

Housekeeping

- Session is being recorded and will be posted to the PacFAA and P20 websites – www.pacfaa.org and www.collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com
- Your cameras, microphones and the chat have been turned off. Please post your questions in the Q&A during the session
- Restrooms are down the hall to the left or right, pick your favorite tree

Updates

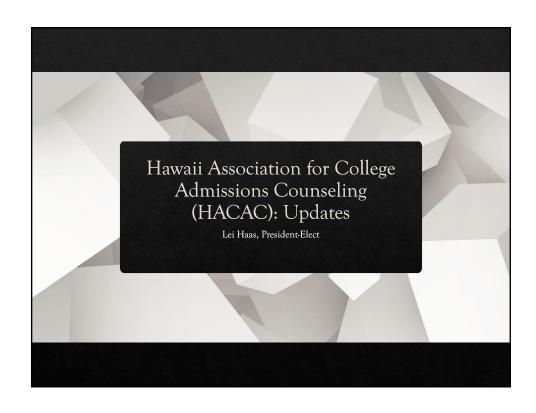
- PacFAA Updates
 - Jeff Anderson
- HACAC updates
 - Lei Hass

PacFAA 2024-2025

- Financial Aid Workshops Virtual
 - 6:00pm, Wednesdays Sept. 20th December 13
 - FAO's there to answer questions
 - Registration: collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com
- Financial Aid Workshop sessions have started in person!
 - If interested, register with Frank Green (greenf@hawaii.edu)
- FAFSA Completion we will have virtual and in person sessions – starting in January 2004

PacFAA 2023 - 2024

- 2024 PacFAA Conference
 - Tentatively scheduled for April 25-26 Save the Date!
 - In Person at The Salvation Army Kroc Center - Oahu
 - Registration information and agenda will be available at a later date at www.pacfaa.org
 - All are welcome



Hawaii P-20 *Live on stage – here to rock your world..... *DJ Gusty Gus!! *Gus Cobb-Adams *(The Good Looking Guy!!)



Hawai'i P-20 Updates

September 15, 2023



Key Data Points & Observations from 2023

- •81.2% was the highest FAFSA completion % by a high school
- •Five (5) schools had a FAFSA completion % higher than 70%
- •3,517 FAFSA applications (37.5%) were completed before January 06, 2023
- 1,176 FAFSA applications (12.5%) were completed from January 06 March 15, 2023
- •875 FAFSA applications (+9.3%) were completed after March 15, 2023
- •339 FAFSA applications (+3.6%) were completed after May 20, 2023 June 30, 2023



College Counselor Toolkit

- How to Pay for College Booklet digital version
- •12th Grade Road Map
- •Financial Aid Night Flyers
- Scholarship Workshop Flyers
- •How to Create an FSA ID Cheatsheet
- •Request a College Speaker or Presenter



Download Now:

www.collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com



Cash for College – FAFSA Challenge

- Official Announcement coming October 2023
- •Featuring two (2) exciting ways to win
- •\$800 to every high school that meets their March 15, 2023 FAFSA rate
- •\$1,000/\$500 will be awarded to high schools with the highest overall percentage as of May 30, 2023
- •High schools must opt-in to participate in 2023-2024







GEAR UP for College Week

Begins September 25 – 29, 2023

Kickoff the college planning season with a college planning event! School-by-School events & activities

- College planning events
- · FSA ID workshops/financial aid presentations
- · College aspiration workshops
- · College planning parent nights
- · Peer mentor presentations



Scholarship Aha

(Virtual & Live-In-person Scholarship Events)

- •Announcement coming September 29th FSA ID/CSS Profile/Scholarship Workshop Events:
 - •Nanakuli/Waianae, Oahu
 - ·Windward, Oahu
 - •Pearl City, Oahu
 - Molokai
 - Maui
 - •Kauai
 - •Hilo, Hawaii
 - •Keaau/Pahoa
 - •Kau, Hawaii



Requesting Feedback: nheahawaii@gmail.com

More information: www.nhea.me



College Application Events



- •High school coordination of Application Events
- •CAES Steering Committee Available to Support
- •Reach out to Gus for assistance

Request a college campus presenter:

https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/counselor-resources/



UH Application Data Initiative

- Provides High School College Counselors a list of students who have applied to any of the UH Campuses
- •Provides a list of status information for enrolling like health clearances, majors/programs, etc.
- Principal must sign & return opt-in form
- •First data report generated in November
- Official Announcement coming in October

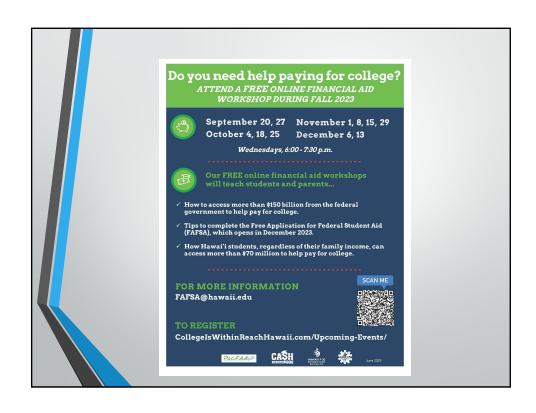


FAST PASS Hawaii



- FAST PASS letters will be mailed in Late September
- · Mailed to eligible students with a 2.7 or higher GPA
- · Letter highlights conditional admissions for UHM, UHH, UHWO
- FAST PASS creates
 - · Expedited application processing
 - · Early scholarship consideration
- · Application fees are waived for all Hawaii residents from the Class of 2024
- Fast PASS letter is not necessary to upload but students should upload unofficial transcripts

More Information at: www.fastpass.hawaii.edu







Questions?

DJ Gusty Gus!!

