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Kelli Kelnar: Good morning.

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Kelli Kelnar: We are going to get started here in just a couple of minutes.

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Kelli Kelnar: Anybody else

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Kelli Kelnar: giving him?

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Kelli Kelnar: We're going to go ahead and get started here today. Thank you guys for joining us again for our September webinar. We're going to cover a little bit of the information we did last month. So I apologize that you have to sit through some of that again; and then just some new things that we've learned. We're going to talk about the StudentAid.gov accounts, which are the old FSA ID

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Kelli Kelnar: username and password.

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Kelli Kelnar: So just some updates again, you guys know the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and that the new one will not be out until December first.

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Kelli Kelnar: So we haven't heard anything different with that. Yet, still, looking at December 1st, we did learn that the U.S. Department of Education is going to be doing some beta testing with some different schools in different states, some high schools, some colleges, some organizations. They're also going to target

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Kelli Kelnar: some students and parents who are contributing information on the FAFSA just to kind of give them a couple of months to work out all the bugs and any issues that they come across. Because, you remember, last year's FAFSA was a little

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Kelli Kelnar: challenging to get through, and there were some issues. And so they want to make sure the Department of Ed wants to make sure this year that everything is great and perfect when it rolls out in December.

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Kelli Kelnar: So

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Kelli Kelnar: we checked some information that came from the NCAN, the National College Attainment Network, who posts information from their FAFSA Tracker every week that they send us, and it shows Oklahoma is ranked 40th in FAFSA completion in the country, which is not real great.

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Kelli Kelnar: We're hoping that the FAFSA graduation requirement that now goes into effect will hopefully increase those numbers. But compared to this time last year we're only down about 10%. So that doesn't sound too awful. But we want to make sure as many students are completing a FAFSA as possible to go to college or career tech, or wherever it may be.

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Kelli Kelnar: So this gives you a link to the State Department of Education's website, where they have some information about the law. They have a link here to the opt out form that we will talk about here in just a minute.

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Kelli Kelnar: so you can find all of that information.

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Kelli Kelnar: And again, just to clarify the years in all of this which can be a little challenging. But you're going to be working with your class of 2024-2025, and they're going to submit the 2025-26 FAFSA. When the FAFSA comes out in December, there's also going to be the 24-25 FAFSA out there. So just make sure your students are completing the 25-26 application.

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Kelli Kelnar: And again, it's

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Kelli Kelnar: scheduled to come out December one, or keep our fingers crossed, and the families that fill out this form are going to use their 2023 tax information.

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Kelli Kelnar: If you have any questions as we go along here. Please put them in the chat.

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Kelli Kelnar: and Robbie Leftwich, and Letha Huddleston from our office are going to try to answer everything that they can, and if you have, if you want to ask questions directly, we'll do that at the end of the presentation.

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Kelli Kelnar: So this will just show you again requirements for setting up

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Kelli Kelnar: your FAFSA completion efforts. But the superintendent at each of your schools, only public schools are required to do the FAFSA completion requirement.

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Kelli Kelnar: But the superintendent will designate someone at your school to collect all of this information from the students, so you'll be in charge of keeping track of that, hanging on to the information. You will keep it at your school and

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Kelli Kelnar: store it to comply with FERPA guidelines.

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Kelli Kelnar: So information like

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Kelli Kelnar: your CPR requirements, your financial literacy requirement, ICAP, all of that stuff that you already keep for your seniors for graduation requirements. You'll do the same with the FAFSA.

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Kelli Kelnar: You're also going to be required to share FAFSA information with your families, students, parents, anyone that is connected with your seniors at the school, and you can do that by publications that I will show you later, some things that we offer as well as FAFSA presentations

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Kelli Kelnar: that we can come out and do for you in person. We can do zoom sessions, whatever it may be. We are here to help you as best as we can to get this FAFSA completion effort, to

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Kelli Kelnar: make it successful.

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Kelli Kelnar: So to track this process. And again I went through this last month. But I want to do it again because we've had a lot of schools sign up recently for the FAFSA Data Portal,

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Kelli Kelnar: and that's a free service that we provide here at the State Regents, and it will let you track your seniors and show you how what they've done with their FAFSA application.

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Kelli Kelnar: You can also collect emails from students. Once they have submitted their FAFSA, they'll get a confirmation email and then eventually they're going to get a FAFSA Submission Summary. And that's like the old Student Aid Report, so they will get those electronically unless they complete a paper FAFSA.

