

# **MASFA to MASSAid**

## **2026-2027 Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid**

Information Session for Financial Aid Administrators  
December 4, 2025

MASSACHUSETTS  
Department of  
Higher Education

# Tuition Equity Law\* Summary

- Signed into law August 10, 2023 (FY24 Budget),  
**retroactively effective July 1, 2023**
- Established a new “High School Completer” pathway for state financial aid:
  - a new, additional authorized eligibility status for all students—including some non-US citizens, namely undocumented students, to establish “residency” for state higher ed benefits.
- Expanded access to
  - **in-state tuition** at MA public institutions and
  - **all state financial aid** programs at MA public or private institutions

\* M.G.L. c. 15A, section 9, as amended by Section 11 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023 and subsequently amended by Section 22 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024.

# Who is a “High School Completer?”

- To qualify as a “High School Completer,” a student-applicant must have:
  - attended high school in the Commonwealth for **at least three (3) years\***; and
  - **earned a diploma or the equivalent** (a GED/ HiSet) **in the Commonwealth**; and
  - met other **documentation** requirements (next slide)

*\*The student is required to complete at least three years of high school (9th-12th grade) in Massachusetts. Any combination of three years of enrollment is acceptable. The school may be public or private but must be physically located within Massachusetts. A student must also have graduated from high school or have received the equivalent of a high school diploma (like a GED).*

*The student's three years of high school attendance at a Massachusetts high school (public or private) do not need to be consecutive and may have occurred at any time. As such, a student-applicant who, for example, enrolled late (e.g., during sophomore year of high school) and graduates, or alternatively who is enrolled for three years but drops out early (e.g., during junior or senior years) but ultimately obtains a high school diploma equivalent, may be eligible under the High School Completer pathway.*

# Documentation Requirements

- To be eligible a student must provide either:
  - a valid Social Security Number (SSN), or
  - documentation reflecting the issuance of an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), or
  - documentation of registration with selective service (if applicable) or
  - if the individual is not a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States, that person must provide a completed [DHE Affidavit](#) stating that the individual will file an application to become a citizen or legal permanent resident within 120 days after the individual becomes eligible to do so.
- DHE has developed updated guidance: [Tuition Equity Law – Academic Year 2025-2026 Guidance](#) (available on [OSFA website](#))

# Tuition Equity Law Form and Affidavit

- **Objective for Administrators:** affidavit facilitates intake of student aid applications and assessment of student-applicant eligibility
- **Objective for Students & Families:** affidavit fulfills statutory documentation requirement for High School Completer Status if student does not have SSN or taxpayer ID (ITIN)
- Affidavit allows student to attest to requirements for High School Completer status, including that:
  - *the student will apply for citizenship or legal permanent residence status within 120 days of eligibility for that status, as required by statute for students without a social security number or an ITIN number.*
- Note that students **no longer need to** show proof of selective service filing if eligible, per the legislation.

## Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Tuition Equity Form and Affidavit for High School Completers

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### Section A - Eligibility

**Instructions:** For all applicants, in the fields below please insert your name, check off each box that is true, and provide the high school attendance and diploma/GED/HiSET information requested below.

☐ I, (insert name) \_\_\_\_\_, have applied or been admitted to a public or state-approved private, independent nonprofit institution of higher education in Massachusetts, and my birth date is \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Both **in-state tuition rates and fees** and **state financial aid** are available at **public** institutions of higher education established in [G.L. c. 15A, § 5](#). Only **state financial aid** is available at [state-approved private, independent nonprofit institutions](#).

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Please list the name and dates attended of the high school(s) in the table below:

High School Name or School District that approved the homeschooling plan	City/Town, State	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)

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Please list the name of the school you have graduated from or will graduate from: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the month and year you received or will receive a high school diploma or equivalent: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section B - Documentation

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- ☐ (1) A valid Social Security number, **or**
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- ☐ (3) Documentation of registration with the Selective Service, if applicable, **or**
- ☐ (4) Signed affidavit in Section C of this form

If you selected (1), (2), or (3) please remember to submit a copy of the documentation along with this form and move on to Section D. **If you selected (4), please complete Section C below before moving on to Section D.**

### Section C - Affidavit

**Instructions:** For applicants that selected (4) above, please provide your name, signature, and date on the affidavit below.

