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FAFSA Updates

3/20/2024

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- Thank you for being here!
- Questions submitted during RSVP
- Questions today? Please use the Webinar Q&A function, not Chat
- We will follow-up if there are questions that we don't have answers to today
- This webinar is being recorded and will be available on our Faculty/Staff webpage

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AGENDA

- What is FAFSA Simplification?
- Pell Grant Changes
- Timelines
- Financial Aid Offer
- Known Issues/Concerns/Potential Impacts
- Resources for You and Students



What is FAFSA Simplification?



What is FAFSA Simplification?

The FAFSA Simplification Act was enacted by Congress as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. This law:

- Reduces the number of FAFSA questions
- Expands Pell Grant eligibility
- Removes outdated restrictions to make federal student aid more accessible to students

State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) FAFSA Simplification Brief offers useful highlights and analysis.

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to Student Aid Index (SAI)

DEPENDENT STUDENTS



17.7% are expected to experience an **increase** from EFC to SAI (less need-based aid)



74.1% are expected to experience a **decrease** from EFC to SAI (more need-based aid)



8.2% are expected to have an SAI **equal** to EFC



EFC to SAI

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS



2.9% are expected to experience an **increase** from EFC to SAI (less need-based aid)



77.4% are expected to experience a **decrease** (more need-based aid)



WHAT'S NEW?

RETRAIN YOUR BRAIN



EFC	→	SAI
AUTO ZERO	→	-\$1500
DRT	→	DDX
SAR	→	FSS
PARENT	→	CONTRIBUTOR
HH SIZE	→	FAMILY SIZE
EFA	→	OFA
FAFSA	→	FAFSA FORM
ROOM/BOARD	→	FOOD/HOUSING

Changes Specific to 2024-2025

- Reducing the number of FAFSA questions from 108 to 36
- Future Act Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX) to import federal tax information
- Contributors and Consent
- Student Aid Index (SAI) replaces Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Streamlined process for students who have unusual circumstances and students who are unaccompanied homeless youth or are/have/at risk of homelessness (Provisional Independence)
- New Rules for Pell Eligibility

FAFSA Simplification (changes by year)

Repeal of Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA) – 2021-22

Removal of negative consequences for drug convictions/failure to register with Selective Service System (SSS) – 2021-22

Changes to Cost of Attendance (COA) labels and methodology – 2023-24

Reducing the number of FAFSA questions from 108 to 36 – 2024-25

Future Act Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX) to import federal tax information – 2024-25

- Replaces IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)
- Requires consent for need analysis
- Streamlines applications for Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) and Total & Permanent Disability (TPD)

Provisional Independence – 2024-25

Student Aid Index (SAI) replaces Expected Family Contribution (EFC) – 2024-25

New Pell Grant Eligibility and Formulas – 2024-25



Pell Grant Changes



Pell Grant Changes (beginning in 2024-25)

- SAI does not determine eligibility for Max and Minimum Pell
- Direct proration for less than 12 units (full-time)
- Maximum Pell award for non-tax filers and those at or below 175% or 225% of the poverty level
- Minimum Pell award also based on poverty level (up to 400%)
- Middle Pell award calculated using SAI
- Half-time requirement for 150% Pell removed

PELL ELIGIBILITY

DEPENDENT STUDENTS



35.2% are anticipated to experience an **increase** in their Pell Grant award and **6.8%** are expected to **gain Pell eligibility**



1.1% are anticipated to **lose** Pell eligibility



62.8% are anticipated to experience **no change** in their Pell Grant award



PELL ELIGIBILITY

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS



30.2% are anticipated to experience an increase to their Pell Grant Award



69.2% are expected to experience no change in their Pell Grant Award



Other changes that could impact Pell Eligibility

- Number in College not considered in the SAI calculation
- Family size aligns with federal tax dependents
- Income Protection Allowance (IPA) increased
- State/Other Tax Allowance removed
- Small business/family farm exclusion eliminated
- Change to who the FAFSA parent should be in cases of divorce/separation



Timeline

FAFSA UPDATES

From FAFSA Open Date to Students Awarded Date



**2024-2025 Release
Date**

December 31, 2023



**ED to Begin FAFSA
Processing & Sending to
Schools**

First-half of March



**2024-2025 Financial
Aid Offers**

Late-Spring



**Financial Aid
Offer**



Financial Aid Offer

Digital Financial Aid Offer

- Help text
- Videos pertaining to aid the student has been offered
- Information used to create aid offer : Enrollment (Full-Time assumption for initial offer), Campus, Residency, Career
- Helpful next steps
- Accessible via Student Services Center and a link sent when offer is created
- Notifications: Current and New Admits receive an email, New Admits also receive a text message (if opted in)

UPDATED & IN STUDENT SERV. CENTER!

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 financialaid.arizona.edu

Wilbur Wildcat
 Date: 2024-01-30
 Student ID: xxx4683

Estimated Costs & Financial Aid Offer Based On

Residency: Arizona Resident
 Housing: On Campus
 Campus: Main
 Enrollment: Full Time

Estimated Cost of Attendance

	2023-2024 Details
Base Tuition and Fees	\$13,600.00
iCourse Fees	\$100.00
Living Expenses (Housing/Food)	\$14,400.00
Books/Materials/Supplies/Equip	\$800.00
Transportation	\$2,250.00
Miscellaneous Personal Expense	\$2,050.00
Total Estimated Cost of Attendance	\$33,200.00

Grants and Scholarships

	Fall	Spring	Total
Gift Aid - No Repayment Needed			
Wildcat Excellence Tuft Schl	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
Estimated Federal Pell Grant	\$2,409.00	\$2,408.00	\$4,817.00
Arizona Promise Grant	\$391.00		\$783.00
Total Gift Aid - No Repayment Required *	\$6,801.00	\$6,799.00	\$13,600.00

