



FAFSA Updates!!!

Every October students are encouraged to apply for financial aid for the next academic year. There is an expected delay for the 2024-2025 application as the U.S. Department of Education rolls out the “Better FAFSA, Better Future” application. **Instead of opening October 1st, the FAFSA will be available in December 2023 for the upcoming academic year (2024-25).**

To better understand what is happening, here are some changes to anticipate:

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will **NOT** be available October 1st. The application is still undergoing changes and will be available in December 2023.
 - The WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) will follow the timeline and changes to the application like the FAFSA application.
 - Changes to the FAFSA (beyond the timeline) include:
 - The new form will be available in 11 languages
 - New terminology related to cost of attendance
 - Expanded Pell Grant eligibility
 - Change from EFC (Expected Family Contribution) to new SAI (Student Aid Index)
 - All individuals that contribute to a student's FAFSA will create an ID number to upload their tax information.

Check with your high school Financial Aid Specialist for updates and scheduling financial aid info nights, completion events, and assisting students and families with the FSA ID process.