



THE BETTER FAFSA: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

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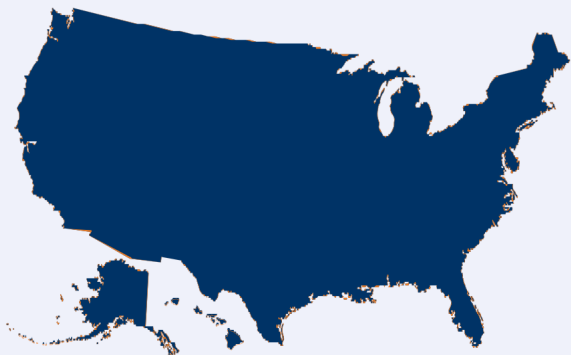
FIRST - THANK YOU

We know it was an incredibly challenging year. Thank you for all the work you did to support students and families through the process. The work you did made a difference.

If no one has recognized your hard work, know that we see you and appreciate you!!

***through June 14*

How are we doing?



NATIONAL

*44.7% Seniors
Completed*

-12.4% change



MISSOURI

*41.1% Seniors
Completed (32nd)*

*-12.2% change
(19th)*

LOOKING AHEAD

OPENING DATE

FSA is working towards an October 1 opening for the 25-26 form

SAME FUNCTIONALITY

FSA has said that form functionality and questions will be the same. Hopefully fewer processing delays

FSA ID IS KEY

Start early so you can address problems before the FAFSA opens

NO SSN PARENTS - START FSA ID PROCESS EARLY

WHAT WORKS

- 1** Create and verify FSAID early (and save the password!!)
***** Triple check name, DOB, and SSN**
***** Watch for a space after a name or email**
- 2** Parent start the FAFSA and invite the student when possible
*****If the parent has no SSN have student start**
- 3** Have a paper FAFSA handy if you have to hand type tax information
- 4** FSA chat is more helpful than phone call
- 5** Read the unsubsidized loan question carefully

Have Plan A,B,C,D,E

1 EXPECT THE BEST, PLAN FOR THE WORST

- *Expectation this year was that FSA had a clear plan and timeline*
- *Moving forward we know that FSA timelines are very subject to change - how can we adapt to that?*

2 HAVE CONTINGENCY PLANS READY EARLY

- *Back up plans for everything*
- *Proactively think about timelines and policies*



Good Information is Key

1 DETERMINE BEST SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- *Federal Student Aid, NCAN, NASFAA, uAspire, mofafsa.org*
- *Who are your “phone a friends”?*

2 MAKE A PLAN TO SHARE KEY POINTS

- *Can one person gather information and share out?*
- *Who needs updates?*

3 UPDATE EVERYTHING

- *Websites, handouts, presentations, etc.*

4 PROJECT CONFIDENCE

- *Families heard the bad - how can we empower them this year?*

FAFSA SUPPORT THIS YEAR



- 14 IN PERSON MASFAP WORKSHOPS
 - SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER
 - FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID
- VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS WITH UASPIRE
 - FAFSA WALKTHROUGH
 - INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL AID
- MOFAFSA.ORG
- REQUEST AN EXPERT THROUGH MASFAP

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