



U.S. Department of Education
1998 Electronic Access Conferences



Session 25

Choosing the Right Electronic FAFSA



Session Overview

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The Paper FAFSAs

Free Application for Federal Student Aid



OMB 1840-0110

July 1, 1999 — June 30, 2000 school year

Use this form to apply for federal student grants, work-study money, and loans.

You can also apply over the **internet** at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> instead of using this paper form. In addition to federal student aid, you may also be eligible for a **Hope** or a **Lifetime Learning** income tax credit, both of which you claim when you file your taxes. For more information on these tax credits, this application, and on the U.S. Department of Education's student aid programs, call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 8:00pm eastern time or look on the internet at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE>. If you are hearing impaired, call TDD 1-800-730-8913.

Your answers on this form will be read by a machine. Therefore,

- use black ink or #2 pencil and fill in ovals completely, like this:
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words:
- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.00) like this:
- write numbers less than 10 with a zero (0) first:

Yellow is for students and purple is for parents.

- If you are filing a **1998 income tax return**, we recommend that you fill it out before completing this form. However, you do not need to send your income tax return to the IRS before you fill out this form.
- After you complete this application, make a copy of it. Then **send the original of pages 3 through 6** in the attached envelope or send it to Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 0000, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-0000.
- Send in this application—pages 3 through 6—only between **January 1, 1999, and June 30, 2000**.



Changes to the FAFSA

- FAFSA approved by OMB on 4/28/98
- Color PDF on IFAP -- <http://ifap.ed.gov>
- Distribution began October 1
- Again includes postcard (FAFSA and Renewal)
- New supplemental information page
- Design & formats of Renewal FAFSA and SAR are unchanged except for data element



Renewal FAFSA

■ Key dates:

- Oct 5 Schools began requesting Renewals for bulk mailing option

Cutoff for request process

Nov 12-20 CPS prints bulk mail Renewals (delivery before Dec. 1)

- Nov 23 - Jan 8 CPS begins printing and direct-mailing to students not requested (mail outside continental US first)



FAFSA .pdf

- FAFSA.pdf (portable document file)
downloadable from Department's website:
www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html
- Printed with free Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Mailed to special PO Box



Paper FAFSA Submissions

- As of 11/20/98, 7,027,353 Paper
were submitted to



Paper Disadvantages

- Processing time
- Data entry errors
- Reject rate (12-14% historical)
- Costly for the government



Paper Advantages

- Portable
- Receipt postcard
- Renewal FAFSA option
- Completed by student
- Entry done by MDE contractor



FAFSA on the Web





FAFSA on the Web ***www.fafsa.ed.gov***

- Lycos Top 5% Award
- Rated by GovExec.com as one of the best Federal Web Sites
- New informational brochures available
- Will put “banner ad” on IFAP that schools can clip and add to their web pages



FAFSA on the Web Encryption

- Encryption requirements were relaxed from 128-bit to allow 40- and 56-bit in March 1998
- 40-bit = “International”
- 56- or 128-bit = “Domestic”
- Applications encrypted with 128-bit key are 309,485,009,821,345,068,724,781,056 more difficult to break than those encrypted with a





FAFSA on the Web Submissions

- As of 11/20/98, 203,620 FAFSA on the Web applications were submitted to the



FAFSA on the Web Disadvantages

- Must have web connection
- Signature page/Reject 15 or 16 SAR



FAFSA on the Web Advantages

- No software to install
- Faster processing time
- Minimal reject rate (0.5%)
- Skip logic
- Renewal FAFSA option



More FAFSA on the Web Advantages

- Confirmation of receipt
- Application status check
- Can be used by Macintosh users
- Can be used by students overseas
- Entered by student



Renewal FAFSA Web

Renewal FAFSA Application - Netscape

File Edit View Go Communicator Help

Back Forward Reload Home Search Guide Print Security Stop

Bookmarks Location: file:///C:/Future Products/new demo/r89sec1.htm#Page1

00% Complete

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1998-1999 Renewal FAFSA Application Form

Section A: You (the student)

1. Last name: 2. First name: 3. MI:

Title: (optional)

