



2024-25 FAFSA® Contributor Prep

December 14, 2023

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Federal Student Aid Overview



Federal Student Aid Overview

The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$111 billion in grants, work-study funds, and student loans each year to help students pay for college, career school, or trade school.

Federal Student Aid Grants

PELL GRANT

Awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree; in some cases, students enrolled in a postbaccalaureate teacher certification program may receive a Federal Pell Grant

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)

Awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree • Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority

TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE AND HIGHER EDUCATION (TEACH) GRANT

Awarded to undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, or graduate students who are enrolled in programs designed to prepare them to teach in a high-need field at the elementary or secondary school level

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN SERVICE GRANT

For students, whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11

Federal Student Aid work-study

The Federal Work-Study Program allows you to earn money to pay for school by working part-time. You'll earn at least the current federal minimum wage. However, you may earn more depending on the type of work you do and the skills required for the position. Your total work-study award depends on

- when you apply,
- your level of financial need, and
- your school's funding level.

Federal student aid student loans

A loan is money you borrow and must pay back with interest. If you apply for financial aid, you may be offered loans as part of your school's financial aid offer.

DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS

These loans are made to eligible undergraduate students who demonstrate **financial need** to help cover the costs of higher education at a college or career school.

DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS

These loans are made to eligible undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, but eligibility is not based on financial need.

DIRECT PLUS LOANS

These loans are made to graduate or professional students and parents of dependent undergraduate students to help pay for education expenses not covered by other financial aid. Eligibility is not based on financial need, but a credit check is required.

Other Aid

The completion of the FAFSA form, can also make students eligible for other forms of aid.

STATE AID

Some states and colleges use information from the FAFSA form to determine your eligibility for their grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines [here!](#)

Missing a state deadline does not impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed.

INSTITUTIONAL AID

Schools may also use the FAFSA form to determine eligibility for institutional grants and scholarships.

PRIVATE AID

National and local community organizations including private scholarship organizations may also request the completion of the FAFSA form for eligibility.

Contributor Overview





Who is a contributor?

A contributor is anyone

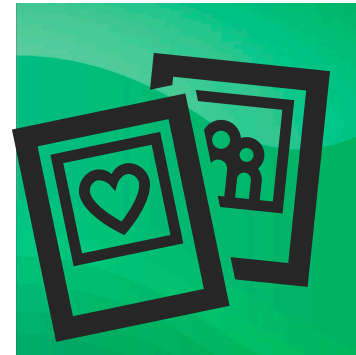
- required to provide information,
- a signature, and
- consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS into the FAFSA form.

Who is a contributor?



A Student

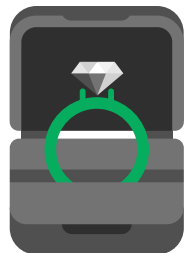
A student is anyone who is seeking to pursue a post secondary degree or program, who has already obtained or in the process of obtaining their high school diploma or GED. This includes undergraduate and adult students.



Biological or Adoptive Parent

A student's biological or legally adoptive parent (provides most financial support if unmarried) may be a contributor if the student is determined to be a dependent student.

This is not based on whether a parent claimed the student on their taxes or not.



Student Spouse/Partner

If the student is married (not separated), their spouse will be considered a contributor and should be invited to complete their portion of the student's application.



Parent's Spouse/Partner

If a student is a dependent student, then the parent who provides the most financial support and is married will also need to invite the spouse/partner as a contributor to the application.

Is an additional contributor required to complete the form?



