

# Chopping through FAFSA issues, completion, and the IFAA



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## 24-25 FAFSA Changes

- **FSA ID or studentaid.gov account**
  - Multiple parents may need FSA ID
  - Those without SS #s will be able to get an FSA ID
  - FSA IDs need to be verified/confirmed to use FULLY on the FAFSA



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## 24-25 FAFSA Changes

- **Who is considered a Parent Contributor**
  - If parents are divorced or separated, use the parent that provided the most financial support in the last 12 months



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### 24-25 FAFSA Changes

**• Role Based Form**

- Each contributor will only see questions associated with their role
- Once each contributor has completed the questions for their role, the FAFSA will be considered submitted



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### 24-25 FAFSA Changes

**• Direct Data Exchange with the IRS**

- Data Retrieval tool no longer used



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### 24-25 FAFSA Changes

**• Family Size**

- New name for Household Size
- Based on the number of exemptions claimed on the taxes
- Following question to allow this number to be modified if needed



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### 24-25 FAFSA Changes

• **Student Aid Index (SAI)**

- Replaces the EFC
- Minimum is now -1500
- -1500 will not result in larger Pell Grant
- Colleges still can not award more than the Cost of Attendance



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### 24-25 FAFSA Changes

• **Multiple Students in College**

- SAI formula removes the # in college from the calculation
- Could mean significant change in SAI and less aid for some students



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### 24-25 FAFSA Changes

• **Business & Farm Value**

- No exemptions
- Will have significant change in SAI and amount of aid for some students



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**Issues**

- **2024-25 FAFSA Issues Alert**
  - <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/topics/afsa-simplification-information/2024-25-fafsa-issue-alerts>



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**Issues**

- **Parents without Social Security Numbers**
  - Not until first half of March did this get resolved
  - Many families had to do paper forms to beat Priority Dates



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**Issues**

- **Student with Alien Registration Number ending in "0"**
  - Could not complete form
  - Been told to use SS # or scramble their Alien Registration # to not end in "0"



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**Issues**

- **Independent Student getting in a “loop” and being taken back to the “Parent pose a risk”**
  - Not been able to get this resolved that we know of as of yet



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**Issues**

- **Unable to move on from Parent Invite page because it says that parent may have FSA ID and to check info**
  - Need to log in with the Parent FSA ID and go to SETTINGS to see if they have something not matching for FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, DOB or SS #



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**Issues**

- **Student says “YES” to applying for UNSUB Loan accidentally and submits their section**
  - Going to need to make a Correction but only able to after their FAFSA is processed



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### Issues

- Corrections cannot be made until the “first half of April”
  - Patience
  - More Patience
  - Follow the Yellow Brick



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### ICAN Resources

- To make a virtual or in person appt
  - [www.icansucceed.org/appt](http://www.icansucceed.org/appt)



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### ICAN Resources

- Wednesday Webinars and recorded presentations
  - <https://www.icansucceed.org/about-ican/services/virtual-events>
  - May 15: Understanding Financial Aid Packages and Covering College Costs



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### ICAN Resources

- **FAFSA Trainings (Geared for 2025-26 FAFSA)**
  - Held in June, August, September, October
  - Usually on a Wednesday from 8:30am-12:00pm



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### ICAN Resources

- **Fall Kick Off Week with Bureau of Iowa College Aid**
  - This year it will be held the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>
  - One night designated for each High School Grade Level
  - Leads up to the Golden Circle College Fair on Sunday Sept. 22



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### State of Iowa FAFSA Goals

**State of Iowa FAFSA Goal: 60%**

FAFSA Submissions through March 22, 2024:

- Current: **35.6%**
- Total submissions: **15,033**
  - This is a **-21.6%** change compared to last academic year

Iowa is currently **16th** in the nation for % of seniors submitting FAFSA

- 33.7% of the high school class of 2024 as submitted a FAFSA (-28.8 change) nationally



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### Iowa College Aid Completion Strategies & Resources

