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Please tell us again the date that the IRS data retrieval will be available to students and parents for 13/14.	It is scheduled for February 3rd.	Basics
Regarding the HS section: What do students put if they attended high school outside the U.S.?	The applicant can choose from Canada, Mexico, the specific Canadian provinces as well as "Foreign Country".	Basics
Should the student list their schools in order of preference or list private institutions first?	This is a personal choice. While many choose to list the schools in order of choice, there is no guarantee that the college will view the data in this manner.	Basics
Under HIGH SCHOOL, is there an option for home schooling?	Yes.	Basics
What are the consequences for filling out the FAFSA incorrectly?	If someone purposely gives false or misleading information on the FAFSA, they may be subject to a fine of \$20,000, prison, or both.	Basics
What if the parent is undocumented? Do they still need to sign the FAFSA?	Yes, they would still have to complete all information that is appropriate to them on the FAFSA and provide a signature.	Basics
	If the student has more than 10 colleges, he or she can provide the DRN (data release number) to the colleges that are not on the FAFSA and the record can be retrieved by the individual school. Once the student has narrowed his/her choices, he/she can remove/add schools to the FAFSA itself.	Basics
What is the user name and password to the FAFSA demo site?	User Name: eddemo Password: fafsatest	Basics
Where is the SAR found again?	FAFSA has been processed. The student can view the "SAR" online. Applicants who do not provide an email address will be sent a paper SAR.	Basics
How do DACA students file?	An applicant who has a social security number can file the FAFSA but this does not equate to eligibility for federal aid. If the student cannot be considered an eligible non-citizen, he or she may still qualify for other non-federal programs.	Citizenship
	The applicant must have a Social Security Number to file the FAFSA. If the applicant is not a citizen or eligible non-citizen, he/she cannot be considered for federal aid, but might qualify for other types of programs, e.g., state, college or private.	Citizenship
Maybe I misunderstood, however I thought deferred action was not eligible for FAFSA. I thought I heard the facilitator say they could apply, when they had their deferred action social security number. Please clarify. Thank you.	A deferred action applicant may have a social security number if he/she has received employment authorization. A social security number is required to apply for financial aid. However, just having a social security number does not equate to eligibility for federal aid. The applicant must also be either a citizen or an eligible non-citizen to receive federal aid. A school or state may still have aid available to these applicants. Refer the www.uscis.gov website for more information regarding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The following guidance is provided in the 2012-13 SFA Handbook (see Student Eligibility - 1-27) and may be relevant to this question for particular cases of deferred action. "The I-797 form has a wider usage by the USCIS than for just the cases described here. Therefore it is important to examine the notice carefully. For example, USCIS may issue a Notice of Deferred Action, which is an administrative choice to give lower priority for removal of an immigrant from the U.S. Such a notice could pertain to cases unrelated to petitions for battered immigrant status, and it would not be sufficient for documentation of a self-petitioner. Moreover, it generally will have a termination date; a student with a petition approval or an establishment of prima facie case will be eligible for aid through that date and ineligible afterward."	Citizenship
•	If the student is dependent (answers "no" to each of the questions in the Dependency section) but parent information will not be provided, the applicant will indicate that no parent data is available. The applicant will be considered for Unsubsidized Direct Loan.	Dependency status
financial information for the FAFSA. This student is living with her grandparents, although there is no guardianship in place. How should this student complete her FAFSA?	If the applicant cannot answer "yes" to any of the dependency questions, she could indicate that "no parent information will be provided" on the screen that comes up next on the FAFSA. She will then want to contact each school to which she is applying to determine next steps for possible professional judgment options. If no PJ is available, she would be considered only for Unsubsidized Direct Loan from federal funds.	