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Amy Akana

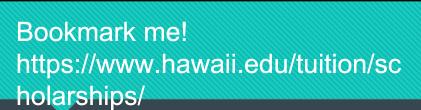
scholars@Hawaii.edu

University of Hawaii Common Scholarship Application

UH System Common Scholarship Application

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September 2023 Workshop Amy Akana, UH System Office of Student Affairs



- Open annually October 1-March 1
- One application for approximately 800 scholarship funds
 For 23-24, awarded nearly 3 million dollars systemwide
- Open to students attending ANY campus within the University of Hawaii System

√Application checklist

- Be a University of Hawaii system student
- Complete the FAFSA (optional, but recommended)
- Transcripts (unofficial are OK)
- Contact info for recommendations (1-3 people)
- Personal Statements
- Optional essays for certain scholarships
- Review and submit

Personal Statements

- Helpful to think about:
 - O Educational & career goals
 - O Employment and/or service experience
 - O Any accomplishments, including any honors or awards
 - O Personal background
 - Any barriers to obtaining education goals & how the student plans to overcome them

Letters of Recommendation

- Need the name(s) and email address(es) of 1-3 references
- All recommendations are submitted via an online form by the recommender - nothing accepted via email and/or from the student
- Students can track letters of recommendations even after submitting the application
- Deadline for students to list name/email of recommenders:
- Deadline for recommenders to submit: March 8

Tips and Recommendations for students

- Take your time no advantage to submitting early...
- ...but also don't wait to the last moment to submit!
- Answer questions completely and accurately don't expect selection committees to fill in the blanks for you
- $\bullet\,$ Your progress will auto-save, no need to do the application all in one sitting
- Ask people to read over your essays for proofreading and content suggestions
- It's OK to recycle essays and statements from other applications, but they should still be tailored to the specific application prompt
- Currently the site is not enabled for Hawaiian diacritical markings, so they will not display properly in submitted applications - better to omit them for now

Any Questions?

UH System Common Scholarship Program scholars@hawaii.edu 808-956-6203

Tara Shibuya

Hawaii Community Foundation



2024-2025 HCF Common Scholarship Application

www.HawaiiCommunityFoundation.org



Why Apply for HCF's Scholarships?







One online application may qualify you for...

Over 300 Scholarship Funds Over \$7 million in scholarship awards





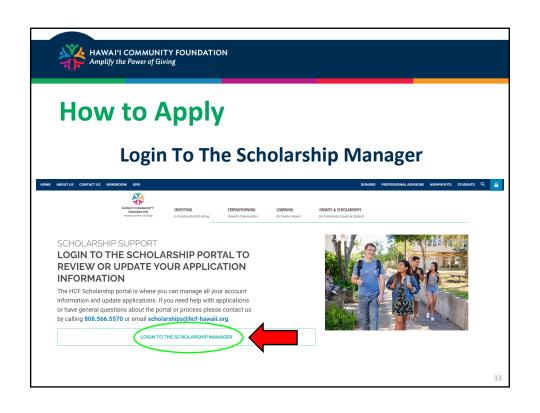
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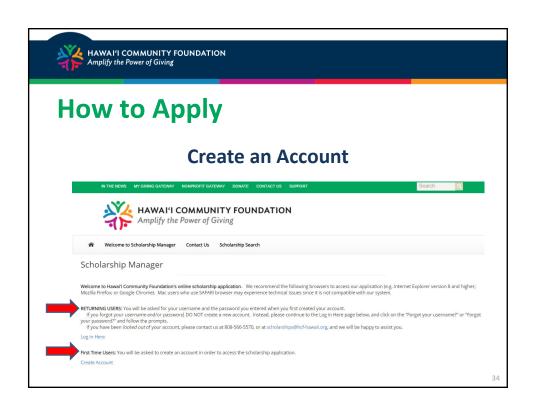


Application Updates for 2024-2025

- Opens **December 12, 2023**
- Closes February 29, 2024
- Letters of Recommendation Due March 14, 2024
- Student Aid Report not required, but HIGHLY recommended









Required Documents

Transcripts – Must Contain:

- Name of student
- Name of school
- Course history and grades, including fall semester grades if available
- Cumulative GPA

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Required Essays

- What inspired you to choose (your) field of study and academic plan?
- How will your academic plans help you to give back to the community?





Optional Documents & Questions

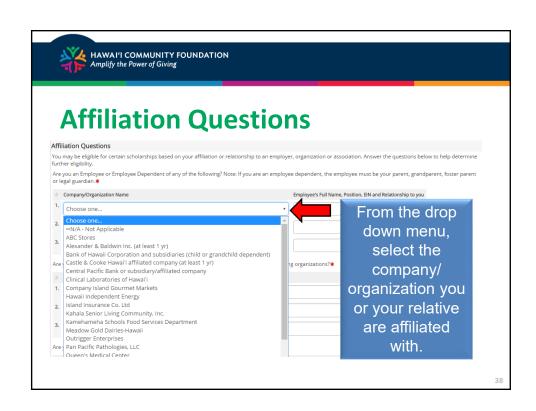
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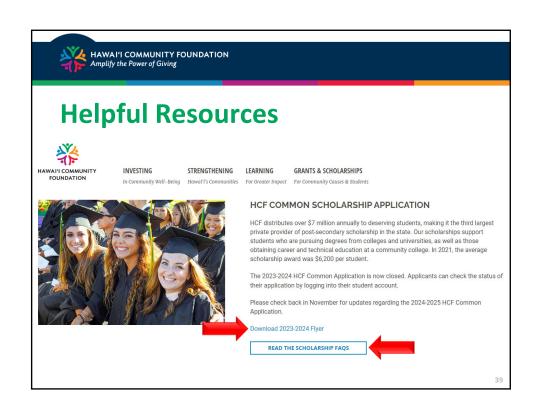
- Student Aid Report
- Letters of Recommendation (students can request up to 3)
- Kamehameha Schools Ho'oulu Verification Services Letter
- SAT/ACT Scores (high school seniors only)

Optional Questions

- Yes/No
- Short Answers
- Essays











Helpful Tips

- Start Early
 - Submit your FAFSA in December
 - Obtain your transcript ASAP
 - Save any attachment(s) as a .pdf for easy upload
- Answer all questions accurately Every question is tied to a scholarship opportunity
- Prepare essays ahead of time and save as a Word document for easy cutting and pasting
- Notify recommenders **BEFORE** asking for a Letter of Recommendation
- Submit your application before deadline day!

