

Session # 48

Simplification: Behind the Scenes

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Today's Discussion

- Our goal is to explain the simplification changes that have been made throughout the application
 - **Application Scenarios**
 - **Questions and Answers**

Applicant Type

- FOTW is customized to provide options based on various factors.
- Examples include -
 - New Student
 - Renewal Student
 - Dependent Student
 - Independent Student

Application Logic

- Also customized to provide each applicant an experience based on their own personal circumstances.
- Skip Logic is used in the application and reduces the number of data elements an applicant has to complete.

Skip Logic Topics We'll Cover

- State of Legal Residence
- Driver's License Information
- Selective Service
- Drug Conviction
- High School Information

Skip Logic Topics We'll Cover

- Dependency Questions
- Homeless students 21 or younger
- Homeless students 22 or 23
- Students who have a Special Circumstance
- Students who do not have a special circumstance but are unable to provide parental information

Skip Logic Topics We'll Cover

- Providing Financial Information
 - Full Needs Analysis Scenario
 - Automatic Zero Scenario
 - Simplified Needs Test Scenario
 - Non Tax Filers

Although inspired in part by real students, the following scenarios are fictional and do not depict any actual person or event.

APPLICANT SCENARIOS


Kim





- Kim
- 18 years old
- Graduates from high school in May
- New Applicant



New Applicant - Student Login

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STUDENT

Login

Student Information

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Instructions are provided for each FAFSA question in the Help and Hints section on the right side of the page and are also available by clicking **Need Help?** at the bottom of the page.

The student's first name

The student's full last name

The student's Social Security Number



The student's date of birth (mmddyyyy)



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Help and Hints

The student's date of birth

For an extra level of security, select the Virtual Keyboard icon and use your mouse to select the characters.

You must enter the student's date of birth.

Enter the date of birth in "mmddyyyy" format, and make sure it **exactly** matches the date on the student's Social Security card. For example, if the student's date of birth is **May 3, 1980**, type **05031980**.

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New Applicant – Accuracy Review

✓FOTW determines if Kim is in our system using the identifiers provided.

✓Since Kim is not in our system, we provide an opportunity for her to review her identifying information before proceeding.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA New Applicant Accuracy Review page. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Contact Us, and Browse Help, along with a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Login' and includes a welcome message for Kim, advising her to review her information for accuracy. Below this, the 'Student Information' section contains fields for the student's first name (Kim), full last name (Anderson), Social Security Number (148-64-1212), and date of birth (02/01/1992). A 'NEXT' button is located at the bottom right of the form. To the right of the form, a 'Help and Hints' section provides instructions on how to enter the student's first name, emphasizing the use of the proper name and matching it to the Social Security card. A vertical sidebar on the left of the form area contains the word 'STUDENT'.

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Welcome, Kim!
You should review the information you entered to make sure it is accurate before clicking **Next**.
If you believe you have already submitted a FAFSA and the information you provided on this page is correct, [Contact Us](#) for assistance.

Student Information

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Instructions are provided for each FAFSA question in the Help and Hints section on the right side of the page and are also available by clicking **Need Help?** at the bottom of the page.

The student's first name: Kim
The student's full last name: Anderson
The student's Social Security Number: 148-64-1212
The student's date of birth (mmddyyyy): 02/01/1992

NEXT

NEED HELP?

Help and Hints
The student's first name

You must enter the student's first name.

Use the student's proper name, not a nickname. The student's first name must match the first name on his/her Social Security card.

The student's entry must contain only letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), apostrophes ('), dashes (-), or blanks (spaces). No other characters are allowed.

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New Applicant "My FAFSA" Page

Kim can choose which FAFSA she wants to complete based on when she plans to attend college.

The screenshot shows the 'My FAFSA' page for a new applicant, Kim Anderson. The page has a blue header with navigation links: Home, Contact Us, and Browse Help. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'Get Started' and includes a welcome message, instructions to fill out the FAFSA, and a section for selecting the college session. The 'When are you attending college?' section has two buttons: 'START 2011-2012 FAFSA' and 'START 2010-2011 FAFSA'. Below this, there is a section for the 'Federal Student Aid PIN' with a status message and a link to 'Apply For A PIN'. A 'NEED HELP?' button is located at the bottom of the page.

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Get Started

Welcome, Kim Anderson

Fill out your FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*)!

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started.

When are you attending college?

Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012? **START 2011-2012 FAFSA**

Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011? **START 2010-2011 FAFSA**

If you are applying for a summer session, or just don't know which application to complete, check with the college you are planning to attend.

Federal Student Aid PIN

PIN Status: No PIN - Submit PIN Application [Apply For A PIN](#)

You do not have a PIN on file. You will need a PIN to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA.

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Christopher

- Christopher
- 22 years old
- Second year of college



Renewal "My FAFSA" page

The screenshot displays the FAFSA website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Contact Us, and Browse Help. The main header features the FAFSA logo and the text "Free Application for Federal Student Aid". Below this, a "Login" section is visible on the left, with a "STUDENT" label. The "My FAFSA" section on the right shows the user's account information and the renewal process. The user is logged in as "Christopher James" and has a Social Security Number of "128-44-1111" and a date of birth of "02/20/1988". The page indicates that the user has completed a 2010-2011 FAFSA and is now renewing for the 2011-2012 academic year. A "FAFSA RENEWAL" button is prominently displayed. Below this, there is a section for the "Federal Student Aid PIN", which is currently "Active". A "NEED HELP?" link is provided at the bottom of the page.

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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Student Information

Instructions are provided for each FAFSA question on the right side of the page and are also available on the help page.

The student's first name: Christopher
The student's full last name: James
The student's Social Security Number: 128-44-1111
The student's date of birth (mmddyyyy): 02/20/1988

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My FAFSA

Welcome,

2011-2012 **2010-2011**

We did not find a 2011-2012 application on file for you.
However, we see that you completed a 2010-2011 FAFSA or submitted a FAFSA4caster. Information from that application can be used to renew your 2011-2012 FAFSA.