- **FAFSA Completion Events**
  - Encouraging & assisting high schools with events
- **Virtual Coach Texting Program**
  - Individualized, text message support
- **AmeriCorps College Coaches**
  - Offer individualized, virtual FAFSA completion appointments
  - Offer in-person assistance to high schools
- **FAFSA Completion Reports**
  - Automated, weekly report to high schools with student-level completion data



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### Iowa College Aid Completion Strategies & Resources

- **FAFSA Week of Action**
  - April 15-19
  - ICA & ICAN promoting FAFSA completion through the state
  - Offering resources & guidance to schools & students
- **Iowa FAFSA Dashboard**
  - School-level FAFSA completion data
  - Historical comparisons, year to year
  - [fafsa.iowa.gov](https://fafsa.iowa.gov)



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### FAFSA Completion by Iowa High Schools

For best results, please use Google Chrome to access the AEA FAFSA rate report & the FAFSA Filing Over Time report.

\*Schools with fewer than 10 students reporting have been excluded from the ranking and FAFSA completion data in this table.  
 \*\*The FAFSA cycle represented on this table runs from October 1st - September 30th.  
 \*\*\*The school rates are not updated throughout the school year.

Rate last updated: Oct 11, 2023

View FAFSA Rates by AEA	View FAFSA Filing Over Time
<small>AEA report shows this year's point-in-time FAFSA completion rate vs. last year's final FAFSA completion rate.</small>	<small>FAFSA Rates Over Time report shows this year's point-in-time FAFSA completion rate vs. last year's point-in-time FAFSA completion rate.</small>
State FAFSA Completion Rate <b>54.7%</b> <small>Class of 2022-2023</small>	State FAFSA Completion Rate <b>54.4%</b> <small>Class of 2021-2022 from same time last year</small>
	Point Difference <b>0.4</b> <small>from same time last year</small>

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Filter report by:

School Name School District AEA Name

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Rank	School Name	School District	AEA Name	Class Size	Goals	Class of 2022-2023		Class of 2021-2022		Point Difference vs. Last Year
						FAFSA Completed	FAFSA Started, Not Completed	FAFSA Not Filed	FAFSA Completed Final	
1	Versible Junior Senior High School	Albia-Via Corns School District	North-west AEA	11-29	75%	100%	0%	0%	75%	25
2	Carver Falls Virtual Campus	Carver Falls Corns School District	Central Rivers AEA	2022-11-29	-	100%	0%	0%	100%	0
3	Patton Chubb Junior High School	Patton-Chubb Corns School District	Prarie Lakes AEA	11-29	-	92%	0%	8%	88%	4
4	Kingsley-Pherson High School	Kingsley-Pherson Corns School District	North-west AEA	42-53	80%	89%	0%	11%	6%	20
5	Newman Catholic High School	Newman City Corns School District	Central Rivers AEA	42-53	-	88%	0%	12%	83%	5
6	Don Bosco High School	Vesperico Corns School District	Central Rivers AEA	11-29	-	88%	0%	13%	76%	11
7	Grantsburg-Trent High School	Grantsburg-Trent Corns School District	Prarie Lakes AEA	30-41	-	87%	0%	13%	47%	40

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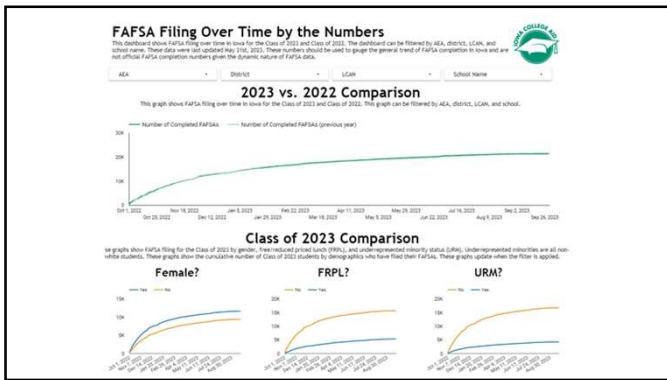
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## Iowa Financial Aid Application

- **Application Processing Interface (API)**
  - Address
  - DOB
  - Phone
  - Other General Information
- **Iowa one of only a handful of states that participated**
- **Not Available on the 24-25 FAFSA**
  - Unsure if this will continue

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**Questions?**



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