ORSAA Application Changes & Resources for Undocumented and DACAmented Students

ORSAA Overview
FAFSA/ORSAA Training
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AGENDA

- Oregon Financial Aid Overview
- ORSAA New App Tips & Resources
- Q & A

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What types of financial aid can undocumented/DACA students receive?

- Oregon Opportunity Grant
- Oregon Promise Grant
- Scholarships
- Institutional Aid
- *Tuition Equity*

Oregon Opportunity Grant

- Largest need-based state grant
- Community colleges, public universities, and eligible Oregon-based private institutions
- Submit ORSAA as soon as possible after 24-25 launch and meet SAI limit
- Must live in OR for 12 months prior to college attendance and meet 4 Tuition Equity criteria

Oregon Opportunity Grant

In-State Tuition & Additional OOG Eligibility Requirements

Undocumented students may be eligible for in-state tuition rates at public universities as long as they meet the additional eligibility requirements listed below. To apply, undocumented students must either:

- Complete an Affidavit and Request for Exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees, available at the Admissions Office of each Oregon public university; OR
- Submit an official copy of application for registration with a federal immigration program or federal deportation deferral program.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for in-state tuition rates as well as the Oregon Opportunity Grant, undocumented students must meet all of the following tuition equity requirements:

- Student attended an elementary or secondary/high school in Oregon during all three years immediately prior to earning a high school diploma or leaving school before earning a diploma
- Student attended an elementary or secondary/high school in the United States for at least five years immediately prior to earning a high school diploma or leaving school before earning a diploma
- Student received a high school diploma or GED® in Oregon
- Student certifies intention to become a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident

Oregon Promise Grant

- For new/recent high school graduates and GED® test graduates
- Only for Oregon community colleges
- Submit ORSAA & complete OPG application by appropriate deadline
  - Deadline varies by graduation date
- Student must live in Oregon for at least 12 months (parents for 6 months) – *No other residency requirements*

Scholarships & Institutional Aid

- Wide variety of privately funded scholarships available - including over 80% of OSAC Scholarships
- Colleges and universities may have additional financial aid available. What is your scholarship application process for institutional scholarships?

ORSAA New Application Tips & Resources

ORSAA What is the ORSAA?

For Oregon residents only (12 months+)

DACA

For DACAmented & other undocumented students

State of Oregon's alternative to the FAFSA

ORSAA opens By December 31, 2023*

OregonStudentAid.gov

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ORSAA vs. FAFSA

- ORSAA asks mostly the same questions & methodology as FAFSA
- ORSAA accounts do not have “account-based info” – the use of “ROLES” to come in spring
- ORSAA students answer the residency question based on where they permanently live. Not their immigration status
- Date field only needs to be answered if living in the state less than five years
- ORSAA students can only add OOG eligible colleges

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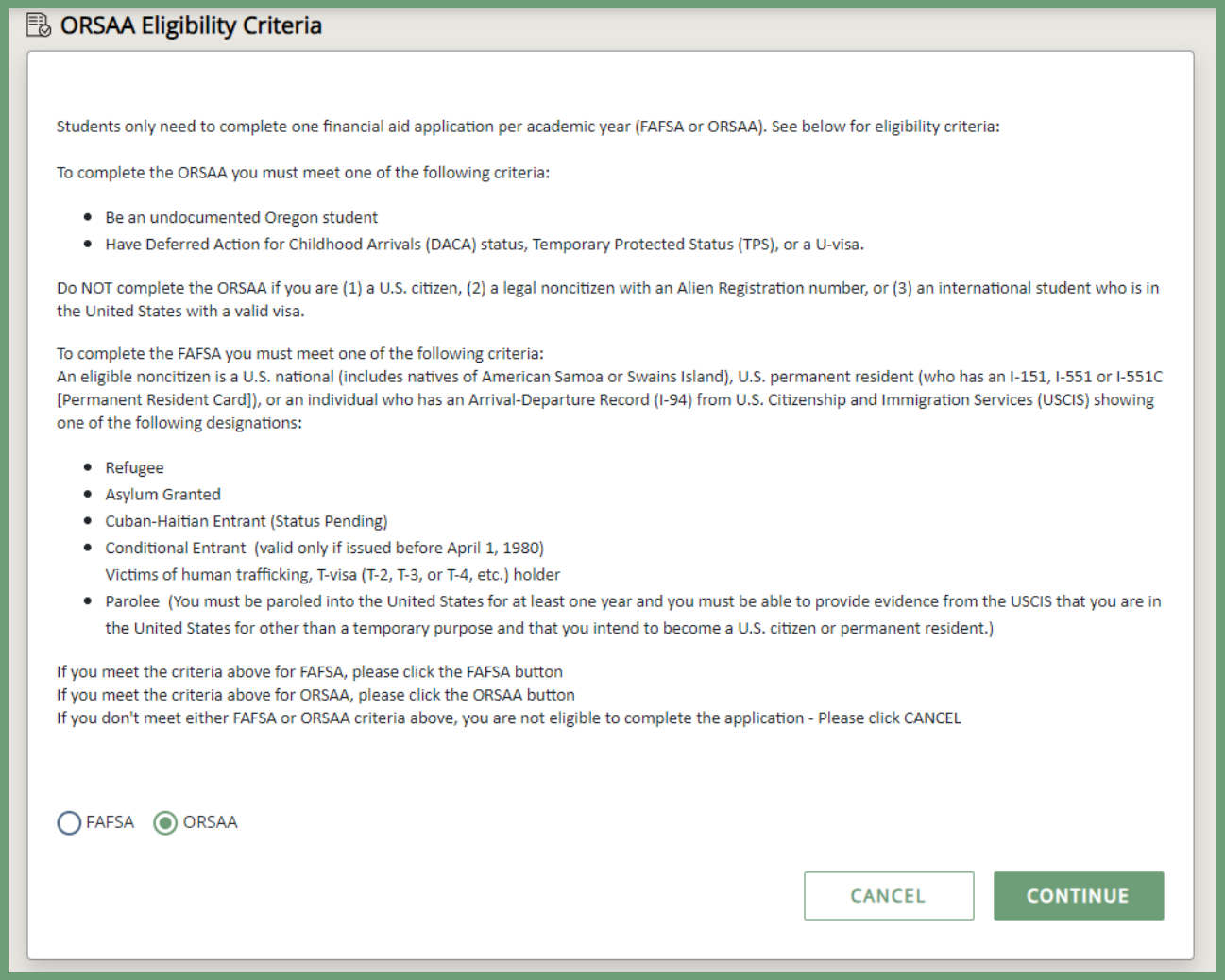
ORSAA vs. FAFSA – Cont.

