# Independent Student

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You are 24 or older

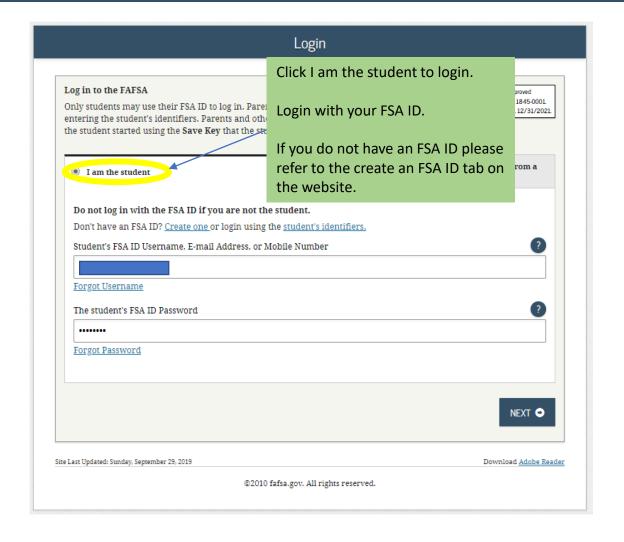
OR

Have a child

OR

Is Married





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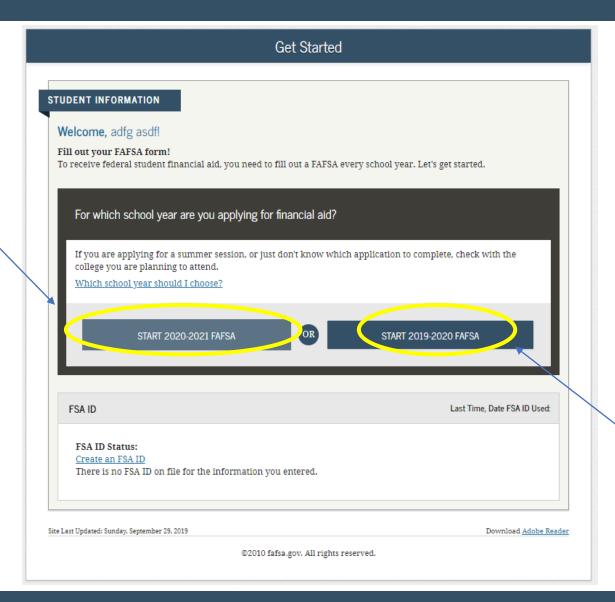
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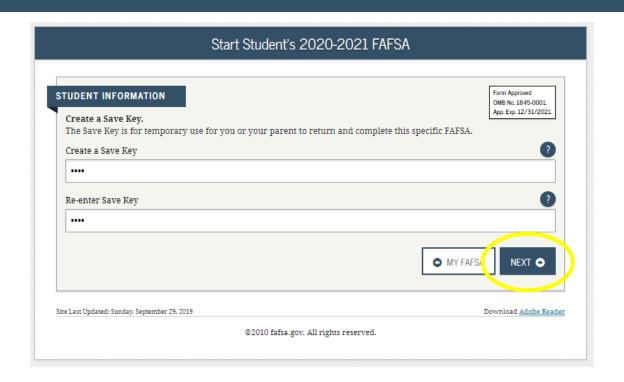


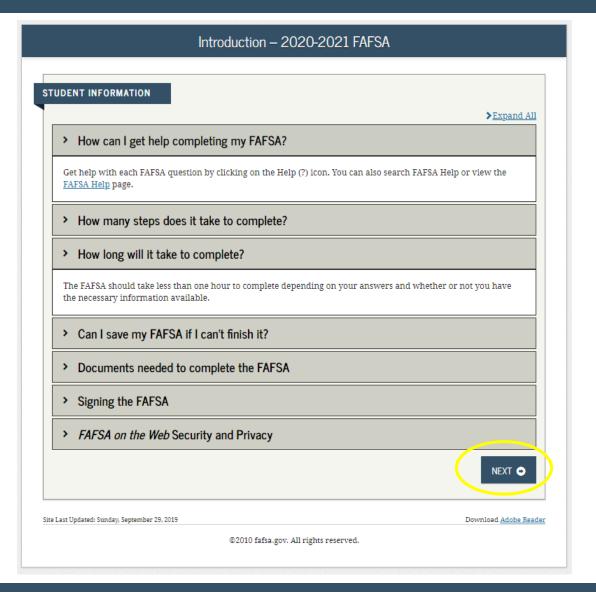
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I recommend this save key be a for digit pin.

You will need to know this save key if you decide to save your FAFSA and return to it at a later time.



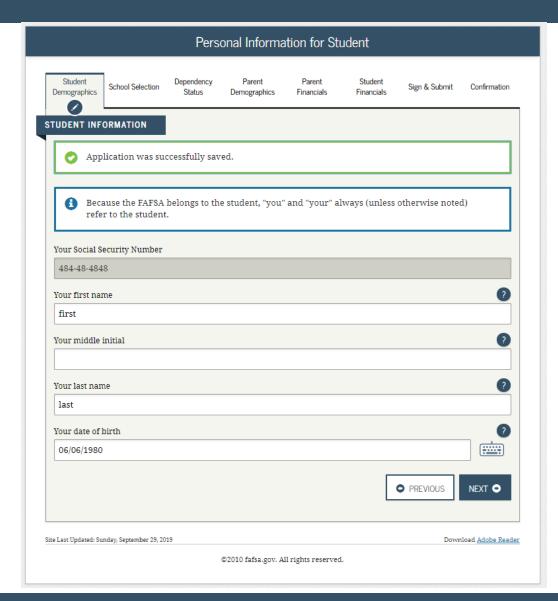


The next three slides are your demographic information. You want to ensure that all the information is correct.

