Financial Aid/FAFSA <mark>updates as of 1/9/24</mark>

- The newly overhauled 2024-2025 FAFSA is now open. This is considered the "soft launch."

- During the "soft launch" there will be periods of maintenance and times when the form is offline for system updates.

- FSA stressed that users do not need to rush to complete the application during the <u>soft launch</u>.

- If a student completes their form during the "soft launch" period, their information will be stored for processing and then submitted to their colleges/universities towards the end of January. They do **NOT** need to return to resubmit their application after the soft launch concludes.

- If FSA initiates site maintenance while an applicant (student or contributor) is completing an application, they will be able to continue until they have completed the application.

- Students will not receive a FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) until FSA processes the FAFSA, beginning in late January.

- Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs) to schools will not be transmitted until late in January 2024.

What Can/Should I Do Now?

1. Student AND contributors should [create their FSA ID](#). (FSA IDs must be created at least 5 days prior to starting/submitting the FAFSA.)

2. Who is my contributor? Review [contributor information](#) to find whose information is going to be **required** on the FAFSA.

3. Review the financial aid presentation (attached to the bottom of this message) if you haven't done so already.

4. Review [FAFSA soft launch knowledge center](#) for additional information.

5. Review the [2024-2025 Issues Alert Page](#). (These are active system issues that FSA is aware of and currently working on.)

6. Be patient, but also be prepared (by completing the steps above) to work with your parent/legal guardian on submitting your [2024-2025 FAFSA](#) by the end of January/early February.