- ORSAA will not use the new FAFSA (1-4) college grade levels. We will continue to utilize the 0-7 college grade level values
- Parent cannot start application before student or make account.
- ORSAA parent SSN is listed as all zeros in application if no number/choose not to provide.
- Gender identity, race and ethnicity data
- Parent education status will have more options than new FAFSA
- Killed in Line of Duty question asked
- No Direct Data Exchange – manual entry

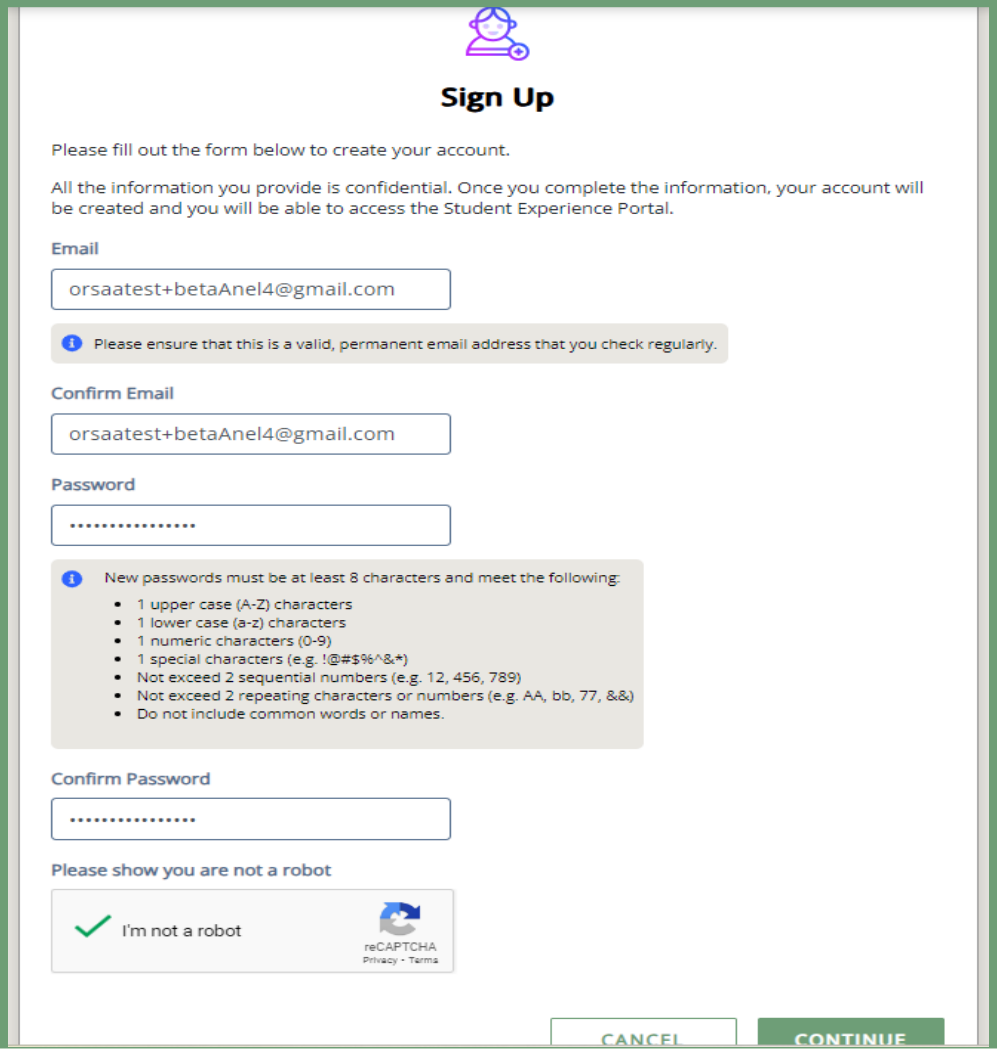
ORSAA Tips to Complete the ORSAA

- Not sure which application to complete? Start with the pre-filter tool for *all* students.
- **https://oregonstudentaid.gov/orsaa-filter.aspx**

