The Arizona FAF$A Challenge

The Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education

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Arizona Vs. National

AZ FAFSA Completion Rankings

• 48th class of 2020
• 48th class of 2019
• 49th class of 2018

• National Average 59.5% of the class of 2020 completed a FAFSA

• NCAN Class of 2020 FAFSA Rankings
  • #1 Louisiana --------- 79%
  • #2 Tennessee --------- 78%
  • #48 Arizona ---------- 47%

Illinois, New Jersey, Texas
Michigan, Indiana, California and the District of Columbia are all considering similar laws.
The Arizona FAF$A Challenge is a statewide initiative that aims to increase FAFSA completion rates for the state while promoting friendly competition among Arizona high schools.

Established in 2018

The Governor’s Office of Education and the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education
AZ FAFSA Coalition

Is Comprised of: College Access Partners, Postsecondary Community Partners, AZ Governor’s office of Education, Arizona Department of Education:

• Set an annual state FAFSA completion goal for Arizona

• Create statewide FAFSA resources and initiatives to assist student and families with the FAFSA process

• Collaborate on bringing FAFSA resources to Arizona
State FAFSA Completion Goal

Current State Goal to reach a 52% FAFSA Completion Rate Among Arizona High School Seniors

Long-Term Goal: To reach a 78% FAFSA Completion Rate Among Arizona High School Seniors by 2030

Research has shown 90% of high school graduates who filed a FAFSA enrolled directly in a postsecondary program.
Arizona FAFSA Challenge Website

FAFSAChallenge.az.gov

Welcome to the Arizona FAFSA Challenge website! The Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education has partnered with The Arizona Governor’s Office of Education and AchieveAZ to promote a state-wide FAFSA challenge in order to increase the FAFSA completion rate within the State of Arizona.
**FAFSA Completion Dashboard**

- Includes over 400 public/charter high schools
- State, County, District/Charter Holder, High School
- Updated every Friday
- Track's state FAFAS Completion Rate
- Pell Eligibility Estimate
- Benchmarks
AZ FAFSA Partner Network Graph

- Identify Existing FAFSA Community Partners FAFSA
- Assist with Building Partnerships
- FAFSA outreach
Welcome to the Arizona FAFSA Toolkit! This online resource is geared towards counselors, students and families to assist with the FAFSA process. In addition to resources specific to students and counselors, the toolkit also includes a FAFSA 101 section that provides an overview of the FAFSA process and steps on how to complete the FAFSA from beginning to end.

By clicking on the following icons below, users will be able to access FAFSA resources from the following categories:

Counselors, FAFSA 101, or Students
FAFSA Toolkit

• Over 50 FAFSA Resources
• Links
• Handouts
• Webinar Recordings
And much More!
Communications

- Monthly Statewide FAFSA Newsletter
- Goal update
- FAFSA resource
- FAFSA assistance statewide

- Platform to highlight high schools and their FAFSA completion efforts
Statewide FAFSA Collaborations and Support

- Text, phone call, virtual appointments, or in-person using COVID safe protocols

The hotline is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

English: 1-833-AZ-FAFSA (833-293-2372)
Spanish: 1-833-MI-FAFSA (833-643-2372)

Benji, the FAFSA Chatbot - Students can text their FAFSA questions 24/7 to 602-786-8171, AskBenji.org

Be A Leader Foundation is offering virtual appointments to assist students with their FAFSA, college applications, next steps, and college enrollment. Click on the following link to complete the web form and schedule an appointment: https://bit.ly/college-going-support

College Depot is still providing personal assistance with financial aid, admissions, and all things college. Students can request a virtual appointment with a College Depot Advisor using this link: bit.ly/2VeM1sF

The Northern Arizona College Resource Center (NACRC) is accepting virtual appointments. They have advisors on hand ready to work with students and families individually through email, Zoom, or phone. Anyone needing assistance can reach them by phone at 928-523-1803, as well as via email through nacrc@nau.edu

Regional College Access Center in Tucson, AZ is accepting virtual appointments by calling 520-670-0055 or booking online at www.metedu.org/rcac
The Impact

- Over 400 high schools have been recognized for their FAFSA completion efforts since 2018
- Increased FAFSA efforts at the high school level
- FAFSA to the Forefront for AZ initiatives
- Collaborative FAFSA support statewide
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