FAFSA RENEWAL

OR

You can also start a new 2011-2012 FAFSA.

START NEW FAFSA

Federal Student Aid PIN

PIN Status: Active [Request A Duplicate PIN](#)

You can use your PIN to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA.

NEED HELP?



Renewal Eligible Fields

- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Initial
- Permanent Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code
- SSN
- Date of Birth
- Telephone Number
- Driver's License Number
- Driver's License State
- Student's E-Mail Address
- Citizenship
- Alien Registration Number
- Student's Marital Status
- Student's Marital Status Date
- Student's State of Legal Residence
- Student Resident Before 1/1/06
- Student's Legal Residence Date
- Are You Male or Female
- Father's Highest Education
- Mother's Highest Education
- High School Diploma
- Bachelor's Degree
- Degree/Certificate



Renewal Eligible Fields (cont.)

- Graduate or Professional Student
- Active Duty Military
- Veteran
- Do You Have Children
- Other Legal Dependents
- Orphan or Ward
- Emancipated Minor
- In Legal Guardianship
- Parents' Marital Status
- Parents' Marital Status Date
- Father's SSN
- Father's Last Name
- Father's First Initial
- Father's Date of Birth
- Mother's SSN
- Mother's Last Name
- Mother's First Initial
- Mother's Date of Birth
- Parent's E-Mail Address
- Parents' State of Legal Residence
- Parents' Resident Before 1/1/06
- Parents' Legal Residence Date
- Dependency Override



Providing a Password FAFSA Introduction

- Allows Kim & Christopher to save and return to FAFSA as needed.
- Introduction page provides basic context about the FAFSA.
- Christopher would also be required to enter a PIN.

This screenshot shows the 'Start Your 2011-2012 FAFSA' page. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Contact Us', and 'Browse Help' icons, along with a search box. A vertical 'STUDENT' label is on the left. The main content area has a blue header 'Start Your 2011-2012 FAFSA'. Below it, a text box states: 'You must create a password. Don't forget the password you create, because you will need it if you save your FAFSA and want to return to it later.' To the right, a small box says 'Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001 App. Exp. 12/31/2012'. There are two password input fields: 'Password' and 'Re-enter Password', each with a masked password '••••'. A 'NEXT' button is at the bottom right of the form. A 'NEED HELP?' button is at the bottom left, and a 'MY FAFSA' button is at the bottom right. A 'Help and Hints' sidebar on the right contains the heading 'Re-enter Password' and the text: 'You must re-enter your password to verify that it is correct.'

This screenshot shows the 'Introduction Page - 2011-2012 FAFSA'. The top navigation bar includes 'Contact Us' and 'Browse Help' icons, along with a search box. A vertical 'STUDENT' label is on the left. The main content area has a blue header 'Introduction Page - 2011-2012 FAFSA'. Below it, a text box states: 'Use the Next and Previous buttons to move from page to page in the form. If you use your browser's back and forward buttons to move from page to page, you may lose your data.' Below this, a section titled 'Additional information about FAFSA on the Web:' lists several links: 'How can I get help completing my FAFSA?', 'How many steps does it take to complete?', 'How long will it take to complete?', 'Can I save my FAFSA if I can't finish it?', 'Documents needed to complete the FAFSA', 'Signing the FAFSA', and 'FAFSA on the Web Security and Privacy'. A 'NEXT' button is at the bottom right of the main content area, and an 'EXIT' button is at the bottom right of the page. A horizontal navigation bar at the top of the main content area includes links for 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Financial Information', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Skip Logic –

✓ State of Legal Residence

✓ Driver's License Information

S T U D E N T

Your last name
Anderson

Your first name
Kim

Your middle initial

Your Social Security Number
148-64-1212

Your date of birth (mmddyyyy)
02/01/1992

Are you male or female?
☐ Male ☒ Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)
11 Main Street

Your city (and country if not U.S.)
Charlotte

Your state
North Carolina

Your ZIP code
28270

Have you lived in North Carolina for at least 5 years?
☐ Yes ☒ No

What is your state of legal residence?
North Carolina

Did you become a legal resident of your state before January 1, 2006?
☐ Yes ☒ No

When did you become a legal resident? Enter the month and year. (mm/yyyy)
05/2007

Your permanent telephone number
(704) 555-1111

Your e-mail address
Kim@gmail.com

Re-enter your e-mail address
Kim@gmail.com

What is your marital status as of today?
I am single

Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Your driver's license number
100100

Your driver's license state
North Carolina

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Help and Hints

Student's Driver's License State

Question 12

Select the state that issued your license or identification card. Select **Foreign Country** if your license was issued by a foreign country.

Selective Service

Gender and Age are used to determine who needs answer the Selective Service questions.

Chris would answer "male".

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Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information	Sign & Submit	Confirmation
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Student Demographic Information

Your last name Your first name Your middle initial

Your Social Security Number

Your date of birth (mmddyyyy)

Are you male or female?
☒ Male ☐ Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)

Your city (and country if not U.S.) Your state

Your ZIP code

Have you lived in Florida for at least 5 years?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Your permanent telephone number

Your e-mail address

What is your marital status as of today?

Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Help and Hints

Is the Student Male or Female?
Question 21

Your gender is used to determine if you need to register with Selective Service. Most male students must register with Selective Service to receive federal student aid.

Select **male** if you are male.

Select **female** if you are female.

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Selective Service

Chris would then be presented with Selective Service questions on the next page

- Males
- Age 18 to 25

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Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information	Sign & Submit
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Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?
No, but I am an eligible noncitizen

Your Alien Registration Number
A 123456789

Are you registered with Selective Service?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Most male students must register with Selective Service to receive federal student aid. If you are not registered, select **Register me**
☒ Register me

When you begin college in the 2011-2012 school year, what will be your high school completion status?
Select

When you begin the 2011-2012 school year, what will be your grade level?
Select

When you begin the 2011-2012 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?
Select

Are you interested in being considered for Work-study?
Select

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2011?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Highest school your father completed
Select

Highest school your mother completed
Select

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Drug Conviction Eligibility

Grade level is used to determine drug conviction eligibility along with the “Have you ever received federal aid?” question.

