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#### **Special Announcements**

Alert! Important changes that may affect your eligibility for student aid,

# Seniors. Ready to fill out the FAFSA

High school seniors in the last semester of school must fill out a FAFSA to determine eligibility for financial aid.

Link to FAFSA on the Web

## Federal Student Aid FAFSA4caste



If you want to begin exploring your financial aid options and get an early start on the financial aid process, FAFSA4caster is for you! By using FAFSA4caster, you and your family will receive an early estimate of eligibility for federal student aid. This Web site provides you with an opportunity to increase your knowledge of the financial aid process; become familiar with the various types of federal student aid that are available; and investigate other sources of aid, such as grants and scholarships.

When you're ready to apply for aid, you can easily transition from FAFSA4caster to FAFSA on the Web. Much of the information that you enter in the FAFSA4caster will populate your FAFSA on the Web application, making the experience of applying for federal student aid a

So help make your future forecast a bright one by planning now for college. Use the FAFSA4caster now!

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## **Getting Started**



What is federal student aid? Who qualifies? How do you apply? Get an early start on the financial aid process by learning the basics now. It can be as easy as A-B-C!

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#### Using the FAFSA4caster



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#### What's Next



What are your next steps? Learn how to transition from FAFSA4caster to FAFSA on the Web, follow the financial aid timeline, and perform searches for scholarships and other types of non-federal financial aid.

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#### Scheduled Maintenance:

FAFSA4caster will be unavailable on every Sunday from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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#### Filling Out a FAFSA4caster

#### Fill Out a FAFSA4caster

Form Approved OMB No. 1845-000 App. Exp. 06/30/08

To begin a FAFSA4caster, continue working on a saved FAFSA4caster, or retrieve a submitted FAFSA4caster, we need you to provide the information below. You should provide your Social Security Number (SSN) and first and last name exactly as they appear on your Social Security Card. This information will be used to verify your identity with the Social Security Administration (SSA). It is necessary for us to complete this process in order to generate your Federal Student Aid PIN and Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which you will need when you officially apply for federal student aid. For further information about how your data is used, you can select the Privacy link below.

If you enter your SSN incorrectly on your FAFSA4caster you will not be able to correct it and you will receive a notification that your data did not match with SSA.

IMPORTANT: Create a password that is easy for you to remember. Your password is used to secure your data and allow you to retrieve your saved or submitted FAFSA4caster. If you forget your password there is no way to access your data. You will have to begin a new FAFSA4caster, Here are some helpful tips to use when creating your password:

- Make your password 4 to 8 characters long
- Enter the 4 to 8 characters in capital and lower case letters. It's important to remember exactly how you enter the characters.
   For example, "Student2" is a different password than "student2"
- Enter a password that is easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess. Avoid using personal information such as your first name, last name, or date of birth. Also, avoid using simple passwords such as "1234" or "abcd"

NOTE: While using FAFSA4caster, if there is no activity by your keyboard or mouse for 30 minutes your session will expire. If your session expires, all of the information you entered will be saved. You can access your saved FAFSA4caster by returning to this login page and entering the information requested below. Here is where remembering your password is extremely important to retrieve your saved FAFSA4caster.

We estimate that it will take you less than half an hour to complete a FAFSA4caster.

Complete the following questions and select Next.

The student's Social Security Humber: Inter the SSN that is printed on the student's Social Security Card. Enter this number without the dashes. For example, 123456789.	Г
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he student's full last name:	Γ
he student's first name:	Г
The student's Date of Birth: lease enter this date in "minddyyyy" format. For example, 08171975 for August 17, 1975.	ľ.
Create a Password (4 to 8 characters; use capital and lower case letters):  you forget your password, you cannot retrieve your saved or submitted FAFSA4caster! Note: Customer Service does not have coess to your password and will not be able to assist you in retrieving your FAFSA4caster.	ſ
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Use the **Next** and **Previous** buttons to move through the form. If you use your browser to navigate, you may lose your data.

Don't forget the password you created because you will need it to retrieve your saved FAFSA4caster.

Additional information about FAFSA4caster:

- What is FAFSA4caster?
- How many steps does it take to complete?
- How long will it take to complete?
- What documents do I need to complete the FAFSA4caster?
- FAFSA4caster Security and Privacy

#### What is FAFSA4caster?

You may use the FAFSA4caster to receive an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid. For more information about the student aid programs that are available through the federal government and other sources, go to <a href="https://www.studentaid.ed.gov">www.studentaid.ed.gov</a>.