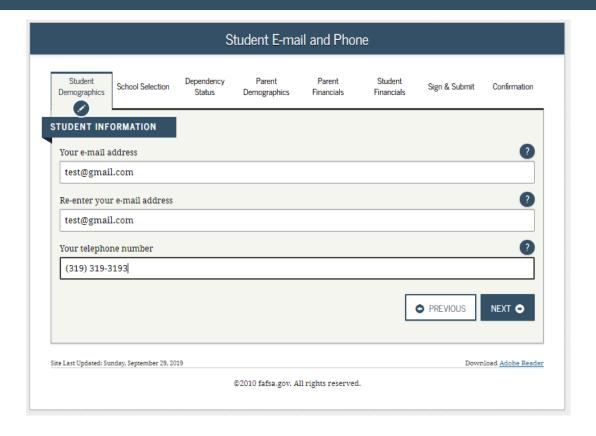
If any of this information is incorrect please go manage your FSA ID and update the information.

The most important demographic information to pay attention to is last names, date of births, and social security numbers.

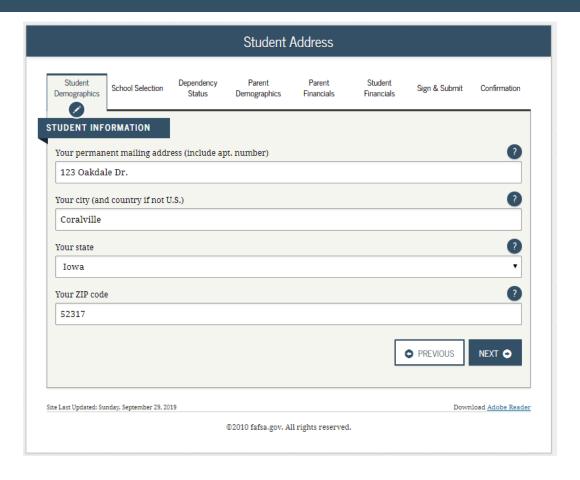
Your information is sent through a verification process with the Social Security Administration so if it does not match your FAFSA will be rejected.



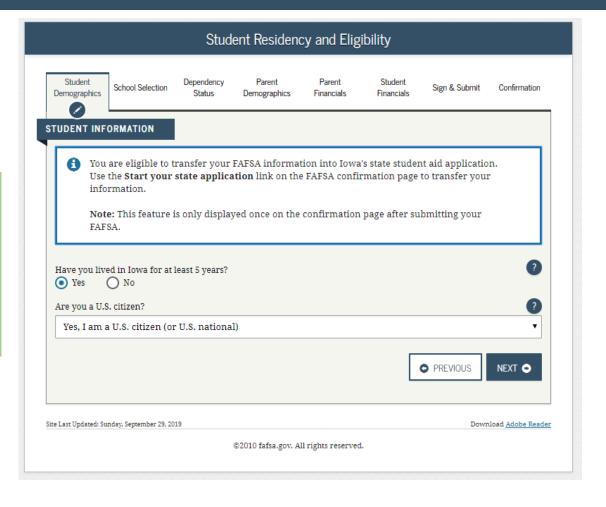
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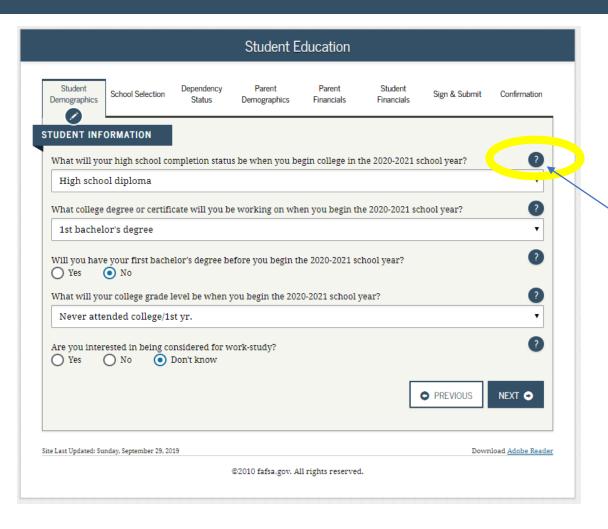


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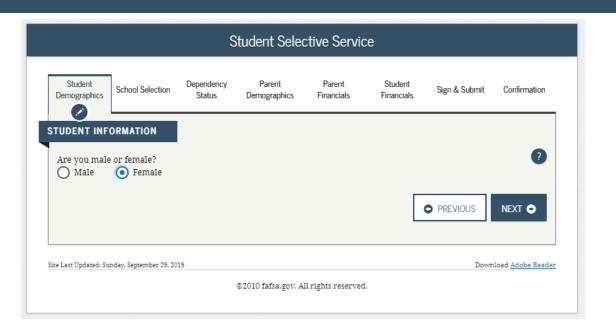
When filling the information in on this application you always want to make sure you are answering the questions true and correctly. This will reduce the amount errors.

