

FAFSA Updates Q&A Session



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AGENDA

- ❑ ECAP
- ❑ BetterFAFSA Updates
- ❑ ACC FAFSA Dashboard Overview
- ❑ Statewide FAFSA & CCR Supports
- ❑ Q&A



Why ECAPs?

- Academic and career planning tool
- Used in 38 states, mandated in 21 states (U.S. Department of Labor)
- Value in beginning plans in middle school
- Effective way to engage parents, guardians and teachers



ECAP Components



Academic

- Plan coursework
- Document postsecondary goals
- Record academic achievement/awards

Career

- Explore career opportunities
- Define a career goal
- Explore needed educational requirements to achieve career goal

Postsecondary

- Explore admission requirements
- Complete necessary applications
- Explore financial planning

Extracurricular

- Document participation in clubs, organizations, athletics, fine arts, community service, recreational activities, work-related activities, leadership opportunities, and other activities



Welcome To
My Future AZ

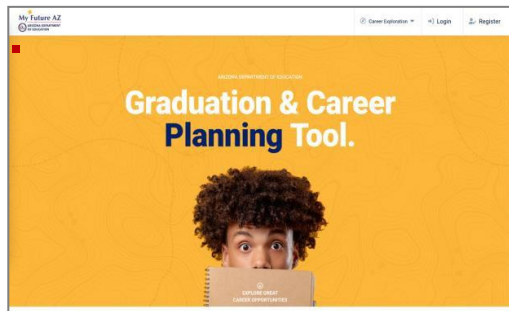
My Future AZ supports the ECAP process

 Academic	 Postsecondary
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan coursework• Document Goals• Record Academic Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore Admission Requirements• Complete Applications• Create a Financial Plan
 Career	 Extracurricular
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore Career Opportunities• Create and Plan for Career Goal(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document Extracurricular Activities and Participation

Transition from **High School** to **College to Career** in PIPELINE AZ

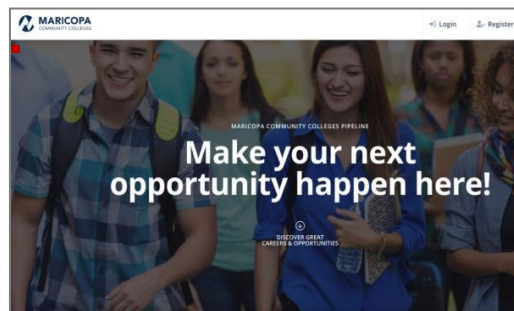
Connecting students to post-secondary programs, creating visibility from high school course planning to post-secondary staff, keeping students on a path to future career opportunities!

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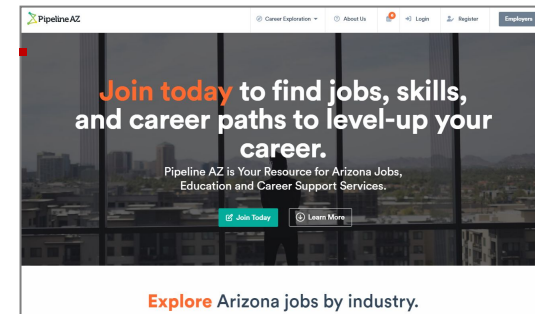
REGISTER + BUILD ECAP
in My Future AZ

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LOG IN to College Pipeline AZ and
fill in gaps to **REGISTER** in
college solution

3



LOG IN to Pipeline AZ and fill in
gaps to Register skills for next
career

A blurred background image of students in a classroom or computer lab. Several students are seated at a long table, each with a laptop open in front of them. They appear to be working or studying. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting a bright room with windows. The overall tone is professional and educational.

