

FAFSA Simplification Implementation

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FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION IS COMING



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Agenda

- NASFAA FAFSA Simplification Implementation Working Group (FSIWG)
- 2023-2024 Changes
- 24-25 FAFSA Form Updates & Resources
- FAFSA Simplification Known Issues
- Wabash SAI Analysis & Planning
- Planning & Outreach on Your Campus
- Next Steps & Final Thoughts
- Questions



NASFAA FSIWG

The purpose of the FAFSA Simplification Implementation Working Group is to provide campus-level feedback, perspective, and insight to both NASFAA and the Department through the implementation process. Topics the group may be asked to weigh-in on include (but are not limited to):

- Appropriate outreach to students and families regarding the federal methodology and data-sharing changes;
- Development of Pell Grant eligibility “look-up” tables;
- Early awareness efforts related to maximum and minimum Pell Grant eligibility;
- The interaction of the changes with state and/or institutional financial aid policy; and
- Development of the form, including the use of language and terminology.

The FAFSA Simplification Implementation Working Group will likely engage in confidential discussions from time to time and will be expected to maintain the highest degree of confidence during their time of service.



*Work began in April 2021



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FAFSA® Simplification Implementation Timeline

- Repeal of Subsidized Usage Limited Applied (SULA) calculation
- Removal of negative consequences associated with drug convictions or failure to register for Selective Service

- Comments on applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR) updated to make it clear that they are now eligible for federal student aid regardless of how they answered FAFSA questions on drug convictions and Selective Service

- Removal of drug conviction and Selective Service FAFSA questions
- Addition of demographic survey
- Expansion of Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) restoration
- Extension of Pell Grant eligibility to incarcerated students
- Carry over of responses to homeless & unaccompanied youth questions
- Changes to Cost of Attendance
- Expansion of professional judgment
- Adjustments for applicants who cannot provide parental info
- Expanded acceptable documentation for unaccompanied/homeless youth

- Modified FAFSA form to include the remaining FAFSA Simplification provisions
 - Includes provisional independent student determination
- Provide tool for estimating student aid eligibility
- Expanded accessibility of FAFSA forms to 11 most common languages
- Calculation of Student Aid Index (SAI) replaces Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Changes to Pell Grant eligibility formula
- Changes to verification selection criteria
- Direct Data Exchange to import Federal Tax Information (FTI) for FAFSA, IDR and TPD forms
- Re-engineered FAFSA processing systems

Award Year 2021-2022

Award Year 2022-2023

Award Year 2023-2024

Award Year 2024-2025

IMPORTANT TIMELINES

- With the significant changes to the 2024-2025 FAFSA Processing, FSA plans to provide additional details in the coming months. Some important dates to remember are:
 - ISIR Record Layout
 - Rough draft December 2022
 - Draft Spring of 2023
 - Final Summer 2023
 - FAFSA Specifications for Software Developers
 - Draft Spring 2023
 - Final Summer 2023
 - Summary of Changes for Application Processing
 - Draft Spring 2023
 - Final Summer 2023
 - Test ISIRs: Late Summer 2023



2023-24 FAFSA Simplification Act Changes

- Cost of Attendance
- Professional Judgement
- Pell LEU Restoration
- Pell for Incarcerated Students

*See GEN-22-15



2024-25 FAFSA Resources from ED

- Draft Student Aid Index and Eligibility Guide
 - Released in November 2022
 - Comparable to the current EFC Formula Guide
- FAFSA Specification Guide Introduction
 - Released in December 2022
 - Includes calendar of ED's Planned releases
- FAFSA Specifications Guide Volume 4 (Record Layouts and Processing Codes)
 - Released in December 2022
 - Note this is a draft
- Register to receive Partner Emails from FSA:
<https://outreach.fsapartners.ed.gov/s/>



Other Resources on FAFSA Simplification

- https://www.nasfaa.org/fafsa_simplification
 - Implementation Date Timeline
 - Summary of Changes
 - SAI Modeling Tool
 - FM Formula Flowchart
- MASFAA Virtual Round Table Discussions
- ISFAA Town Halls
- FSA Conference Archived Sessions
- Networking



The 2024-25 FAFSA

- **FSA ID:** EVERYONE who wants to put information into an online FAFSA will need an FSA ID to access the form. FSA has indicated they are creating a process for people without social security numbers to create an ID and be able to access the FAFSA. An FSA ID will need to be created and confirmed prior to accessing a FAFSA.
- **FSA ID Two-Step Verification:** EVERYONE who attempts to use their FSA ID to log into the 2024-25 FAFSA will go through a multi-factor authentication process. People should take advantage of every type of verification available (email, text, and authentication apps) when setting up the FSA ID so that completing the two-step verification will be easier. It also means that student and their parents or spouses will need to be in contact if they are trying to help complete information for other roles.