4. Permanent mailing address:

5. City: 6. State: 7. Zip:

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Document: Done



Renewal FAFSA Web

- Available to students January 4, 1999
- Student will access web site and request an Electronic Access Code (EAC)
- Student must reside at same address as printed on the paper Renewal Application
- ED will mail EAC to student in a secure envelope starting 11/30/98
- Student goes on-line to apply



Renewal FAFSA Web Changes

- If Web application filed for 1998-99 will not receive paper Renewal Application; ED will generate the
- If graduate student, will not receive paper Renewal Application; will receive automatic EAC
- Students will be able use their EAC to gain access to other financial aid systems (upcoming pilot with Direct Loans and NSLDS)



Renewal FAFSA Web Submissions

- As of 11/20/98, 70,722 Renewal FAFSA on the Web applications were submitted to the CPS
- As of 11/20/98, 153,420 EACs have been requested



Renewal FAFSA Web Advantages

- Very fast processing time for independent
- Very little data entry



EDEExpress Application Processing

1998-99 EDEExpress for Windows 4.2 - [(111-11-1111)]

File Record Process Tools View Help

File Explorer Print Navigation Home Search 1 2 3 4 ?

Name:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Pell Verification Status:	<input type="text" value="N"/>	
	Last	First	M.I.	Enrollment Status:	<input type="text"/>	
Permanent/Local Address:						
Street:	<input type="text"/>					
City:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	00000- <input type="text"/>	Date Enrollment Status Effective:	<input type="text" value="//"/>	
State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Loan Entrance Interview Completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Phone:	<input type="text"/>					
Transaction Paid On:	<input type="text"/>					
Street:	<input type="text"/>					
City:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Changes Dates:		
State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Permanent Address:	<input type="text" value="//"/>	
Phone:	<input type="text"/>				Local Address:	<input type="text" value="//"/>
Current SSN:	<input type="text" value="1-1-11-1111"/>				Social Security #:	<input type="text" value="//"/>
Original SSN:	<input type="text" value="1-1-11-1111"/>				Date of Birth:	<input type="text" value="//"/>
Date of Birth:	<input type="text" value="//"/>				Latest Original Student ID:	



EDExpress Changes

- 32-bit conversion
- Early Analysis is a correctable field
- Aligning electronic products so edits are more consistent with CPS
- All system generated transactions will be sent in a separate message class



EDExpress



EDEExpress Disadvantages

- Record retention requirement for signature
- Financial Aid Office must enter data

