

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



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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 16th
 - 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

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Iowa FAFSA Completions through April 5, 2024:

- Current: **30.3%**
- Total completions: **12,796**
 - This is a **32%** change compared to last academic year

Iowa is currently **15th** in the nation for % of seniors completing FAFSA

- 27.9% of the high school class of 2024 has submitted a FAFSA (-38.3% 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



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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 ratings are not updated throughout the school year.

State Data Updated: Oct 11, 2023

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

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Questions?