If a student is under 24 and moved out of her home, but is not married, homeless, or answers yes to any of the dependency questions, would she still be considered dependent?	Yes.	Dependency status

If students are working and filing single and parent does not claim as a dependent is student independent? Previously the student could only file independent at age 23 correct?	No this would not make the student independent. The applicant must be able to answer "yes" to one of the questions in the dependency area to be independent. One of the questions asks if the student was born before January 1, 1990.	Dependency status
	determine parent from the definition provided on the FAFSA. Special circumstances should be brought to the attention of the financial aid administrator for further review.	Dependency status
If the parents are in jail, and grandparent has legal guardianship, is that independent?	If the student answers "yes" to the following question regarding legal guardianship, then yes the student is independent. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?	Dependency status
If the student is in a foster home and does not have any contact or information on either parent are they considered independent?	If the student answers "yes" to the following question, he/she will be independent for aid purposes. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?	Dependency status
If they have a legal guardian, how do we claim them as an independent without proper documentation?	If a student reports that they have a legal guardian, you are not required to document that unless you have conflicting information. Some schools do choose to document various independent statuses.	Dependency status
What if a student doesn't live with the parent but the parent files the student as a dependent?	The tax exemption is not the deciding factor for "dependency". The applicant must determine "support" to answer the questions regarding parent(s).	Dependency status
On the convictionit is only for drugs? Or is it any conviction?	The conviction is only for the possession and/or sale of drugs	Drug question
Can families use the IRS tool to retrieve their 2011 tax returns for providing estimates?	Not for the 2013-14 FAFSA.	Financial questions
	Parents will still want to have information available. For instance, the wage questions are not answered by the IRS data retrieval. Also, the IRS data retrieval process begins later than the FAFSA filing start. Remember, too, that there will be some instances when the data will not be able to be retrieved because it is not available yet or the person's address information is not matching IRS records.	Financial questions
	The applicant should be sure to file by the earliest deadline. Because there is delay after taxes are filed before they will be available through the IRS data retrieval, it generally advisable to file a FAFSA using estimated income and then making a correction later to use the tool.	Financial questions
Does the adjusted gross income include Social Security checks received by either parent?		Financial questions
	The IRS Data Retrieval is scheduled to begin February 3rd. If the process is similar to that of 12-13, once the applicant answers "already completed" to the tax filing question, the parent (or student) will be presented with questions related to the tax return and his/her marital status. For example, a single person is not asked if he/she filed a "married, filing separately" return. If the tax filer meets the criteria that would indicate he/she is eligible to use the IRS data retrieval, the option to enter the PIN (and which parent, mother or father, in the parent section) is provided. The filer will then click on the "Link to IRS" button. A message will show that the filer is leaving the FAFSA site, click on "OK". Another message will show when the filer arrives at the IRS site, click "OK" as appropriate. Complete the questions marked - type of filing status, e.g., Single, Married Filing Jointly, etc., and the address from the submitted return. Then click on the "submit" button. If the tax return is available/accessible, it will be displayed on the screen, the applicant will select the first "Transfer my data" button below the display and then click on "Transfer Now". The filer will be returned to the FAFSA and the responses completed by the transfer process are marked as such. Note: in 2012-13 the filer is presented with check off boxes, and to use the process, only the "None of the Above" box must be checked. For 2013-14, the responses are "yes" and "no" to help the filer determine the next steps more clearly.	Financial questions
How do undocumented parents file information on income if they do not have proper documents stating this?	They will use whatever information they have to provide the most accurate information possible.	Financial questions
How does a parent report land that they don't own outright but that is in an estate and/or LLC with other siblings?		Financial questions
I am still confused about how two working parents filing taxes complete the FAFSA?	If they file their taxes jointly, they can use the data retrieval process. They will still need to enter wages for each - data retrieval does not fill those fields. If they file separately, they will not be	Financial questions

should we advise students to do in the meantime?	The IRS Data Retrieval process is scheduled to start February 3, 2013. Until then the applicants can submit the FAFSA using either estimated information or actual if they have completed a tax return. The applicant can return to the FAFSA to make a correction and use the IDR once it is available.	Financial questions
Would this qualify as "additional income"? What do I need to know about helping students through this process?	You may want to have the IRS Publication 970 available. Your scholarship may not cause the student to have taxable scholarship, but he/she may receiving other grants/scholarships that helps with other expenses, e.g., housing that would cause their total grants/scholarships to exceed the allowable expenses for tax purposes.	Financial questions
	The retrieval tool is available throughout the remainder of that FAFSA cycle. The school may have a deadline or guideline to follow.	Financial questions
materially participates on the farm), how is the farm reported? Land asset or investment farm?	included. The remainder of the property could then be reported as an investment farm since it is not operated by the family.	Financial questions
