



NASFAA Authorized Event Overview of Student Eligibility

National Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators

**Overview of
Student Eligibility**
A NASFAA Authorized Event*

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Criteria Checked Via the Application Process
- Criteria Checked and Monitored by the School
- Educational Coursework and Programs Affecting Student Eligibility

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How Does a Student Become Eligible?

- Apply for federal financial aid
- Meet general and program-specific criteria
 - Before aid can be processed or disbursed
 - Defined in federal regulations for federal funds
 - Schools cannot impose additional eligibility requirements

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Application Process

It's time to apply for financial aid.

FAFSA®
The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and is the only way to apply for federal student aid. The schools you list on your application will use FAFSA information to evaluate your financial need and determine how much federal aid you are eligible to receive. Many states and colleges also use information from your FAFSA to provide their own financial aid.

Each October, the FAFSA is available for the next school year. It is best to fill it out as early as you can because some aid is first come, first served.

When you complete the FAFSA, you'll need to provide personal and tax information. You may be able to automatically retrieve your tax information from the IRS.

Complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov. Make sure to fill out and submit the FAFSA each year you are in college.

After you submit your FAFSA, you'll receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). Your SAR summarizes the information in your FAFSA. Review it and make corrections if needed.

Your FAFSA helps your school determine the types of federal student aid you are eligible to receive.

Source: studentaid.gov/resources

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Database Matches

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Reject Codes and C-Codes

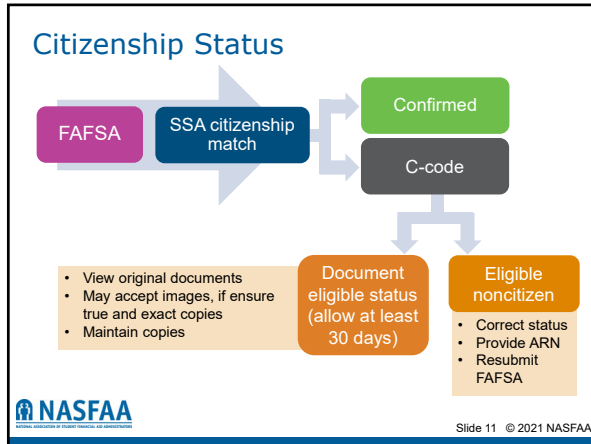
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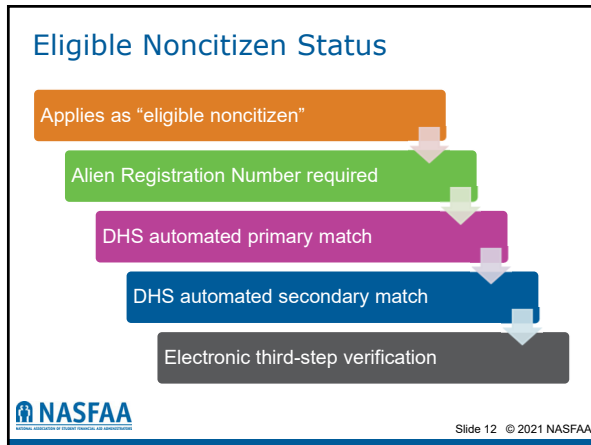
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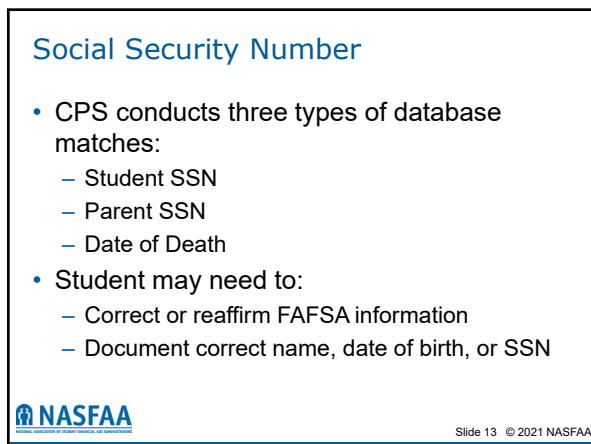
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Selective Service Registration

- Males born after December 31, 1959
- Must register between 18 through 25 years of age
- Certain exemptions allowed
- No database match
 - No Title IV aid until resolved
 - Documentation required
 - School determines whether knowingly and willfully failed to register



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