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Kelli Kelnar: Then they will get those

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Kelli Kelnar: through the mail, and this will be paper, but they can

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Kelli Kelnar: forward their emails or their information to you, and you can use that as your confirmation as well. And then the opt out form will also serve as a way to show which students are not going to be able to complete a FAFSA application.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay. So we're going to quickly go through the FAFSA Data Portal again. It's a free service that will let you look at your current seniors and what they've done as far as completing their FAFSA application.

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Kelli Kelnar: You can find information on okhighered.org.

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Kelli Kelnar: and go to Educators, and then there's a tab for Oklahoma FAFSA Data Portal.

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Kelli Kelnar: You click on that. You'll see information shown for how to get signed up on the portal. The links on the right side of the screen are all the forms that we're going to need your school to complete, to get everything done and get you all set up.

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Kelli Kelnar: So here's the first thing we'll need, which is the the data portal agreement.

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Kelli Kelnar: Your superintendent will sign this.

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Kelli Kelnar: And we'll have you, not going to go through everything on each page, it's a lot of legal talk, but it's mainly showing that this information is private, not to share it with any anyone, any schools.

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Kelli Kelnar: So, the superintendent will sign this information. Designate a contact at your school that we will reach out to with questions.

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Kelli Kelnar: This page will show the type of information we will need from you for your seniors,

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Kelli Kelnar: and then the last page is a list of the users at your school that should have access to the FAFSA Data Portal

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Kelli Kelnar: and this will let you list 4 people. If you need more than that, have your superintendent make a copy of this page and add as many names as you need to. There's no limit to how many people at your school can have access to the FAFSA information.

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Kelli Kelnar: So you will email all of that to me.

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Kelli Kelnar: And my name and information are on all of that, so you'll see it everywhere, and once I receive your agreement, then I will send out a Privacy Certification to each of the authorized users. And again, this is another

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Kelli Kelnar: way of showing that you, as a user, will keep the information safe and secure as well, and we'll need you to sign that and submit that to me. I'll also send you a list of instructions for using the portal.

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Kelli Kelnar: and as soon as I get that, then you're going to be able to go in and register your account on the portal.

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Kelli Kelnar: So you will go to okhighered.org/fafsaweb.

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Kelli Kelnar: You will see this page and you will register, put in your username, which is going to be your school email address, and then you will make up a password.

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Kelli Kelnar: Then you're going to add or enter your name and the school that you are associated with.

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Kelli Kelnar: and that is all you need to do.

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Kelli Kelnar: We will start sharing FAFSA information in December, since that's when the FAFSA will be released. So I will reach out to you at that point to send us a list of your seniors.

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Kelli Kelnar: Several schools have sent them in now, and that's fine, but we'd almost rather that you wait until the FAFSA is released so you will have a more accurate list of all of your seniors, because I know a lot of students come and go throughout the year. So you want to make sure you have the most accurate list that you can.

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Kelli Kelnar: So this page will give you information about how to submit your senior information, and we'll send you a template where you can add their information here.

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Kelli Kelnar: We don't ask for any socials. Just the student's name. Then their date of birth. Gender is optional because gender is not required on the FAFSA any longer.

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Kelli Kelnar: So that's really all you have to do. Put in your district code and your school code, which is the same as your ACT code, and you can upload that, and we'll send you a link to upload that information.

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Kelli Kelnar: Then, as soon as everything is ready to go, we will do start doing our FAFSA match and send that information out to you. It will be updated at least once a week, usually twice a week. So

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Kelli Kelnar: so when you get into the Fafsa data Portal homepage, you're Gonna see all the schools listed, and those that have information by them will show how many students at their school, how many have submitted information. And this is just sort of a general way for you to see other schools that you are maybe close with, and see if they've signed up for the portal. But you yourself, if you're signed up. This is what you're going to see.

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Kelli Kelnar: And I'll make it a little bit bigger here. So you're going to see your school name, the student name again, and all the information you provided, and then it will show when their application was submitted. If it's complete, if it's incomplete, you may see if it's missing a signature that will show up

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Kelli Kelnar: And if not, if there's another reason that the FAFSA was not complete when it was submitted.

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Kelli Kelnar: You may not be able to see all of that. The colleges will see that, and they will reach out to students to let them know what they need to do to get their FAFSA finished.

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Kelli Kelnar: But this at least, will give you a good way to look at all of your seniors, and you can go back and print this list at the end of the school year and save it, and that can be used as your confirmation

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Kelli Kelnar: for FAFSA completion with your seniors.

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Kelli Kelnar: So hopefully that will be helpful to you. The law says, too, that the FAFSA must be complete to count as a graduation requirement. So if it says incomplete or missing something, that's not going to count as complete.

