

# FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

FAFSA Student Presentation

# About FAFSA

- MUST be completed in order to qualify for ANY federal or state financial aid (or loans)
- USE YOUR **PERSONAL** EMAIL ACCOUNT
- The student can complete most portions of the application, but a parent/guardian is required to electronically complete the FAFSA application
- Must be completed and submitted every\_year that the student will attend college

# Initial Setup: FSA ID

- FIRST: Create your Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID) [HERE](#).
- The student creates their own FSA ID (USING PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS)
- A parent/guardian will also need to create an FSA ID (using a different email address than the student)
- These FSA IDs serve as an electronic signature on FAFSA documents

# Starting the FAFSA Form

- Log in to the FAFSA website [HERE](#)
  - Student logs in using their FSA ID
  - Complete 2 step verification via text or email
  - Accept the terms and conditions
- Start a New **2026-2027** FAFSA form

## Plan Ahead

You must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form for each year of school in which you need financial aid. There is a deadline for your school, for your state, and for us.



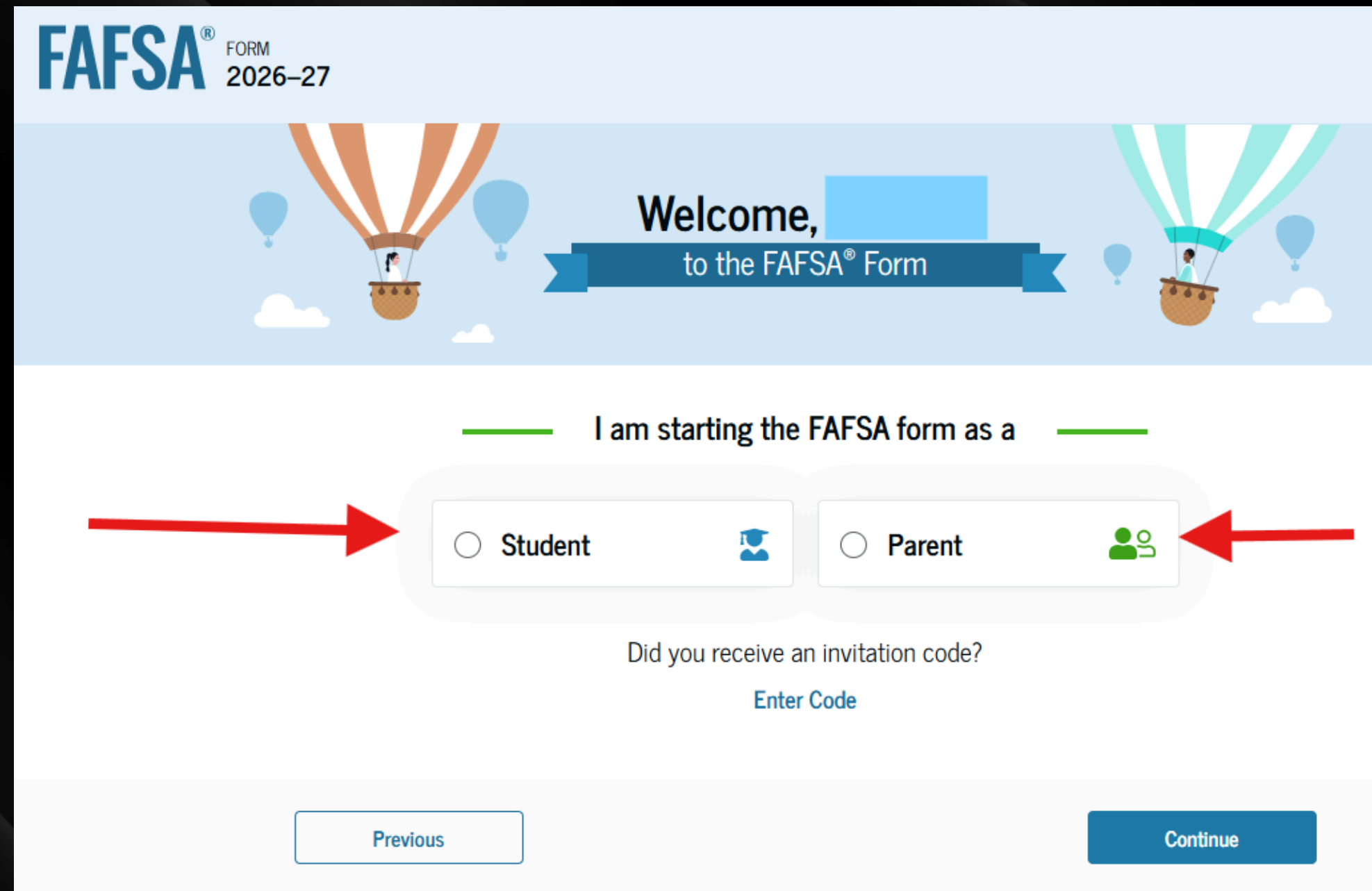
Start a New 2026–27 FAFSA® Form

Start New Form







- Identify whether you are the STUDENT or the PARENT completing the form



FAFSA<sup>®</sup> FORM 2026-27

Welcome, [redacted]  
to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form

I am starting the FAFSA form as a

☐ Student  ☐ Parent 

Did you receive an invitation code?  
[Enter Code](#)

[Previous](#) [Continue](#)

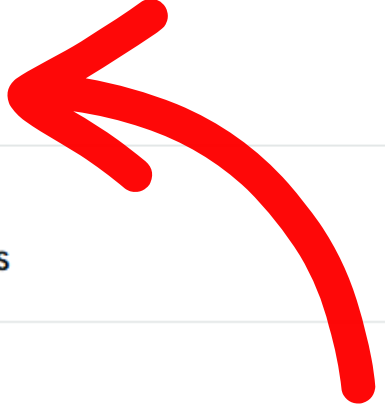
The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2026-27 welcome screen. At the top, it says 'FAFSA FORM 2026-27'. Below that is a banner with 'Welcome, [redacted] to the FAFSA Form'. The main section asks 'I am starting the FAFSA form as a' followed by two options: 'Student' with a radio button and a student icon, and 'Parent' with a radio button and a parent icon. Two red arrows point to these options from the left and right. Below the options is a link 'Did you receive an invitation code? Enter Code'. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Continue' buttons.

# PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS

- PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS
  - Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Social Security Number
  - Email Address
  - Cell phone
  - Mailing address
  - **2024** Tax forms

Student Sections

Introduction	Personal Identifiers	<a href="#">Continue Section</a>
Section 1	Personal Circumstances	
Section 2	Demographics	
Section 3	Financials	
Section 4	Colleges	
Section 5	Signature	



