

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) -

Promoting Filing the 22-23 FAFSA and Future Changes to the FAFSA



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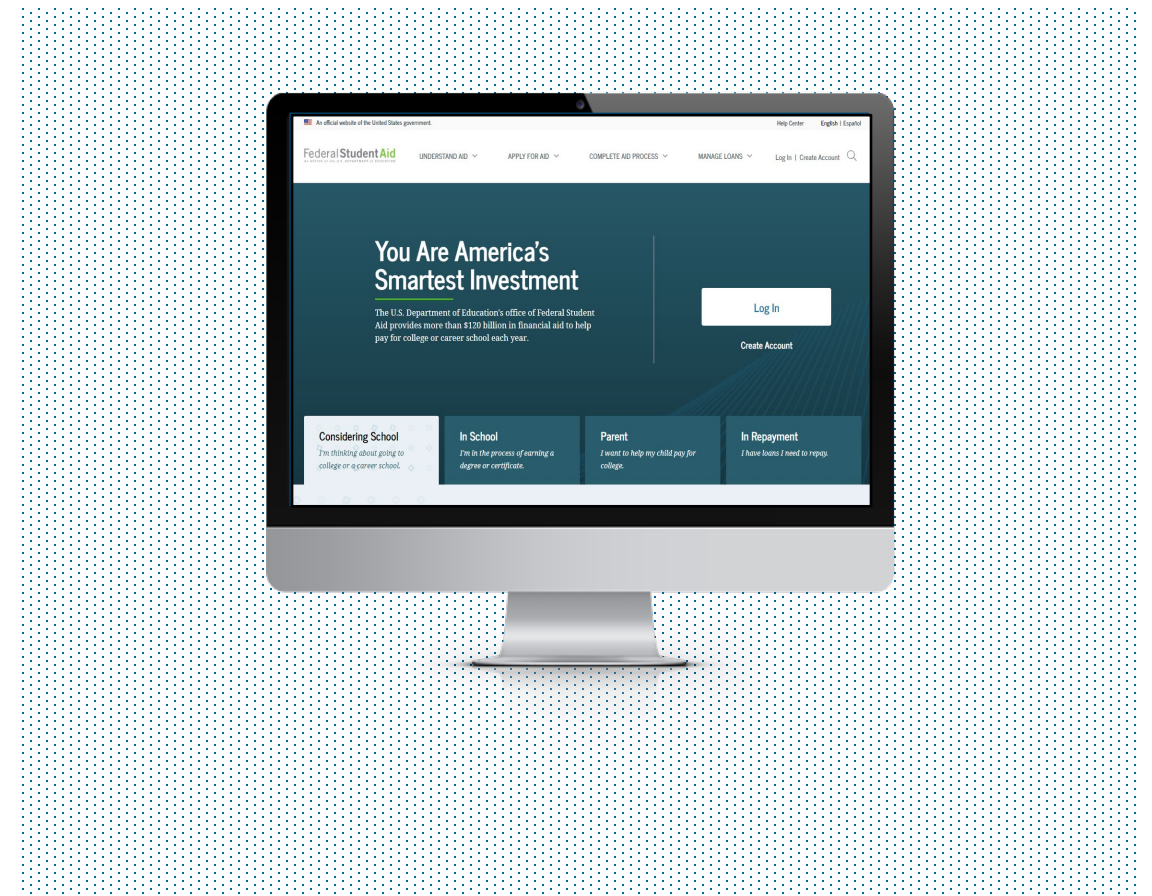