reported anywhere on the FAFSA.	Foreign income is considered to be the same as US. Convert the currency to U.S. dollars and report.	Financial questions
If the parents are divorced and the father receives social security and it is sent to the mother for the benefit of the student, where is this amount listed on the FAFSA? Under the student or the parent?	If it is paid as child support, it would be reported as untaxed income in the parent section.	Financial questions
to the parent's mother?	No, it is referring to the mother of the applicant. By using the terms mother/stepmother and father/stepfather, the process is trying to help applicants report accurate information for the particular marital status reported.	Financial questions
declare their taxes/include in the FAFSA?	All income earned from work must be reported on the FAFSA unless the process allows you to skip certain sections of the form based on prior responses. If your question relates to tax filing requirements, refer to irs.gov site - Publication 501. In general, single dependent students whose earned income is greater than \$5,950 and/or unearned income is greater than \$950 must file a tax return.	Financial questions
On the assets, if we own our main home and have a 2nd home in our name, but it is not an investment, do we have to report that? The 2nd home is in our name, but my in-laws live in the home and pay the mortgage and all the bills, it is not a rental property.	· ·	Financial questions
(American Opportunity grant, Hope or Lifetime) get info from lines 49 on 1040 or line 31 on 1040A. The American Opportunity Grant is not reported on those lines. It is on a different line and the Data Retrieval tool does not bring that amount through when you use it. it only brings the amount from the lines listed above. Beings the American Opportunity Grant is not on those lines only the education	Please refer to the Application and Verification Guide that is available on ifap.gov - pg. 18 in the 2012-13 version. Education tax credits include the American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning tax credits - line 49 and 31 on the 1040 and 1040A respectively. Part of the American Opportunity credit can be refundable, i.e., it is payable to the tax filer even if the filer does not owe any federal income tax. The nonrefundable portion appears on the same lines of the tax return and FAFSA as the Lifetime Learning credit. The refundable portion appears on line 66 or line 40 of the 1040 and 1040A. It is not counted as untaxed income on the FAFSA.	Financial questions
	No, it does not get reported as untaxed income.	Financial questions
year's information (2011)?	To start the process before 2012 taxes are done, you can use the 2011 income as a guide. Once taxes are complete, go back to the FAFSA to make a correction and use the IRS data retrieval tool if eligible to do so.	Financial questions
Should the cash value of life insurance policies be included in parent assets?	The cash value or built up equity of a life insurance policy (referred to as a whole-life policy) is not reported as an asset on the FAFSA.	Financial questions
earnings area and the interest or unearned income as untaxed income - right?	The student will report wages. The amount of interest income could result in the requirement to file a tax return. In terms of the FAFSA, according to the Live Chat representative, interest income is considered to be reported as part of the cash, savings, checking for an applicant.	Financial questions
tax return, do they just enter income information based on pay stubs or other forms of income verification?	The parent will report "not going to file" and report the wages.	Financial questions
What if the parent that has supported the student the most and with whom the	The tax exemption is not the deciding factor for "dependency". The applicant must determine	Dependency status

·	Retirement rollovers are not to be reported as untaxed income. As long as you have documentation of this, you can exclude this amount from the FAFSA and calculations.	Financial questions
the funds to untaxed income. Do you agree?		
When students and parents don't complete the untaxed information and benefits	When the untaxed income questions are opened by checking the box and entering a figure, the answer is assumed to be "zero" and this prints on the summary sheet provided in the "View and	Financial questions
or a zero? For years, they have treated this as an "optional" question but the feds say that these are not optional.	Print" option on the "Sign and Submit" section.	
	This would likely occur if prior answers mitigated the use of that response in the calculation.	Financial questions
	February 3rd.	Financial questions
	letter from the student or someone who is aware of the situation or something similar. Each school must define the process they will use for these cases.	Homeless definition
90% of the year. They provide food and everything for her while she is there.	Other people can be considered as part of the household if they live with and receive more than half of their support from the parent(s) at the time of the application and will continue to receive that support from July to June of the award year.	Household questions
they excluded in the number in the household?	To claim in the household, the parent (or student, if independent) must be providing more than half of their support and they must be remaining in the household for the July 2013 to June 2014.	Household questions
So if a dependent student is completing a FAFSA and his/her parent is currently enrolled in college at least half-time, the student doesn't count the parent towards the number enrolled in college in the household?	dependent student is included in the number in college on the parent's FAFSA.	Household questions
Was it said that foster children could not be included in household size?	That is correct. The family does not report the foster payments as income either.	Household questions
And the parents are living together but never married, filing single How do you deal with parents who are not married, never married, are the biological parents, and filing taxes as single?	If the parents are not married, and are not considered "common law" by their state, they will follow the "divorced" parents rules.	Marital status
	The FAFSA will follow the federal law and the couple must determine which parent will be consider the "custodial" parent - see the parent definition for determining this status.	Marital status
