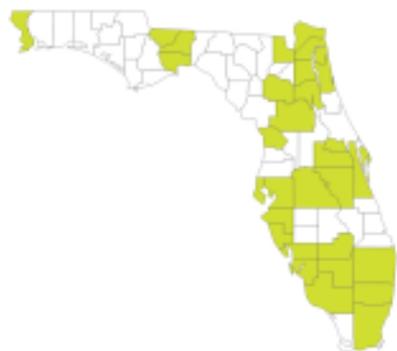


High School Counselor FAFSA Training

January 31, 2024

FCAN's Work



Research and Data: FCAN publishes research and data on evidence-based practices and policy opportunities to strengthen Florida's talent pool.

Advocacy: FCAN engages with stakeholders, policy makers and community based organizations to find ways for improving every students' postsecondary journey.

Storytelling: FCAN focuses on students and their communities to understand and share the impacts of Florida's education policy.

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Housekeeping:

- Submit your questions in the Q&A

This webinar is being recorded; all materials will be available within a week of recording



Thank you!



FAFSA Walk Through for Students

SAVE THE DATE:

Filling out the FAFSA

February 20, 6-7pm

<https://www.floridashines.org/fafsa-faqs>

- For students/parents
- Walk through the FAFSA
- Get questions answered live

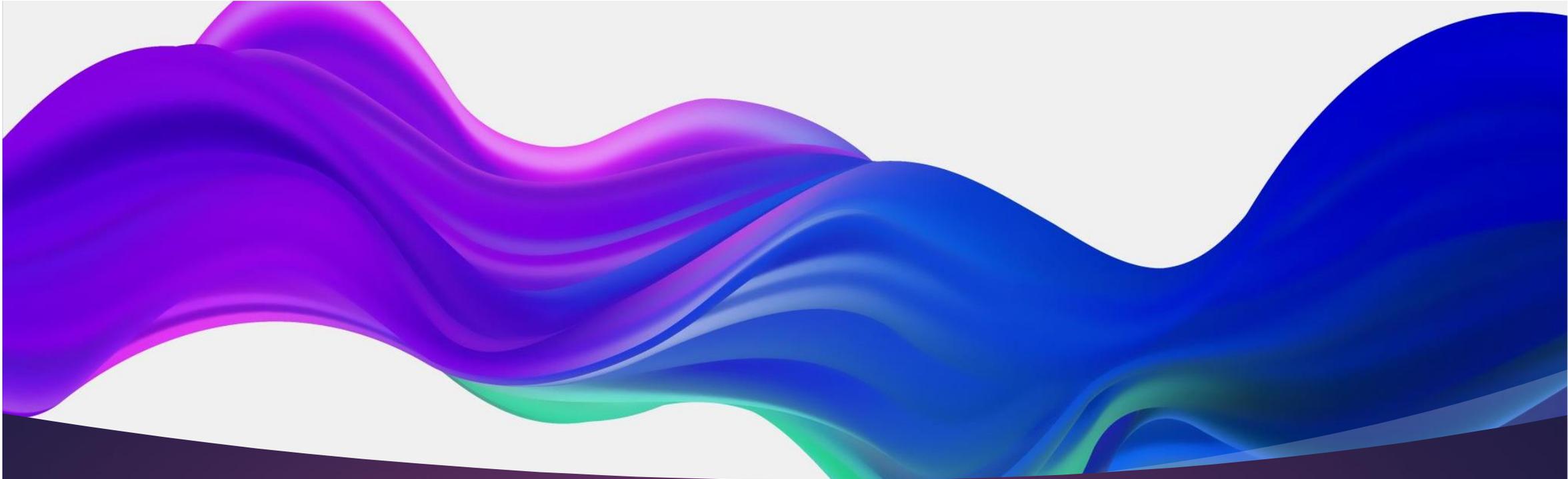
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Today's Presentation

- 1** Understanding FAFSA Simplification
- 2** 2023-24 Changes
- 3** 2024-25 Changes
- 4** New Need Calculation

- 5** Pell Changes
- 6** FAFSA Overview
- 7** Special and Unusual Circumstances
- 8** Aid Available

What is FAFSA Simplification?

FAFSA Simplification is the result of a multiple legislative and federal regulatory changes intended to demystify and streamline the financial aid process for students and families.