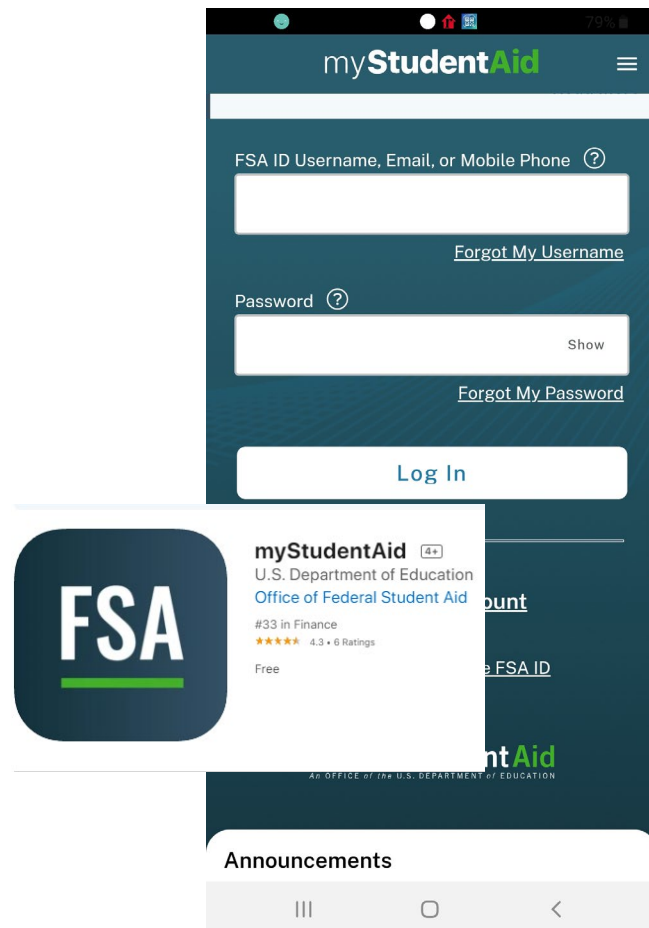
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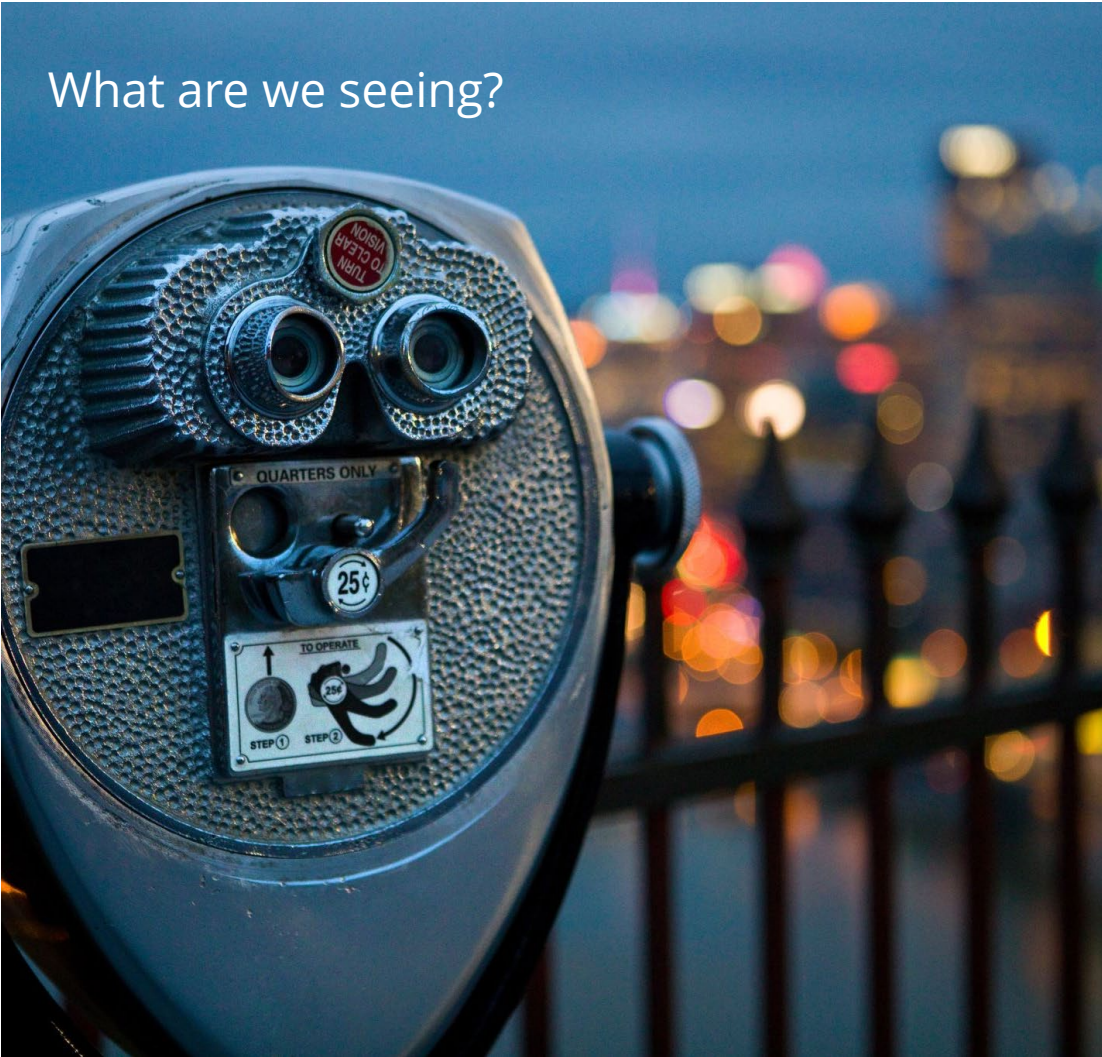


2022-2023 FAFSA



2022-2023 – FAFSA Filing in Pennsylvania

What are we seeing?



