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# Better FAFSA® Better Future Timeline

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# A better FAFSA® process means a better future. For everyone.

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2021-2022**

## The changes have already begun.

- Reverse the Subsidized Usage Limit Applied (SULA) calculation.
- Remove negative consequences associated with drug convictions and failure to register for Selective Service—not updated in the Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Update comment codes on Student Aid Report (SAR) to reflect removal of negative consequences associated with drug convictions and failure to register for Selective Service.

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## More improvements are on the way.

- Remove questions associated with drug convictions and Selective Service on the FAFSA® form.
- Expand the Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) restoration.
- Extend Federal Pell Grants to incarcerated students.
- Carry over responses to the unaccompanied and homeless questions from previous FAFSA® cycle.
- Provide updated guidance to schools, including changes to cost of attendance, expansion of aid adjustments through professional judgment, and additional assistance for applicants who cannot provide parental information on their FAFSA®.
- Evaluate changes to the FAFSA® form through impact assessments and user focus groups.
- Gather feedback from students, families, and FSA’s partners about the proposed changes to the FAFSA® process.
- Collect race/ethnicity and gender identity information via optional survey

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## Full implementation is right around the corner.

- Complete updates to the English and Spanish FAFSA® forms based on the FAFSA® Simplification Act and FUTURE Act, including a tool for early estimation of aid.

- Replace Expected Family Contribution (EFC) with Student Aid Index calculation to determine eligibility for need-based funding.
- Modify the Pell Grant eligibility formula.
- Change the verification selection criteria.
- Perform consumer testing of the new FAFSA<sup>®</sup> form, including outreach and feedback sessions with students, families, and FSA's partners.
- Expand translation services and support through FSA's contact center to include 11 most common languages spoken in the U.S.
- Implement FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange with the IRS to import Federal Tax Information.
- Update back-end systems that process and store FAFSA<sup>®</sup> data.