

ND FAFSA Completion Project May 2021



- Provides schools with student-level FAFSA completion data.
- Allows for targeted, individual conversations.
- New “tool” for school counselors or others who assist seniors with completing the financial aid process.
- Identifies students who may need additional assistance in completing the FAFSA as they navigate the college application process.

Districts simply complete a Data Use Agreement with the ND University System (NDUS) prior to receiving individual student FAFSA-completion data.

Interested in participating or looking for more information?

Contact the NDUS at ndfinaid@ndus.edu

State FAFSA Completion Rate

The 2021 Graduating Seniors Lag Behind the 2020 Seniors for FAFSA Completions.

Have your seniors complete the FAFSA today!

2020-21 % Seniors
Completing FAFSA

46%

2021-22 % Seniors
Completing FAFSA

44%

High Performers

12% of schools have
75% or more of 2021
seniors completing a
FAFSA!

Above Average

60% of schools have
more than 46% of
2021 seniors
completing a FAFSA!

DID YOU KNOW?

The FAFSA is a common requirement for private and college scholarship applications, as well as for alternative student loans. Encourage all of your students to complete a FAFSA annually at fafsa.ed.gov.

GUIDE TO LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL SESSIONS GIVEN A FRESH LOOK

Beth Ziehmer, Mapping Your Future

A fresh look can be energizing, especially in the middle of winter. The Guide to Life after High School online sessions were recently updated with a new look, with the next steps to identify if any additional content updates are needed and to update the printable guides.

Guide to Life after High School is a free, interactive program with four different versions available at mappingyourfuture.org/GuideToLife..

Content varies depending on the guide and grade level. For example, the freshman guide focuses more on choosing a career and preparing for college (academic and financial), with a high level overview of financial aid. The senior guide contains more detailed information about financial aid programs and application procedures. All guides include age-appropriate money management information.

- To complete an interactive guide, students must be at least 13 years of age. In addition, the school or educator must register to participate. Students under the age of 13 or whose school/educator doesn't participate are able to read printable versions of the guide.
- High school teachers, guidance counselors, and other educators can register to participate in the program, ask their students to complete guides, and confirm, via a secure portal, that students have completed the assignment.
- To register, sign up for an Online Education account at mappingyourfuture.org/G2L/guidesignup.cfm. After you complete the form, you will receive an e-mail asking for information to finalize the account.