

BREAKOUT SESSION #B016

2024-25 FAFSA Form - Experiencing Changes

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LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

FUTURE ACT

The legislation expands access to federal student aid, and mandates Federal Student Aid to use data directly from the IRS.

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION ACT

The FAFSA Simplification Act introduces significant changes to the FAFSA application process, including changes to the FAFSA form, how students and families will complete the application, and the eligibility calculation.

GENERAL UPDATES

- Updated user experience and form
 - Web-first experience prioritizes the online FAFSA form, but students can still file on paper.
- Users will need an FSA ID to access the FAFSA application
 - No more ability to start a FAFSA form with just student identifiers.
 - New procedures will allow users without an SSN to acquire an FSA ID.
- Roles



Student



Parent and
Parent Spouse



Student
Spouse



Preparer

GENERAL UPDATES

- No more save key!
- Changes to questions
 - Additional demographics questions added
 - List of colleges expanded to 20
 - Tax filers and non-tax filers will be required to answer same set of questions as they were before

WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE FAFSA FORM IS PREFILLING INFORMATION YOU HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS YOU WILL NEED TO ANSWER.

GENERAL UPDATES

- The IRS DRT is being replaced by a new direct data exchange with the IRS. Data provided by the IRS will continue to be masked.
- The Student Aid Index (SAI) will be replacing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from Award Year 2024-25 forward.

See Session B015 2024-25 FAFSA Processing/FAA Access Changes for more.

ROLES



Student
(Applicant)



Parent and
Parent Spouse
(Contributors)



Student
Spouse



Preparer

- The student's dependency, marital, and tax filing statuses will determine if additional contributors are required on the FAFSA form.
 - If you are married and filed jointly with your current spouse, then minimal information about your current spouse is required but the spouse doesn't have to log in.
 - If you are married or unmarried/living together but did not file your taxes jointly, then both you and your spouse will need to log in and sign the FAFSA form.
- Identified contributors will log into SA.gov and complete their section of the FAFSA form.

CONSENT

- Consent is required to:
 - Retrieve Federal Tax Information (FTI) from the IRS on behalf of an applicant, parent, parent spouse, and student spouse, and;
 - To disclose that information to state entities, institutions, and scholarship organizations.
- Consent will need to be captured for all parties required on the FAFSA form.
- If any party to FAFSA form does not provide consent, submission will still be allowed, but eligibility will not be calculated.

FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION-MODULE

FTI-M Data

- Replacing IRS DRT
- Consent must be provided to pull FTI data
- FTI data will be used by the FTI-M to calculate the SAI

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Users do not have to provide consent
- Users do not have to use IRS data to get EFC
- Fields are masked on the form

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THANK YOU!

See [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to stay up to date on the latest details.