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Kelli Kelnar: However, I will say this, you keep this information at your school. So your accreditation officer can look at this information. And then, if they have questions about, maybe why a student did not complete the FAFSA, they'll bring that up with you. Otherwise this is information you will keep directly with you.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay.

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Kelli Kelnar: We'll go back through this. So okay, now, just a lot of you maybe haven't even started anything with the FAFSA Data Portal. So if you want to sign up and get everything going, you're going to do everything that we just talked about with the completion agreement signed by your superintendent or your School Board President. That would be fine, too.

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Kelli Kelnar: The superintendent will designate all of the authorized users. I'll reach out to you with the next step, with the privacy certifications, and all that. And this is, if you've never used the portal before.

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Kelli Kelnar: Now, if you have the same superintendent you had last year when you used the portal, and maybe the same users in your school, same counselors, same teachers, whoever had access. You don't

need to do any new paperwork. We don't need agreements every single year. Only if you get a new superintendent.

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Kelli Kelnar: So the only thing we would really need from you each year is just a list of your seniors.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay.

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Kelli Kelnar: So now, if you have a new superintendent like I said, he or she will need to sign and complete the FAFSA agreement

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Kelli Kelnar: and again designate users at the school, which I'm sure you all can help with that and share who you think needs to have this information, and then I would only need privacy certifications from the new users. If you did a privacy certification 5 years ago, and you're still at your school. you do not need to do a new one.

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Kelli Kelnar: So if you have the same superintendent, but new users,

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Kelli Kelnar: all the superintendent needs to do is complete the authorized user form. And there is a link for that on the okhighered.org website, where I was showing you all the FAFSA Data Portal information is is saved.

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Kelli Kelnar: So this is the same page, the authorized users page. It's the same as the last page of the agreement. But the superintendent would add the new users to this authorized user form, and I will reach out to any new people to have them sign a privacy form.

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Kelli Kelnar: So did that just make it a hundred times more confusing? I hope not. If you don't know, maybe, what your school has done up to this point, as far as getting set up for the portal, please feel free to email me and I will look it up. We have a huge spreadsheet with all this information shown, and I am more than happy to check and see, you know where you are in the process and send you documents or information on what you need to do to get everything set up.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay? And again, there's my email address, and where you can find this information.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay. So now, here's the opt out form. And again, here's the link to to get to that.

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Kelli Kelnar: But it's a very simple form. Just front and back.

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Kelli Kelnar: Students will put their name, date of birth, their parents name, address all of that, but then you do not have to show why the student does not want to do a FAFSA.

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Kelli Kelnar: There's no need to put a reason in there if you want to. That's great. If you don't, that's fine, too.

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Kelli Kelnar: The parent or the legal guardian of the student can opt them out.

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Kelli Kelnar: If the student is 18 they can opt themselves out.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then you, as a counselor, can opt them out if you wish to do that. If you get to the end of the school year, and there are 6 people that haven't done anything,

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Kelli Kelnar: go ahead and complete an opt out form just to cover all your bases

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Kelli Kelnar: and it doesn't prohibit the student from doing a FAFSA 2 weeks after you sign an opt out form. They can still do one anytime but you know, if they need to opt out, or the parents don't want their students to complete a FAFSA, that's fine. They just need to complete this form, and you need to hang on to it.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay.

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Kelli Kelnar: Now, we're going to talk a little bit about creating the StudentAid.gov accounts. And again, that's the old FSA ID. It's still going to be called FSA ID, but eventually they're moving away from that. So we've just gone ahead and updated all of our materials to say StudentAid.gov account.

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Kelli Kelnar: But it's the very same thing. It's a username and password that your students and their parent or parents will set up to access and sign the FAFSA application electronically.

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Kelli Kelnar: And we have a couple of Powerpoints on our website you can go to. And I'm going to show you just a few things in each one of them. So if you want to use this or direct families to go through this process, they can look through the Powerpoint and get information about setting up their own ID.

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Kelli Kelnar: The slides will talk to you about what a FAFSA is,

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Kelli Kelnar: when the new one will be released and where they can find it, and why the FAFSA is important for students to complete every year.

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Kelli Kelnar: We also talk about that it's required if any student is an Oklahoma Promise student, that they must complete a FAFSA to receive their funds, and we list that now it is a graduation requirement for 24-25 seniors.

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Kelli Kelnar: This screen then talks about what a StudentAid.gov account is,

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Kelli Kelnar: how it's used, that it will take about a week to confirm the information on it. That's why we're thinking it's a good idea, maybe, to have some StudentAid.gov account creation nights. Bring parents and students in, let them go ahead and set up their accounts, and then, when the FAFSA is released in December, they will be done with that process.

