

FINANCIAL AID 101



FAME's 17th Annual Financial Aid 101 Agenda

March 17th, 2023

Augusta Civic Center
with a virtual option

8:00 – 8:30	Breakfast		
8:30 – 9:25	Welcome & Keynote: FAFSA Simplification Presenter: Mila Tappan, FAME		
9:30 – 10:20	A. Financial Wellness Resources Presenters: Mary Dyer & Sarah Newcomb, FAME	B. Maine Education Programs Panel Moderator Jessica Whittier, FAME New	C. FAFSA Simplification: The FSA ID, Multi-factor Authentication, and the Direct Data Exchange with the IRS Presenters: Mila Tappan, FAME Moderator: Nikki Vachon, FAME
10:20 – 10:35	Break		
10:35 – 11:25	D. Scholarships Workshop Demonstration Presenter: Jessica Whittier, FAME Moderator: Floreka Maluel, FAME	E. Working with Stranded Youth Presenter: Maria MacDougal, FAME Moderator: Sarah Newcomb, FAME	F. FAFSA Simplification: FAFSA Formula and Process Changes Presenter: Mila Tappan, FAME Moderator: Mary Dyer, FAME
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch Break & FAME Update Presenters: Martha Johnston, FAME		
12:40 – 1:30	G. Collaboration Between Adult Education and District Partners – A Model for Serving at Risk Students Presenter: Rhonda Jacobson, Lakes Region Adult Education Moderator: Maria MacDougal, FAME	H. New Mainers Website Overview/ Student Panel Discussion with ELL Students Presenter: Floreka Maluel, FAME Moderator: Jessica Whittier, FAME	I. CSS Profile Overview Presenter: Mila Tappan, FAME Moderator: Nikki Vachon, FAME
1:30 – 2:00	Closing – PRIZES!!! J. Public Service Loan Forgiveness Workshop – FAME Team		

Session Descriptions & Presenters

Keynote: FAFSA Simplification

Presenter: Mila Tappan, College Access and Outreach Manager, FAME

FAFSA simplification is coming and will result in the most significant changes to the FAFSA in the last 30 years. In this session we'll share an overview of upcoming changes, including the move from the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to the Student Aid Index (SAI), expansion of how Pell Grant eligibility will be determined, and the impact of the use of the Direct Data Exchange to obtain federal tax information.

Financial Wellness Resources

Presenters: Mary Dyer, Financial Education Programs Manager & Sarah Newcomb, Financial Education Program Specialist, FAME

Join Mary Dyer, FAME's Financial Education Programs Manager and Sarah Newcomb, FAME's Financial Education Programs Specialist for an informative review of FAME's financial wellness programs, including online financial wellness tools available to engage and inspire your students whether they are in the classroom, or at home.

Maine Education Programs Panel

Presenters:

Moderator: Jessica Whittier, College Access Counselor, FAME

Maine has many dedicated professionals working to help students succeed in college and beyond. Join us as we hear from a few of the great educational support programs available to Maine students. Program representatives will give a program overview, let you know how to help students access their services and will be available after the session to answer questions.

FAFSA Simplification: The FSA ID, Multi-factor Authentication, and the Direct Data Exchange with the IRS

Presenter: Mila Tappan, College Access and Outreach Manager, and Nikki Vachon, College Access Counselor, FAME

Some of the most significant changes to the FAFSA are a result of how federal tax information will be obtained from the IRS. We'll be saying goodbye to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and hello to the Direct Data Exchange. This change in process will impact everything from the FSA ID (who needs one and the role of authentication) to which questions students will see on the FAFSA. It's going to take a bit to get our heads around these changes so we encourage you to join us to get a head start!

Scholarship Workshop Demonstration

Presenters: Jessica Whittier, College Access Counselor, FAME

Join Jessica Whittier for this session as YOU become the STUDENT and learn to build and work your own scholarship application plan. Try out different scholarship websites, learn how to best use the scholarship information tracker, and get a real feel for the challenges students face when applying for scholarships. Please bring your computer or smart device along with you for this session.

Working with Stranded Youth

Presenter: Maria MacDougal, College Access Counselor, FAME and Sarah Newcomb, Financial Education Program Specialist, FAME

Students trying to complete the FAFSA sometimes face barriers that leave them stranded during the process; they may have a parent(s) refusing (or unable) to provide information, they might have tricky circumstances at home, fall into a population of ineligible students etc. In this session, we'll explore situations that might make students feel stranded in the aid process and ways to get them unstuck and on to college.

FAFSA Simplification: FAFSA Formula and Process Changes

Presenter: Mila Tappan, College Access and Outreach Manager, FAME

The change to determining Pell Grant eligibility is just one of the many changes that will impact financial aid eligibility. FAFSA formula changes also redefine who the parent is on the FAFSA, what assets and untaxed income are required on the FAFSA, the impact of multiple children in college, and more. The process for students with unusual circumstances who can't provide parent information will also be changing (for the better!). We'll discuss the good, the not so good, and everything in between!

Collaboration between Adult Education and District Partners – A Model for Serving At Risk Students

Presenter: Rhonda Jacobson, Academic Coordinator and College and Career Advisor, Lake Region and Fryeburg Area Adult Education

Moderator: Maria MacDougal, College Access Counselor, FAME

Collaboration with district partners is a critical component of any adult education program. In this session we will discuss our work to create a 'pipeline' to adult education services. We will discuss strategies and messaging that effectively communicate what we can do for students who are at risk of dropping out of high school or need post-secondary transitional support. We will discuss models used both for high school completion and for "summer melt." Participants will learn how building relationships between adult education programs and our secondary partners results in a win-win situation for students, adult ed programs, and the districts who support them.

New Mainers Website Overview/ Student Panel Discussion With ELL Students

Presenter: Floreka Malual, College Planning Advisor, FAME

In this session a panel of New Mainers will discuss their path to access funds for college and navigating our New Mainer website. The panel will discuss pathways for federal aid eligible students as well as strategies for students not qualifying for federal financial aid. Join us to learn more about the challenges faced and opportunities AVAILABLE to our New Mainer students and how you can play a role in their success.

CSS Profile Overview

Presenter: Mila Tappan, College Access and Outreach Manager, FAME

Moderators: Nikki Vachon, College Access Counselors, FAME

The CSS Profile is an institutional aid application used by close to 400 colleges, universities, and scholarship programs. In this session we'll start with an overview of the CSS Profile and learn how to help your students complete their application. Attendees will leave with tips and helpful resources regarding fee waivers, divorced and separated parents, independent and noncitizen students, and more.

Closing & Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Workshop

Please stay for the closing. We will be holding a drawing for prizes and sending you home with some snacks for the road.

If you or those you work with have not yet applied for Public Service Loan Forgiveness please join us for the PSLF workshop directly after the closing. Bring your laptop or device to complete the PSLF Tool. We will walk you through the application and answer your questions.