I swear, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that I have filed or will file an application to become a citizen or legal permanent resident within 120 days of becoming eligible to do so.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section D - Certification

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# DHE Resources

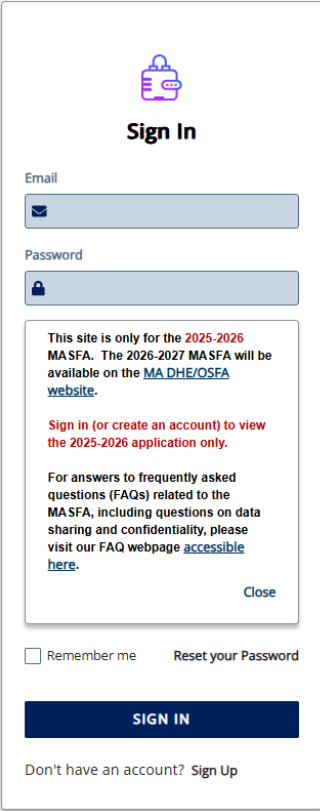
- For additional information, please visit the DHE's Tuition Equity landing page: [In-State Tuition Rates and MA State Financial Aid / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#)
  - Serves as a resource for students, families, and administrators
  - Includes [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#) on Implementation of Tuition Equity Provision
- School Administrators can also visit OSFA's [Info & Tools for Schools](#) website for additional information on MASFA
  - [September 2025 Memo](#)
  - [2025 Tuition Equity Form and Affidavit](#)

# MASFA to MASSAid

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# MASFA – Regent Platform

- Since its inception, the MASFA has been available via **Regent Platform**
- **2023-2024** launched January 2024
  - Applications received: **753**
  - Applications completed: **371**
  - Students Awarded: **56**
- **2024-2025** opened March 2024
  - Applications received: **3525**
  - Applications completed: **2063**
  - Students Awarded: **TBD** (*pending year-end data information*)
- **2025-2026** opened January 2025
  - Applications received: **3905\***
  - Applications completed: **2580\***
  - Students Awarded: **TBD**
  - Application will open via Regent until June 30, 2026
  - MASSGrant priority deadline – student must have filed MASFA by **June 30, 2025**
  - *\*Data as of November 17, 2025*



The screenshot shows the 'Sign In' interface of the MASFA Regent Platform. At the top, there is a purple icon of a person with a speech bubble and the text 'Sign In'. Below this are input fields for 'Email' and 'Password'. A message box in the center states: 'This site is only for the 2025-2026 MASFA. The 2026-2027 MASFA will be available on the [MA DHE/OSFA website](#). Sign in (or create an account) to view the 2025-2026 application only. For answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to the MASFA, including questions on data sharing and confidentiality, please visit our FAQ webpage [accessible here](#).' Below the message box are links for 'Remember me' and 'Reset your Password'. A large blue 'SIGN IN' button is at the bottom, with a link 'Don't have an account? Sign Up' below it.

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# MASFA – MASSAid Platform

- **GOAL:** create a more seamless experience for students and institutions
- **MASFA applicants** will benefit by having **access to all MASSAid student portal features**, including the ability to view all available aid programs, for which they may be eligible.
- This transition will **centralize and streamline access** for **financial aid administrators** and allow institutions to draw data from MASSAid for both MASFA and FAFSA applicants without having to access additional external portals.
- **2026-2027** application will be released **November 24, 2025**
  - **MASSGrant priority deadline** – must file MASFA by **May 1, 2026**
  - Current 25-26 MASFA applicants will receive a notification regarding the release of the 26-27 MASFA

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# MASFA – MASSAid Platform

- Students will access the **2026-2027 MASFA** application via a **specific link** located on the OSFA/DHE website.
  - Student will need to complete the FAFSA/MASFA Eligibility Questionnaire to determine if they are eligible to file the MASFA and receive the link to create an account/view the application
  - **IMPORTANT:** students should **not** create an account on the general MASSAid portal to try to access the application (it is not accessible that way)
- Application will be available in English and Spanish
  - Must select Spanish option **prior** to starting the application in order to view it in Spanish
- Parents will **not** need to create an account or sign the application.
  - Student will be responsible for providing all parent information on the application
- Students who need to finish incomplete MASFA application will be able to login to the student portal to finish application
- Students will not be able to make changes or updates to their application once it has been signed and submitted
  - All subsequent corrections/updates to a student's application are restricted to OSFA agency users, once the Student Aid Index (SAI) is determined

# **2026-2027 MASFA Demo**

Student Application

The following MASFA application  
screenshots are for **demonstration  
purposes only.**

Information is from our BETA environment.