* Totals displayed are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Estimated Net Cost: \$19,600.00

Assumptions
Estimated COA
Gift-Aid

Estimated Net
Cost

Options to Pay Net Cost

	Fall	Spring	Total
Student Self-Help Options			
Federal Work Study Yr1	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$4,500.00
Student Fed Subsidized Loan	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$3,500.00
Student Fed Unsubsidized Loan	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Remaining Costs After Student Self-Help Aid: \$9,600.00			
Credit Based Loans - Credit Check Required			
Parent Fed PLUS Loan	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$7,200.00

Here's What You Should Do Next

We know how important budgeting and planning is to you and your family during your college search process. Let us help you break down the Financial Aid Offer you received. Visit our [Understanding Your Financial Aid Offer](#) page to learn more.

Additionally, visit each link below to act on and secure your aid options so you can start your Wildcat journey. UAccess Student Center is where you will see Arizona financial aid information, student account details, and instructions about to-do list items in the financial aid process.

[UNDERSTANDING YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER](#) | [SCHOLARSHIP UNIVERSE](#) | [UACCESS](#)

What is Cost of Attendance?

Watch on YouTube

Other Options and Important Information

This financial aid offer is based on information we have on file as of the date specified above. All subsequent financial aid updates and revisions will be viewable only in your [UAccess Student Center](#).

In addition to the options provided above, we highly encourage all students to utilize Scholarship Universe for additional scholarship opportunities. Students can log in today at <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/ScholarshipUniverse>

The University of Arizona offers a Tuition Payment Plan to split Fall and Spring semester charges into three installments. More information is

Options to Pay Net Cost
Credit-Based Loan

Next Steps
Targeted Videos
Other Options/Info



Known Issues & Concerns



Known Issues, Concerns & Possible Impacts

UNABLE TO SUBMIT FAFSA BY ON-TIME DATE

Due to the delays, the University of Arizona pushed the FAFSA on-time date for all students to **May 1**.

STUDENTS WHOSE CONTRIBUTOR(S) DO NOT HAVE SSNs

ED announced last week that this issue has been resolved. However, two remaining issues were identified: one being that all non-SSN users need to manually enter their financial information and two, an error occurring when there are conflicts with regard to the contributor's PII. ED created [this tips document](#) for students with contributors who do not have an SSN.

STUDENTS UNABLE TO MAKE CORRECTIONS/FAFSA NOT PROCESSED

Until all FAFSA records begin to be processed by ED, no corrections can be made. Students should not be alarmed, for the FAFSA on-time date, we look at the date the student originally submitted the FAFSA. Corrections can be made later, when processing begins.

Known Issues, Concerns & Possible Impacts

DELAYED ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS BY COMMIT DATE

OSFA is sharing/creating resources to help incoming students/families estimate cost and aid through our Bear Down & Wise Up workshops. Our new and improved Net Price Calculator launched last month and is an invaluable tool for incoming First-Year students to estimate costs and aid. Enrollment deposits paid can be refunded through May 15th.

DELAYED ABILITY FOR STUDENTS TO DECIDE IF THEY ARE RETURNING TO ARIZONA

While there may be some who lose Pell or receive reduced Pell, all projections point to expansion of Pell for a majority of our students. We are also committed to working with students who receive less gift-aid as a result of the FAFSA changes. Please encourage students in this situation to connect with OSFA.

DEPARTMENTS NOT ABLE TO START AWARDING DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS/STIPENDS

For awards that require a submitted FAFSA and/or demonstrated unmet need, this can cause a delay. However, this does not change the process for departments, they will be able to see unmet need and the information they use now to award aid.



Known Issues, Concerns & Possible Impacts

IMPACT ON INSTITUTIONAL AID (AZP, ANS, AZA, ETC.)

- The FAFSA on-time date has been pushed back to May 1st for all students and the General Aid Appeal will be available in mid-May, if students were not able to meet this submission date
- ANS is not dependent on SAI or Pell eligibility, just the FAFSA submission date so ANS should see very little impact
- AZP, AZA and University Grant do depend on SAI and/or Pell eligibility which could cause students' eligibility to change... see item below!

STUDENTS RECEIVING LESS FUNDING THAN PRIOR YEARS

This is possible, however, in general, national and internal projections indicate that we will likely see an increase in both Pell-eligible students and the amount of Pell a student is awarded in comparison to years past. Students who may be losing Pell and/or other institutional aid should reach out to OSFA to talk through their situation specifically as there could be appeal options for them. In addition, we will keep a close eye on this group and have planned targeted outreach efforts.



**Helpful Resources &
What You Can Do**



Resources for You and Students

[2024-2025 FAFSA Resources page for Faculty/Staff](#)

OSFA webpage, created especially for campus partners, with the most up-to-date information on the 2024-2025 FAFSA

[Resources for Faculty/Staff](#)

OSFA webpage, created especially for campus partners, that contains a collection of resources and information to help you help students!

[Connect with OSFA using our Campus Partner Referral System!](#)

We don't expect you to be FAFSA experts by any means. Connect with us when students have questions you cannot answer, when students have extenuating circumstances that we need to discuss with them, or when you have questions!

[Federal Student Aid for FAFSA technical issues](#)

Federal Student Aid offers support to students/contributors experiencing technical difficulties with their FAFSA.

[FAFSA Filing Workshop and FAFSA Drop-In Sessions](#)

All workshops are open to students and staff!





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THANK YOU