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#### How many steps does it take to complete?

FAFSA4caster consists of:

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Step 2: Student Status

Step 3: Parents' Info

Step 4: Student's Finances

Step 5: Review FAFSA4caster

Step 6: Submit FAFSA4caster

Step 7: Finish

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#### How long will it take to complete?

FAFSA4caster should take no more than thirty minutes to complete depending on your answers and whether or not you have the necessary information available. Since you can save your FAFSA4caster for later, you do not have to complete the entire form at one time.

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#### What documents do I need to complete the FAFSA4caster?

You will need the student's financial information from 2006. If the student is dependent, you will also need the student's parents' financial information.

- Social Security Number (can be found on Social Security card)
- W-2 Forms and other records of money earned in 2006
- The student's (and his/her spouse's, if he/she is married) 2006 federal income tax return-IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, foreign tax return, or tax return for Puerto Rico, Guarn, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau
- Parents' 2006 federal income tax return (if the student is dependent)
- 2006 untaxed income records Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or welfare records
- Current bank statements
- Current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Permanent resident card (if the student is not a U.S. citizen)

#### Keep these records! Do not mail them to us. You may need them again.

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## FAFSA4caster Security and Privacy

Advanced technology ensures that the student's personal information is kept safe and private. Read more about FAFSA4caster Security & Privacy.

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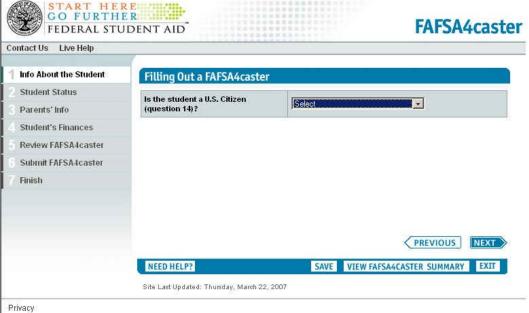


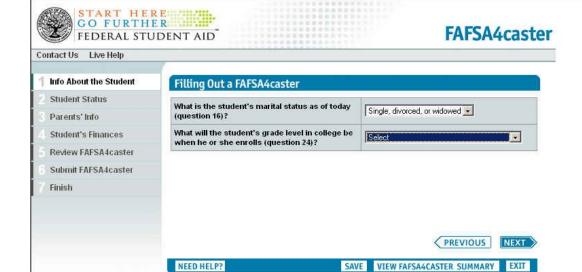
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Submit FAFSA4caster	First Hame (question 2):	FELIX
Finish	Middle Initial (question 3):	lm l
	Permanent Street Address (include Apt. Humber) (question 4):	Only use letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), commas (.), apostrophes (.), dashes (.), number symbols (#), at symbols (@), percent symbols (%), ampersands (&), slashes (/), or blanks (spaces). No other characters are allowed. Use street address abbreviations such as APT (apartment) or AVE (avenue) if the address extends beyond the space provided.    home
	City (and Country if not U.S.) (question 5):	Itown
	State (question 6):	Indiana
	Zip Code (question 7):	70797
	What is the student's state of legal residence (question 18)?	Idaho
	Student's Social Security Humber (question 8):	(Data cannot be entered in this field.) 483-90-4444
	Student's date of birth (question 9):	Please enter this date in "mmddyyyy" format. For example, 08171975 for August 17, 1975.

