

Kansas FAFSA Tracker & Tips Webinar

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Webinar Overview

State Scholarships & Financial Aid Programs

Kansas FAFSA Challenge- Year #2

Kansas FAFSA Tracker Website walk-thru

Tips for helping remaining seniors complete FAFSA



State Financial Aid Programs

Career & Technical Workforce Grant

2 year & Technical Colleges (some 4 yr)
Associate degree programs in high demand
Priority given to students with financial need (FAFSA)

Promise Act Scholarship

Community Colleges & Technical Colleges Specified programs of study- Institution specific FAFSA determines eligibility

Kansas State Scholarship- May 1

Complete Kansas Scholars Curriculum 2 & 4-year Kansas Institutions Merit & Need based

Comprehensive Grant- April 1*

Qualify through FAFSA (state aid application <u>NOT</u> needed)
Used at 4-year public & private institutions
*Some institutions have earlier FAFSA Priority deadline

Ethnic Minority Scholarship- May 1

Merit & Need based 2 or 4-year institutions

FAFSA Required for most programs (April 1)

State of Kansas Student Aid Application (May 1)

Specific scholarships for Nursing, Teaching & after Military service

See the KBOR "Student Financial Aid" website for application and more information about all scholarships.

Let's Reach for 60%!

Last year there were 101 Kansas
High Schools with a FAFSA
Completion percentage above
60%.

See the <u>Kansas FAFSA Challenge</u>
<u>Website</u> for more info



Compete against your rivals for the high school building with the highest FAFSA completion percentage.

2 winners in each KSHSAA Division:

Highest FAFSA completion percentage Greatest single year increase for FAFSA completion

Winning high schools will be recognized by KSDE & KBOR in the fall of 2022

Let the Kansas FAFSA Tracker help you get there!



Kansas FAFSA Tracker











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Questions?

Type your Kansas FAFSA Tracker Questions in the chat



FAFSA Tips To Help Your Numbers

Submitted FAFSA vs Completed FAFSA

Common reasons for a Rejected Student Aid Report (SAR)

Hurdles for students

Identifying those who still might need your help

Additional tips

Submitted vs Completed

Submitted FAFSA

- All FAFSAs where the student clicked the submit button
 - Some may be missing some information
 - Results in a Rejected SAR

Completed FAFSA

- A subset of the Submitted FASFA count
 - All information is included and results in an EFC calculation
 - Valid ISIR



Common Reasons for a Rejected SAR

Student or parent signature is missing

Student or parent information does not match SSA database

- Wrong DOB
- Wrong SSN
- Name misspelled
- Nickname used instead of legal name
- Name change hasn't been updated with SSA

Data fields incorrect or incomplete on the FAFSA

- Taxes paid are higher than AGI
- Parent data left off (usually in the case of needing a dependency override)
 - Important note for 2024-2025 and beyond

Hurdles Students Face In FAFSA Completion

Don't understand terminology

Parent refusal to provide information

Parent(s)
haven't filed
taxes yet

Lack of resources

Website issues



Who might still need help?

Students who already submitted their FAFSA

First Generation students

Students who lack parental support

Those who decided late or are still undecided about post-secondary education

Additional Tips

Make sure that students listed your high school information correctly

Help students update school selection if it has changed since they first submitted

KASFAA training session February 10th



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