- What are the trends and issues?
- FAFSA tips for filers for 2022-23:
- [PHEAA FAFSA Completion Technical Tips](#)
- [Form Your Future Tips](#)

How to Track FAFSA Filing – Federal Student Aid

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- [View FAFSA data at the Federal Student Aid Data Center](#)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submissions by High School Applications processed through December 23 of the first 15 months of each cycle										
Name	City	State	2021 / 2022 Cycle		2020 / 2021 Cycle					
			Through December 23, 2021		Through December 23, 2020		Through June 2020		Through December 2020	
			Applications Submitted	Applications Complete	Applications Submitted	Applications Complete	Applications Submitted	Applications Complete	Applications Submitted	Applications Complete
21ST CENTURY CYBER CS	MURRYSVILLE	PA	22	22	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
21ST CENTURY CYBER CS	EXTON	PA	128	125	103	103	84	79	103	103
ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL	JENKINTOWN	PA	34	33	49	48	48	47	49	48
ABINGTON HEIGHTS HS	CLARKS SUMMIT	PA	205	204	198	195	183	179	198	195
ABINGTON SHS	ABINGTON	PA	452	429	457	444	416	404	457	444
ABRAXAS I ARLENE LISSNER HIGH SCHOOL	MARIENVILLE	PA	5	<5	11	11	8	8	11	11
ACADEMY AT PALUMBO	PHILADELPHIA	PA	229	218	180	174	164	158	180 ⁵	174

How to Track FAFSA Filing - NCAN

- Use the FAFSA Tracker at formyourfuture.org provided by the National College Attainment Network (NCAN)



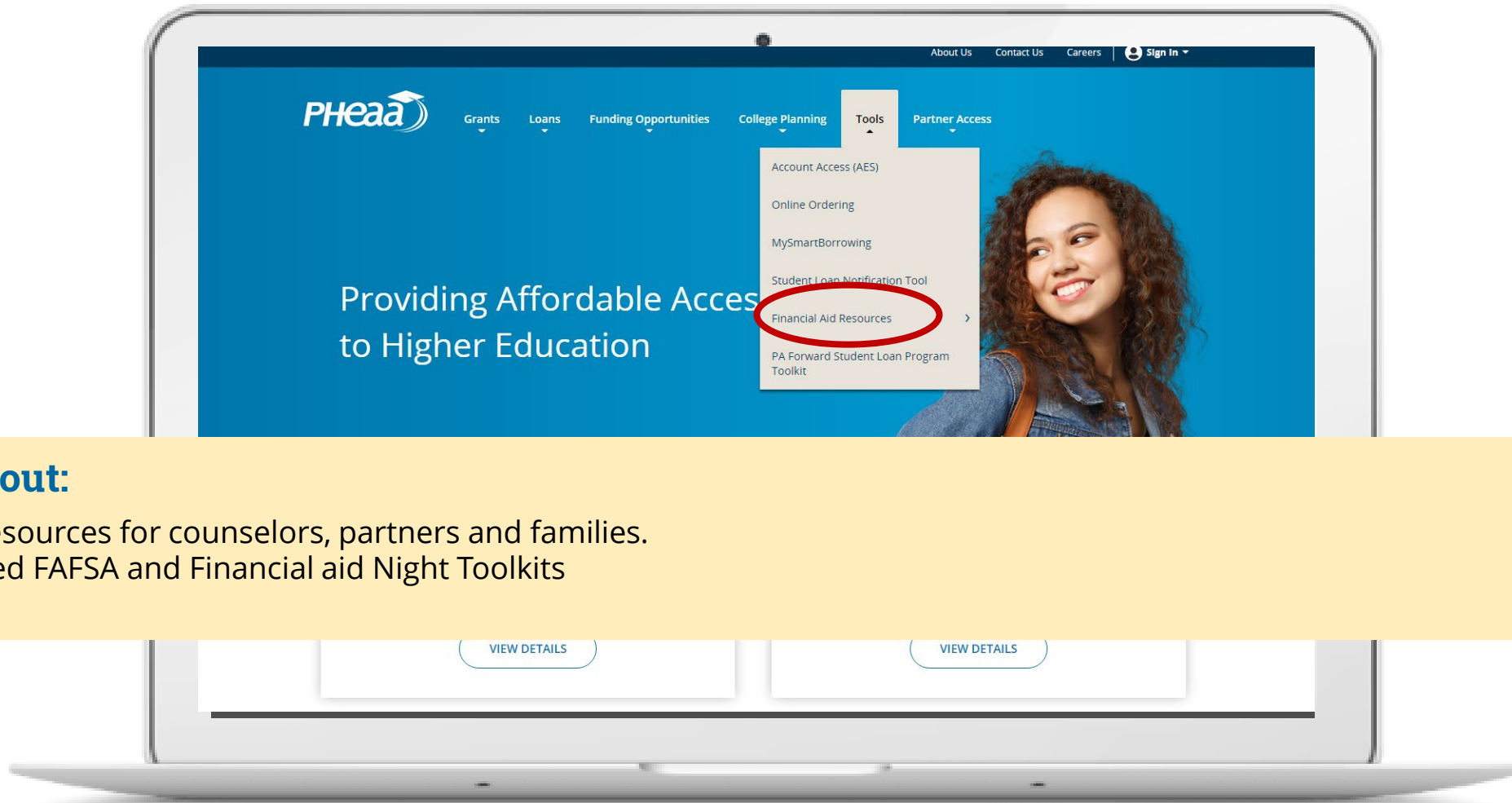
How to promote FAFSA filing?

