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FAFSA and OKcollegestart Updates



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➤FAFSA Changes and Updates

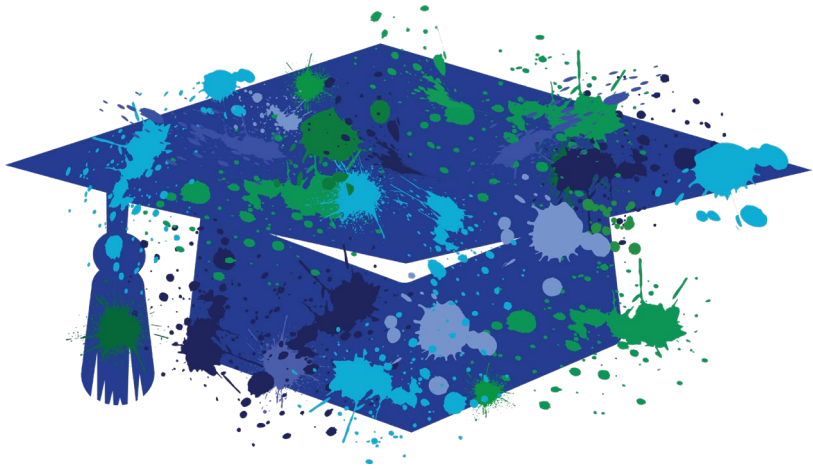
➤Oklahoma FAFSA Law

➤FAFSA Resources

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➤FAFSA Completion Resources and Support

Today's Topics



Why the Change?



➤ **December 2019– Fostering Undergraduate Talent By Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act**

- Allows IRS to disclose federal tax information (FTI) to Federal Student Aid, part of the US. Department of Education, in order to improve the administration of:
 - FAFSA
 - Income-driven repayment plans (student loans)
 - Total & Permanent Disability Loan Discharge
- Original plan was to begin in October 2022 with the 2023-24 FAFSA

Why the Changes?



➤ **December 2020 = FAFSA Simplification Act**

➤ Requires a major overhaul of:

➤ FAFSA form

➤ Financial need analysis

➤ Many policies and procedures for schools that participate

Why the Changes?



- Over 40 years since any major changes had been made
- Need for more automation and less obstacles for students
- **Goals**
 - Streamline the FAFSA process
 - Increase eligibility for Federal Student Aid

Why the Changes?



In One Word...



- For the 2024-25 FAFSA, October 1st launch was moved to December 30, meeting the January 1 deadline imposed by lawmakers
- 'Soft launch' intended to analyze how everything was going before fully operational
- Website was taken down frequently to gather/analyze data
- Soft launch ended January 8

How's it Going?



➤ FSA ID

- Some phone numbers rejected due to being associated with another account
- Parents without Social Security numbers unable to create an FSA ID as planned
- Some are waiting nearly two weeks before they receive confirmation of match with SSA

➤ FAFSA

- Student signature dropped from the form when parent accesses FAFSA
- Form is not complete due to missing signatures, even when not required
- Parents unable to access student's FAFSA using link in email invitation

➤ FSA Information Center

- Long waits
- Calls over a set limit are dropped

Widespread Issues



➤ **Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs)**

- FAFSA data will be processed in 'batches' and sent out to higher ed institutions
- Test period when schools will analyze their systems to ensure everything's working
- Once ISIR process has cleared, schools will begin working on financial aid offer letters
- FSA has announce ISIRs should be available 'the first half of March'

What to Expect



➤ FAFSA Submission Summaries

- Students should begin receiving their summaries around the same time (formerly known as the Student Aid Report, or SAR)

This summary is the signal that their FAFSA has been processed and sent to the colleges listed on their FAFSA. Students won't be able to edit their submitted FAFSA information until they have received this summary.



➤ **Deadlines**

- We're all in the same boat; most colleges are extending critical deadlines

➤ **Housing**

- Many decisions can't be made until eligibility has been determined

➤ **Institutional Aid**

- First come, first served



➤ **When to consider:**

- Pressing scholarship or housing deadline that college won't extend
- Parents without SSNs
 - If student's FAFSA is online, parents' part should be too
 - Online FAFSA will take precedent over paper FAFSA
- Consider if a glitch in the system blocks ability to move forward on FAFSA
- Paper FAFSAs won't be processed until after backlog of online FAFSAs
- Will be a receipt date on paper form when received by FSA

Paper FAFSA's (last resort)



Good News



FSA is taking on a large number of employees to provide 'concierge' services to students/parents and under-resourced higher ed institutions.

End result will be a shorter, more automated process with eligibility formulas that will increase the number of eligible students and amounts they can receive.

