleges to which the student has been admitted

#### **Keeping Your Financial Aid**



To retain eligibility for financial aid in subsequent years, you must:

- Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale;
- Some programs like loans require that you maintain at least 6 units.
- Complete 67% of all courses.
- Complete classes to graduate within 150 percent of the normal time-frame for the degree. Note that while taking 12 credits is considered full-time for FSA purposes, to graduate on-time you'll need to take 15 credits each term
- Complete the FAFSA each year you are in school

### If You Need Help



- FAFSA on the Web Live Help
   <u>https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact</u>
- Phone 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 1-334-523-2691
- TTY (hearing impaired): 1-800-730-8913
- FSA ID problems: 1-800-557-7394
- California Student Aid Commission help with the CA Dream Act 1-888-224-7268

### Contact Hartnell College



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### Questions?