We are all using more types of communication tools to keep families and students informed.

- Videos
- Social Media
- Virtual Meetings
- Google Classroom
- Email



Financial Aid Resources at PHEAA.org



Check it out:

- New resources for counselors, partners and families.
- Updated FAFSA and Financial aid Night Toolkits

How to Use Resources

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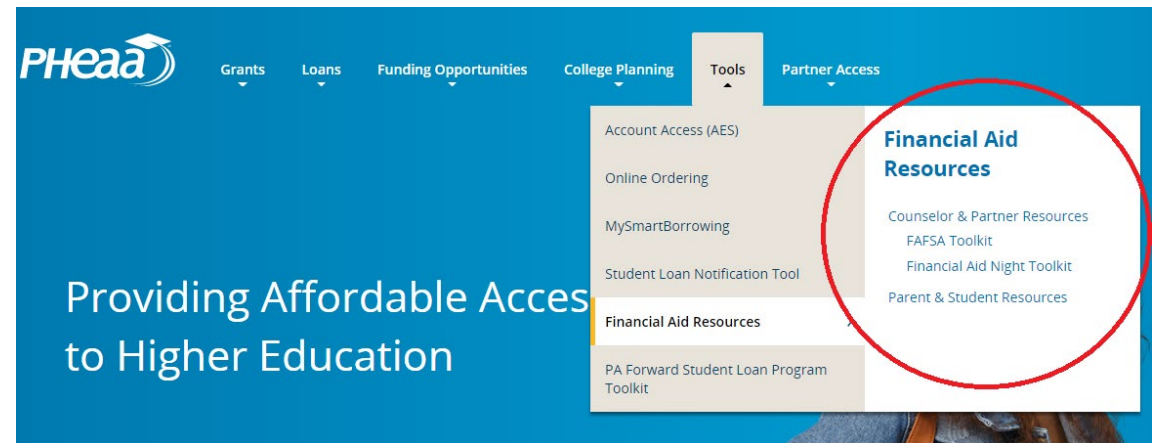


