

regulations in 34 CFR 644, and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), in 34 CFR 74.51, 75.720, and 75.732. The information that grantees submit in their APRs allows ED to annually assess each grantee's progress in meeting their project's approved goals and objectives. The APR data that grantees submit are compared with the projects' approved objectives to determine the projects' accomplishments, to make decisions regarding whether funding should be continued, and to award "prior experience" points. The regulations for this program provide for awarding up to 15 points for prior experience (34 CR 644.22). During a competition for new grant awards, the prior experience points are added to the average of the peer reviewers' scores to arrive at a total score for each application. Funding recommendations and decisions are primarily based on the rank order of applications on the slate; therefore, assessment of prior experience points, based on data in the annual performance report, is a crucial part of the overall application process.

Further, this performance report form is the main source of data for the Department's response to the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) for this program. In addition, the Department uses the annual performance reports to produce program level data for annual reporting, budget submissions to OMB, Congressional hearings and inquiries, and responding to inquiries from higher education interest groups and the general public.

EOC APRs are prepared and submitted by EOC grant projects. For each EOC grant project, the grant project director of record completes, or supervises the completion of the data submission process. The grant project director supervises the administration of an EOC grant. An EOC grant provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program also provides services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions.

The proposed revision to the APR entails replacement of Competitive Preference Priority (CPP) questions with new CPP questions of equal response time. In addition, the annual number of

responses and total annual burden hours have been adjusted to reflect an increase in the size of the reporting universe.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0053]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 16, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact FAFSA Product Team, [fsa\\_fafsa\\_team@ed.gov](mailto:fsa_fafsa_team@ed.gov) or Beth Grebeldinger at 202-570-8414.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the

following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0001.

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:*

Individuals and households. *Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 34,328,439.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 22,417,460.

*Abstract:* Section 483, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), mandates that the Secretary of Education ". . . shall produce, distribute, and process free of charge common financial reporting forms as described in this subsection to be used for application and reapplication to determine the need and eligibility of a student for financial assistance . . .".

The determination of need and eligibility are for the following title IV, HEA, federal student financial assistance programs: the Federal Pell Grant Program; the Campus-Based programs (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and Federal Work-Study (FWS)); the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program; the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant; the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship; and the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant.

Federal Student Aid (FSA), an office of the U.S. Department of Education, subsequently developed an application process to collect and process the data necessary to determine a student's eligibility to receive Title IV, HEA program assistance. The application process involves an applicant's submission of the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®). After submission and processing of the FAFSA form, an applicant receives a FAFSA Submission Report, which is a summary of the processed data they submitted on the FAFSA form. The applicant reviews the FAFSA Submission Summary, and, if necessary, will make corrections or updates to their

submitted FAFSA data. Institutions of higher education listed by the applicant on the FAFSA form also receive a summary of processed data submitted on the FAFSA form which is called the

Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR). ED and FSA seek OMB approval of all application components as a single “collection of information.” The

aggregate burden will be accounted for under OMB Control Number 1845–0001. The specific application components, descriptions, and submission methods for each are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1—FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Component	Description	Submission method
<b>Initial Submission of FAFSA form</b>		
<i>fafsa.gov</i> .....	Any applicant with a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) can complete the electronic version of the FAFSA form.	Submitted by the applicant.
Printed FAFSA form .....	The printed version of the FAFSA PDF for applicants who are unable to access the internet or complete the form using <i>fafsa.gov</i> .	Mailed by the applicant.
<b>Correcting and Reviewing Submitted FAFSA information</b>		
<i>fafsa.gov</i> —Corrections ..	Any applicant with an FSA ID—regardless of how they originally applied—may make corrections to their own data. Note that no user will be able to make corrections to any federal tax information (FTI) that was obtained from the IRS.	Submitted by the applicant.
Electronic Other—Corrections.	With the applicant’s permission, corrections can be made by an FAA using the Electronic Data Exchange (EDE).	The FAA may be using their mainframe computer or software to facilitate the EDE process.
Paper FAFSA Submission Summary.	The paper summary is mailed to paper applicants who did not provide an email address. Applicants can write corrections directly on the paper FAFSA Submission Summary and mail for processing. Note that users for whom federal tax information (FTI) was obtained from the IRS will not be able to make corrections to that data.	Mailed by the applicant.
FAFSA Partner Portal (FPP)—Corrections.	An institution can use FPP to correct the FAFSA form .....	Submitted by an FAA on behalf of an applicant.
Internal Department Corrections.	The Department will submit an applicant’s record for system-generated corrections to the FAFSA Processing System. There is no burden to the applicants under this correction type as these are system-based corrections.	These corrections are system-generated.
Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) Corrections.	Any applicant, with their Data Release Number (DRN), can change the postsecondary institutions listed on their FAFSA form or change their address by calling FSAIC.	These changes are made directly in the FPS by an FSAIC representative.
FAFSA Submission Summary—electronic.	The electronic FAFSA Submission Summary is an online version of the FAFSA Submission Summary that is available on <i>fafsa.gov</i> to all applicants. Notification for the FAFSA Submission Summary is sent to students who applied electronically or by paper and provided a valid email address. These notifications are sent by email and include a secure hyperlink that takes the user to the <i>fafsa.gov</i> site.	Cannot be submitted for processing.

This information collection also documents an estimate of the annual public burden as it relates to the application process for federal student aid. The Applicant Burden Model (ABM) measures applicant burden through an assessment of the activities each applicant conducts in conjunction with other applicant characteristics and, in terms of burden, the average applicant’s experience. Key determinants of the ABM include:

- The total number of applicants that will potentially apply for federal student aid;
- How the applicant chooses to complete and submit the FAFSA form (e.g., by paper or electronically);
- How the applicant chooses to submit any corrections and/or updates (e.g., the paper FAFSA Submission Summary or electronically);

- The type of FAFSA Submission Summary document the applicant receives (paper or electronic);
- The formula applied to determine the applicant’s student aid index (SAI); and
- The average amount of time involved in preparing to complete the application.

The ABM is largely driven by the number of potential applicants for the application cycle. The total application projection for 2024–2025 is based on the projected total enrollment into post-secondary education for Fall 2024. The ABM is also based on the application options available to students and parents. ED accounts for each application component based on analytical tools, survey information and other ED data sources.

For 2024–2025, ED is reporting a net burden decrease of 427,252 hours.

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**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program Forms; Request for Comment**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction