

# TRIO

GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE

# FAFSA



# FSA ID

- Used for FAFSA completion and allows access to certain U.S. Department of Education websites
- May be used by students and parents throughout financial aid process, including subsequent school years
- Only the owner should create a FSA ID
- Apply at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>



# STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Students must use their LEGAL name
- Social Security Number
- Why does it ask my gender?  
*Your gender is used to determine if you need to register with the Selective Service System*

**Student Demographic Information**

Your last name  Your first name  Your middle initial

Your Social Security Number

Your date of birth (mmdyyy)

Are you male or female?  
 Male  Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)

Your city (and country if not U.S.)  Your state

Your ZIP code

Have you lived in Kansas for at least 5 years?  
 Yes  No

Your permanent telephone number

Your e-mail address

What is your marital status as of today?

Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide?  
 Yes  No

# STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Why do they need my education history?

*Sometimes priority is given to students who do not have graduate degrees already (Bachelor's, Master's, etc.).*

*Similar limitations apply for some scholarships as well.*

- What is work-study?

*The Federal Work-Study program is a federally-funded program in the United States that assists students with the costs of post-secondary education.*

*This program helps students earn financial funding through a part-time employment program.*



# STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Citizenship

*US Citizens will have an SSN tied to their legal name*

*Eligible Non-Citizens will have both an SSN & Alien Registration Number*

- Degree they are seeking

*Associate, Bachelor before Master's or PhD*

- Foster Care

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information
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### Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?

When you begin college in the 2015-2016 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

When you begin the 2015-2016 school year, what will be your grade level?

When you begin the 2015-2016 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2015?  
 Yes  No

Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?

Highest school completed by Parent 1

Highest school completed by Parent 2

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# STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Students can select up to 10 colleges to receive their FAFSA results
- Housing Questions
  - Helps to determine Cost of Attendance
    - At Home with Parents
    - On-Campus
    - Off-Campus

You can change your mind

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# DEPENDENT VS. INDEPENDENT

*Born before Jan. 1, 1997*  
*Veteran*  
*Active duty - military*  
*Married*  
*Children or other dependents*  
*Both parents deceased*  
*Foster care past age 13*

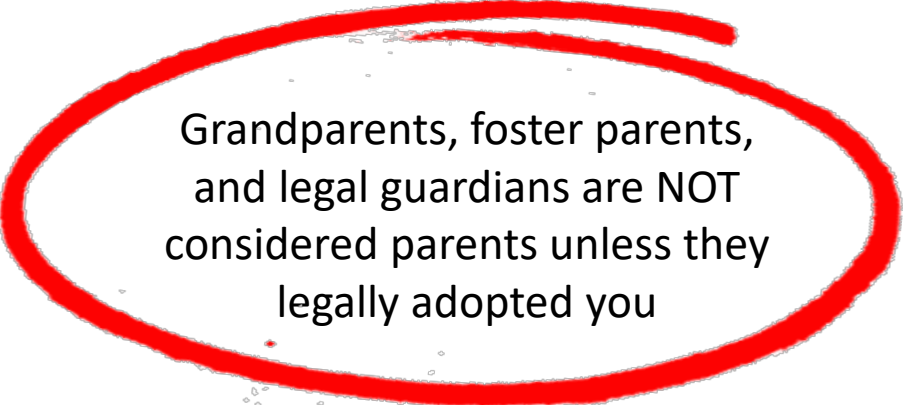


*Dependent/ward of court past age 13*  
*Legal guardianship*  
*Emancipated minor*  
*Homeless or at risk of homelessness*  
*Graduate student*

If the answer to all is **NO** – they're Dependent  
If the answer to ANY is **YES** – they're Independent

# FAFSA PARENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Who is my parent when it comes to the FAFSA?
  - If parents are living together, **regardless of marital status**, include their combined financial information
    - This includes same-sex partners
  - If parents are divorced or separated, include the financial information for the **parent you lived with more** during the past 12 months. **If that parent is remarried, you must include your stepparent's financial information.**



Grandparents, foster parents,  
and legal guardians are NOT  
considered parents unless they  
legally adopted you



# NEEDED INFORMATION

- Taxes, Income information, benefit summaries
- Asset information
  - **NOT** 401(k) or IRA balances
  - **NOT** the value of your primary residence
- Untaxed income such as child support received

# IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

- Real-time request in the FAFSA to import IRS tax data
  - **Important! You will not see the actual IRS data on the IRS website or inserted into the FAFSA.**
  - Reduces documents requested later.
  - Parents filing a joint tax return will need to enter **income from work manually** on the FAFSA.
- IRS DRT will not work for families who:
  - Do not have a Social Security Number
  - Are married but file taxes separately

# Research Skills Quiz

- What is the FSA ID used for?
- How many schools can you send your FAFSA to?
- Is your Aunt considered a legal guardian?