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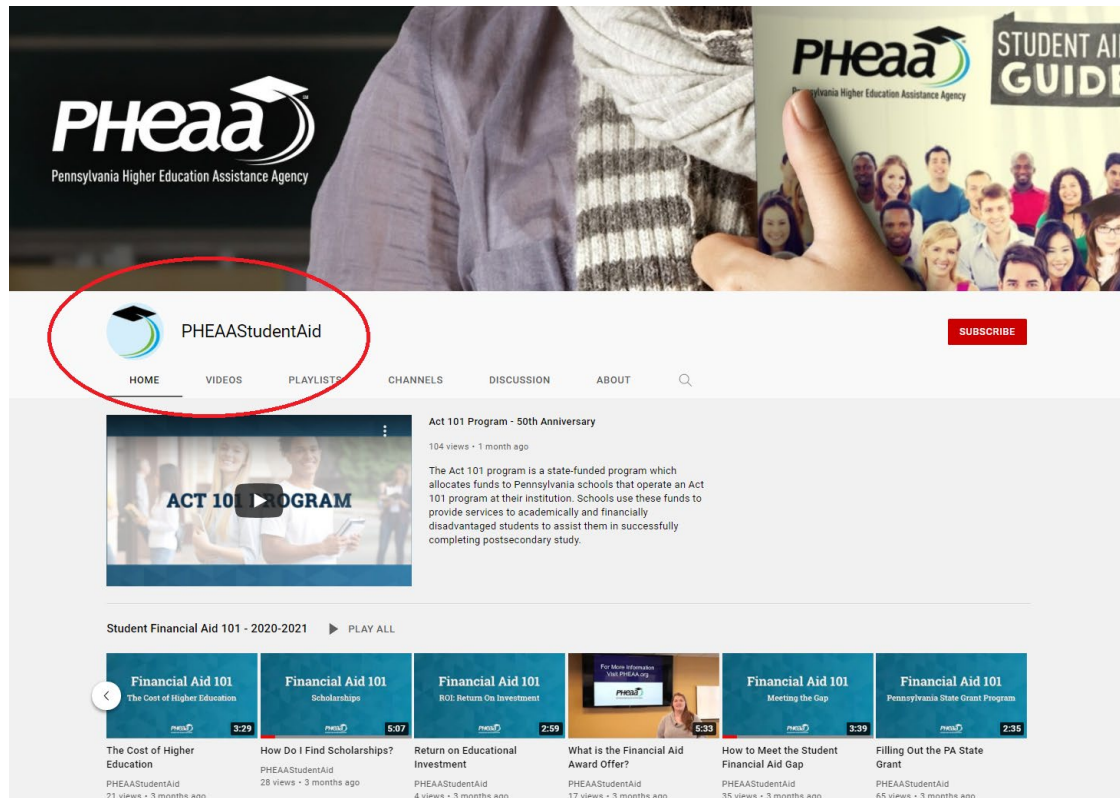
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- Use the icon to identify the media type and select items you want to feature in Google Classroom, social media, newsletters, on your web site and in emails.

Resources and Toolkit Links

- Quick links to pages:
- www.pheaa.org/ResourcesStudents
- www.pheaa.org/ResourcesCounselors
- www.pheaa.org/ResourcesFAFSA
- www.pheaa.org/ResourcesNights