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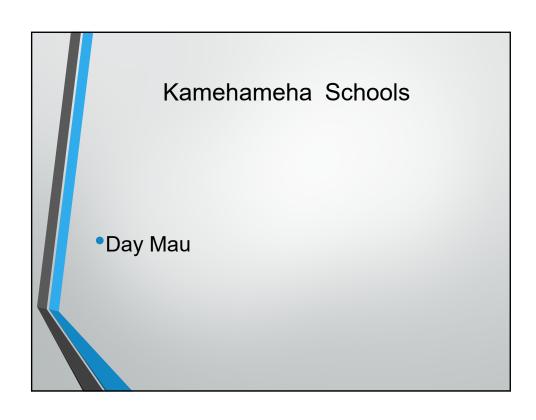
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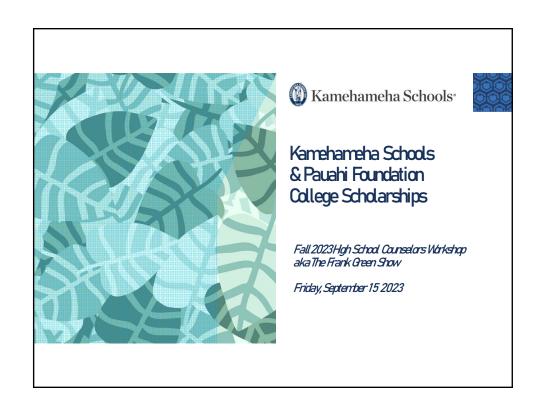


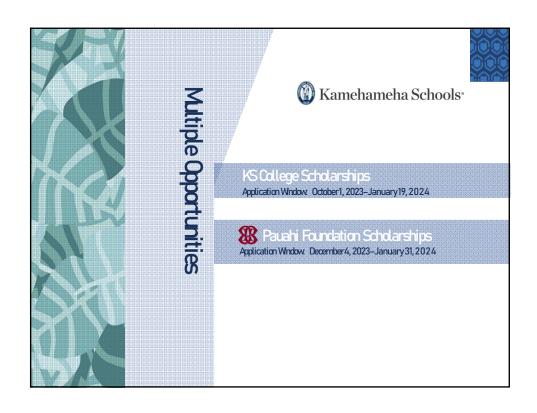
Email: scholars@hawaiicommunityfoundation.org

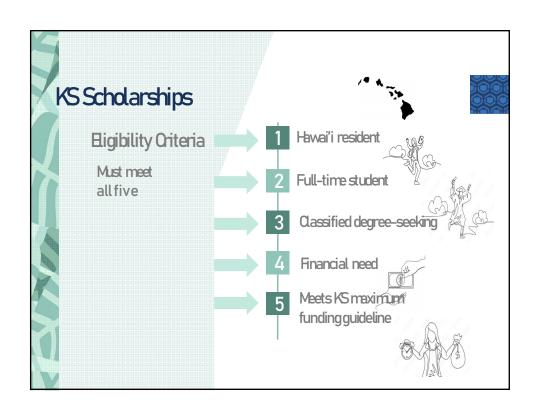
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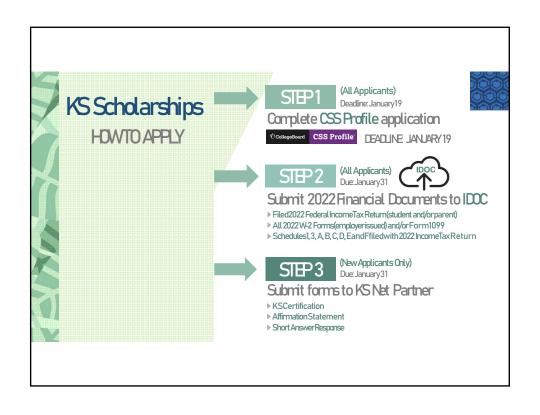
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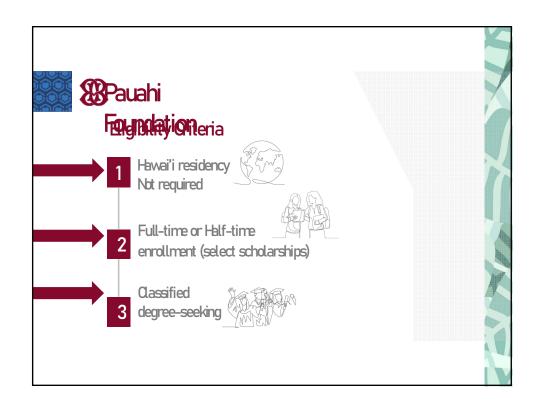


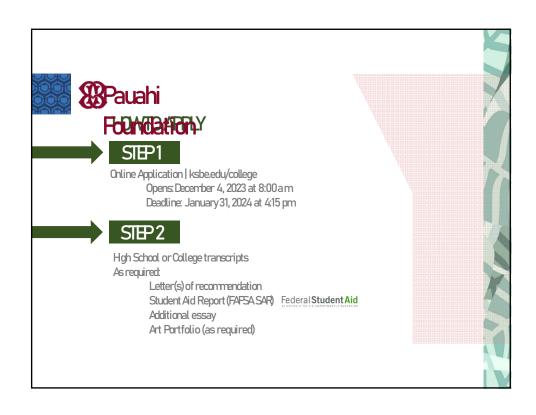
















Tips for Success

Apply early

- · Early applicants receive courtesy reminders
- Read and respond to calls and emails from KS

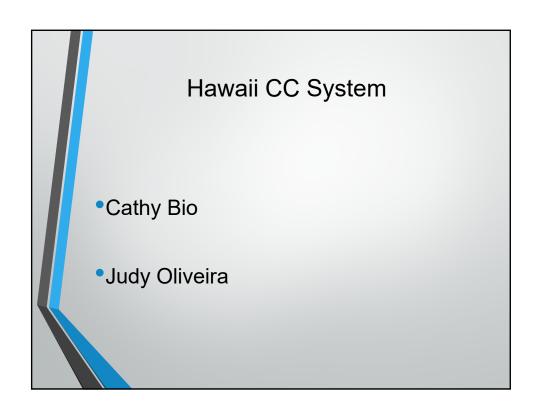
Visit the KS Outreach Support Services website www.ksbe.edu/college

- Use the Application Checklist to complete your application
 Follow the Application Step-by-Step Guide for detailed help

Kōkua available at KS Resource Centers

- Locations
 - https://apps.ksbe.edu/resourcecenters/locations/oahu/
- Call us 808.534.8080 or toll free 1.800.842.4682, then press 2









Centralized Financial Aid Update at UHCCs

UHCC Centralized Financial Aid

Goals & Outcomes

- Alignment and Standardization of Policies & Procedures
- Efficiency
- Strategic Use of Financial Aid for Student Success



Alignment of Policies & Procedures

How is consistency more equitable for students?

