Welcome to our November meeting!



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A consortium of secondary and post-secondary schools, community and government organizations, focused on networking, collaborating, inspiring and creating opportunities for students to achieve college success.

March Meeting (Virtual)

- Thursday, March 14th *Date changed due to PASFAA Spring Training (West)
 - Jantzen Raymond Assistant Director of Outreach and Strategic Partnerships, NCAA Eligibility Center
 - Jantzen will discuss the NCAA Eligibility Center, NCAA schools, Registration Process, Core Courses, Certification Outcomes for Division I and II, Recruiting, High School Portal, and more!

May Meeting (In-Person)

• Tuesday, May 14th

Location TBA

*Meetings take place 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

2023-24 PHEAA Financial Aid Webinar Series for Educators

November 15, 2023 @ 9 AM 2024-2025 FAFSA Overview

February 21, 2024 @ 9 AM

Students are receiving their Financial Aid Offers, do they understand them?

March 20, 2024 @ 9 AM Financial Aid in Pennsylvania – Upcoming Changes

Register at <u>pheaa.org/virtual</u>!

Statewide Webinars for Students and Families

Creating Your Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID)

Tuesday, November 14th 6:00 – 6:30 PM

Financial Aid 101

Wednesday, December 13th 6:00 – 7:00 PM

FAFSA Line by Line Overview

Wednesday, February 21st 6:00 – 7:00 PM Register at <u>pheaa.org/virtual</u>

PACAC Webinar

- Thursday, November 16th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Join us as we provide an overview on the financial aid process for the 2024-25 year and beyond. Topics will include, when and how to apply, documents needed for the application, changes to the FAFSA due to FAFSA Simplification, and so much more! As always, you will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end.
- Presenters:
- Kathryn Adams, Director of Financial Aid at Gettysburg
- Wendy Dunlap, PHEAA Higher Education Access Partner
- Cost Free for all
- Register <u>here</u>!

Save the Date!

- College Success Forum (CSF)
 - Tentative Date: Tuesday, January 30th
 - Robert Morris University, UPMC Events Center, Moon Township
 - Registration details will be available closer to the event date
 - Session proposal request will be sent soon!

College Success Forum Brainstorm

- Presentation topics or presenters
- Breakout sessions
- Start/End Time
- Volunteers

FAFSA Simplification



Creating affordable access to higher education.

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

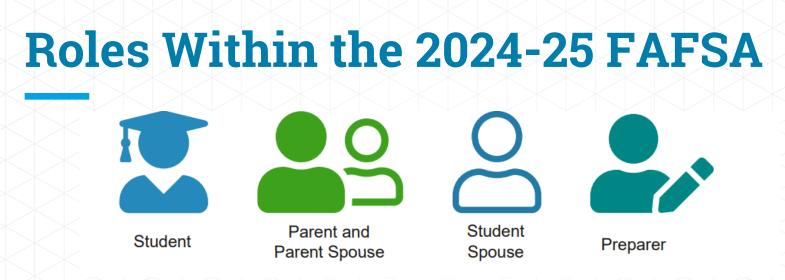
Availability of FAFSA

2024-25 FAFSA December 2023



2025-26 FAFSA October 1, 2024





- Contributors will need an FSA ID to access the FAFSA application.
- No more ability to start a FAFSA form with just student identifiers.
- Contributors without an SSN will be able to acquire an FSA ID.
- Parent and student contributors must log in separately to complete their respective sections.

Who is a Contributor?

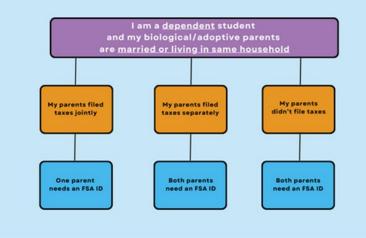
• The student's dependency, marital, and tax filing statuses will determine if additional contributors are required on the FAFSA form.