Major Changes for the 2023-24 Award Year



REMOVAL OF DRUG CONVICTION
AND SELECTIVE SERVICE QUESTIONS
FROM THE FAFSA



CHANGES TO HOW THE COST OF
ATTENDANCE IS CALCULATED



EXPANSION OF FINANCIAL AID
OFFICE'S ABILITY TO EXERCISE
PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT

Major Changes for the 2024-25 Year

The FAFSA became available December 2023

The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be replaced with the Student Aid Index

Number in college no longer considered

Parent who provides financial support is the contributing parent

Contributor must be invited to provide information on the FAFSA

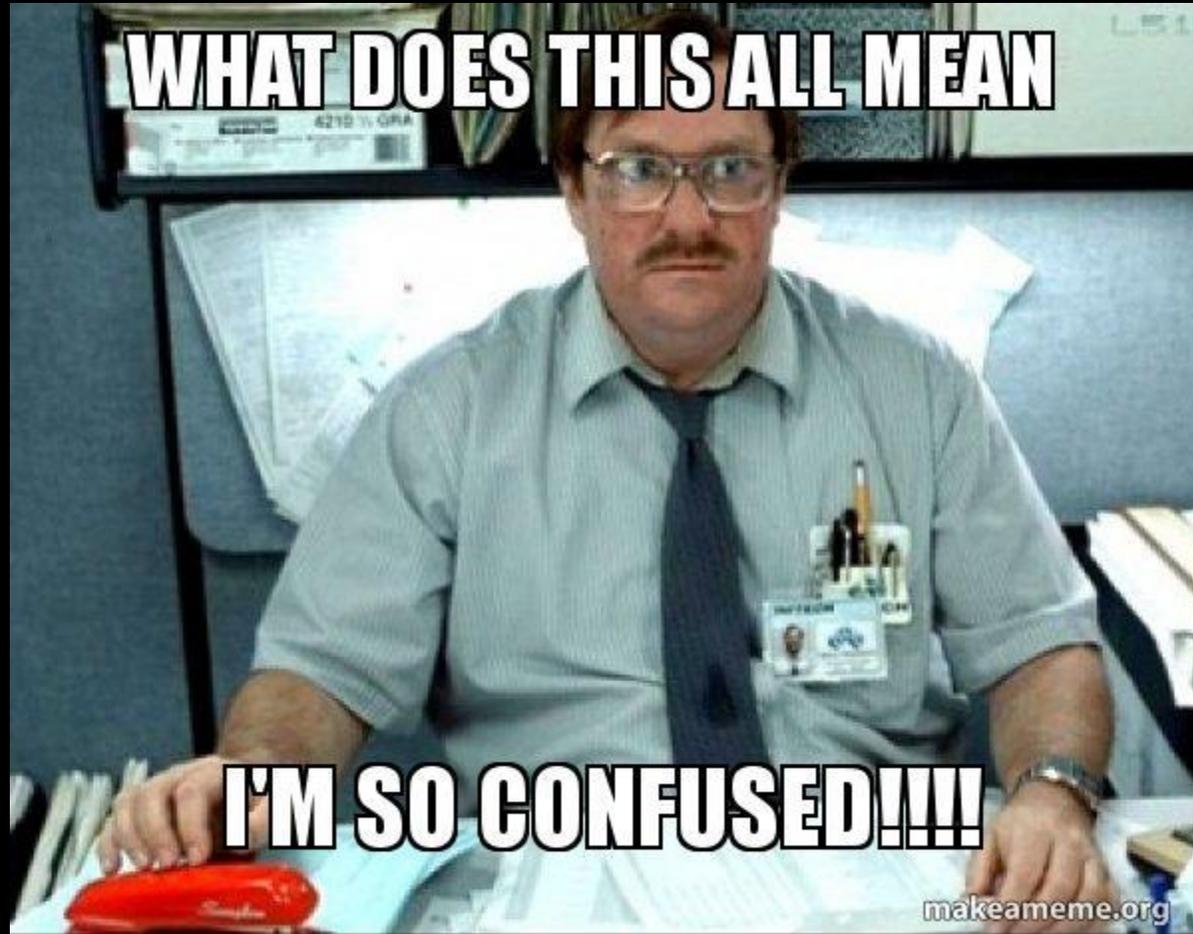
No student housing information will be provided to the PSI

Students will receive a FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)

FAFSA will populate from a Direct Data Exchange with the IRS

There will be multiple ways to determine a student's Pell Eligibility based on a payment formula

Pell will prorate in proportion with student's enrollment



WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN

I'M SO CONFUSED!!!!

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What Is Financial Need?

Cost of Attendance

– Student Aid Index(SAI)

= Financial need

More Pell Eligible Students

More Pell
Eligible
Students

Variability in
Pell Award
Amounts

When a student is attending college	When a student can submit a FAFSA	Which year's income and tax information is required
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	Oct. 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023	2020
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	Oct. 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024	2021
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	DECEMBER 2023- June 30, 2025	2022
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	Oct. 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027	2023

FAFSA INFORMATION

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

[Get Started](#)