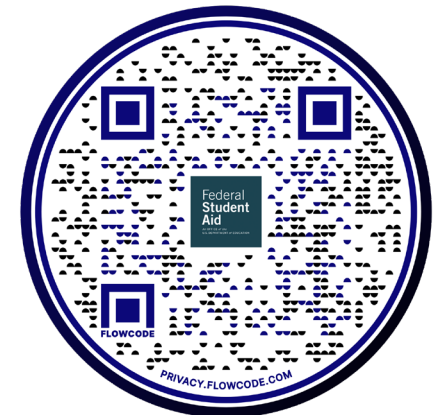
Dependency Status and Contributors

Dependent Students

- ✓ You will report parent information when completing your FAFSA® form.
- ✓ At least one of your parents will be identified as a contributor.
- ✓ If your parent is married and did not file taxes jointly with their spouse, your parent's spouse will also be identified as a contributor.
- ✓ If your parents are not married and do not live together, the parent who provides the most financial support will be identified as a contributor.
- ✓ If your parents are not married and live together, both parents will be identified as a contributor.
- ✓ Use the “Is My Parent a Contributor When I Fill Out My FAFSA® Form?” infographic to help understand who may be identified as a contributor before starting your FAFSA form. (Scan the QR code to view the infographic.)

Independent Students

- ✓ If you are currently married (and not separated), you will report your spouse's information when completing the FAFSA form.
- ✓ If you did not file taxes jointly with your spouse, they will be identified as a contributor.

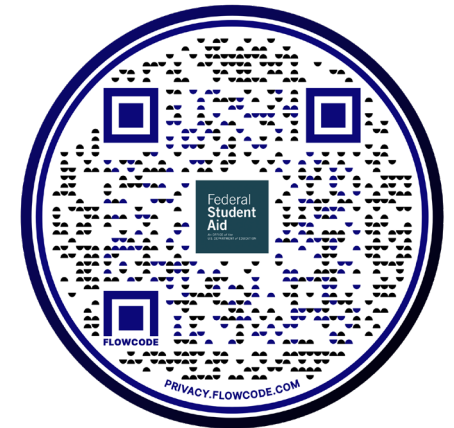


Independent Dependency Status

If you identify with at least one of the following, then you are an independent student:

- ✓ 24 years old or older by Jan. 1 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid
- ✓ Married and not separated
- ✓ A graduate or professional student (working toward a master's or doctorate degree)
- ✓ Have children or other legal dependents (other than your spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you
- ✓ A veteran of or currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces
- ✓ At any time since you turned 13, both of your parents were deceased, you were in foster care, or you were a ward or dependent of the court
- ✓ An emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship as determined by a court
- ✓ An unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless

If you do not identify with any of the above, then you are a dependent student.



StudentAid.gov/help-center/answers/article/what-is-dependency-status

Personal Circumstance



Student Other Circumstances

At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Yes No

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If a student is unaccompanied and either:

- Homeless
- Or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless

They will not be required to have a parent contributor.

Examples of unusual circumstances may include

- ✓ human trafficking,
- ✓ legally granted refugee or asylum status,
- ✓ parental abandonment or estrangement, and
- ✓ student or parental incarceration.

Situations that do not qualify as unusual circumstances include

- ✓ parents refuse to contribute to your education expenses,
- ✓ parents will not provide information for your FAFSA® form, and
- ✓ parents do not claim you as a dependent for income tax purposes.

Provisional Independent Student Status

The student contributor must contact their institution to provide documentation such as:

- Interviews,
- Documented phone calls and statements from various officials,
- Court documents,
- Utility bills, and
- Any other documentation school requests.



Your Dependency Status



Provisionally Independent Student

Based on your answers, you're a provisionally independent student. This means you don't need to answer questions about your parents to submit your application.

To complete your application, you'll need to contact your school's financial aid office and provide documentation to verify your circumstances.

We won't be able to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI) until you confirm your circumstances with your financial aid office. Until then, we will provide only an estimate of your federal student aid eligibility as an independent student.