	If the parents are in a state that does not recognize "common law", the parents will follow the rules for "divorced" parents.	Marital status
If the parents haven't legally separated, and one parent is no longer involved in the child's life, how would that be classified?	If they are living separately, the custodial parent can file as "separated".	Marital status
	These are state laws only and do not pertain to this federal application. These parents will need to determine who the "custodial" parent is for FAFSA purposes.	Marital status
	The question asks if the applicant's (and parent's, if applicant is dependent) current marital status is "separated/divorced". They are treated the same. Note: separation and divorce are different when determining dependency status.	Marital status
What about parents who are not married, but do live together and are 'common law' married?	If the parents reside in a state that recognizes "common law", they must report as "married".	Marital status
What happens if the marital status has changed? Is there another file or does that just limit you from using the Retrieval tool?	You cannot use the IRS data retrieval tool if the marital status has changed.	Marital status
goes into affect. This should not affect anything though because the info is coming from last year, correct?	informally separated and living separately, they will report as "separated/divorced" and will answer the questions accordingly.	Marital status
Additional information: taxes were filed "married filing jointly" for the military	If you have conflicting information at your institution, you must resolve it. Additional response: To be considered separated, they must either be legally separated or informally separated. The latter requires that the couple live separately for an indefinite period of time and that the marriage be considered severed.	Marital status

When I helped a student with the data retrieval, she filed married. She filled out	You should not use the IRS data retrieval if your marital status has changed since the end of the	Marital status
her FAFSA as separated. When she retrieved her information from the IRS it put	tax year. That student can request the tax return transcript and provide W2 information to the	
all the income under the studentnot what was her income and ex made. How do	school. The school can determine what income to use for federal purposes.	
we correct this since this is coming from the IRS?		
Could you clarify the question re: undocumented parents signature? and parents	A parent without a SSN will not be able to sign the FAFSA electronically and must provide a wet	Parental information
who are in the U.S., do we need to still ask for a paper signature page?	signature.	
If grandmother is raising the child, but Mom is receiving welfare as a result of having the child, does the student put down the grandmother or the mother?	The grandmother will not report as the "parent" unless she has adopted the applicant. If the student cannot answer "yes" to any of the dependency questions and the mother is the parent with whom the student lived most the last time that the child lived with a parent, then technically, the mother is the parent (and if she is remarried, her husband's income will also be reported). Remember that special circumstances can be brought to the attention of the financial aid administrator. Follow the school's instructions for any special consideration.	Parental information
If parents are married, but file taxes separately, does the student need to include both parents' financial information, or just the parent's financial information that claims the student?	Both parents must provide financial information.	Parental information
If the parents are divorced and the student lives equally with both parents and they equally provide support, who is the parent that fills out the FAFSA?	includes money, gifts, housing, food, clothes, car payment or expenses, medical and dental care, and payment of school costs.	Parental information
parental support?	It would probably be a rare occurrence that the time and/or the support is exactly equal. If that is the case, the family will need to determine which parent is "custodial". Keep in mind that support includes the following: money, gifts, housing, food, clothes, car payment or expenses, medical and dental care, and payment of school costs.	
Whose information do you put down if they live with the legal guardian or foster parent?	If the applicant is answering "yes" to one of the dependency questions, no parent information is required. Legal guardian and foster parents are not "parents" for the purpose of the FAFSA. If parent information is required, the applicant will need to determine custodial parent using the definition provided on the FAFSA. Special circumstances should be brought to the attention of the financial aid administrator.	Parental information
How long does it take for a student to get their PIN?	The PIN for parent or student can be obtained and used to sign the FAFSA immediately. However, it will go through several databases to validate identity. If successful, the PIN becomes permanent and can be used for other federal activities, e.g. applying for a federal student loan. If the validation is not successful, the person will need to reapply for a PIN with corrected information, correct the information that is not accurate (such as name change with Social Security Administration) and/or wet sign the Student Aid Report.	PIN
If parent has no SSN, is he/she eligible to sign up for a PIN?	No.	PIN
Is there a delay in processing if a student creates a PIN on the sign & submit page on the FAFSA versus doing it prior on the PIN site?	No, the student is still using the PIN site.	PIN
Is it true that you can get your PIN now immediately (rather than having to wait a few days)?	Yes, the applicant can create their own PIN and use it immediately to sign the FAFSA. If the PIN does not clear the federal validation process, he/she will be contacted to submit a wet signature on the SAR and/or correct the PIN information.	PIN
Undocumented parents can't get a PIN number to sign, can the student sign via PIN and have the parent use a different method?	Yes.	PIN
How does the verification process work once a student has been chosen for verification?	A selected applicant will be assigned to a verification group. This group will be designated on the ISIR. Each group has specific items that must be verified. The applicant will need to follow the instructions provided by the college in terms of documentation required.	Verification