

IMPORTANT FAFSA UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

2024-25 FAFSA Updates

- **Mixed status families:** Parents and guardians without a social security number (SSN) are now able to complete their portion of the FAFSA application.
 - Note, there are still some technical issues for these families—for example, parents and guardians without an SSN cannot import income information from the IRS, so they will need to enter this information manually.
- **Paper applications:** Students who previously filed a paper FAFSA in order to meet a college's deadline should NOT replace it with an electronic application. Doing so would reset their submission date and may cause them to miss their college's deadline. Please advise students to be patient and wait for the paper application to be processed.
- **Delayed financial aid packaging:** Because of the new FAFSA, colleges will have to process more applications in less time, so families should expect financial aid offers to be delayed.
 - While financial aid offers will arrive later than usual this year, many colleges have adjusted deadlines to be flexible.
 - Even if a student misses a college's priority deadlines, they may still be eligible for aid. Urge them to apply as soon as possible.
 - The FAFSA landing page is available in Spanish at WAGrant.org/fafsa-es
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- **Videos for families:** The landing page also includes a new [financial aid overview video](#). This resource has info about federal and state aid, including this year's FAFSA issues.
 - WSAC outreach staff are developing more informational and tutorial videos in both English and Spanish. Stay tuned!

We know this year's FAFSA process is stressful and frustrating for families, but most technical issues with the FAFSA have been resolved. And the WASFA is available for those who aren't eligible for federal aid, including undocumented students. Please help us spread the message that it's worth it to apply for financial aid!

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