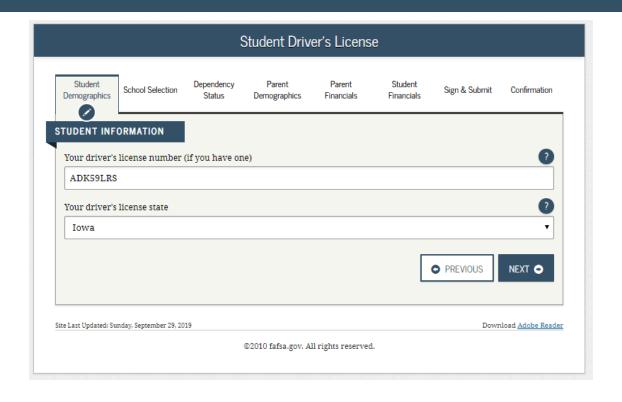


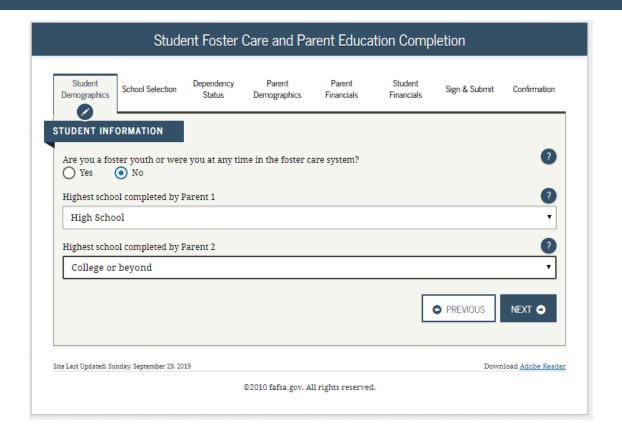


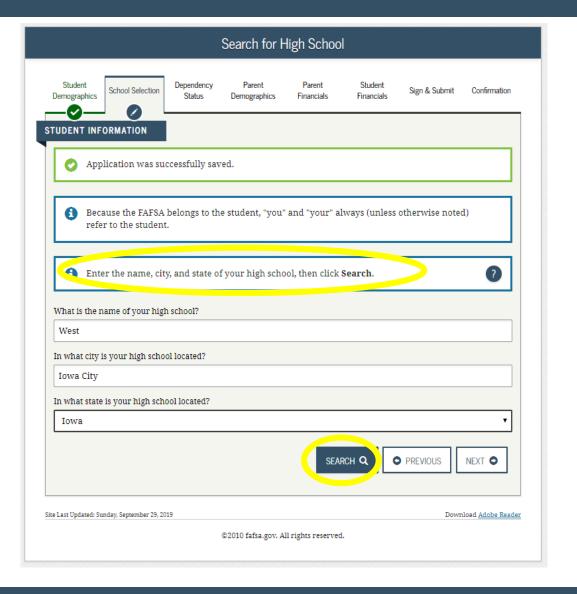
If at any point you have a question on what should be indicated you can always click the question mark.

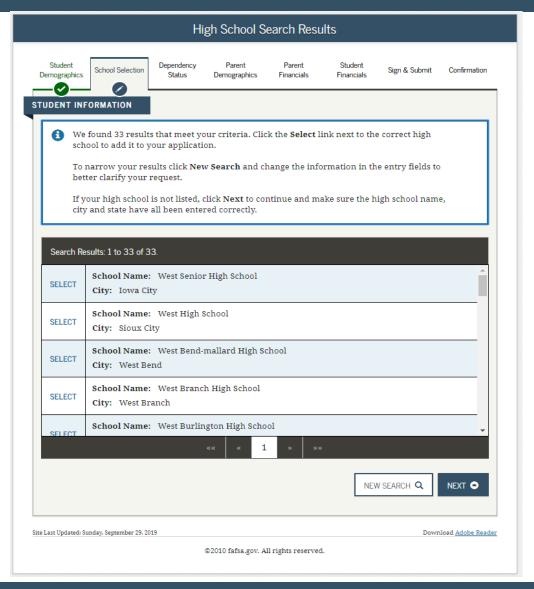
This will then give you more detailed information on what is needed and where you can find the information it is requesting.









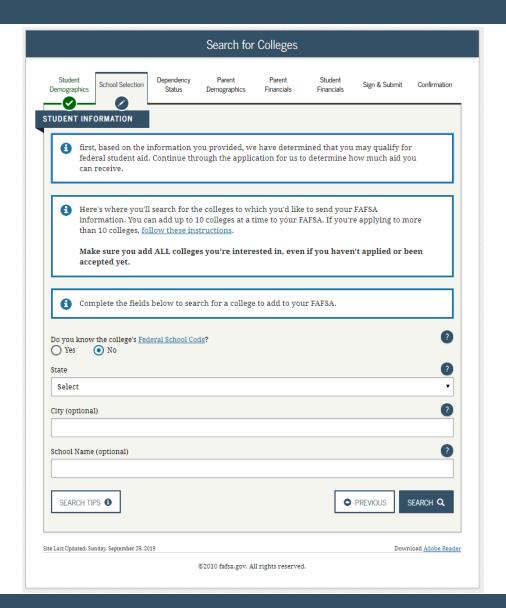


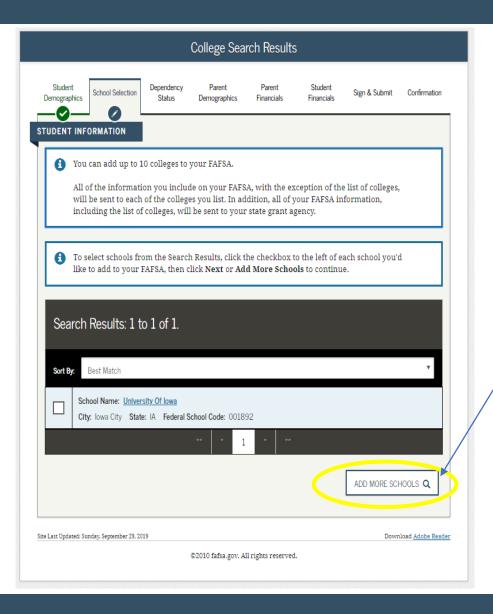
On this page you are entering the colleges you want your FAFSA sent to.

You can select up to 10 colleges.