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Kelli Kelnar: We show them what they're going to need to set up their account.

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Kelli Kelnar: Parents and students will need an email account.

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Kelli Kelnar: So if they don't already have one, and they (students) should not use their school account, because this will be a way for Federal Student Aid to notify them if there's any any information they need on their FAFSA, or you know, anything that's connected with this process. So I know once your students graduate, they won't have access to that email. So we want them to use, you know, a personal email.

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Kelli Kelnar: So if students or parents don't have one, they can set up free accounts on Gmail or Yahoo, whatever it may be. But anyway, we try to give them some information about that.

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Kelli Kelnar: Then we will go through each screen of setting up the account, which I won't go through all those here. But we'll talk about the personal information that's required. This is the Powerpoint for parents with social security numbers. We'll go through the other one for those without socials here in just a second.

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Kelli Kelnar: But parents and students put in their full legal name, and they have to use the name that's shown on their social security card, because that's how the match is done for the FAFSA. When a student completes a FAFSA, they're required to use their full legal name.

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Kelli Kelnar: So we want them to show, you know, if their name's Bob Smith, but their real name is Robert, they have to put Robert in here or there won't be a match on FAFSA completion.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay?

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Kelli Kelnar: Then the student and parent will set up their username and password, which is essentially

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Kelli Kelnar: the StudentAid.gov account information.

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Kelli Kelnar: So we let them know here what the length of the

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Kelli Kelnar: the username and password should be, and to just verify that information.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then there will be some other screens in between here, where the parent and student will enter their address, their phone number. They will show if they would like to receive information from Federal Student Aid through email, through text, through postal mail, whatever it may be,

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Kelli Kelnar: and then we'll get to this part where, after the student and parent have entered their cell phone numbers and their email addresses,

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Kelli Kelnar: Federal Student Aid will send a code to one of those accounts, and then that's the code the student will enter in here to verify on this page. It will also verify their mobile phone number.

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Kelli Kelnar: So they're just utilizing a lot of ways to keep this information safe.

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Kelli Kelnar: So this will be a good way to help.

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Kelli Kelnar: Make sure students and parents have provided the correct information.

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Kelli Kelnar: Families can also do 2 step authentication process which you may use in your school, and a lot more places than we used to have to do that.

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Kelli Kelnar: But if they want this 2 step authentication process on their StudentAid.gov account, they can download an app for that, or there are links to apps that Federal Student Aid provides as well.

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Kelli Kelnar: And this is just another way to keep this information safe.

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Kelli Kelnar: So then, we show where families can use the StudentAid.gov account. Obviously, they're going to need it to access and sign the FAFSA online. If the student will take out a student loan during

their college or career tech years, they will sign student loan applications with their StudentAid.gov account.

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Kelli Kelnar: they can also use it to

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Kelli Kelnar: find out information about their student loans, the balance of what they owe, who their servicer is, information about repayment plans, all kinds of different things, and after several years the student has received financial aid, they can go back in to StudentAid.gov with their account and look at all the financial aid they've received in the past.

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Kelli Kelnar: So it does give students a lot of access to some great information.

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Kelli Kelnar: There's a video on StudentAid.gov that will walk families through the process of setting up their StudentAid.gov account.

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Kelli Kelnar: If you look at this Powerpoint on our website, the StudentAid.gov link here will take you directly to it. It's a little challenging to find on their website. I think when you get to StudentAid.gov, then go to the very bottom of the screen, and that's you'll see a Resources tab. And on that page you'll be able to see a lot of documents, a lot of forms, posters, different things that you can print off if you want.

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Kelli Kelnar: But you will see videos, and you'll see one for setting up a StudentAid.gov account.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay? Then toward the end of the Powerpoint, we just talk about the FAFSA again. We share once your account is set up, you want to make sure you do the FAFSA after December first, where you can find it, and we'll show all the information families will need to set up their FAFSA.

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Kelli Kelnar: So

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Kelli Kelnar: lot of information out there. But you know, maybe it will be helpful if parents or students are having a hard time getting everything set up. So we want to provide as much information to help you as possible.

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Kelli Kelnar: So our other Powerpoint is for parents or spouses of students that do not have a social security number.

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Kelli Kelnar: The student always has to have a social security number to apply for financial aid and complete a FAFSA. So this will not be connected with the student, only parents of the student, or a spouse of an independent student.

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Kelli Kelnar: So this Powerpoint will have all the same slides

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Kelli Kelnar: starting off like I just showed you, about what a FAFSA is, why the

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Kelli Kelnar: StudentAid.gov account is important and what it's used for, and all of that. But there are, I'm going to show you the slides that are going to be a little different. If the family, if the parent does not have a social, they will get to this point to create an account.