- Provide consent to retrieve federal tax information.

## Provide Consent and Approval or You Won't Be Eligible for Federal Student Aid <sup>①</sup>

### Summary

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

- Get your 2024 tax return information for the 2026–27 FAFSA form.
- Federal tax information is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

By accepting below, I consent to the disclosure of information about me, and affirmatively approve of

- the receipt and use of my federal tax information, and
- the redisclosure of my federal tax information by the U.S. Department of Education (ED), as described herein.

*Select "Approve" to provide consent and approval for the use of your federal tax information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," you won't be eligible for federal student aid.*

Previous

Decline

Approve





# SECTION 1: Personal Circumstances

- PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES
  - Marital Status
  - College grade level
  - Unusual Circumstances

Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student? ⓘ

*A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they*

- left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- are abandoned by or estranged from their parents;
- have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, or their parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- are a victim of human trafficking;
- are incarcerated, or their parents are incarcerated, and contact with the parents would pose a risk to the student; or
- are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents.

*If the student's circumstances resulted in not having a safe and stable place to live, they may be considered a homeless youth and should review the answer to the previous question about being unaccompanied and homeless.*

☐ Yes

☒ No

## Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply or "None of these apply."

- ☐ The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training. ⓘ
- ☐ The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces. ⓘ
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent). ⓘ
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court. ⓘ
- ☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care. ⓘ
- ☐ The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence. ⓘ
- ☐ The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence. ⓘ
- ☐ None of these apply.



# SECTION 2:

# Student Demographics

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Sex
- Race/Ethnicity
- Citizenship Status
- Parent Education Status
- High School Status
- High School Attended

### Student Personal Circumstances

Select all that apply or "None of these apply."

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- ☐ None of these apply.