You can also enter them by school code if you know it.

UNMs school code is 002663 this is the school code for UNM main campus as well as UNMs branch campuses.

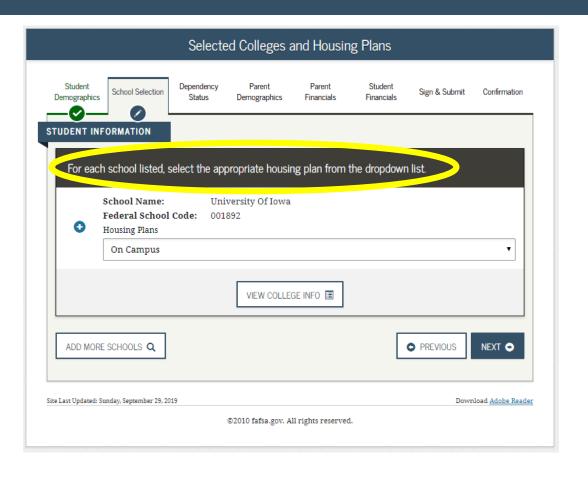




Add more schools if you would like.

You don't have to be fully committed to attending the schools you enter here.

Your FAFSA will only go through when you are enrolled at the college you plan to attend.



#### **Marital Status**

#### Answer true and correct.

This is was one of the items that you can get selected to be verified.

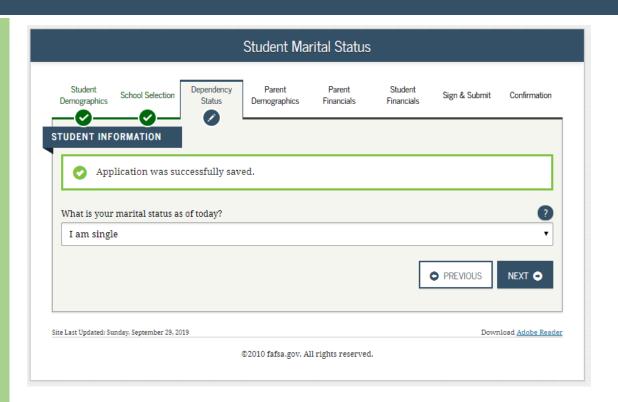
Forms of Verification could include:

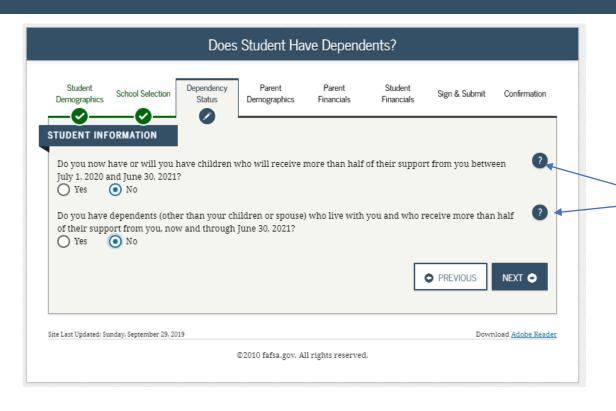
Married- Marriage certificate

Divorced-divorce decree

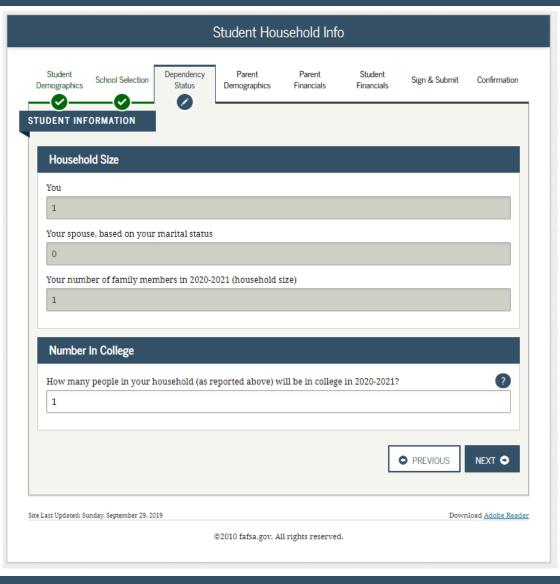
Widowed-death certificate

Separated-legal separation document from the courts.



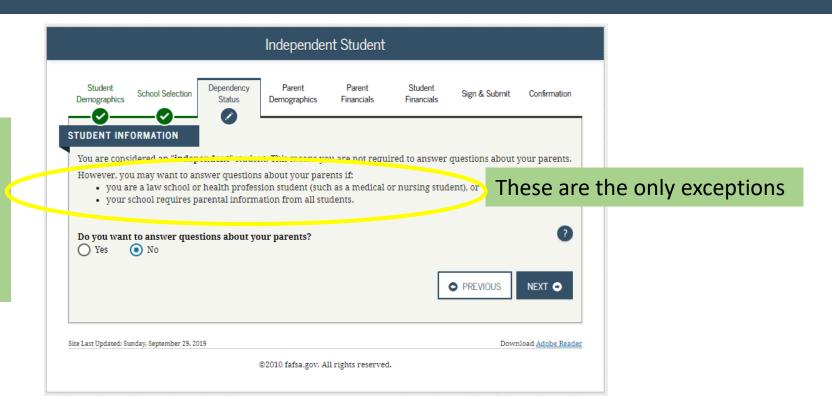


If you have questions as to what dependents are click the question mark this will give you a detailed description. This is now where you break down what your household size consists of.