Good News



FAFSA Graduation Requirement Law



Beginning with the **2024-2025** school year, students must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to graduate from a public high school.*

Resources:

<https://sde.ok.gov/college-career>

**There are opportunities for students to opt out.*

The Law: Senate Bill 93

OK FDP

Oklahoma FAFSA Data Portal



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Oklahoma College Assistance Program



FAFSA Completion

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2024 - 2025 Detail. Use this page to view and download student data.

Welcome to the FAFSA Application Detail

Paging: Page Size:

The filter options below use "begins with" logic. Type a whole or partial value and tab/click out of the textbook. Data will refresh automatically.

District Name: School Name:
First Name: Last Name: FAFSA Status:

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District Name	School Name	First Name	Last Name	State ID	DOB	Completed FAFSA	FAFSA Detail	Data App Submitted	Selected for Verification
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		6/14/2007	Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	12/15/2023 06:15:00 PM	N
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		12/12/2006	Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	1/3/2024 03:17:00 PM	Y
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		3/24/2007	Not Complete	Incomplete FAFSA Application	12/29/2023 11:28:00PM	N
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		5/5/2007	No Parent Signature	Missing parent signature on FAFSA	4/29/2024 09:45:00 AM	N
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		2/14/2007	Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	03/17/2024 02:25:00 PM	N
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		7/30/2007	Not Complete	Incomplete FAFSA Application	01/29/2024 06:14:00 PM	N

The free FAFSA data portal allows educators to track FAFSA progress, provide targeted assistance, and view date of submission and completion status for high school seniors.

Oklahoma FAFSA Data Portal

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Oklahoma FAFSA Data Portal (OK-FDP)

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The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) and the [Oklahoma College Assistance Program \(OCAP\)](#) are offering the Oklahoma FAFSA Data Portal (OK-FDP), a free online tool to help counselors better assist their high school seniors to successfully complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The OK-FDP allows counselors, principals and mentors to provide more targeted assistance to their students, which is instrumental in increasing FAFSA completion rates – especially for first-generation students pursuing postsecondary education.

Signing Up for the OK-FDP

1. Superintendent/School Board President/Chief Executive must complete the [FAFSA Completion Agreement form](#) (PDF, 244k). This process will require designating:
 - a. A primary contact person and signatory.
 - b. Up to three additional authorized users.
2. Print the completed agreement for signature. It must be signed by the designated signatory.

OKLAHOMA FAFSA DATA PORTAL

- [FAFSA Completion Agreement \(PDF, 244k\)](#)
- [Privacy Certification \(PDF, 10k\)](#)
- [Student List Instructions \(PDF, 56k\)](#)
- [User Instructions \(PDF, 137k\)](#)
- [Student Lists Template for Excel \(XLSX, 16k\)](#)
- [More FAFSA Resources for Educators](#)
- [Student List Upload](#)



Find step-by-step guidance, links to required forms, and more FAFSA resources on the FAFSA Data Portal website.

OKhighered.org/OK-FDP





Resources



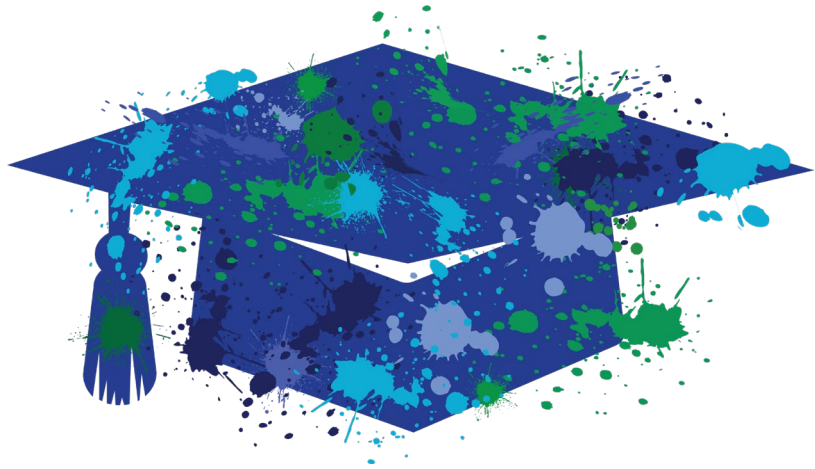
- Paper form - <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2024-25-fafsa.pdf>
 - (or search for 2024-25 FAFSA pdf)
- How to Delete a FAFSA video (from uAspire) – search for How to Delete 2024-25 FAFSA
- uAspire Cost Calculator - <https://www.uaspire.org/calculator>
- FSA Information Center: 1.800.433.3243 (1.800.4 FED AID)



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Free FAFSA Completion Resources



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How do I succeed in high school?

Explore what classes you need to graduate and how those courses align with your career goals.

Sign In Create an Account

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 Middle School  High School  College  Adult  Parent  Professional

What is OKcollegestart?