# SECTION 3:

# Student Financials

## STUDENT FINANCES

- **2024 Tax Return Information**
  - Grants & Scholarships
  - Foreign Income Exclusion
  - Savings & Checking Amount
  - Investments
  - Net worth of Businesses

### Student 2024 Tax Return Information

Refer to the student's 2024 tax return to answer the following questions.

*If the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.*

# SECTION 4:

## Colleges & Career Schools

- Search for colleges & career schools you're considering so they automatically receive an electronic copy of the FAFSA form
- Select up to **TWENTY** schools

Where should we send the FAFSA® information?

Add at least one college or career school now.

You can add or remove schools before and after submitting your form.

You can add up to 20 schools. List any schools you're considering, even if you're not certain you'll apply to them. [Find tips for searching for colleges or career schools.](#)



0 out of 20 schools selected

[View Selected Schools](#)

[Search by State](#)

[Enter School Code](#)

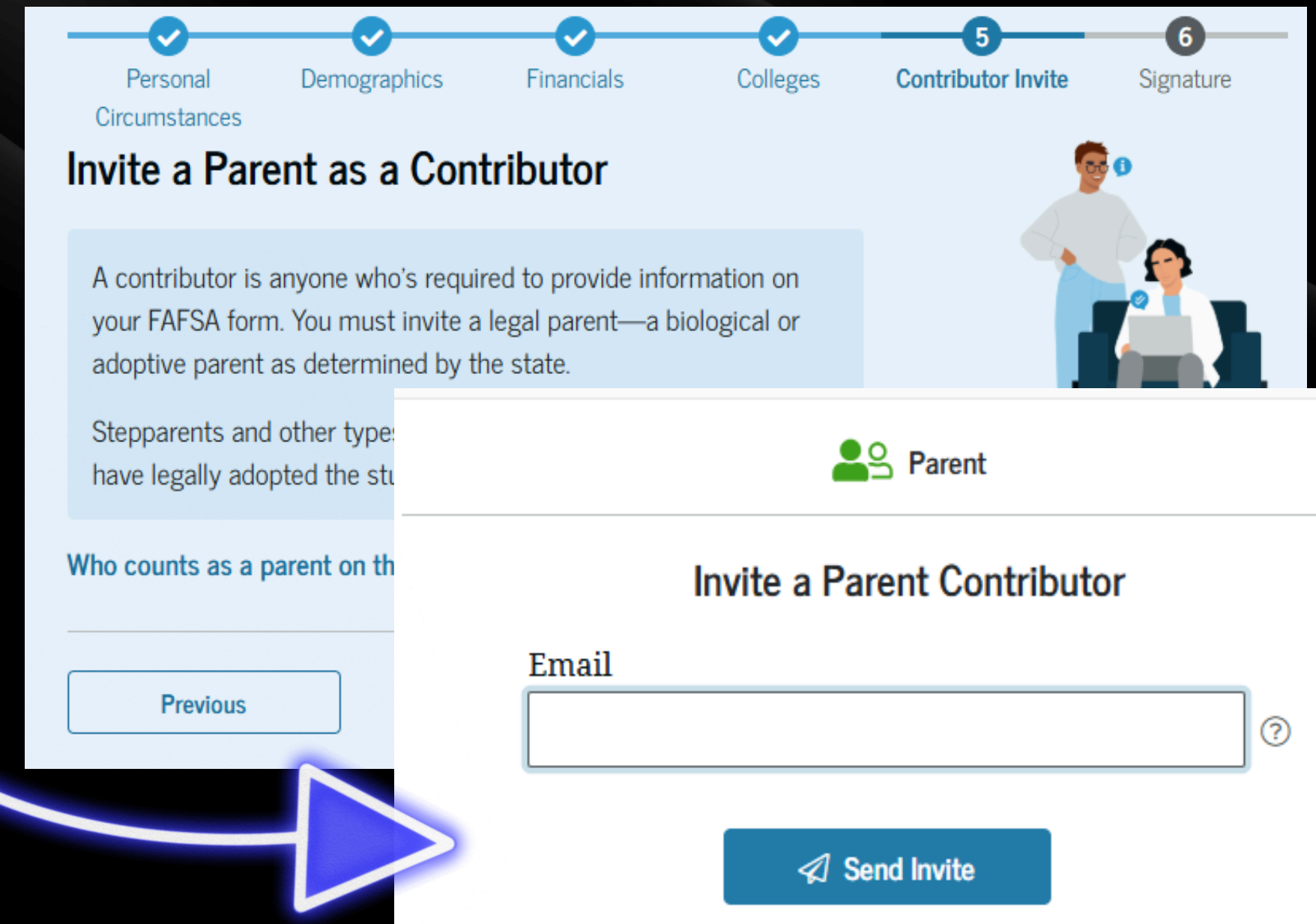
State

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# SECTION 5: Contributor Invite

- Invite a Parent/Guardian as a contributor
- Provide the **EMAIL ADDRESS** that your parent/guardian used to create their FSA ID.



