

## Additional changes to the 2025-26 FAFSA form

**Page 1:** In the Mail Your FAFSA Form section, we added a sentence instructing the user to include all pages, even if they are blank.

**Page 2:** Updated state deadlines in consultation with state aid partners.

**Page 6:** In the Signatures section, we removed the reference to signing electronically with an FSA ID, since that doesn't apply to a paper application. Highlighted text is what was changed and now says "by signing this application, you authorize . . ."

I consent and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information I provide on the FAFSA form is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by a fine, imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, and that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of records pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the *Privacy Act of 1974*, subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 fine (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(i)(3)). By accepting and submitting my part of the FAFSA, my execution date of consent and approval will be logged in the U.S. Department of Education's Person Authentication Service (PAS) System of Record (18-11-12).

If you sign this application, you certify that you are the person identified. If you purposefully give false or misleading information, including applying as an independent student without meeting the unusual circumstances required to qualify for such a status, you may be subject to criminal penalties under 20 U.S.C. 1097, which may include a fine up to \$20,000, imprisonment, or both.

### Student

By signing this application, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you:

- will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
- are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and
- will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same period of time.

Additionally, **by signing this application electronically using your FSA ID**, you authorize the Department to disclose all information you provided on this application, as required under Section 483(a)(2)(D)(i) of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, to the institutions identified herein, state higher education agencies (in the student's state of residence and the states in which the institutions identified herein are located), and designated scholarship organizations to assist with the application, award, and administration of aid from federal, state, or institutional financial aid programs and designated scholarship programs. Notwithstanding this authorization, the name of an institution the student selected to authorize such disclosure shall not be shared with any other institution.

### Student, Student Spouse, Parent, Parent Spouse or Partner, Preparer

By signing this application, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide:

- information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form, and
- U.S. or foreign income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

Signatures

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**Questions 20, 28, 38, and 45:** Added an instruction to the Income Earned from Work field indicating that if the value for that field is a negative number to enter zero.

Also updated the tax line reference numbers in these questions for the Income earned from work, Income tax paid, and Education credits fields after confirmation from the IRS.

**Question 37:** Updated the sixth response option to add "or they were not required to file under the Internal Revenue Code" for clarity.