

Federal Student Aid
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Better FAFSA® Better Future

Timeline



September 2022

A better FAFSA[®] process means a better future. For everyone.



**AWARD
YEAR
2021-2022**

The changes have already begun.

- Reverse the Subsidized Usage Limit Applied (SULA) calculation
- Remove negative consequences associated with drug convictions and failure to register for Selective Service—not updated in the Student Aid Report (SAR)



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2022-2023**

- Update comment codes on Student Aid Report (SAR) to reflect removal of negative consequences associated with drug convictions and failure to register for Selective Service



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More improvements are on the way.

- Remove questions associated with drug convictions and Selective Service on the FAFSA form
- Expand the Federal Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) restoration
- Extend Pell Grants to confined or incarcerated students
- Carry over responses to the unaccompanied and homeless youth questions from previous FAFSA cycle
- Provide updated guidance to schools, including new definitions for cost of attendance, expansion of aid adjustments through professional judgment, and additional assistance for applicants who cannot provide parental information on their FAFSA form
- Collect race/ethnicity and gender information via optional survey
- Gather feedback from students, families, and FSA's partners about the proposed changes to the FAFSA process



Full implementation is right around the corner.

- Complete updates to the English and Spanish FAFSA forms, including a tool for early estimation of federal student aid
- Replace Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with Student Aid Index calculation to determine eligibility for need-based funding
- Modify the Pell Grant eligibility formula
- Change the verification selection criteria
- Perform consumer testing of the new FAFSA form, including outreach and feedback sessions with students, families, and Federal Student Aid’s partners
- Expand FAFSA resources to include 11 most common languages spoken in the U.S. and provide translation services through Federal Student Aid Information Center
- Implement *FUTURE Act* Direct Data Exchange with the IRS to import Federal Tax Information (FTI)
- Update back-end systems that process and store FAFSA data