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About … The Better FAFSA

Learning about the 2023-24 FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid) can be a challenge for students, families, and schools, especially for those who are first-generation or from low-income backgrounds. The Better FAFSA initiative aims to simplify the process and ensure equitable college access.

1. FAFSA system increases the risk of student error and ensures that students who want to attend college won't be able to do so. This is especially dire for students of color, those with disabilities, and those from low-income families.

2. Every day that there is a delay or complication with the current FAFSA system, the risk of student error increases, exacerbating longstanding equity gaps in college-going. Check out this article in Chalkbeat about legislation that would improve the FAFSA system.

3. A bill to let some Tennessee Promise scholarship students receive grants to certain Tennessee college-level workforce education programs and to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship completion grants to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship students; makes the four-year college completion grants to certain Tennessee Promise scholarship students permanent.

4. It provides resources and materials that students, families, and school counselors need to know about and be able to do so. The FAFSA hub provides a centralized platform for students to apply for financial aid.

5. FAFSA complications threaten to exacerbate longstanding equity gaps in college-going. The FAASFA hub provides resources and materials that students, families, and school counselors need to know about and be able to do so.

Everyday, the Better FAFSA initiative aims to simplify the FAFSA process and ensure equitable college access for all students.