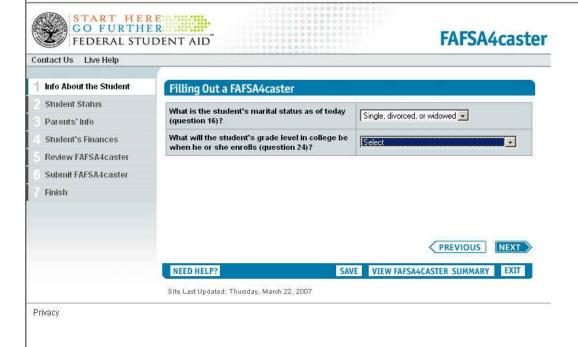


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Student Status	If you would like us to communicate	with you by e-mail, enter your e-	mail address here.
Parents' Info	If you do not provide an e-mail addre	ss, we will communicate by reg	ular mail.
Student's Finances	The U.S. Department of Education w	ill not use or distribute your e-m	all address for any purpose
Review FAFSA4caster	other than federal student aid. See the data provided on the FAFSA4caster.	ne <u>Privacy Act</u> for more informa	tion on the way we use all the
Submit FAFSA4caster	To ensure that your e-mail provider r	econnizes and accents messar	ies from the LLS. Denartment
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Contact Us Live Help Info About the Student Filling Out a FAFSA4caster Student Status For Step 2, please answer the following questions relating to the student's dependency status: Parents' Info Was the student born before January 1, 1984 No 🕶 Student's Finances (question 48)? At the beginning of the school year 2007-2008, Review FAFSA4caster will the student be working on a master's or No Submit FAFSA4caster doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, \* Ph.D., graduate certificate, or Doctorate of Finish Education, etc.) (question 49)? As of today, is the student married? (Answer "Yes" if he/she is separated, but not divorced.) No + (question 50): Does the student have children who receive more than half of their support from the student (question 51)? Does the student have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with the student and who receive more than half of their support \* from the student, now and through June 30, 2008 (question 52)? Are (a) both of the student's parents deceased, or (b) is he/she (or was he/she until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court (question 53)? · Is the student currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than No + training (question 54)? Is the student a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces (question 55)? No · PREVIOUS NEXT NEED HELP? VIEW FAFSA4CASTER SUMMARY SAVE

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Student Status	In 2006, did the student, the student's parents, or anyone in the student's parents' household
Parents' Info	receive benefits from any of the federal benefit programs listed? Check all the programs that apply
Student's Finances	Check each benefit program that the student, the student's parents, or other people in the student' parents' household received benefits from at any time during 2006. Select parents' household to
Review FAFSA4caster	identify who is included in the student's parents' household.
Submit FAFSA4caster	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (question 71).
Finish	Food Stamps (question 72).
	Free or Reduced Price Lunch (question 73).
	Temporary Assistance for Heedy Families (TAHF) (question 74).
	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (question 75).
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Student's Finances Review FAFSA4caster Submit FAFSA4caster	Enter the amount of the student's parents' income tax for 2006 (question 80):  This information may be on the following forms:  IRS Form 1040 - line 57;  1040A - line 35; or  1040EZ - line 11.  Enter the student's parents' exemptions for 2006 (question 81):  This information may be on the following forms:	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.
Parents' Info Student's Finances Review FAFSA4caster Submit FAFSA4caster Finish	This information may be on the following forms:  ■ IRS Form 1040 - line 57; ■ 1040A - line 35; or ■ 1040EZ - line 11.  Enter the student's parents' exemptions for 2006 (question 81):	use commas.
Review FAFSA4caster Submit FAFSA4caster	■ IRS Form 1040 - line 57; ■ 1040A - line 35; or ■ 1040EZ - line 11.  Enter the student's parents' exemptions for 2006 (question 81):	use commas.
Submit FAFSA4caster	■ 1040A - line 35, or ■ 1040EZ - line 11. Enter the student's parents' exemptions for 2006 (question 81):	\$ 00
	Enter the student's parents' exemptions for 2006 (question 81):	
Finish	2006 (question 81);	
	■ IRS Form 1040 - line 6d;	
	<ul> <li>1040A-line 6d; or</li> <li>1040EZ</li> </ul>	
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Student Status	Parents' number of family members (question	
Parents' Info	66):	
Student's Finances	If you are not sure who is considered a family member, select the Household Size button and answer the	HOUSEHOLD SIZE
Review FAFSA4caster	questions on the worksheet that is displayed.	
Submit FAFSA4caster	How many in question 66 (exclude the student's parents) will be in college when the student is in	H:



Contact Us Live Help Info About the Student Filling Out a FAFSA4caster Student Status Worksheet A Parents' Info Report Annual Amounts If a question does not apply to the student's parents, leave it blank or enter zero. Student's Finances Review FAFSA4caster Did the student's parents receive any of the following items in 2006? Submit FAFSA4caster Items WA1 - WA4 are collectively called Worksheet A. The calculated total will be entered Finish automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 84. WA1. Earned income credit from the IRS Form: Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, ■ 1040-line 66a and do not use commas. ■ 1040A-line 40a .00 ■ 1040EZ-line 8a Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, WA2. Additional child tax credit from IRS Form 1040-line 68 or and do not use commas. 1040A-line 41. .00 WA3. Welfare benefits, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Don't include food stamps or Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. subsidized housing. .00 Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, WA4. Social Security benefits received, for all household members as reported in question 66, that were not taxed and do not use commas. (such as SSI). \$ 00 This is a display field only. It holds a Total of Parents' Worksheet A (question 84): running calculation of the entered values. Total of questions VVA1 - VVA4 above. \$ 0 PREVIOUS NEXT NEED HELP? SAVE EXIT Site Last Updated: Thursday, March 22, 2007 Privacy



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#### Worksheet B Report Annual Amounts

If a question does not apply to the student's parents, leave it blank or enter zero.

