

FAFSA Overview



Agenda

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Overview
2. Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid Overview
3. 21-22 FAFSA Updates

FAFSA Overview

Snapshot Theory

- A FAFSA is considered to be a “snapshot” of a family’s financial situation as of the date an application is submitted



Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- The FAFSA/Alternative App will generate a number called the EFC
- The EFC determines students' eligibility for certain types of state and federal financial aid
- The EFC is the amount that a family can be expected to contribute towards a student's college costs
 - Not a lump sum
 - Reflects the family's expected ability to pay over an academic year



2021-22 FAFSA

WHEN

- As soon as possible after October 1st
(Check with colleges for specific deadlines)

WHO

- High school seniors and college students
- U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens

HOW

- Available online at www.fafsa.gov

WHY

- Determines eligibility for federal and state aid programs
- Some institutions use it to award institutional aid

Information Needed for the 21-22 FAFSA

- **Social Security Number** – Be sure it is correct!
- **Alien Registration Number** – if the student is not a U.S. citizen.
- **Records of income** – 2019 Federal Income Tax Return (1040), W-2s, other records of income earned from work, business, child support paid or received, and any other untaxed income.
- **Information about investments** – Savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs, and investment real estate, business, and farms.
- **An FSA ID to sign electronically**

Note: A student must report parental information until the age of 24 unless they meet the criteria to file as an independent student as determined by the FAFSA.

Dependency Status

Dependent

- Students that answer “No” to all dependency questions
 - Student information
 - Parent Information

Independent (additional information may be required)

- Students are considered dependent until age of 24 unless they can answer “Yes” to one of the dependency questions
 - Student Information
 - Spouse Information, if married

Parent Information

- Most students must report parental information until the age of 24
- For financial aid purposes, there are only three types of parents:
 - Biological parents
 - Adoptive parents
 - Stepparents (if married to biological parent)
- Legal guardians are not considered parents for financial aid purposes
- If parents are divorced, report information about the parent the student lived with most in the past 12 months

Platforms for Submitting a FAFSA

- The FAFSA is available at no cost

Federal Student Aid

UNDERSTANDING AID • APPLY FOR AID • COMPLETE AID PROCESS • MANAGE LOANS

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New To The FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.
[Start Here](#)

Returning User?
Correct info | Add a school
View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

[Log In](#)

FAFSA® Announcements

2020-21 FAFSA Form Now Available
The new 2020-21 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don't delay! To begin your application, select the "START HERE" button on the FAFSA homepage at [download the pdf/onlineaid app](#) for iOS and Android.

Enable Pop-ups
To get the best experience, make sure your browser's pop-up blocker allows pop-ups from [fafsa.gov](#) before logging in to the FAFSA form.

Welcome to
myStudentAid
A SERVICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Need money for college?

Submitting the FAFSA® form is quick, and most importantly, it's FREE.

START HERE

Before You Start

The new 2020-21 FAFSA is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don't delay! To begin your application, select **Start Here**.

Due to scheduled maintenance, myFAFSA will be unavailable every Sunday from 3am to 11am Eastern time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans.
Or apply free online at [fafsa.gov](#).

Apply by the Deadline
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For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as October 2019. See the table to the right for state deadlines. You may also need to complete additional forms. Check with your high school counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines.
If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at [fafsa.gov](#) or via the myStudentAid mobile app. These are the fastest and easiest ways to apply for aid.

Use Your Tax Return
We recommend that you complete and submit your FAFSA form as soon as possible in order to receive a 2019 tax return. The easiest way to complete your FAFSA form with accurate tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) through [fafsa.gov](#) or the myStudentAid mobile app. In a few simple steps, most students and parents who filed a 2018 tax return can transfer their tax return information directly into their FAFSA form.
If you or your parents have received the 2019 tax filing deadline of April 15, 2019, and still need to file a 2018 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), you should submit your FAFSA form now using estimated tax information, and then you must correct that information after you file your return.
Note: Both parents or both the student and spouse may need to report income information on the FAFSA form if they did not file a joint tax return for 2018. For assistance with answering the income information questions in this situation, call 1-800-ED-AD (1-800-433-3243).

Fill Out the FAFSA Form
If you or your family experienced significant changes to your financial situation (such as loss of employment, or other unusual circumstances) such as tuition expenses at an elementary or secondary school or high unemployment medical or dental expenses), complete this form to the extent you can and submit it as instructed. Consult with the financial aid office at the college(s) you applied to or your parent if allowed.
For help in filling out the FAFSA form, go to [StudentAid.gov/completatofa](#) or call 1-800-433-3243. TTY users (for the hearing impaired) may call 1-800-755-8675.
Fill the answer fields directly on your screen or print the form and complete it by hand. Your answers will be used electronically thereafter. If you complete the form by hand, use black ink and fill in circles completely.
Correct Incorrect
Print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a line between words.
Report dollar amounts (such as \$12,345.67) like this: 12345.67
Change to first student information and purple to the parent information.