ORSAA Eligibility Criteria



ORSAA Registration Step 1/3 – Sign Up



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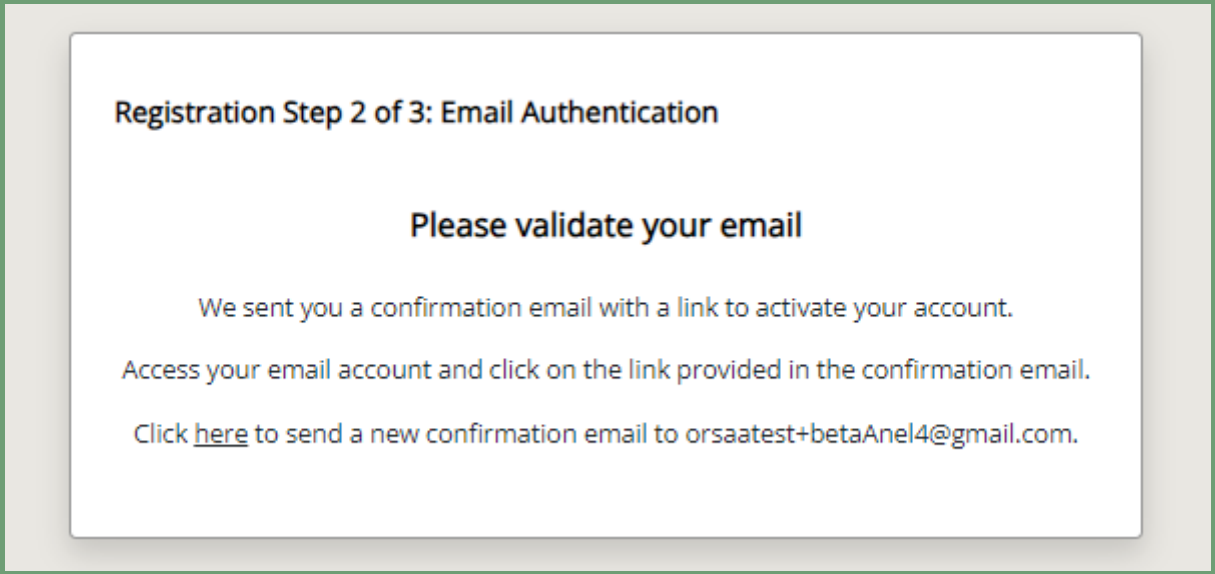
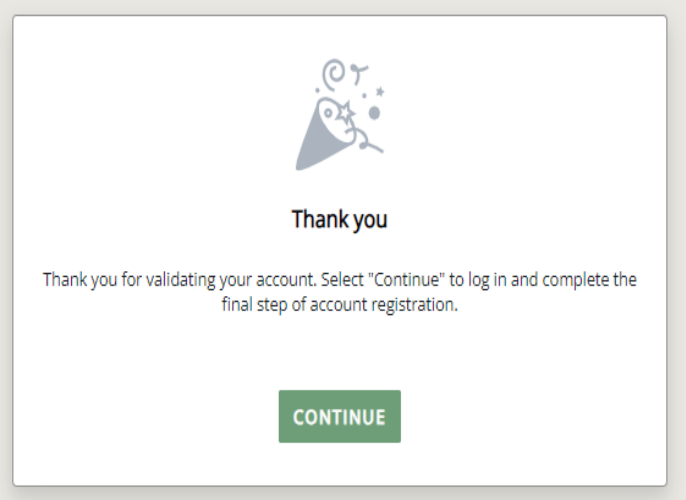
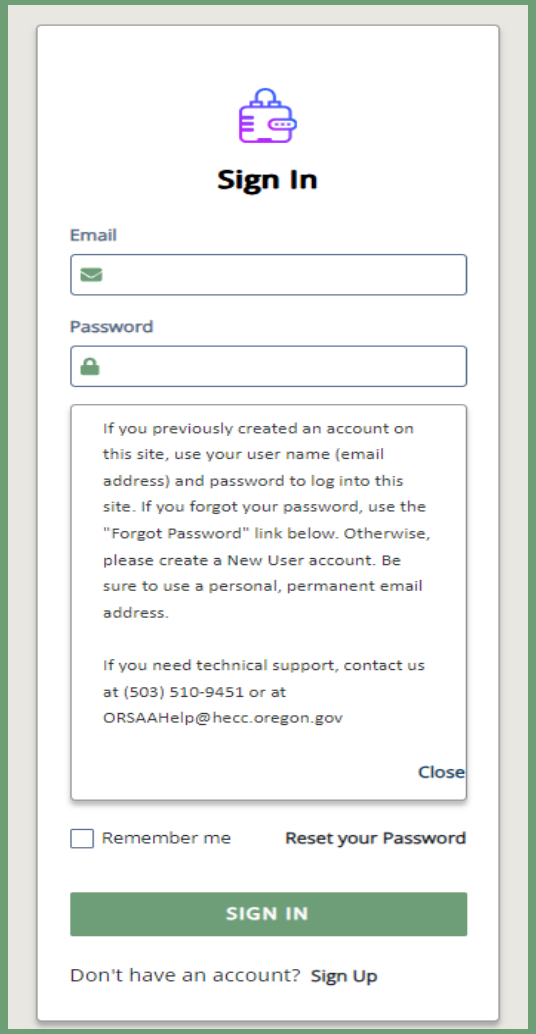
Registration Step 2/3: Email Authentication