- · Start dates for financial aid processing and packaging
- · Differing packaging rules and processing for Hawaii B+



Efficiency

- Centralized back-end processing
 - · Receiving FAFSAs and Sending Correction Files
 - Consistent and Standardized Email Messaging to Students
 - Financial Aid Packaging Consistent packaging rules
 - Verification process outsourced turn around time faster

No changes to how students apply or communicate with their campus regarding financial aid



Strategic Use of Financial Aid

- · Intentional focus on the most needy students
- · Leveraging aid to spread out limited funding
- Decreasing the number of multiple grants
- Automating HS transcripts to improve Hawaii B+



Impact on Students

- Lowest Income students benefit even if they aren't the "first ones" to apply
- More students get "some" institutional aid (decreased the number of multiple grants)
- All students awarded Hawaii Promise before fall get their funds at the start of term
- · More UHCC students will receive Hawaii B+



Questions?

- Cathy Bio, Director of Student Success
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- Jannine Oyama, Central Financial Aid Office, Tech Lead
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- Judy Oliveira, Director for Student & Academic Affairs
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2023-2024 Funding Levels

- Maximum Scheduled Award: \$7,395
 - Increase of \$500 for 2023-2024

Able to receive up to 150% of scheduled Pell award

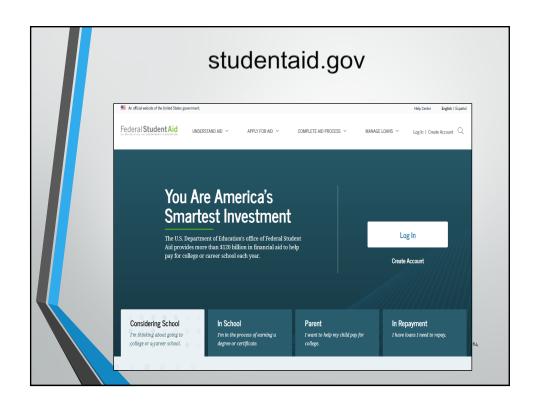
- Minimum Award \$750
- Maximum eligible EFC 6656

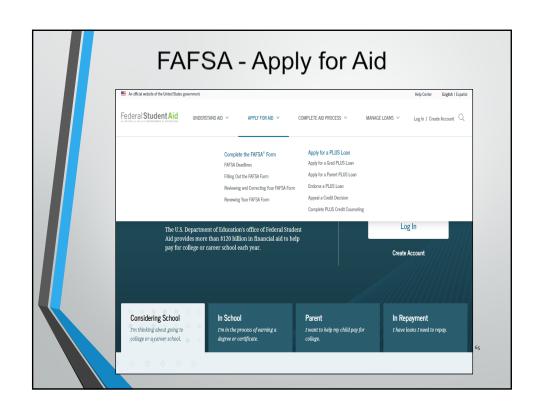
FSA ID Challenges

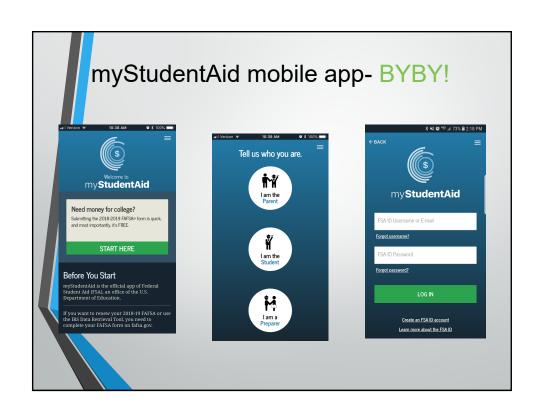
- Easy for students and parents to forget their username and password
 - The FSA ID may be used only once a year email addresses may have changed
 - Write down the FSA ID username, email address, password and security questions/answers
 - Take a picture!
- ACCOUNT

studentaid.gov

- fafsa.gov and fsaid.ed.gov are both being redirected to studentaid.gov
- Redirect will continue until April, 2022 or later??
 Later!!
- Eventually (soonish or not) all (most) Federal Financial Aid sites will launch from studentaid.gov







Federal Loan Interest Rates

- Rates are the same for undergraduate subsidized and unsubsidized loans.
- Rates are different between undergraduate students and graduate students.
- Fixed rate set each year. Applies for the life of the loan.

Interest Rates		
Loan Type	Borrower Type	Interest rates for loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/23 and before 7/1/24
Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Undergraduate	5.50%
Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Graduate or Professional	7.05%

Interest Rates

- For Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2024, the interest rate is **8.05%**.
- These are fixed interest rates for the life of the loan.





FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION

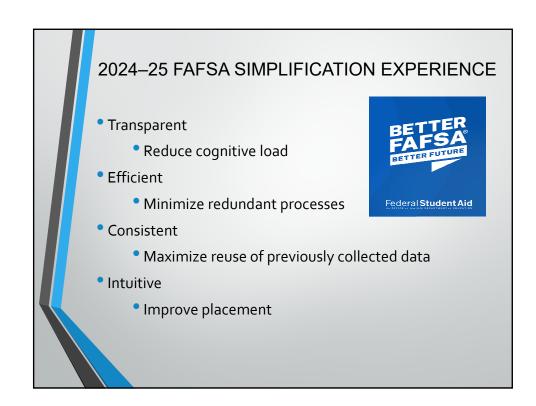
Became law December 27, 2020

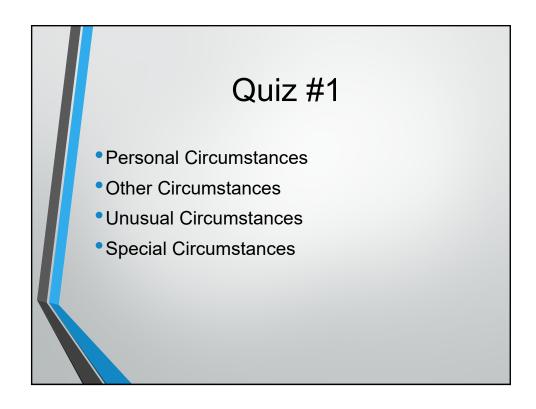
FUTURE ACT

- Became law December 19, 2019
- Expands access to federal student aid
- Requires FSA use data directly from IRS

