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Which guide is mine?

Every FAFSA has 2 sides: the STUDENT starts, then a PARENT finishes. Answer 3 questions to find your guide.

What is FAFSA?

Q1 **Did a court make someone your legal guardian?**
Or, after age 13: foster care, a ward of the court, or both parents passed away?

YES → **E** Guide E — No parent side

↓ **NO? Keep going.**

Q2 **Do your parents live in another country?**
And you live here with a relative or a friend.

YES → **D** Guide D — Parents in another country

↓ **NO? Keep going.**

Q3 **Do your parents live together?**
Married or not.

YES → **A** Guide A — Parents together

NO → **B** Guide B — Parents apart

C **One more check:** Does the parent doing the FAFSA have **no Social Security number**? Use **Guide C** instead of A or B.

See Mr. Parham first if:

- The student does not have a Social Security number.
- You can't reach your parents, or it isn't safe to.
- The student lives on their own or has no steady place to live.

Questions? **Mr. Parham** ·
jparham@amphi.com
pantherpride.net/pages/fafsa

Start at studentaid.gov

Book help with Mr. Parham

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FAFSA, step by step

2027–28 FAFSA · Side 1: STUDENT

studentaid.gov

GUIDE A · Parents live together — **Student starts here ↓**

HAVE READY

- **Your Social Security number**
- **Your own email & cell phone**
- **About 30–45 minutes**

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. Use YOUR Social Security number, YOUR email, and YOUR phone.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it**
3. **Start the 2027–28 FAFSA.** Log in and start it. Stuck on a question? Click **Save** at the top, then email Mr. Parham.
4. **Click Approve.** On the page with the **green box** at the top, click **Approve** at the bottom. Do it even if you never filed taxes.
5. **Invite your parent.** Type their name and birthday exactly right. No Social Security number? Leave that box blank. In the email box, type **YOUR** email.
6. **Save the invite code.** **Take a photo** of the code on the next screen. Now it's in your photos AND your email.
7. **Add your colleges.** Add every school you might attend (up to 20). You can change the list later.
8. **Agree and sign.** Grants are free money if you keep going. Quit mid-semester or fail all your classes, and you may have to pay some back.

→ **You'll see "waiting on your parent."**
Almost there, but NOT done. Give your parent the invite code, then flip this page over to Side 2.

Side 2: PARENT

GUIDE A · Parents live together

Book help

Which parent does this side?

- **Married and filed 2025 taxes together:** just ONE parent does this side. The other parent's info comes with the taxes.
- **Filed taxes separately, or not married:** BOTH parents make an account, and each logs in to finish their own part.
- **Only one of you has a Social Security number?** Invite that parent.

HAVE READY

- **Your OWN email & phone, not your student's**
- **Your 2025 tax return, if you filed**
- **The invite code from your student**

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. No Social Security number? Choose the option that says you don't have one.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it** If asked, answer a few questions to confirm it's you.
3. **Use the invite code.** Log in and choose the option to **enter an invite code**. Type the code your student gives you.
4. **Click Approve.** On the page with the **green box**, click **Approve**. This brings your 2025 taxes over from the IRS. Click it even if you didn't file.
5. **Answer the questions.** Keep your 2025 tax return nearby in case you're asked about it. Stuck? Click **Save** and email Mr. Parham.
6. **Sign and SUBMIT.** Then **Take a photo** of the confirmation page.

You're DONE when you see the confirmation page.
Results come by email in a few days. The colleges your student listed get them automatically.

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GUIDE B · Parents live apart — **Student starts here ↓**

HAVE READY

- **Your Social Security number**
- **Your own email & cell phone**
- **About 30–45 minutes**

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. Use YOUR Social Security number, YOUR email, and YOUR phone.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it**
3. **Start the 2027–28 FAFSA.** Log in and start it. Stuck on a question? Click **Save** at the top, then email Mr. Parham.
4. **Click Approve.** On the page with the **green box** at the top, click **Approve** at the bottom. Do it even if you never filed taxes.
5. **Invite your parent.** Type their name and birthday exactly right. No Social Security number? Leave that box blank. In the email box, type **YOUR** email.
6. **Save the invite code.** **Take a photo** of the code on the next screen. Now it's in your photos AND your email.
7. **Add your colleges.** Add every school you might attend (up to 20). You can change the list later.
8. **Agree and sign.** Grants are free money if you keep going. Quit mid-semester or fail all your classes, and you may have to pay some back.