ORSAA Account Creation

- Student should use a permanent email (not school email)
- Remember your Secret Answer
- SSN is optional



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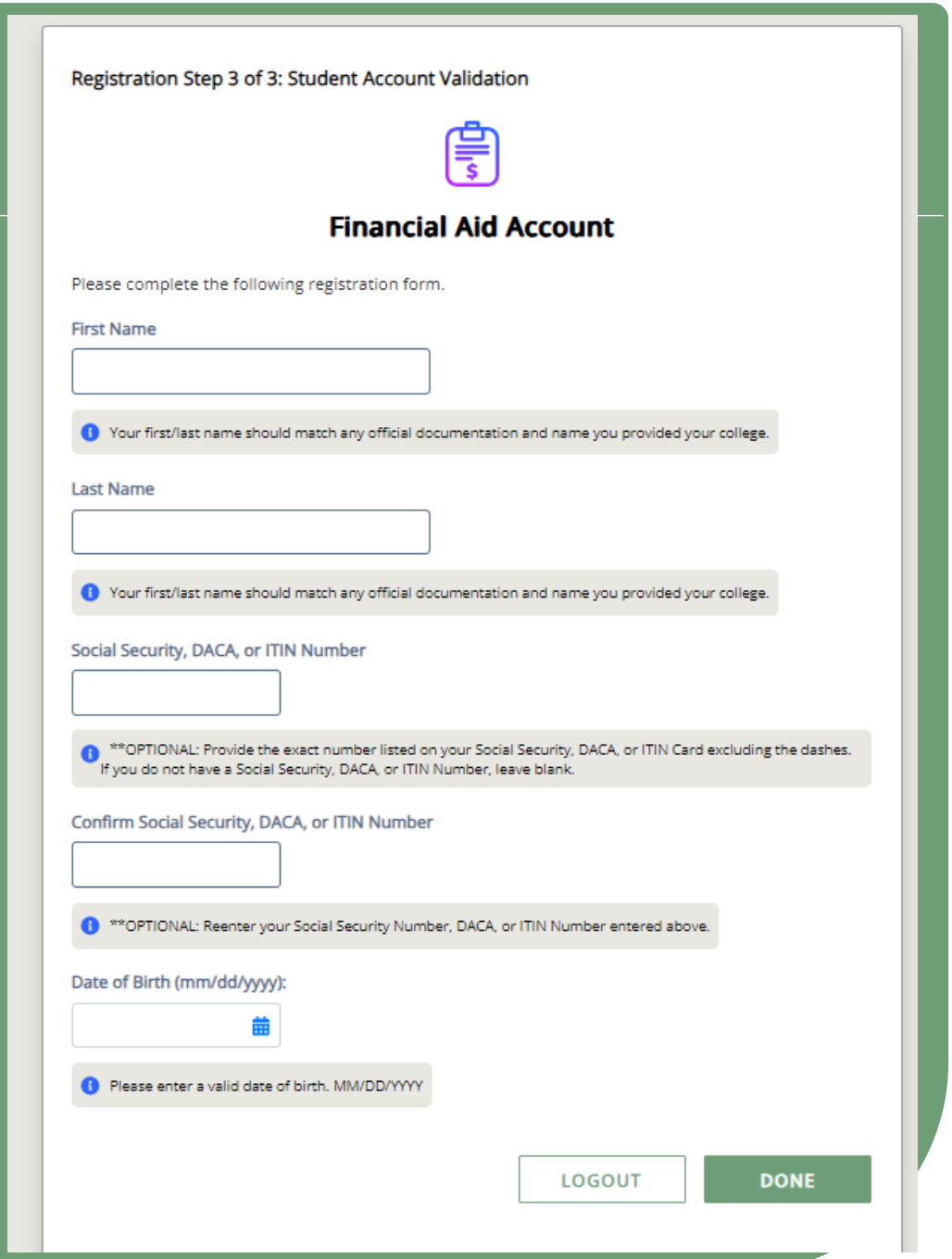
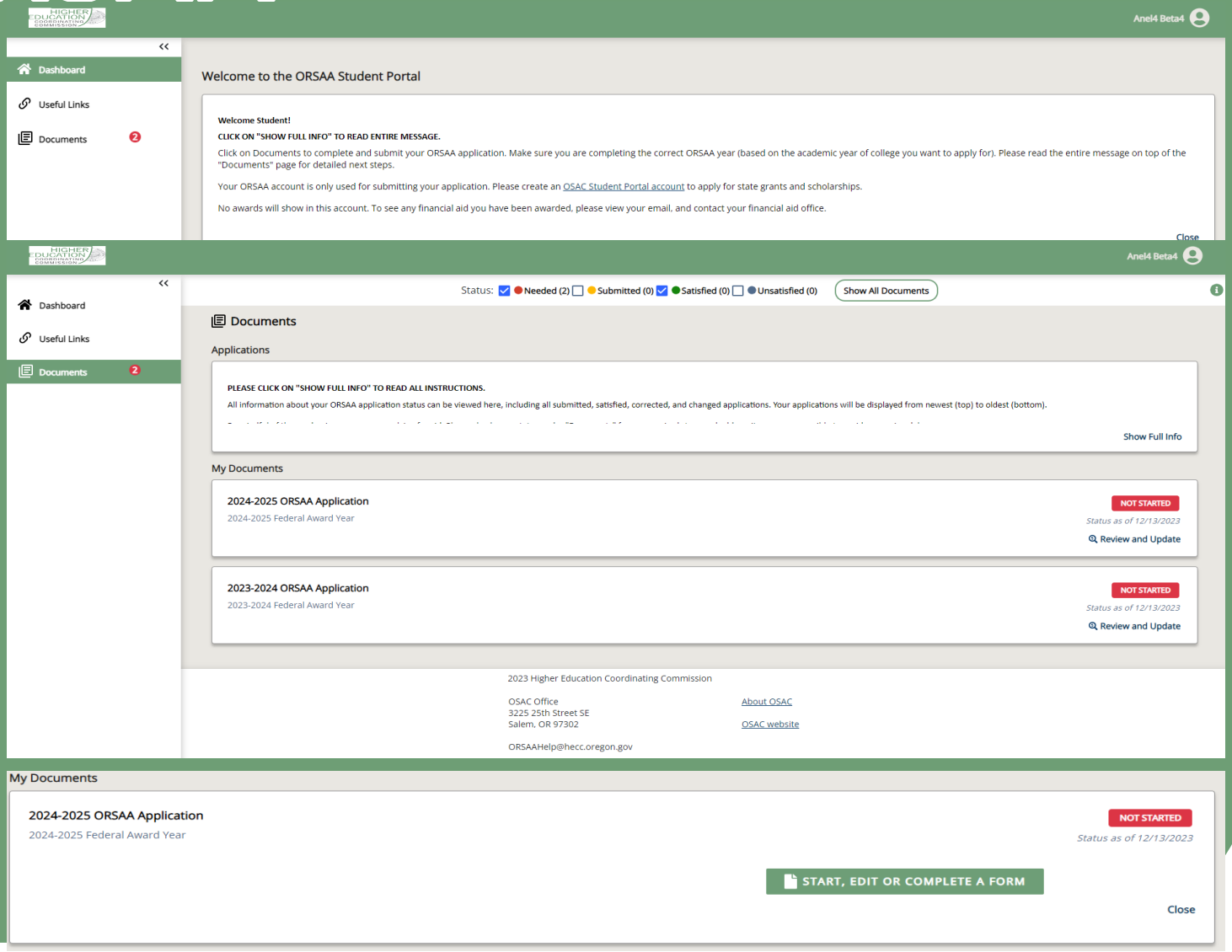
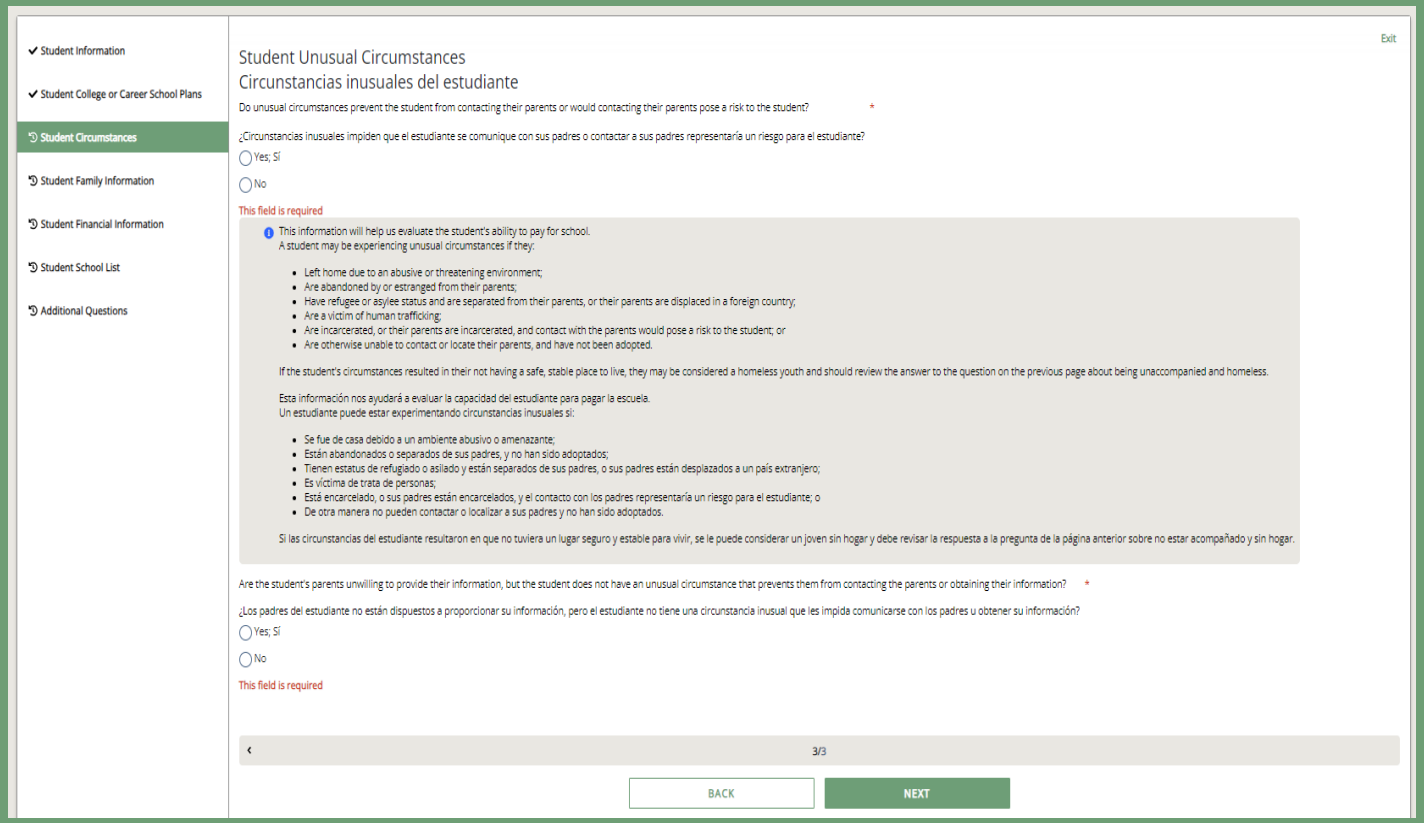
Account Creation – Step 3: Student Account Validation