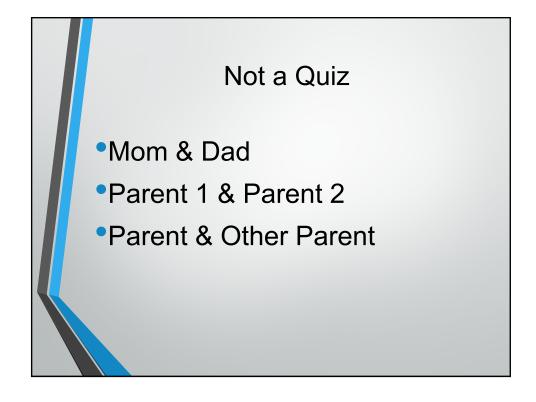
FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION ACT

- Part of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
- Introduces significant changes to FAFSA application process

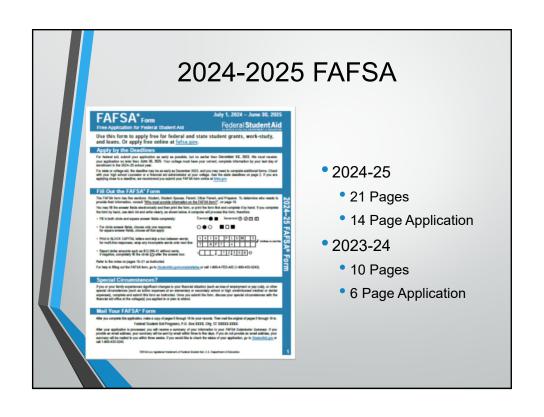




Quiz #2 Prior-Prior Year Last complete calendar Year Previous 12 months







Ways to File the 2024/25 FAFSA

- All contributors complete online FAFSA process (recommended)
- All contributors complete and mail PDF FAFSA form
- Applicant completes online process and contributor(s) provides consent and signature on the FAFSA Submission Summary

Federal Student Aid

Major changes to the 2024–25 FAFSA

- The general look and feel of the FAFSA form
- Integration to allow users' federal tax information to be retrieved and transferred directly into the FAFSA form via IRS direct data exchange, replacing the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- Replacement of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with the Student Aid Index (SAI)
- · Required consent from users to
 - · retrieve and disclose federal tax information,
 - · be eligible for federal student aid, and
 - · be eligible to receive an SAI

Major changes to the 2024-25 FAFSA

An FSA ID (account username and password) required to access the FAFSA form

- Users without a Social Security number can create an FSA ID and access the FAFSA
- · A roles-based FAFSA form
 - · Roles = Student (Applicant), Parent, and Preparer
 - Once all required data has been provided and all sections have been signed, any role can submit the FAFSA form
- · Introduction of contributors to the FAFSA form
 - Contributors = Parent, Other Parent, Student Spouse, and Student (when invited by Parent or Preparer)
 - Contributors must provide the required information and sign their respective section for a FAFSA form to be considered complete

Federal Student Aid

Major changes to the 2024-25 FAFSA

- Students and parents may be eligible to transfer their FAFSA information into a state aid application. Participating states include lowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Vermont.
- After the FAFSA form is processed, students can correct or update their application. Contributors are able to correct or update only their sections of the student's application.

Major changes to the 2024-25 FAFSA

Demographic survey

Removal of:

Student housing choice questions FWS interest question

Parent of record

FSA ID Requirement

Federal Student Aid

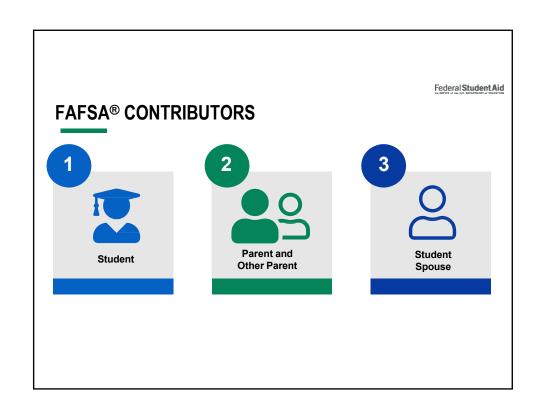
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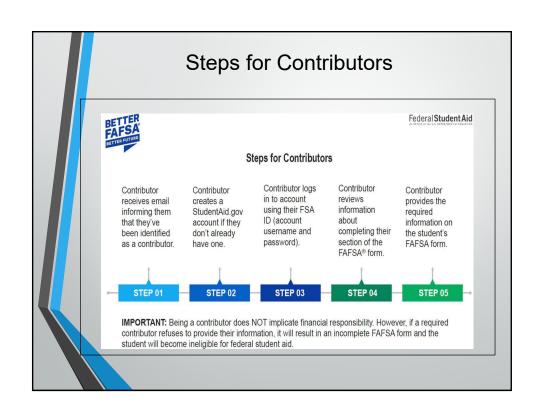
No taxable income questions on the online FAFSA

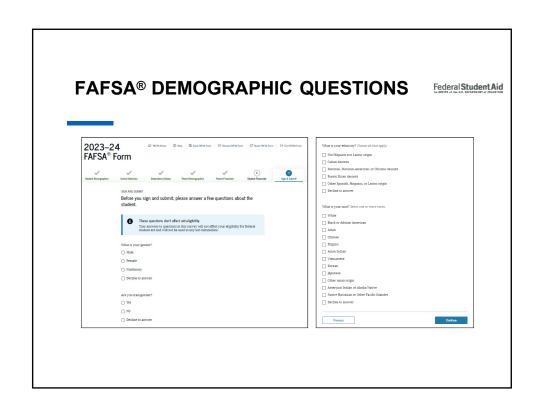
Fewer untaxed income items factored into FM formula

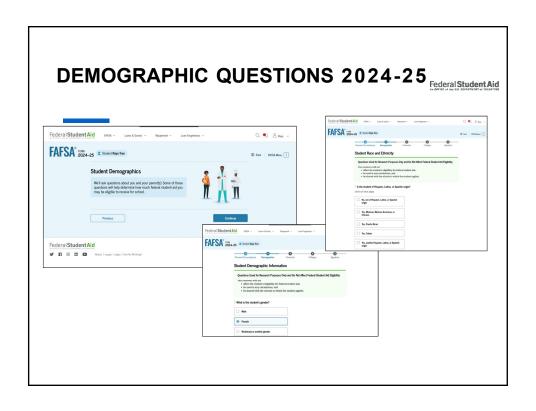
>Child support received now reported with assets