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Creating a StudentAid.gov account/FSA ID





Student or Parent Contributor with a Social Security Number

Instructions:

1. Go to StudentAid.gov and click on “Create Account” located in top right corner of page
2. You will need your Full Name, Social Security Number, Mobile Number and/or Email Address
3. Do this as soon as possible, as it may take 1-3 days for verification processing

Important:

- If you already have a StudentAid.gov account/FSA ID – you do not need to create a new one. You can use your existing account.
- If you forgot your log-in information, click on “forgot password” for recovery steps



StudentAid.gov



Parent Contributor without a Social Security Number

Instructions:

1. Go to StudentAid.gov and click on “Create Account” located in top right corner of page.
2. You will need your Full Name, Mailing Address, Mobile Number and/or Email Address
3. Do this as soon as possible, as it may take 1-3 days for verification processing

Important:

- You will not be able to create an account until the official launch of the FAFSA form



StudentAid.gov

Scenario One:

Sam is a 17-year-old, graduating high school senior and excited about his future as the first in his family to attend college. However, his parents don't have a social security number and don't file taxes or live in the United States. Sam lives with an aunt, who has not legally adopted him.

What can Sam do to complete the FAFSA?

<https://forms.office.com/g/8Jh59Z5MKQ>



Answer: B

Since Sam is a dependent student, Sam should invite at least one of his parents to complete the FAFSA form. Even though, Sam's parents do not live in the United States and do not file taxes here, they must still provide consent and approval.



Ways to Start FAFSA Form and Inviting a Contributor





Ways to Start the FAFSA Form

Student Contributor Starts

- Personal Circumstances
- Invite Contributor (If applicable)
- Student Demographics
- Student Financials
- Colleges
- Signature



Parent Contributor Starts

- Student Personal Circumstances
- Parent/Spouse/Partner Demographics
- Parent/Spouse/Partner Financials
- Sgnature

* Student Contributor will still need to log-in to the FAFSA form to review and complete the remaining portion of the FAFSA form.

Inviting a Contributor

- ✓ first and last name,
 - ✓ Social Security number (if they have one),
 - ✓ date of birth, and
 - ✓ email address.
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- Student contributor can invite a parent or student's spouse contributor
 - A parent contributor can invite their spouse/partner



Important Note


If a parent contributor is starting the FAFSA form on behalf of their student, they should still select the "Parent" option.


The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 welcome screen. At the top left is the FAFSA logo with 'FORM 2024-25' next to it. The background features a light blue sky with white clouds and two hot air balloons: one with orange and white stripes and another with teal and white stripes. A dark blue banner in the center reads 'Welcome, Raya, to the FAFSA Form'. Below this, a green line indicates the user is starting the form as a contributor. Two selection boxes are shown: 'Student' with a blue graduation cap icon and an unselected radio button, and 'Parent' with a green icon of two people and a selected radio button. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

FAFSA[®] FORM 2024-25

Welcome, Raya,
to the FAFSA[®] Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

Student 

Parent 

Previous Continue



Contributor Invitation

- ✓ Received via email
- ✓ Invitation lasts for 45 days.
- ✓ If form not started within 45 days, student must send another invitation

Help Complete Raya's Form

Alcina,

Raya T can't be eligible for federal student aid without your input. Help them complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.

Providing information as a contributor does not make you financially responsible for Raya's education costs. Completing the FAFSA form is how they qualify for student aid including

- Federal Pell Grants,
- federal student loans,
- state financial aid, and
- school financial aid.

Log in with your FSA ID (account username and password) to complete your section.

Note: Forms are deleted after 45 days of inactivity.
Don't recognize Raya? Read [What To Do if You Got an Invite and Don't Recognize the Sender](#).

[Log In](#)

Why You Were Invited

Without your input, Raya won't be eligible for federal student aid.

Reasons To Finish Early

Here's why it's a good idea to finish as soon as possible:

- States and schools have different deadlines for student aid. Check the "[FAFSA® Deadlines](#)" page for more information.
- You may need extra time to make corrections after you submit.

Scenario Two:

Cierra is a Junior in college. Her parents divorced when she was in high school, and they both have remarried. Cierra typically had her mom complete the FAFSA, since that's who she lives with the most. However, her Dad provides the most financial support. She is wondering who she should invite to be a contributor on her FAFSA form.

Who should Cierra invite to complete the FAFSA form?

<https://forms.office.com/g/JzEf2pse5j>



Answer: A

For the 2024-25 FAFSA Form, Cierra should invite her dad to complete the form, as he provides the most financial support. Since Cierra's dad is remarried, her dad may also invite his spouse/partner to complete the form.