<https://www.ncan.org/news/632441/Top-10-Changes-Coming-to-the-Better-FAFSA.htm>



The 2024-25 FAFSA Cont...

- **Number in College:** The Student Aid Index (SAI) formula will no longer be divided by the number in college. Students with multiple siblings in college have the potential to have a much larger SAI with no change in income.
- **Family Size:** The new name for household size is family size and will be determined by the number of exemptions claimed on the federal tax returns. Because family situations can change, there will be a question that allows the student to modify the family size to reflect the current number.



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The 2024-25 FAFSA Cont...

- **Number of Colleges Listed on the FAFSA:** Students will now be able to list up to 20 colleges on the FAFSA which should facilitate students applying to more than 10 colleges.
- **Role-based Form:** Each person/role on the FAFSA will only be able to see questions related to their role. When a student logs in, they will only be able to see questions that should be answered by the student. The parent or spouse will need to log in to see the questions related to their role. Once the appropriate people have completed the questions for their role, the FAFSA will be able to be submitted.



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The 2024-25 FAFSA Cont...

- **Assets:** Families with an adjusted gross income of greater than \$60,000 (up from \$50,000) or those who filed certain schedules will be required to submit assets. There are no exemptions for reporting net business or family farm value. Current FAFSA filers may see an increase in their SAI due to having to report all business or farm net values with no change in income.
- **Negative SAI:** The new SAI formula may result in a student receiving a negative SAI down to -1500. This SAI will be assigned to all non-filer families. It will not result in a larger Pell Grant than a zero SAI and colleges will not be permitted to award students more than the cost of attendance.



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The 2024-25 FAFSA Cont...

- **Pell Grant Eligibility:** Pell Grant eligibility will continue to be calculated based on the SAI but will also be calculated using Federal Poverty Tables and the family make-up, size, and income. If the student meets the Poverty Table guidelines for the maximum or minimum Pell award and the SAI calculation, the student will be awarded the highest Pell Grant amount determined by the two separate formulas.
- **Identifying Those Who Will Contribute Information (Roles):** If a student begins the FAFSA, they will be asked to identify the parent(s) or spouse who will be contributing financial information on the form. It will be critical that they enter those person(s) information as it appears in their FSA ID so that it will match and they be able to log-in and access the student's FAFSA.



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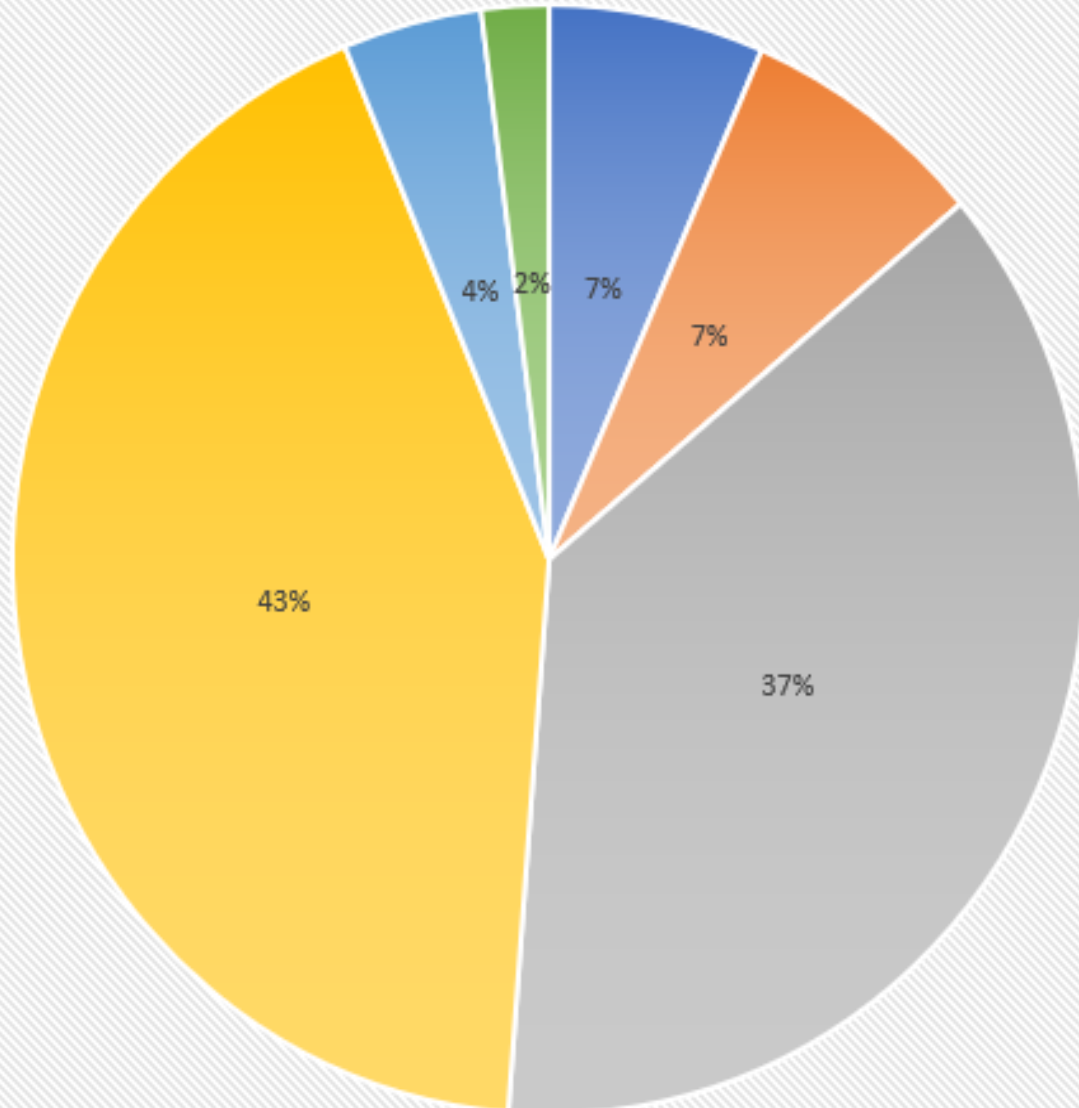