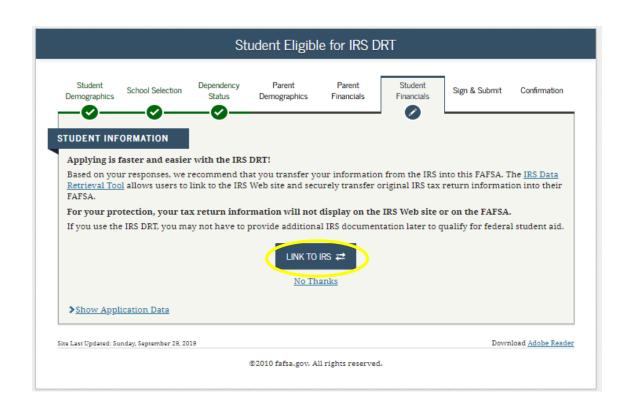
If you are an Independent student you should not need to answer questions about your parents.

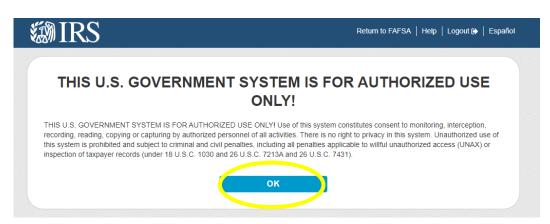
Always select no.



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# IRS Data Retrieval Tool

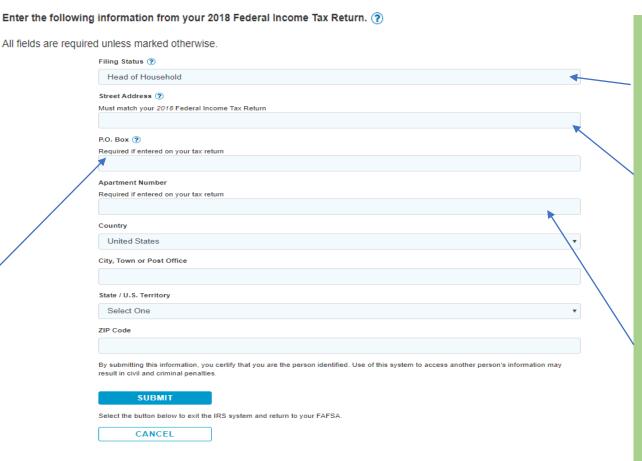
#### Get My Federal Income Tax Information

See our Privacy Notice regarding our request for your personal information.

## Tips:

Make sure your name is spelled **exactly** as it is on your tax return. Sometimes tax preparers spell names incorrectly.

Also when entering P.O. Box information you do not need to enter "P.O. Box" you just need to enter the digits.



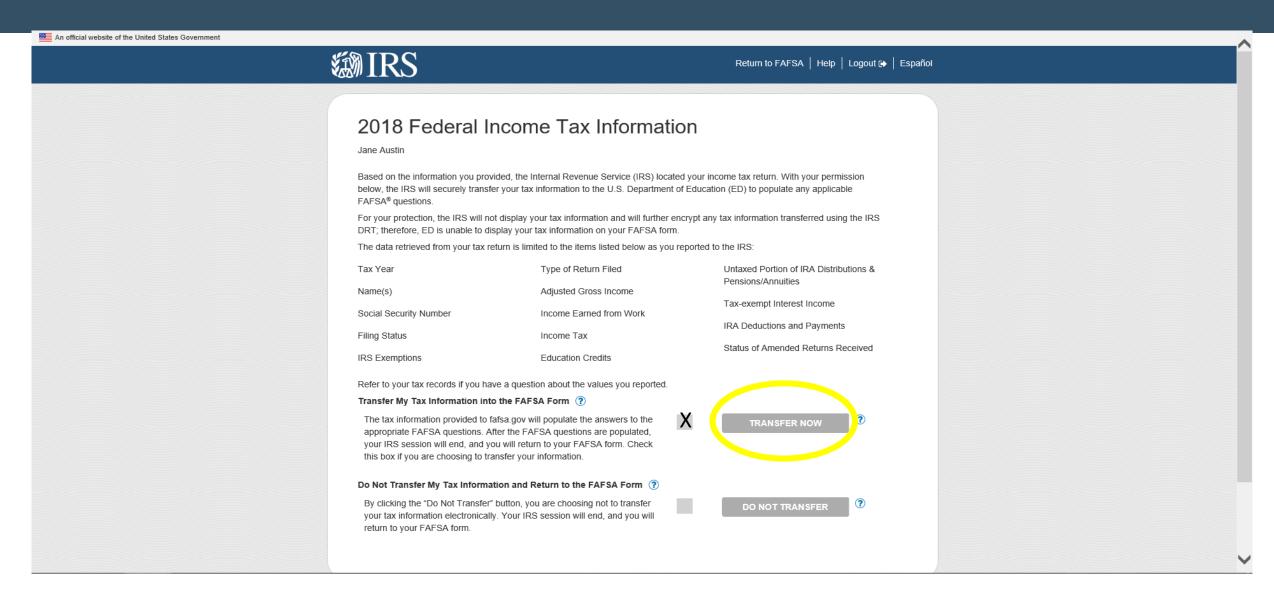
#### Tips:

Always check your filing status as well.

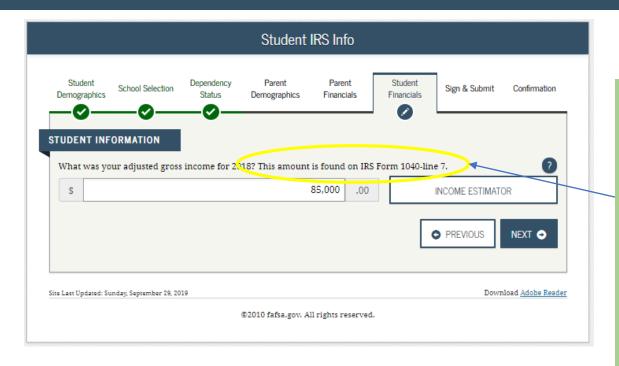
If it is a street address just enter the street address. its very unlikely that both addresses would be on your tax return

Also if your street address has been indicated on your tax return an Apartment Number may have also been indicated. Make sure it gets entered as well.