Responsibilities of a Contributor





Responsibilities of a Contributor

1 Complete their portion of the FAFSA form.

Information provided by contributors will be used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

2 Provide Consent and Approval

Even if one of your contributors doesn't have a Social Security number, didn't file taxes, or filed taxes outside of the U.S., consent and approval are still required. If any of your contributors do not provide consent and approval or refuse to provide them, you won't be eligible for federal student aid.

3 Not Responsible for Paying for College

Contributors who are identified on your FAFSA form are not financially responsible for your education expenses.



Contributor Consent

- ✓ share your personally identifiable information provided on the FAFSA form with the IRS,
- ✓ have your federal tax information transferred directly into the FAFSA form,
- ✓ allow the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to use your federal tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid,
- ✓ allow ED to share your federal tax information with higher education agencies and the schools you listed on your FAFSA form, and
- ✓ allow ED to reuse your federal tax information on other FAFSA forms that you're invited to and choose to participate on.



Contributor Consent to Share Information

The U.S. Department of Education may redisclose my FTI received from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii) to the following entities solely for the use in the application, award, and administration of financial aid:

- Institutions of higher education participating in the Federal student aid programs authorized under subpart 1 of part A, part C, or part D of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
- State higher education agencies;
- Scholarship organizations designated prior to December 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education; and
- Contractors of institutions of higher education and State higher education agencies to administer aspects of the institution's or State agency's activities for the application, award, and administration of such financial aid.



Declining an Invitation will cause a dependent student to be unable to obtain federal student aid to pay for school.

Accepting invitation is agreeing to share:

- your personal and contact information from your StudentAid.gov account to the student's FAFSA.

Raya Tran Wants Your Help on a FAFSA® Form

Raya Tran has identified you as a parent on their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

Parents are required to provide their financial and demographic information on the student's FAFSA form. This does not make you financially responsible for Raya's educational costs or any federal student loans they decide to accept.

[Visit the 2024-25 FAFSA Help Center](#)

Accept Invitation

Decline Invitation



By accepting this invitation, you agree to share your personal and contact information from your StudentAid.gov account on the student's FAFSA form. Once you accept, your information will be linked to this form.

What if my contributor refuses to provide financial information to complete the form?

While the student is completing their FAFSA, they will have to option to state that they only want to apply for a “Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only.”

This will not require a parent to complete the FAFSA form, but the student will only be eligible for Direct Unsubsidized Loans from Federal Student Aid.

*This does not mean that the student won’t be eligible for state, institutional or private aid.

Student Dependency Status



Dependent Student

The student is a dependent student. This means information about the student’s parent(s) must be provided on the FAFSA® form. This information helps determine how much federal student aid the student is eligible to receive.

Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only

Are the student’s parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student doesn’t have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents’ information?

*If you select “Yes,” a financial aid administrator at the student’s school will determine their eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan **only**.*

Yes

No

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Submitting the FAFSA



Student Contributor Submission

Once a student completes their portion of the FAFSA form, their parent contributors still must complete their section in order from the FAFSA form to be fully submitted.

A student can view the status of their contributor invitations.

After the FAFSA® form is submitted, the student will receive a confirmation email. Make sure you review it closely as it may include important information.

FAFSA FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran FAFSA Menu

You're Almost There!
The Student Section is complete!

Parent Contributors

Requirements for Dependent Students
Your FAFSA form is not complete until your parents complete the contributor section of the form and sign it. Once completed, your FAFSA form will be submitted for processing.

Parent Contributors	Date Request Sent	Status
Alcina Tran	07/13/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent Edit
Travis Tran	07/13/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent Edit

Track and Manage Your FAFSA Application and Your Contributors [View Status](#)

This application has been added to My Activity in your StudentAid.gov account. Go there to:

- Review, edit, or cancel any FAFSA application information.
- Revise your household size, contact your schools.
- Start your state application to apply for state-based financial aid



Parent Contributor Dashboard View

When a parent contributor logs in to their StudentAid.gov account with their FSA ID, the parent will be able to view their dashboard and activity for each FAFSA form.

