

The FAFSA portal to make corrections to already submitted and processed forms is now open. If you encounter problems, please continue to check back on the FAFSA website each day as they make programming updates.

The term "Corrections" refers to all edits you need or want to make to a submitted FAFSA. Your FAFSA must be submitted and processed before you can make any "corrections." The most common "corrections" are:

Providing "missing signatures" for the student or the parent(s) - Make certain that you are in the correct FAFSA (2024-25). If the student signature is missing, log in as the student. If signatures are missing for both the student and parent, each should go into their own FAFSA section to sign the form. You should see a SIGN AND SUBMIT button if all the required signatures have been done.

Adding additional colleges - The student should go into the student's FAFSA section to add schools. There is no need to delete schools no longer needed unless you are running up against the twenty school limit. Again, we would assume there will be a new SIGN AND SUBMIT button.

Correcting failure to give consent for the IRS to transfer your information - This screen is near the front of the form. The headline on the screen is PROVIDE CONSENT OR BE INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID. Scroll to the bottom of this form and provide consent. Both the student and the parent must provide consent.

Correcting "Are the parents unwilling to provide their information, but the student does not have an unusual circumstance that prevents them from contacting or obtaining their parents' information?" - This question is on the student's FAFSA. The answer to this question should be NO. If the student answers YES, they will not be eligible for all Federal aid. After the student has changed this to NO (if YES had been previously checked), the parent will need to go into the parent portion to now answer the financial questions.

Correcting student status from INDEPENDENT to DEPENDENT or vice versa - Most students should be Dependent students. If the student is shown as Independent, make certain they meet the requirements for an independent student status. If both the student and parents need to make corrections, we recommend that the student make their corrections first and then LOG OUT WITHOUT CLICKING ON "SIGN AND SUBMIT." The parent should then go in and make their corrections and SIGN - but NOT SUBMIT the form. Once the parent has clicked on SIGN, they should LOG OUT. The student can then go back in and SIGN AND SUBMIT. The **last** person to makes changes to the form will click the SIGN AND SUBMIT button.

As more information becomes available from the Department of Education, we will post it on the front page of our website. If you have other corrections that need to be made and you need help, please contact us at: appointments@collegeaccessfairfax.org