# **IRS Data Retrieval Tool**



If the Data Retrieval Tool fails to retrieve your data you can always enter your information manually



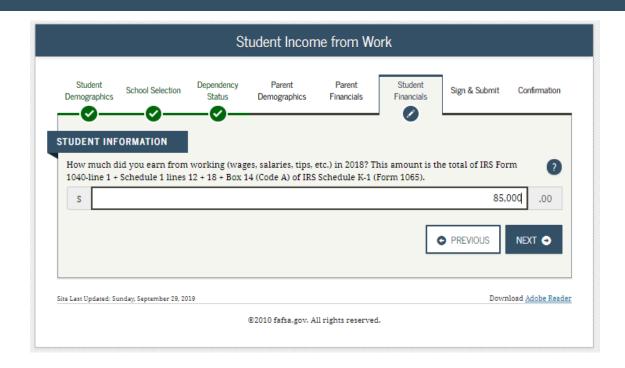
FAFSA has included some helpful hints on where exactly you can find the information.

### Tip:

Make sure you entered the correct Tax Form you filed. Ex. 1040, 1040A etc. that way the hints coincide with the correct tax form.

If you have a spouse there will be two boxes for wages. One for you the student and one for your spouse.

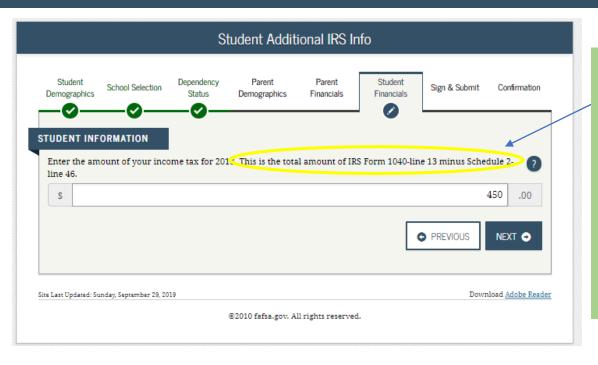
The wage information will need to be indicated from your/spouse W2 form.



## Tips:

You will pull this information from where it says wages, salaries, tips, etc on the W2 form.

Another helpful identifier that this information has been entered correctly is it should be exactly or close to what your/spouse Adjusted gross income is.

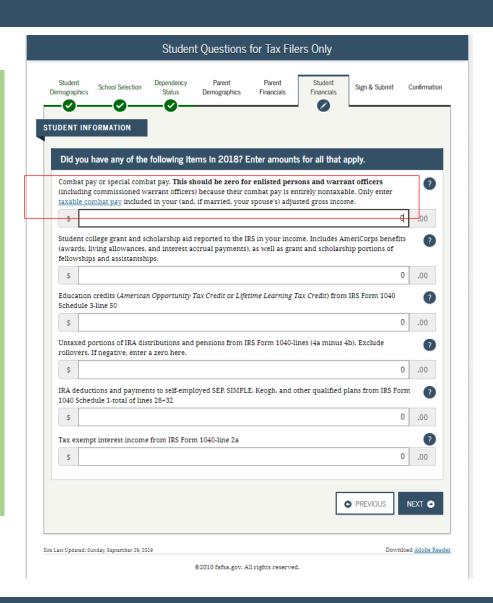


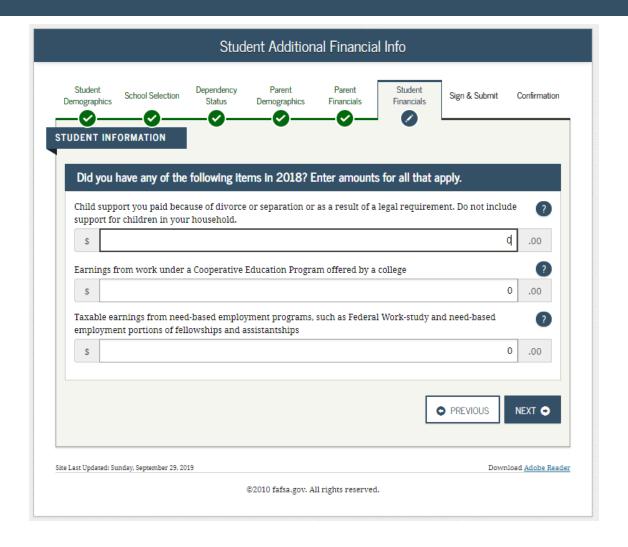
As long as the Tax Form (1040,1040A etc) you selected is correct you should have no issues with locating the information needed to fill out the remainder of this application correctly.

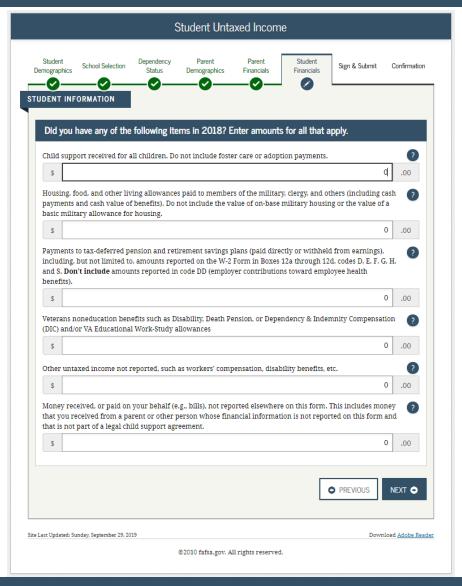
The remainder of the application is going to require a little further look at. Make sure you are reading and understanding each question.