The Better FAFSA Form

MAJOR Changes to the FAFSA

The 2024-25 FAFSA
will Open in Dec 2023

FAFSA look and feel
has changed

New Terminology to
Learn

The FSA ID will be
required to Start the
FAFSA

Students will need to
invite other
contributors to
complete their section
of the FAFSA

Role –base Form

IRS Transfer Data
Consent is required to
be eligible for Federal
Student Aid

Student Aid Index (SAI)
is replacing the
Estimated Family
Contribution (EFC)

OLD	NEW
TERMINOLOGY	
EFC (expected family contribution)	SAI (Student Aid Index)
Household Size	Family Size
Parent(s)	Contributors
Student Aid Report	FAFSA Submission Summary
Dependency Status	Student Personal Circumstances
IRS Data Retrieval Tool	Direct Data Exchange

New Terminology

FAFSA : State Update

A photograph of several students sitting at a long table in a classroom or library, working on laptops. The image is dimmed and has a dark overlay. The students are focused on their work, with some looking at their screens and others looking towards the right. The background shows large windows with greenery outside.

AZ HS Class of 2023 Overview

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS COMPLETING THE FAFSA



Arizona high school graduates missed out on nearly

\$300 million

in available Pell Grant funding by not completing the FAFSA in 2021, 2022 or 2023.



ARIZONA FAFSA COMPLETION RATE RANKINGS

48th

in overall FAFSA completion.

10th

in FAFSA completion improvement, with a 5% increase compared to the previous FAFSA cycle.



1 in 4

12th graders on Free or Reduced lunch completed a FAFSA.

Known FAFSA Issues

More than 3.6 million *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) forms have been successfully submitted

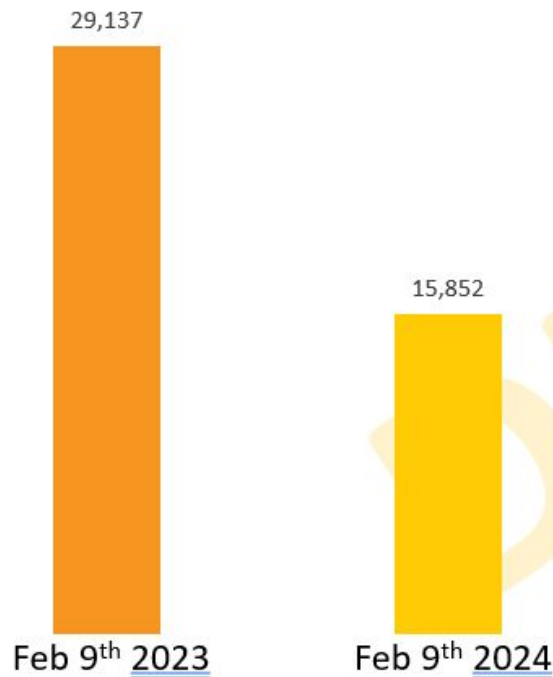
Technical Glitches Identified

- Workarounds
- No Workarounds
- No Resolution Timelines Provided by FSA

- Inviting contributors to the form
- Contributors without a SSN cannot start or contribute to the form
- Frustrated students and parents