Drug conviction question would not display if Kim entered “Never attended college / 1st yr.” or answered “No” to have you ever received federal aid.

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Are you a U.S. citizen?

Your Alien Registration Number

Are you registered with Selective Service?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Most male students must register with Selective Service to receive federal student aid. If you are not registered, select **Register me**
☒ Register me

When you begin college in the 2011-2012 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

When you begin the 2011-2012 school year, what will be your grade level?

When you begin the 2011-2012 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?

Are you interested in being considered for Work-study?

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2011?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Highest school your father completed

Highest school your mother completed

Have you ever received federal student aid?
☒ Yes ☐ 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

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Help and Hints

Has Student Received Federal Student Aid?

Select **Yes** if you have received federal student grants, federal student loans, or Federal Work-study.

Select **No** if you have never attended college. Also select **No** if you have never received federal student grants, federal student loans, or Federal Work-study.



Skip Logic –

High School Completion Status and Grade Level are used to determine presentation of High School question.

STUDENT

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information	Sign & Submit	Confirmation
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Student Eligibility

☒ Application was successfully saved.

Are you a U.S. citizen?
Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national) ▾

When you begin college in the 2011-2012 school year, what will be your high school completion status?
High school diploma ▾

When you begin the 2011-2012 school year, what will be your grade level?
Never attended college/1st yr. ▾

When you begin the 2011-2012 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?
1st bachelor's degree ▾

Are you interested in being considered for Work-study?
Yes ▾

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2011?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Highest school your father completed
College or beyond ▾

Highest school your mother completed
High School ▾

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Help and Hints

Mother's Educational Level Question 25

Select the answer that best describes your mother's highest level of education completed.

This question is used for state scholarship purposes only and does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid. For this question, **mother** means your birth or adoptive mother. Do not answer this question about a stepmother, legal guardian, or foster parent.



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High School Question

Kim enters -

✓ Name of the high school

✓ City and state where high school is located

✓ Clicks "Confirm"

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Student Eligibility Question 27 interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact Us, and Browse Help, along with a Welcome message and a Logout link. Below this is a tabbed interface with tabs for Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The Student Demographics tab is active, and the page title is "Student Eligibility continued". The main content area contains the following text: "Enter the name, city, and state of your high school, then click **Confirm**." Below this are three input fields: "What is the name of your high school?" with the text "Independence", "In what city is your high school located?" with the text "Charlotte", and "In what state is your high school located?" with a dropdown menu showing "North Carolina". A "CONFIRM" button is located below the state dropdown. At the bottom of the main content area are "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT" buttons. Below the main content area is a footer bar with links for "NEED HELP?", "SAVE", "CLEAR ALL DATA", "VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY", and "EXIT". On the right side of the page, there is a "Help and Hints" section with the text: "Student's High School Name, City, and State Question 27" and "Enter the name, city, and state of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma. Click **Confirm** to continue."



High School Question Database

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- ✓NCES Private School Universe Survey (PSS)
 - Private Schools
- ✓NCES Common Core of Data (CCD)
 - Public Schools

The screenshot shows the 'Student Eligibility continued' page of the High School Question Database. The interface includes a top navigation bar with links for Home, Contact Us, and Browse Help, along with a user greeting and a search bar. A secondary navigation bar lists various sections: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The main content area is titled 'Student Eligibility continued' and contains a form for entering high school information. The form includes fields for the school name (Independence), city (Charlotte), and state (North Carolina), followed by a 'CONFIRM' button. Below the form, a message states 'We found 1 result that meets your criteria.' and provides instructions on how to select a school. A table displays the search results, showing one entry for 'INDEPENDENCE HIGH' in 'CHARLOTTE'. A 'Select' link is provided for this entry. To the right of the main form, a 'Help and Hints' section provides additional guidance for the user.

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

STUDENT

Student Eligibility continued

Enter the name, city, and state of your high school, then click **Confirm**.

What is the name of your high school?
Independence

In what city is your high school located?
Charlotte

In what state is your high school located?
North Carolina

CONFIRM

We found **1** result that meets your criteria.

Click the **Select** link next to the correct high school to add it to your application. If your high school is not listed and you believe you entered the information correctly, click **Next** to continue.

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	School Name	City
Select	INDEPENDENCE HIGH	CHARLOTTE

Help and Hints

Student's High School Name, City, and State
Question 27

Enter the name, city, and state of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma. Click **Confirm** to continue.

High School Question

Kim selects her high school and it is saved to her application

The screenshot shows the FAFSA Student Eligibility continued page. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Contact Us, and Browse Help, along with a Welcome message and a Logout link. A search bar is also present. The main navigation tabs are Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The Student Demographics tab is active. The page title is "Student Eligibility continued". A green checkmark icon indicates that the high school selection has been added to the application. The text states: "The high school you selected has been added to your application. Click **Next** to continue." Below this, there are three text input fields for the high school information: "What is the name of your high school?" (filled with "INDEPENDENCE HIGH"), "In what city is your high school located?" (filled with "CHARLOTTE"), and "In what state is your high school located?" (filled with "North Carolina"). A "CONFIRM" button is located below the state field. At the bottom of the form, there are "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT" buttons. A footer bar contains links for "NEED HELP?", "SAVE", "CLEAR ALL DATA", "VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY", and "EXIT". On the right side, there is a "Help and Hints" section titled "Student's High School Name, City, and State Question 27" with instructions: "Enter the name, city, and state of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma. Click **Confirm** to continue."

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

Student Eligibility continued

☒ The high school you selected has been added to your application. Click **Next** to continue.

