

Comité de Regulaciones Federales y Estatales – Boletín 2018- 41

## **ELECTRONIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

El USDE anuncia, que a partir de este verano, los estudiantes y los padres tendrán dos maneras de completar el formulario de Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA®); [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov), el sitio web rediseñado y una aplicación móvil. Estas dos mejoras harán que sea más fácil para los estudiantes y padres acceder y completar el FAFSA en el dispositivo que mejor se adapte a sus necesidades.

Los detalles sobre el sitio *web* rediseñado, emitido el 22 de julio de 2018, se proveen más adelante. La información más específica sobre la aplicación móvil, que estará disponible más adelante este verano, se emitirá próximamente en un anuncio electrónico.

### **Recursos**

Para ayudar a la comunidad con el FAFSA 2018-2019, el FSA provee la presentación adjunta actualizada en *Microsoft PowerPoint*. La misma contiene información relacionada con el sitio web rediseñado 2018-2019 [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

El propósito de esta presentación es proveer a los administradores de asistencia económica (FAA), mentores y consejeros que pueden utilizar como una herramienta de referencia el 2018-2019 [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). El USDE exhorta a que use esta información para la capacitación interna del personal o para orientación a los estudiantes.

Para información adicional hacer referencia al correo electrónico o número de teléfono al final del anuncio.

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Subject: The FAFSA® Form is Going Mobile

Federal Student Aid is pleased to announce that beginning this summer, students and parents will have two ways to complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form; a redesigned [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) website and a mobile app. These two improvements will make it easier for students and parents to access and complete the FAFSA form on the device that works best for them, with a particular focus on improving the experience on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

Parts of the [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) website have been redesigned so that the site pages will fit the screen size and shape of any device, including desktop or laptop computers and mobile devices, such as a smartphone or tablet.

The first phase of the redesign will provide students and parents with the flexibility to complete the FAFSA form on a mobile device with the same ease as on a desktop or laptop computer.

Details about the redesigned website, which launched July 22, are provided below. More specific information on the mobile app, which will become available later this summer, will follow in an upcoming electronic announcement.

### **Key features of the redesigned website**

- The site will now resize to fit on mobile devices, making it easier for students and parents to complete the FAFSA form using smartphones and tablets.
- The page design of [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) now has a more modern and user-friendly look and feel to improve the overall experience.
- The “Help and Hints” display boxes have been replaced by new “tool tips.” Tool tips will provide easy-to-use contextual information as students and parents go through each FAFSA question.
- To ease the students’ and parents’ navigation through the site, some questions on [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) are now grouped in a different order. The questions are now displayed in a more user-friendly way, which may require fewer page views for students and parents.

The changes described above are only applicable to initial and renewal applications. Additional [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) functions will be redesigned in subsequent phases.

### **Resources**

To assist the community with the 2018–2019 FAFSA form processing cycle, we are pleased to provide the attached updated Microsoft PowerPoint presentation containing information and screen shots pertaining to the redesigned 2018–2019 [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) site.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide financial aid administrators (FAAs), mentors, and counselors with screen shots that can be used as a reference tool for the 2018–2019 [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) site. We encourage you to use this information for internal staff training or for high school night presentations.

Note the following items:

- The screen shots in this presentation are intended to show a majority of the questions on [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov); however, most students and/or parents will likely not need to answer all of these questions when completing their application.
- All data used to create this presentation is test data and is intended to show examples of what the site looks like.

The 2018–19 Web Demonstration site is available at <https://fafsademo.test.ed.gov>. The demonstration site reflects the redesign and can be used as a training tool for your staff and for students and parents. You can access the demonstration site using **eddemo** as the User name and **fafsatest** as the Password.

**Note:** At this time, users are being taken to the Demo FAFSA home page rather than the Welcome page on the Demonstration site. Until this issue is resolved, users should select the ‘CPS Web Applications Demo System’ link on the Demo FAFSA home page to access the list of preloaded test data.

If you have questions regarding [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov), please contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 334-523-2691. FSAIC may also be contacted via e-mail at [FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov](mailto:FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov).

Attachments/Enclosures:

[Updated 2018—19 FAFSA.gov Preview Presentation in PowerPoint Format 18MB, 168 pages](#)

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