# MASFA Application

- DHE/OSFA website(s) will provide students with information regarding completing the appropriate financial aid application (FAFSA v. MASFA).
  - [In-State Tuition Rates and MA State Financial Aid / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#)
  - [Office of Student Financial Assistance / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#)
- We have developed a 'wizard' to help students identify the appropriate application option: [FAFSA/MASFA Eligibility Questionnaire](#).

## Massachusetts State Financial Aid

To be eligible for most types of financial aid, students must complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA). Students should only complete **ONE** financial aid application.



Use our [FAFSA/MASFA Eligibility Questionnaire](#) to choose which application to complete.

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
  - 2025-2026 FAFSA currently open until June 30, 2026
  - 2026-2027 FAFSA currently open until June 30, 2027
- **Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA)**
  - 2025-2026 MASFA currently open until June 30, 2026
  - 2026-2027 MASFA currently open until June 30, 2027
- [2026-2027 MASFA Guide and FAQ](#) (PDF)



# FAFSA/MASFA Eligibility Questionnaire

- Once student completes the [FAFSA/MASFA Eligibility Questionnaire](#), if they are eligible to complete the MASFA, they will be able to access the portal/application via a specific link on the website:

Home > Info & Tools for Campus Faculty & Staff > In-State Tuition Rates and MA State Financial Aid > FAFSA/MASFA Eligibility Questionnaire

## Should you complete FAFSA or MASFA ?

To be eligible for most types of financial aid, students must complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA). Students should only complete ONE financial aid application. If you are unsure which form to complete, please answer the questions below. Based on the answers provided, you will be instructed to complete either the FAFSA or MASFA.

Do you have a Social Security Number?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### IN-STATE TUITION RATES AND MA STATE FINANCIAL AID

<< Info & Tools for  
Students & Families

Based on your responses, you are eligible to file the Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA). *PLEASE NOTE: to be eligible for Massachusetts State Financial Aid programs, you must also be physically living in Massachusetts for at least 12 months prior to start of the academic year for which you are applying for financial aid.*

Complete the **2025-2026** application if you plan to enroll in college during the 2025-2026 academic school year (July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026).

[File 2025-2026 MASFA ▶](#)

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**NOTE:** If the student goes directly to the MASSAid portal and creates an account, they will **not** see the 2026-2027 MASFA.

# Account Creation

- Once student clicks on the **“File 2026-2027 MASFA”**, they will be redirected to the account creation page
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** while this site looks very similar to the MASSAid Student portal page – the URL is specific for the MASFA app.
- As a first-time user, students should select **“click here to create an account”**

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
Office of Student Financial Assistance

**Log In**

User Name

[Forgot your User Name, click here](#)

If this is your first time accessing the Student Portal, [click here to create an account.](#)

**Log In**

# Account Creation



Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
Office of Student Financial Assistance

## Create Your Account

Please complete this form to create an account. Required fields are in bold:

User Name *(required)*

Your User Name must be **6 to 25 alpha numeric characters with no blank spaces.**

First Name *(required)*

Middle Initial

Last Name *(required)*

**SSN or Applicant ID provided by OSFA *(required)***

☐ I do not have a Social Security Number (SSN)

Re-enter SSN *(required)*

Date of Birth (mm/dd/ccyy) *(required)*

Account Email Address *(required)*

Re-enter Email Address *(required)*

Cell Phone Number

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☐ Send me a text to opt-in to receiving text alerts from OSFA. You will receive the text shortly and must reply YES.

Password *(required)*

**Passwords are case sensitive, must be 6-25 characters, must include letters and numbers, and cannot be the same as the User Name.**

Re-enter Password *(required)*

**Username:** Letters and Numbers **ONLY** –  
**NO SPECIAL CHARACTERS**

**Enter First and Last Name as it appears on government issued document(s)**  
(i.e., birth certificate, Social Security card, ITIN document, etc.)

**If student does not have SSN, check the box that states “I do not have a SSN”. The SSN field will grey out.**

SSN or Applicant ID provided by OSFA *(required)*

☒ I do not have a Social Security Number (SSN)

Re-enter SSN *(required)*

**PASSWORD:** Letters and Numbers **ONLY** –  
**NO SPECIAL CHARACTERS**

# Account Creation

To finalize account creation, students will make a **“Personal Image Selection”** (security feature) and acknowledge the **“Terms and Conditions”**.