Mail Your FAFSA Form
After you complete the application, make a copy of pages 1 through 8 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 1 through 8 to:
Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 7050, London, KY 40342-7050.
After your application is processed, you will receive a summary of your information in your Student Aid Report (SAR). If you provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be sent to you within three to five days. If you do not provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be mailed to you within three weeks. If you select No to check the status of your application, go to [fafsa.gov](#) or call 1-800-433-3243.

Let's Get Started!
Now go to page 1 of the FAFSA form and begin filling it out. Refer to the notes on pages 9 and 10 as instructed.

The United States Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Federal Student Aid

Pay attention to any symbols listed after your state deadline.

State Deadlines

State	Deadline
Alabama	October 1, 2019
Alaska	October 1, 2019
Arizona	October 1, 2019
Arkansas	October 1, 2019
California	October 1, 2019
Colorado	October 1, 2019
Connecticut	October 1, 2019
Delaware	October 1, 2019
District of Columbia	October 1, 2019
Florida	October 1, 2019
Georgia	October 1, 2019
Hawaii	October 1, 2019
Idaho	October 1, 2019
Illinois	October 1, 2019
Indiana	October 1, 2019
Iowa	October 1, 2019
Kansas	October 1, 2019
Kentucky	October 1, 2019
Louisiana	October 1, 2019
Maine	October 1, 2019
Maryland	October 1, 2019
Massachusetts	October 1, 2019
Michigan	October 1, 2019
Minnesota	October 1, 2019
Mississippi	October 1, 2019
Missouri	October 1, 2019
Montana	October 1, 2019
Nebraska	October 1, 2019
Nevada	October 1, 2019
New Hampshire	October 1, 2019
New Jersey	October 1, 2019
New Mexico	October 1, 2019
New York	October 1, 2019
North Carolina	October 1, 2019
North Dakota	October 1, 2019
Ohio	October 1, 2019
Oklahoma	October 1, 2019
Oregon	October 1, 2019
Pennsylvania	October 1, 2019
Rhode Island	October 1, 2019
South Carolina	October 1, 2019
South Dakota	October 1, 2019
Tennessee	October 1, 2019
Texas	October 1, 2019
Utah	October 1, 2019
Vermont	October 1, 2019
Virginia	October 1, 2019
Washington	October 1, 2019
West Virginia	October 1, 2019
Wisconsin	October 1, 2019
Wyoming	October 1, 2019

FAFSA on the Web
(FOTW)

www.FAFSA.gov

myStudentAid App

Apple or Google Play Store

Paper FAFSA

www.FAFSA.gov

Benefits of FOTW/myStudentAid App

Quick	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instant confirmation page• Student Aid Report (SAR) sent within 48-72 hours
Easy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed help screens guide the student through every question• Skip logic is used to reduce unnecessary questions
Accurate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inconsistent answers are flagged so the student can correct mistakes before submitting the application
Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encryption keeps the student's information safe

FOTW/myStudentAid App Sections

Section 1	Student Demographics
Section 2	School Selection
Section 3	Dependency Status
Section 4	Parent Demographics
Section 5	Parent Financials
Section 6	Student Financials
Section 7	Sign and Submit
Section 8	Confirmation

Auto-Populated Fields on Renewal FAFSA

Student Section		Parent Section
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name• Address• Social Security Number• Date of Birth• Telephone Number• Driver's License Information• E-mail Address• Citizenship Status• Alien Registration Number• Marital Status• State of Legal Residence• Male or Female• High School Completion Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level of Degree• Active Duty Military• Veteran• Children• Other Legal Dependents• Orphan or Ward of Court• Emancipated Minor• Legal Guardianship• Dependency Override	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Name• First Initial• Social Security Number• Date of Birth• Marital Status• Highest Level of Education• E-mail Address• State of Legal Residence

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Allows you to transfer your tax data onto the FAFSA



Link to IRS

The screenshot shows the "Get My Federal Income Tax Information" form. It includes fields for: First Name, Last Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Filing Status, Street Address, PO Box, Apartment Number, Country, City/Town or Post Office, State (U.S. Territory), and ZIP Code. A "SUBMIT" button is at the bottom.

