



THE FAFSA

8 THINGS TO KNOW



The FAFSA has an impact on enrollment

FAFSA completion is positively correlated to college enrollment.



FAFSA applications have dropped

2024-25 FAFSA completion is down in South Dakota and nationally.



The FAFSA is working for most students

Most students are now able to complete the FAFSA quickly and without issues.



Current students may need help

Currently enrolled college students may not have filed a FAFSA.



FAFSA Simplification changed need analysis

More students should be eligible for Pell Grants but some students receive less aid.



2025-26 FAFSA to be released in December

The plan is for the 2025-26 FAFSA to be released on December 1.



Students are missing out on Pell Grants

Students may be leaving Pell Grant funding on the table.



Financial aid offers were delayed

Financial aid offers were delayed due to technical issues with federal systems.