




FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FSA) ID

- FSA ID SERVES AS LEGAL SIGNATURE
- STUDENT AND PARENT EACH NEED TO REQUEST AN FSA ID AT [HTTP://FSAID.ED.GOV](http://fsaid.ed.gov)



Remember the answers to your challenge questions!

FSA ID

- NO LONGER REQUIRE TO CHANGE PASSWORD EVERY 18 MONTHS
- THEY DO REQUIRE EVERY FSA ID CREATED TO HAVE A VERIFIED EMAIL OR MOBILE PHONE NUMBER





FAFSA REMINDERS

- **WHAT IS IT?**
 - FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
 - DETERMINES A STUDENT'S EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)
 - USED TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL AID, AND SOMETIMES STATE AND INSTITUTIONAL AID
- **2020-21 FAFSA IS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1ST**
- **2020-21 FAFSA REQUIRES 2018 TAXES & W2'S**
- **PRIORITY DATES – WWW.ICANSUCCEED.ORG/PRIORITY**
- **APPLY AT [HTTPS://FAFSA.GOV](https://FAFSA.GOV)**

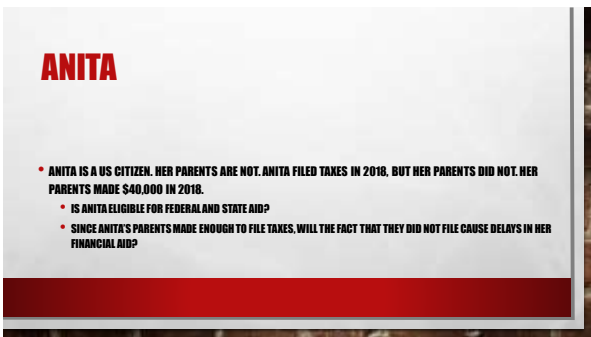


FAFSA UPDATES

- **ALL 2018 TAX FILERS WILL USE A 1040 FORM**
- **NO LONGER QUESTION "IF YOU FILED 1040 WERE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FILE 1040A OR 1040EZ FORM?"**
- **"DID (OR WILL) YOU FILE A SCHEDULE 1 WITH YOUR 2018 TAX RETURN?" REPLACES THAT QUESTION**
- **OTHER TAX QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO MATCH LINE NUMBERS ON THE NEW 1040 FORM**







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 - NON-BINARY IS NOT AN OPTION ON THE FAFSA FORM. HOW SHOULD MARTHA ANSWER THE GENDER IDENTIFY QUESTION ON THE FORM?
 - SKIP THE QUESTION
 - PICK ANY GENDER
 - USE THE GENDER ASSIGNED AT BIRTH

JIM

- JIM'S PARENTS DIVORCED JANUARY 1, 2019, BUT FILED JOINT TAXES FOR 2018. JIM LIVED WITH HIS DAD THE MOST IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.
- WHOSE INFORMATION SHOULD BE USED ON THE FAFSA?

TOM

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- WHOSE INCOME INFORMATION SHOULD BE PUT ON THE FAFSA?

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- WHAT IF CARL ADOPTED HIS BROTHER AT THE AGE OF TEN? WHOSE INFORMATION WOULD BE ON THE FAFSA?

ALICE

- ALICE'S DAD PASSED AWAY WHEN SHE WAS FOUR AND HER MOTHER REMARRIED. HER MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN SHE WAS 14 AND SHE HAS CONTINUED TO LIVE WITH HER STEPFATHER AND HE ADOPTED HER AFTER HER MOM PASSED AWAY. HOW WILL ALICE FILE THE FAFSA FORM?

SARA

- SARA'S GRANDPARENTS SETUP A TRUST FUND FOR HER WHEN SHE WAS BORN. SHE CANNOT ACCESS THE FUNDS UNTIL SHE IS 30 YEARS OLD. DOES THE TRUST FUND NEED TO BE COUNTED ON THE FAFSA?

BRIAN

- BRIAN WAS INVOLVED IN A CAR ACCIDENT WHEN HE WAS 12. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE DRIVER OF THE OTHER VEHICLE WAS FULLY RESPONSIBLE. DUE TO THE SEVERITY OF HIS INJURIES AND LONG-TERM MEDICAL TREATMENTS, HE WAS GIVEN A LARGE SETTLEMENT THAT WAS PUT INTO A TRUST FUND UNTIL HE IS 25 YEARS OLD. DOES THE TRUST FUND NEED TO BE COUNTED ON THE FAFSA?

STEVE

- STEVE'S GRANDFATHER HAS NAMED STEVE'S DAD AS A BENEFICIARY OF THEIR 'LIFE ESTATE' ALONG WITH 2 SIBLINGS. THE LIFE ESTATE ALLOWS THE GRANDPARENTS TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE UNTIL THEY DIE (OR UNTIL THEY GO TO A NURSING HOME) AND IS THEN CONVEYED TO THE CHILDREN. IS THIS 'LIFE ESTATE' AND ASSET THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE COUNTED ON STEVE'S FAFSA?

RACHEL

- RACHEL IS A SENIOR AND HAS DECIDED TO GO TO COLLEGE SEVERAL HOURS FROM HOME. RATHER THAN LIVE IN STUDENT HOUSING FOR FOUR YEARS, HER PARENTS HAVE DECIDED TO PURCHASE A HOUSE FOR HER TO LIVE IN WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL. IS HER NEW COLLEGE HOME CONSIDERED AN ASSET ON THE FAFSA?

RACHEL

• THE HOUSE IS WORTH \$150,000 AND HER PARENTS WERE ABLE TO PUT DOWN \$80,000 WHEN PURCHASING THE HOME. HOW MUCH SHOULD BE REPORTED ON THE FAFSA AND WHERE SHOULD THAT AMOUNT BE REPORTED?

RACHEL

• WHAT IF RACHEL IS THE OWNER OF THE HOME SHE LIVES IN AT SCHOOL? WOULD IT BE COUNTED AS AN ASSET THEN?