## Personal Image Selection

Your Personal Image helps you know for sure that you are at the valid site. Every time you sign in, you will see your Personal Image after you enter your User Name.

Please select a Personal Image:



## Terms and Conditions

- ☒ I acknowledge by gaining access to this site I certify that I am the student/borrower or have the student/borrower's permission to access the information. Access without permission may subject you to civil penalties or criminal prosecution.



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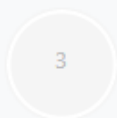
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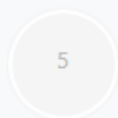
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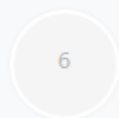
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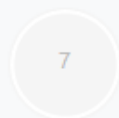
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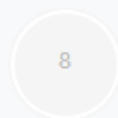
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  - Earned a Massachusetts high school diploma or alternative (e.g., GED, HiSET); and
  - Have physically resided in Massachusetts for at least one year prior to the start of the academic year

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English

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3School Selection

4Dependency Verification

5Student Tax Information

6Independent Student Information

7Parent Tax Information

8Sign and Submit Page

### Student Demographic Information

\* Your First Name

November

Your Middle Name

\* Your Last Name

Test

\* Your Date of Birth

11/17/2005

\* Are you male or female (used to determine if Selective Service is required)?

\* Your Mailing Address State

\* Your permanent telephone number

\* Your e-mail address

sbarboza@dhe.mass.edu

\* Re-enter your e-mail address

sbarboza@dhe.mass.edu

\* What is your marital status as of today?

\* What is your state of residence?

\* When did you move to this state (enter two-digit month and four-digit year, i.e. MM/YYYY)?

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- First and Last Name, DOB, Email Address are pre-populated from account creation page.
- Application will not collect home/mailling address. Student must enter "Mailing Address State" and indicate "State of Residence"
- If student does not indicate "Massachusetts" as their state of residence, they will receive a 'ineligible' notification from OSFA regarding residency and will be **required** to upload documentation to MASSAid so we can verify student meets MA residency requirement for MASSGrant.

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## School Selection

\* Did either of your parents attend or complete college?

\* When you begin college in the 2026-2027 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

\* When you begin the 2026-2027 school year, what will be your grade level in college?

\* When you begin the 2026-2027 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?

\* Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2026?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Tell us which college(s) you are thinking of attending during the 2026-2027 school year. Your first selection should be the college you are most likely to attend.

\* 1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

4th Choice

5th Choice

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10th Choice

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## School Selection

Student will provide information on

- High School Completion Status,
- College or Career Plans, and
- College Selection

School Selection

Did either of your parents attend or complete college?

When you begin college in the 2026-2027 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

HS Diploma

Enter the name of the high school from which you will/did graduate.

What year will/did you receive your diploma?

In what state will/did you receive your diploma? If you will/did graduate from a high school outside of the United States, select "Other".

In what city will/did you receive your diploma?

School Selection

Did either of your parents attend or complete college?

When you begin college in the 2026-2027 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

GED/State Certificate

If you earned a G.E.D., in what state was it earned?

What did or will you receive?

School Selection

Did either of your parents attend or complete college?

When you begin college in the 2026-2027 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

Home Schooled

Please indicate the city/town and state where you completed your homeschooling.

High School Completion Status

- High School Diploma
  - Name of HS
  - Graduation Year
  - HS State
  - HS City
- GED/State Certificate
  - State Earned
  - HS Equivalent Received (GED, HiSet)
- Home Schooled
  - City/State Homeschool completed



## School Selection

- Student will be able to list up to 10 school choice on their application.
- The “**1<sup>st</sup> Choice**” is the school that will appear on the student’s MASSAid record.

Tell us which college(s) you are thinking of attending during the 2026-2027 school year. Your first selection should be the college you are most likely to attend.