*In this screenshot, the parent can see both forms for both students. One requires action from the parent, and one is in-progress.

My Dashboard

The screenshot shows a dashboard with three main sections: 'My Aid', 'My Activity', and 'Quick Links'. 'My Aid' shows a message that the user has no federal loans or grants. 'My Activity' lists two FAFSA forms for 2024-25, one with an 'Action Required' status and one with an 'In-Progress' status. 'Quick Links' provides access to various FAFSA-related documents and services.

Section	Item	Status	Last Updated	User
My Activity	FAFSA® Form 2024–25: Parent Contributor	Action Required	12/13/2023	Raya Tran
	FAFSA® Form 2024–25: Parent Contributor	In-Progress	12/13/2023	Grace Tran

[View All Activity >](#)

Quick Links

- [FAFSA Form](#)
- [Master Promissory Note \(MPN\)](#)
- [Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement](#)
- [Entrance Counseling](#)
- [Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)
- [PLUS Loan for Parent and Graduate Students](#)

My Info

- [My Aid](#)
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FAFSA Submission Summary

The student will receive a FAFSA Submission Summary after their FAFSA® form has been processed. The student can access the FAFSA Submission Summary by logging in to your StudentAid.gov account or by following the steps in the email you'll receive confirming your FAFSA Submission Summary is ready.

