2022–2023 Update

High School Counselor Workshop
Housekeeping

- Session is being recorded and will be posted to the PacFAA and P20 websites – www.pacfaa.org and www.p20hawaii.org

- Your cameras, microphones and the chat have been turned off. Please post your questions in the Q&A during the session

- Restrooms are down the hall to the left or right

Updates

- PacFAA Updates
  - Eli Jennings

- HACAC updates
  - Rochelle Sakurai
Announcements at Financial Aid Workshop
Sept. 17, 2021

General Membership Meeting- November 9th
Save the Date!
4 PM, via Zoom, invite forthcoming.
Please Share with Students:
NACAC Virtual National College Fairs (Eastern Time Zone)

https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/students/

Member Benefits- Scholarships!

September 23-25 - NACAC National Conference, Seattle, WA

We awarded six HACAC scholarships for the NACAC National Conference Virtual Conference. Mahalo to Development Chair Cindy Montgomery for coordinating this effort!
HACAC Affiliate Meeting at NACAC - Pau Hana Reception

Going in-person to Seattle for the NACAC National Conference?

Join us in Seattle on Thursday, September 23 at 5:00pm-6:30pm (Pacific Time)

Washington State Convention Center - Rm. 204

You're Invited!

HACAC Professional Development - October

Workshop Title: Exploring Implicit Biases when Writing Letters of Recommendation

Description: Whether this is your first year or this is your 20th year writing letters of recommendation, we know you got this! However, as educators and lifelong learners, we can all agree that there are always ways we can be even better advocates for our students in the college process. One of the ways we can do this is by being more aware of the words we use when writing our letters of recommendation. More specifically, being more intentional in exorcising unintentional implicit biases that could be present in those advocacy letters. Implicit biases can filter into our daily interactions, and they can exist in our letters. For this workshop, we will discuss ways we can be more aware of our implicit biases, and we will provide resources that can assist you in updating your letters.

Date & Time: Thursday, October 7, 2021 @ 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Invite: Coming soon!

Mahalo to Cherry Cachero for this workshop!
HACAC Professional Development - November

Mahalo to Teri-Ann Matsuda, PD Chair

The Happiness Workshop - Explore meaningful ways to be happy during the pandemic and how these strategies can extend to our colleagues and students.

Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Time: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

HACAC Membership- Renewals Extended One Year
We also welcome new members!
HAWAI‘I ACAC

Questions/ Concerns?
Communications@hawaiiacac.org

Thank you for joining us!
Enjoy your weekend!

Hawaii P–20

› Live on stage – here to rock your world.....

› DJ Gusty Gus!!

› Gus Cobb–Adams
Hawai‘i P-20 Updates
September 17, 2021

FAFSA Completion Events

• Virtual events starting in November with high schools
• Same format as Spring 2021 events
• Frank to send out google sign up form in early October
Resources

- How to Pay for College Booklet – digital version
- collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com – fin aid resources
- Webinar Recordings
  - Fall Financial Aid Info Nights
  - Scholarship Night – coming soon!

REMINDER! Nov. 1 CCCR PLC Webinar:
Using the HIDOE Dashboard and LDS to Increase FAFSA Completion Rates

Cash for College

- More details next week!
- CASH awards for senior class activities!
- Mahalo to sponsors: Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, BOH Foundation
GEAR UP Workshops

- September 20: College 101
- September 21: Finding Scholarships
- September 22: How to Pay for College
- September 23: 2-Year College vs. 4-Year University

Register at:
collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/GUWeek2021

Scholarship Aha (Virtual)

- October 21
- November 10
- December 17
College Application Events

- Virtual UH application events starting **October 20 – December 5** (Wednesdays): 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Registration coming soon at: collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/UHappnights2021

Questions?
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University of Hawai‘i
Common Scholarship Application

Fall 2021 Scholarship Information Night
UH System Website:
www.hawaii.edu/tuition/scholarships/

- Visit UH Systems Financial Aid Scholarship Page for:
  - More scholarship information
  - Timeline
  - Checklist
  - FAQ’s

Scholarship Manager Website:
https://uhsys.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com

- Complete your UH System Common Scholarship Application
- If you’ve applied for Hawaii Community Foundation scholarships, you may need to first migrate your account.
Important Things to Remember

- Due Dates
- Letters of Reference
- Essays
- FAFSA
- Making Changes

Important Contacts

- Our System Office (Scholars@Hawaii.edu, 808-956-6203)
- Your home campus Financial Aid office
- Your references
Kamehameha Schools

