



# NASFAA Authorized Event Overview of The Application Process

National Association of Student  
Financial Aid Administrators

**Overview of the  
Application Process**  
A NASFAA Authorized Event\*

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Agenda

- Uses of FAFSA data
- FAFSA Filing Options
- Completing FAFSA on the Web
- FAFSA Processing
- FAFSA Changes

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Uses of FAFSA Data



- Compute the expected family contribution (EFC) as a measure of the student's and family's ability to pay for college
- Confirm student eligibility criteria using various database matches with federal agencies
- Determine estimated aid eligibility

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## Uses of FAFSA Data



- Supplemental forms or applications
  - Eligibility for state or institutional aid
  - Permitted for federal aid only to:
    - Verify FAFSA information
    - Resolve conflicting information



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## Options for Filing the FAFSA



FAFSA on the Web



myStudentAid Mobile App



FAA Access to CPS Online



Paper FAFSA



FAFSA on the Phone



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## Electronic FAFSA: FOTW



- Available online at studentaid.gov
- Allows for real time, online submission of initial/renewal FAFSA and any corrections
- Offers instructions and help text
- Uses skip-logic and edits



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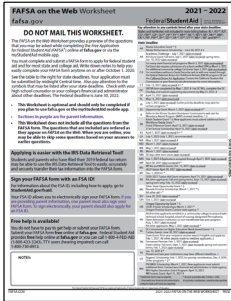
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## Electronic FAFSA: FOTW Worksheet



- Available in English and Spanish
- Helps filers prepare to complete application online



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## Electronic FAFSA: myStudentAid Mobile App



- Mobile version of the FAFSA for electronic devices
- Download app at Apple Store for iPhone users or Google Play for Android users



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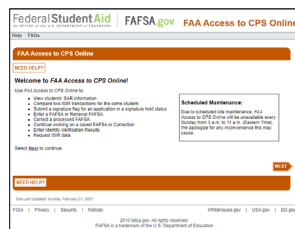
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## FAA Access to CPS Online



- Used by FAAs to access and submit application data on applicant's behalf
- School first must register with ED



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## The Paper FAFSA

- Available in English and Spanish
- Request copies by calling the FSA Information Center or download PDF
- 10-page document



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## FAFSA on the Phone (FOTP)



- Option to complete FAFSA by phone
- Intended for applicants with limited/no Internet access, faced with pressing deadlines



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## FAFSA Demo

- Serves as training tool for financial aid professionals
- Available at: [fafsademotest.ed.gov](https://fafsademotest.ed.gov)



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## Renewal Reminders



- Eligible applicants who have a valid email address in the Central Processing System (CPS) will receive an email reminder to complete the FAFSA



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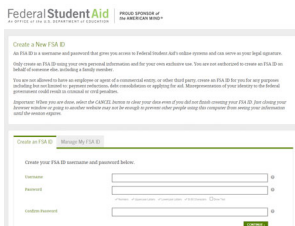
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## Federal Student Aid ID



- Used for FAFSA completion and for all ED student and borrower-based websites
- Apply at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)



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## FAFSA Filers Under the Age of 13



- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) of 1998 prohibits ED from electronic communication with applicants under 13
- Mail paper FAFSA
- Receive paper SAR



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After you are online, you can add up to ten colleges on your FAFSA form. The colleges will receive the information from your processed FAFSA form.

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If you can check ANY of the following boxes, you will not have to provide parental information. Skip to page 4.  
If you check NONE of the following boxes, you will be asked to provide parental information. Go to the next page.

<p>1 I was born before January 1, 1998</p> <p>2 I am serving on active-duty in the U.S. Armed Forces</p> <p>3 Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased</p> <p>4 I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13</p>					<p>5 I am married</p> <p>6 I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces</p> <p>7 I was in foster care since turning age 13</p> <p>8 I am currently or was an emancipated minor</p>					<p>9 I will be working on a master's or doctoral program (e.g., M.A., M.B.A., M.Ed., Ph.D.) leading to graduate certification</p> <p>10 I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022</p> <p>11 I have dependents (either that children or my spouse) who live with and I provide more than half of their support</p> <p>12 I am currently or I was in legal guardianship</p> <p>13 I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless</p>				
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NOTES:

For Help — 1-800-433-3243

2021-2022 FAFSA ON THE WEB WORKSHEET PAGE 2



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## Completing FOTW Worksheet: Section 3

- Section 3: Parent Information
  - Completed only if student is dependent
  - Who is the parent?
  - IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) or self-reported income
  - Means-tested federal benefits
  - Other income



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## Completing FOTW Worksheet: Section 4

- Section 4: Student Financial Information
  - Report taxable and non-taxable income
  - IRS DRT or self-reported income
  - Means-tested federal benefits
  - Other income



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## Signing FAFSA on the Web

- Applicants may sign:
  - Electronically, using FSA ID
  - Printed copy of FOTW signature page
  - Rejected SAR



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## Submitting and Completing FOTW

Confirmation number and Data Release Number (DRN) →

Estimated EFC →

What happens next →

IRS/School info →

**FederalStudentAid | FAFSA.gov**  
2021-2022 Confirmation Page

**Congratulations, Larry!**  
You have successfully completed your FAFSA for the 2021-2022 award year.

**Confirmation Number:** 1234567890123456  
**Data Release Number (DRN):** 9876543210987654

**Estimated Family Contribution (EFC):**

Student	Parent 1	Parent 2	Student	Total
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**What happens next:** Your FAFSA information will be processed by the federal government and your school. You will receive a confirmation of your school's FAFSA processing.