The image shows a screenshot of the FAFSA application process, specifically the 'Contributor Invite' step. At the top, a progress bar indicates the sequence of steps: Personal, Demographics, Financials, Colleges, Contributor Invite (highlighted with a blue circle and checkmark), and Signature. Below the progress bar, the title 'Invite a Parent as a Contributor' is displayed. A text box explains that a contributor is anyone required to provide information on the FAFSA form, and that the user must invite a legal parent (biological or adoptive). It also mentions that stepparents and other types who have legally adopted the student are also eligible. Below this, there is a section titled 'Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA' with a 'Previous' button. A large blue arrow points from this section to a pop-up window titled 'Invite a Parent Contributor'. This pop-up window has a 'Parent' icon and a text input field labeled 'Email'. A 'Send Invite' button is located at the bottom right of the pop-up.

Personal Demographics Financials Colleges Contributor Invite Signature

## Invite a Parent as a Contributor

A contributor is anyone who's required to provide information on your FAFSA form. You must invite a legal parent—a biological or adoptive parent as determined by the state.

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Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA

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### Invite a Parent Contributor

Email

Send Invite

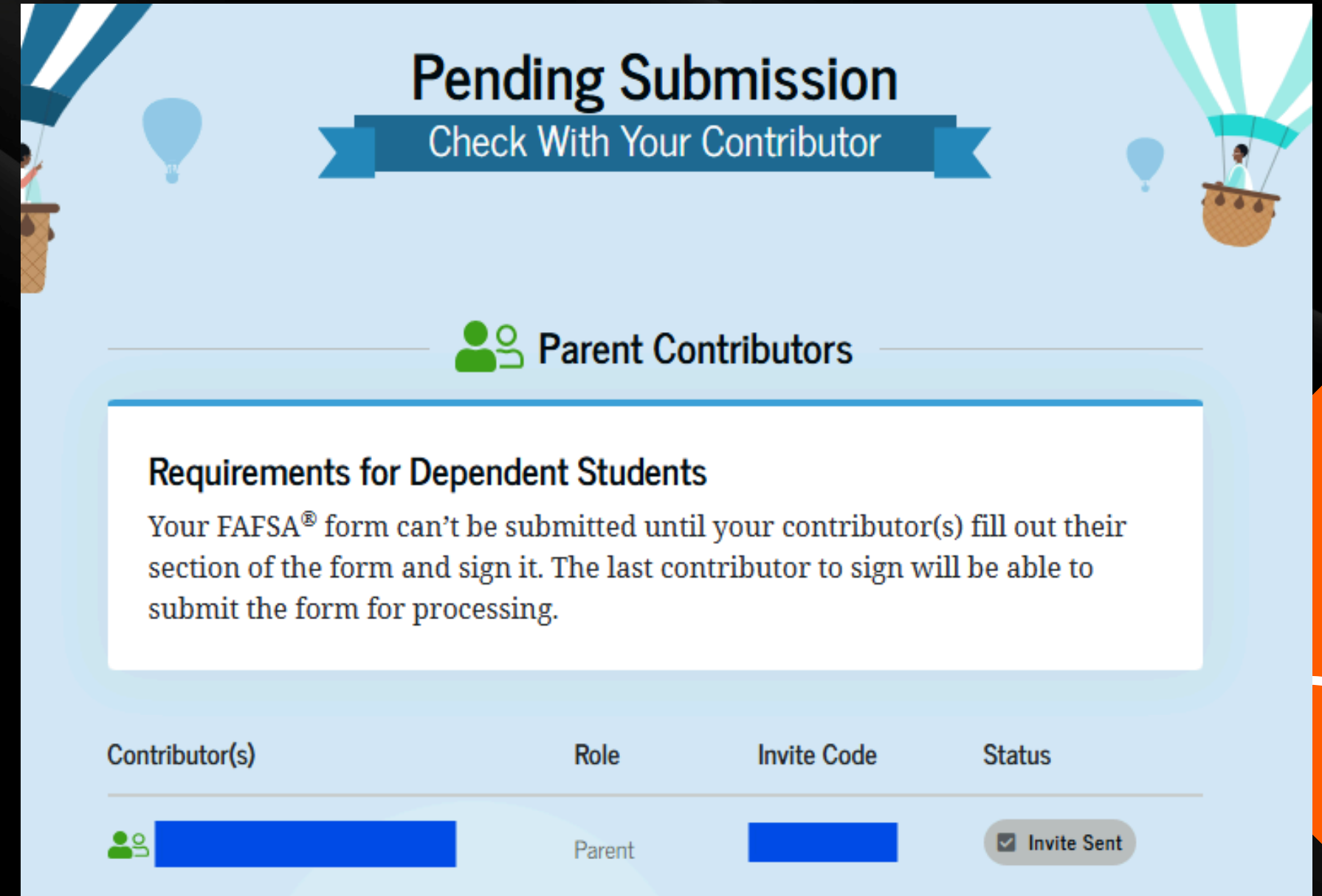