Family size (formerly household size) based on dependents claimed on taxes









Changes to Assets

- Net Value of Family Farms (Investment Farm) and Small Business will no longer be excluded from Assets (if the family is required to report assets).
 - Value of the primary residence is not reported
- Net worth is the value of the Business or Farm less any debts owed against it



Changes to Assets

- Assets still include cash (Savings & Checking & Cash), child support received, investments, and additional property
 - Child Support Received is for the last complete calendar year
- Education Savings Accounts for other children no longer reported



Changes to Assets

- Simplified Needs and Auto Zero Calculations are gone
- No asset questions for:

Those eligible for maximum Pell

Means-tested benefits recipients

AGI < \$60K and no lettered tax schedules

AGI < \$60K and only Schedule C, provided Schedule C gain/loss < \$10K

FAMILY SIZE AND NUMBER IN COLLEGE

- Family size determined using tax return data; can adjust if info has changed or does not reflect applicant's current family size
- Number in college no longer part of need analysis but question will remain on FAFSA® form





LIVING EXPENSES

Room and Board → Housing and Food

HOUSING PLANS ON FAFSA® FORM

Department no longer allowed to ask about a student's housing choice on FAFSA form

HOUSING COMPONENT IN COST OF ATTENDANCE

Institutions must calculate for:

- · On-campus
- Off-campus
- With parent

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INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE

- Dependent Students
 - For parents increased about 20%
 - For students increased about 35% (9,410)
- Independent Students
 - Without dependents increased about 35%
 - With dependents:
 - Married increased about 35%
 - Single increased about 60%

Parents......and Other Parents

- 1. Who's My Parent Wizard" view: this view helps the student identify which parent(s) to invite to their FAFSA using a combination of questions.
- 2.Invite Parent view: Student provides their parent(s) identity and contact information so that the system can email the parent(s) an invitation to access the FAFSA form.
 - OFirst name
 - OLast name
 - ODate of birth
 - Social Security number
 - Email address

Parents......and Other Parents

- Who is considered a legal parent on the FAFSA form?
 - Legal parents are biological or adoptive (regardless of gender), or as determined by the state (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, widowed stepparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted the student.
- Which parent should include information?
 - If the parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support, even if the student does not live with them. If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.

Parents.....and Other Parent

Dependent students with married parents

• Students will provide information about both parents

Dependent students with divorced or separated parents

• Student will report information on the parent who provides the greater portion of the student's financial support

Dependent students with remarried parent

• Students will continue to provide information about parent and stepparent

Unable to provide parent information

• Students will receive a provisional SAI

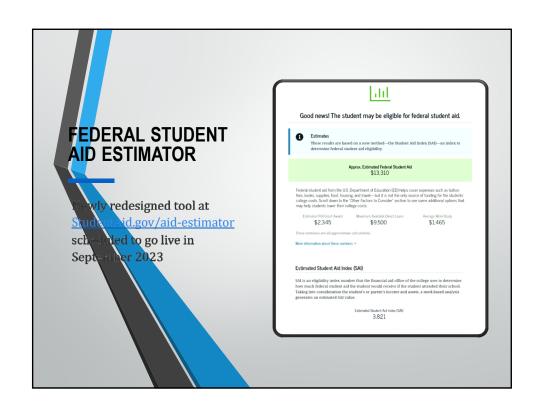
Family size will be determined by the tax return

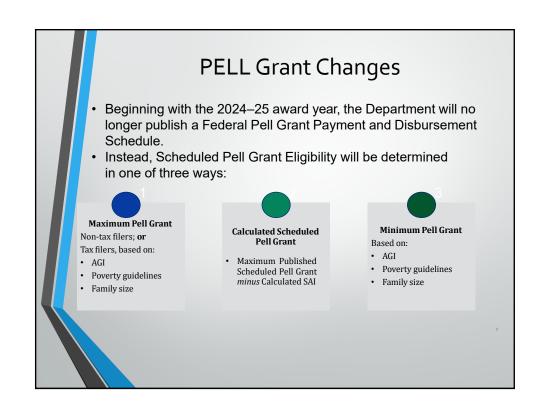
• Correction needed where household size not accurately reflected

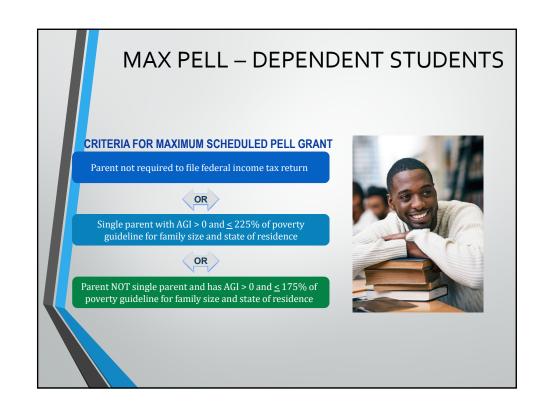
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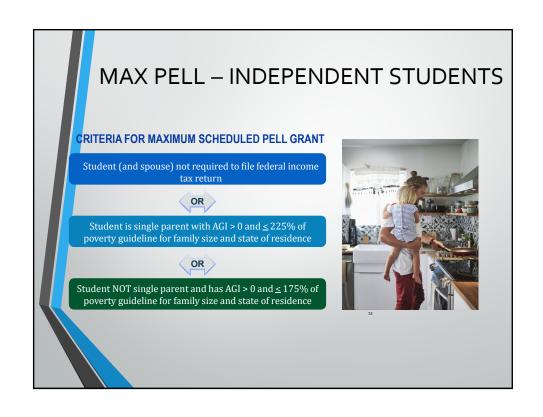
And there's more.....