- Accounts for all ages
- Google Translate into 100+ languages
- Mobile friendly
- Oklahoma's Promise application
- Built in accessibility features

Select your FAFSA plan



FAFSA *(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)*

The FAFSA opens the door to financial aid. Even if you are not sure that you will need financial aid, it's recommended that you and your parent/guardians fill out a **FAFSA application** anyway – it's free. Learn more about **FAFSA**.

Add FAFSA Plan

Select your FAFSA plan



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FAFSA Plan

Which option applies to you?

Select an option

Select an option

I plan to fill out the FAFSA

I do not plan to complete the FAFSA

I submitted the FAFSA

Cancel

FAFSA ICAP Activity on OKcollegestart

Resume Builder

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+ Create a Resume

YOUR NAME

Jane Smith

okcs2024@okcollegestart.org

Objective

I'd like to find work in the finance field.

Skills

- Line 1
- Line 2

Work History

January 2018 - January 2022
Employee

Test Company
Oklahoma City, OK

- Task number one
- Task number two
- Task number three

Education

May 2023
High School Diploma

Sample High School

Certificates & Licenses

CPR Certification, February 2022
American Red Cross, OK

Accomplishments & Activities

- Student Council President, 2022
- Completed 100 hours of community service before graduation

Resume Builder

1 Contact 2 Objective 3 Skills 4 Work 5 Education 6 Certification 7 Extras

Contact Information

First name *
OKCS2024

Last name *
TestAccount

Address
[Text Field]

City
[Text Field]

State
Select a State

Zip code
[Text Field]

Phone
[Text Field]

Next >

Resume Builder

1 Contact 2 Objective 3 Skills 4 Work 5 Education 6 Certification 7 Extras

Education

School name *
[Text Field]

City
[Text Field]

State
Select a State

Type of education or degree *
Bachelor degree, certificate etc.

Program/major or course of study
[Text Field]

Start date
mm/yyyy

End date *
mm/yyyy or "present"

Cancel Save

Tips

Where have you gone to school?
If you've attended multiple schools, list them from most recent to oldest.
If you're participating in a dual enrollment program, list the college or university.

Almost Done!

Select a format from below

Recommended

Best suited for someone with an equally strong work history and educational background

- Objective
- Skills
- Accomplishments
- Education
- Work History
- Certification

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Chronological

Best suited for someone with strong employment history

- Objective
- Work History
- Education
- Skills
- Certification
- Accomplishments

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Functional

Best suited for someone with strong education or skill set

- Objective
- Skills
- Work History
- Education
- Certification
- Accomplishments

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My Evidence Documents

Drag and drop files here to upload

Accepted formats: PDF, DOC, DOCX, XLSX, PPTX, JPG, PNG, and TIFF (10MB size limit)

- OR -

[Choose Files](#) [Google Drive](#)

➤ **Google Drive** upload will expand to other activities in the coming months

Upload Google Drive Files

 Activity: My Goals and Action Plans Remove

Instructions: Enter optional guidance text. +

Trackable:

- ☐ Not Tracked
- ☐ Tracked (completed anytime)
- ☒ Tracked (completed during specific grade)

How many goals does the student need to complete ?

- ☐ 1 Goal
- ☐ 2 Goals
- ☐ 3 Goals
- ☒ 4 Goals

➤ **Tip:** Add instructions so students know they need to have four goals set before the activity will be marked complete.

Require 4 Goals on My Goals


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ICAP Resources

Student User Guides

- [Student User Guide: Career & Interest Assessments](#)
- [Student User Guide: My Goals & Action Plan](#)
- [Student User Guide: Plan of Study](#)
- [Student User Guide: Test Score Activities](#)
- [Student User Guide: Work-Based Learning Experiences](#)

Student ICAP Videos

- [Creating an Account](#)
- [Accessing Your ICAP](#)
- [Interest Profiler](#)
- [Career Cluster Survey](#)
- [Basic Skills Survey](#)
- [Career Key](#)
- [Work Values Sorter](#)

Educator Training Videos

- [Batch Creating Student Accounts](#)
- [Customizing Your ICAP](#)
- [Running Individual Activity Reports](#)
- [Running the Assignment & Curriculum Report](#)
- [How to Create Surveys for Students Video](#)
- Additional OKcollegestart promotional and training videos can be [found on YouTube](#)

Spanish Publication Resources

- [Spanish Publications](#)

Additional Resources

- [College Application Week](#) (CAW) is an opportunity for high school seniors to receive hands-on assistance from knowledgeable volunteers while completing