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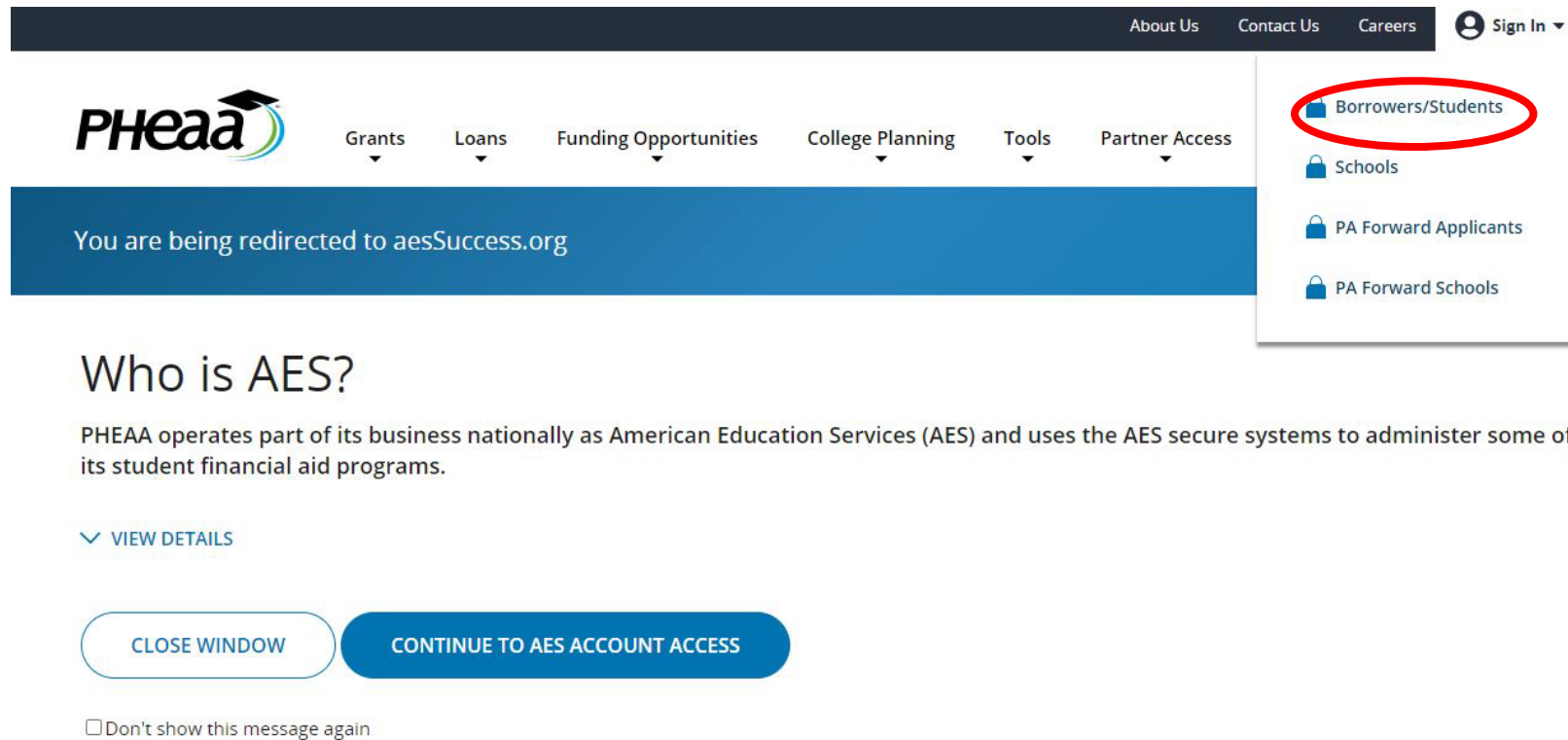
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The screenshot shows the PHEAA.org website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'Contact Us', and 'Careers', along with a 'Sign In' button. Below this, the PHEAA logo is displayed, followed by a horizontal menu with links for 'Grants', 'Loans', 'Funding Opportunities', 'College Planning', 'Tools', and 'Partner Access'. A red circle highlights the 'Borrowers/Students' link in the dropdown menu. Below the menu, a blue banner states 'You are being redirected to aesSuccess.org'. The main content area features the heading 'Who is AES?' followed by a paragraph explaining that PHEAA operates part of its business nationally as American Education Services (AES) and uses the AES secure systems to administer some of its student financial aid programs. A 'VIEW DETAILS' link is provided. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'CLOSE WINDOW' and 'CONTINUE TO AES ACCOUNT ACCESS'. A checkbox option 'Don't show this message again' is also present.

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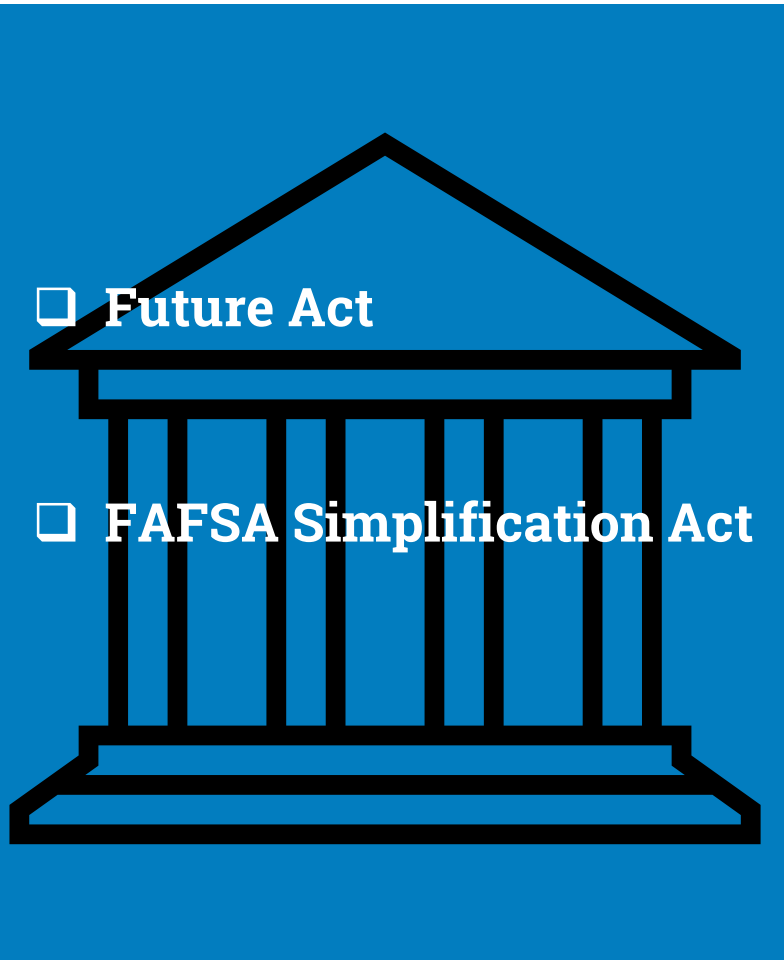
- Students can check on PA State Grant eligibility.
- Complete the State Grant Form.
- Review correspondence.
- Upload documents.
- Update school of attendance.

