

# What does it mean to provide consent on the 2024-2025 FAFSA Form?

## HELPFUL ACRONYMS

### FA-DDX

FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange

### FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

### FTI

Federal Tax Information

### FUTURE

Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education

### IRS

Internal Revenue Service

### SAI

Student Aid Index

## Consent for Federal Student Aid


For you (the student) to be eligible for federal student aid, you and your contributors must provide consent to the use of Federal Tax Information (FTI) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Application. Providing consent eliminates much of the time-consuming work of filling out an application. By electronically importing your financial information, you ensure your application has the most accurate data.

## Everyone must consent

Applicants and other contributors must consent to the use of their FTI on the FAFSA. All tax-filers and non-tax filers must provide consent. All parties whose FTI is included on a student's FAFSA form must consent annually.

## FUTURE Act

The Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act (GEN-23-11) requires the Department of Education to access tax information held by the IRS pertaining to FAFSA applicants—and, where applicable, their parents and spouses—through a secure method called FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX). The FUTURE Act also made providing consent for the exchange of FTI a requirement for receiving federal student aid. The Act requires that, wherever possible, the Department use data received directly from the IRS to calculate a student's Student Aid Index (SAI- previously know as Estimated Family Contribution of EFC) and Pell Grant award.

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