Enter the name, city, and state of your high school, then click **Confirm**.

What is the name of your high school?
INDEPENDENCE HIGH

In what city is your high school located?
CHARLOTTE

In what state is your high school located?
North Carolina

CONFIRM

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Help and Hints

Student's High School Name, City, and State Question 27

Enter the name, city, and state of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma. Click **Confirm** to continue.

What if the high school isn't in our database?

Kim would enter the name of her high school and click "Confirm".

FOTW finds no matching results and tells Kim to confirm that the information she entered is correct.

If it's correct, Kim clicks "Next" and FOTW saves her response.

The screenshot shows the FOTW Student Eligibility form. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Contact Us, and Browse Help, along with a user greeting and a search box. The main content area is titled "Student Eligibility continued" and displays a red-bordered error message box. The message states: "The following error(s) have occurred: We could not find a high school that matches the information you provided. If you entered any of the information incorrectly, change it now and then click Confirm. If the information you entered is correct, click Next." Below the error message, there are three input fields for high school information: "What is the name of your high school?" (filled with "Wachovia High"), "In what city is your high school located?" (filled with "Charlotte"), and "In what state is your high school located?" (a dropdown menu showing "North Carolina"). A "CONFIRM" button is located below the state dropdown. To the right of the main form is a "Help and Hints" sidebar with the text: "Student's High School Name, City, and State Question 27. Enter the name, city, and state of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma. Click Confirm to continue." At the bottom of the form, there are navigation buttons: "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT". The footer of the form contains links for "NEED HELP?", "SAVE", "CLEAR ALL DATA", "VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY", and "EXIT". A vertical "STUDENT" label is positioned on the left side of the form.

What We've Covered So Far

- ✓ State of Legal Residence
- ✓ Driver's License Information
- ✓ Selective Service
- ✓ Drug Conviction
- ✓ High School Information



PROVIDING PARENTAL INFORMATION



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Dependency Status

We pre-populate answers to –

- Were you born before..
- Are you married..
- Working on a master's/graduate degree..

We ask all students to complete –

- Do you have children..
- Do you have dependents..

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes tabs for Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status (which is highlighted), Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit, and a partially visible 'Con' tab. On the left side of the main content area, a vertical blue bar contains the word 'STUDENT' in white capital letters. The main content area is titled 'Dependency Determination' in a blue header. Below this header, a green-bordered box contains a green checkmark icon and the text 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this box, there are four questions, each with radio button options for 'Yes' and 'No':

- 1. 'Were you born before January 1, 1988?' with 'No' selected.
- 2. 'As of today, are you married?' with 'No' selected.
- 3. 'At the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?' with 'No' selected.
- 4. 'Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012?' with 'No' selected.
- 5. 'Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2012?' with 'No' selected.

At the bottom of the main content area, there are two buttons: 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT'. Below the main content area, a blue bar contains five buttons: 'NEED HELP?', 'SAVE', 'CLEAR ALL DATA', 'VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY', and 'EXIT'. On the right side of the form, there is a 'Help and Hi...' section with the text 'Student Born Before 1, 1988?' and 'Question 4'. Below this, it says 'The answer to this question is pre-filled based on your answer to the date of question earlier in the application.'



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Skip Logic – Homeless Students 21 or younger

Kim indicates that she is homeless or at risk of being homeless.

She would be presented with three additional homeless questions to determine if she has the appropriate “determination”.

Kim answers “No” to those 3 questions because she does not have a determination.



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Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2012?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

☐ Yes ☒ No

At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

☐ Yes ☒ No

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

☐ Yes ☒ No

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?

☐ Yes ☒ No

On or after July 1, 2010, were you homeless or were you at risk of being homeless?

☒ Yes ☐ No

At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

☐ Yes ☒ No

At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

☐ Yes ☒ No

At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Select **Yes** if determination director of a homeless youth center or transitional program at a school after July 1, 2010, determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

- **Unaccompanied** you are not physically with parent or guardian

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Skip Logic – Homeless Students 21 or younger

But because Kim indicated she was homeless, FOTW informs Kim of her option to receive a determination from the financial aid office if she meets the homeless youth criteria.

If Kim proceeds down this path, she can submit her application without parental information.

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Homeless Circumstances

You indicated that you were homeless or at risk of being homeless and you answered "no" to all of the specific homeless questions.

However, your financial aid administrator could make a determination that you are a **homeless youth**, and do not need to provide parental information, if you meet both of the following conditions:

- **You are homeless**, which means you are lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go; and
- **You are unaccompanied**, which means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

If you believe that you meet these conditions and would like to follow up with the financial aid administrator at your college, select "I am homeless or at risk of being homeless" and click **Next** to get additional information.

If you do not meet the above conditions and will be providing parental information, select "I will provide parental information" and click **Next** to continue.

☒ I will provide parental information

☐ I am homeless or at risk of being homeless

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Help and Hints

Homeless Circumstances

Select **I will provide parental information** to continue to Parent Demographics.

Select **I am homeless or at risk of being homeless** to get additional information.

Skip Logic – Homeless Students 22 or 23 years old

If Kim was born in 1988, she would be 22 years old.

She would not meet the definition of homeless youth, and could not answer “yes” to the FAFSA homeless questions.

Kim would not be presented with those questions but instead would be taken directly to the homeless circumstance path and provided messaging about working with the FAA.

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<div><div>Homeless Circumstances</div><p>You indicated that you were homeless or at risk of being homeless.</p><div><p>Since you are over the age of 21, only your financial aid administrator can make the determination that you meet the homeless conditions which include both of the following:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">You are homeless, which means you are lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go; andYou are unaccompanied, which means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.<p>If you believe that you meet these conditions and would like to follow up with the financial aid administrator at your college, select "I am homeless or at risk of being homeless" and click Next to get additional information.</p><p>If you do not meet the above conditions and will be providing parental information, select "I will provide parental information" and click Next to continue.</p><div><input checked="" type="radio"/> I will provide parental information</div><div><input type="radio"/> I am homeless or at risk of being homeless</div><div><div>PREVIOUS</div><div>NEXT</div></div></div></div> <div><div>Help and Hints</div><div>Homeless Circumstances</div><p>Select I will provide parental information to continue to Parent Demographics.</p><p>Select I am homeless or at risk of being homeless to get additional information.</p></div>						

Providing Parental Information

Chris has answered "No" to all the dependency status questions and has to provide parental.

