

Stanford Response to FAFSA Delays

On January 30, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education announced that colleges and universities will not receive 2024-2025 FAFSA applicant information until “the first half of March.” In response to this change, Stanford is adjusting our application priority filing dates. These changes apply to US Citizens and Permanent Residents who may qualify for federal student aid.

Prospective Undergraduates

Stanford’s priority filing date for the 2024-2025 FAFSA has been moved to **March 15, 2024**. First-year applicants are still asked to complete the CSS Profile and submit federal tax information via IDOC by February 15. For transfer applicants, the priority filing date for all requirements remains at March 15.

The Stanford Financial Aid Office will evaluate eligibility for institutional scholarships based on the CSS Profile data and will notify applicants at the time of admission about their eligibility. We will use institutional funds to meet your need so that you have a full understanding of the grant funds available to you before having to make your enrollment decision. If, after we have received your FAFSA data, we determine that you will qualify for a Pell Grant (and/or Cal Grant for California residents), the sources of your grant/scholarship funding may be changed, but the total that you were awarded based on the CSS Profile evaluation will remain the same.

Current Undergraduates

The priority filing date for the 2024-2025 FAFSA is April 30 for renewal applicants, and we roll out notifications for continuing students beginning in late May through August 1. A complete application for continuing students consists of a FAFSA, CSS Profile and uploaded 2022 parent W-2’s. We recommend that current students wait until closer to the April 30 priority filing date to submit the FAFSA.

Prospective and Current Graduate Students

We will be unable to notify students of 2024-2025 federal student loan eligibility until late March for new admits. We will respond to complete applications as quickly as we are able, beginning in late March. Federal-aid-eligible graduate students will be able to borrow federal Direct Unsubsidized and federal Direct PLUS loans to fully meet their cost of attendance under current rules for federal loans.