

FAFSA Simplification

Glossary: 2024-2025 FAFSA

Old Term	New Term
Central Processing Systems	FAFSA Processing System
Education Savings and Asset Protection Allowance	Asset Protection Allowance
Estimated Financial Assistance	Other Financial Assistance
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	Student Aid Index (SAI)
Household Size	Family Size
IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)	Direct Data Exchange (DDX) – change in process as well
Room and Board	Housing and Food (living expenses)
Simplified Needs Test	Applicant is exempt from reporting assets
Student Aid Report (SAR)	FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)

New / Redefined Term	Definition
Better FAFSA	The new FAFSA resulting from the FAFSA Simplification Act and Future Act
CFHS	Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship; will self-identify and if certified, will receive a Maximum Pell Grant regardless of SAI.
Consent and Approval	Contributor(s) must provide consent and approval to: 1.) use their information to match with the IRS; 2.) allow the IRS to disclose federal tax information (FTI); and 3.) allow the US Department of Education to use their FTI and redisclose FTI to eligible schools and organizations.
Contributor	A contributor is anyone who must provide consent and approval on the FAFSA. Potential contributors are the student, parent(s), and student's spouse.
Contributor Invite	The person starting the FAFSA will have to identify and invite required contributor(s) by providing their legal name, DOB, SSN, and email. Info must match the contributor's FSA ID info except email can be different.
FTI	Federal Tax Information
IASG	Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant; will self-identify (any parent/guardian who died in the line of duty after 9/11/01, not just Iraq and Afghanistan) and if certified, will receive a Maximum Pell Grant.
Knowledge-Based Verification	For individuals without a Social Security number, the process of identity verification through Transunion

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Provisional Independence	The term for applicants who indicate they have an unusual circumstance on their FAFSA. This will allow these applicants to receive a Student Aid Index (SAI), subject to a final determination by their school.
Roles-Based	The FAFSA will be segmented into roles: student and (if applicable) parent(s). Students won't see parent questions, and parents won't see student questions.
Special Circumstances	Financial situations leading to changes in data elements (in COA or SAI calculation)
Unusual Circumstances	Conditions leading to changes in the student's dependency status (a.k.a. dependency override)

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