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Why Is FAFSA Delayed?

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Texas A&M experts explain recent changes in federal student financial aid and where to find help navigating the application process.



The Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) has undergone changes with the implementation of the FAFSA Simplification Act in 2020, effective from the 2024-25 award year. The new system aims to simplify the application process, reducing the number of questions and streamlining the overall FAFSA experience. The changes include the replacement of the Expected Family Contribution with the 'Student Aid Index' and the transformation of the Student Aid Report into the 'FAFSA Submission Summary.'

While the overhaul doesn't impact the timing of when students receive funds, it does affect the timing of offer letters. Students applying for financial aid at multiple schools will have less time to decide which financial aid offer to accept, with offer letters expected to be sent out by early-to-mid-April instead of the end of January.

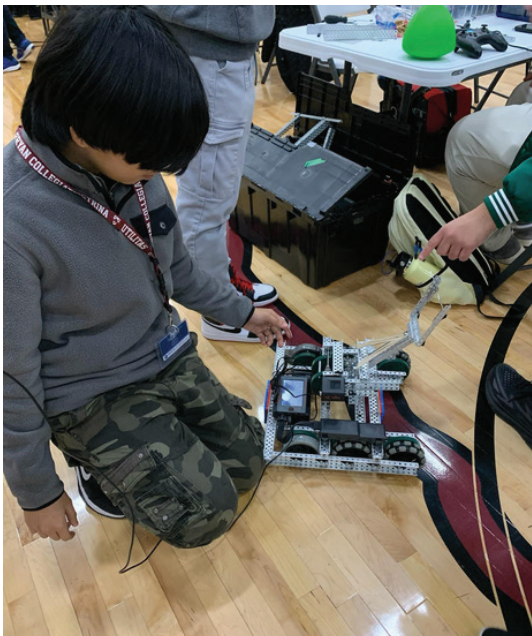
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To complete the 2024-25 FAFSA, students should visit the FAFSA site. Aggie One Stop is available to provide assistance with financial aid and other enrollment services. Prospective Student Centers around the state are also equipped to help incoming freshmen navigate the financial aid application process.

The ultimate goal of the FAFSA overhaul is to make federal, state, and institutional financial aid more accessible to students. The changes are expected to increase eligibility for Pell Grants and need-based aid. Additional assistance can be found at local events, such as the "Growing Towards Your Future '24" event on Jan. 23 and the FAFSA Workshop at College Station High School on Feb. 1.



Triumphant Robotic Achievements: Bryan Collegiate High School and Davila Middle School Shine at VEX VRC Aggieland Classic



Commendations are in order for the robotics teams hailing from Bryan Collegiate High School in Bryan ISD and Davila Middle School in Bryan ISD, as they recently engaged in the VEX VRC Aggieland Classic Robotics Competition in Hearne over the weekend.

BCHS emerged as a standout among the 26 high schools present, clinching the prestigious "Judge's Award." Notably, Davila Middle School made a mark with two of the exclusive middle school teams in the competition, securing commendable 6th and 12th place finishes in the preliminary rounds. This achievement granted them the privilege of selecting their "allies" for the final round.

Observers eagerly anticipate witnessing the ongoing development of the robotics students in this dynamic and innovative field.

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