ORSAA ORSAA Student Portal



ORSAA Student Unusual Circumstances



ORSAA Provisionally Independent Status

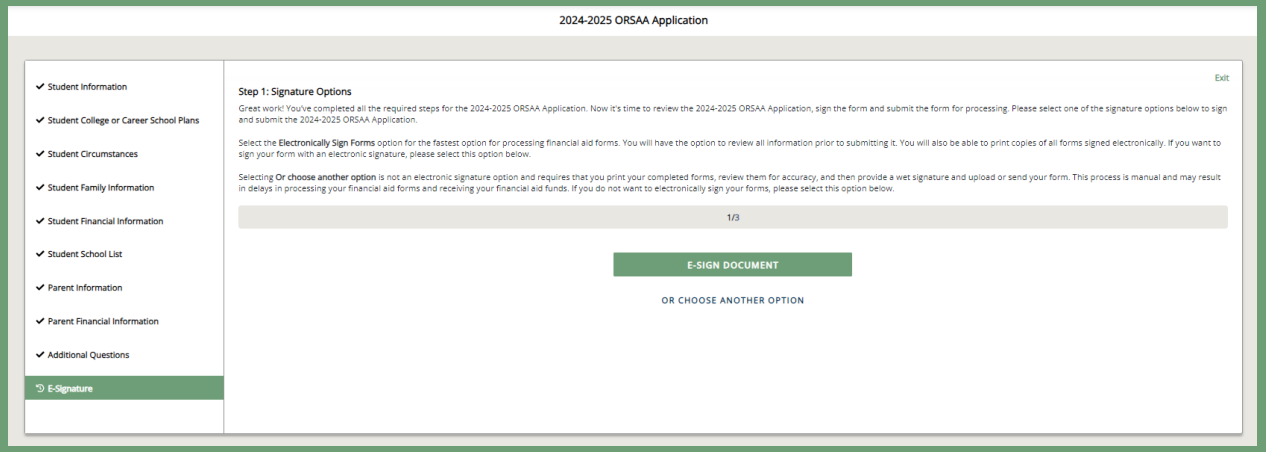
- If Unusual Circumstance question is answered “yes”, they are considered a provisionally independent student and are not required to provide parent information to submit.
- The student is able to sign and submit their ORSAA
- OSAC and college staff will have to notify student that they do have a provisional independent status, then work through it together – the student is not notified automatically like FAFSA students.

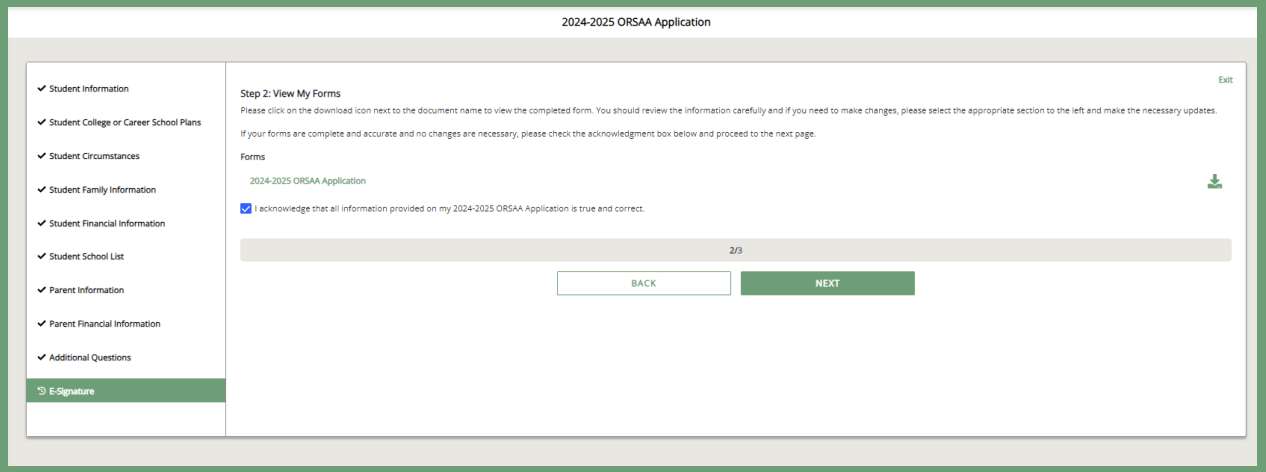
ORSAA Student & Parent Demographics

- Family size question (no longer household size) – Only available in Parent Section (or Student Financials if Independent)
- Student manually enters in family size (in parent section), only count people in the family if the parent(s) provided more than 50% of the support of the individual
- The “student household size” question on the ORSAA is eliminated for dependent students