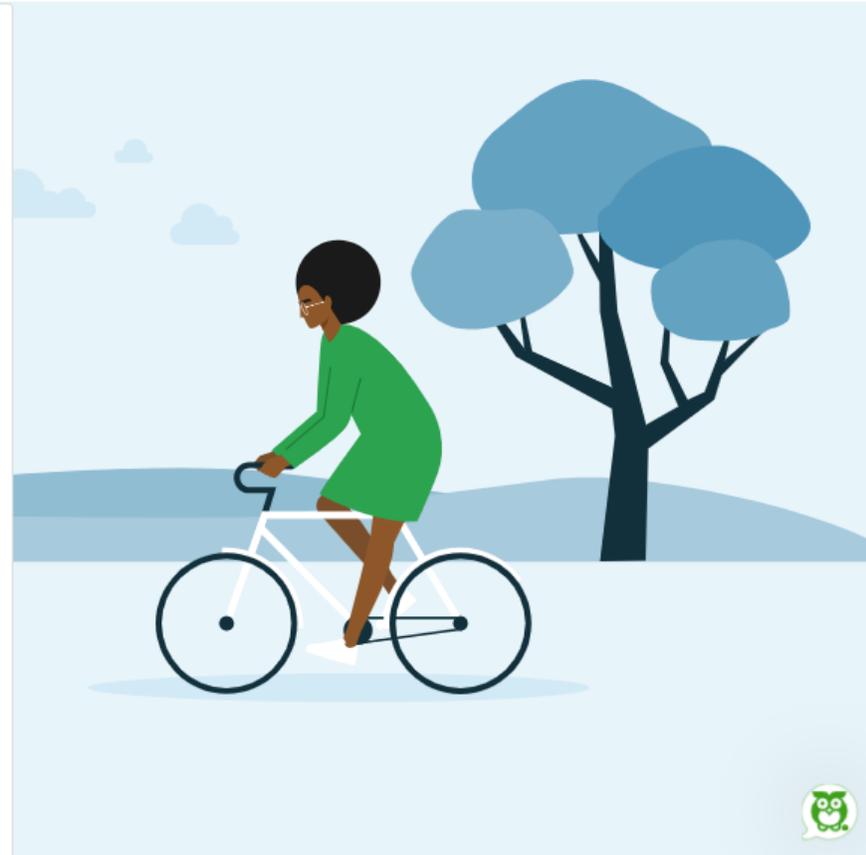
Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Use Your Account For

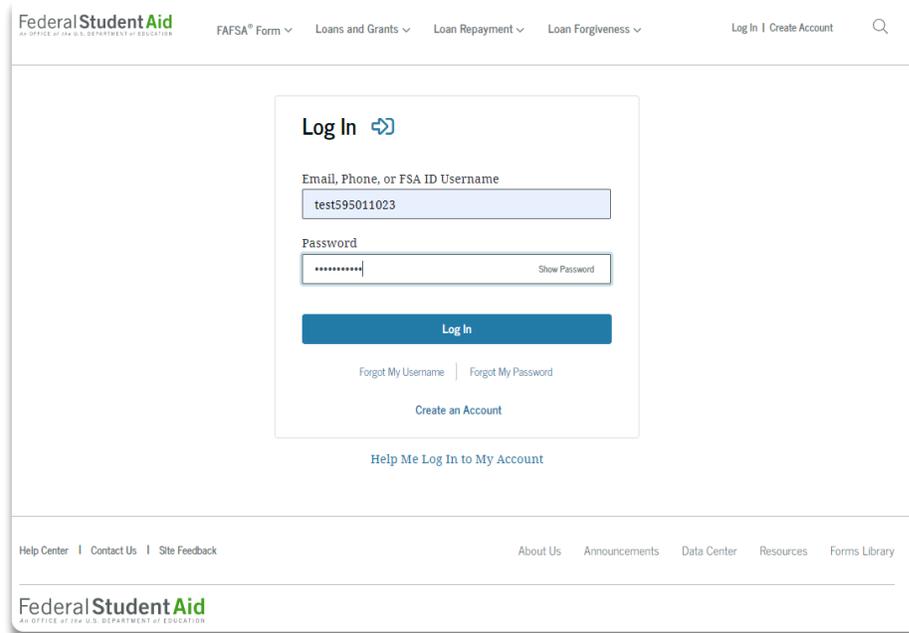
- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note (MPN)*
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