\* **1st Choice**

Test College ▼

**2nd Choice**

▼

**3rd Choice**

▼

**4th Choice**

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**5th Choice**

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**6th Choice**

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**9th Choice**

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**10th Choice**

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## Dependency Verification

\* Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Do you have children or other people (excluding your spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, now and between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* At any time since you turned age 13, were you an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* At any time since you turned age 13, were you a ward of the court? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* As determined by a court in Massachusetts, are you or were you an emancipated minor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Does someone other than your parent or step parent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in Massachusetts? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* At any time on or after July 1, 2025, were you unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Do unusual circumstances prevent you from contacting your parents or would contacting your parents pose a risk to you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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## Dependency Verification

Students will be required to answer the following questions to determine their dependency status – Dependent or Independent

## Unusual Circumstances

Dependent students who answer “Yes” to this question regarding ‘**unusual circumstances**’ will be required to complete a form and provide documentation to **OSFA** that demonstrates they have extenuating circumstances that prevents them from providing parent information (personal statement, income verification, letters of support)



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## Student Tax Information

In 2024 or 2025, did you or anyone in your family receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below?

\* Earned income tax credit (EITC) ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Federal housing assistance ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Free or reduced-price school lunch ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Medicaid ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP) ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Food Stamps) ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Did or will you file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Did you either (1) earn income in a foreign country in 2024, (2) work for an international organization in 2024 without being required to report income on any tax return, or (3) file a 2024 tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Did or will you file a 2024 joint tax return with your current spouse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Student Tax Information

Student will be asked to answer questions regarding any **federal benefits** they may have received and **2024 Tax Information**

\* Did or will you file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Did you either (1) earn income in a foreign country in 2024, (2) work for an international organization in 2024 without being required to report income on any tax return, or (3) file a 2024 tax return with Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory?

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Did or will you file a 2024 joint tax return with your current spouse?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please complete the following using the information from your 2024 income tax return. If the answer is zero or does not apply enter "0".

\* For 2024, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?

\* Income earned from work from IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 1z + Schedule 1: lines 3 + 6

\* Tax-exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040, line 2a

\* Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040: line 4a minus 4b

\* IRA rollover into another IRA or qualified plan

\* Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040: line 5a minus 5b

\* Pension rollover into an IRA or other qualified plan

\* Adjusted gross income from IRS Form 1040 (or IRS Form 1040-NR): line 11

\* Income tax paid from IRS Form 1040: line 22 minus Schedule 2: line 2. If negative, enter a zero.

\* IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: total of lines 16 + 20

\* Education credits (American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits) from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 3: line 3

\* Did you file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with your 2024 IRS Form 1040?

\* Net profit or loss from IRS Form 1040 Schedule C: line 31

\* Amount of college grants, scholarships, or AmeriCorps benefits reported as income to the IRS. You would have paid taxes on these grants, scholarships, or benefits. These usually do not apply to first-time applicants. If married, include the spouse's reported amount.

\* Foreign earned income exclusion from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1: line 8d

## Student Tax Information

In this scenario, student is considered a "dependent".

At the end of this section, students must indicate if parental information will be provided. Student who indicates they are unable to provide parental information will be required to complete a form and provide documentation to **OSFA** that demonstrates they have extenuating circumstances that prevents them from providing parent information.

\* Enter total amount you received in child support for the last complete calendar year. If you are "Married" or "Remarried," enter the combined amount you and your spouse received

\* Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts. If you are "Married" or "Remarried," enter the combined amount you and your spouse received

\* Current net worth of investments, including real estate. If you are "Married" or "Remarried," enter the combined amount you and your spouse received

\* Current net worth of businesses and investment farms. If you are "Married" or "Remarried," enter the combined amount you and your spouse received

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, **you are considered a dependent student for financial aid purposes.** This means you must provide parental information. Select "I will provide parental information" and click next to continue to the parent section.

If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your application without parental information. Select "I am unable to provide parental information" and click next to advance.

\* Will parental information be provided?

- ☐ I will provide parental information  
☐ I am unable to provide parental information  
(we will contact you for further information)

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## Parent Tax Information

\* As of today, what is the marital status of your legal parents (biological and/or adoptive)?

\* What is your parent's full name?

\* What is your parent's date of birth?

*The date field must be a date with a two-digit month, a two-digit day, and a four-digit year*

What is your parent's spouse or partner's full name?

What is your parent's spouse or partner's date of birth?

*The date field must be a date with a two-digit month, a two-digit day, and a four-digit year*

\* What is your parents' state of residence?

\* When did your parents move to the state (enter two-digit month and four-digit year, i.e. MM/YYYY)?

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\* Your parents' number of family members in 2026-2027 (household size)?

\* How many people in your parents' household will be at least half-time college students between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027? Do NOT include your parents.