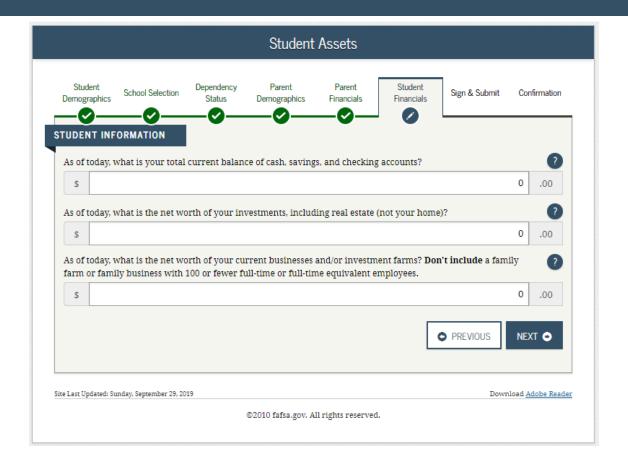
If at any point you are unsure and the question mark still leaves you confused, save the FAFSA application and contact a financial aid officer to clarify.

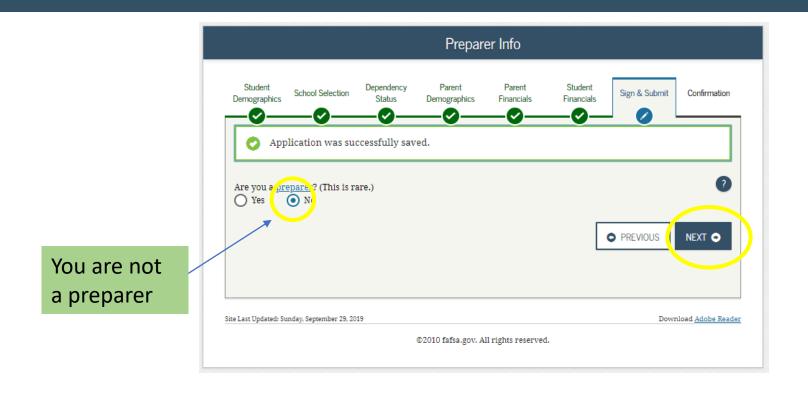
It is better to do the FAFSA correctly one time then needing to go in and correct it.





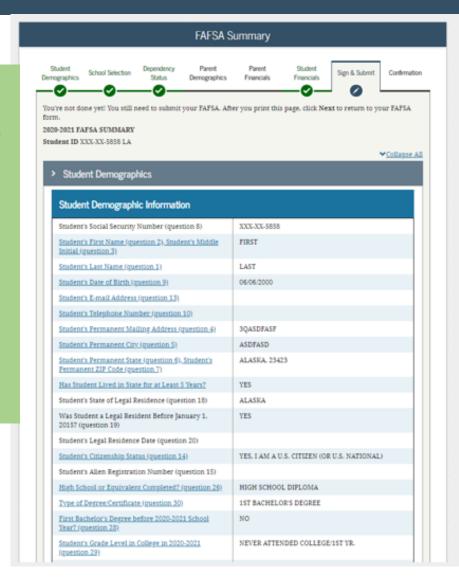


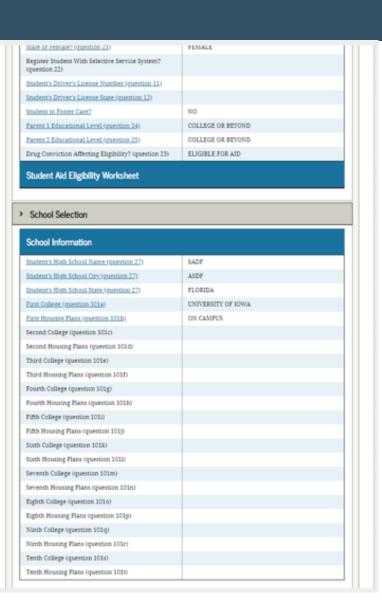




This information is an overview of everything you just entered.

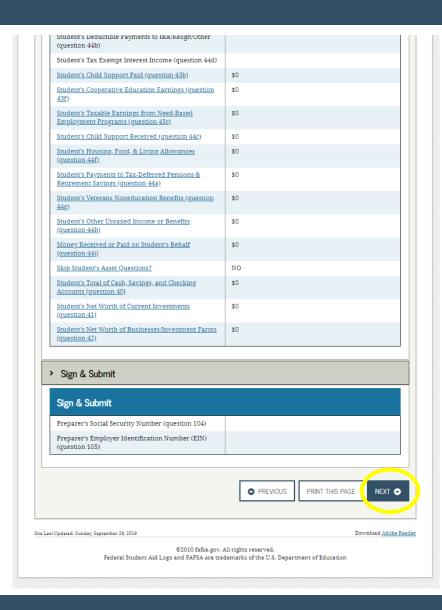
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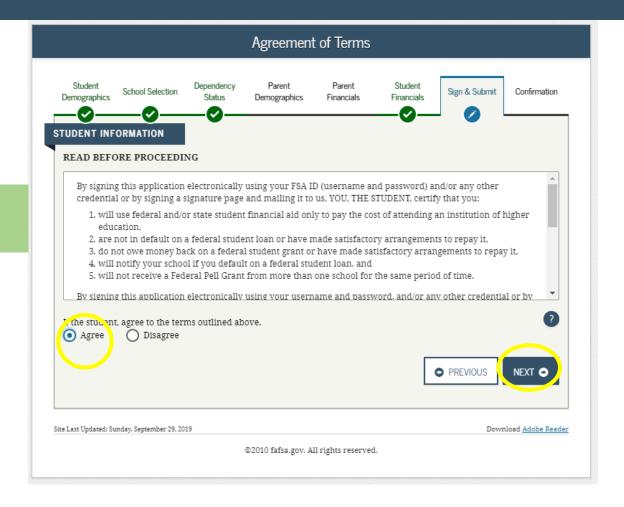