Student User Guides & Videos



Creating or Editing a Plan of Study

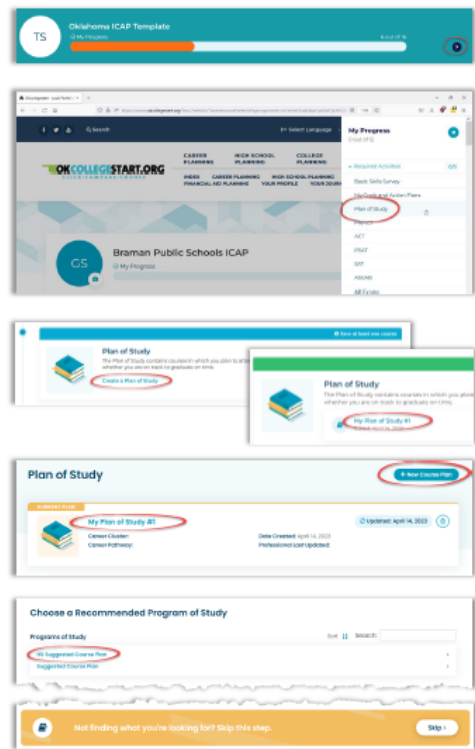
Log into your OKcollegestart.org account. Click the arrow to open your ICAP.

Click on the Plan of Study activity.

Click Create a Plan of Study to begin. Or click My Plan of Study #1 to edit an existing plan.

If you have an existing plan, click the name to edit. If you haven't started a plan yet, click the New Course Plan button.

Select a Program of Study your school has customized, or scroll to the bottom of the page and click Skip.



The screenshot shows the 'My Progress' section of the OK College Start.org website. It includes a 'Plan of Study' button, a 'My Plan of Study #1' button, and a 'New Course Plan' button. The 'Plan of Study' button is circled in red. The 'My Plan of Study #1' button is also circled in red. The 'New Course Plan' button is circled in red. The 'My Plan of Study #1' button is also circled in red. The 'New Course Plan' button is circled in red.

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College Cost Worksheet

This worksheet provides an example of college costs and financial aid. Visit the website of the college(s) you're interested in to find current costs. Students will receive official financial aid offers from each college.

1 REVIEW CAMPUS WEBSITE FOR COST INFORMATION

TUITION & FEES (Cost per credit hour)

Tuition	\$232.29
Mandatory fees	\$29.20

HOUSING PLANS (Cost per semester)

Housing Plan 1: Semi-Private Room	\$1,600.00
Housing Plan 2: Private Room	\$2,400.00

MEAL PLANS (Cost per semester)

Meal Plan 1: 8 meals per week	\$1,650.00
Meal Plan 2: 10 meals per week	\$1,815.00
Meal Plan 3: 19 meals per week	\$2,100.00

4 REVIEW FINANCIAL AID OFFER: Grants, Scholarships, Work-Study & Student Loans

AID TYPE	FALL	SPRING	ANNUALLY
Federal Pell Grant	\$3,698.00	\$3,697.00	\$7,395.00
Oklahoma's Promise	\$3,484.35	\$3,484.35	\$6,968.70
Federal Work-Study	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$3,500.00
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL FINANCIAL AID	\$11,132.35	\$11,131.35	\$22,263.70

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2 DETERMINE SEMESTER TUITION & FEES

Tuition per credit hour	\$232.29
Number of credit hours enrolled	X 15
SEMESTER TUITION	= \$3,484.35

Mandatory fees per credit hour	\$29.20
Number of credit hours enrolled	X 15
SEMESTER MANDATORY FEES	= \$438.00

To graduate on time, enroll in at least 15 credit hours each semester.

3 CALCULATE TOTAL SEMESTER CHARGES

Semester tuition	\$3,484.35
Semester mandatory fees	+ \$438.00
Housing Plan 1 – semi-private room	+ \$1,600.00
Meal Plan 3 – 10 meals per week	+ \$2,100.00
TOTAL SEMESTER CHARGES	= \$7,622.35

Remember to consider other costs including transportation, books and supplies, miscellaneous needs, parking permits, online course fees, lab fees, etc. They may not be listed on your bill, but you'll need to consider how to pay for these additional expenses.

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Plan 1	\$ _____	Plan 3	\$ _____
Plan 2	\$ _____	Plan 4	\$ _____

MEAL PLANS (Cost per semester)

Plan 1: _____ meals per week	\$ _____
Plan 2: _____ meals per week	\$ _____
Plan 3: _____ meals per week	\$ _____

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TOTAL FINANCIAL AID	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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Number of credit hours enrolled	X _____
SEMESTER MANDATORY FEES	= \$ _____

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Semester tuition	\$ _____
Semester mandatory fees	+ \$ _____
Housing Plan	+ \$ _____
Meal Plan	+ \$ _____
TOTAL SEMESTER CHARGES	= \$ _____

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