

“FAFSA Simplification.”

These new changes should make the FAFSA easier to navigate and quicker for students. Some of the main changes are:

- The new FAFSA has less than half of the questions of the current FAFSA
- EFC (Expected Family Contribution) was replaced with SAI (Student Aid Index). SAI serves a similar function. However, it is a revised version that is designed to more accurately assess each student’s financial situation.
- Income Protection Allowance Increase
- Number of students in college will no longer be considered. This will have a significant effect on families with multiple students in college, and will lower financial eligibility for families with more than one student enrolled in college at the same time.
- For students with parents who are divorced, the custodial parent will now be required to fill out the parental section of the FAFSA. The custodial parent is defined as the parent with whom the child lives for the majority of the 12-month period ending on the day the FAFSA is filed.
- Everyone will need to file and sign electronically. EVEN parents without Social Security Numbers. (We do not know exactly how this will look yet.)