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FSA ID

GUIDE

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KEY DATES

Dec. 7

FSA ID Night | Southwest TN Community College
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Farris Auditorium, Macon Cove Campus

(Approximately) Three (3)Days

With the new FAFSA, this is the wait time between the time you create an FSA ID and when that FSA ID can be used to start, complete, and sign the FAFSA.

Dec. 31 (or before)

The redesigned and streamlined FAFSA form will be available

REMINDER: Every contributor will need to have their own FSA ID!

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PREPARE FOR THE
FAFSA
TODAY!

Who: All prospective college students interested in receiving financial aid in 2024-2025

What: Our partners will be available to assist you and your parent/guardian (if applicable) with filling out information to obtain your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID. This FSA ID is required to start, complete, and sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

When & Where:
Dec. 7 | Farris Auditorium
Southwest Tennessee Community College
5983 Macon Cove
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

If you are a dependent student, please bring your parent(s) along to learn about the financial aid process and create their FSA ID!
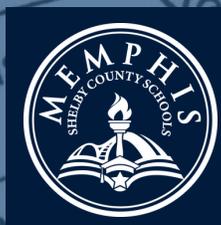
2024-25 FAFSA Changes

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	Old		New
Terminology			
	EFC (expected Family contribution)		SAI (Student Aid Index)
	Household Size		Family Size
	Parent (s)		Contributors
	Student Aid Report		FAFSA Submission Summary
	Dependency Status		Student Personal Circumstances
	IRS Data Retrieval Tool		Direct Data Exchange

Old	New
Process	
Contributor could access the FAFSA without creating FSA ID first	Contributor will NOT be able to access the FAFSA without an FSA ID set up prior to starting the form
Parent without social security number could not create FSA ID. Signature page required	Parent (s) without SSN will be required to create an FSA ID – new process
Using IRS Data Retrieval Tool was optional	Everyone has to click a permission box allowing their financial information to be transferred from the IRS, including non tax-filers
Parent Info provided was determined by "whom the student lived with more out of the year"	New definition of parent is "parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support"
Student could enter up to 10 colleges	Student will be able to add up to 20 colleges
Formula Changes	
Household size reported by student applicant	Family size based on number of people claimed as exemptions on tax forms
Businesses and farms with fewer than 100 employees not counted as an asset	Net value of businesses and farms of any size counted as an asset
Number in college included in EFC calculation	Number in college NO LONGER included in SAI calculation. Question will still appear for institutional purposes
Families with Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) greater than $50,000 required to report asset information	Families with AGI greater than $60,000 will be required to report asset information
Lowest EFC is 0	Lowest SAI is – 1500

Summer 2023 — FAFSA Preview Available

Summer 2023 — FSA ID Process Released

Fall 2023 — Financial Aid Estimator Released

December 2023 — FAFSA Demo Site Available

December 2023 — 2024-2025 FAFSA Opens

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Contributors

A contributor is anyone who is required to provide information on the FAFSA; that means the student, parent(s), and spouse might all be referred to as "contributors" in the FAFSA form.

FSA ID

EVERY contributor will need an FSA ID to access the FAFSA. Undocumented parents will now be able to create an FSA ID.

Tip: Ensure every contributor creates an FSA ID before the FAFSA becomes available.

Multi-Factor Authentication

All contributors will need to set up at least one form of multi-factor authentication. It could be a phone (device), email address, or via an authentication app.

Tip: Set up ALL forms of multi-factor authentication.

Family Size

For tax-filers, family size will be automatically calculated based on the number of individuals claimed on the tax return. If the family size is different from the tax return, there will be an option to enter it manually.

Tip: Have a copy of the tax return or tax transcript on hand to check who was claimed.

Number in College

The number of dependents in college will no longer impact the federal formula for aid distribution. However, questions about the number of dependents in the household attending college may still appear for institutional purposes.

Federal Tax Information

Direct Data Exchange (DDX) will replace the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) as the process for transferring tax information from the IRS. This will reduce the number of financial questions that most families will see on the FAFSA.