- Federal Student Aid Call Center- Long wait times, and no resolutions

Recent FAFSA Submission Data

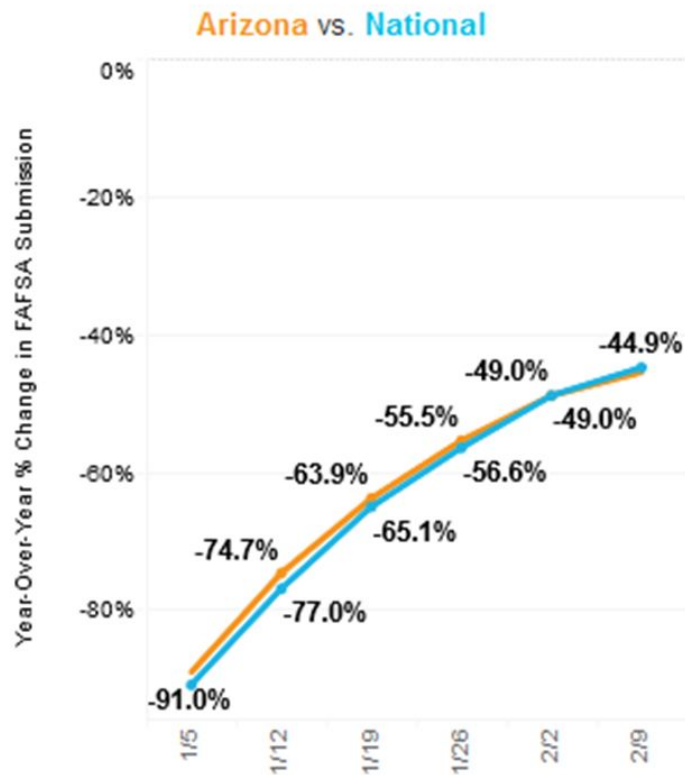


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CT	DC	MA	NJ	IL
33.0%	31.7%	30.2%	29.9%	29.7%

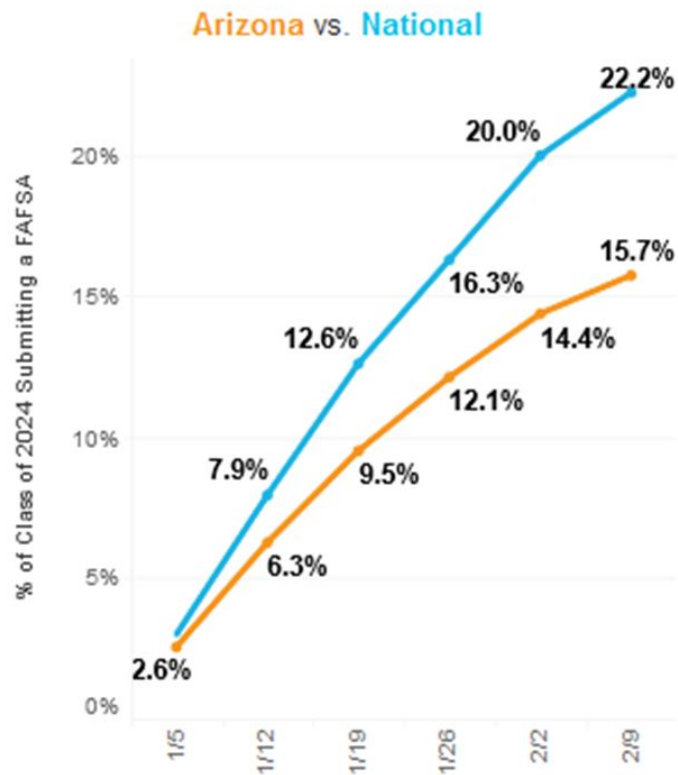
Mississippi	42	18.2%
Wyoming	43	17.9%
Idaho	44	17.8%
Utah	45	17.1%
Oklahoma	46	17.0%
Nevada	47	16.6%
New Mexico	48	15.8%
Arizona	49	15.7%
Florida	50	15.0%
Alaska	51	10.0%

*Data only contains information on *submissions*, meaning some FAFSAs will need corrections contained in the total.

Year-Over-Year % Change in FAFSA Submissions



Estimated Percent of Seniors Submitting a FAFSA



A photograph of several students sitting at a long table in a classroom or library, working on laptops. The scene is brightly lit, likely from large windows in the background. The students are focused on their work. The text 'FAFSA Resources' is overlaid in the center of the image.

FAFSA Resources

Student's Parent is a Single Parent			
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	Max Pell Parent AGI Limit (225% of Poverty Guideline)	Min Pell Parent AGI Limit (325% of Poverty Guideline)
2	\$18,310	\$41,198	\$59,508
3	\$23,030	\$51,818	\$74,848
4	\$27,750	\$62,438	\$90,188
5	\$32,470	\$73,058	\$105,528
6	\$37,190	\$83,678	\$120,868
7	\$41,910	\$94,298	\$136,208
8	\$46,630	\$104,918	\$151,548
9+	Add \$4,720 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 225% (Max Pell) or 325% (Min Pell) to determine the Parent AGI Limit.		