# SECTION 6: Signature

- Verify that all student sections are complete
- Sign and complete your form by checking the agreement box and typing your name

Student Sections	
✓	Introduction Personal Identifiers
✓	Section 1 Personal Circumstances
✓	Section 2 Demographics
✓	Section 3 Financials
✓	Section 4 Colleges

# Next Step: Pending Submission

- Check with your parent/guardian to make sure they received the invitation to contribute.
- Your FAFSA is not officially submitted until your contributor fills out their section and signs it.

The screenshot shows the 'Pending Submission' page of the FAFSA system. At the top, there's a banner with the text 'Pending Submission' and 'Check With Your Contributor'. Below this, a section titled 'Parent Contributors' is visible. A white box contains the text: 'Requirements for Dependent Students: Your FAFSA® form can't be submitted until your contributor(s) fill out their section of the form and sign it. The last contributor to sign will be able to submit the form for processing.' At the bottom, there is a table with columns: Contributor(s), Role, Invite Code, and Status. The table contains one row with a redacted contributor name, the role 'Parent', a redacted invite code, and a status of 'Invite Sent' with a checkmark icon.

Contributor(s)	Role	Invite Code	Status
[Redacted]	Parent	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invite Sent



# Coming Soon...

- Steps for Parent/Contributor
- Steps for creating a MISSG account

# November 6, 2025

**8:00 - 10:00am**

- Financial Aid Jeopardy (all seniors attend one of the two sessions in the library)