Please list all individuals you included in your household size (include yourself):

Name	Relationship to Student	Age	Attending College During the 2026- 2027 School Year?	College Attending
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="text"/>

## Parent Tax Information

Dependent Students Only  
(section skipped if applicant's  
dependency status is  
'Independent')

- Parent and Household Information

In 2024 or 2025, did you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household receive benefits from any of the federal benefits programs listed below?

\* Earned income tax credit (EITC)

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Federal housing assistance

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Free or reduced-price school lunch

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Medicaid

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP)

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Food Stamps)

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Did or will your parent file a 2024 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR?

☐ Yes ☐ No

\* Indicate which of the following situations applies to your parent for 2024

\* Did or will your parent file a 2024 joint tax return with their current spouse?

☐ Yes ☐ No

## Parent Tax Information

Dependent Students Only  
(section skipped if applicant's  
dependency status is  
'Independent')

- Federal Benefits Information
- 2024 Tax Information

Please complete the following using the information from your parent's 2024 income tax return

\* For 2024, what is/will be your parents' tax filing status on their tax return?

\* Income earned from work from IRS Form 1040 (or 1040-NR): line 1z + Schedule 1: lines 3 + 6

\* Tax-exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040, line 2a

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\* Enter total amount your parent received in child support for the last complete calendar year. If they are "Married," "Remarried," or "Unmarried and both legal parents living together," enter the combined amount your parent and their spouse received.

\* Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts. If your parents are "Married", "Remarried" or "Unmarried and both legal parents living together," enter the combined

Parent Tax Information

Dependent Students Only  
*(section skipped if applicant's dependency status is 'Independent')*

• 2024 Tax Information

\* Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts. If your parents are "Married", "Remarried" or "Unmarried and both legal parents living together," enter the combined amounts held by your parent and their spouse

\* Current net worth of investments, including real estate. If your parents are "Married", "Remarried" or "Unmarried and both legal parents living together," enter the combined amounts held by your parent and their spouse

\* Current net worth of businesses and investment farms. If your parents are "Married", "Remarried" or "Unmarried and both legal parents living together," enter the combined amounts held by your parent and their spouse

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## Sign and Submit Page

Student certifies information submitted on application is correct

If 'dependent' student, also certifying parent information on application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Once submitted, student cannot go back and make corrections.

\* = Required



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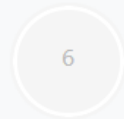
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## Sign and Submit Page

### Student Certification

☐ By clicking this box, you are electronically signing this application and certifying that:

- you will only use any state financial aid awarded for educational costs, such as tuition and fees, books and equipment, transportation and related living expenses
- the student information you provided on the application is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed application

### Parent Certification

☐ By clicking this box, you are electronically signing this application and certifying that:

- the parent information you provided on the application is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed application

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## Post-submittal Screen

Student will also receive a confirmation email with this same messaging once application is submitted.

Thank you for completing the **2026 - 2027 Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid**. Based on your application information, your **Student Aid Index (SAI) is: 2993**. You will receive a confirmation email of your application submission. The email will come from [osfamail@osfamass.org](mailto:osfamail@osfamass.org).

If additional information and/or documentation is needed for us to process your application, we will send you an email notification.

**Please note:** The college/university is responsible for final determination of eligibility based on your MASFA submission and verification of Massachusetts high school completer status. You may reach out to the school's financial aid office, after your application has been processed, to obtain more information on your financial aid eligibility, aid program options, and any additional steps and/or documentation you may need to provide to the school.

### Document Submission Options:

If you are required to submit documentation, please do so via one of the following options:

**Preferred Method** – Log in to the MASSAid Student Portal with your username and password and click the **My MASSGrant** option on the left-hand side of the screen. You will be able to view your application status and any ineligible reasons (if applicable) that must be corrected. From there you can upload the required documents.

**OR**

Mail your documentation (include your first and last name and date of birth on the documents) to:

MA Office of Student Financial Assistance  
135 Santilli Highway  
Everett, MA 02149

**ATTENTION: MASFA**

**YOU CAN SEND THIS INFORMATION BY REGULAR FIRST-CLASS MAIL. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR FASTER DELIVERY.**

Close



## Student MASSAid Portal

### Grant/Scholarship Online Applications

- "Other" tab will reflect MASFA application status
- If one is started, but not finished, labeled "Incomplete"

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## Grant/Scholarship Online Applications

The following grant/scholarship aid programs can assist you in financing your higher education:

### Grants

There are currently no Grant programs for you to apply for.

