



## **FAFSA – Procedural changes for 2023-2024**

The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** is the form students complete to document their financial situation.

- This information will be accessed by each school which offers your student admission to create a financial aid package.
  - Financial aid package offers will vary by school.
- The FAFSA form is completed annually – every year the student is in school.

### **How are you verified when you access the FAFSA form?**

- To access the FAFSA form, one member of the family (student or parent) will use their FSA ID to open the form.
- A verification code will be sent to that person using one of the verification methods previously chosen.
  - This code will open the FAFSA form for completion.

*Note: A parent who knows the students FSA ID information will not be able to start the FAFSA until the student accesses their own email and/or phone to complete the verification of their account.*

### **Direct Transfer of tax information from IRS**

- Parents and students must agree to let the FAFSA access their IRS tax return data.
- Parents and students will no longer be able to manually enter IRS data.
  - Failure to allow the link to the IRS data will result in an incomplete FAFSA and no financial aid award package will be generated

### **How is the FAFSA form signed and submitted?**

- Either the student or the parent completes their portion of the FAFSA form, signs it electronically, and then logs out.
- Then, the other party (student or parent) will enter their FSA ID to log into the FAFSA (using the same verification process) and complete their portion. They will then sign and submit the form electronically.



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