Kansas FAFSA Tracker & Tips Webinar

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Webinar Overview

- State Scholarships & Financial Aid Programs
- Kansas FAFSA Challenge - Year #2
- Kansas FAFSA Tracker Website walk-thru
- Tips for helping remaining seniors complete FAFSA
State Financial Aid Programs

Career & Technical Workforce Grant
2 year & Technical Colleges (some 4 yr)
Associate degree programs in high demand
Priority given to students with financial need (FAFSA)

Promise Act Scholarship
Community Colleges & Technical Colleges
Specified programs of study- Institution specific
FAFSA determines eligibility

Kansas State Scholarship- May 1
Complete Kansas Scholars Curriculum
2 & 4-year Kansas Institutions
Merit & Need based

Comprehensive Grant- April 1*
Qualify through FAFSA
(state aid application NOT needed)
Used at 4-year public & private institutions
*Some institutions have earlier FAFSA Priority deadline

Ethnic Minority Scholarship- May 1
Merit & Need based
2 or 4-year institutions

FAFSA Required for most programs (April 1)
State of Kansas Student Aid Application (May 1)
Specific scholarships for Nursing, Teaching & after Military service

See the KBOR “Student Financial Aid” website for application and more information about all scholarships.
Let’s Reach for 60%!

Last year there were 101 Kansas High Schools with a FAFSA Completion percentage above 60%.

Let the Kansas FAFSA Tracker help you get there!

Compete against your rivals for the high school building with the highest FAFSA completion percentage.

2 winners in each KSHSAA Division:
- Highest FAFSA completion percentage
- Greatest single year increase for FAFSA completion

Winning high schools will be recognized by KSDE & KBOR in the fall of 2022

See the Kansas FAFSA Challenge Website for more info
Kansas FAFSA Tracker

ON THE ROAD TO COLLEGE...
...completing the FAFSA is one of the most important steps.

From failing to complete a FAFSA, it's estimated Kansas students left $25.5 million on the table in unclaimed Pell Grants in 2017 alone*. Let's change that!

* According to a report by NerdWallet.

Kansas Results ↑ 1%*

Class of 2022: 10,298 Applications Completed

As of 01/14/22

* Compared to the same time in the previous cycle.
Questions?

Type your Kansas FAFSA Tracker Questions in the chat
FAFSA Tips To Help Your Numbers

Submitted FAFSA vs Completed FAFSA

Common reasons for a Rejected Student Aid Report (SAR)

Hurdles for students

Identifying those who still might need your help

Additional tips
Submitted vs Completed

Submitted FAFSA
- All FAFSAs where the student clicked the submit button
  - Some may be missing some information
  - Results in a Rejected SAR

Completed FAFSA
- A subset of the Submitted FASFA count
  - All information is included and results in an EFC calculation
  - Valid ISIR
Common Reasons for a Rejected SAR

- Student or parent signature is missing

- Student or parent information does not match SSA database
  - Wrong DOB
  - Wrong SSN
  - Name misspelled
  - Nickname used instead of legal name
  - Name change hasn’t been updated with SSA

- Data fields incorrect or incomplete on the FAFSA
  - Taxes paid are higher than AGI
  - Parent data left off (usually in the case of needing a dependency override)
    - Important note for 2024-2025 and beyond
Hurdles Students Face In FAFSA Completion

- Don’t understand terminology
- Parent refusal to provide information
- Parent(s) haven’t filed taxes yet
- Lack of resources
- Website issues
Who might still need help?

- Students who already submitted their FAFSA
- First Generation students
- Students who lack parental support
- Those who decided late or are still undecided about post-secondary education
Additional Tips

1. Make sure that students listed your high school information correctly.
2. Help students update school selection if it has changed since they first submitted.
3. KASFAA training session February 10th.
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