

FSA ID & Password



Common FSA ID Issues

- Not providing an email address
- An email address can only be used once; it cannot be used with anyone else's FSA ID
- SSN, DOB, and full name is attached to records
- You must have an SSN to create an FSA ID
- Not attaching previous PIN to current FSA ID; results in 1-3 day wait to use it

Documents Needed for the FAFSA

- Social Security Number
- 2015 Federal Income Tax Return
- Bank Statements
- Asset Information
 - Does not include primary residence
 - Does not include 401K or IRA balances
- Untaxed income information

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Links to the IRS for reported tax information
- Populates financial information pages
- Accurate tax records, rather than estimates

IRS Data Retrieval Tool



Old FAFSA

IRS Data Retrieval Tool



New FAFSA

TIPS

- Apply Early!
- Give yourself time to fill it out
- Save your filled out pages
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- Double check your information, especially your SSN
- Look for alerts and messages

Common FAFSA Issues

- SSN/DOB/Legal Name/Gender
- Dependent vs Independent Status
- Who Is My Parent?
- Undocumented Student/Parent(s)
- Special Circumstances

Common FAFSA Issues

- Legal Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Gender – Selective Service

The screenshot shows the 'Student Demographic Information' section of the FAFSA form. It includes fields for:

- Your last name, Your first name, and Your middle initial
- Your Social Security Number
- Your date of birth (month/day/year)
- Are you male or female? (Male/Female radio buttons)
- Your permanent mailing address (include apt. numbers)
- Your city (and county if not U.S.), Your state (dropdown menu showing Kansas)
- Your ZIP code
- Have you lived in Kansas for at least 3 years? (Yes/No radio buttons)
- Your permanent telephone number
- Your e-mail address
- What is your marital status as of today? (Single dropdown)
- Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide? (Yes/No radio buttons)

Common FAFSA Issues

- Born before Jan. 1, 1992
- Veteran
- Active duty - military
- Married
- Children or other dependents
- Both parents deceased
- Foster care past age 13
- Dependent/ward of court past age 13
- Legal guardianship
- Emancipated minor
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Graduate student

- Answer No to ALL questions – they are Dependent
- Answer YES to ANY questions – they are Independent

Common FAFSA Issues

- Who is my parent?
 - Parents are living together: include both on the FAFSA
 - Parents are divorced or separated: include the parent that you lived with more during the past 12 months
 - If equal, include the parent that provided more financial support in the last 12 months
 - If equal, determine which parent to put on the FAFSA
 - If a student is putting a parent on the FAFSA that has remarried, the stepparent's financial information must also be included on the FAFSA.

Grandparents, foster parents, and legal guardians are NOT considered parents unless they legally adopted you

Common FAFSA Issues

- Undocumented Parent(s)
 - SSN should be reported as 000-00-0000
 - Cannot obtain an FSA ID, so they will need to complete a signature page in order to sign the FAFSA
- Undocumented Students/DACA Students
 - Not eligible for federal financial aid
 - If a student does not have a SSN, they cannot compete a FAFSA
 - If a student is a DACA student, they would answer "No, I am not a legal citizen or eligible noncitizen" to the "Are you a U.S. Citizen" question on the FAFSA.

Common FAFSA Issues

- Special Circumstances:
 - the FAFSA does not reflect the current financial situation
 - Loss of Income
 - Increased Non-Discretionary Expenses

What does the FAFSA do?

- Cost of Attendance – determined by school
 - Includes tuition, fees, room & board, books & supplies, transportation expenses and personal expenses
- Estimated Family Contribution – determined by FAFSA
 - EFC is used to determine aid eligibility for each student
- Need-based vs non-need-based aid
 - $COA - EFC = \text{Need}$

When the FAFSA is submitted...

- Priority Dates
- Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Verification
- Financial Aid Offers
 - Earlier FAFSA = Earlier Offers?