Look up tax data

The screenshot shows the "2018 Federal Income Tax Information" transfer screen. It includes a table with columns for Tax Year, Type of Return Filed, and Untaxed Portion of IRA Distributions & Pensions/Annuities. Below the table, there are two buttons: "TRANSFER NOW" and "DO NOT TRANSFER".

Transfer to FAFSA

Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)

- The FSA ID is your electronic signature for the FAFSA
- An FSA ID is needed to use the IRS DRT
- Students and parents must each have their own FSA ID
- You will need your FSA ID to renew the FAFSA every year

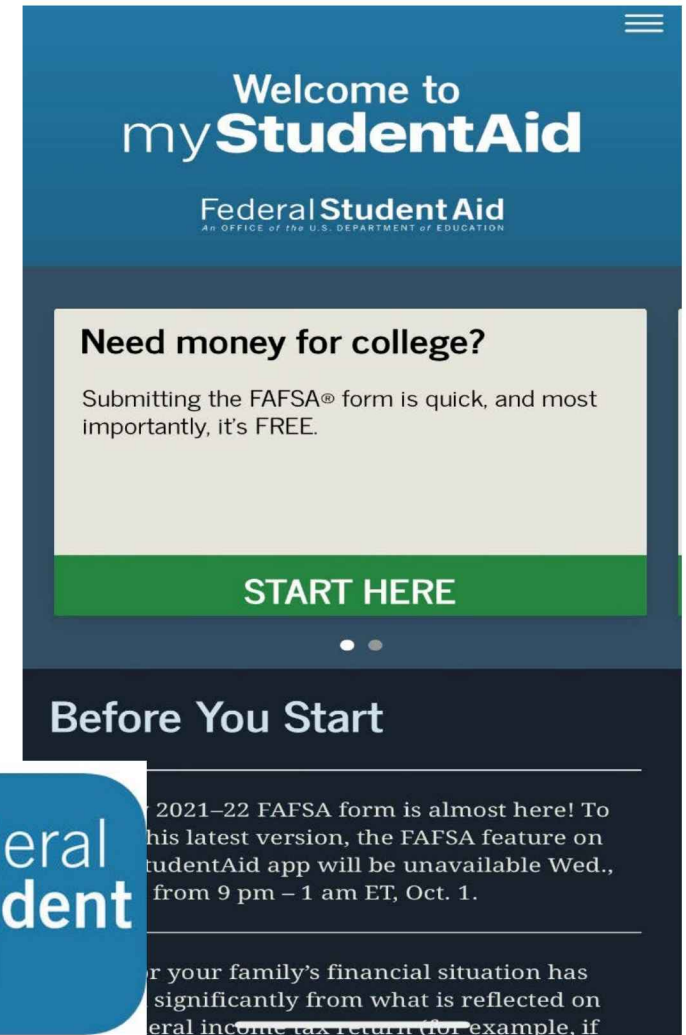
Note: Parents who do not have a SSN cannot obtain an FSA ID but can print a **signature page** instead

FSA ID Requirements

- Username
- Password
- Challenge questions

myStudentAid App

- Mimics much of the functionality of FOTW
 - Order of sections
 - Save and Help features
 - IRS DRT feature
- User **MUST** have an FSA ID in order to login
 - Parents without an FSA ID will be unable to sign and submit using the app
- Customized experience based on the role the user selects



Paper FAFSA

- Available in English and Spanish
- Includes instructions on pages 1-2 and notes on pages 9-10
- Takes 7-10 days to process from the date it was mailed

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If you are filling close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file either online at fafsa.gov or via the myStudentAid mobile app. These are the fastest and easiest ways to apply for aid.

Use Your Tax Return

We recommend that you complete and submit your FAFSA form as soon as possible on or after October 1, 2019. The easiest way to complete or correct your FAFSA form with accurate tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool either through fafsa.gov or the myStudentAid mobile app. In a few simple steps, most students and parents who filed a 2018 tax return can transfer their tax return information directly into their FAFSA form.

If you (or your parents) have missed the 2018 tax filing deadline of April 2019, and still need to file a 2018 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), you should submit your FAFSA form now using estimated tax information, and then you must correct that information **after you file** your return.

Note: Both parents or both the student and spouse may need to report income information on the FAFSA form if they did not file a joint tax return for 2018. For assistance with answering the income information questions in this situation, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

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For help in filling out the FAFSA form, go to StudentAid.gov/completetofafsa or call 1-800-433-3243. TTY users (for the hearing impaired) may call 1-800-730-8913.

Fill the answer fields directly on your screen or print the form and complete it by hand. Your answers will be read electronically, therefore, if you complete the form by hand:

- use black ink and fill in circles completely;
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words;
- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) like this: \$ 12356

Orange is for student information and purple is for parent information.

