

U.S. Department of Education



Submitting Electronic FAFSAs: Diverse Routes

NASFAA 1998 National Conference

July 14 -17, 1998

Chicago, Illinois

Session Overview

✓ **1999-00 FAFSA Changes**

✓ **Battle of the FAFSAs**

⇒ **Paper FAFSA**

⇒ **Paper Renewal FAFSA**

⇒ **FAFSA.PDF**

⇒ **FAFSA on the Web**

⇒ **Renewal FAFSA on the Web**

⇒ **FAFSA Express**

⇒ **EDExpress**

✓ **Questions & Answers**

1999-2000 Delivery System

Dates

- ✓ **Feb** **Began Development for 1999-2000**
- ✓ **July** **Draft ISIR Layout Available on
IFAP: ifap.ed.gov**
- ✓ **Sept** **Action Letters on System Changes
(Form, SAR, CPS)**
- ✓ **Jan** **1999-2000 system starts up
January 15, 1999!**

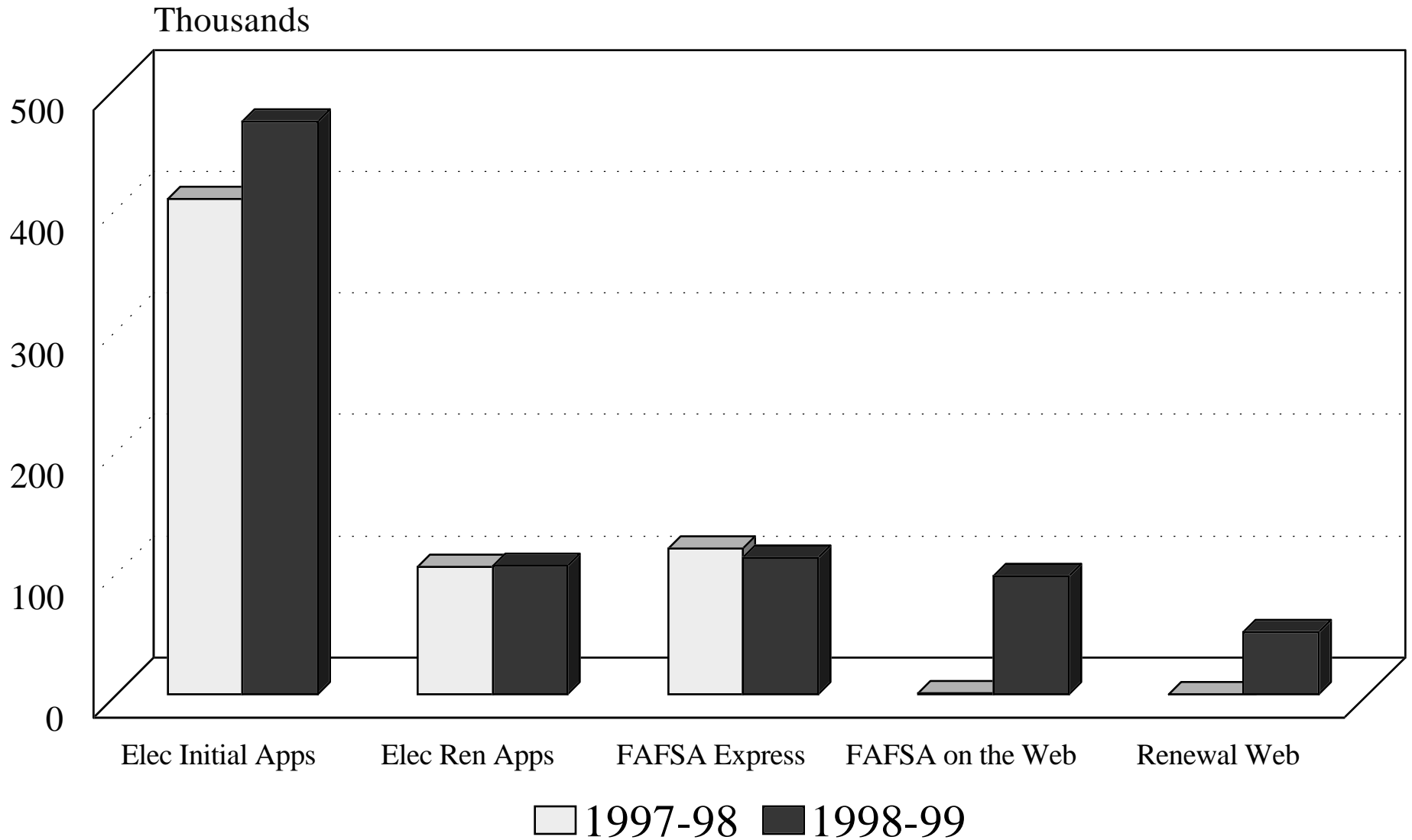
Delivery System Changes

Matches

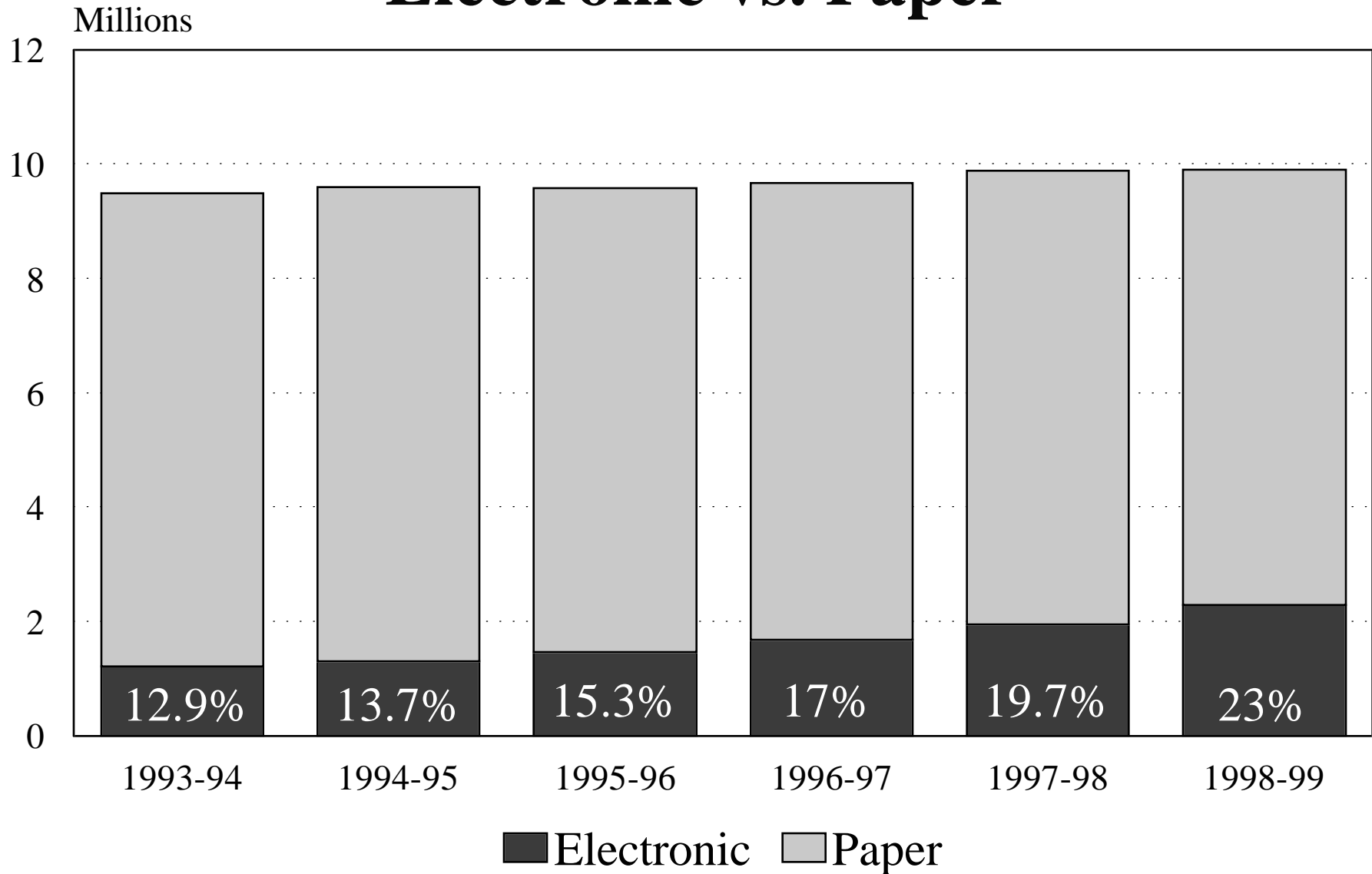
- ✓ **Social Security Administration**
 - **Prisoner's File (implement after start-up)**
 - **Date of Death (implement after start-up)**
- ✓ **Veteran's Administration (implement at start-up)**
 - **Veteran's Status (Dependency)**
 - ✓ **Confirmed**
 - ✓ **Not Qualifying Vet - Assume Vet Status is No**
 - ✓ **NFODB - Assume Vet Status is No**
 - ✓ **On Active Duty**