→ **You'll see "waiting on your parent."**
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Side 2: PARENT

GUIDE B · Parents live apart

Book help

Which parent does this side?

- **The parent who gave the student more MONEY in the last 12 months** (housing, food, clothes, phone). This may NOT be the parent the student lives with.
- Child support counts for the parent who **pays** it. **Exactly equal?** Use the parent with the higher income.
- **Only that ONE parent** does Side 2. The other parent does nothing.
- **That parent remarried?** The stepparent is included too. If they filed taxes separately, the stepparent also makes an account and logs in to finish their part.

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. Use your OWN email and phone, not your student's. No Social Security number? Choose the option that says you don't have one.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it** If asked, answer a few questions to confirm it's you.
3. **Use the invite code.** Log in and choose the option to **enter an invite code**. Type the code your student gives you.
4. **Click Approve.** On the page with the **green box**, click **Approve**. This brings your 2025 taxes over from the IRS. Click it even if you didn't file.
5. **Answer the questions.** Have your 2025 tax return nearby, if you filed. Stuck? Click **Save** and email Mr. Parham.
6. **Sign and SUBMIT.** Then **Take a photo** of the confirmation page.

You're DONE when you see the confirmation page.
Results come by email in a few days. The colleges your student listed get them automatically.

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GUIDE C · A parent has no Social Security # Student starts here ↓

HAVE READY

- **Your Social Security number**
- **Your own email & cell phone**
- **About 30–45 minutes**

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. Use YOUR Social Security number, YOUR email, and YOUR phone.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it**
3. **Start the 2027–28 FAFSA.** Log in and start it. Stuck on a question? Click **Save** at the top, then email Mr. Parham.
4. **Click Approve.** On the page with the **green box** at the top, click **Approve** at the bottom. Do it even if you never filed taxes.
5. **Invite your parent.** Type their name and birthday exactly right. No Social Security number? Leave that box blank. In the email box, type **YOUR** email.
6. **Save the invite code.** **Take a photo** of the code on the next screen. Now it's in your photos AND your email.
7. **Add your colleges.** Add every school you might attend (up to 20). You can change the list later.
8. **Agree and sign.** Grants are free money if you keep going. Quit mid-semester or fail all your classes, and you may have to pay some back.

→ **You'll see "waiting on your parent."**
Almost there, but NOT done. Give your parent the invite code, then flip this page over to Side 2.

Side 2: PARENT

GUIDE C · A parent has no Social Security

Book help

Good to know

- **Your student can still apply.** Parents do NOT need a Social Security number, and the FAFSA does not ask about immigration status.
- **Which parent?** Parents together: one parent does this side. Parents apart: the parent who gave the student more money in the last 12 months.
- **Married, and only one of you has a Social Security number?** Invite that one.
- Questions or worries? Talk with Mr. Parham privately.

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. Choose the option that says you **don't have a Social Security number**. Use your OWN email and phone, not your student's.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it**
3. **Confirm who you are.** Answer a few questions about yourself. If that doesn't work, call **1-800-433-3243**. It can take 1–3 days.
4. **Use the invite code.** Log in and choose the option to **enter an invite code**. Type the code your student gives you.
5. **Click Approve.** Everyone must click it. Without a Social Security number, the IRS can't send your taxes over, so you'll type in your numbers.
6. **Enter your 2025 income.** Copy it from your 2025 tax return. Have an ITIN? It has its own box, never the Social Security box. Didn't file? Say so and enter what you earned.
7. **Sign and SUBMIT.** Then **Take a photo** of the confirmation page.

You're DONE when you see the confirmation page.
Results come by email in a few days. The colleges your student listed get them automatically.

