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January Spotlight:

FAFSA Completion

We want to wish you a successful and happy 2023 and let you know how much we appreciate the opportunity to serve you and your students!

The new year is a great time to encourage students who have not completed the FAFSA to take action and get it done. Students who [complete the FAFSA](#) and understand their financial situation are more likely to enroll in college. This month, we're sharing our FAFSA resources to help you and your students navigate the application.



PUBLICATION RESOURCES

What is an FSA ID?

The FSA ID (account username and password) allows students and parents to identify themselves electronically to access Federal Student Aid websites. The same FSA ID is used every year the FAFSA is completed. The [FSA ID Worksheet](#) (also in Spanish) guides students and parents through the FSA ID creation process and provides space to save login credentials. The [FSA ID PowerPoint](#) takes students step by step through FSA ID creation.

Finish the FAFSA in 5 Steps

FINISH THE FAFSA IN FIVE STEPS

1 GATHER MATERIALS

- Social Security card
- Driver's license
- W-2 forms and tax returns specified on the FAFSA
- Current balance of cash, checking and savings accounts
- Determine your dependency status with our Dependency Questionnaire
- If you're a dependent student, you'll also need your parent's financial information

2 CREATE AN FSA ID

- The FSA ID is your username and password
- Use your FSA ID to electronically sign your FAFSA and your student loan applications, make corrections to your FAFSA and more
- Go to StudentAid.gov to sign up
- Save your FSA ID to use again next year!
- If you're a dependent student, your parents will also need an FSA ID. Utilize the FSA ID worksheet at UCanGo2.org

3 FILL IT OUT

- Apply online at StudentAid.gov for quicker processing time and to save your information for next year
- Enter student and parent names as shown on Social Security cards
- Send your FAFSA results to up to 10 colleges
- View your the IRS Data Retrieval Tool at StudentAid.gov to learn how to automatically transfer tax data to your FAFSA

4 SIGN & SUBMIT

- Print a copy of your screens from the Summary page and make corrections
- If you didn't use your FSA ID to start or complete your FAFSA, you'll need to use it to sign at the end. Don't forget to click **SUBMIT** at the bottom of the screen
- Review your confirmation page for information about the campus you've selected and an estimate of your financial aid offering

5 FOLLOW UP

- Receive your email for a Campus Aid Report (CAR) and information from the institutions that received your FAFSA results
- Provide any other necessary documentation that may be required by your institution, such as your accepted financial aid offer, and be sure to follow up with your college financial aid office if you have additional questions

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RESOURCES

- UCANGo2.org
Visit UCANGo2.org or StartWithFAFSA.org for helpful tools and information about planning and paying for education after high school. Contact us at UCANGo2@ocap.org or 866.443.7428
- StudentAid.gov
Complete and submit the FAFSA
- StudentAid.gov
Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) once and reuse it each year to complete the FAFSA online. Students can start here to create the FSA ID with more information and it saves clicking the Create Account button from the FSA ID sign up page. They can also sign from this page if they already have an account
- Ready2Repay.org
Learn about making your borrowing decisions and strategies for successful student loan repayment
- OKcollegestartup.org
Find useful financial aid planning information and take college savings credit and build your financial aid plan
- CollegeMoneyMatters.org
Find helpful tools and resources to empower you to make positive financial choices
- [Financial Aid Office](http://FinancialAidOffice.com)
Contact your college financial aid office if you have questions or need to follow up after you've submitted the FAFSA

[Finish the FAFSA in Five Steps](#) breaks the FAFSA down into easy steps and includes information about the materials needed to complete the application, tips for filling out the form and what students can expect after it has been submitted. It also provides information about additional financial aid resources, links, FAFSA Facts, FAFSA Learning Modules, and more.

Educational Tools

2023-24 FAFSA COUNSELOR TOOLKIT GUIDE

startwithfafsa.org

Featured Kit Items

- **Finish the FAFSA in Five Steps** helps students and their parents understand and prepare to complete the FAFSA process. The flyer also offers **FAFSA Facts**, which answers frequently asked questions about the FAFSA, including questions about income, dependency, security, FSA IDs and more. Download this publication free of charge at UCANGo2.org
- Share StartWithFAFSA.org **business cards** with high school seniors, their parents and college students to remind them to visit our FAFSA completion website. There, they'll find helpful FAFSA information, FAFSA video tutorials in English and Spanish, FAFSA Learning Modules and answers to their questions about the FAFSA. Download cards free of charge at UCANGo2.org
- The **FSA ID Worksheet** and **Completing the FAFSA** tools guide students and their parents through the FSA ID creation process and completing the FAFSA. Download these materials free of charge at UCANGo2.org and provide them to the families you serve.
- Display the **FAFSA Poster** in high traffic areas at your school to remind students to submit the FAFSA. The poster includes important information about FAFSA completion and directs students to submit the application online or using their phone or tablet.

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The [FAFSA Toolkit for educators](#) is a one-stop-shop loaded with resources that are ready to roll out for your convenience. You can download and use helpful tools without having to create them yourself. Resources include publications, event planning tools and FAFSA completion promotional resources.

Contact Us

We offer webinars for educators, students and parents on planning, preparing and paying for college, including financial aid, the FAFSA and finding scholarships. If you would like to schedule a webinar for your students, fill out our [Event Request Form](#) and we'll contact you to plan the details.

Have specific questions about our services or resources?

Email us at UCANGo2@ocap.org



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