We have been informed by the Federal Student Aid office that the opening of the FAFSA on December 31st will be a “soft” opening.

It is possible that the FAFSA application site will close down without prior warning if the site experiences sudden issues. In addition, if too many people try to log on at the same time, you may either be unable to access the website or you will be placed in a virtual waiting room before you are given access to the form.

Please understand that College Access Fairfax has no control of the process, nor will we have advance notice of either a site shut down or of the estimated waiting time.

There will be a considerable time delay from when a FAFSA form is completed in January to when the schools listed on your FAFSA receive your information. So, we recommend you consider completing your FAFSA after the first week in January.

At the moment, we plan to continue with our scheduled FAFSA and FSA ID events. However, again please note we have no control if there are problems with the FAFSA site.