- Day Mau
Multiple Opportunities

- KS College Scholarships
- Nā Ho`okama a Pauahi
- Ho`okawowo
- Kūlana Kumu
- Mauū
- Pauahi Foundation Scholarships

KS College Scholarships
Eligibility Criteria – must meet all 5 criteria for all programs

1. Hawai`i resident
2. Full-time student
3. Classified, degree-seeking student
4. Demonstrates financial need
5. Meets KS maximum funding guideline
KS College Scholarships
Steps to Apply

1. CSS Profile
   • Available 10/1/21
   • Deadline 1/14/22
   • https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org

2. Net Partner
   • KS Certification Statement
   • KS Affirmation Statement
   • Short Answer

3. IDOC
   • 2020 tax return
   • 2020 W2s
   • As required
   • Ward of Court legal document
   • KS Authorization to Release of Information form

Eligible Renewal Students

- No CSS Profile Needed
- Must meet criteria:
  - Awarded for SY 2021-22 and accepted award by 9/15/21
  - Same degree level
  - Graduating after the 2022-2023 AY
  - Within Maximum Funding Guidelines
  - Separate notification in October
Pauahi Foundation Scholarships

Eligibility Criteria

1. Hawai‘i residency not required
2. Full-time or Half-time enrollment (for select scholarships)
3. Classified, degree-seeking student

Supplemental Documents
- HS or College transcripts (whichever applies)
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Student Aid Report
- Additional essay

Steps to Apply

1. Online Application
   - Available 11/8/21
   - Deadline 12/23/21
   - Ksbe.edu/college

2. As required by individual fund:
   - Transcripts (whichever applies)
   - Letter(s) of recommendation
   - Student Aid Report
   - Additional essay
Tips for Success

- Apply early
  - Early applicants receive courtesy reminders
  - Read and respond to calls and emails from KS
- Visit the KS Outreach Support Services website – www.ksbe.edu/college
  - Use the Application Checklist to complete your application
  - Follow the Application Step-by-Step Guide for detailed help
- Kōkua available at KS Resource Centers
  - Locations – https://apps.ksbe.edu/resourcecenters/locations/oahu/
  - Call us – 808.534.8080 or toll free 1.800.842.4682, then press 2

Mahalo
Tara Shibuya
Hawaii Community Foundation

Hawaii Community Foundation
College Scholarships
2022-2023 Academic Year

www.HawaiiCommunityFoundation.org
Why Apply for HCF’s Scholarships?

One online application may qualify you for...
- Over 200+ Scholarship Funds
- Over $7 million in scholarship awards
- Over 1600 scholarship awards
  - Average scholarship award = ~$6,200
  - 32% of awardees received multiple HCF scholarships

We do the work for you!

Documents

- **Grade Transcript**
  - Required for Application Submission
  - Transcript that contains name of student, name of school, course history, description and grades, cumulative GPA.
  - Current year’s fall grades are encouraged for continuing college students

- **2022-2023 Student Aid Report (SAR)** from FAFSA
  - Recommended to maximize eligibility of HCF Scholarships
  - Expected Family Contribution (EFC) included
  - Do not accept submission confirmation
  - **Letters of Recommendation** – Optional
Important Dates

Online Application Opens:
November 15, 2021

Deadline:
January 31, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Hawaii Standard Time

Contact HCF Scholarships

Email: scholarships@hcf-hawaii.org
Phone: 566-5570 or 1-888-731-3863 (toll free)
Website: www.HawaiiCommunityFoundation.org
Scholarship FAQ’s
Hawaii CC System

- Cathy Bio

Post-Pandemic Hawai’i and UHCC:
Reimagining Admissions and Financial Aid

Cathy Bio, UHCC Director of Student Success
Post-Pandemic Hawai‘i and UHCC

*UH must be nimble in implementing organization and structural changes that will enable us to more effectively and affordably focus on the needs of Hawai‘i* – UH President David Lassner

**What does this mean for UHCCs?**

- Align programs of study to increase the availability of programs and courses across the system and address duplication
- Increase interdependency across campuses and share resources to serve our students and communities
- Combine and streamline operational units for efficiency
- Maintain focus on student success by Re-imagining the student experience

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**Admissions**

**What does this mean for Admissions? Planning for Fall 2022**

- **Establish a Central Admissions Office (CADO)**
  - Centralize back-end processing of functions: Moving from Transactional to Relational model at campuses
  - **CADO:**
    - Acceptance, holds, residency, transcript evaluation, health clearance
  - **UHCC Campuses:**
    - Re-imagining the student application process
    - Expedited admissions for Direct-from-High School (“Fast Pass”)
    - Liaison App: Updates based on feedback – Stay tuned for “How To” Videos and PPTS
    - College application webinars: Every Wednesday starting Oct. 20 (P20)
What does this mean for Financial Aid? Started Fall 2020