- SAR becomes the FAFSA Submission Summary
- Elimination of the save key
- Removal of ability to access a FAFSA form through student personal identifying information (PII)
- List of colleges expanded (up to 20 on online form now)







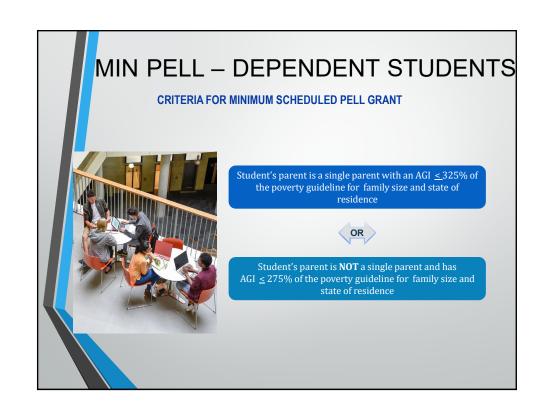


CALCULATED SCHEDULED PELL GRANT

- Students not eligible for an automatic Max Pell Grant may be eligible for a Calculated Scheduled Pell Grant
- Published Maximum Pell Grant minus Student Aid Index (SAI)
 - = Calculated Scheduled Pell Grant, rounded to the nearest \$5

Example:

- Max Pell = \$7,850 (just an example actual number not yet published)
- SAI = 1,002
- Calculated Scheduled Pell = \$7,850 1,002 = \$6,848
 Rounded to \$6,850



PELL Grant Changes

- Pell Grant Annual Awards and disbursement
 amounts will now be calculated using "Enrollment
 Intensity" (a percentage value) rather than
 enrollment status (e.g., half-time or full-time).
- The Act eliminated the requirement for a student to be enrolled half time to receive more than one full Scheduled Award during an award year (year- round Pell).

ENROLLMENT INTENSITY

STANDARD TERM PROGRAMS

- Number of enrolled credits ÷ Credits required for full-time enrollment
- Round to nearest whole percent using standard rounding rules
 - 7÷12 = 0.58333 = 58%

Enrollm ent Catego ry	Enrollm ent Intensi ty
Full-Time	100%
Three- Ouart	92%
	83%
er Time	75%
Half-Time	67%
	58%
	50%
Less-than- Half- Time	42%
	33%
	25%
	17%
	8%
	ent Catego Ty Full-Time Three- Quart er Time Half-Time

Pell Grant Order of Operations

- Student is considered for max Pell first
 Based on # of parents in household and AGI vs. FPG multiplier
- If no qualification for maximum Pell:
 [Maximum Pell amount SAI = Pell amount]
- If no max Pell and no Pell award from the SAI calculation, student is considered for minimum Pell

Based on # of parents in household and AGI vs. FPG multiplier

10% of the maximum award

2024-25 Eligibility for Max/Min Pell Grant

The following tables can be used to determine if an applicant may be eligible for a maximum or minimum Pell Grant for the 2024-2025 award year. Eligibility is based on the student's dependency status, family size, student and/or parent adjusted gross income (AGI), and state of legal residence.

Dependent Student Max/Min Pell Grant Eligibility Limits

Complete these steps to quickly determine if an applicant falls within Pell Grant eligibility limits:

- 1. Determine the dependent student's parent's state of legal residence;
- 2. Determine if the student's parent is a single parent; and
- 3. Reference the appropriate table to locate the row that corresponds to the student's family size.

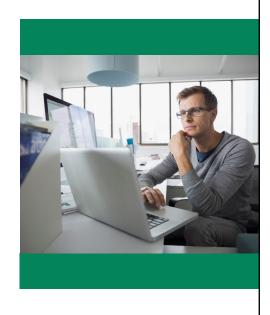
If the parent's 2022 AGI > \$0 AND the parent's 2022 AGI <= Max Pell Parent AGI Limit for their family size, then the student is eligible for a Max Pell.



NEGATIVE STUDENT AID INDEX (SAI)

Can use negative SAI as a selection factor for institutional and state aid programs

For *Title IV* recipients, a negative SAI must be converted to 0 for packaging purposes



2024-25 NEGATIVE SAI

- As low as -1500
- Non-tax filers and Max PELL recipients receive automatic -1500 SAI
- No Additional Aid
 - Negative SAI is converted to a 0 SAI for calculating and awarding Federal Aid

Untaxed Income and Benefits

Items Removed

- Payments to tax-deferred pensions and retirement savings plans
- Cash support (money received or paid on your behalf)
- Workman's compensation
- Housing/food allowance for military/clergy
- Veteran's noneducation benefits
- Child support received (now an asset)

FSA ID - What remains the same

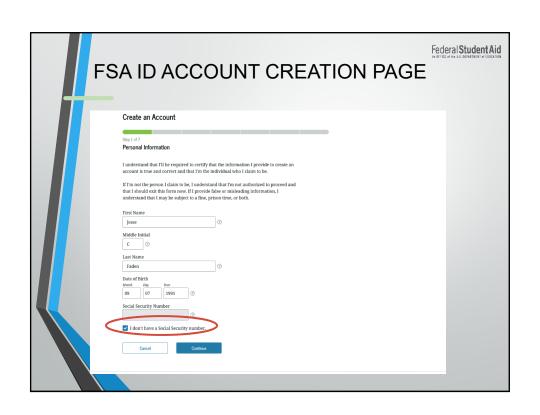
- Students will need a StudentAid.gov account (FSA ID) to start the FAFSA form online
- Users will be presented with the same questions in the account creation process
 - Personal Information (Name, DOB, Social Security Number)
 - Account Information (Username and password)
 - Contact Information
 - Communication Preferences
 - Challenge Questions
- Users will continue to set up multi-factor authentication
- Identity match with the Social Security Administration (SSA) will be completed when SSN is provided

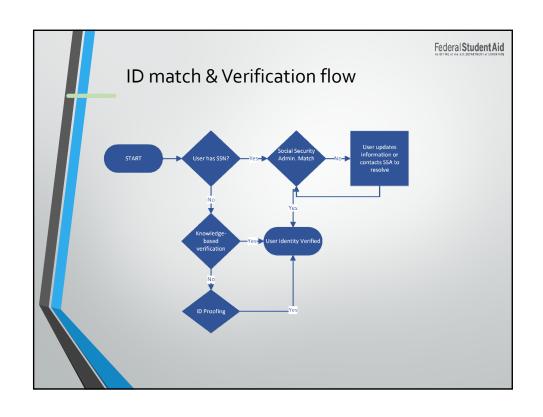
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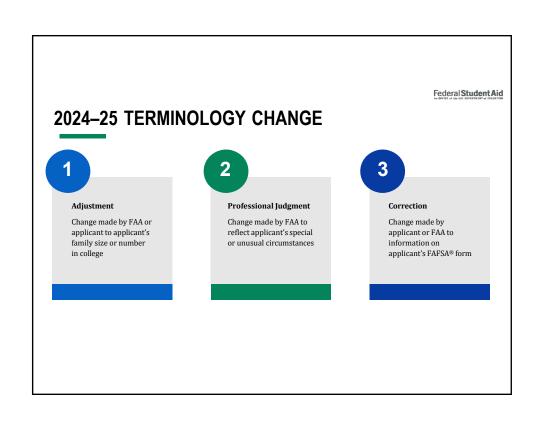
FSA ID - What is changing

