

2026 Idaho FAFSA Completion Challenge

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High school seniors who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are more likely to enroll in higher education, persist in their college coursework, and obtain a degree. That's why the Idaho Office of the State Board of Education has launched the inaugural ID FAFSA Challenge to increase the FAFSA completion rate among students in Idaho.

The FAFSA opens the door to scholarships, grants, and other forms of financial aid that can kick-start college and career success. While many schools will have higher FAFSA completion rates by the time students graduate, additional state funding, institutional dollars, and private scholarships may be available if the FAFSA is completed earlier in the senior year of high school. By completing the FAFSA, students can take advantage of financial aid dollars being left on the table, possibly qualifying for:

- Up to \$7,395 in Federal Pell Grant money
- Up to \$ 3,500 from the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship

Education leaders across the state are encouraging high schools to participate in the 2026 ID FAFSA Completion Challenge and promote FAFSA completion by the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship deadline of March 1.

Direct College Enrollment

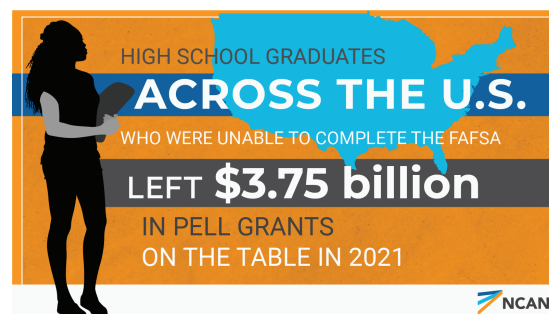
Students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to directly enroll in college



Students who complete the FAFSA



Students who do not complete the FAFSA



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