FAFSA Change Alert: Minimum/Maximum

Student's Parent is not a Single Parent			
Family Size	2022 Poverty Guideline	Max Pell Parent AGI Limit (175% of Poverty Guideline)	Min Pell Parent AGI Limit (275% of Poverty Guideline)
2	\$18,310	\$32,043	\$50,353
3	\$23,030	\$40,303	\$63,333
4	\$27,750	\$48,563	\$76,313
5	\$32,470	\$56,823	\$89,293
6	\$37,190	\$65,083	\$102,273
7	\$41,910	\$73,343	\$115,253
8	\$46,630	\$81,603	\$128,233
9+	Add \$4,720 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 175% (Max Pell) or 275% (Min Pell) to determine the Parent AGI Limit.		

Full tables for all categories of students (dependent/independent) are available at:

<https://fsapartners.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2023-05/202425DRAFTSAIGuideSupplementEligibilityforMaxorMinPellGrantResource.pdf>

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ACC Dashboard

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COLLEGE CONNECT

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Arizona College Connect

An Innovative FAFSA database that provides authorized high school and district personnel with their student-level FAFSA information and other college attainment data.



The new data portal is funded by Helios Education Foundation and developed through a data partnership with the Arizona Department of Education.



Graphs and Charts

[Learn more →](#)

Review your pre-populated senior roster

[Update partial matches →](#)

[Download a Report](#)

Review your school's FAFSA progress

Welcome to Arizona College Connect

Julie Sainz

Test High School

FAFSA Completion Rate

News and announcements

+ Add

Welcome to Arizona College Connect

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

What is the FAFSA - Student Handout

[Learn more →](#)

OPENS ON OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR

1 of 5

Learn How in the User Guide

- [Review my list of high school seniors](#)
- [View & Update FAFSA partial matches](#)
- [Examine FAFSA progress](#)

Upcoming events

[See all](#)

+ Add event

[Create an event](#)



Arizona College Connect is an interactive, customized communications portal providing high school leaders with access to students' **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** data and other college attainment information. Completing a FAFSA form is one of the strongest predictors of whether a student will pursue postsecondary education after high school.

This innovative new tool is made possible through funding from Helios Education Foundation and a data partnership with the Arizona Department of Education.

To gain access to the data:

1. High school principals need to sign a data-sharing agreement. If your school already has an agreement you can skip this step. [\(Click here to view a list of schools/districts with an agreement in place\)](#)
2. Once the data-sharing agreement is signed, authorized users can sign up to access the data.

Enroll your high school

Request an account

Log in

For questions, refer to our FAQs below or contact us at Info@ArizonaCollegeConnect.org

Enroll your High School

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Data Sharing Agreement
Signed by High School OR
District Administrator

Request an Account

2

User Agreement

Log In

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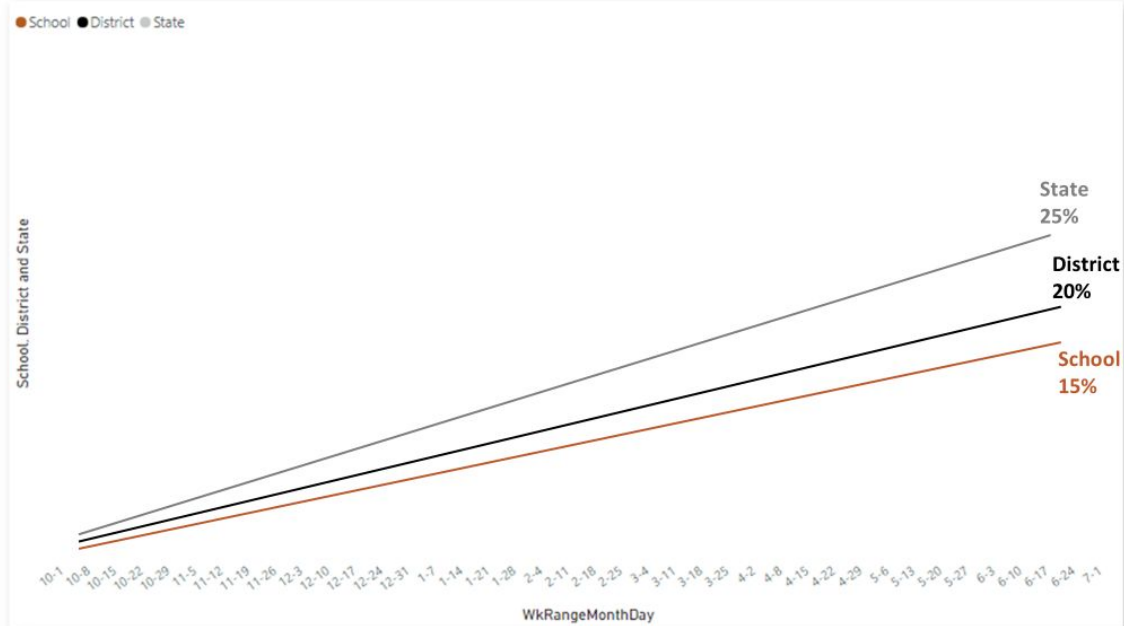
Access your FAFSA Data

