

Projected Changes for the 2010-2011 Academic Year



"Simplifying the FAFSA is another significant action in our quest to keep a college degree within the reach of every person who aspires to higher education...." Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan (June 24, 2009)

Guiding Principles Behind the Changes Proposed by the Department of Education

- Federal Student Aid Programs should target the neediest students.
- Families applying for aid need reliable information that allows them to understand how aid programs work .
- Families who submit information should be able to receive "real-time" results and feedback .
- The Department's applications should request pertinent information that is easily obtainable and verifiable .
- The Department's applications should only ask questions necessary to determine eligibility for aid and award levels.

Changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Since May 2009, the Department of Education has provided instant estimates of Pell Grant and student loan eligibility, rather than forcing applicants to wait weeks. Links to the Department's "College Navigator" site will provide information on graduation rates and other college information beginning in 2011. Before that, go to www.kvcc.me.edu.
- Available **summer 2009**, enhanced skip-logic used in the new web-based FAFSA will reduce user navigation for many applicants by more than half;
- Starting in January 2010, students applying for financial aid for the 2010 spring semester will be able to seamlessly retrieve their relevant tax information from the IRS for easy completion of the online FAFSA. The Department of Education and the IRS will be working together to examine the possibility of expanding this option to all students in the future. (The projected start date for the 2010-2011 academic year is July 2010).
 - Overview on how the data retrieval process will work
 - DRAFT COPY of the 2010-2011 FAFSA
 - 2010 -2011 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet- NEW
 - IRS Data Retrieval Process (December 2009)
- Video Presentation

The following are sample screens that families will see with this new process



Get My Federal Income Tax Information

See our [Privacy Notice](#) regarding our request for your personal information.

Enter the following information as it appears on your <2008> Federal Income Tax Return. [?](#)

Required fields *

First Name *	<input type="text" value="Joe"/>
Last Name *	<input type="text" value="Smith"/>
Social Security Number *	<input type="text" value="***-**-6789"/>
Date of Birth *	<input type="text" value="01 / 04 / 1990"/>
Address * ? P.O. Box and/or Street Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Apt. Number (Required if it appears on your tax return)	<input type="text"/>
Country *	<input type="text" value="United States"/> v
City, Town or Post Office *	<input type="text"/>
State/ U.S. Territory *	<input type="text" value="Select One"/> v
ZIP Code *	<input type="text"/>
Filing Status *	<input type="text" value="Select One"/> v



Student <2008> Federal Income Tax Information

The information below is your tax information that will help you answer some of the questions on the FAFSA.

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	My Tax Information	FAFSA Question Numbers
Tax Year	2008	
Name (s)	Jane Smith	
Social Security Number	***-**-6789	
Filing Status	Single	
Type of Tax Return Filed	1040	Question 33 on the FAFSA
Adjusted Gross Income	\$36,721	Question 36 on the FAFSA
Income Tax	\$3,400	Question 37 on the FAFSA
IRS Exemptions	2	Question 38 on the FAFSA
Education Credits	\$2,500	Question 44a on the FAFSA
IRA Deductions and Payments	\$2,500	Question 45b on the FAFSA
Tax-Exempt Interest Income	\$2,500	Question 44d on the FAFSA
Untaxed IRA Distributions	\$2,500	Question 44e on the FAFSA
Untaxed Pensions	\$2,500	Question 44f on the FAFSA

Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA

- I understand that by checking this box, I am agreeing to transfer my data from the IRS to the FAFSA. (TBD language aboutnot certified by the IRS). Choosing this option will end my IRS session and return me to FAFSA on the Web.

[Transfer Now](#)



Do Not Transfer My Tax Information

By clicking the "Log Out" button I am choosing not to transfer my tax information. However, I may use this tax information to answer the FAFSA questions.

[Log Out](#)

- The Administration will also introduce legislation seeking statutory authority from Congress to eliminate financial information from the aid calculation formula that is not available from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This will remove 26 financial questions from the FAFSA form that have little impact on aid awards and can be difficult to complete. Only questions that rely upon information that applicants must already provide to the IRS would remain.

Presentations:

- [Simplifying the Financial Aid Process](#) (July 2009)
- [Need Analysis: The EFC Formula Beyond 2010](#) (December 2009) : [Video of the presentation](#)

Other Resources

- [Press Release from the Department of Education](#)
- [Fact Sheet from the Department of Education](#)
- [Simplifying Student Financial Aid : The Case for an Easier, Faster, and More Accurate FAFSA](#) (September 2009)
- [Going to the Source: A Practical Way to Simplify the FAFSA](#) from [The Institute for College Access and Success](#)
- [January 16, 2009 Report to Congress](#)

Additional Consumer Disclosure Requirements

- New Consumer Disclosure Responsibilities of Institutions