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Kelli Kelnar: and it will tell them what they need to do, and it will say to include a social security number if applicable. So they'll know that's not going to be a requirement.

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Kelli Kelnar: When they're entering their name, their date of birth, address, that kind of thing. They're going to see this box where it asks for a social security number. But the parent can also check 'I don't have a social security number'.

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Kelli Kelnar: When they do that, then they're going to start seeing more information about what they should be doing in lieu of having the social security number. So this screen will appear, and it will just say, Hey, you know, let us know why you don't have one, so you will show here that you're a parent or a spouse of a student like, I was saying before, some students that are citizens of freely associated states,

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Kelli Kelnar: they may not have a social, and they can complete a FAFSA, but I don't believe you'll have any of those here.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then they're going to ask the parent knowledge-based questions. And these come from one of the credit bureaus, I think Experian, and they're going to see different questions here like you would see if you were doing a credit report,

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Kelli Kelnar: where they may give you 4 different addresses and say, pick one of these that you've lived at in the past, or show you several different banks, and ask which of these banks do you have a relationship with, or whatever it may be. I know the

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Kelli Kelnar: type on this is so small you can't see it. But these are the types of questions that parents would have to answer, to confirm their identity.

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Kelli Kelnar: So if they get all those questions answered correctly, then their account will be set up, and they will have their StudentAid.gov information, and they can go ahead and complete the FAFSA right then and there.

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Kelli Kelnar: Now, if one of the questions was not answered correctly, they will be asked to contact Federal Student Aid, which is that 1-800-4FED-AID number that everyone uses to call in with questions. And I have heard that they've hired several new people to man the phones there, because I know it's

always very challenging to get through to someone when you have a question. So hopefully, things will be a little bit better this year.

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Kelli Kelnar: But if a

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Kelli Kelnar: parent does not have a social, then they will see this screen, which just tells them kind of what the process is for them to go through, to get everything done and approved and confirmed.

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Kelli Kelnar: so they will be in contact with someone at Federal student aid, and they may have to complete. There's an attestation form, and they may have to complete that, and provide proof of their identity with either like a driver's license or a passport, or a copy of a utility bill, whatever it may be. And then at that point

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Kelli Kelnar: everything should be great, and they should be able to go ahead and have an account to sign the FAFSA for their student.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay, some of our publications are here for you when you're setting up accounts. We have our worksheet in English and Spanish. All this does is let families go through and put in all the information they just entered to set up their StudentAid.gov account. You know, there's a place for challenge questions and all kinds of different things, and those will be used if the parent would forget what their password was, or if the student forgot their username

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Kelli Kelnar: so they can keep track of all this information. And this is a handy way to find it. Just hang on to it because you're going to use the same StudentAid.gov account every year to complete the FAFSA.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then last year the FAFSA, you know, went through some major changes, so it used to just be the student and a parent needed a StudentAid.gov account.

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Kelli Kelnar: After they made a few changes to the form now, sometimes both parents need an account or parent and step- parent need an account. So this little handy flowchart kind of walks students through the process. If they're dependent, it will tell them when you get to the end, who actually needs to set up their StudentAid.gov account.

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Kelli Kelnar: And all these are found on our website, UCanGo2.org. So these are really very helpful if you're working with families to set up their accounts.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay, I know we went through a lot of information there. So hopefully, you're putting questions in the chat, and we're almost done. I'm just going to show you some of our resources that you can use to help you through the FAFSA completion process.

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Kelli Kelnar: So these are all the websites that we work with that offer some type of FAFSA information, and I'll quickly show you some different things you may be familiar with, UCanGo2.org. That's kind of our main college planning website. This is where we also house financial aid and FAFSA information, too.

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Kelli Kelnar: So all of our new publications have been added. Some of our

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Kelli Kelnar: Powerpoints and videos still will need to be updated once the FAFSA comes out, so not everything is completely finalized and out there, but most everything is

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Kelli Kelnar: and everything we offer is free.

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Kelli Kelnar: So when you go to f you go to the UCanGo2.org, the high school educators page, we have a FAFSA toolkit listed. You can click on that and see all of the different publications that we offer that will connect you to the FAFSA.