What You'll Need

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address



Dependent Student Log In

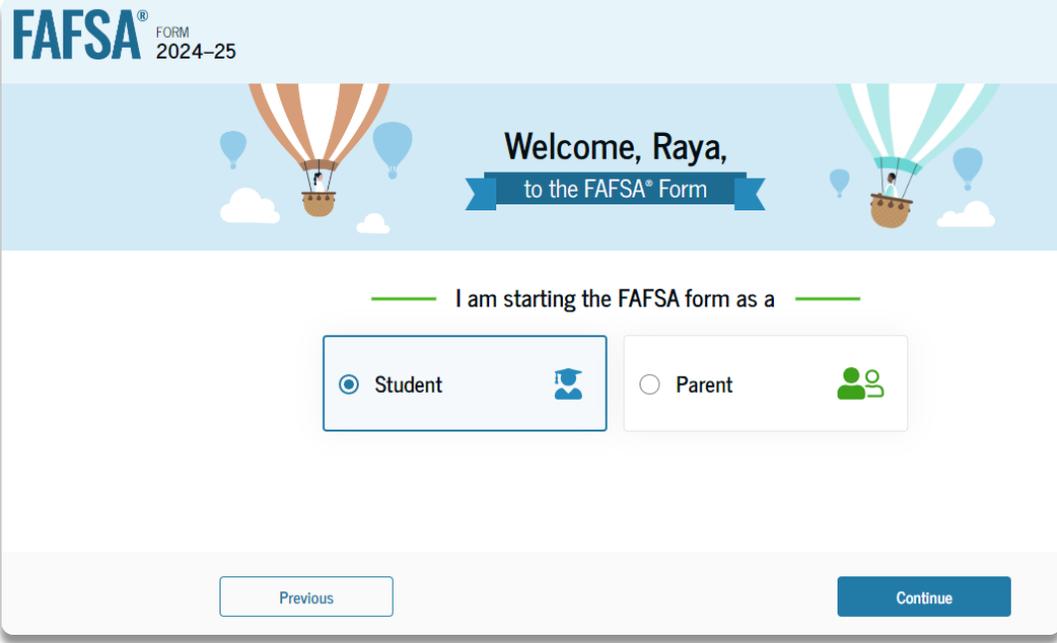


The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website's login interface. At the top, the logo "Federal Student Aid" is on the left, and navigation links for "FAFSA® Form", "Loans and Grants", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness" are in the center. On the right, there are links for "Log In" and "Create Account". The main content area features a "Log In" heading with a refresh icon. Below it are two input fields: "Email, Phone, or FSA ID Username" containing the text "test595011023" and "Password" with a "Show Password" toggle. A blue "Log In" button is positioned below the fields. Underneath the button are links for "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password", followed by a "Create an Account" link. At the bottom of the login section is a link that says "Help Me Log In to My Account". The footer contains links for "Help Center", "Contact Us", "Site Feedback", "About Us", "Announcements", "Data Center", "Resources", and "Forms Library".

► If the student selects "Start a New Form" from the FAFSA® landing page and they are not logged in to StudentAid.gov, they are taken to the "Log In" page to enter their log-in credentials. To access the FAFSA form, all students are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the student doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account."

Dependent Student Roles

► After logging in, the student can select the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA® form: "Student," or "Parent." The student selects "Student."



The screenshot displays the FAFSA 2024-25 login interface. At the top left, the text reads "FAFSA® FORM 2024-25". The main header area features a light blue background with hot air balloon illustrations and a central banner that says "Welcome, Raya, to the FAFSA® Form". Below this, a green line is followed by the text "I am starting the FAFSA form as a". Two selection options are presented: "Student" with a radio button that is selected and a graduation cap icon, and "Parent" with an unselected radio button and a family icon. At the bottom of the screen, there are two buttons: "Previous" on the left and "Continue" on the right.

Federal Aid Eligibility Requirements

- Demonstrate financial need for need-based federal student aid programs
- U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen
- Have a valid Social Security number (with the exception of students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau)
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school
- Provide consent and approval to have federal tax information transferred directly into 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, if applying for aid for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025;
- Sign the certification statement on the FAFSA form stating that student is not in default on a federal student loan, does not owe money on a federal student grant, and will only use federal student aid for educational purposes; and
- Qualified to obtain a college or career school education.

Citizen/ Eligible Non- Citizen Status

- ▶ U.S. Citizen (By Birth or Naturalized)
- ▶ U.S. Permanent Resident
- ▶ "Refugee"
- ▶ "Asylum Granted"
- ▶ "Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)"
- ▶ "Conditional Entrant" (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
- ▶ Victims of human trafficking, T-visa (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.) holder
- ▶ "Parolee" (must be paroled into the United States for at least one year and must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that the person is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and that the intention is to become a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.)

Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

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Contributors to the FAFSA[®] Form



Parents or Spouses

Your answers on the FAFSA form will determine if any contributors need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but will not become financially responsible for your education.



How to Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide their information. To invite a contributor to your FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address.