Did the student's parents receive any of the following items in 2006?

Items WB1 - WB11 are collectively called Worksheet B. The calculated total will be entered automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 85.

WB1. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 00
WB2. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040-total of lines 28+32 or 1040A-line 17.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$
WB3. Child support received for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$
WB4. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040-line 8b or 1040A-line 8b.	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$
WB5. Foreign income exclusion from IRS Form 2555-line 45 or 2555EZ-line 18.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.
WB6. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040-lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A-lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$ 00
WB7. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040-lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A-lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$
WB8. Credit for federal tax on special fuels from IRS Form 4136-line 20 (nonfarmers only).	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$ 00
WB9. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits).	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$ 00
WB10. Veterans non-education benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$ 00
WB11. Other untaxed income not reported elsewhere on Worksheets A and B such as workers' compensation, untaxed portions of railroad retirement benefits, Black Lung Benefits, or disability, etc.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box.
Tax filers only: report combat pay not included in your Adjusted Gross Income (FAFSA4caster questions 35 and 79).	and do not use commas.
Don't include student aid, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, combat pay if you are not a tax filer, or benefits from flexible spending arrangements, e.g., cafeteria plans.	
Total of Parent's Worksheet B (question 85):	This is a display field only. It holds a running calculation of the entered values.
Total of questions WB1 - WB11 above.	\$ 0 .00



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	Info About the Student	Filling Out a FAFSA4caster	
	Student Status	Questions on this page cannot be left blank.	
3	Parents' Info	As of today, what is the student's parents' total	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not
	Student's Finances	current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts (question 87)?	use commas.
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	Submit FAFSA4caster	As of today, what is the net worth of the student's parents' current investments (question 88)?	
	Finish	Het worth means the current value of investment(s) minus debt (what is owed). If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative or zero, enter 0.	
		Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.	
		Investments include real estate (other than the home the student's parents live in), trust funds (such as UGMA and UTMA accounts), money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, Coverdell savings accounts, \$29 college savings plans, the refund value of \$29 state prepaid tuition plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today.  Investments do not include the home the student's parents live in; cash, savings and checking accounts; the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.).  Hote: Students who report parental information and the student's parents own a qualified educational benefit plan, or education savings accounts - including "529" college savings plans and Coverdell savings accounts - should report the current balance of the plan as a parent asset (088). The amount to be reported for a state prepaid tuition plan is the "refund value" of the plan.  Students who report parental information and who own a qualified educational benefit plan - should not report the value of those plans here or in 0.44.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$ 00.
		As of today, what is the net worth of the student's parents' current businesses and/or investment farms (question 89)?  Net worth means current value minus debt (what is	
		owed).  If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net	
		worth is negative, enter 0.  Do not include a farm that the student's parents live on and operate. Do not include the value of a small business that the student's parents own and control and that has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$ 00
		Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or farm was used as collateral.	

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Submit FAFSA4caster If the student has filed or will file a 1040, wa he/she eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ	ed or
Review FAFSA4caster  Submit FAFSA4caster  If the student has filed or will file a 1040, was he/she eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ (question 34)?  Select Yes if the student (and his/her spouse) fil will file a 1040 but was eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ.  In general, the student is eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she:  Makes less than \$100,000 per year, Does not receive income from his/her ow business or farm, Does not receive self-employment income allmony, Is not required to file Schedule D for capit gains.  The student is <b>not</b> eligible to file a 1040A or 10400 he or she:	ed or
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farm ■ Receives self-employment income or alim ■ Is required to file Schedule D for capital g	ony.
If the student filed a 1040 to claim Hope or Lifetim Learning credits, and he/she would have otherwi been eligible for a 1040A or 1040EZ, you should answer "Yes" to this question.	
Select No if the student (and his/her spouse) file will file a 1040 and was not eligible to file a 1040 and 104	
Select Don't Know if the student (and his/her st filled or will file a 1040 and do not know whether t is eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ.	