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Kelli Kelnar: And over here you can see on the left side of your screen, we usually have a Powerpoint called FAFSA Fundamentals, which is great. It walks you through practically every question on the FAFSA. That's been Letha's

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Kelli Kelnar: pride and joy for years, and she does a fabulous job setting that up. So as soon as we start to get screenshots of the new FAFSA, she'll be able to put that together for you. We'll also be doing learning modules.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then our FAFSA videos will be updated in December.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay, so these are kind of our main FAFSA flyers that are out there. We have finished the Finish the FAFSA in 5 Steps and

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Kelli Kelnar: FAFSA Facts. There's a Dependency Questionnaire which students can go through and answer questions to determine if they will need to show their parent information on the FAFSA or not.

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Kelli Kelnar: You know, most students may think, oh, I'm 18 moving out of the house. My parents won't claim me on their taxes.

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Kelli Kelnar: That'll make me independent. Well, it does not for Federal financial aid. Students are required to be 24 years of age to be considered independent of their parents

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Kelli Kelnar: unless they can answer yes to any question on this form, which would be

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Kelli Kelnar: are you a graduate student. Once you have a bachelor's degree, you're considered independent, regardless of your age.

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Kelli Kelnar: If you're married, you have a child you support. If you are a veteran, if you have been in foster care. There's a lot of different questions on here students can read through, and then that will determine if they need parent information.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then we also have a flyer for parents with links to a lot of the information we just covered here.

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Kelli Kelnar: We also have these Powerpoints; one about understanding financial aid offers when those start coming to students. Sometimes they're a little unsure of the different types of aid that are awarded or what they need to do with the award letter, or who needs to sign it. So this will kind of walk you through that process. There's one explaining the Student Aid Index (SAI), again, which I said, is the new EFC, or Expected Family Contribution.

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Kelli Kelnar: So that number is basically used about the same way. It just has a new name.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then we have a Powerpoint on scholarships, finding them, the

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Kelli Kelnar: best ways to complete a form. All kinds of good information about scholarships.

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Kelli Kelnar: One of our new booklets is called, Are You Looking for Money? We've had this for years, but we update it every year and include information that is really great for any students in high school. We have a page on state

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Kelli Kelnar: scholarships and grants on Federal aid explaining the different types of aid. And then we have scholarship information that kind of walks you through the process of

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Kelli Kelnar: searching for scholarships, doing your research to find the best

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Kelli Kelnar: scholarships for you, best ways to apply. And then you want to track all this information just to make sure you're not missing any deadlines with your scholarships.

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Kelli Kelnar: On this page, the left hand side gives you a whole list of scholarship search websites, and these change all the time. I think we made several updates to this before we actually put this final version on our website. So we're hoping they're all still good.

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Kelli Kelnar: But these are all sites you can go to. Most of them will let you enter information about the students hobbies, interests, what they want to major in, what their family background is, all kinds of different things, and then it will match scholarships directly to their interests. So lots of great places to look out there. UCanGo2 has a list of scholarships that we update every month.

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Kelli Kelnar: OKcollegestart has a scholarship search feature. And then OCCF is Oklahoma City Community Foundation. They have a ton of scholarships on their website that are just for Oklahoma students.

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Kelli Kelnar: The right hand column is for tribal scholarships awarded through Oklahoma with

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Kelli Kelnar: several links to all of these programs. And if you don't see your particular tribe listed, the purple box down toward the bottom, gives you a website to click and check to see if your

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Kelli Kelnar: tribe offers any kind of educational funding. But it's very important if you have any kind of Native American background, please check into that, because lots of students receive

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Kelli Kelnar: great funding from these programs.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then we just give you some links and information about our websites with links to ACT and SAT information, the Oklahoma 529 plan. There's just a little bit of everything in that booklet.

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Kelli Kelnar: Now, this flyer we just added yesterday, and this gives you, as counselors, a timeline of what to be doing throughout the year to promote FAFSA completion. So we have links to all of our webinars there. But we also give you just some ideas on things you can be doing and

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Kelli Kelnar: sharing information with your families just to make sure you're on track for FAFSA completion for your seniors.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay, OKcollegestart. A lot of you may be really familiar with this website. You may use it for your ICAP, but they have a great financial aid planning page that will give you a ton of information about the different financial aid programs. You can also click here to get the cost of college

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Kelli Kelnar: for schools all across the country; not just Oklahoma, but for 4 year, 2 year schools, career techs. You can see all kinds of great information if you pull up school data and you can see what their application fee is to apply, if there are deadlines for anything, the majors that they offer, the cost, the number of

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Kelli Kelnar: students at the school, sports that are provided and if those particular sports offer scholarships. I mean, there's just a ton of information. So this is a great way, if students are still determining which school they want to go to, they can check it out on OKcollegestart and get some good information.