- Established a Central Financial Aid Office (CFAO)
  - Centralize back-end processing of functions: Moving from Transactional to Relational model at campuses
  - Align policies & procedures for consistency, equity and improved student experience

- Changes that impact students:
  - Improved Verification process for students
    - Obtain tax data directly from IRS
    - Collect electronic signatures from students and parents
    - Smart logic - expedites process
    - Tools: Chatbot 24/7 and Google Translator - 100 languages

What does this mean for Financial Aid? Started Fall 2021

- Collectively targeting institutional aid for specific populations to support equity – Moving away from “First-come, First-Served” model

- Leveraging aid programs: UH Opportunity Grant and Hawaii Promise

- Participated in an Equity Audit for Financial Aid Policies (10 campus)
  - Clear definition of equity
  - Prioritize need-based aid-incorporate FAFSA into merit-aid application
  - Focus on efforts to increase FAFSA completion rates, esp UHCCs
  - Prioritize consistent approach to awarding practices
Student Success Outcomes

- Consistent policies and practices to lessen student confusion
- Increase in first-year momentum
- Increase in completion in a timely manner
- Reduced equity gaps in attainment for under-represented populations

Questions?
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2022–23 Delivery System

COVID–19

- It depends
- Maybe
- Varies by Institution – check with the school
- It will change
- I don’t know
2021–2022 Funding Levels

- Maximum Scheduled Award: $6,495
- Increase of $150 for 2021–2022
- Able to receive up to 150% of scheduled Pell award
- Minimum Award – $650
- Maximum eligible EFC – 5846

Year Round Pell Grants

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 allows a student to receive Pell Grant funds up to 150% of the student’s Scheduled Award for an award year.

Effective beginning with the 2017-2018 award year

Applied to the summer of 2017 ONLY IF treated as a header to 2017-2018 award year

Dear Colleague Letter GEN-17-06
**General Requirements**

Student must be otherwise eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the payment period.

Student must be enrolled at least half-time in the payment period for which the student received the additional Pell Grant funds.

Additional Pell Grant funds will count towards students 600% Pell LEU.

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**FSA ID**

- The FSA ID — a username and password — has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites.

  - fafsa.gov
  - the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®): nslds.ed.gov
  - StudentLoans.gov
  - StudentAid.gov
  - Agreement to Serve (ATS): teach-ats.ed.gov
FSA ID Challenges

- **email address**
  - Can be associated with only one FSA ID
  - Free email accounts at Gmail.com, Hotmail.com or a similar service

- **email address is invalid**
  - Common email address errors
    - Space before, within or after the email address
    - An extra period
    - Doubled letters
  - Student and parent FSA IDs are swapped

FSA ID Challenges

- **Name mismatch**
  - The name used with the FSA ID must match the name on your Social Security Card

- **Date of birth mismatch**

- **Social Security Number mismatch**
FSA ID Challenges

- Easy for students and parents to forget their username and password
  - The FSA ID may be used only once a year
  - Email addresses may have changed

- Write down the FSA ID username, email address, password and security questions/answers

- Take a picture!

New IRS Tax Forms starting in the 2018 Tax Year

- New Tax Form 1040 shortened/simplified (postcard size)

- Old Tax Form 1040 line items moved to new Schedules 1 – 6

- Tax Forms 1040A/1040EZ Eliminated

- Tax Form Schedule 1 used as the proxy for same purpose that 1040A/1040EZ had for Auto-Zero and Simplified Needs Test eligibility
fafsa.gov and fsaid.ed.gov are both being redirected to studentaid.gov

Redirect will continue until April, 2022 – or later??

Eventually (soon) all (most) Federal Financial Aid sites will launch from studentaid.gov
2022 – 2023 FAFSA

- Color rotation
  - Blue, Yellow, Orange, Green
- Color rotation for 2022–2023 is
  - Blue (students)
    - PMS 633
  - Purple (parents)
    - PMS 263

myStudentAid mobile app

- Before You Start
  - myStudentAid is the official app of Federal Student Aid. It is not related to the U.S. Department of Education.
  - FAFSA on the Web

- Start Here
  - I am the Parent
  - I am the Student
  - I am the Preparer

- FAFSA ID:
  - Username
  - Password
  - FSA ID

- Help & Support:
  - Learn more about the FSA ID
The workaround:

- Do not enter the name of the High School
- Enter the city and state
- Click on the Search button on the bottom in the blue box
- Select the High School from the list
- Click Next
FAFSA Issues

