





FAFSA TIMELINE FOR EDUCATORS

2025-26 School Year

Students must complete a FAFSA to graduate. Use this outline to guide your school's FAFSA efforts!

AUGUST

- ► Check out the new UCanGo2 website
- Include <u>FAFSA graduation requirement</u> info in back-toschool communication with senior families
- ► Include <u>FAFSA completion resources</u> in your counseling or senior online classrooms
- ► Complete paperwork for the <u>FAFSA Data Portal</u>

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 24: Attend OCAP's FAFSA Data Portal Webinar for educators
- ► Host a FAFSA event to create <u>StudentAid.gov</u> accounts
- ► Share UCanGo2 <u>FAFSA flyers and resources</u> with families
- ► Post on social media: Create StudentAid.gov accounts now
- ► Request a FAFSA workshop with UCanGo2!

OCTOBER

- Oct 2: Attend OCAP's 2026-27 FAFSA Webinar for educators
- ► Post on social media: The 2026-27 FAFSA is open!
- ► Hold FAFSA completion event(s) for students & parents
- ► Request FAFSA assistance from UCanGo2!
- Submit your list of seniors for the <u>FAFSA Data Portal</u>

NOVEMBER

- Request a FAFSA workshop with UCanGo2!
- Continue to offer in-person or virtual events and provide one-on-one assistance
- ► Encourage students to watch for their FAFSA Submission Summary
- Review your seniors' FAFSA completion status on the FAFSA Data Portal
- Post on social media: Share
 <u>UCanGo2 FAFSA completion resources</u>

DECEMBER

- Remind students to complete the <u>FAFSA</u> which is a graduation requirement
- ➤ Continue to offer in-person or virtual events and provide one-on-one assistance
- Continue checking the <u>FAFSA Data Portal</u> regularly to track FAFSA progress
- Contact students & parents who have not yet submitted the FAFSA

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- ► Email or call UCanGo2 with FAFSA questions
- Continue to offer in-person or virtual events and provide one-onone assistance
- ► Review FAFSA completion in the <u>FAFSA Data Portal</u>
- Contact families of students who have not completed the FAFSA with reminders and resources

MARCH

- Attend OCAP's FAFSA Webinar for educators
- ► Hold an in-person FAFSA completion event
- Review FAFSA completion data in the <u>FAFSA Data Portal</u>
- Email opt-out form to parents of students who have not yet submitted the FAFSA

APRIL

- Attend OCAP's FAFSA Data Portal Webinar for educators
- Review FAFSA completion in the FAFSA Data Portal
- Email opt-out form to parents of students who have not yet submitted the FAFSA
- ► Prepare juniors for next year so they're aware they will need to submit the FAFSA as seniors

MAY + SUMMER WRAP-UP

- Finalize <u>FAFSA Data Portal</u> reports and <u>opt-out</u> forms
- Review FAFSA outreach efforts and set goals to increase your school's FAFSA completion rate next year!
- ► Contact <u>UCanGo2</u> for assistance planning for next year!
- ► Enjoy your summer!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN FAFSA ADVENTURE

Mix and match FAFSA outreach efforts to best support the needs of your students and families.

- Host in person or virtual events
- ► Email resources to students & parents
- ► Send reminders through communication apps

- Post on social media
- Include resources in online classrooms

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