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Kelli Kelnar: And with your ICAP, if you do use OKcollegestart, they do have an activity for completing a FAFSA. And the student can put in their answer showing what they've done or not done. I've heard, though, this will not count as confirmation, because this is just the student stating what they plan to do with the FAFSA. So don't rely on it too heavily for that. So

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Kelli Kelnar: StartWithFAFSA is one of our other websites. And this is all just about FAFSA information. We put new articles out here every Monday, and that provides information to kind of help you along with any FAFSA questions you might have.

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Kelli Kelnar: You can send us a question if you click on the right side, the little dice, you click on that. You can email a question to us in English or Spanish.

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Kelli Kelnar: We do have FAFSA videos on this website. And again, those are the ones that we are working to get updated. They are shown here. Not a lot of stuff has changed from last year to this year. You can still use the videos, but I just want to let you know we will make updates to those at the end of the year.

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Kelli Kelnar: And then FAFSA FastTrack is something that we are coordinating here at the State Regents to work with colleges and career techs across the state to promote any type of activities that they're doing to assist with FAFSA completion.

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Kelli Kelnar: So they are going to work with us to help seniors, close to their campuses,

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Kelli Kelnar: and set up different nights or weeks, or weekends, or whatever it may be, to share FAFSA information. We have 30 schools signed up right now. We're still working on that. Hopefully in our October webinar, I'll have better information for you on that. But we're going to show it on our StartWithFAFSA website under FAFSA FastTrack. We will start to include a map

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Kelli Kelnar: and these are sample events, but we're going to show events like this. So if you have worked with students that are close, or if you're close to Chickasha,

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Kelli Kelnar: you can say, Oh, Chickasha or USAO is offering a FAFSA presentation in November. I can send my seniors and parents there, and their financial Aid office will work with them to get their FAFSA completed.

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Kelli Kelnar: So that's what we want to do is just provide every activity, every campus location that's offering any kind of FAFSA assistance to students.

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Kelli Kelnar: And this will be the place that we will house all this. So

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Kelli Kelnar: check back, and we will start putting information out there as soon as we start getting it.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay, we're also doing our FAFSA webinars, as you know, since you're on one today. We have links to webinars through May. So if you want to sign up for more of these, hopefully you will,

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Kelli Kelnar: you can. You can do that now. Our August webinar has now been added to the website. We're recording all of these, and it has now been put on the website. So you can go here, click on that and get information and watch the webinar from last month if you want to hear all of this again.

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Kelli Kelnar: So, okay, this is just kind of our last slide. With all the stuff we've shown you, we want to make your job as easy as possible with this. So if you know of any

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Kelli Kelnar: publications, any kind of videos, anything we could do to help you with this FAFSA graduation requirement,

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Kelli Kelnar: please let us know, because we want to make this information available and provide as much assistance as we can.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay, so if you need to contact us

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Kelli Kelnar: here's my email address. If you email UCanGo2 or OKcollegestart@ocap.org, that will go to our entire team. So someone will get back with you.

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Kelli Kelnar: This is our team currently that will be doing FAFSA presentations for you. Letha and Robbie, you probably know. And they have been doing this for a while. They'll be great to come out to help your schools. I'll be doing that as well, and we're in the process of hiring someone else. So we'll have a little bit more on our team to make all of this work. So

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Kelli Kelnar: I know they've been answering questions in the chat. Do you want to be unmuted, we can do that. And if you have a question, just throw it out there, or if Robbie has some questions he wants to share, that's great.

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Robbie Leftwich: Yes, I do. I have 2 that I want to bring up real quick.

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Robbie Leftwich: The first one

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Robbie Leftwich: is back to the FAFSA graduation requirement

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Robbie Leftwich: Does the superintendent need to designate any specific person to keep track of that? And if so, do they need to inform the State Department of Education about who that person is?

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Kelli Kelnar: Yes, the superintendent will designate someone. It doesn't have to be a counselor or an English teacher, or whoever, it just can be, whoever he wants to keep track of all of the completion information, and they don't have to share that with the State Department of Ed. But yeah, nobody in particular, just someone that

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Kelli Kelnar: he or she feels would be the best at collecting this information. Okay.

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Robbie Leftwich: The second one

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Robbie Leftwich: that was brought up for schools that have large populations of parents without social security numbers who also don't file Federal taxes. What resources are available for those students?

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Kelli Kelnar: Yeah, Dinah, that's a difficult one.

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Kelli Kelnar: we or we

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Kelli Kelnar: I have.

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Robbie Leftwich: And I'm putting you on the spot. Sorry.

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Kelli Kelnar: No, that's fine. I just wish I had a really great answer to say here all these resources that that students can use. And there just

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Kelli Kelnar: isn't. We're trying to put scholarships on our UCanGo2.org site

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Kelli Kelnar: for maybe students without socials.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay.