Added Data on Reports

FAFSA Completions Benchmarking

Data provided by Arizona Board of Regents

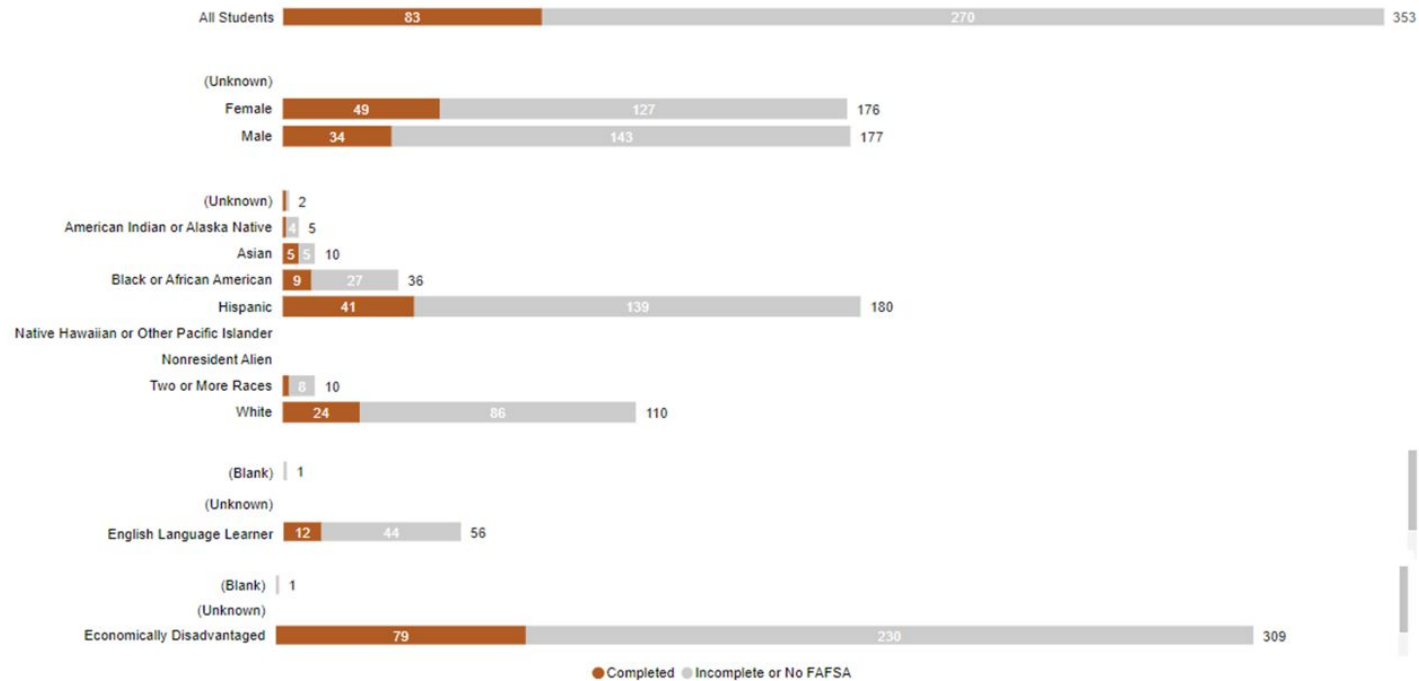
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FAFSA Completions by Demographics