Mail Your FAFSA Form

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 3 through 8 to:

Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 7650, London, KY 40342-7650.

After your application is processed, you will receive a summary of your information in your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**. If you provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be sent by e-mail within three to five days. If you do not provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be mailed to you within three weeks. If you would like to check the status of your application, go to fafsa.gov or call 1-800-433-3243.

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States and territories not included in the table listing below:
AL, AS, AZ, AZ, CD, FM, GA, GU, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SD, TN, UT, VT, WA, WI, WV, and WY.

State Deadline

AK	Alaska Performance Scholarship – June 30, 2020 (S)
AL	Alabama Education Grant – S
AR	Arkansas Challenge – June 1, 2020 (date received) * S
AS	Workforce Grant – S
CA	Higher Education Opportunity Grant – June 1, 2020 (date received) For many state financial aid programs – March 2, 2020 (date received) * S For additional community college Cal Grants – September 2, 2020 (date received) * S
CT	Connecticut State Student Aid Commission or your financial aid administrator for more information.
DC	For DC MA, complete the DC OneApp and submit supporting documents by May 15, 2020.
DE	February 15, 2020 (date received) * S
FL	FAFSA form completed by May 1, 2020 (S) For DC MA, complete the DC OneApp and submit supporting documents by May 15, 2020.
GA	April 15, 2020 (date received)
HI	May 15, 2020 (date received)
IA	July 1, 2020 (date received) – Earlier priority deadlines may exist for certain programs.
IL	Opportunity Grant – March 1, 2020 (date received) * S
IN	Indiana State Student Assistance Commission website for the Minority Award Program (deadline varies by program)
KS	Frank O'Rourke Grant – April 15, 2020 (date received)
KY	21st Century Scholarship – April 15, 2020 (date received)
LA	Adult Student Grant – S – New applicants must submit additional form, Workforce Ready Grant – S
MA	April 1, 2020 (date received) * S
MD	July 1, 2021 (July 1, 2020 recommended)
ME	May 1, 2020 (date received) S
MI	March 1, 2020 (date received)
MN	May 1, 2020 (date received)
MO	March 1, 2020 (date received)
MS	February 2, 2020 (S) Applications accepted through April 1, 2020 (date received)
MT	April 30, 2020 (date received) * S
NE	June 1, 2020 (date received)
NH	December 1, 2019 (S)
NJ	2019-2020 Tuition Aid Grant recipients – April 15, 2020 (date received) All other applicants – September 15, 2020 (date received)
NM	Fall and spring terms – September 15, 2020 (date received) Spring term only – February 15, 2021 (date received)
NY	Renewable Promise Scholarship – April 1, 2020 (S) All other aid – S
NC	June 30, 2021 (date received) * S
ND	OSAC Private Scholarship – March 1, 2020 (S) Oregon Promise Grant – Contact state agency. Oregon Opportunity Grant – S
OH	All new applicants awarded to a community college (degree/trade/technical school/hospital school of nursing designated Pennsylvania Open Admission institutions or non-transferable two-year programs – August 1, 2020 (date received) All other applicants – May 1, 2020 (date received) * S
OK	Tuition Grants – June 30, 2020 (date received)
OR	OSAC Private Scholarship – March 1, 2020 (S) Oregon Promise Grant – Contact state agency. Oregon Opportunity Grant – S
PA	All new applicants awarded to a community college (degree/trade/technical school/hospital school of nursing designated Pennsylvania Open Admission institutions or non-transferable two-year programs – August 1, 2020 (date received) All other applicants – May 1, 2020 (date received) * S
RI	Tuition Grants – June 30, 2020 (date received)
SC	Commitment to Higher Education Need-based Grants – S
SD	State Grant – Prior year recipients receive award if eligible and apply by February 1, 2020. All other awards made to new applicants.
TN	Renewable Promise – February 1, 2020 (date received) State Lottery – Fall term, September 1, 2020 (date received); spring and summer terms, February 1, 2021 (date received)
TX	January 15, 2020 (S)
UT	Private and two-year institutions may have different deadlines.
VA	Potential Scholarship – March 1, 2020. New applicants must submit additional form. Contact your financial aid administrator or state agency.
WV	WV Higher Education Grant Program – April 15, 2020

* Additional forms may be required.
S Check with your financial aid administrator.
S Recommended but not required.
S Not applicable to certain states or territories.
S If the priority deadline is subject to date received.