The Shopping Sheet

Types of Aid

Types of Aid

- **Grants**
 - Federal
 - Pell, TEACH, FSEOG
 - State
 - Kansas Comprehensive Grant
 - Institutional
- **Loans**
 - Federal
 - Subsidized, Unsubsidized, PLUS
 - Private
- **Federal Work Study**
 - Federal dollars paid in exchange for part-time employment in certain jobs on campus
 - School comes first
- **Scholarships**
 - Institutional
 - Private/Outside
 - State/KBOR

KBOR Scholarships

www.kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants

State Programs


Kansas Comprehensive Grant

- Available to public & independent 4-yr schools
- Need-based; full-time enrollment required
- Only FAFSA application required for consideration – no state application required
- \$3,500 max./\$200 min. – Independent Institutions
- \$1,500 max./\$100 min. – Public Institutions

State Programs


Kansas State Scholarship

- Available to public, independent 4-yr institutions & community colleges
- Need & merit-based; full-time enrollment required
- Kansas Scholars Curriculum (KSC) Completion required
- Must file FAFSA and state application
- \$1,000 maximum award

State Programs 


Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship

- Available to public, independent 4-yr institutions & community colleges
- Need & merit-based; full-time enrollment required
- Must file FAFSA & state application
- \$1,850 maximum award

State Programs 


Career Technical Workforce Grant (formerly the Kansas Vocational Scholarship)

- Available to technical schools & colleges, community colleges and state universities w/technical programs
- Awarded to students enrolled in high demand/critical industry programs of study. Priority to given to those with financial need.
- New award amount: \$1,000
- Available to part-time and full-time students; award amount pro-rated based on enrollment hours
- Must file FAFSA and state application

State Programs 


Kansas Career Work Study Program

- Available to public 4-yr institutions
- Need-based; FAFSA required; students may be enrolled either part-time or full-time; application process takes place at the institution
- Students work in career-related occupations off-campus

State Programs 

Military Service Scholarship


- Available to 4-yr public institutions, community colleges, & technical colleges
- Tuition assistance for those who have served in international waters or on foreign soil in support of military operations for at least 90 days. Must provide documentation (i.e. DD-214 or active duty orders) that they have been in a military operation for which they received hostile fire pay.
- Maximum award amount – tuition & required fees, subject to appropriations.
- Need-based; must file FAFSA & state application; may be enrolled either part-time or full-time

State Programs 

Fee Waiver Programs

- **Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Public Safety Officers:** Available to students who have lost a parent or spouse in the line of duty (includes law enforcement officers, firefighters, & emergency medical services attendants)
- **Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Military Personnel:** Available to students who have lost a parent or spouse on or after 9/11/01 while in active duty military service
- **Former Prisoners of War:** Available to former prisoners of war – includes individuals who, while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, were declared a POW by the U.S. Secretary of Defense after January 1, 1960


- Available at state regents 4-yr institutions, community colleges, technical schools & colleges & Washburn University
- Students may be enrolled either part-time or full-time
- Maximum amount of award up to required tuition & fees, not to exceed 10 semesters of undergraduate instruction

State Programs 

ROTC Tuition Waiver

- Available to participating public 4-yr institutions
- Recipients are selected at the institution; separate application required
- Students must be enrolled full-time
- Maximum award up to 70% cost of attendance
- Service obligation – after completion of degree student must become commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and serve for not less than 4 yrs. as a commissioned officer with the Kansas Army National Guard


**State Programs
(Service Obligation Required)**



Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship

- Available to public, independent 4-yr institutions & community colleges
- Merit-based/competitive
- State application required
- Students may be enrolled either part-time or full-time and can be either enrolled in coursework leading to a bachelor's or master's degree in a hard-to-fill teaching discipline
- Upper class undergraduate students & current teachers given priority
- Must plan to work in hard-to-fill discipline or underserved geographic area of the state
- Service obligation – 1 yr of service for 1 yr of scholarship
- \$5,514 maximum award for AY 2016-17 (award increased each year based on CPI). Award amount prorated based on number of hours enrolled

**State Programs
(Service Obligation Required)**



Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship

- Available to public, independent 4-yr institutions, community college & technical schools/colleges
- Need-based; full-time enrollment required
- Students must acquire a sponsor
- State application required
- Service obligation – 1 yr of service for 1 yr of scholarship
- \$3,500 for RN/\$2,500 for LPN maximum awards