FAFSA[®] FORM 2024-25 FAFSA Submission Summary

Student  Raya Tran	Application Received Dec. 11, 2023	Application Processed Jan. 16th, 2024	Data Release Number 1234	Viewing: Submission 1
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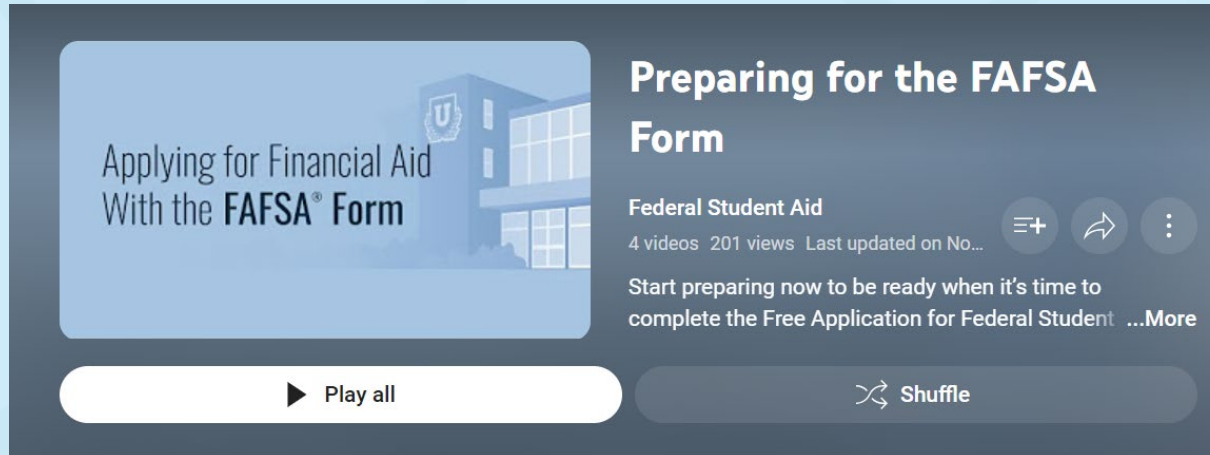