STATE DEADLINES

Paper FAFSA Sections

Step 1	Student Information
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Step 2	Student Financials
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Step 3	Dependency Status
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Step 4	Parent Information & Financials
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Step 5	Independent Student Information
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Step 6	School Selection & Housing Preferences
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Step 7	Signatures
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Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid Overview

The Alternative App

- Determines a student's MAP Grant eligibility
- Patterned after the FAFSA
- Only available online
- Available in English and Spanish
- Pre-screening questions help students determine eligibility
- Financial information must be manually reported
- Students can only list Illinois MAP approved institutions on the application
- A PIN is needed to electronically sign and submit the application

ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID

Intended for qualifying
undocumented and
transgender students

RISE Act: Eligible Students

- The law defines Illinois resident, as “any person who is deemed an Illinois resident for tuition purposes”.
- The individual must have:
 - Resided with parent or guardian while attending an Illinois public or private high school;
 - Graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in Illinois;
 - Attended school in Illinois for at least 3 years as of the date they graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma;
 - Provides the institution with an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so; and
 - Has not established a residence outside of Illinois.

2021-22 Alternative App

WHEN

- As soon as possible after October 1st
(Check with colleges for specific deadlines)

WHO

- High school seniors and college students
- Eligible undocumented students and transgender students disqualified from federal financial aid

HOW

- Alternative App: www.isac.org/alternativeapp

WHY

- Determines eligibility for the MAP Grant
- Some institutions use it to award institutional aid

Information Needed for the 21-22 Alternative App

- **Student Profile for the Alternative App**– ISAC ID number will be assigned to student after profile is created
- **Student and Parent email address (for dependents)**– Be sure parent and student each have their own email address
- **Records of income** – 2019 Federal Income Tax Return (1040), W-2s, other records of income earned from work, business, child support paid or received, and any other untaxed income.
- **Information about investments** – Savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs, and investment real estate, business, and farms.
- **A PIN to sign electronically**

Note: A student must report parental information until the age of 24 unless they meet the criteria to file as an independent student as determined by the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid .

Alternative App PIN

- A PIN is needed to sign the Alternative App electronically
- Students and parents must have their own PIN
- The PIN will be generated and sent via email by ISAC
- A PIN is needed every time you renew the Alternative App
- To obtain a PIN, parents only need to provide an email

21-22 FAFSA Updates

21-22 FAFSA Updates & Major Changes

- 21-22 FAFSA will release on October 1, 2020
 - FAFSA demo site for 21-22 FAFSA will be available on September 30, 2020 at www.fafsademo.test.ed.gov
- Major changes to 21-22 FAFSA:
 - Income threshold for automatic zero increased to \$27,000 for 21-22 award year
 - Schedule 1 question changes (questions 35 & 82 on 21-22 FAFSA)
 - Question about whether a Schedule 1 was filed will automatically be answered if the IRS DRT is used
 - Current exceptions for filing a Schedule 1 updated
 - “Capital Gains” removed as an exception
 - “Virtual Currency” added as an exception

FAFSASM Demo Site

- This site is available in English and Spanish

URL

<http://fafsademotest.ed.gov>

User Name

eddemo

Password

fafsatest

PD Webinar Series CE and CPDU Requests

- To request **Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDU)** an *ISBE Evaluation* must be completed and emailed to isac.outreachtraining@Illinois.gov along with your **Illinois Educator Identification Number (EIN)**
- To request a **Certificate of Attendance (CE)** an *ISAC Evaluation* must be completed and emailed to isac.outreachtraining@Illinois.gov
- To access both the ISAC and ISBE Evaluations visit the registration link for the webinar and select “View Event Materials”
 - The registration link can be found in the Webex reminder email for today’s webinar or by accessing www.isac.org/pd/webinars.html and selecting “Register Now” for today’s webinar

Date	Time*	Topic	Register
Tuesday, 9/1/2020	1 – 2 PM	FAFSA Mandate Information & Resources	REGISTER NOW
Tuesday, 9/15/2020	1 – 2 PM	Alternative Application Overview	REGISTER NOW
Tuesday, 9/29/2020	1 – 2 PM	FAFSA Overview	REGISTER NOW
Tuesday, 10/13/2020	1 – 2 PM	Impacts of COVID-19 on Financial Aid	REGISTER NOW
Tuesday, 10/27/2020	1 – 2 PM	Overview of the Financial Aid Process	REGISTER NOW
Tuesday, 11/10/2020	1 – 2 PM	Working with Special Student Populations	REGISTER NOW
Tuesday, 11/24/2020	1 – 2 PM	Overview of State Aid Programs	REGISTER NOW
Tuesday, 12/8/2020	1 – 2 PM	Overview of ISAC Services & Resources	REGISTER NOW

Thank You!

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