



2024 Summer Financial Aid Training

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Agenda

10:00–10:05 ***Welcome***

10:05–10:50 ***Federal Student Aid Accounts (FSA IDs)***

Creating FSA ID ahead of time and ensuring that the information is correct is critical to simplifying the FAFSA completion process. But what happens when there are issues with creating an account, the parent doesn't have a Social Security Number, or the FSA ID isn't created ahead of time? In this session we'll walk through the FSA ID process and show you how to troubleshoot issues.

10:50–11:00 ***Prizes and Break***

11:00– 11:50 ***Understanding the Better FAFSA***

Despite challenges with the rollout of the 2024-2025 FAFSA, the new FAFSA is much easier to complete – especially if you know what to expect. During this session we'll walk through the sections of the FAFSA and focus on the questions and sections where we've seen the most challenges. We'll explain how the student and parent sections of the FAFSA get linked together and discuss challenges in this area and others. We'll then review how FAFSA status can be tracked and the process for making corrections.

11:50–12:00 ***Important Updates***

In this closing session we'll provide a quick update on the Maine State Grant and summarize current FAFSA completion efforts and data for the Class of 2024. We'll let you know what we know about the release of the 25-26 FAFSA and share tools to ensure you have what you need to help knock FAFSA filing rates out of the park for the coming year!