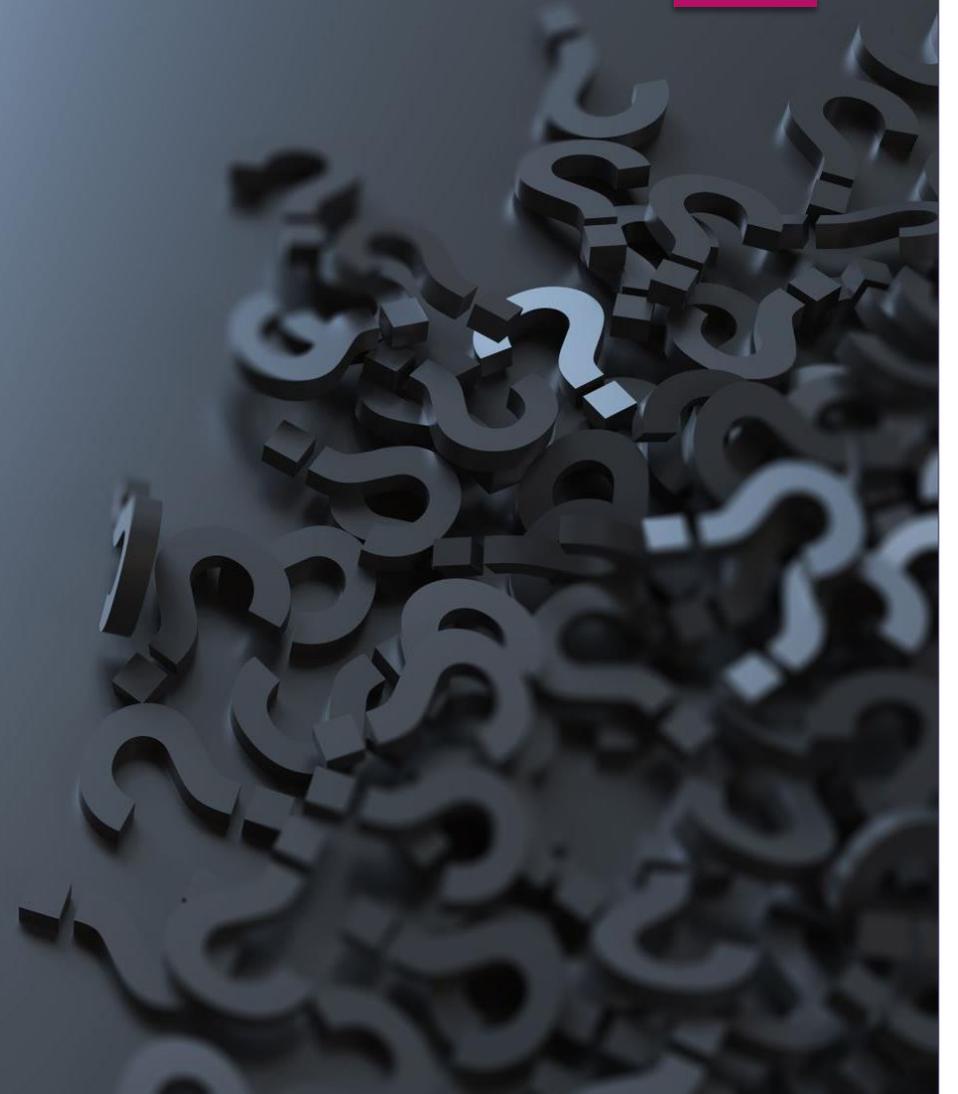
Information or Documents You May Need

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

Parents are Divorced or Separated

- ▶ Parents may be biological or adoptive
- ▶ Contributing Parent provides most financial support
- ▶ If the Contributing Parent is remarried step-parent information is required



Dependent Student Invites Parents to FAFSA® Form

► The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Rays Tran. A progress bar at the top indicates the current step is 'Invite Parents to your FAFSA Form', with other steps being Personal Circumstances, Demographics, Financials, Colleges, and Signature. The main heading is 'Invite Parents to your FAFSA Form'. Below this, a blue box states: 'You will need to provide information for your parents. Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your family members to your form to help you complete all required sections.' A sub-heading reads: 'Enter names of parents, identified on the prior page, and we'll send electronic requests on your behalf. Please make sure to provide information that your parents would use to login to StudentAid.gov.' The form contains two columns: 'Parent' and 'Parent Spouse (optional)'. The 'Parent' column has fields for First Name (Alcina), Last Name (Tran), and Date of Birth (05/05/1973). The 'Parent Spouse' column has fields for First Name, Last Name, and Date of Birth.

This screenshot shows a close-up of the form fields for a parent. It includes a 'Social Security Number (SSN)' field with a 'SHOW' button and a 'My parent doesn't have a SSN' checkbox. Below that is an 'Email Address' field with the value 'alcintran@school.edu' and a 'Confirm Email Address' field with the same value. An 'Invite Parent' button is located at the bottom of this section. A 'Previous' button is on the left and a 'Continue' button is on the right of the overall form area.

Help Complete [StudentFirstName]'s Form



[Contributor First Name],

[StudentFirstName] [StudentLastInitial] 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 [StudentFirstName]'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 [StudentFirstname]? Read [\[Help topic title\]](#).

Log In

i Why You Were Invited

Without your input, [StudentFirstName] 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.

i Can't find [StudentFirstname]'s Form?

Read [\[help topic title\]](#).



[Sign up for text alerts](#) to stay updated on our grant programs, loan forgiveness programs, repayment plans, and information about your loans.