- May also crash out after signing and clicking submit
- Same box with the same error words
- FAFSA will have been submitted and student will receive confirmation email in a few minutes
- Only be missing out on the final confirmation page – not a big deal.
- However, if you want to beat this error, here's the trick:
  - Once the error box shows up – do not click ok!
  - Move the cursor to the upper left side of the screen – anywhere is fine
  - Left click one time, and then press the Esc key
  - The confirmation page will magically appear!
  - All kind of strange I know, but it works
IRS DRT will now automatically answer the question about whether or not a Schedule 1 was filed

- The answer will be based on all current exceptions for filing a Schedule 1

- instead of the “Filed a Schedule 1?” entry fields, students and parents will see the words “Transferred from the IRS.”
Did your parents file Schedule 1?

- Answer “No” if you did not file a Schedule 1 or only filed it to report:
  - Unemployment compensation
  - Alaska Permanent Fund dividend
  - Educator expenses
  - IRA deduction
  - Student loan interest deduction

- If you filed a Schedule 1 and reported additional income or adjustments to income other than, or in addition to, the six exceptions shown above, you must answer “Yes.”

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Students completing a 2022–23 FOTW will be able to utilize IRS Data Retrieval Tool as of October 1st
- Data available in English and Spanish
IRS Data Retrieval Tool

• FOTW includes logic/questions to determine if applicant is eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

• Applicant’s response will take him or her to the IRS system or provide a message that the applicant should use own financial figures to complete FOTW

• “Unmarried and both parents living together” not eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval

• Same gender married couples using “married filing jointly” status can use IRS Data Retrieval

IRS Data Retrieval Tool 2022–2023

› All DRT data continues to be encrypted, FAFSA applicants cannot make corrections, only institutions will be able to make corrections

› IRS data field flags identify what, if any, information was changed
Rollover

- If the Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) transfers a non-zero amount into the untaxed pension or IRA distribution field, the applicant will be able to report the amount of rollover and the Central Processing System (CPS) will subtract it.

- The IRS Data Field Flag will be “2” – Field changed by user prior to submission of application.

- To complete verification of this item, students will need to submit a signed statement certifying that the untaxed pension or IRA distribution contained a rollover.

Challenges with IRS Data Retrieval

- Recently filed tax returns
- Tax returns not yet filed
- Mismatched identifying information
- Mismatched marital status
- Rollovers
- Foreign income tax returns
- Paper FAFSAs
Federal Loan Interest Rates

- Rates are the same for undergraduate subsidized and unsubsidized loans.
- Rates are different between undergraduate students and graduate students.
- Fixed rate set each year. Applies for the life of the loan.

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<td>Graduate or Professional</td>
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Interest Rates

- For Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2021, and before July 1, 2022, the interest rate is 6.284%.

- These are fixed interest rates for the life of the loan.

Variable Rate Loans

- Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans before July 1, 2006:
  
  In-school rate = 1.79%
  Repayment rate = 2.39%

- Parent Loans = 3.19%
Sequestration - Last year – or not!

- Direct Sub and Direct Unsub Origination Fee

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- Direct PLUS Origination Fee

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From October 1, 2022 and on, it should be, could be, maybe:

- Direct Sub and Direct Unsub: 1%
- PLUS Loans: 4%
Sequestration – Last Year – not!

- Sequestration was supposed to expire at the end of FY2021

- However, sequestration on mandatory spending was extended through FY2030

- This affects the student loan origination fees, the reduction in the Iraq–Afghanistan Service Grants and the reduction in the TEACH Grants.

ANNUAL STUDENT LOAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
(Currently paused)

- Beginning with the 2021–22 Award Year:
  - Require student and parent borrower to view/acknowledge current amount owed in Federal student loans
  - Must be completed prior to school making 1st disbursement of the 1st Direct Loan that a student or parent borrower received for each new award year
  - Available at StudentAid.gov
EFC Formula: Assets

Reported on the FAFSA:

- Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, including real estate but excluding the family’s primary residence
- Net worth of businesses and investment farms

EFC Formula: Assets

Parents’ contribution from assets:

- Asset Protection Allowance subtracted from net worth
- Contribution is 12% of remaining assets
EFC Formula: Assets

Student’s contribution from assets:

- 20% of net worth
- No Asset Protection Allowance!