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GUIDE D · Parents live in another country — **Student starts here ↓**

HAVE READY

- **Your Social Security number**
- **Your own email & cell phone**
- **About 30–45 minutes**

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. Use YOUR Social Security number, YOUR email, and YOUR phone.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it**
3. **Start the 2027–28 FAFSA.** Log in and start it. Stuck on a question? Click **Save** at the top, then email Mr. Parham.
4. **Click Approve.** On the page with the **green box** at the top, click **Approve** at the bottom. Do it even if you never filed taxes.
5. **Invite your parent.** Type their name and birthday exactly right. No Social Security number? Leave that box blank. In the email box, type **YOUR** email.
6. **Save the invite code.** **Take a photo** of the code on the next screen. Now it's in your photos AND your email.
7. **Add your colleges.** Add every school you might attend (up to 20). You can change the list later.
8. **Agree and sign.** Grants are free money if you keep going. Quit mid-semester or fail all your classes, and you may have to pay some back.

→ **You'll see "waiting on your parent."**
Almost there, but NOT done. Give your parent the invite code, then flip this page over to Side 2.

Side 2: PARENT

GUIDE D · Parents live in another country

Book help

Who does this side?

- **The student's parents do, even from another country.** NOT the aunt, uncle, cousin, grandparent, or friend the student lives with.
- **Parents apart?** Use the parent who gave more money in the last 12 months.
- **Can't reach your parents, or it isn't safe to?** Don't stop. See Mr. Parham. There is another path.
- Parents can do it all on a phone. Text them the invite code.

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. No Social Security number? Choose the option that says you don't have one. Use your OWN email and phone.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it**
3. **Confirm who you are.** Answer a few questions. If that doesn't work, use the chat at **studentaid.gov** or call **1-800-433-3243**.
4. **Use the invite code.** Log in and choose the option to **enter an invite code**. Type the code your student gives you.
5. **Click Approve.** Required, even if you have never filed U.S. taxes.
6. **Answer the tax questions.** Choose the answer that says you **live and work in another country** and did not file U.S. taxes. Enter your 2025 income in **U.S. dollars**. To convert, search something like "250,000 pesos to dollars."
7. **Sign and SUBMIT.** Then **Take a photo** of the confirmation page.

You're DONE when you see the confirmation page.
Results come by email in a few days. Colleges may later ask for proof of income, like a letter from an employer.

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GUIDE E · Legal guardianship

No parent side ↓

HAVE READY

- **Your Social Security number**
- **Your own email & cell phone**
- **About 30–45 minutes**

1. **Make your account.** Go to **studentaid.gov** and click **Create Account**. Use YOUR Social Security number, YOUR email, and YOUR phone.
2. **Save your backup code.** **Take a photo of it**
3. **Start the 2027–28 FAFSA.** Log in and start it. Stuck on a question? Click **Save** at the top, then email Mr. Parham.
4. **Click Approve.** On the page with the **green box** at the top, click **Approve** at the bottom. Do it even if you never filed taxes.
5. **Answer YES to legal guardianship.** When asked if a court made someone your legal guardian, choose **Yes**. You will NOT invite anyone.
6. **Answer questions about YOUR money.** Only your own income, if you have any. Filed 2025 taxes? Have your tax return ready.
7. **Add your colleges.** Add every school you might attend (up to 20). You can change the list later.
8. **Agree, sign, and SUBMIT.** Grants are free money if you keep going. Quit mid-semester or fail all your classes, and you may have to pay some back.

You're DONE when you see the confirmation page.

Take a photo of it Results come by email in a few days. Keep a copy of your court papers.

Side 2: Is this you?

GUIDE E · Legal guardianship

Book help

Use Guide E if ANY of these are true:

- **A court (a judge) made someone your legal guardian,** and you have court papers that say so.
- Any time after you turned 13, you were in **foster care** or a **ward of the court**.
- Any time after you turned 13, **both of your parents passed away**.
- A court said you are an **emancipated minor**.

Guide E is NOT for you if:

- **You just live with a relative or a friend.** Your parents still do the parent side. (Parents in another country? Use Guide D.)
- **You have a notarized letter, power of attorney, or school form,** but no order from a judge.

Keep your court papers.

A college may ask for a copy before it gives you aid.

On your own, or no steady place to live?

You may also be able to apply without a parent. Talk to Mr. Parham.

After you submit

- Look for a **confirmation email**. Your results come by email in a few days.
- The colleges you listed get your FAFSA automatically. **Watch your email**: some may ask you for papers.