Electronic Applications

Data for Week 26 of 1998-99, as of July 5, 1998



FAFSA Processing Electronic vs. Paper





Paper FAFSAs

1999-2000 FAFSA

Changes to the Paper Form

- ✓ FAFSA approved by OMB on 4/28/98**
- ✓ Color PDF on IFAP -- ifap.ed.gov**
- ✓ Distribution will begin October 1**
- ✓ Again includes postcard (FAFSA and Renewal)**
- ✓ New supplemental information page**
- ✓ Design & formats of Renewal Application and SAR are unchanged except for data element changes**

FAFSA

Redesigned for 1999-2000

- ✓ **Length reduced from 16 to 8 pages;**
- ✓ **2 Colors: yellow for students and purple for parents**
- ✓ **Order of questions revised; more closely matches FAFSA on the Web**
- ✓ **Simplified Needs Test decision trees eliminated**
- ✓ **State deadlines moved to front page**

FAFSA

Data Element Changes

- ✓ **Total questions reduced from 108 to 99
(25 deletions, 16 additions--complete list in handout)**
- ✓ **Untaxed income items moved to
Worksheet A (except for EIC)**
- ✓ **Assets reported as net worth**
- ✓ **“Title IV School Code” to be called
“Federal School Code”**

The Paper FAFSAs

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

OMB 1840-0110

July 1, 1999 — June 30, 2000 school year



Use this form to apply for federal student grants, work-study money, and loans.

You can also apply over the **internet** at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> instead of using this paper form. In addition to federal student aid, you may also be eligible for a **Hope** or a **Lifetime Learning** income tax credit, both of which you claim when you file your taxes. For more information on these tax credits, this application, and on the U.S. Department of Education's student aid programs, call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 8:00pm eastern time or look on the internet at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE>. If you are hearing impaired, call TDD 1-800-730-8913.

Your answers on this form will be read by a machine. Therefore,

- use black ink or #2 pencil and fill in ovals completely, like this:
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words:
- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.00) like this:
- write numbers less than 10 with a zero (0) first:

●

1	5	E	L	M	S	T	
\$	1	2	,	3	5	6	(no cents)
0	7						

Yellow is for students and purple is for parents.

- If you are filing a **1998 income tax return**, we recommend that you fill it out before completing this form. However, you do not need to send your income tax return to the IRS before you fill out this form.
- After you complete this application, make a copy of it. Then **send the original of pages 3 through 6** in the attached envelope or send it to Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 0000, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-0000.
- Send in this application—pages 3 through 6—only between **January 1, 1999, and June 30, 2000.**

1999-2000 Renewal FAFSA

Key Dates

- ✓ Oct 5** **Schools begin requesting Renewals for bulk mailing option**
- ✓ Nov 6** **Cutoff for request process**
- ✓ Nov 12-20** **CPS prints bulk mail Renewal Applications (delivery before Dec. 1)**

1999-2000 Renewal FAFSA

Key Dates

✓ Nov 23 - Jan 8

**CPS begins printing
and direct-mailing to
students not requested
(mail outside
continental US first)**

✓ Nov

**Web site available to
request EACs**

FAFSA.PDF

- ✓ **FAFSA.PDF (portable document file) downloadable from Department's website: www.ed.gov/finaid.html**
- ✓ **Printed with free Adobe Acrobat Reader software**
- ✓ **Mailed to special PO Box**