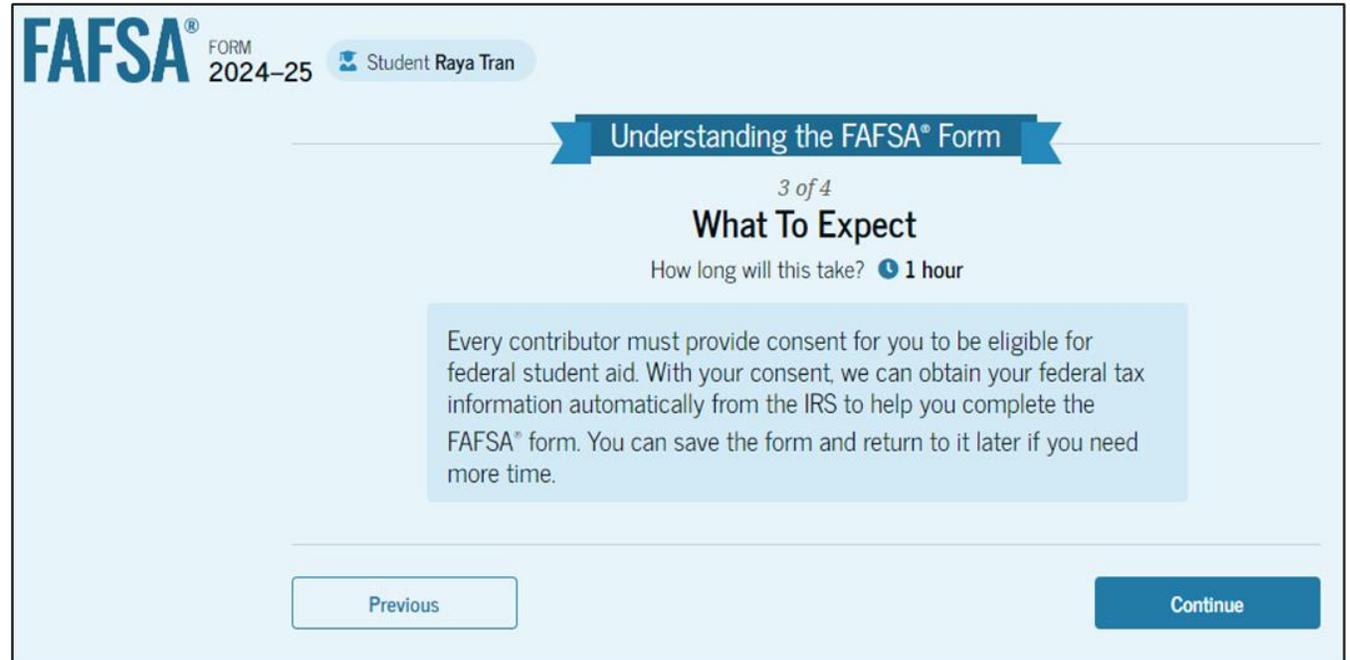
This email was sent by: Office of Federal Student Aid
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, DC, 20002, US

Please do not reply to this email. Messages sent to this email address are not monitored. If you wish to contact us, please use the [StudentAid.gov contact page](#). For more information about financial aid, visit [StudentAid.gov](#).

Dependent Student's Parent Email

Granting Consent

- ▶ All contributors must grant consent for the FAFSA to be submitted and analyzed
- ▶ Consent allows contributor to retrieve and disclose federal tax information
- ▶ Consent must be granted by all contributors for the student to be eligible for federal student aid
- ▶ If consent is not granted to will not be eligible to receive an SAI.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Raya Tran. The page is titled "Understanding the FAFSA® Form" and is the 3rd of 4 steps. The main heading is "What To Expect" with a sub-heading "How long will this take? 1 hour". A text box explains that every contributor must provide consent for the student to be eligible for federal student aid, and that consent allows the FAFSA to obtain federal tax information from the IRS. At the bottom, there are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran

Understanding the FAFSA® Form

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What To Expect

How long will this take? 1 hour

Every contributor must provide consent for you to be eligible for federal student aid. With your consent, we can obtain your federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA® form. You can save the form and return to it later if you need more time.

Previous Continue

Provide Consent or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA[®] form. If you don't provide consent, you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.

- Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024-25 FAFSA form.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.
- FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID log-in credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By accepting below, I approve and consent to:

- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under subpart 1 of Part A, Part C, or Part D of Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended.
- The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(d)(13)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended.
- The U.S. Department of Education to redisclose my FTI received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, pursuant to 26 U.S.C 6103(d)(13)(D)(iii), which includes:
 - institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended;
 - state higher education agencies; and
 - scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education.
- The use of my FTI for the application, award, and administration of student aid awarded by the federal government, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, and designated scholarship organizations.
- The redisclosure of my FTI to any future 2024-25 FAFSA forms for which I elect to participate (e.g., if I elect to participate in my child's FAFSA form or to complete my own FAFSA form after participating in another FAFSA form). My FTI will be redisclosed to these additional applications upon my affirmation to participate. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my FTI to that FAFSA form.