FOTW does provide an option if he is unable to provide parental information.

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Dependency Status Results

☒ Application was successfully saved.

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, **you are considered a dependent student. This means you must provide [parental](#) information.** Select "I will provide parental information" and click **Next** to continue to Parent Demographics.

If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA without parental information. Select "I am unable to provide parental information" and click **Next** to get additional information.

☒ I will provide parental information

☐ I am unable to provide parental information

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Dependency Status Results

For dependent students, a special circumstance is a situation that exists between the student applicant and his or her parent(s) which prevents the student from providing parental information.

Select **I will provide parental information** to continue to Parent Demographics.

Select **I am unable to provide parental information** to get additional information about special circumstances.



Skip Logic – Providing Parental Info

✓If Chris thinks he has a special circumstance, FOTW will allow him to skip the parental section of the application.

✓If he doesn't have a special circumstance but is still unable to provide parental information – FOTW will present information about receiving unsubsidized loan only.

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Special Circumstances

Important: You told us that you think you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information. Before we allow you to proceed and skip the parental section of your FAFSA we must advise you of the following:

Under Federal law to the extent your family is able, they are primarily responsible for paying for your college expenses. To determine how much your family can afford to pay towards your college expenses, we must collect your financial information and your parents' financial information.

However, Federal law allows for some exceptions, if you have a **special circumstance**. The following are **examples** of some special circumstances where you may submit your FAFSA without providing parental information:

- Your parents are incarcerated; or
- You have left home due to an abusive family environment; or
- You do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them (and you have not been adopted).

But not all situations are considered a special circumstance. The following are situations that would **not** be considered a special circumstance:

- Your parents do not want to provide their information on your FAFSA; or
- Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses; or
- Your parents do not claim you as a dependent on their income taxes; or
- You do not live with your parents.

Now that you have reviewed the information above, select one of the following options and click **Next** to continue.

☐ I will provide parental information

☒ I have a special circumstance and I am unable to provide parental information

☐ I do not have a special circumstance but I am unable to provide parental information

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Special Circumstances

Select **I will provide parental information** to continue to Parent Demographics.

Select **I have a special circumstance and I am unable to provide parental information** if you believe you have a special circumstance.

Select **I do not have a special circumstance but I am unable to provide parental information** if you do not have a special circumstance but cannot provide parental information.

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Skip Logic – Providing Parental Info

Chris would be presented with information about next steps if he wanted to continue the application without parental information.

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Unable to Provide Parental Information

You told us that you are unable to provide parental information.

Review the following to continue.

1. We will allow you to submit your FAFSA without parental information, however **your FAFSA will not be considered complete.**
2. Because your FAFSA is not considered complete, we **will not calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** which is the index used by colleges to determine how much student aid you are eligible to receive.
3. If you are approaching any deadlines for your state, college, or scholarship aid, you may want to contact your financial aid administrator **before** submitting your FAFSA without parental data.
4. **Once you submit your FAFSA without parental data, you must follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend, in order to complete your FAFSA and receive an EFC. Also, note the following:**
 - Under Federal law, only your financial aid administrator has the authority to decide whether or not you must provide parental information on your FAFSA.
 - You will have to provide documentation to verify your situation. Gather as much written evidence of your situation as you can. Written evidence may include court or law enforcement documents, letters from a clergy member, school counselor or social worker, and/or any other relevant data that explains your special circumstance.
 - After reviewing your circumstances carefully, your financial aid administrator will decide if you must provide parental information or if your circumstances allow you to proceed without providing parental data. **Your financial aid administrator's decision is final** and can not be appealed to Federal Student Aid.

Select one of the following options and click **Next** to continue.

☐ I will provide parental information

☒ I am unable to provide parental information and acknowledge that my FAFSA will be submitted without calculating an EFC

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Unable to Provide Parental Information

Select **I will provide parental information** to continue to Parent Demographics.

