

NORTH DAKOTA FAFSA UPDATE

February 2024

FAFSA soft launch has rough spots

The 2024-25 FAFSA is now available, and while it will eventually be easier for many to complete, some students and parents have encountered errors or faced a roadblock. Since the initial launch, the form is now more widely available, and while some applicants can successfully complete the form, other applicants are still encountering problems.

There are variety of issues reported, but, in general, applicants may want to try the following if they encounter an error:

- Exit the form, clear history, close the browser, restart the browser, and try re-entering the form.
- Try entering the form using a different browser.
- Exit the form and try again later.

More insight and tips are listed in the new Mapping Your Future [The 2024-25 FAFSA - Tips for dealing with some of the more common issues](#) flyer.

Solving the issue of no parent invite

Among the issues reported with the new FAFSA is the missing parent invite – making it impossible for the parent to contribute to the student’s financial aid form.

This could be due to a technical glitch or due to the following:

- A student did not enter parent email address or other information accurately. In that case, the student should return to their FAFSA and re-enter the parent information.
- Student selected that they only wanted an unsubsidized loan or had unusual circumstances. If that is inaccurate, they will need to wait until their FAFSA Submission Summary is available to make a correction and then invite the parent(s).



Federal Student Aid schedule series of financial aid webinars

Students, parents, and college access professionals may be interested in attending some webinars on financial aid and the FAFSA, to be presented by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Federal Student Aid. A variety of topics will be covered on the following schedule:.

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- Understanding the new FAFSA Submission Summary
- Why should I complete the 2024–25 FAFSA form?

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- How to complete the 2024–25 FAFSA form as a dependent student
- A parent's guide to federal financial aid

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- Best strategies for comparing schools and financial aid offers using the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard
- How to complete the 2024–25 FAFSA form as an independent student

To register for the webinars, go to <https://forms.office.com/g/b5ul643gfx>

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