ORSAA Signature Process – 3 Steps

- If **dependent** student, parent and student must e-sign





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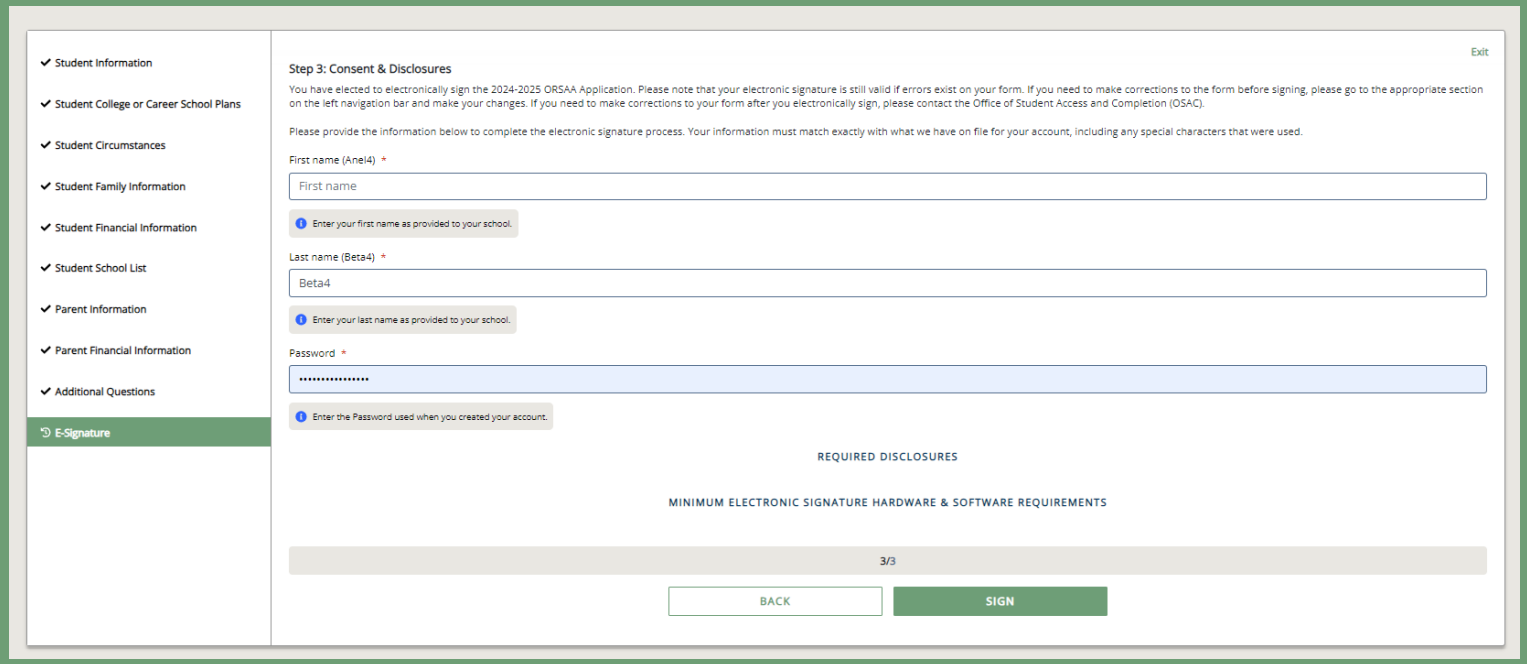
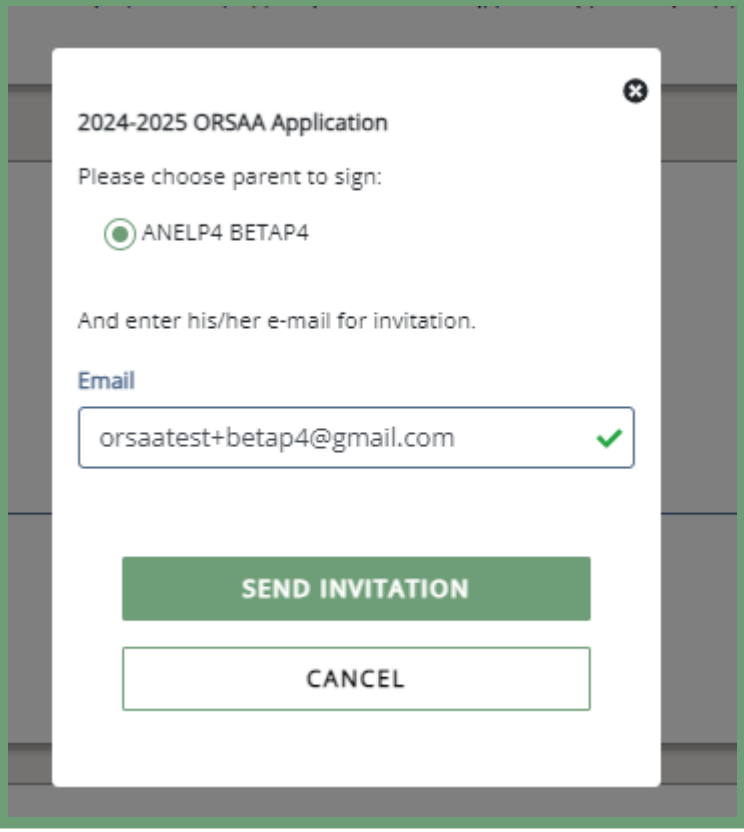