Asset Protection Allowance (APA)

- 2021–2022
  - Parent age = 40
    - 2 Parents = $5500
    - 1 Parent = $2100
  - Parent age = 65+ (Max)
    - 2 Parents = $10500
    - 1 Parent = $3900

  - FAFSA Question: As of today, does the total amount of your parents’ current total assets exceed (APA)?
Asset Protection Allowance (APA)

- **2022–2023**
  - Parent age = 40
    - 2 Parents = $3100
    - 1 Parent = $0
  - Parent age = 65+ (Max)
    - 2 Parents = $5900
    - 1 Parent = $0

- FAFSA Question: As of today, does the total amount of your parents’ current total assets exceed (APA)? Don’t think this question will be there!

Income Protection Allowance (IPA)

- Parents of Dependent Students:

  - **2021 – 2022**
    - # in Family = 3, # in College = 1
      - $24,200
    - # in Family = 6, # in College = 1
      - $41,250

  - **2022 – 2023**
    - # in Family = 3, # in College = 1
      - $24,440
    - # in Family = 6, # in College = 1
      - $41,670
Income Protection Allowance (IPA)

- Dependent Student:
  - 2020–2021 = $6840.00

- Dependent Student:
  - 2021–2022 = $6970.00

- Dependent Student:
  - 2022–2023 = $7040.00

Simplified Needs

- A dependent student qualifies for the simplified EFC formula if:
  - Anyone in the parents’ household size received benefits during the past two years from any of the designated means-tested federal benefit programs:
    - Medicaid Program
    - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program
    - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
    - Free and Reduced Price School Lunch Program
Simplified Needs

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

OR

- Parents filed a 2020 IRS Form 1040, but did not file a Schedule 1 (see note – wait for it!)
- filed a tax form from a Trust Territory
- Were not required to file any income tax return

OR

- Student’s parent is a dislocated worker

Simplified Needs

- Applicants may also qualify if they only filed a Schedule 1 to report the following additions or adjustments to income:
  - Unemployment compensation
  - Alaska Permanent Fund dividends
  - Educator expenses
  - IRA deductions
  - Student loan interest deductions
Simplified Needs

AND.....

Simplified Needs

- The combined income of the student’s parents is $49,999 or less.
  - For tax filers = adjusted gross income
  - For non–tax filers = W2 forms of both parents (plus any other earnings from work)
Simplified Needs

- Assets are not considered in the simplified EFC formulas.

Auto 0 EFC

- To be automatically eligible for a zero EFC the requirements are the same as the simplified EFC calculation, except:
  - Income threshold for the parents of dependent students and for independent students and their spouses with dependents is $27,000

- Independent students without dependents other than a spouse cannot receive an automatic zero EFC
Special Circumstances

- **FAFSA® Announcements**
  - If your or your family’s financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you’ve lost a job or otherwise experienced a drop in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. **Complete the FAFSA questions as instructed on the application** (including the transfer of tax return and income information), submit your FAFSA form, then **contact the school you plan to attend** to discuss how your current financial situation has changed. Note that the **school's decision is final** and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education. Visit [StudentAid.gov/coronavirus](https://StudentAid.gov/coronavirus) for more information.
  - From the login screen for the FAFSA

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Professional Judgment: Definition

“the authority of the financial aid administrator, on the basis of adequate documentation, to make adjustments on a case-by-case basis to **the cost of attendance** or the **values of the data items required to calculate the expected student or parent contribution** (or both) to allow for treatment of an individual eligible applicant with special circumstances.”
Professional Judgment

- Families cannot report special circumstances on the FAFSA
- Professional judgment exercised after the family files the FAFSA
- Professional judgment exercised by the financial aid administrator

- Process varies from college to college
  - FAFSA Filed
  - Award Notification Received
- Documentation will always be required
- Final authority of the financial aid administrator
- No appeal of the decision
2021–22 Verification Relief

- Covid-19 related regulatory relief
- Published July 13, 2021
- Waived most FAFSA data elements for verification for remainder of award year (no verification of income, taxes, etc.)
- Concentrating on fraud so still must verify identity and high school completion status for selected V4 and V5 groups
- Not expected to continue for 2022–23

2022–2023 Verification

- Federal update announced September 1
- No changes to the verification tracking groups
  - V1–Standard
  - V4–Custom
  - V5–Aggregate
- Verification Tracking Groups V2, V3, and V6 are reserved and will not be used this year
2022–2023 Verification

V1 – Standard

2020 Tax Year
- Tax Filers Adjusted Gross Income
- U.S. Income Tax Paid
- Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions and Pensions
- IRA Deductions and Payments
- Tax Exempt Interest Income
- Education Tax Credits
- **Nontax Filers** Income Earned from Work

**Tax Filers and NonTax Filers**
- Number of Household Members
- Number in College

V4 – Custom

- Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose
  (High School Completion Status no longer required)