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 IRS Form 1040-lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); ■ 1040A - line 7; or ■ 1040EZ - line 1. PREVIOUS NEXT NEED HELP? SAVE VIEW FAFSA4CASTER SUMMARY EXIT Site Last Updated: Thursday, March 22, 2007



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Review FAFSA4caster Submit FAFSA4caster	■ IRS Form 1040 - line 57; ■ 1040A - line 35; or ■ 1040EZ - line 11.	\$ 00
/ Finish	Enter the student's (and his/her spouse's) exemptions for 2006 (question 37):  This information may be on the following forms:  IRS Form 1040 - line 6d;  1040A-line 6d; or  1040FZ	
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#### Worksheet B Report Annual Amounts

If a question does not apply to the student (or his/her spouse), leave it blank or enter zero.

Did the student (and the student's spouse) receive any of the following items in 2006?

Items WB1 - WB12 are collectively called Worksheet B. The calculated total will be entered automatically on the FAFSA4caster for Question 41.

WB1. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 0.00
WB2, IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040-total of lines 28+32 or 1040A-line 17.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 00
WB3. Child support received for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 00
WB4. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040-line 8b or 1040A-line 8b.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$
WB5. Foreign income exclusion from IRS Form 2555-line 45 or 2555EZ-line 18.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 00
WB6. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040-lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A-lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$
WB7. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040-lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A-lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 00
WB8. Credit for federal tax on special fuels from IRS Form 4136-line 20 (nonfarmers only).	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 00
WB9. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits).	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$
WB10. Veterans non-education benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ 00
WB11. Other untaxed income not reported elsewhere on Worksheets A and B such as workers' compensation, untaxed portions of railroad retirement benefits, Black Lung Benefits, or disability, etc.  Tax filers only: report combat pay not included in your Adjusted Gross Income (FAFSA4caster questions 35 and 79).  Don't include student aid, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, combat pay if you are not a tax filer, or benefits from flexible spending arrangements, e.g., cafeteria plans.	Enterwhole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.  \$ 00
WB12. Money received, or paid on the student's behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form.	Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas. \$ .00
Total of Student's Worksheet B (question 41):  Total of questions WB1 - WB12 above.	This is a display field only. It holds a running calculation of the entered values.  \$ 0 .00

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Questions on this page cannot be left blank.

As of today, what is the student's (and his/her spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts (question 43)? (Do not include student financial aid.):

Enter whole dollar amounts in this box, and do not use commas.

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As of today, what is the net worth of the student's (and his/her spouse's) current investments (question 44)?

Het worth means the current value of investment(s) minus debt (what is owed). If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative or zero,

Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Investments include real estate (other than the home the student (and student's spouse) lives in), trust funds (such as UGMA and UTMA accounts), money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans, the refund value of 529 state prepaid tuition plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today

Investments do not include the home the student (and the student's spouse) lives in; cash, savings and checking accounts; the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.).

Hote: Students who report parental information and the student's parents own a qualified educational benefit plan, or education savings accounts - including "529" college savings plans and Coverdell savings accounts - should report the current balance of the plan as a parent asset (088). The amount to be reported for a state prepaid tuition plan is the "refund value" of the plan.

Students who report parental information and who own a qualified educational benefit plan - should not report the value of those plans.

Students who do not report parental information and who own (or if married, the student's spouse owns) any of these qualified educational benefit plans should report the current balance of the plan as a student/spouse asset (Q44). The amount to be reported for a state prepaid tuition plan is the "refund value" of the plan.

As of today, what is the net worth of the student's (and his/her spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms (question

Net worth means current value minus debt (what is

If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative, enter 0.

Do not include a farm that the student (and if married, the student's spouse) lives on and operates. Do not include the value of a small business that the student (and if married, the student's spouse) owns and controls and that has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or farm was used as collateral.

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Student ID	483904444 RA
Step 1. (Q1 - Q31)	
Student's Last Name	RANDOM
Student's First Name, Student's Middle Initial	FELIXM
Student's Permanent Street Address	HOME
Student's Permanent City	TOWN
Student's Permanent State, Student's Permanent Zip Cosle	N 70797
Student's Social Security Number	483-90-4444
Student's Date of Birth	01/19/1992
Student's E-Mail Address	
Student's Citizenship Status	U.S. CITIZEN (OR U.S. NATIONAL)
Student's Allen Registration Number	
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Student's State of Legal Residence	D
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Step 2. (Q32 - Q47)	
Student Filed 2006 Income Tax Return?	ALREADY COMPLETED
Student's Type of 2006 Tax Form Used	RS 1040
Student Eligible to File a 1040A or 1040EZ?	NO NO
Student's 2006 Adjusted Gross Income	\$3444
Student's 2006 U.S. Income Tax Paid	\$233
Student's 2006 Exemptions Claimed	1
Student's 2006 Income Earned from Work	\$344
Spause's 2006 Income Earned from Work	
Student's Total Amount from Worksheet A	\$0
Student's Total Amount from Worksheet B	\$0
Student's Total Amount from Worksheet C	\$0
Student's Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts	10
Student's Net Worth of Current Investments	\$0
Student's Net Worth of Businesses/Investment Forms	\$0