### Scholarships

[2025-2026 Early Childhood Educators Scholarship](#)

[2025-2026 Tomorrow's Teachers Scholarship](#)

[2025-2026 Behavioral Health Workforce Scholarship \(Graduate Only\)](#)

### Other

*2026-2027 MASFA Application (COMPLETED)*

**In order to complete the online application process you must have access to a printer and ADOBE Acrobat Reader in order to view and print your application.**



# Student User – MASSAid Portal

- Students will receive notifications regarding their application (i.e, application received, ineligible reasons, if any, etc.) [same process as FAFSA filers]
- Students will have the ability to upload documentation for OSFA to review and update application information, if necessary

The screenshot displays the MASSAid Portal interface for a student user. The header includes the MASSAid logo and the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Office of Student Financial Assistance. The left sidebar contains navigation links: My Home, My MASSGrant (highlighted with a red box), My Forms, Grant/Scholarship Online Applications, Email OSFA, Account Management, and Logout. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Welcome Masfa!' and 'My MASSGrant'.

**Welcome Masfa!**

**Name:** Masfa Test

**Address:** , MA -

**Email:** sbarboza@dhe.mass.edu

**Phone:** 617.391.6095

**Cell Phone:** 617.391.6095

Select Update Student Info to receive text alerts from OSFA.

[Update Student Info](#)

**My MASSGrant** (Year 2026 to 2027)

**Eligibility Requirements**

OSFA has received your 2026-2027 MASSGrant application and you are currently ineligible for the following reasons:

- High School Attended not MA
- HS Completion Status – Need Additional Information

**My MASSGrant** (Year 2026 to 2027)

**Award Status**

Good news! Based on your interest in attending SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY for the 2026-2027 school year, you are eligible for a MASSGrant award. (Select a different institution to see your MASSGrant eligibility there.)

Term	Amount	Status	Paid Date
Fall	\$250.00	ReadyToCertify	Pending
Spring	\$250.00	ReadyToCertify	Pending

[Update Student Info](#)

# Student User – MASSAid Portal

## ■ Print-out of MASFA Application

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### My MASSGrant

#### Cumulative Program Summary

Total Semesters Used: ?

Total Funds Received: \$00.00

2026-2027 MASSGrant award information displayed is subject to change, pending a final Fiscal Year 2027 Massachusetts State budget.

#### Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Application Status: Eligible

Print Letter

Print MASFA Application

All awards are subject to certification by the institution.

Institution	Term	Award	Status	Paid Date
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	Spring	\$250	Pending	
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	Fall	\$250	Pending	

Your current application information: [Click here to update 2026-2027 application info](#)

CURRENT INSTITUTION: SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

ANTICIPATED FALL ENROLLMENT: Full-time

ANTICIPATED SPRING ENROLLMENT: Full-time

DECLINE FALL AWARD: No

DECLINE SPRING AWARD: No

## MASFA Application

Academic Year: 2026-2027

Student Last Name: Barboza

Application Date: 9/26/2025

ApplicationDate: 9/26/2025

StudentFirstName:

StudentMiddleInitial:

StudentLastName: Barboza

StudentDOB: 5/25/2006

StudentGender: 1

StudentState: MA

StudentPhone: 6173916095

StudentEmail: sbarboza@dhe.mass.edu

StudentHSGradYear: 2024

StudentCitizenship: Not Eligible

StudentMarried: 2

StudentResidenceState: MA

StudentResidenceDateMonth: 10

StudentResidenceDateYear: 2014

StudentFAFSAHighSchoolName: saugus

StudentHSDiploma: 1

StudentHSGradState: MA

StudentFAFSAHighSchoolCity: Saugus

StudentGrade: Second Year (Sophomore)

StudentDegreeCertificate: 1st Bachelors Degree

StudentPursuingTeacherCertification:

StudentBachelorDegree: No

StudentFASFASchoolCode1: 002218

StudentFASFASchoolCode2: 002188

StudentFASFASchoolCode3:

StudentFASFASchoolCode4:

StudentFASFASchoolCode5:

StudentFASFASchoolCode6:

StudentFASFASchoolCode7:

# 2026-2027 MASFA

MASSAid Portal – Agency User

# MASFA in MASSAid – Additional Features

- There will be a "MASFA Filer" **flag** visible on the student's MASSAid record [\[OSFA and School administrator view\]](#)
- MASFA student that indicated they do not have an SSN, will be identified with an "M" number

The screenshot displays the MASSAid system interface. On the left, a sidebar shows the profile for 'Steph Test' (SSN: M27-00-0026) with a yellow 'MASFA Filer' tag. Below this, a section for 'Existing MASSGrant' for 'AY 2026 - 2027' lists links for Transaction History, Payment History, FAFSA Data, and Document Management. A second profile for 'Summer Test' (SSN: 222 -) is also shown with a yellow 'MASFA Filer' tag and similar links.