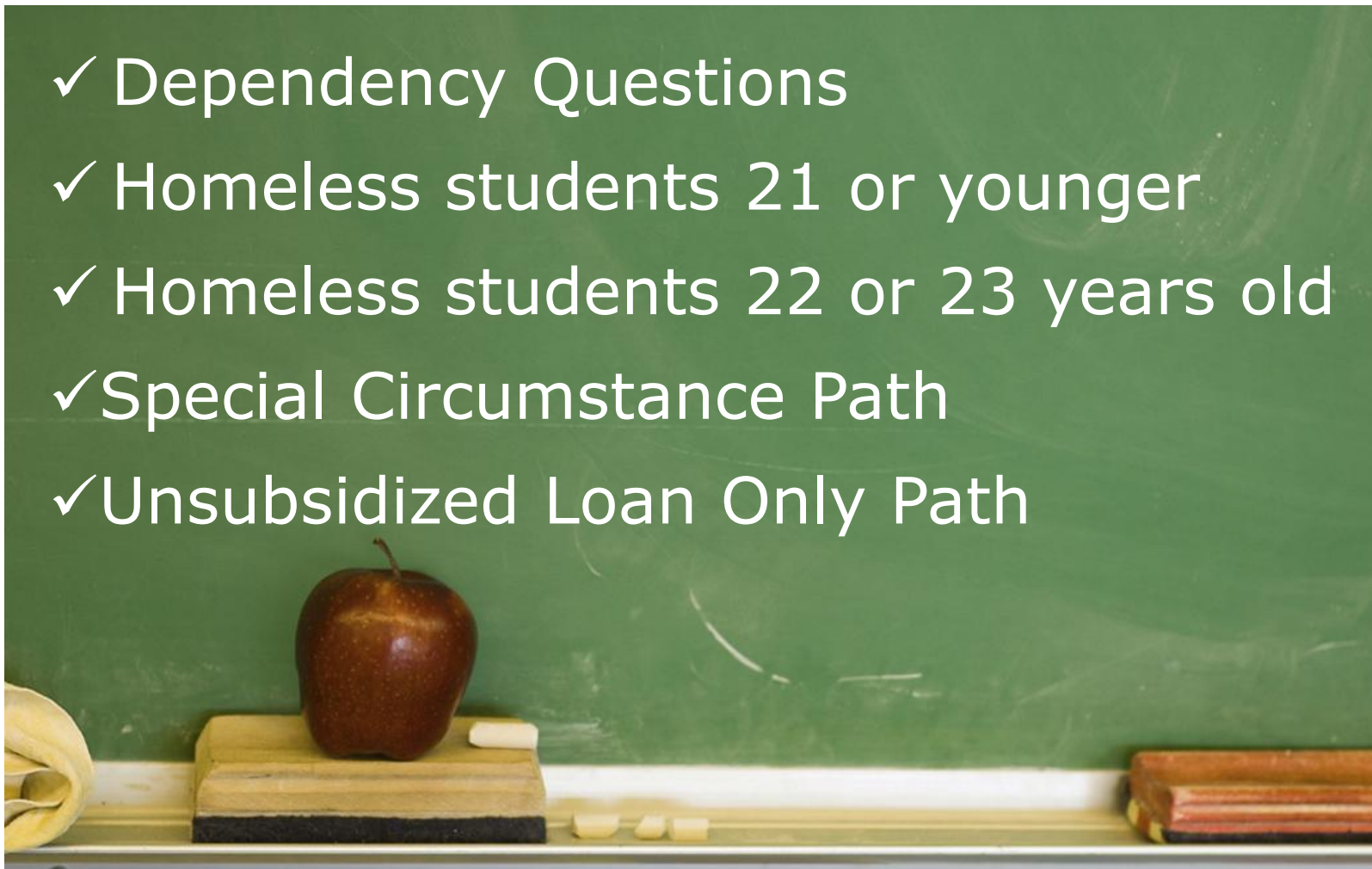
Select **I am unable to provide parental information and acknowledge that my FAFSA will be submitted without calculating an EFC** to confirm that you will not provide parental information on your FAFSA. When you click **Next**, you will skip questions about your parents and go directly to the next set of student questions.



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What We've Covered So Far

- ✓ Dependency Questions
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- ✓ Unsubsidized Loan Only Path



What's Next....

Financial Information Skip Logic



AUTO-ZERO AND SNT



Simplified Needs Analysis Criteria

Income Criteria

- Automatic Zero – Income is \$31,000 or less
- Simplified Needs Test – Income is \$50,000 or less

Eligibility Criteria

- ☐ A dislocated worker; or
- ☐ Has received 1 of the 5 Federal Benefits; or
- ☐ Was eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ.

State Participation

- Each state indicates participation in the simplified EFC calculations. If a student resides in a participating state they will be allowed to skip.

1. Income criteria must be met

If the income exceeds the auto-zero or SNT criteria; we do not need to check the eligibility criteria.

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics
Parent Financial Information			
What type of income tax return did your mother file for 2010? IRS 1040			
What was your mother's adjusted gross income for 2010? \$25,000 .00 INCOME ESTIMATOR			
How much did your mother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) \$30,000 .00			
As of today, is your mother a dislocated worker? Yes			

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics
Parent Financial Information			
What type of income tax return did your mother file for 2010? IRS 1040			
What was your mother's adjusted gross income for 2010? \$45,000 .00 INCOME ESTIMATOR			
How much did your mother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) \$45,000 .00			
As of today, is your mother a dislocated worker? No			



2A. Eligibility Criteria has to be met

Auto-zero or SNT criteria have been met if income tax return completed is "1040A or 1040EZ" **or** if dislocated worker is "Yes".

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information
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Parent Financial Information

What type of income tax return did your mother file for 2010?
IRS 1040

What was your mother's adjusted gross income for 2010?
\$25,000 .00 [INCOME ESTIMATOR](#)

How much did your mother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010?
\$30,000 .00

As of today, is your mother a dislocated worker?
No



2B. Eligibility Criteria has to be met

If criteria is not met by prior questions, we then present the federal benefits question.

If applicant selects any of the benefits, the criteria has been met.

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Parent Financial Information

What type of income tax return did your mother file for 2010?
IRS 1040

What was your mother's adjusted gross income for 2010?
\$ 25,000 .00 [INCOME ESTIMATOR](#)

How much did your mother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010?
\$ 30,000 .00

As of today, is your mother a dislocated worker?
No

In 2009 or 2010, did your mother receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below? Check all that apply or check **None of the above**.

- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Food Stamps or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ([SNAP](#))
- ☐ Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- ☒ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ([TANF](#))
- ☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- ☐ None of the above



2C. Eligibility Criteria has to be met

If auto-zero is not met by prior questions, we then present the “eligible for 1040A or 1040EZ?”.

If applicant selects “Yes”, the criteria has been met.

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Parent Financial Information

What type of income tax return did your mother file for 2010?
IRS 1040

What was your mother's adjusted gross income for 2010?
\$25,000 .00 [INCOME ESTIMATOR](#)

How much did your mother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010?
\$30,000 .00

As of today, is your mother a dislocated worker?
No

In 2009 or 2010, did your mother receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below? Check all that apply or check **None of the above**.

- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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- ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ([TANF](#))
- ☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- ☒ None of the above

You indicated that your mother filed an IRS 1040. Was she eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?
Yes

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3A. State Participation is Determined

States that allow Simplified Needs Calculations

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Alberta
- American Samoa
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- British Columbia
- California
- Canada
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Florida
- Foreign Country
- Guam
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Manitoba
- Marshall Islands
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Mexico
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Brunswick
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Newfoundland
- Newfoundland
- Labrador
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Ontario
- Oregon
- Palau
- Pennsylvania
- Prince Edward Island
- Puerto Rico
- Quebec (PQ)
- Quebec (QC)
- Rhode Island
- Saskatchewan
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virgin Islands
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Yukon



3B. State Participation is Determined

States that do not allow Simplified Needs Calculations

- Colorado
- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Vermont
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming



Simplified Needs Analysis Impacts

Students who meet the criteria **do not** have to provide responses for –

Automatic Zero – Dependent Student

- Parent Income tax and exemption questions
- Parent Additional Financial Information questions
- Parent Untaxed Income questions
- Parent Asset questions
- Student Financial Questions

Simplified Needs Test – Dependent Student

- Parents Asset questions
- Student Asset questions

Simplified Needs Analysis Impacts

Students who meet the criteria **do not** have to provide responses for –

Automatic Zero – Independent Student

- Student Income tax and exemption questions
- Student Additional Financial Information questions
- Student Untaxed Income questions
- Student Asset questions

Simplified Needs Test – Independent Student

- Student Asset questions

When Auto-Zero Criteria is Met

“Do you want to skip the remaining questions about your parents’ income and assets?”

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Parent Financial Information				
What type of income tax return did your parents file for 2010? IRS 1040				
What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2010? \$25,000 .00 INCOME ESTIMATOR				
How much did your father/stepfather earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010? \$20,000 .00				
How much did your mother/stepmother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010? \$10,000 .00				
As of today, is either of your parents a dislocated worker? No				
In 2009 or 2010, did your parents receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below? Check all that apply or check None of the above .				
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Free or Reduced Price Lunch				
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)				
Do you want to skip the remaining questions about your and your mother's income and assets? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No				
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When SNT Criteria is Met

“Do you want to skip questions about your parents’ assets?”

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Parent Financial Information continued

Enter the amount of your mother's income tax for 2010
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Enter your mother's exemptions for 2010

Did your mother have any of the following items in 2010? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

Additional Financial Information

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

Untaxed Income

- ☐ Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans
- ☐ IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
- ☐ Child support received
- ☐ Tax exempt interest income
- ☐ Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- ☐ Untaxed portions of pensions
- ☐ Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to military, clergy, and others
- ☐ Veterans noneducation benefits

Do you want to skip questions about your mother's assets?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Not Going To File

Only presented with questions that are not tax return related.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application interface. At the top is a navigation bar with tabs: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The 'Parent Demographics' tab is active. On the left, a vertical purple bar contains the word 'PARENT' in white capital letters. The main content area is titled 'Parent Tax Information' and contains the question: 'For 2010, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?'. Below the question is a dropdown menu with 'Not going to file' selected. To the right of the question area are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons. At the bottom of the main area are buttons for 'NEED HELP?', 'SAVE', 'CLEAR ALL DATA', 'VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY', and 'EXIT'. On the right side of the screen is a 'Help and Hints' panel titled 'Parents Filed 2010 Income Tax Return? Question 79'. The help text explains that the question asks whether parents have filed or will file a 2010 income tax return, and provides instructions for married couples and non-married individuals.

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Parent Tax Information

For 2010, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?

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Help and Hints

Parents Filed 2010 Income Tax Return?

Question 79

This question asks whether or not your parents have filed or will file a 2010 income tax return. If your [parents](#) are now married (even if they were not married in 2010), answer this question about them as a couple. If they are not married, answer this



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Parent Financial Information

How much did your father/stepfather earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010?

\$30,000 .00

How much did your mother/stepmother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010?

\$19,000 .00

As of today, is either of your parents a dislocated worker?

No

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Father's/Stepfather's 2010 Income Earned from Work

Question 86

If your father or stepfather did not file taxes include the information from his 2010 W-2 Forms – box numbers 1 + 8.

If your father or stepfather filed or will file a tax return, enter the "wages, salaries, tips, etc." from his 2010 income tax return. Also, include income that he earned from Federal Work-study or any other need-based employment.

If your parents filed a joint tax return, report each

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Parent Financial Information continued

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2010? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

Additional Financial Information

- ☐ Child support paid
- ☐ Taxable earnings from Work-study, Assistantships or Fellowships
- ☐ Grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS
- ☐ Combat pay or special combat pay
- ☐ Cooperative education program earnings

Untaxed Income

- ☐ Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans
- ☐ Child support received
- ☐ Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to military, clergy, and others
- ☐ Veterans noneducation benefits
- ☐ Other untaxed income not reported such as workers' compensation or disability

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Parents' Total Assets Exceed Amount Listed?

Select **Yes** if your parents' current asset net worth exceeds this amount as of today.

Select **No** if your parents' current asset net worth does not exceed this amount as of today.

Asset net worth means current value of the assets minus what is owed on those assets.

Assets include:

- Money in cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Businesses
- Investment farms



Non Filers – Auto-Zero

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Parent Financial Information

How much did your mother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010?
\$ 15,000 .00

As of today, is your mother a dislocated worker?

No

Do you want to skip the remaining questions about your and your mother's income and assets?
☐ Yes ☐ No

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Help and Hints

Is Parent a Dislocated Worker?
Question 82

Answer this question about the [parent](#) who is completing the application.

