Your FAFSA Submission Summary

You and your family have completed the FAFSA and hit “submit.” Congratulations!

Now watch for your FAFSA Submission Summary, available in late January. It might sound boring, but it’s actually the best part. You get an immediate estimate of how much federal aid you may receive. And you’ll learn lots more.

Here’s a quick description of the four sections you’ll see.

**Eligibility Overview**
This tab estimates your eligibility for:
- **Federal Pell Grants:**
  Free money for college.
- **Federal Direct Loans:**
  Lower-cost loans. (You’ll have to pay these back.)
- **Federal Work-Study:**
  Money for a campus job. (You’ll have to find a FWS job.)

This tab also includes your Student Aid Index calculation, a measure of your family’s ability to pay. Individual colleges may use this number to calculate how much additional financial aid — beyond any federal aid — they will give you. This number may range from minus 1,500 to 999,999. The lower the number, the more need-based aid you may get.

**FAFSA Form Answers**
Use this tab to review your information and make sure it’s correct. If you spot an error, you can open up your FAFSA form and correct it.

**School Information**
This tab will list the colleges you selected to send your FAFSA information to. Bonus: There is lots of trustworthy information here. Look at graduation rates, average cost, and how much debt students take on. Good to know!

**Next Steps**
This important tab will let you know if you need to correct errors or provide additional information. Be sure to take care of any issues quickly.

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