FAFSA Assistance Provided by PHEAA



- For the 2022-23 FAFSA, we have held 388 in-person workshops, 315 online FAFSA presentations and assisted numerous families individually by phone or virtually.
- Reach out to your Higher Education Access Partner if you would like to schedule an event.

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021



☐ **Future Act**

☐ **FAFSA Simplification Act**

FAFSA

The FUTURE Act allows the IRS to share data with FSA for increased ease in administering federal student aid programs.

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.

When will we see changes?

- Repeal of the Subsidized Usage Limited Applied (SULA) calculation
- Removal of negative consequences associated with drug convictions or failure to register for Selective Service

Interim Implementation

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- Full implementation of FAFSA Simplification Act

Award Year 2021-22

2022-23

2023-24

2024-25

Upcoming Changes to the FAFSA for 2023-24

Selective Service and drug conviction questions will not appear on the 2023-24 FAFSA. The questions about homeless youth will be renewal-eligible. The homeless youth questions will be prefilled for renewal applicants.



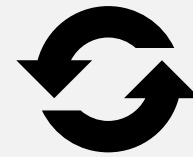
Selective Service

Male/female question,
help text, edits and
messaging
will be removed



Drug Conviction

Functionality, questions,
help text, edits,
SAR comments,
match flag requirements
will all be removed



Homeless Youth

Three existing homeless
questions will be
renewal-eligible

Future Changes



- Overall, less questions due to planned seamless exchange with IRS. Lowest income families have the fewest questions to answer.
- Legislation requires some new questions:
 - ✓ Gender identity
 - ✓ Race/Ethnicity
- Responses to these questions won't factor into financial aid eligibility. FSA will use this information for research purposes.

Students can now complete the FAFSA in English or Spanish

FAFSA available in more than two languages in 2024-25

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More FAFSA Changes 2024-25



Professional Judgement

Schools can't have a policy of never considering PJ .



Divorced or separated parents

Whose financial data appears on the FAFSA will now be based on who provides more support to the student rather than whom the student lived with. No time frame is mentioned.



No longer count others in college

FAFSA will still ask if others in family are attending a post-secondary school. Number in college not used in calculating SAI but could be used by states or schools.

More FAFSA Changes 2024-25



Fewer Questions

Means-tested benefits recipients and students whose incomes are below \$60,000 or—in the case of dependent students—whose parents' incomes are below \$60,000 and who file simple tax returns would qualify for a simplified needs test and would not be required to provide asset information.