V5 – Aggregate

- V1 plus V4
Verification

- Nontax filers – For independent students and parents of dependent students who did not file and are not required to file an income tax return for the applicable tax year, an institution may accept a signed statement certifying that the individual:
  - Attempted to obtain the VNF from the IRS and was unable, and
  - Has not filed and is not required to file an income tax return for the applicable tax year, and
  - A listing of the sources of any income earned from work and the amount, and
Verification

- A copy of IRS Form W-2, or an equivalent document, for each source of employment income received.
  - copy of a paystub
  - an employment offer letter
  - evidence of direct deposit from an employer

Verification

- A dependent student who is a nontax filer is excluded from the verification requirement to provide confirmation of the dependent student’s non-filing status from the IRS or other relevant tax authority.
Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (V4–V5)

- Students should appear in person at your school and present a valid, un-expired government-issued photo identification (ID)
  - Passport
  - Driver's license
  - Other state-issued ID
  - ID issued by university or college is not sufficient for this purpose.

- Students must also sign a statement of educational purpose that certifies who they are and that the federal student aid they may receive will only be used for educational purposes and for the cost of attending the school.

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (V4–V5)

- A student who is unable to appear at your school must go to a notary public and sign the statement of educational purpose must submit to the school:
  - The Statement of Educational Purpose
  - Certification from the notary that they appeared and presented a government issued photo ID confirming identity
  - A copy of the same ID
Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose Relief

- Remains in effect through the end of the first payment period that begins after the date that the COVID-19 national emergency is rescinded, which has not yet occurred.

- In-person submission and notary requirements for V4 and V5 verification suspended.

- The institution may allow an applicant or student to submit copies of the required verification documents electronically to the institution
  - uploading a photo of the documents (including from a smartphone), PDF, or other similar electronic document through a secure school portal, by email, etc.
  - Institutions may accept a copy of an expired document if it expired after March 1, 2020

Who gets selected for verification?

- Prior to October 2018, 30% of all FAFSA filers
- October 2018–use of Machine Learning Model selected reduced to 22%
- 2020 Cost–benefit analysis done
- October 2020 selection rate reduced to 18%
- 18 million FAFSA filers= 3,240,000 selected
- Most “cost–benefit” to be found with Pell Grant eligible students
IRS 'Get Transcript Online’

- The IRS has reactivated the way for tax filers to request and receive Tax Return Transcripts.

- With the IRS 'Get Transcript Online' tool the tax filer submits an online transcript request to the IRS and, if the request is authenticated, a second window displays the transcript in Portable Document Format (PDF).

IRS Tax Transcript

- Get Transcript Online tool uses a new enhanced two-step, multi-factor authentication process that requires the user to register before submitting a transcript request.

  - User must have:
    - access to a valid email address
    - a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user’s name
    - specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan)
During the new Get Transcript Online registration process, the IRS will send the user a confirmation code via email and an authentication code via text. The IRS email and text will contain a one-time code that the user will use to finalize the Get Transcript Online registration.

May also obtain a tax return transcript by electronically submitting a transcript request using the IRS Get Transcript by Mail option

By submitting a paper Form 4506T-EZ or 4506-T
  ◦ Not now!

By calling 1–800–908–9946
  ◦ ??????????

These request methods will result in the IRS mailing a paper transcript to the address on file with the IRS
IRS Tax Return Transcripts

- Beginning June 28, 2019 the IRS will no longer fax tax transcripts to individual tax filers or third parties.

- Beginning July 1, 2019 the IRS will only mail transcripts to the individual tax filer using the address on record with the IRS. Tax transcripts will no longer be mailed to 3rd parties.

Legislative Update

everything is great.
thanks for asking.

- Through June 30th:
  - 2019–2020:
    - 13,214,867 FAFSAs processed
  - 2020–2021:
    - 12,995,346 FAFSAs processed

  - Total for 2019–2020
    - National: 18,082,583
    - Hawaii: 56,317

Hawaii 19–20 44,057
Hawaii 20–21 44,492

FAFSA Completion Tool

- Allows high school counselors to monitor FAFSA completions for their school.
  - Home » About Us » Data Center » Student Data » Application Volume Reports » FAFSA Completion by High School
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submissions by High School

FAFSA Simplication

- CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021
  - Signed into law: December 27, 2020
    - Includes:
      - FAFSA Simplification Act

- FUTURE ACT (Fostering Undergraduate Talent and Unlocking Resources for Education Act)
  - Signed into law: December 19, 2019
    - Includes:
      - Automatic data exchange (IRS) for the FAFSA
The FAFSA Simplification Act of 2020