Paper FAFSA

Advantages

- ✓ Portable**
- ✓ Receipt postcard**
- ✓ Renewal FAFSA option**
- ✓ Completed by student**
- ✓ Entry done by contractor**

Paper FAFSA

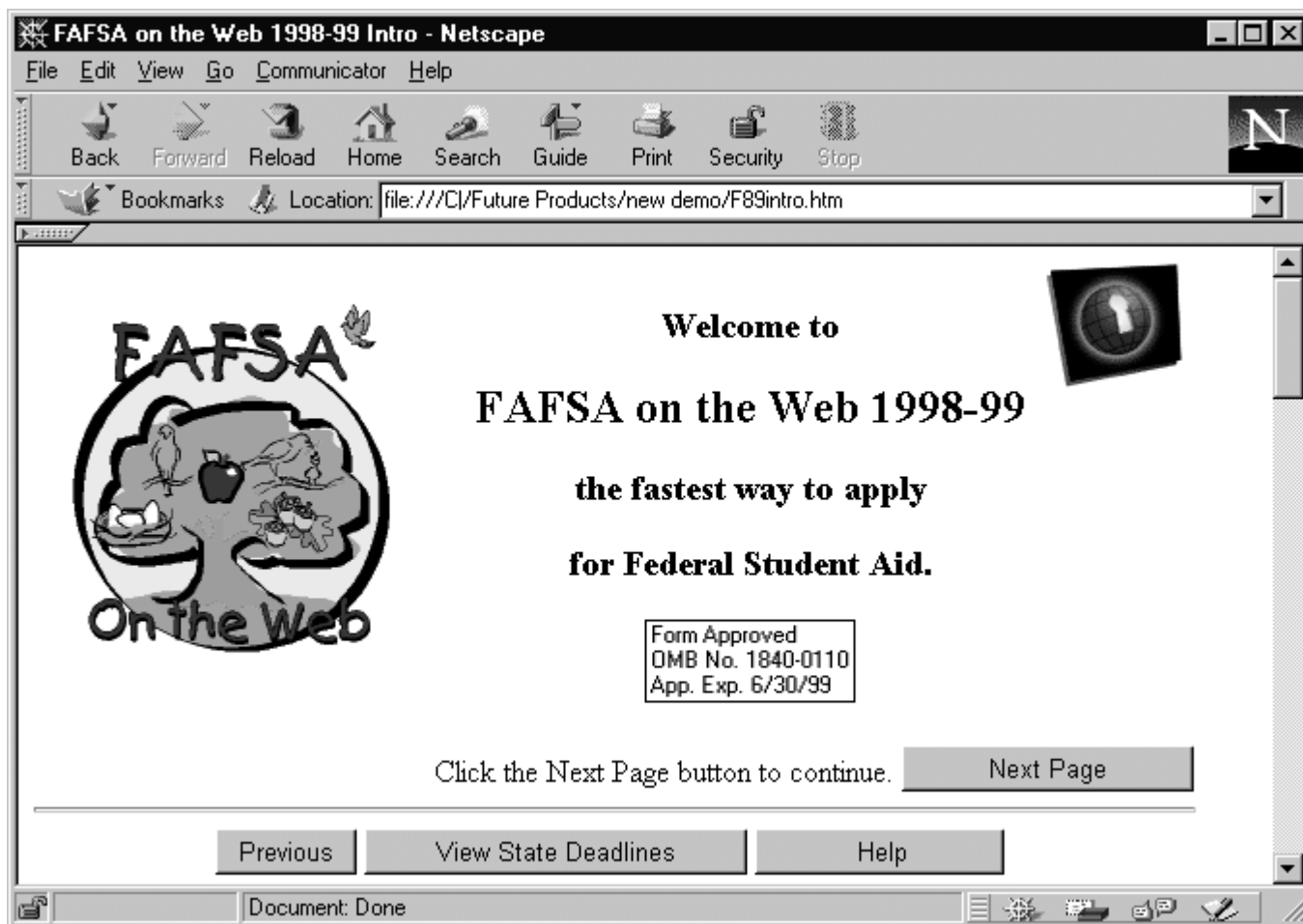
Disadvantages

- ✓ Processing time**
- ✓ Data entry errors**
- ✓ Reject rate (12-14% historical)**
- ✓ Costly for the government**