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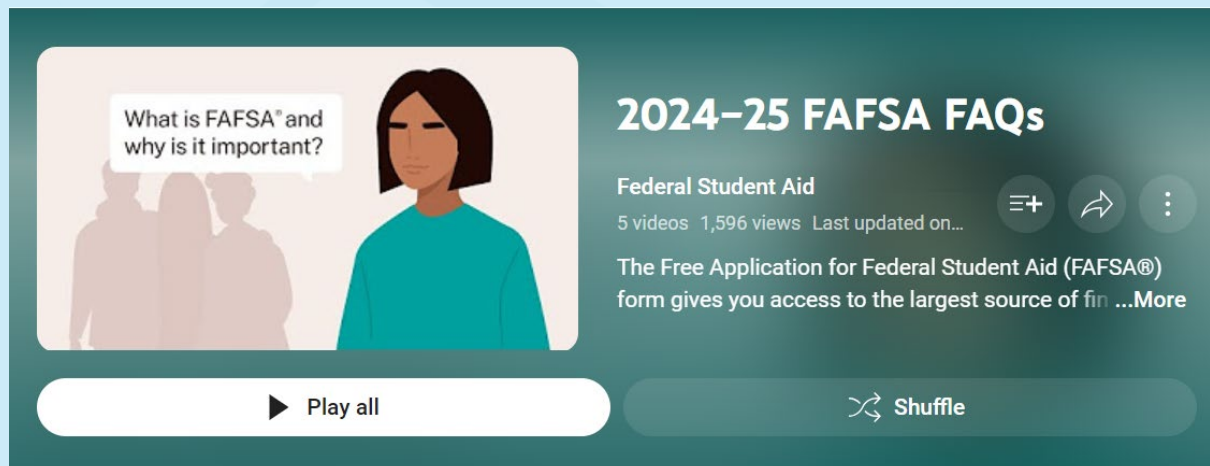
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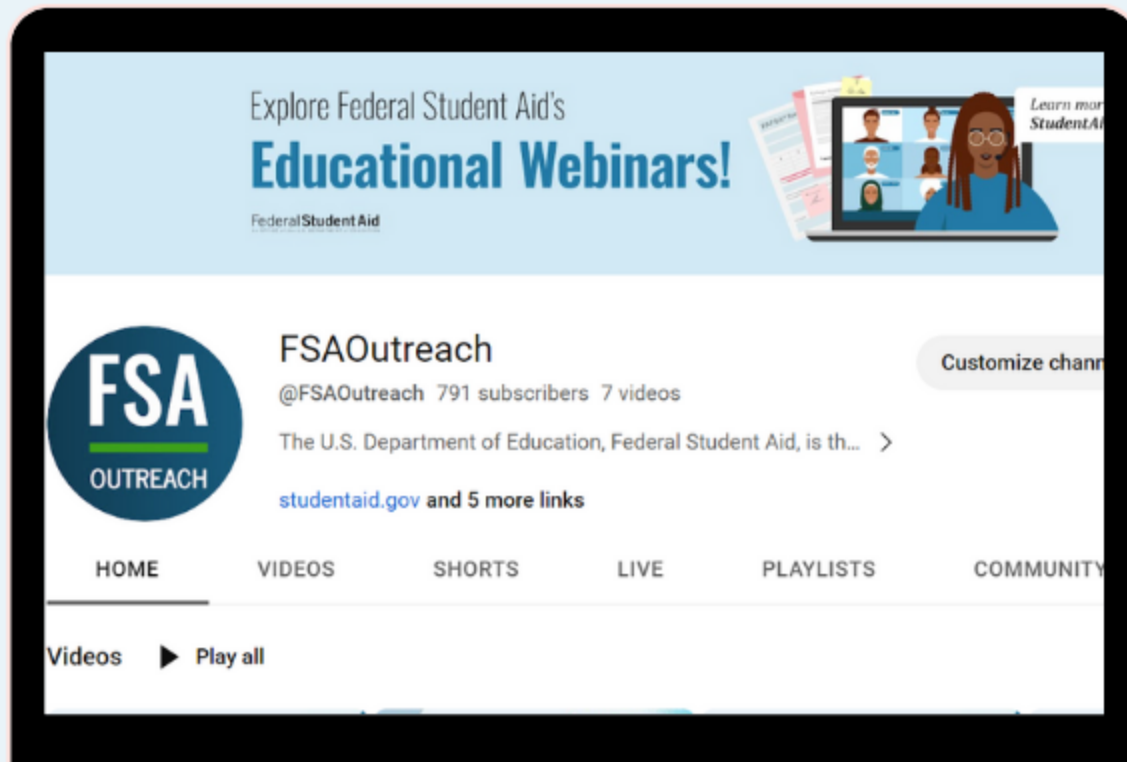
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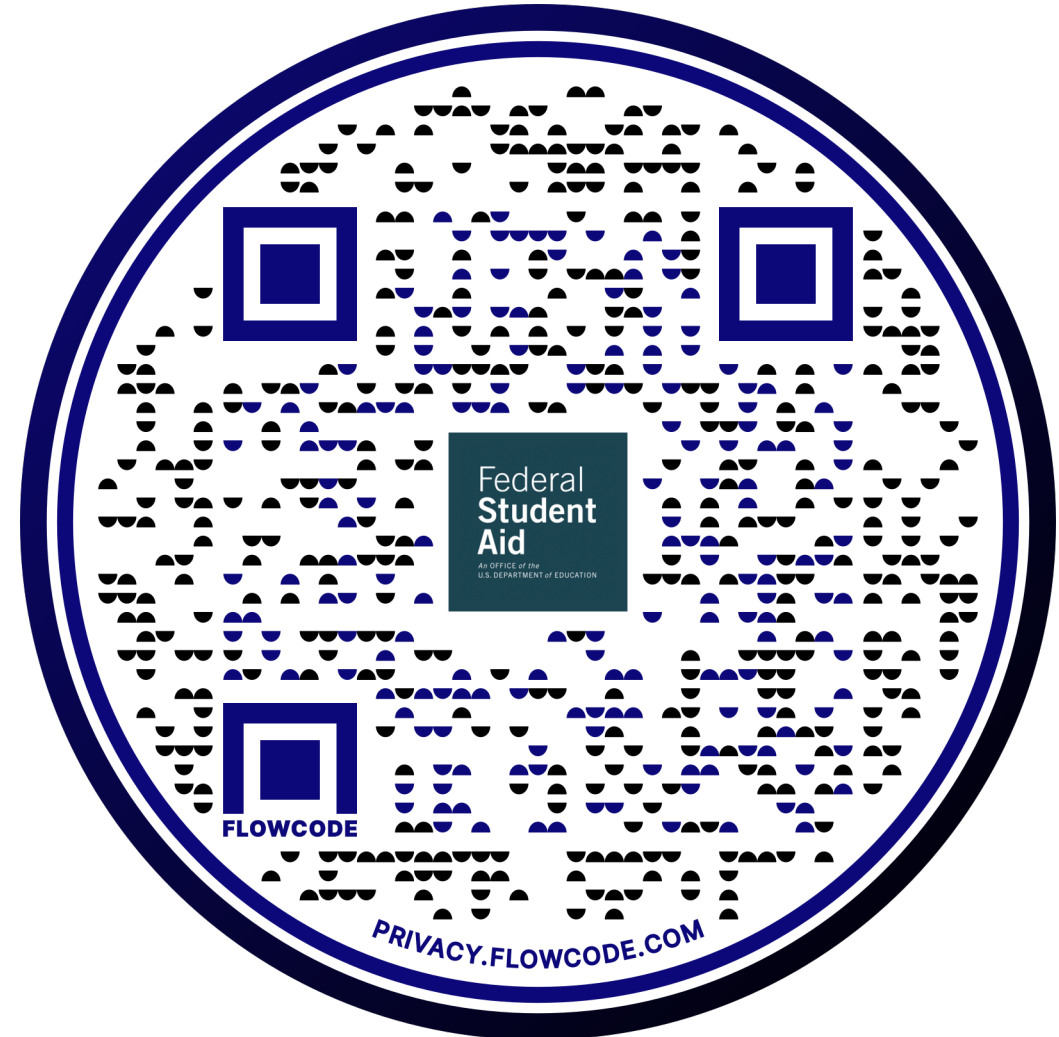
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