Panel:

- Daisha Holmes (Moderator)
- Brenda Hicks
- Melinda Harrington
- Elizabeth Weiler
- Danielle Sullivan

Institutions:
- Southwestern
- GCCC
- KU
- JCCC
CHAPTER ONE
NEW TERMINOLOGY
ROLE BASED – each contributor will need to complete their own section on the FAFSA.

PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENT STUDENT – Students with unusual circumstances can be assigned this status and receive an estimated SAI. Schools must follow up.

STUDENT AID INDEX – replaces the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as a formal evaluation of a student’s approximate financial resources to contribute toward their postsecondary education for a specific award year.

CONTRIBUTOR - any individual required to provide consent and approval for federal tax information along with their signature on the FAFSA® form, including the student; the student’s spouse; a biological or adoptive parent; or the parent’s spouse (stepparent).

CONSENT – each contributor must provide their consent. No Consent = no financial aid.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES – conditions that justify a financial aid administrator making an adjustment to a student’s dependency status, based on an unusual situation.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES – extenuating situations that impact the student’s financial condition, such as loss of income.
MAINT CHARACTERS

WHAT CONTRIBUTORS NEED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA

FSAID

TAX RETURNS

ASSETS

COLLEGES

FEDERAL BENEFITS

CHILD SUPPORT RECEIVED
CASH, SAVINGS, CHECKING
INVESTMENT NET WORTH
BUSINESS/FARM NET WORTH
CHAPTER TWO
UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES
PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENT STUDENT

• A student will be able to bypass the parental information under the following circumstances
  • The student can answer yes to any of the dependency questions
  • The student indicates they have an unusual circumstance and cannot provide parental information
  • The student does not have an unusual circumstance but indicates on the FAFSA that their parent is unwilling to provide the information required to complete the FAFSA
LETS REVIEW...

- BORN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2001
- MARRIED
- ACTIVE DUTY/VETERAN
- CHILDREN OR OTHER DEPENDENTS
- ORPHAN
- WARD OF THE COURT
- FOSTER CARE
- EMANCIPATED MINOR
- LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP
- HOMELESS
If the student selects yes, they will be allowed to submit the FAFSA without parental information and assigned a status of Provisional Independent Student. An unofficial SAI will be calculated, but the student must follow up with the school. A Financial Aid Administrator will make a determination regarding dependency.
If the student does not have unusual circumstances, but their parent is unwilling to provide their information. Parental information is skipped, and the student has the option to receive a Direct Unsubsidized Loan only.

NO PELL GRANTS, NO SUBSIDIZED LOAN. The student is considered a Provisionally Independent student and must follow up with their college.
WHO CAN MAKE A HOMELESS DETERMINATION?

Student Other Circumstances
At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Did any of the following determine the student was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?
Select all that apply.

☐ Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness

☐ The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee

☐ Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant

☐ Financial aid administrator (FAA)

☐ None of these apply.
Have students follow up with the individual colleges to see what documentation they will need to confirm their unusual circumstance because until the student’s circumstances are verified and documented by the student’s financial aid office, they will not have an official SAI calculated. Therefore, no eligibility. Financial Aid Offices are required to follow up with Provisionally Independent Students no later than 60 days after enrollment.

Schools also must now accept Dependency Overrides and Homeless determinations from other institutions. This means their status can carry over from institution to institution.
CHAPTER THREE
UNDOCUMENTED/DACA STUDENTS
UNDOCUMENTED & DACA

THE PARENT IS UNDOCUMENTED/DACA

Through the new FSAID process, parent FAFSA contributors should be able to set up their ID without having a SSN. This process will be released at the same time as the 2024-2025 FAFSA – no exact date, but sometime in December.

When the FAFSA asks for the parent SSN, they enter all zeros in the SSN field – 000000000. Parent citizenship status does not affect student eligibility, unless the parent will not provide consent.

THE STUDENT IS UNDOCUMENTED/DACA

Students who are undocumented or have DACA status are not eligible for federal or state aid. However, some undocumented/DACA students may qualify for resident tuition at Kansas colleges if they

• Attended an accredited Kansas high school for 3 or more years AND
• Graduated or earned their Kansas GED AND
• Fills out an affidavit at the institution

Students with this status need to be careful if filing a FAFSA. If they accidentally mark the “US Citizen” or “Eligible Non-Citizen” box this could negatively affect any future citizenship eligibility. This is considered falsifying a federal application and could lead to deportation.

These students are mostly eligible for scholarships.
CHAPTER FOUR
FOSTER CARE
Students who were in foster care in the state of Kansas do not have to pay tuition & fees at certain Kansas colleges. This applies to:

• Vocational schools, technical schools, community colleges, the municipal university, state educational institutions or technical colleges

They are responsible for paying: food, housing, books, supplies, transportation

Criteria

• In the custody of Department of Children & Families (DCF) and in foster care placement on or after 18th birthday.
• Released from custody of DCF before age 18 and graduated from high school/received GED while in foster care.
• Adopted from foster care on or after 16th birthday while in custody of DCF.
• Released from foster care placement subject to a guardianship under chapter 38 or 59 of the KSA on or after 16th birthday while in custody of DCF.
• Must remain in good academic standing.

Each institution may process these differently.

https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/pps/documents/ppm_forms/section_7000_forms/pps7260.pdf
CHAPTER FIVE
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
The income listed on the FAFSA no longer accurately portrays the student's financial situation

- Loss of income – Job loss, reduction in hours, retirement
- Excess medical or dental costs
- One-time payment – investment funds, insurance payout, inheritance
- Other payments – private school tuition, student loans
Although the FAFSA will still ask for number in college, the formula to determine a student's aid eligibility will no longer take the number in college into consideration. This may cause some students to lose aid eligibility that they were previously receiving.
## Cost of Attendance Increases

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Year</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuition &amp; Fees</td>
<td>01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Books &amp; Supplies</td>
<td>02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Housing &amp; Food</td>
<td>04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computer</td>
<td>05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medical/Dental</td>
<td>06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disability-related Expenses</td>
<td>07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Professional License</td>
<td>08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Abroad</td>
<td>09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Childcare</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disability-related Expenses</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Professional License</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Abroad</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Childcare</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disability-related Expenses</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Professional License</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Abroad</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Childcare</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disability-related Expenses</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Professional License</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS

SCHOLARSHIPS

NOVEMBER 7 9:30 – 11:00

TO BE DETERMINED...

FSAID CHANGES & STUDENTAID.GOV ACCOUNT SET-UP (FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS), FSAID CHANGES & FAFSA COMPLETION, FINANCIAL AID 102
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR EVALUATIONS!