Electronic FAFSAs

FAFSA on the Web



The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window with the title "FAFSA on the Web 1998-99 Intro - Netscape". The address bar shows the file path: "file:///C:/Future Products/new demo/F89intro.htm". The main content area features a large logo on the left that says "FAFSA On the Web" with a stylized figure holding a scale and a bowl. To the right, the text reads: "Welcome to FAFSA on the Web 1998-99 the fastest way to apply for Federal Student Aid." Below this is a box containing the text: "Form Approved OMB No. 1840-0110 App. Exp. 6/30/99". At the bottom of the page, there are four buttons: "Previous", "View State Deadlines", "Help", and "Next Page". The "Next Page" button is highlighted. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Document: Done".

FAFSA on the Web Submissions

1997-98 34,668

1998-99 96,973

(data through July 5)

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

FAFSA on the Web

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

- ✓ **Lycos Top 5% Award**
- ✓ **Rated by GovExec.com as one of the best Federal Web Sites**
- ✓ **Will distribute new poster and informational brochures this summer**
- ✓ **Will put “banner ad” on IFAP that schools can clip and add to their web pages**

FAFSA on the Web Encryption

- ✓ **40-, 56-, and 128-bit encryption implemented in March 1998**
- ✓ **40-bit = “International”**
- ✓ **128-bit = “Domestic”**
- ✓ **Applications encrypted with 128-bit key are 309,485,009,821,345,068,724,781,056 more difficult to break than those encrypted with a 40-bit key.**

FAFSA on the Web

Changes for 1999-2000

- ✓ Assumption and Reject Overrides added**
- ✓ Add warning comment if Reject B (too young) or Reject W (HH = 15 or greater) override has been set**
- ✓ Adding an EFC Estimator**

FAFSA on the Web

Disadvantages

- ✓ **Must have web connection**
- ✓ **Signature page/Reject 15 or 16 SAR
(at the present time)**

FAFSA on the Web

Advantages

- ✓ **No software to install**
- ✓ **Faster processing time**
- ✓ **Minimal reject rate (0.5%)**
- ✓ **Skip logic**
- ✓ **Renewal FAFSA option**
- ✓ **Application status check**
- ✓ **Can be used by Macintosh users**
- ✓ **Can be used by international students**
- ✓ **Entered by student**

Renewal FAFSA on the Web

Renewal FAFSA Application - Netscape

File Edit View Go Communicator Help

Back Forward Reload Home Search Guide Print Security Stop

Bookmarks Location: file:///C:/Future Products/new demo/r89sec1.htm#Page1

00% Complete

Form Approved
OMB No. 1840-0110
App. Exp. 6/30/99

1998-1999 Renewal FAFSA Application Form

Section A: You (the student)

1. Last name: 2. First name: 3. MI:

Title: (optional)

4. Permanent mailing address:

5. City: 6. State: 7. Zip:

[Customer Service](#) | [Frequently Asked Questions](#) | [Go To End of Form](#)

Document: Done

Renewal FAFSA on the Web

1999-2000

- ✓ **Almost 51,000 processed for 1998-99 (through July 5)**
- ✓ **Available to students January 1999**
- ✓ **If Web application filed for 1998-99 will not receive paper Renewal Application; ED will generate the same EAC**
- ✓ **If graduate student, will not receive paper Renewal Application; will receive automatic EAC**

Renewal FAFSA on the Web

1999-2000

- ✓ **Student will access web site and request an Electronic Access Code (EAC)**
- ✓ **118,319 EACs requested 1998-99 (through July 2)**
- ✓ **Student must reside at same address as printed on the paper Renewal Application**
- ✓ **ED will mail EAC to student in a secure envelope**
- ✓ **Student goes on-line to apply**

Renewal FAFSA on the Web

Using the EAC

- ✓ **EAC serves as signature for students**
- ✓ **Dependent students will have to print and mail signature page with parent signature**
- ✓ **House Version HEA does away with all signature requirements for electronic applications**
- ✓ **Students will be able use their EAC to gain access to other financial aid systems (upcoming pilot with Direct Loans and NSLDS)**

Renewal FAFSA on the Web

Advantages

- ✓ **Very fast processing time for independent students**
- ✓ **Very little data entry**
- ✓ **Other FAFSA on the Web advantages:**
 - No software to install
 - Faster processing time
 - Minimal reject rate (0.5%)
 - Skip logic
 - Application status check
 - Can be used by Macintosh users
 - Can be used by international students
 - Entered by student

EDEExpress

1998-99 EDEExpress for Windows 4.2 - [(111-11-1111)]

File Record Process Tools View Help

File Edit Print Add Back Forward Stop Print Copy Paste Find Home 1 2 3 4 ?

