

# 2024-25 FAFSA Simplification Summary Sheet

OLD	NEW
<b>Terminology Changes</b>	
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	Student Aid Index (SAI)
Household Size	Family Size
Student, Parent	Contributors
Student Aid Report (SAR)	FAFSA Submission Summary
IRS Data Retrieval Tool	IRS Direct Data Exchange
<b>Process Changes</b>	
Contributor could access FAFSA without an FSA ID.	Contributor must logon with an identity-verified FSA ID to access the FAFSA. <a href="#">↗</a>
A single Contributor, either the Student or Parent, could view and complete the entire application.	Each Contributor only has access to their sections based on their role.
Parent without a Social Security Number (SSN) could not create an FSA, requiring ink signature.	Parent without a SSN creates an FSA ID using "knowledge-based" identity verification process. <a href="#">↗</a>
Reporting income through the IRS was optional using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.	Every contributor must consent for the IRS to share tax information for use on FAFSA, including non-tax filers. <a href="#">↗</a>
Custodial parent is the parent with whom the student lived most during the 12 months prior to application.	Custodial parent is the parent who provided the greater financial support during 12 months prior to application. <a href="#">↗</a>
<b>Eligibility Changes</b>	
Family size reported by Student.	Family size based on the number claimed as exemptions on 2022 taxes. Parent may enter different value. <a href="#">↗</a>
Income reported by Parent and Student included both taxed and untaxed income.	Income reported based on 2022 tax returns transferred from the IRS. No manual reporting of untaxed income. <a href="#">↗</a>
Child support received reported as untaxed income.	Child support received reported in Parent asset section. <a href="#">↗</a>
Owner of a business and farm with fewer than 100 employees exempt from reporting net worth.	Owner of a business or farm of any size must report net worth as a Parent Asset. <a href="#">↗</a>
Maximum Pell eligibility based on EFC.	Max Pell eligibility based on Parent AGI as a multiple of the poverty line given marital status/family size. <a href="#">↗</a>
Number in college used in the EFC formula, leading to reduction in student's EFC.	Number in college no longer used in formula to calculate SAI. Question remains on FAFSA for use by colleges.
Lowest EFC = \$0	Lowest SAI = -\$1,500

 [2024-25 Student Aid Index Calculator](#) [↗](#)