

# FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION FACT SHEET

Overview of changes

### WHAT IS THE FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION ACT?

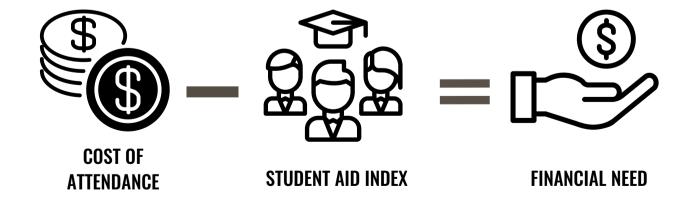
- a more streamlined application process,
- expanded eligibility for federal financial aid,
- reduced barriers for certain student populations, and
- a better user experience for the FAFSA form.

#### **CURRENT KEY INFORMATION AND TALKING POINTS:**

2024-2025 FAFSA NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL DECEMBER

STUDENT AID INDEX
IS REPLACING EFC IN
THE FORMULA

FORMULA CHANGE WILL MEAN MORE PELL FOR SOME STUDENTS





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## WHAT DOES THS MEAN FOR STUDENTS?



# REPLACING THE EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION WITH THE STUDENT AID INDEX

The new Student Aid Index will be a better measure of a student and their family's ability to pay for college.



The new formula removes the number of family members in college from the calculation, adds the value of small businesses and farms, and allows a minimum aid index of negative \$1,500 to give financial aid administrators more insight when making determinations for students with especially challenging situations.



#### **FXPANDING ACCESS TO FEDERAL AID**

The FAFSA Simplification Act expands the Federal Pell Grant to more students and links eligibility to family size and the federal poverty level.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

December 2023: 2024-25 FAFSA released

January 2024: Ellucian to release software upgrade March 2024: Estimated Financial Aid Offers released



THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID WILL KEEP THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY UPDATED AS WE LEARN MORE.