- Decrease the number of questions on the FAFSA – 108 down to 36
- Expand the process for transferring financial information from the IRS
- Establish minimum and maximum Pell grant thresholds to improve early awareness and expand Pell eligibility
- Remove barriers to accessing financial aid such as selective service registration and the prohibition on receiving federal financial aid after a drug conviction

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION ACT

- A sweeping redesign and overhaul of FSA systems that contribute to the application and process of Title IV programs.
  - Simple is not easy
  - User experience
  - Back-end systems
- Working with Congress on phased implementation
  - Originally scheduled for 2023–2024
FUTURE ACT – DATA EXCHANGED

DATA EXCHANGED UNDER FUTURE ACT

- Taxpayer identifying information
- Filing status
- Adjusted gross income
- Total exemptions claimed
- Number of dependents
- That no return was filed
- Net earnings from self-employment, wages, and taxable income from a farming business
- Total income tax
- Total received under American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning credits
- IRA distributions not in adjusted gross income
- IRA contributions and payments to self-employment SEP, Keogh, and other plans deducted form income
- Tax-exempt interest received
- Retirement pensions and annuities not included in adjusted gross income
- That Schedule A, B, D, E, F, and H were filed
- Amount reported on Schedule C as net profit or loss

Applicants Who Can’t Use the IRS DRT?

- Unclear at this time how FSA will address FAFSA filers with tax statuses currently ineligible for the DRT
  - file foreign income tax returns
  - file married filing separately
  - parents who have an ITIN
  - Waiting for guidance from FSA
    - these applicants will probably have to answer the relevant questions manually???
FAFSA Simplication

- Early implementation – July 01, 2021:
  - SULA is gone – byby!!
  - Selective Service
  - Drug Conviction

Subsidized Loan Limit (SULA)

- When student has received Direct Subsidized loans for a period of time that is equal to 150% of the published length of the student’s current academic program....
  - Student may not receive additional subsidized loans for enrollment in that program or any program of equal or lesser length
Selective Service and Drug Conviction

  - 2021–22: the Selective Service and drug conviction questions (as well as the option to register with the Selective Service via the FAFSA) will remain on the FAFSA. However, failing to register with the Selective Service or having certain drug convictions will no longer impact a student’s Title IV aid eligibility.

Selective Service and Drug Conviction

- 2022–23: ED will include language in the Comment Codes stating that no further action is necessary on the part of the student or the school. The related questions will remain on the FAFSA and the Comment Codes will still appear, which schools must ignore.
Selective Service and Drug Conviction

- 2023–24: ED will completely remove both the Selective Service and drug conviction questions from the FAFSA, as well as the option to register with the Selective Service via the FAFSA.

REMINDER: the law requiring all males between the age of 18–25 to register for Selective Service remains! (for now)

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION – SAI

STUDENT AID INDEX

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will change to Student Aid Index (SAI) to calculate eligibility for need–based aid except Pell Grant eligibility

- Pell Grant eligibility will follow a different formula to determine eligibility

- SAI will be used to determine the Pell award for amounts less than the maximum Pell
SAI will be simplified compared to EFC
SAI will only include income information that is available from IRS
SAI will change what counts as assets and how assets are treated
SAI could be a negative number
“Auto–Zero” SAI available to those who are not required to file a Federal tax return and those who qualify for a maximum Pell Grant (with few exceptions)

Pell Grant eligibility will not be based on Student Aid Index (SAI). However, the award amount may be impacted by SAI

Eligibility for Pell will be based on Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), household size, and poverty guidelines
FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION

- 2023–2024 (??) FAFSA will also no longer divide the parent contribution portion of the Student Aid Index (previously EFC) by the number of children in college. This will yield a higher Student Aid Index when there are two or more children in college at the same time.
  - Not much of a difference in the SAI for low-income students, but decrease in aid eligibility for middle- and high-income students.

- Child support received will be reported as an asset on the FAFSA, instead of as untaxed income.
Expanded student eligibility for the maximum Pell Grant award based on their income (or their parent’s income), looking at either tax filing status or the national poverty line

Specifically, a student qualifies for the maximum award under the following circumstances:

- If the student, or the student’s parent, was not required to file a federal income tax return;
- If the student, or the student’s parent, is a single parent and has an adjusted gross income equal to or less than 225 percent of the poverty line;
- If the student, or the student’s parent, is not a single parent and has an adjusted gross income equal to or less than 175 percent of the poverty line;

The student aid index (SAI) is automatically set to zero if the student is eligible for the maximum Pell Grant.
Divorced or Separated Parents

- The parent responsible for filing the FAFSA will be based on whichever parent provides more financial support to the student, not the parent with whom the student resides.
- This will be based on financial support provided during the prior-prior tax year, not the 12 months ending on the date the FAFSA is filed.