- All contributors must have an FSA ID to access the 2024-25 FAFSA form online
- Identity match required for each contributor to verify FSA ID
- A verified email address will be required to establish an account
- Users can apply without entering an SSN or ITIN
- Users without an SSN will complete a knowledge-based identity verification process

VERIFICATION FOR NON-SSN HOLDERS • Identity match required for each contributor to verify FSA ID • Conducted on students who are from the Freely Associated States and have a pseudo-SSN • The student's spouse, parent, or other parent are sent through the knowledge-based ID verification process when they do not have an SSN







Professional Judgment: Definitions

- Unusual Circumstances
 - Adjustment to a Student's dependency status
- Special Circumstances
 - •Adjustments to component(s) of the COA or SAI

PJ CATEGORIES

Federal Student Aid

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Financial situations leading to changes to data elements in COA or EFC calculation

Changes to family income, assets, etc.

Recent unemployment

Dislocated worker

Housing change due to homelessness

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Conditions leading to changes to student's dependency status (a.k.a. dependency override)

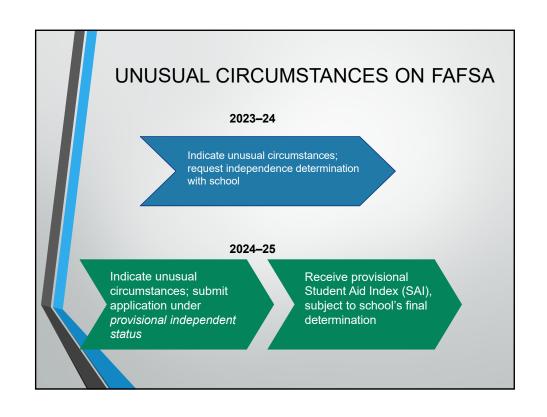
Human trafficking

Refugee or asylee status

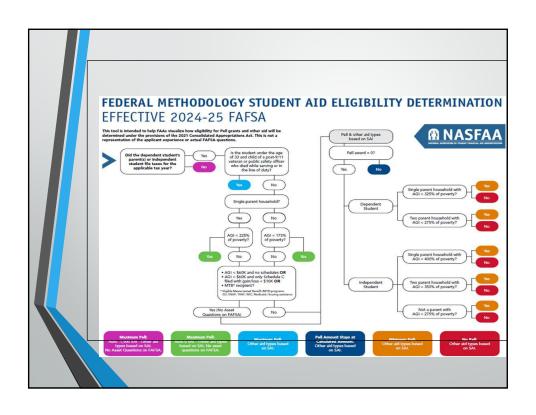
Parental abandonment, incarceration, etc.

Unable to contact parents

Contact with parents poses a risk









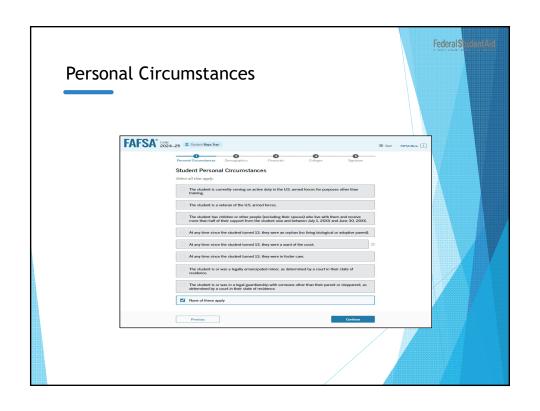
Financial Aid Events

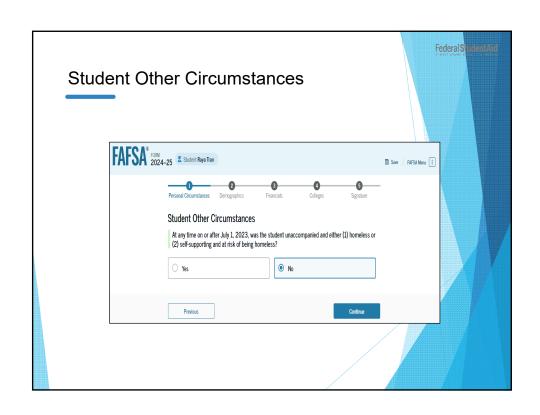
- FAFSA 101
 - Friday, September 22, 2023, 10:00am 12:00pm
- Financial Aid Nights
 - Starting September 20 through December 13, 2023
 Wednesdays, 6:00pm 7:30pm
- Scholarship Nights: 6:00pm 7:30pm
 - Thursday: November 02 & November 16
 - Registration for all:
 - https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com

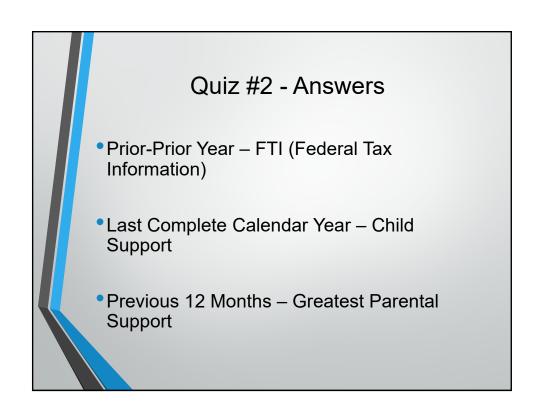
Financial Aid Events

- FAFSA Completion
 - Starting in January 2024
 - Virtual
 - Wednesdays, 6:00pm 7:30pm
 - In Person
 - Contact us
 - We will be there to support you!

Quiz #1- Answers Personal Circumstances - Dependency Other Circumstances - Homeless Unusual Circumstances - DO Special Circumstances - PJ







Questions ??????????

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