

2024-2025 FAFSA® Changes



- Opening date will be December 2023
(no exact date has been announced yet)
- The FAFSA® will reduce the maximum number of questions from 108 to 46
- Changes to who must provide information on the application
A contributor is anyone who is required to provide consent for Federal Tax Information (FTI) and a signature on the FAFSA® including:
 - The student
 - The student's spouse (if applicable)
 - A biological or adoptive parent; or
 - The spouse of a remarried parent who is on the FAFSA®
- Requirement to provide consent
For the FAFSA® to process successfully, consent must be provided by all required contributors (student, parent, parent spouse, and/or student spouse) on the FAFSA®. This allows the Federal Tax Information (FTI) transferred from the IRS to be provided on the application. Consent is required even if no income tax was filed or if the contributor has no social security number
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) changes to Student Aid Index (SAI)

- Changes to Federal Pell-Grant Eligibility

The FAFSA Simplification Act will expand the Federal Pell Grant to more students and will link eligibility to family size and the federal poverty guidelines that were in effect during the tax year being requested on the FAFSA®.

Additionally, for students who qualify, the amount of Federal Pell Grant will be based on actual enrollment hours. For the latest FAFSA information and chart, please scan QR code below.]



- Changes to household size and number in college

Although the FAFSA® will ask these questions, the answers will not be calculated into the Student Aid Index (SAI). As such, undergraduate students with siblings in college may see a change in their federal eligibility.

- What is NOT changing

The questions regarding a student's gender, race, and ethnicity will continue to have no effect on federal student aid eligibility and are included for statistical purposes and data collection only. This information is collected by the U.S. Department of Education and is not shared with Texas A&M International University. This took effect for the 2023-2024 application.

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