Who Qualifies as a Parent for a Dependent Student?
Whose Information Should I Provide?

Who Is a Parent?

- Biological parents
- Adoptive parents
- Stepparents, if they are married to the student’s biological or adoptive parent
Who Is Not a Parent?

- Foster parents
- Legal guardians who have not adopted the student
- Relatives who have not adopted the student
- Stepparents who have not adopted the student and who would be the only person providing parental information

Completion of FAFSA Without Parental Information
No Access to Parental Information

- FAFSA asks whether student will provide parental data
- If no, student indicates he or she meets special circumstances criteria
- Student can submit FAFSA without parent information
- FAFSA will have reject code
  - Student needs to work with school to complete application

Parents Refuse to Provide Information

- Student submits FAFSA without parental information
- EFC not calculated.
- Student must contact school regarding documentation and decision
**Dependent Student Status View**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

**Dependent Student Status**

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, you are considered a "dependent" student. This means you must provide parental information. Select the "I will provide information about my parent(s)" option and select "Continue" to continue to the "Parent Demographics" section.

If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA® form without parental information. Select that "I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)" option and select "Continue" to get additional information.

- I will provide information about my parent(s).
- I am unable to provide information about my parent(s).

**Impact of Not Providing Parent Information**

**SCHOOL SELECTION**

**Impact of Not Providing Parent Information**

If you continue to complete the application without providing parent information, the following will occur:

- We will not transfer any parent information from your last year's application into this year's FAFSA® form.
- We will not calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which colleges use to determine your financial aid package.
- You may be limited to the types of federal student aid that you are eligible to receive.
- You must follow up with the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend in order to find out how much aid you are eligible to receive.
Special Circumstances Qualifications

Financial Aid Administrators have authority to change the filing status from dependent to independent

Student must present documentation of situation

Dependency Overrides
Dependency Overrides

- Special circumstances:
  - Abuse at home
  - Abandonment by parents

- NOT special circumstances:
  - Parents don’t claim student on taxes
  - Student does not live with parents and supports self
  - Parents don’t want to help pay for college
  - Parents refuse to provide information for FAFSA

Documentation from third party:
- Teacher/Counselor
- Social worker
- Member of clergy
- Court
- Law enforcement

Final override decision lies with the FAO
Financial Aid Appeals (PJ)

- Changes to financial aid appeals (professional judgment):
  - Dependency overrides are assumed to continue for the duration of the student’s enrollment, unless there is information to the contrary.
  - Income earned from work can be set to zero if the student or parent receives or applies for unemployment benefits within the last 90 days.

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION

- The FAFSA will have a new question about the student’s race/ethnicity. This question will not affect eligibility for need-based financial aid.

- The new FAFSA bans charging a fee to complete the FAFSA. Paid preparers will no longer be allowed.
Trending in Washington

› Reauthorization of HEA – 2015

› What they’re talking (and talking) about:
  ◦ One Grant / One Loan
  ◦ Early Notification of Potential Pell Grant Eligibility

Trending in Washington

› What they’re talking (and talking) about:
  ◦ Consolidation of Repayment Plans into a single Income Based Repayment Plan.
  ◦ Elimination of Loan Origination Fees
  ◦ Student Loan Forgiveness
  ◦ Provision of Funds for DREAM Eligible Students
Trending in Washington

- Increased funding for the Pell Grant program
  - Double??????
- Grants for tuition–free community college
- Substantial changes to verification

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Help students and parents prepare for college or career school.

The Financial Aid Toolkit provides federal student aid information and outreach tools for counselors, college access professionals, nonprofit mentors, and other advisors.
FAFSA4caster

- On September 27, 2020 the FAFSA4caster will go away – byby!
  - No immediate replacement is planned
  - The 2022–2023 options will be available for use on September 26, 2021
  - NO EFC is produced

Financial Aid Events

- FAFSA 101
  - Friday, September 24, 2021, 9:00am – 11:00am
    - [https://tinyurl.com/fafsa09242021](https://tinyurl.com/fafsa09242021)

- Financial Aid Nights – Starting August 18 through October 13, 2021
  - [https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/finaidnights2021/](https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/finaidnights2021/)
  - Wednesdays, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
  - Recorded – posted on the PacFAA and P20 websites
  - Other options will be available
Financial Aid Events

- FAFSA Completion
  - We will be there to support you!

Questions ???????????

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The video and copies of tonight’s slides will be posted to the HI P20 website
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