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Statewide Supports

FAFSA Resource Hub

- [FSA Known Issues](#)
- [BetterFAFSA Resource Hub](#)



Statewide FAFSA Support



- **Ask Benji FAFSA Chatbot**

- Ask Benji was created to help Arizona families apply for financial aid to support higher education. It is the result of a joint partnership between Education Forward Arizona and Arizona State University. The goal: Help students and families complete the FAFSA as quickly and easily as possible. [Click here for more information](#)

- **Arizona FAFSA Hotline**

- Students and families can call the Arizona FAFSA Hotline between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for free support with FAFSA completion, college applications and next steps for enrollment. Call 1-833-293-2372

- **FAFSA Virtual Appointments**

- Students and families can schedule a one-on-one appointment with a local FAFSA expert. All appointments take place virtually via Zoom, Google Meet or Microsoft Teams. [Click here to schedule](#)

FAFSA Resource

- Steps to Create the FSA ID
- Helpful tips



THE FIRST STEP TO FINANCIAL AID

CREATING AN FSA ID

The Federal Student Aid Identification, also called the FSA ID, is the first step to completing your FAFSA. It is a username and password that students and parents create to access the FAFSA and electronically sign the form.

For Students and Parents with a Social Security Number

STEPS TO CREATE AN FSA ID

VISIT: [STUDENTAID.GOV/FSA-ID/CREATE-ACCOUNT/LAUNCH](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch)

- 1 Click "Get Started"
- 2 Enter Personal Information
- 3 Create Username and Password
- 4 Verify your Email Address
- 5 Complete Challenge Questions
- 6 2-Step Verification
- 7 Review and Submit
- 8 Make sure to write down or take a picture of your FSA ID username and password as a reminder!
- 9 Repeat the process to have your parent create an FSA ID, too! They will need to input their information and a separate email address.

PLEASE NOTE: If your parent(s) do not have Social Security Numbers, they cannot create FSA IDs at this time, but they will be able to do so later this fall. More information on this process to come!

HELPFUL TIPS

To ensure ongoing access to your email account beyond high school, please avoid using your school email address. Instead, create and use a personal email address, such as one from Gmail or Yahoo, to guarantee continued access to your account after graduation.

Remember to securely store your username and password for future reference. You can either save this information on your cell phone or in a safe location to ensure easy access when needed. Never share your username or password.

Can I edit my FSA ID? Yes. If your personal information changes or you would like to update anything on your account, you can make changes by logging in at studentaid.gov and selecting "settings" under your account information.

What if I forgot my FSA ID username or password? You can retrieve your username or reset your password by having a secure code sent to your phone/email. You may also answer your challenge questions, but this option comes with a 30-minute waiting period before you can use your account again.

2023-2024 CAP Training Courses

CAP Updates

- ✓ Canvas platform
- ✓ Maximum of 15 seat hours for each 5-week course
- ✓ Fully updated curriculum
- ✓ Arizona-centric
- ✓ Practitioner focused



2023-2024 CAP Training Courses

Middle School	High School	Special Populations	Financial Aid
<p>College and Career Planning in the Middle Grades I</p> <p>College and Career Planning in the Middle Grades II</p>	<p>Creating Postsecondary Opportunities for All Students *</p> <p>Career Development for the 21st Century Workforce *</p> <p>Postsecondary Exploration, Match, and Fit *</p> <p>Supporting Students Through the Application Process *</p> <p>Supporting Successful Postsecondary Transitions</p>	<p>Postsecondary Advising for Special Population Students I</p> <p>Postsecondary Advising Special Population Students II</p>	<p>Introduction to Financial Aid</p> <p>Financial Aid Programs</p> <p>The Free Application for Federal Student Aid</p> <p>FAFSA Events, Comparing Offers, and Making Appeals</p>

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