Dependents

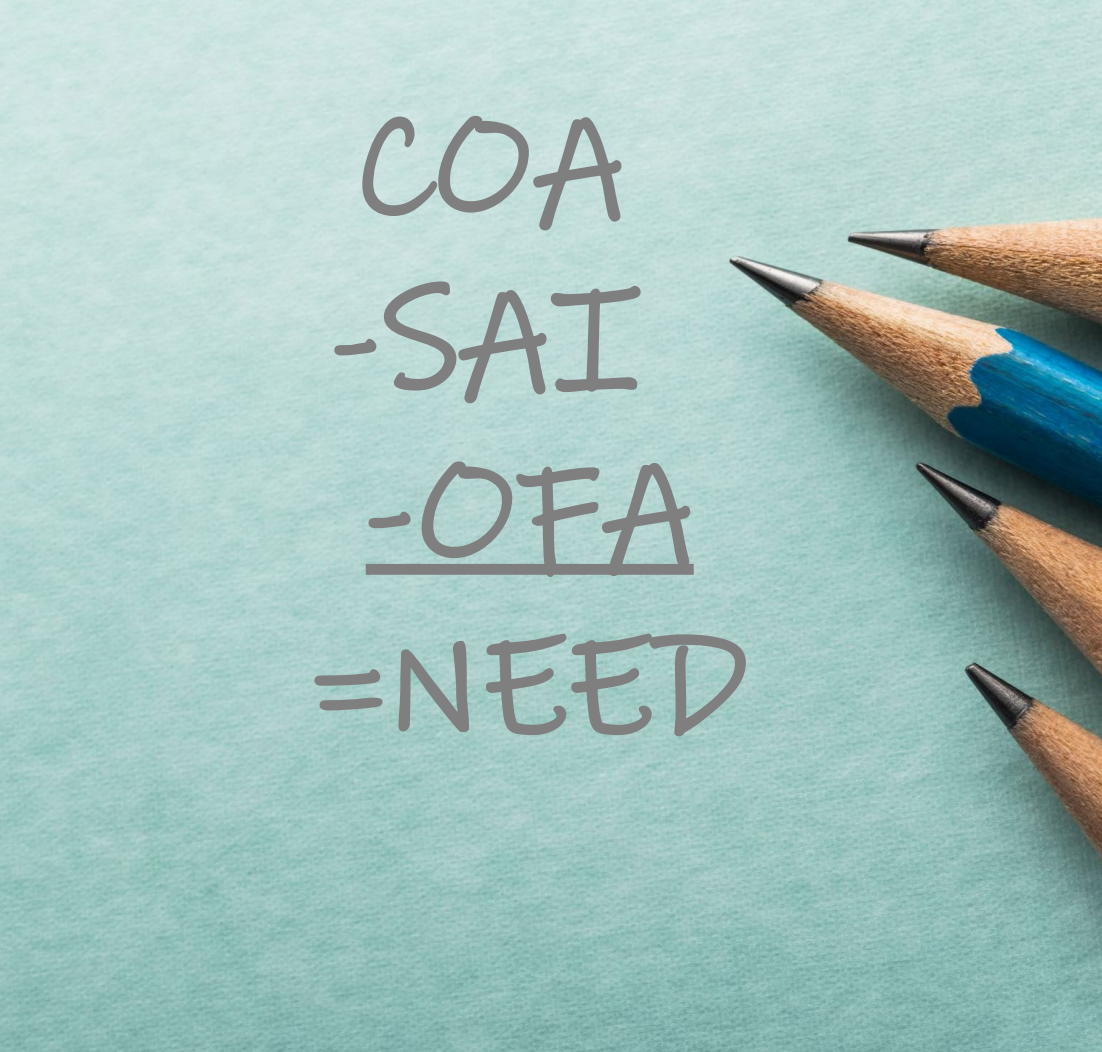
To be counted in family size, a child must be a dependent as defined by the IRS.



Provisional Independent Student

A new status for students unable to provide parental information.

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will change to Student Aid Index (SAI) in 2024-25



COA
-SAI
-OFA
=NEED

- How the SAI is calculated is different than how the EFC is now calculated.
- There are some changes in the language used to calculate “need”.
 - **COA – cost of attendance**
 - **SAI – student aid index**
 - **OFA – other financial assistance**
- Pell Grant eligibility expanded, and eligibility linked to family size and federal poverty level.

FAFSA Simplification 2024-25



- The SAI can be a negative number down to negative1500 (-1500).
- Simplification requires fewer questions about income and relies more so on the data exchange (FADDX) with the IRS for completion of the FAFSA.
- Families will report child support and the net value of farms and small businesses as assets, if they don't qualify for the simplified formula that excludes assets from consideration.

Why a negative SAI?

Things for post-secondary schools to consider according to NASFAA:

- The negative SAI will allow the very neediest students to receive aid in excess of the Cost of Attendance (COA) established by their school.
- Even absent additional federal aid for students with negative SAIs, the negative figure could prove helpful in differentiating the neediest students. Currently, these students' EFCs are all clustered at zero because this is the lowest the EFC can go.
- This could enable institutions to more accurately target need-based aid, including the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG).

How to navigate these changes?

- How to answer questions about the FAFSA in the future for families now
- What responses can schools offer to families and students
- [Congressional Research Service - The FAFSA Simplification Act](#)

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