A Parent’s Guide to the Parent Section of FAFSA

Starting with the 2024-2025 FAFSA, students and parents must log into the application separately and complete their own sections. If your child has already completed their section, they will need to invite you to be a “contributor” on their FAFSA. Follow these steps to complete your required section of the FAFSA.

- Gather needed information, including your 2022 tax returns (if applicable)
  - Fill out uAspire’s FAFSA Checklist to learn about the information you’ll need

- Create an FSA ID if you do not already have one

- Check your email to find the invitation to contribute information to your child’s FAFSA
  - Or you can go directly to studentaid.gov and log in with your FSA ID
  - Check your “My Activity” dashboard for the invitation and select “Get Started” to begin filling out your section

If you don’t receive an email or see the invitation to be a contributor in your dashboard:

- Double check that the email has not been sent to spam or the junk folder
- Confirm which email address invitation was sent to
- Ask your child to log back into their FAFSA and make sure they inputted your name, date of birth, social security number (if applicable), and mailing address correctly

- Provide consent for the IRS to transfer your data directly into the FAFSA
  - You MUST provide consent in order for your child to be eligible for federal financial aid. You will be asked to provide consent after reviewing the Parent Identity Information.

- Answer the questions on the form
  - Click the question mark icon when you need help answering a question.
  - Reach out to your child’s uAspire advisor or email studentsupport@uaspire.org for additional support.

- Sign and submit the FAFSA after reviewing the Summary Page for accuracy
  - Your student will receive a confirmation email with next steps.