

Payment Plans Late Fees RNP and FAFSA Simplification

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Payment Plan Change

CashNet

- / 6,5,4,3 month plan
- / Balance not known
- / Plans incorrect
- / Delay in payment to WVU
- / Changes to plan difficult

WVU MyAccount

- / 5,4,3 month plan
- / Plan opens the day bills run
- / Can't beat the system (\$250 plan)
- / Real Time payment
- / Updates automatically as other funds arrive

Late Fee Change

- ／ Late Fee increased to 2.95% beginning August 2
- ／ Show consistency with the increase to Credit Card convenience fee
- ／ Prevents errors in communicating with students

Fall 2023 RNP Plan and Updates

- ✓ September 1 Final payment is due (100%)
- ✓ September 5 8:00 am Students Removed for Non-Payment
- ✓ September 5 Reinstatement Begins
- ✓ Students will submit a Reinstatement Form
- ✓ Payment and/or payment plan check
- ✓ Students will be reinstated access within 24 hours
- ✓ Last day for Reinstatement is NOON September 8

Introduction

The FAFSA Simplification Act is a significant overhaul of the federal student aid system, which includes changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA), cost of attendance and need analysis.

FAFSA Simplification Timeline

2021-2022 and 2022-2023

- / Repeal of Subsidized Usage Limit (SULA) requirements
 - / Annual and Aggregate Limits still apply
- / Removal of negative consequences associated with an affirmative response to the drug conviction question on the FAFSA
- / Removal of the requirement that male students register with the Selective Service System

2023-2024

- / Room and Board are now referred to as Housing and Food which are listed as living expenses
 - / We must use mean or median for on-campus housing in our Cost of Attendance (COA)
 - / Must show a housing option of students who have dependents
 - / Food must be based on 21 meals a week (three meals a day) in COA
 - / Have adjusted webpages and what students see in SSB

FAFSA Simplification Timeline

2023-2024

- / Professional Judgement (PJ) – Creates different categories of PJ
 - / Special Circumstances – refers to financial situations (loss of job, reduction of income, etc.)
 - / Unusual Circumstances – refers to the conditions that justify making an adjustments to a student's dependency status

2023-2024

- / Once a student is determined independent based on an unusual circumstance, they will be independent in subsequent years
- / Institutions must disclose publicly that student may pursue an adjustment based on special circumstances, unusual circumstances or both

FAFSA Simplification Timeline

2023-2024

- / Types of expenses an institution may include in COA for a student enrolled less than ½ time have been broadened
- / Transportation expense **may** include transportation between campus, residence, and a student's place of employment

2023-2024

- / The cost of obtaining a license, certification or first professional credential
 - / Must be added to COA
 - / Must be paid while they are enrolled
 - / May be added more than one time
- / When tuition/fees are on websites – must make all elements of COA publicly available
 - / Will be adding language referring them to our COA webpage

FAFSA Simplification Timeline

2024 - 2025

- / Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will no longer exist
- / Now use Student Aid Index (SAI) which will determine Pell Grant eligibility
 - / SAI does not use the same federal methodology as EFC calculation
 - / Lowest SAI will be -1,500
 - / Does not give additional need or allow aid over COA
 - / How Pell is calculated will change

2024 - 2025

- / FAFSA form changes
 - / Multiple siblings in college will not affect SAI
 - / Must report value of family farms and small business
 - / Financial information will be imported directly from the IRS – without needing the IRS DRT
 - / Housing question removed

FAFSA Simplification Timeline

2024 - 2025

- / FAFSA form may not be available until December 2023
- / Reevaluating how we budget housing
- / Policies and procedures
- / Communications to student populations

SAI Modeling Tool Summary

- ✓ About 7,700 students could be Pell eligible, so about 31% may gain some type of Pell eligibility
- ✓ About 25 (~0.004%) may lose Pell
- ✓ Our results are on par with other institutions
- ✓ More students should become eligible with the SAI and new strategy for awarding Pell
- ✓ Average Pell awarded for all students should increase significantly as well
- ✓ Will have a positive impact overall – more Pell for more students

Summary

This is the biggest change the financial aid community has seen in recent memory. This affects the FAFSA form, need analysis, student eligibility, state and institutional systems.

While adapting to this change may be difficult, it will have a positive impact for students due to increased eligibility.

Reference Materials

- / Federal Register (Document Citation 87 FR 66683)
- / DCL Gen 22-15
- / NASFAA SAI Modeling Tool
- / NASFAA FAFSA Simplification Checklist

Questions?

Thank you