- If married and filed jointly with current spouse, then minimal information about current spouse is required and the spouse doesn't have to log in.
- If married or unmarried/living together but did not file taxes jointly, then both will need to log in and sign the FAFSA form.

Who Needs an FSA ID Graphic *mefa*®

Who Needs an FSA ID?



An FSA ID graphic

Though the FAFSA won't be available until December, your Grade 12 students and their parents can, and should, get an FSA ID now, which they'll need to log in to the application. Who exactly needs an FSA ID? Every student will need to establish one, as will at least one, and sometimes two, parents. Our graphic provides the details.

Create Your FSA ID Account

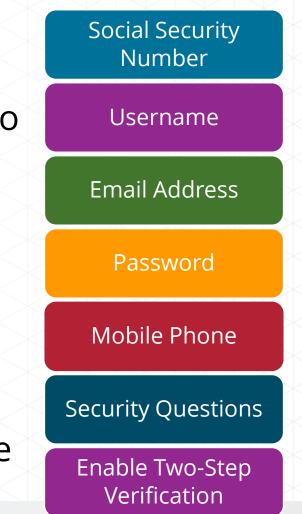
- The student applying for aid and all contributors providing information on the FAFSA need to create an FSA ID at <u>studentaid.gov/fsa-id</u>.
- Create at least 4 days prior to completing the FAFSA.
- Legal signature for student and contributors.
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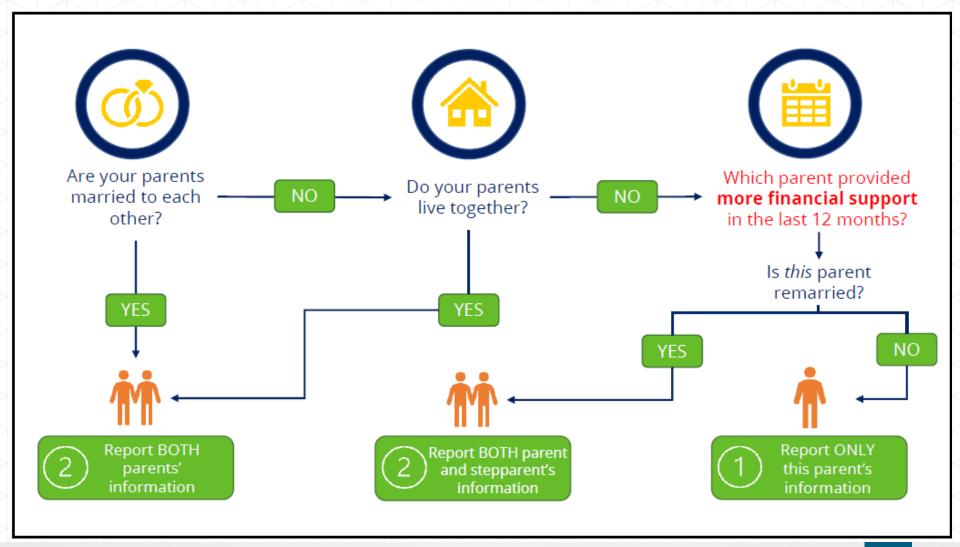
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Whose Information Should Be Provided?



Consent

Applicant and any required contributor on the FAFSA must provide consent. They are consenting to:

- Direct Data Exchange to import applicant, parent, parent spouse, and/or student spouse Federal Tax Information (FTI).
- Redisclose FTI to state entities, institutions, and scholarship organizations.



A Few of the FAFSA Changes 2024-25



Families must report net value of business or farm they own unless they qualify to exclude assets on FAFSA. Need clarification on definition of farm.



Dependents in Family Size

Must live with parent(s) or live apart due to college enrollment and must receive more than 50% of their support from parent(s) and continue to receive this during upcoming award year.



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. Time frame refers to the past 12 months or the most recent time. That the student resided with a parent.

Any updates from our members?