By approving and consenting, I further understand:

- My approval and consent are a condition of my eligibility or of others for which I have participated and shared my FTI for federal student aid, even if I did not file a U.S. federal tax return.
- FTI received from the U.S. Department of Treasury will supersede any manually entered financial or income information on the FAFSA form.
- The U.S. Department of Education may request updated tax information from the U.S. Department of Treasury once consent is provided. If FTI has changed (e.g., amended tax return filed with revised FTI), then eligibility for and amounts of federal, state, and institutional financial aid may change.
- If I do not approve and consent to the disclosure of my FTI, the U.S. Department of Education will be unable to calculate my eligibility for federal student aid or the eligibility of others who have requested that I share my FTI on their FAFSA form.
- I am permitted to revoke my approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my FTI, as outlined herein, at StudentAid.gov. However, by revoking such approval and consent, neither I nor other applicants for which I participated and shared my FTI will be eligible for future federal student aid and/or other financial aid program that used FTI to make determinations for eligibility of aid awarded by an institution of higher education, state higher education agency, or other designated scholarship organization.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent? 

If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent for you to access their tax information? 

What happens after I provide consent? 

What happens if I revoke consent? 

What happens if I decline consent? 

Select "Approve" to consent to using your tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you will not be eligible for federal student aid.

Previous

Decline

Approve

Here's What You Can Do Next



Check Your Email

You will receive an email version of this page at the following email address:
rayaatran@gmail.com.



Your FAFSA® Form Still Needs Contributor Information

The contributor(s) you selected will receive an email invitation to join your form every seven days until the application is complete.

— Things You Should Know —



View Your FAFSA® Submission Summary

Once your application is complete and submitted, you can view your FAFSA Submission Summary, a summary of the information you provided on your FAFSA form. You'll be able to access the FAFSA Submission Summary one to three days after you submit your application by logging back in with your account username and password (FSA ID).



Questions About Your Eligibility For Aid?

Visit the "FAFSA Help" page for more information.

[Get Help >](#)

We strongly recommend that your parent(s) complete their own section. If that isn't possible, you can manually provide their information, but you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans, until they provide consent and sign the form.

[Provide Parent Information Manually >](#)

After Submission

Special Circumstances

There are times when the information requested on the FAFSA does not reflect a student's situation. The school the student attends has the ability to utilize professional judgment to adjust the student's file accordingly.

Loss of Employment
Death of Parent or Spouse
Unusual Medical Expenses

Unusual Circumstances

Unusual Circumstances refer to the conditions that justify an aid administrator making an adjustment to a student's dependency status based on a unique circumstance.

Homelessness and Dependency Override Decisions

No longer require
annual submission
of documentation

Previous Year's
Status Can Roll
Over

FAFSA Simplification In Practice

Many students and families have a quicker FAFSA submission experience

The Federal Department of Education is Monitoring FAFSA Submission Challenges and Resolving Known Issues

Post Secondary Institutions Will Receive FAFSA Results at a Later Time

Some students are not seeing their SAI upon submission

Students FSS will be sent at a later date

Award Notifications/Financial Aid Summaries Timeline Might Be Impacted



Aid available
to assist
students and
families

Gift Aid

Free money given to students to assist with educational expenses

Federal Grants

State Grants

Institutional Grants/ Scholarships

Private Scholarships

Self-Help Aid

Funds students either earn through employment or funds that must be repaid

Student Loans

Student Employment

Types of Aid Available



Scholarships

Types of Scholarships

Institutional Scholarships

Community based Scholarships

Donor Scholarships

State Scholarships

Scholarship Search Engines

Chegg.com/Scholarships

Scholarships.com

Cappex.com/Scholarships

Fastweb.com

School's Scholarship Listing

Bright Futures

Academic Scholars Award

- ▶ 100% of Cost Per Credit Hour
- ▶ 120 Funded Credit Hours
- ▶ Summer Funding Available
- ▶ 6 Credit Hours of Enrollment Per Semester Required

Medallion Scholars Award

- ▶ 75% of the Cost Per Credit Hour (SUS)
- ▶ 100% of the Cost Per Credit Hour (FCS)
- ▶ Summer Funding Available
- ▶ 6 Credit Hours of Enrollment Per Semester

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT[®] score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT), or combined SAT[®] score no later than August 31 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /CLT [®] /SAT [®])	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing)	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)		2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340		
FMS	3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours
	3 - Social Science		2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210		
	2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)				

Current Bright Futures Requirements

Bright Futures Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education.)

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate with a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Achieve the required weighted 3.0 GPA in the non-elective high school courses.
4. Complete at least 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program.
5. Achieve the required minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA in the single Career and Technical Education program.
6. Complete at least 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that equals a minimum of 100 total hours.
7. Achieve the required minimum scores on one of the college entrance exams per the chart below no later than August 31 of the year the student graduates from high school.