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Soudent's Marchal Status (question 16)	I AM SINGLE	
Student's Marital Status Date (question 17)		
Does Student Have Children He She Supports." (question 50)	100	
Does Insdem Have Dependents Other than Children Spoote? (question 21)	110	
In Student on Active Daty in U.S. Actived Forces? (question 40)	NO.	
In Student a Veneron7 / question 499	YES	
Parents Deceased? Student Ward of Count in Foster Care? (question 52)	NO	
Is or Was Student an Emancipated Minor? (question 23)	NO	
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Is Student an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth as Determined by High School Homeless Liaison? (question 55)		
Is Student an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth as Determined by HUD? (question 56)		
Is Student an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth as Determined by Director of Homeless Youth Center? (question 57)		
Insdemia Number of Family Members in 2020-2021 (question 92)	1	
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Student Financials		
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Student's Type of 2018 Tax Form Used (question 33)		
Student's 2018 Tax Return Filing Status (question 34)		
Student's 2018 Adjusted Gross Income (question 36)		
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Spouse's 2008 Income Earned from Work (question 39)		
Student Filed Schedule 17 (question 35)		
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Student Filed Schedule 1? (question 35)	
Is Student or Spouse a Dislocated Worker? (question 100)	
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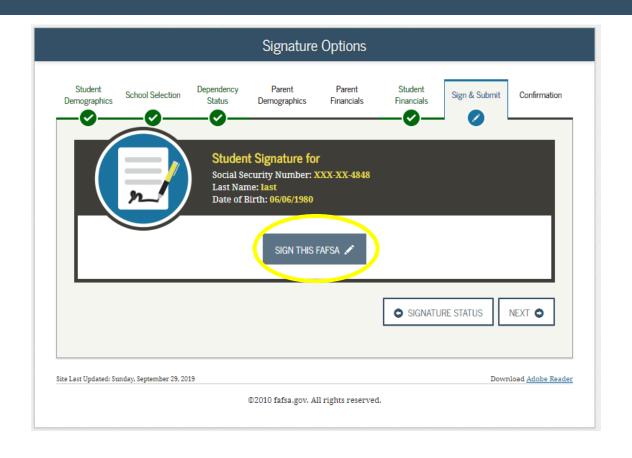


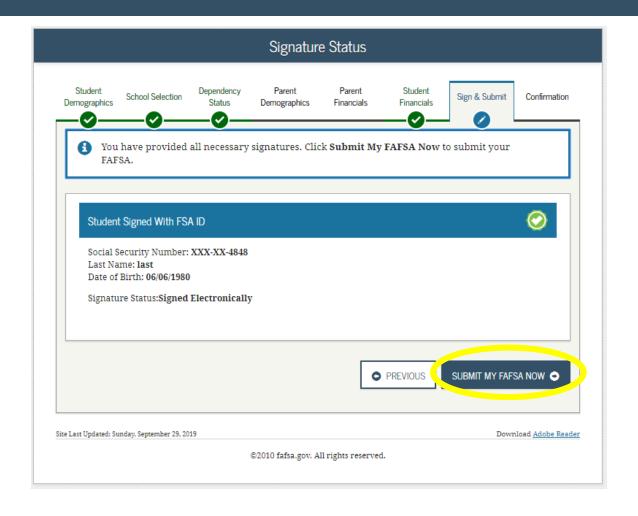
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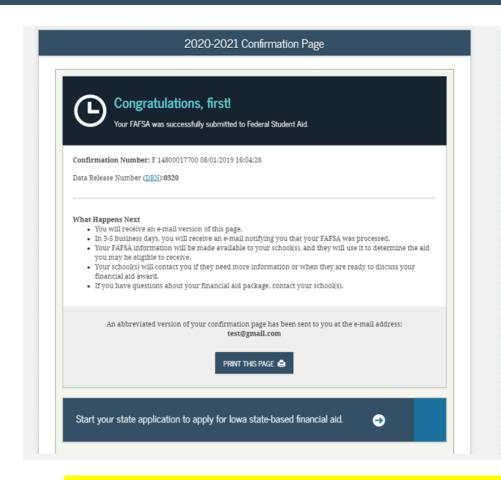


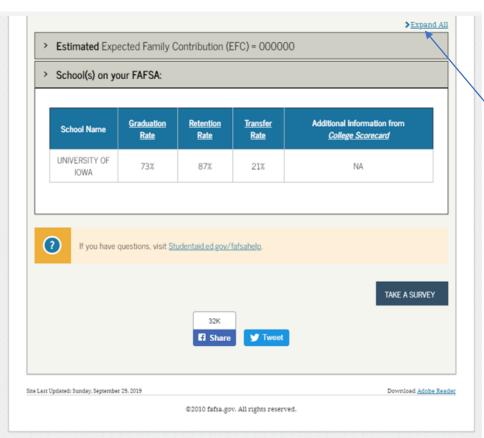
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Expanding this box will allow you to view what you qualified for in Pell Grant and Loans.

Your next step is to wait 3-5 business days and then contact the college you plan to attend and finalize your financial aid file. It is important to finalize your financial aid file to ensure you were not selected to go through a verification process. The verification process is not a bad thing. It is the financial aid officers job to ensure your information was entered correctly and that you receiving the correct funding so you can be successful in college.