Name:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Pell Verification Status:	<input type="text" value="N"/>
	Last	First	M.I.	Enrollment Status:	<input type="text"/>
Permanent/Local Address:					
Street:	<input type="text"/>				
City:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	00000-	Date Enrollment Status Effective:	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>
State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		Loan Entrance Interview Completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone:	<input type="text"/>				
Transaction Paid On:	<input type="text"/>				
Changes Dates:					
Street:	<input type="text"/>				
Permanent Address:	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>				
City:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		Local Address:	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>
State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		Social Security #:	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>
Phone:	<input type="text"/>				
Date of Birth:	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>				
Current SSN:	<input type="text" value="11-11-1111"/>				
Original SSN:	<input type="text" value="11-11-1111"/>				
Latest Original Student ID:	<input type="text"/>				

EDExpress

Changes for 1999-2000

- ✓ **Early Analysis is a correctable field**
- ✓ **Aligning electronic products so edits are more consistent with CPS**
- ✓ **32-bit conversion**
- ✓ **All system generated transactions will be sent in a separate message class**

EDE Express Expert Entry

Disadvantages

- ✓ **Record retention requirement for signature pages**
- ✓ **Financial Aid Office must enter data**

EDExpress Expert Entry

Advantages

- ✓ **Faster processing**
- ✓ **Minimal reject rate**
- ✓ **Renewal FAFSA option**
- ✓ **Batching**
- ✓ **School control of filing**

FAFSA Express



FAFSA Express

Submissions

1996-97 71,000

1997-98 232,850 (still have until **June 30, 1998**)

1998-99 112,236 (1st 26 weeks of Processing)

**✓ Available for students to download from
the Web:**

www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html

FAFSA Express

Changes

- ✓ **Assumption and Reject Overrides will be added**
- ✓ **Add warning comment if Reject B (too young) or Reject W (HH = 15 or greater) override has been set**

FAFSA Express

Disadvantages

- ✓ **Must have modem**
- ✓ **Signature page/Reject 16 SAR (at the present time)**
- ✓ **No Renewal FAFSA option**
- ✓ **Must have PC (not Macintosh)**

FAFSA Express

Advantages

- ✓ **Fast processing time**
- ✓ **Minimal reject rate**
- ✓ **Some skip logic**
- ✓ **Student enters data**
- ✓ **No Internet connection required**



**Which FAFSA is
right for me?**

Which FAFSA is right for you?

- ✓ You want the Financial Aid office to have control over entry and transmission
 - EDExpress Expert Entry

- ✓ You want a batch process
 - EDExpress Expert Entry
 - EDExpress Student Entry (until June, 1999)

Which FAFSA is right for you?

- ✓ **It's near deadline:**
 - **FAFSA on the Web, EDExpress, FAFSA Express**

- ✓ **You want proof of receipt:**
 - **Paper FAFSA, FAFSA on the Web**

Which FAFSA is right for you?

- ✓ You have a web connection:
 - FAFSA on the Web

- ✓ You don't have a web connection but you do have a modem:
 - FAFSA Express

Which FAFSA is right for you?

- ✓ You want to file electronically but think the signature page is awkward:
 - EDExpress, Renewal FAFSA on the Web (for independent students)
- ✓ You want to file electronically but don't want to have to keep a signature on file:
 - FAFSA on the Web, FAFSA Express

FOR HELP

- ✓ **CPS CUSTOMER SERVICE**
1-800-330-5947
- ✓ **CPS@NCS.COM**
- ✓ **FAFSA EXPRESS and FOTW**
CUSTOMER SERVICE
1-800-801-0576

1998 EDE Workshops

✓ **Kansas City, MO**

• **November 17-19, 1998**

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• **December 1-3, 1998**

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• **December 15-17, 1998**

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Questions??

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