**State Programs
(Service Obligation Required)**



National Guard Tuition Assistance

- Available to public & independent 4-yr institutions, community colleges, & technical colleges
- Students must be enrolled full-time
- Must file state application
- Service obligation – student agrees to complete their current military service obligation, plus three months service for each semester of assistance received

Resources for Outside Scholarships

- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
- www.scholarshipexperts.com
- www.scholarships.com
- <https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarships/>
- www.hispanicfund.org
- www.uncf.org
- www.chegg.com

Financial Literacy

- The 5 Pillars
 - Income and Financial Aid - Your cash coming in
 - Checking and Savings - Where to hold your cash
 - Cash Management - The best ways to track expenses and spend your cash wisely
 - Credit Cards - Advantages and disadvantages
 - Credit History - The importance of keeping a clean financial track record

Financial Literacy

mycollegemoneyplan.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of My College Money Plan. At the top, it says "MY COLLEGE MONEY PLAN". Below that is a banner with a graduate and the text "graduate with FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE". A navigation menu on the left includes "Learning Navigation" (highlighted), "My Classes", and "My Worksheets". A "get started" button is circled in red. The main text describes the online course as a free resource for students and families. At the bottom, there are three columns for "STUDENTS", "FAMILIES", and "TEACHERS".

Resources for Federal Aid

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>



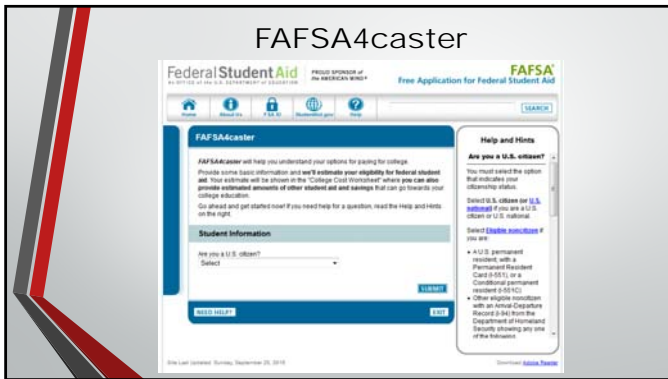
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<https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/index.jsp>



FAFSA4caster

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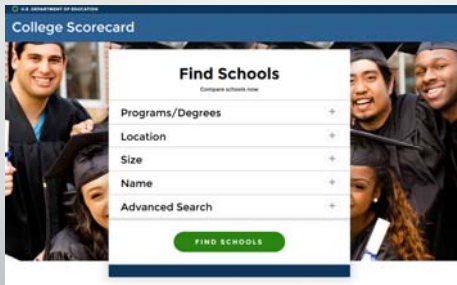


Resources for Federal Aid

<http://www.finaid.org/>

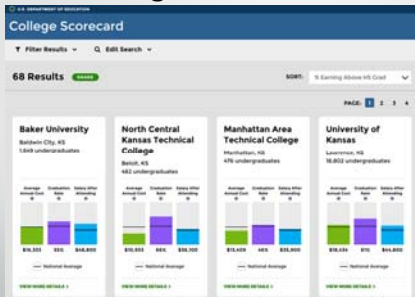


College Scorecard



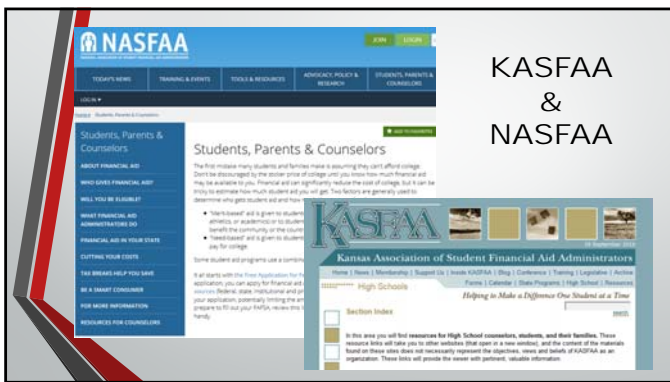
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Evaluation

- When would you attend a workshop?
- How far will your district allow you to travel?
- What professional organizations do you belong to?
- Would CEUs for these workshops benefit you?
- Would you attend in-person at KASF AA conferences?
- If you could not attend in-person, would you want a live stream available?