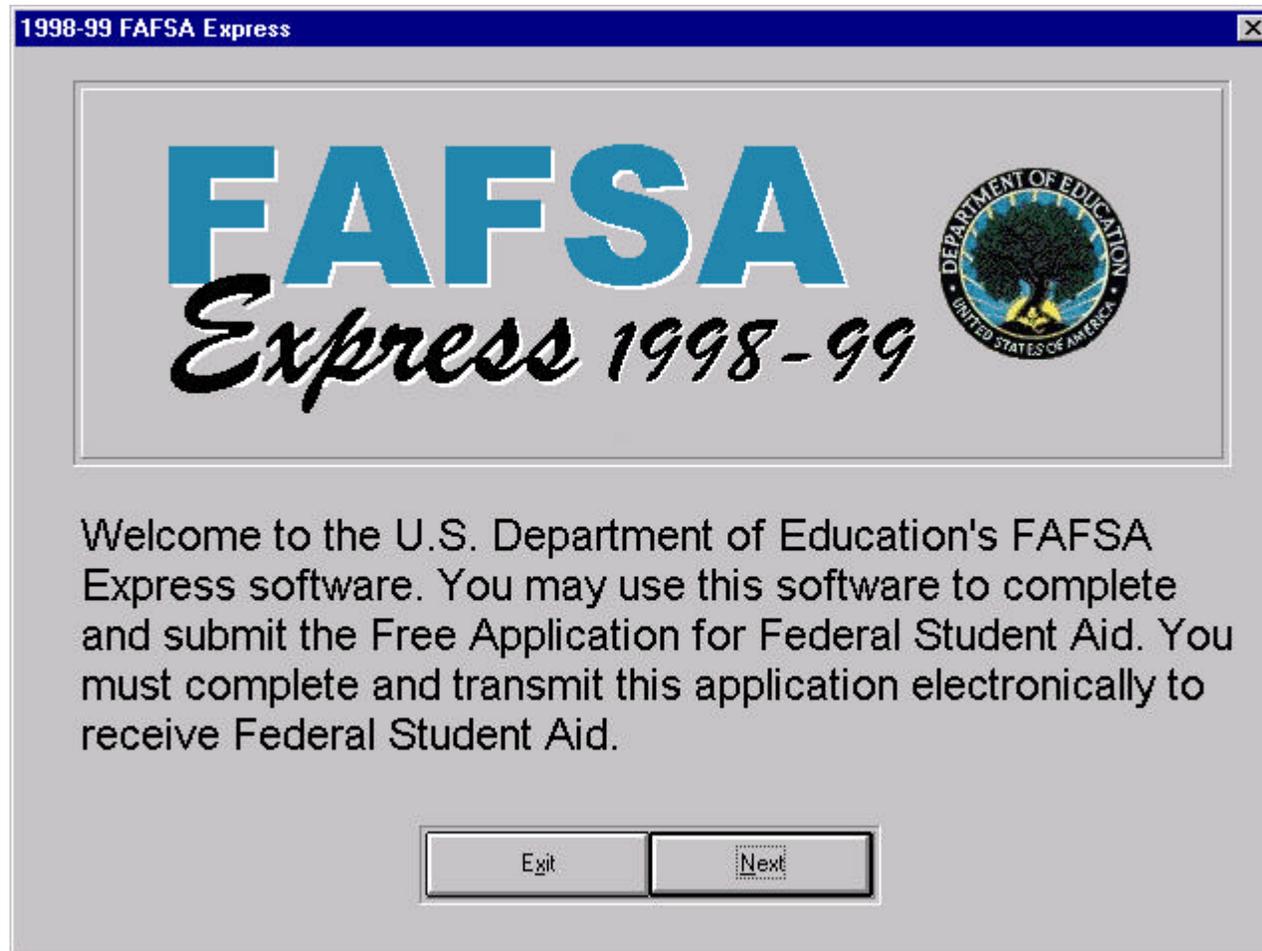


EDExpress Advantages

- Faster processing
- Minimal reject rate
- Renewal FAFSA option
- Batching
- School control of filing



FAFSA Express





FAFSA Express Changes

- Assumption and Reject Overrides will be
- Add warning comment if Reject B (too young) or Reject W (HH = 15 or greater) override has been set



FAFSA Express Submissions

- As of 11/20/98, 183,802 FAFSA Express applications were submitted to the CPS



FAFSA Express Disadvantages

- Must have modem
- Signature page/Reject 16 SAR
- No Renewal FAFSA option
- Must have PC (not Macintosh)
- No confirmation of receipt at CPS



FAFSA Express Advantages

- Fast processing time
- Minimal reject rate
- Some skip logic
- Student enters data
- No Internet connection required



Which FAFSA is Right For Me?



Which FAFSA?

- You want the Financial Aid office to have control over entry and transmission:
 - EDExpress Expert Entry

- You want a batch process:
 - EDExpress Expert Entry
 - EDExpress Student Entry (until June, 1999)



Which FAFSA?

- It's near deadline:
 - FAFSA on the Web, EDExpress, FAFSA Express

- You want proof of receipt:
 - Paper FAFSA, FAFSA on the Web



Which FAFSA?

- You have a web connection:
 - FAFSA on the Web

- You don't have a web connection but you
 - FAFSA Express



Which FAFSA?

- You want to file electronically but think the signature page is awkward:
 - EDEExpress, Renewal FAFSA on the Web (for independent students)

- You want to file electronically but don't want to have to keep a signature on file:
 - FAFSA on the Web, FAFSA Express



How to Get Help

- CPS Customer Service: 1-800-330-5947
- cps@ncs.com
- FAFSA Express and FAFSA on the Web
Customer Service: 1-800-801-0576
- fafsa_admin@ncs.com



Questions & Answers