**11:00am - 2:45pm**

- Senior students sign up for 1:1 meeting with financial aid professional

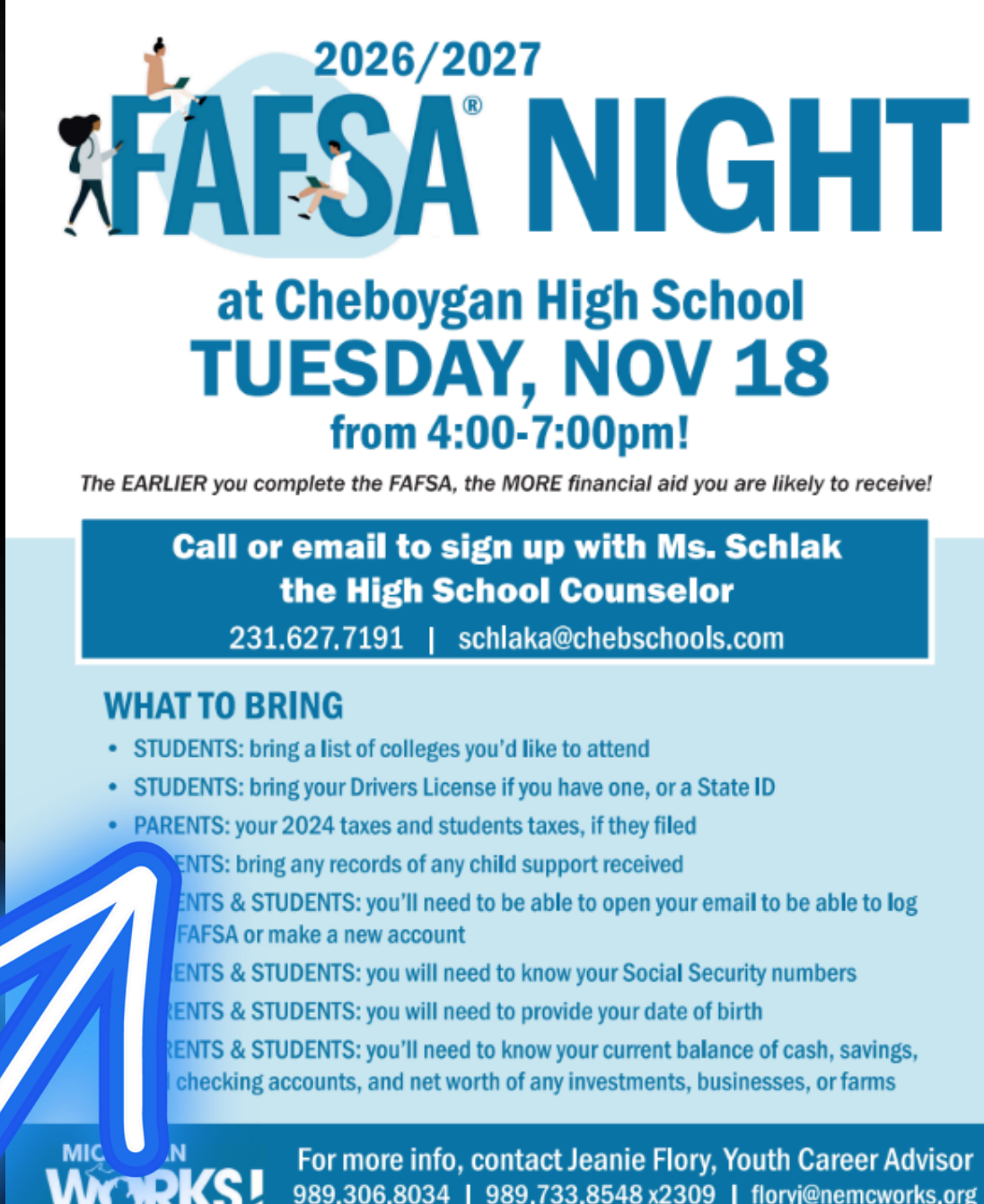
**6:00 pm**

- Parent/Student presentation in High School library

# November 18, 2025

## 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- Financial Aid workshop
  - Bring the necessary paperwork and receive assistance completing the FAFSA form
- Click **HERE** to see what you need to bring.



2026/2027  
**FAFSA<sup>®</sup> NIGHT**  
at Cheboygan High School  
**TUESDAY, NOV 18**  
from 4:00-7:00pm!

*The EARLIER you complete the FAFSA, the MORE financial aid you are likely to receive!*

**Call or email to sign up with Ms. Schlak  
the High School Counselor**  
231.627.7191 | schlaka@chebschools.com

**WHAT TO BRING**

- STUDENTS: bring a list of colleges you'd like to attend
- STUDENTS: bring your Drivers License if you have one, or a State ID
- PARENTS: your 2024 taxes and students taxes, if they filed
- PARENTS: bring any records of any child support received
- PARENTS & STUDENTS: you'll need to be able to open your email to be able to log in to FAFSA or make a new account
- PARENTS & STUDENTS: you will need to know your Social Security numbers
- PARENTS & STUDENTS: you will need to provide your date of birth
- PARENTS & STUDENTS: you'll need to know your current balance of cash, savings, checking accounts, and net worth of any investments, businesses, or farms

**MICROWORKS!** For more info, contact Jeanie Flory, Youth Career Advisor  
989.306.8034 | 989.733.8548 x2309 | floryj@nemcworks.org



# Questions?

- Link to
  - [FAFSA HELP \(FAQ\)](#)
- Email your school counselor
  - Andrea Schlak
  - schlaka@chebschools.com

## FAFSA® Help

[Before Starting the FAFSA® Form](#)

[Account Username and Password \(FSA ID\)](#)

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