Outstanding Issues Awaiting Resolution/Guidance

- Removal of the housing question asking if students will live on campus, off campus, or with parents.
- Removal of the ability for graduate students to voluntarily enter their parents income information.
- Family farm/small business unknowns.
- No proration for SAI less than 9 months enrollment.
- DDX mismatches & issues related to FTI.
- FWS earnings reporting through COD.
- FSAID for people without SSNs.
- Professional judgement guidance related to number in college.
- 24-25 Verification.
- Training calendar.
- Questions for ICHE.



NASFAA Poll the Pros - Housing Question Results



- We already collect this data from another source (institutional application, CSS/Financial Aid Profile, etc.) and will use that information.
- We are aware that the housing question will not be on the 2024-25 FAFSA, but have decided we do not require this information.
- We are aware that the housing question will not be on the 2024-25 FAFSA, but haven't yet decided how we will collect the information.
- We were not aware that the housing question will not be on the 2024-25 FAFSA.
- We will add a question to an existing form/data collection we already require students to complete.
- We will create a new form/data collection requesting this information that we will require students to complete.

FAFSA Maybe Probably Most Likely Not Opening on October 1st – Things to Consider

- Does your school send aid offers before January 1?
- State Aid filing deadline
- Communications
- Website
- Forms
- College Goal Sunday
- Current students
- Other considerations



Wabash – Use of NASFAA SAI Tool

- Tool created by NASFAA to model formula changes
- Wabash participated in the pilot
- Student enrollment small enough to enter entire student body into tool
- Institutional Research (IR) did the actual work
 - We did have some system limitations during the pilot
- No graduate students to complicate data
- Numbers are an estimate, but shouldn't be too far from the new formula





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Entomologist
Doug Tallamy
on ecology,
conservation

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Baseball
swings into
spring season

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FAFSA changes spell promise, uncertainty

DeLonis: 'The days of the
Expected Family Contribution
are coming to an end'

SAM BENEDICT '25 |
NEWS EDITOR • Beginning
in 2024-25, the Free
Application for Federal
Student Aid (FAFSA) will
see significant changes,
particularly to the Expected
Family Contribution met-
ric. The changes seem
poised to change the finan-
cial aid of many Wabash
students, and the financial
aid office is anticipating a
heavy workload to combat
this overhaul.

The recently-passed

Wabash students is that
the formula will no longer
take into consideration
how many family mem-
bers in the household are
attending college at the
same time. A significant
number of our students
have siblings who are also
enrolled in college, but
that positive impact on the
formula is going away."

The goal of the FAFSA
changes is to expand
access to all students who
desire to pursue high-



Preparing for 2024-25 – Your Time to Shine!

- Estimating net/gain loss
- Educating the campus community – Training tour, student newspaper ect...
- Hosting on campus Q&A and webinar for students and parents
- The delay of the FAFSA opening – Big Yikes! How will you adapt?
- Training...so much training – Advocate for larger PD budget
- Updating literally everything that says “EFC”
- State financial aid considerations



A photograph of Mike Tyson in a boxing ring, shirtless and wearing black trunks and red boxing gloves. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is dark with some blurred lights.

Everyone has a plan
'till they get punched
in the mouth.

By Mike Tyson

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Thank you!

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