The main content area shows the 'MASSGrant Record' for 'Test-0026(MASSGRANT)' for the 'Academic Year 2026 - 2027'. The status is 'Eligible'. Below this, the 'Student Information' section for SSN XXX-XX-0026 lists various details:

Student Information: SSN XXX-XX-0026	
Name	Test, Steph
Address	
City, State, Zip	, MA
Home Phone Number	(617)391-6095
Cell Phone Number	(617)391-6095
Can Text?	No
Email Address	sbarboza@dhe.mass.edu
Date of Birth	01/01/2006
Gender	Female
Driver's License State & Number	
MASSAid ID	2860003
Student Portal Account	Yes
Deceased?	N
Identified by DCF	No
MASFA Application	Y

# MASSGrant – Ineligible Reasons

- Schools will be able to view ineligible reasons on student's records

MASSGrant Record Academic Year 2026 - 2027	
Status:	Ineligible
Reason(s):	Student Not MA Resident Parent(s) Not MA Resident High School Attended not MA

Student Information: SSN XXX-XX-0032	
Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	, MA
Home Phone Number	(617)391-6095
Cell Phone Number	(617)391-6095
Can Text?	No
Email Address	sbarboza@dhe.mass.edu
Date of Birth	02/11/2006
Gender	Female
Driver's License State & Number	
MASSAid ID	
Student Portal Account	Yes
Deceased?	N
Identified by DCF	No
MASFA Application	Y

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Application Information				
Current Institution	999999-00, Test College		Spring Institution	999999-00, Test College
Fall Institution	999999-00, Test College			

Application Date Override		<b>Current application Date = MASFA Application Date</b>	FAFSA Original Application Date	
State of Legal Residence	MA		Current Application Date	10/29/2025
Residence Date	05/01/2010		Clear All Problems Override	
Parent State of Legal Residence	MA		Clear All Problems Expiration Date	
Parent Residence Date	05/01/2010		Cleared All Problems Date	10/29/2025
Residency Override			Force Ineligible	
SSN Match			1st BA Override	
SAR C Flag	No Flag Set		Grade Level	First Year (Freshman)
NSLDS Override			Bachelors Degree	No
NSLDS Match			Degree/Certificate	1st Bachelors Degree
C-Flag Override			Masters/Doctorate	No
Home Schooled Override			Citizenship Override	
Anticipated Fall Enrollment	Full-time		SSA Citizenship	
Anticipated Spring Enrollment	Full-time		Provisional Independent Override	
Eligibility Override				
Return Mail Indicator				
Decline Fall Award				
Decline Spring Award				
Residency Documentation - Allow Other				

<b>MASFA application will always be Transaction # 99*</b>	
Transaction Number	99 <a href="#">Reset Transaction Number</a>
NIL Eligibility Status	Ineligible
Pell Eligible	

UPDATE APPLICATION INFORMATION

TRANSFER STUDENT

VIEW/UPDATE MASFA DATA

\*It is important that student only complete the **ONE** financial aid application they are eligible to complete. If a **FAFSA-eligible** student files a MASFA **prior** to filing the FAFSA, their FAFSA record will **NOT** automatically load into MASSAid. **OSFA** will be required to manually reset the student's record in order to load the FAFSA.



# MASSAid Portal – School User

- MASFA filers will appear on certification rosters
- Payments will be reconciled in MASSAid
- Schools can input data for other financial aid program(s) MASFA students are eligible for (i.e., DCF Fee Assistance, Foster Child Grant, ECE, etc.)
- Schools will continue to collect Tuition Equity and Affidavit form

# Questions??

- **DHE Contact Information**

- Email: [tuitionequity@dhe.mass.edu](mailto:tuitionequity@dhe.mass.edu)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#)

- **OSFA Contact Information**

- [masfa@dhe.mass.edu](mailto:masfa@dhe.mass.edu)
- 617-391-6095 (Stephannie Barboza)