Exam Type	Sub-test	Required Score
ACT [®]	Reading	19
	English	17
	Mathematics	19
SAT [®]	Reading Test	24
	Writing and Language Test	25
	Math Test	24
Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)	Reading	106
	Writing	103
	Mathematics	114

Required test scores follow those established by Rule [6A-10.0315](#), Florida Administrative Code.



Office of Student Financial Assistance

Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs

Login



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First-Time Applicants

Students must submit a completed Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) to OSFA for programs denoted by an asterisk (*). In order to apply for State Scholarship & Grant Programs, a student must first [Create a Student Account](#). After logging into your account, you may proceed to complete the FFAA.

Eligible Institutions

High Schools:
Verify if your high school is a participating Florida public or private high school.

Postsecondary Institutions:
Verify if the postsecondary institution you are planning to attend is eligible to disburse state aid.

State Scholarship and Grant Programs

Access to Better Learning and Education Grant

Benacquisto Scholarship Program (FAQ)

Bright Futures Scholarship*

Effective Access to Student Education

First Generation Matching Grant

Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship

Florida Student Assistance Grant
- Career Education

Florida Work Experience Program

José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant*

Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship

Minority Teacher Education Scholarship

Rosewood Family Scholarship*

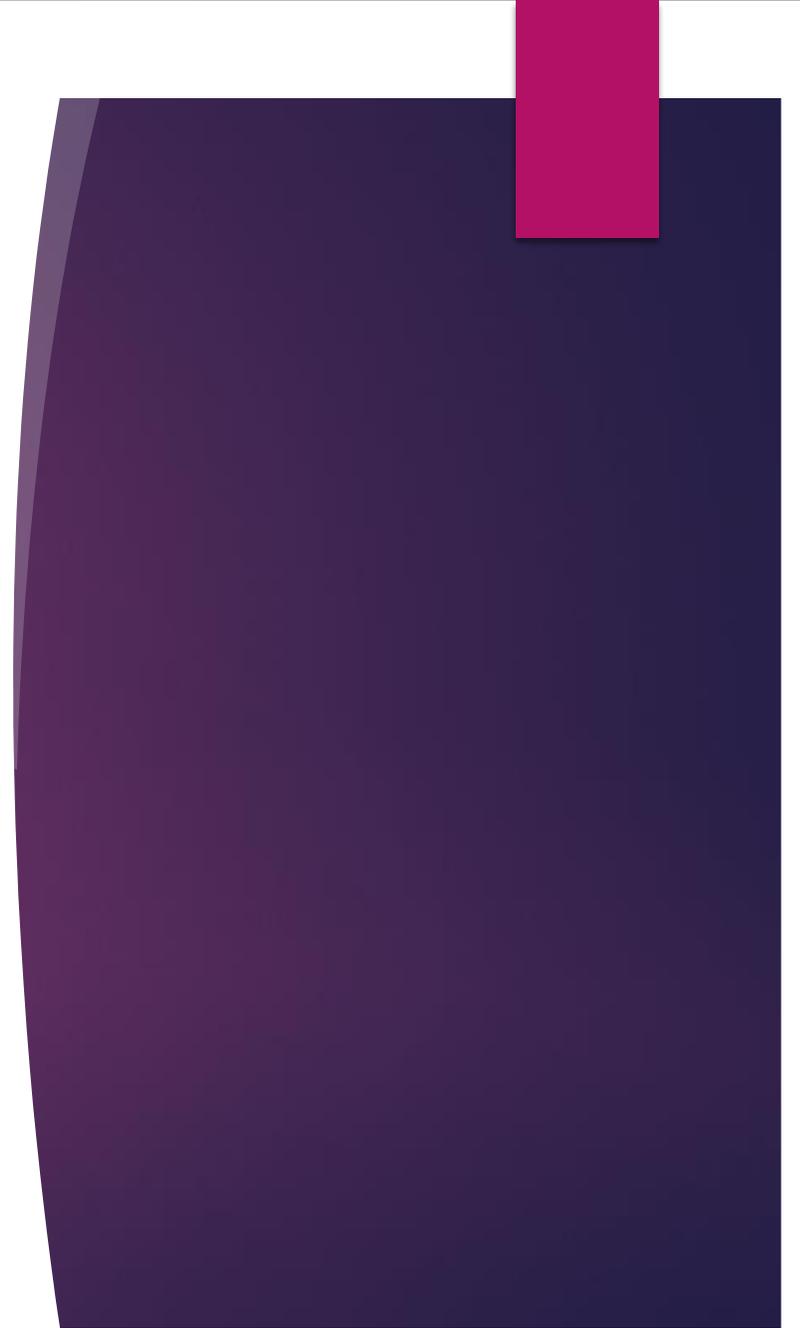
Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans* (Award Amounts)

Bright Futures Scholarship

**THE SECRET
OF CHANGE**

is to focus
all of your energy,
not on fighting
the old,
but on building
the new.

— Socrates





Questions