A person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she:

- is receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation;
- has been laid off or received a lay-off notice from a job;
- was self-employed but is now unemployed due to

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Parent Financial Information continued

Did your mother have any of the following items in 2010? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

Additional Financial Information

- ☐ Child support paid
- ☐ Taxable earnings from Work-study, Assistantships or Fellowships
- ☐ Grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS
- ☐ Combat pay or special combat pay
- ☐ Cooperative education program earnings

Untaxed Income

- ☐ Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans
- ☐ Child support received
- ☐ Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to military, clergy, and others
- ☐ Veterans noneducation benefits
- ☐ Other untaxed income not reported such as workers' compensation or disability

Do you want to skip questions about your mother's assets?
☒ Yes ☐ No

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Non Tax Filer Edit



The following error(s) have occurred:

- 4039: You reported that the student's parents will not file an income tax return, but the amount you reported for father's and mother's income appears to be over the minimum amount required for filing a tax return. Change the answer to tax return status or income amount for father and mother.



Review the answers to the questions on this page and make corrections or updates as needed. Once you are done, click **Check For Errors** to continue.

Note: You or your parents reported that a tax return was not filed even though the income reported meets the IRS requirements for filing one. To view the IRS requirements click [IRS tax filing requirements](#). If you confirm that your answers are correct, we will not calculate an estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) when you submit your FAFSA. Contact the financial aid office at your college for assistance.

FAFSA Question	Current Response
For 2010, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?	<input type="text" value="Not going to file"/>
How much did your father/stepfather earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010?	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 10,000 .00
How much did your mother/stepmother earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010?	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 25,000 .00

CHECK FOR ERRORS

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Help and Hints

Parents Filed 2010
Income Tax Return?

Question 79

This question asks whether or not your parents have filed or will file a 2010 income tax return. If your [parents](#) are now married (even if they were not married in 2010), answer this question about them as a couple. If they are not married, answer this question about the parent who is reporting financial information on this application.

Select the option that indicates your parents' 2010 income tax return filing status:



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ASSET NET WORTH THRESHOLD



Asset net worth threshold

Parents of dependent students and independent students will be presented with the asset net worth threshold question, if they are not eligible for auto-zero or simplified needs test; and if the student's state of legal residence allows the applicant to skip the asset question.

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Enter the amount of your mother's income tax for 2010
\$5,000 .00

Enter your mother's exemptions for 2010
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Did your mother have any of the following items in 2010? Check all that apply and provide amounts.

Additional Financial Information

- ☐ Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits
- ☐ Child support paid
- ☐ Taxable earnings from Work-study, Assistantships or Fellowships
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- ☐ Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- ☐ Untaxed portions of pensions
- ☐ Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to military, clergy, and others
- ☐ Veterans noneducation benefits

Help and Hints

Parents' Education Credits
Question 91a

Check the box if your parents received education credits (*American Opportunity, Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credits*) in 2010.

As of today, does the total amount of your mother's current assets exceed \$17,500.00?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Asset Net Worth Threshold

- If answer is “yes”, the three asset questions will display.

As of today, does the total amount of your mother's current assets exceed \$17,500.00?

☒ Yes ☐ No

As of today, what is your mother's total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?

\$.00

As of today, what is the net worth of your mother's investments, including real estate (not your mother's home)?

\$.00

As of today, what is the net worth of your mother's current businesses and/or investment farms?

\$.00

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- If answer is “no”, the asset questions will not display, as we do not need to count the asset value in the calculation of the EFC.



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Signing and Submitting the FAFSA

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

☒ Application was successfully saved.

[VIEW OR PRINT YOUR FAFSA INFORMATION](#)

Are you a preparer?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How do you (the student) want to provide your signature?

☐ Sign Electronically With My PIN (Fastest) [Apply For A PIN](#)

☐ Print A Signature Page

☐ Submit Without Signatures

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you

- will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
- are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,

Terms of Agreement - Student

☐ Agree ☒ Disagree

How do you (the parent) want to provide your signature?

☐ Sign Electronically With My PIN (Fastest) [Apply For A PIN](#) [I Forgot/Don't Know My PIN](#)

☐ Print A Signature Page

☐ Submit Without Signatures

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE PARENT, agree if asked to

- provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form
- provide U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file

Help and Hints

Are you a preparer?

A preparer is anyone who charges a fee for helping you fill out your FAFSA.

Typically high school counselors, school financial aid administrators, or other mentors do not charge a fee to help you complete your application, so they are not considered preparers unless you paid them for their services.

If you are a preparer, select **Yes**.



Confirmation Page

- ✓ Confirmation Number
- ✓ Data Release Number (DRN)
- ✓ EFC estimate
- ✓ Pell Grant and Direct Loan estimates
- ✓ Option for parents to transfer info to an application for a sibling
- ✓ Option to transfer info to a state application if state is participating in API
- ✓ College rates for each college on the FAFSA



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Confirmation

Confirmation Number:

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Data Release Number (DRN): 1040

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Confirmation Page

Congratulations, Kim! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid. You should print this page for your records.

Optional Feature - Transfer your parents' information into another FAFSA - Do your parents need to complete a FAFSA for your brother or sister? Click [here](#) and all the information your parents provided in this application will be transferred to a new FAFSA. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.

Eligibility Information

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 04443

The EFC is an index that schools use to determine your eligibility and is not the amount of money that you have to pay. Your school's financial aid office will use your EFC to determine the specific types and amounts of student aid you are eligible to receive.

You may be eligible to receive the following:

[Pell Grant](#) Estimate - \$1,176

[Direct Stafford Loan](#) Estimate - \$5,500

You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.

College Rates

The table shows the [graduation, retention, and transfer rates](#) for the schools you selected. Go to the College Navigator Web site at www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator for complete information.

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate
DUBURN UNIVERSITY	NA	NA	NA
ART INSTITUTE OF CHARLOTTE (THE)	49%	47%	6%
DUKE UNIVERSITY	95%	97%	NA
BENNETT COLLEGE	48%	76%	NA
CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	8%	60%	33%

Next Steps

The colleges you listed will have access to your FAFSA information once your application is processed. For more information about student aid go to www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/aidinfo. Return to FAFSA on the Web at any time to check the status of your application, or to make corrections or changes.

Contact Us

If you have questions, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 319-337-5665. If you are hearing-impaired and have questions, contact the TTY line at 1-800-730-8913.

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