FAFSA
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **What is the FAFSA?**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an online form that state and private institutions, career technology centers and some proprietary schools use to determine a student's financial aid eligibility. This will include federal and state programs such as grants, work-study funds, scholarships, and federal student loans. Visit **FAFSA.gov** to complete the FAFSA and learn more about the financial aid process at **StudentAid.gov**.

2. **What is required in the FAFSA legislation, Title 70 O.S. § 1210.508-6?**

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education, students shall complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

In addition to the curriculum requirements set forth in (c) through (f) of this Section, all public school districts shall ensure compliance with 70 O.S. § 1210.508-6 in the following manner:

- The superintendent of each public school district in this state shall designate a school employee to collect information regarding student compliance with subsection A or B of 70 O.S. § 1210.508-6. The collection and storage of the information shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

- FAFSA or opt-out forms must be completed prior to a student's high school graduation. Reporting of FAFSA completion or opt-out forms can include but is not limited to:

    o Tracking through an online tool: **https://okhighered.org/ok-fdp/**

    o FAFSA Completion confirmation email, FAFSA Submission Summary, report, or other official FAFSA confirmation communication; or

    o Completion of state provided opt-out: **https://sde.ok.gov/college-career**

- School districts must provide FAFSA completion resources published by or recommended by the State Department of Education to families and students through virtual sessions, in-person sessions, or brochures

  - UCanGo2.org FAFSA Toolkit:
    https://ucango2.org/educators/HS.html#FAFSA

  - UCanGo2.org FAFSA Publications and Resources:
    https://ucango2.org/publications/fafsa.html

  - StartWithFAFSA.org Resources:
    https://www.startwithfafsa.org/resources/

3. **What is the timeline for FAFSA legislation, Title 70 O.S. § 1210.508-6?**

   - Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education, students shall complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

4. **Who can complete the state provided opt-out form?**

   - The student's parent or legal guardian submits a signed form authorizing the student to opt out of the requirement of subsection A of this section

   - A student age eighteen (18) or older submits a signed form authorizing him or her to opt out of the requirement of subsection A of this section; or

   - A school counselor authorizes a student to opt out of the requirement of subsection A of this section.

5. **How do I sign up for the FAFSA Data Portal?**

   Superintendent/School Board President/Chief Executive must complete and electronically sign the FAFSA Completion Agreement, found at **https://okhighered.org/ok-fdp**. This process will require designating:

   - A primary contact person and signatory who will submit a list of high school seniors' names.

   - Additional authorized users to view high school seniors' FAFSA completion status.

   - Return the signed, completed agreement by email to Kelli Kelnar, assistant director for outreach services, Oklahoma College Assistance Program, **kkelnar@ocap.org**.

6. **When should students learn about FAFSA?**

    - In order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma, students shall fulfill the requirements for a personal financial literacy passport. The fourteen areas of instruction designated in the Passport to Financial Literacy Act of 2007 include knowledge of FAFSA and other financial savings programs **(70 O.S. § 11-103.6h)** and are designed to provide students with the basic skills and knowledge needed to effectively manage their personal finances.

7. **How is FAFSA completion or Opt-Out recorded on a student's transcript?**

    - State on transcript: "The student has satisfactorily met the graduation requirement of completing the FAFSA or submitting an Opt-Out form. (70 O.S. § 1210.508-6)"

8. For Additional questions, contact the College and Career Readiness office at **405-522-1918** or **CollegeAndCareer@sde.ok.gov**