

## FAFSA Changes for 2024-2025

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### Our Agenda

- Changes to FAFSA
- Background on the application redesign
- Next steps



#### Why Change now?

- FAFSA Simplification Act of 2021
- FUTURE Act of 2020
- Biggest change in Financial Aid since 1992





## What is definitely changing?

- For 2024-25, when the FAFSA opens
  - Sometime in December (likely the end of December)
  - UM may not get records from Federal Student Aid until late January / early February
- How to complete the FAFSA
  - Role-based
  - Invitation to "contributors"
  - All contributors must provide consent to share tax information
- The way in which FSA determines your eligibility for Federal financial aid
- All families will have to link to the IRS for tax data (filers and non-filers)
- Federal EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) become SAI (Student Aid Index)



# What is not changing?

- The need for a FAFSA to apply for need-based aid for 2024-25
- UM's commitment to you
  - Assuming no change in your family's financial circumstances, your need-based grant from UM (and your merit scholarship) will remain the same
    - Students need to make Satisfactory Academic Progress
- The priority deadline remains February 1
- We still hope to have financial aid offer letters to you in late May



# What might be changing?

- If parents are divorced or separated, which parent completes the FAFSA.
- If parents are small business or farm owners, these assets are now reported on the FAFSA.
- If a family has more than 1 child in college, the Federal formula no longer divides your parent contribution.
- For families with Foreign Income Exclusion, this income will now be added back.
- For some families, Pell grant may be added, removed, or reduced based on the above changes.





Role-based FAFSA and Contributors

- Student should start the application at <u>studentaid.gov</u>
- Student completes their section and "invites" their parent(s) or spouse
- All parties must have their own FSA ID
- Each contributor completes their own section of the FAFSA
- FAFSA must be submitted within 45 days of the start of the application or it will be deleted

## FSA ID

- Combination of username and password used to access all FSA web information
- Student must have one, spouse (if married) must have one, and one or both parents must have one (depending on tax filing status)
- Must be obtained at least 3 to 5 days before completing the FAFSA
- If you already have one, it can still be used
- Parents without an SSN will be able to obtain one (in December)

GOT YOUR FSA ID YET?



#### Which Parent Files the FAFSA / Needs an FSA ID?



#### What is a Contributor?



- New definition of someone who provides their tax information in order to determine eligibility for financial aid
- Does not mean that a contributor is required to pay for college
- Each contributor must provide consent to share their tax information

#### Changes in the Federal Financial Aid Formula

- No longer providing an adjustment for multiple children in college
- All businesses (including farms) are now included in the reporting of assets
- Child support received is now an asset
- Most types of untaxed income not on the tax return are ignored
- Tax information will automatically be brought over from the IRS (with limited exceptions)
  - Foreign income earners
  - PR Tax returns
  - Change in marital status since filing
- Special cases of Rollovers and Foreign Income Exclusion

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## From EFC to SAI





EFC now Student Aid Index.

The SAI will be used to calculate need.

A negative SAI will identify the neediest students.

- Federal Expected Family Contribution (FM EFC) becomes Student Aid Index (SAI)
- SAI can be as low as -1500
- Institutional EFC remains as is (no changes)



For UM, our Commitment to You DOES NOT CHANGE

- For our UM grant analysis, we will still adjust for multiple children in college
- Commitment to hold UM grant and scholarship to previous year's amount if no change in family circumstance and academic requirements are met (SAP)
- If there is a significant change in family's financial situation, the option for a request for review (with CSS Profile and 2022/ 2023 complete tax information)

# Questions

- Stay tuned no need to check in now
- We will announce FAFSA launch once we are aware of it!
- After FAFSA launch, reach out to 'Canes Central with questions
- Keep in mind, receipt of information by us may be delayed, but we will honor your original filing date (even if we don't receive your FAFSA until after February 1)