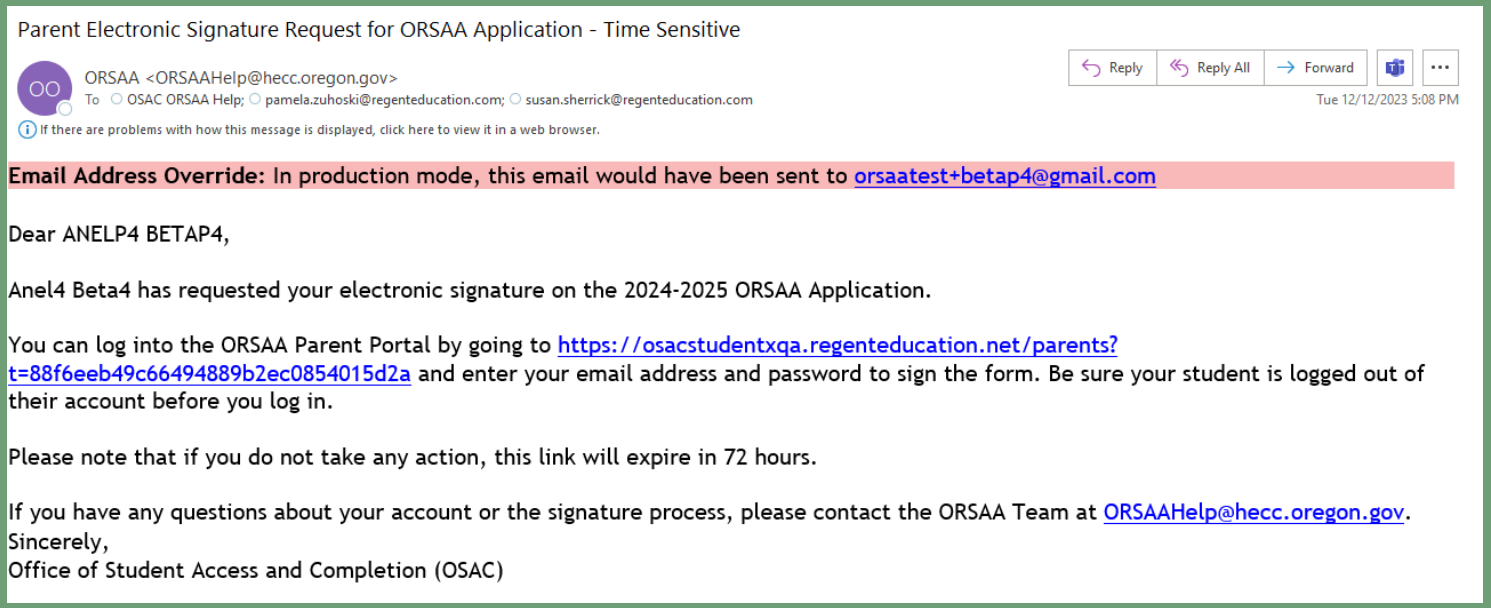
ORSAA Signature Process

- After student e-signs, they must send parent an invite via email



ORSAA Signature Process

- Parent checks email, creates account by clicking link, reviews applications & e-signs



Parent Electronic Signature Request for ORSAA Application - Time Sensitive

ORSAA <ORSAAHelp@hecc.oregon.gov>
To OSAC ORSAA Help; pamela.zuhoski@regenteducation.com; susan.sherrick@regenteducation.com

Reply | Reply All | Forward
Tue 12/12/2023 5:08 PM

If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.

Email Address Override: In production mode, this email would have been sent to orsaatest+betap4@gmail.com

Dear ANELP4 BETAP4,

Anel4 Beta4 has requested your electronic signature on the 2024-2025 ORSAA Application.

You can log into the ORSAA Parent Portal by going to https://osacstudentxqa.regenteducation.net/parents?t=88f6eeb49c66494889b2ec0854015d2a and enter your email address and password to sign the form. Be sure your student is logged out of their account before you log in.

Please note that if you do not take any action, this link will expire in 72 hours.

If you have any questions about your account or the signature process, please contact the ORSAA Team at ORSAAHelp@hecc.oregon.gov.
Sincerely,
Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC)

ORSAA Completion

Most Important:

Get to SATISFIED

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Tips to Complete the ORSAA

- Submitting a revision, adding a college, etc.
- Student should *FIRST* download PDF of the ORSAA
- Student will need to re-enter financial information
- Be sure to e-sign again!

ORSAA Communication Tools

- OSAC emails students within 1-2 weeks to confirm ORSAA submission.
- OSAC emails students about potential errors on their submitted ORSAA.
- Completed PDF of ORSAA shows the student's EFC. (Student can request letter from OSAC.)

ORSAA Awarding Information

- **Email notification about Oregon Opportunity Grant** typically starts in March/April (if student is awarded).

- **Students should complete other aid applications** (OSAC Scholarships, Oregon Promise, campus, etc).

ORSAA Resources

OregonStudentAid.gov

Applying for Scholarships

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- OSAC Scholarships
- Institutional Scholarships
- Local Scholarships
- Ford Family Foundation Scholarship
- National Scholarships
- Ask scholarship providers about including undocumented applicants

What do you need?

- What can OSAC do to make this easier for you and your students?
- What can high schools and college access programs do to make this process easier for students and for you?

Questions? Feedback?

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