Step 3. (Q48 - Q55)	
Student Born Before January 1, 1984?	NO NO
Working on Master's or Doctorate in 2007-2008?	NO NO
Is Student Married?	NO NO
Does Student Have Children He/She Supports?	NO NO
Does Student Have Dependents Other than Children/Spouse?	NO NO
Parents Deceased?/Student Ward of Court?	NO NO
is Student on Active Duty in U.S. Armed Forces?	NO NO
Is Student a Veteran?	NO NO

Step 4. (Q56 - Q89)	Her.
Parents' Martial Status	MARREDREMARRED
Parents' Number of Family Members	3
Parents' Number in College (Parents Excluded)	1
Parents' State of Legal Residence	CA
Parents Received Supplemental Security Income?	
Parents Received Food Stamps?	
Parents Received Free/Reduced Price Lunch?	
Parents Received TANF?	
Parents Received VMC?	
Parents Filed 2006 Income Tax Return?	ALREADY COMPLETED
Parents' Type of 2005 Tax Form Used	RS 1040
Parents Eligible to File a 1040A or 1040EZ?	NO NO
Parents' 2006 Adjusted Gross Income	\$27000
Parents' 2006 U.S. Income Tax Paid	\$3453
Parents' 2006 Exemptions Claimed	3
Pather's/Steptather's 2006 Income Barned from Work	\$3435
Mother's/Stepmother's 2006 Income Earned from Work	\$34543
Parents' Total Amount from Worksheet A	\$0
Parents' Total Amount from Worksheet B	\$0
Parents' Total Amount from Worksheet C	90
Parents' Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts	90
Parents' Net Worth of Current Investments	\$0
Constal Mat Months of Business and Supering Forms	20

Step 5. (Q90 - Q96)	
Student's Number of Family Members	
Student's Number in College	
Student Received Supplemental Security Income?	
Student Received Food Stamps?	
Student Received Free/Reduced Price Lunch?	
Student Received TANF?	
Student Received VMC?	

Worksheet A	Student(40) / Parent(s)(84)	
Earned Income Credit	1	
Additional Child Tax Credit	1	
Welfare Benefits	1	
Untixxed Social Security Benefits	I .	
TOTAL	\$0.7\$0	

Worksheet B	Student(41) / Parent(s)(85)
Payments to Tax-Deferred Pensions & Savings	t.
Deductible RAKeogh Payments	1
Child Support Received	t
Tax Exempt Interest Income	i i
Foreign Income Exclusion	i i
Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions	T.
Untaxed Portions of Pensions	i i
Credit for Federal Tax on Special Fuets	1
Housing, Food, & Living Allowances	
Veterans Noneducation Benefits	t.
Other Untaxed Income or Benefits	t.
Money Received (not reported elsewhere)	1)0000X
TOTAL	90/90

Worksheet C	Student(42) / Parent(s)(86)
Education Credits	· ·
Child Support Paid	t.
Taxable Work-Study Earnings	· ·
Grant and Scholarship Aid (reported in AOI)	t t
TOTAL	80.780

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FAFSA4caster has successfully calculated the information you submitted.

Below you will see an estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is not the amount of money that your family must provide. Rather, you should think of the EFC as an index that colleges use to determine how much financial aid you would receive if you were to attend their school. When you officially apply for financial aid, the colleges you list on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will determine your eligibility and then send you award information that identifies the aid they have determined you may receive. This award information will vary from college to college because the cost of attending each is different.

Your estimated EFC is 0. If you attend college full-time, current Federal Pell Grant requirements indicate that you would likely be eligible to receive up to \$4,310 through the Federal Pell Grant Program. A Pell Grant does not have to be repaid - it is free money provided by the Federal government to students that are eligible

Your financial aid award is also likely to include additional federal student aid like other grants, lowinterest student loans, and work-study opportunities. If you attend college full-time, you can expect to qualify for at least \$3,500 in loans or other types of aid, depending on which federal student aid programs your college participates in. You might also be eligible for funds from your state or college. All of this is in addition to any private scholarships you may receive. For additional information about scholarships or other sources of aid visit www.studentaid.gov.

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