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Kelli Kelnar: Yeah for

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Kelli Kelnar: students that can't complete a FAFSA.

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Kelli Kelnar: and

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Kelli Kelnar: gosh.

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Kelli Kelnar: Yes, we we need to put something together to offer to families, because I know that's a very difficult situation. If the student has a social and the parent doesn't,

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Kelli Kelnar: the student might talk to their financial aid office at the college or career tech, or where they may want to go and see if there's anything they can do to assist them. Maybe they could make them an independent student so they didn't have to show parent information on the FAFSA. I know

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Kelli Kelnar: sometimes that can be done. Many schools may not want to do that,

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Kelli Kelnar: but I know schools want to help as many students as possible. Students, you know, with socials, and even those without

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Kelli Kelnar: can apply for scholarships. And we're trying to post some scholarships for students

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Kelli Kelnar: that may not have socials, or those that are just, you know, trying to to find free money for college. But I know it's very difficult to get this type of information. But

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Kelli Kelnar: let let me kind of work on that, and see what we can share with you on the October call. We'll try to provide some more information on that. I'm sorry. I know it's just very difficult

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Kelli Kelnar: and there just aren't a lot of ways around it, unfortunately. We'll see what we can find out for you.

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Robbie Leftwich: Last one.

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Robbie Leftwich: Where do they find the new FAFSA Timeline document that you shared?

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Robbie Leftwich: Is that posted on?

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Robbie Leftwich: Sorry? Yeah.

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Kelli Kelnar: No, you're fine, it is on UCanGo2.org under

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Kelli Kelnar: high school.

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Kelli Kelnar: No, it's UCanGo2.org under educators, and it's in the FAFSA toolkit, and it's just called FAFSA Timeline. So yes, that is out there.

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Robbie Leftwich: I think that's all I have from the chat that didn't go answered in there.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay.

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Kelli Kelnar: Letha, did you have anything?

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Letha Huddleston: No, I was just wanting to mention that

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Letha Huddleston: for students who do have a social security number or have a permanent resident number, they can fill out the FAFSA, if the parents refuse to do their taxes; which I've worked with somebody just the other day who was in this position. Of course we highly encourage the parents to do that if they can, but

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Letha Huddleston: that student could indicate on the FAFSA that they're not able to provide parental information, and that would only make them eligible for an unsubsidized student loan. That's the way the Federal laws read right now, so they could still, at least it would be basically just applying for the unsubsidized student loan.

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Kelli Kelnar: Yes, thank you. I'm sorry I forgot about that.

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Letha Huddleston: No, no problem.

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Kelli Kelnar: Cause a lot of students that apply for scholarships, the scholarship organizations sometimes want to see the FAFSA information or know that a student completed a FAFSA. So this may help them a little bit that way, too.

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Letha Huddleston: Yes, and one other thing I'd like to mention is that we talked about the different things that would make a student independent. Legal guardians are not required to submit their information on the FAFSA. If a student is in a legal guardianship at the time, they would answer yes to that question, and that would make them automatically an independent student. And they would not be required to use their parents information or their guardians.

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Kelli Kelnar: Thank you. Yes, that's

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Kelli Kelnar: very good to share.

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Kelli Kelnar: So

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Kelli Kelnar: anybody else have any questions.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay, well, I appreciate you being on the call. We are recording this, and we'll have this on the website here.

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Kelli Kelnar: probably next week. Hopefully.

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Robbie Leftwich: We just got a couple more real quick, Kelli. Can students get Pell grants without parent information?

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Kelli Kelnar: If they're considered independent. Yes.

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Kelli Kelnar: Yes,

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Kelli Kelnar: but

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Kelli Kelnar: like Letha said, if they just say I can't enter parent information on the FAFSA, then no. They only get an unsubsidized student loan.

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Kelli Kelnar: Aye.

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Robbie Leftwich: And then there's 1 in here. It says.

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Robbie Leftwich: For students that utilize the IPSE programs at OU, OSU and NSU, that help some of our special education students go to college, will they be able to utilize the FAFSA?

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Kelli Kelnar: Yes, they can. Sure.

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Robbie Leftwich: Easy.

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Robbie Leftwich: Yep.

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Robbie Leftwich: Okay, that's all I see in the chat now.

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Kelli Kelnar: Okay, great. Well, if you come up with questions later, please feel free to email us. We're happy to help any way that we can. And again, this will be posted on our website next week, and we hope to see you again in October. So thank you very much. I appreciate it. Bye, bye!