All contributors must consent to having their tax information transferred, even if they did not file taxes for the required year. There will be few exceptions for manual entry.

If consent is not granted...

▶ the FAFSA will be considered incomplete
▶ the FAFSA will be ineligible for federal financial aid

Reporting Assets

Families with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) greater than $60k will be required to report asset information. The net worth of businesses and farms of any size will now be included.

Potential Impact on Students

The new formula allows a minimum SAI of negative 1,500 to give financial aid administrators more insight when making determinations for students with especially challenging situations.

Some applicants will be able to determine Pell Grant eligibility prior to enrolling in college based on their family size, household income, and state's poverty standards.

8% will have a higher SAI than EF   13% will see no change   78% will have a lower SAI than EFC

EFC vs SAI

Household size reported by student application	*V.S.*	Family size automatically calculated based on tax forms
Number in college impacts EFC	*V.S.*	Number in college no longer considered in SAI
Businesses and farms with fewer than 100 employees not counted as an asset	*V.S.*	Net Value of Businesses and farms of any size counted as an asset
Lowest EFC is 0	*V.S.*	Lowest SAI is -1500

FSA ID STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Your FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online system and serves as your legal signature. Both student & parent(s) should each create an FSA ID username and password to electronically sign the FAFSA. Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You'll use your FSA ID every year you are in college to complete the FAFSA and review your federal student aid. The 2024-2025 FAFSA is scheduled to open in December 2023.

To create an FSA ID, go to studentaid.gov then follow the steps below.

STEP 1: First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Social Security Number

STEP 2: Create Username and Enter Email & Password

Tip: use a non-school related email address that students will have access to after graduation.

STEP 3: Mailing Address & Mobile Phone Number

STEP 4: Choose Communication & Language Preference

STEP 5: Select & Answer Four Challenge Questions

See challenge question box below

STEP 6: Review Information

STEP 7: Verify Email & Mobile Number

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

To avoid the FSA ID site timing out account creation, preselect and answer challenge questions from the list below. You will need **four** challenge questions and answers when you create your FSA ID.

What was the name of your elementary school? _____

What city were you born in? _____

What was the name of your first pet? _____

What was your high school's mascot? _____

What color was your first car? _____

What is the name of the street where you grew up? _____

What is your father's middle name? _____

What was the name of your first teacher? _____

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MY FSA ID INFORMATION

Now that you have all your information prepared, use the fill-in-the-blank sections below to remember what you need to create your FSA ID.

STUDENT FSA ID

Username: _____

Password: _____

Email: _____

Challenge Answer 1: _____

Challenge Answer 2: _____

Challenge Answer 3: _____

Challenge Answer 4: _____

Backup Code: _____

PARENT 1 FSA ID

Username: _____

Password: _____

Email: _____

Challenge Answer 1: _____

Challenge Answer 2: _____

Challenge Answer 3: _____

Challenge Answer 4: _____

Backup Code: _____

PARENT 2 FSA ID*

Username: _____

Password: _____

Email: _____

Challenge Answer 1: _____

Challenge Answer 2: _____

Challenge Answer 3: _____

Challenge Answer 4: _____

Backup Code: _____

*Only create Parent 2 FSA ID if married and filed 2022 taxes separately.
Married filing jointly requires only Parent 1 FSA ID.

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR FSA ID, PLEASE CALL 1.800.433.3243

RESOURCES

Overview of FAFSA Changes
https://www.collegefortn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-FAFSA-Changes.pdf

FSA ID Step-by-Step Guide
https://www.collegefortn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/FSA-ID-Worksheet-Final.pdf

Español:
https://www.collegefortn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/FSA-ID-Worksheet-Final.pdf

Resources for undocumented students
https://edtrust.org/tennessee/thrive/resources-for-undocumented-students-in-tennessee/

Video guide to complete the FAFSA, Step-by-step
https://www.collegefortn.org/fafsa/