**IRS/School info:** You will receive a confirmation of your school's FAFSA processing.

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## FAFSA Processing: Database Matches

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## Pair the database with the items checked during the match:

Database	Items Checked During Match
a. Social Security Administration	___ Suspension or termination of eligibility for federal benefits due to drug offense conviction
b. Department of Homeland Security	___ Registration with Selective Service (if required)
c. Selective Service System	___ Valid SSN, Master Death File, and U.S. citizenship
d. National Student Loan Data System	___ Veteran status
e. Department of Defense	___ Eligible noncitizen status
f. Department of Veterans Affairs	___ Default on Title IV loans, excess borrowing, repayment of fraudulently obtained Title IV funds, outstanding overpayments of Title IV grants and loans, and unusual enrollment history
g. Department of Justice Hold File	___ Death of a parent or guardian as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after 9/11/01

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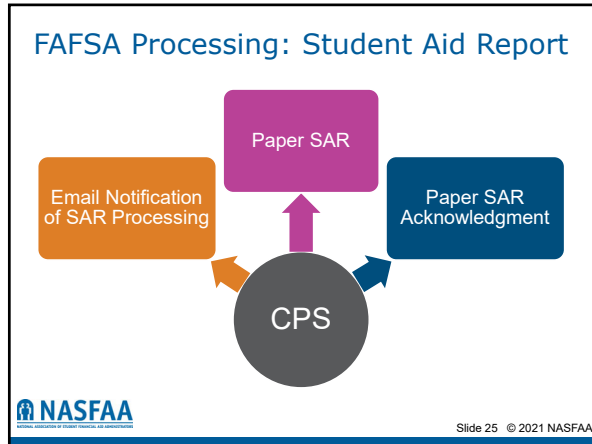
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Email Notification: Electronic SAR

- If valid email address is provided on FAFSA
- Provides access to electronic SAR

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Student Aid Report

- If paper FAFSA filed without providing an email address

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## SAR Acknowledgment

- If electronic application filed without providing an email address
- Student may review data, but cannot use to make changes



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## Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)

- CPS sends results to schools selected
- Includes comments, codes, and flags to identify processing issues
- Signature page, if needed



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## FAFSA Changes: Corrections



- Changes to **incorrect** data that must be made by the student, parent, or financial aid administrator, when errors are discovered



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## FAFSA Changes: Updates



- Required when applicant data is **correct** at the time the original application was filed, but has since **changed**
  - Update = correct data
  - Correction = incorrect data



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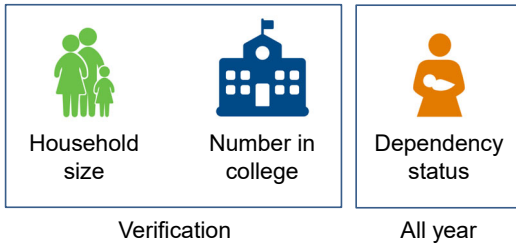
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## FAFSA Changes: Updates



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## FAFSA Changes: Adjustments



- Financial aid administrator may exercise professional judgment (PJ) authority
  - Dependency status override
  - Data elements affecting the EFC
  - Cost of attendance



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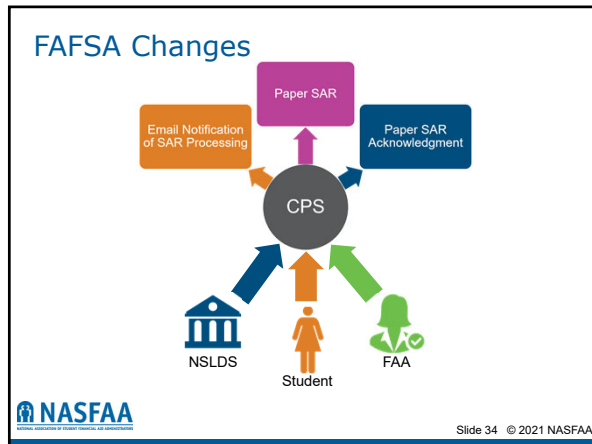
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How does your school encourage students to apply for federal, state, and institutional financial aid?

What consumer information does your school provide regarding the application process, including filing the FAFSA and any other application materials?

What is your school's deadline for submission of the FAFSA?

Which FAFSA format does your school encourage or provide? Why?

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