

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WEST VIRGINIA'S FAFSA STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHY HAVE FAFSA REQUIREMENTS BEEN LIFTED TO RECEIVE STATE AID?

Due to ongoing hurdles and delays related to the unveiling of the 2024-25 FAFSA form, many West Virginia students are experiencing difficulties completing the application in a timely manner. Because of this, Gov. Jim Justice has temporarily suspended the requirement for students to complete the FAFSA to qualify for the state's largest financial aid programs. However, the FAFSA will still be required to qualify for federal financial aid such as the Pell Grant. All students are still encouraged to complete the 2024-25 FAFSA despite this change.

WHAT STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS ARE AFFECTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ORDER?

- West Virginia Promise Scholarship
- West Virginia Higher Education Grant
- West Virginia HEAPS Workforce Grant
- West Virginia HEAPS Part-Time Grant

*Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements to qualify. Visit collegeforwv.com for information on requirements.

HOW CAN YOU QUALIFY FOR THE AFFECTED STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS?

If you have already submitted any required scholarship application and completed the 2024-25 FAFSA, you do not need to take extra steps to receive the scholarship/grant.

For the **Promise Scholarship**, you must complete the application by September 1, 2024, and request to waive the FAFSA requirement. Both the application and waiver can be found at collegeforwv.com/promise.

The Higher Education Grant does not require an application, but you may still qualify for funds without a 2024-25 FAFSA. For the **HEAPS Workforce Grant**, you must first submit an application at collegeforwv.com. To apply for the **HEAPS Part-Time Grant**, contact the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. For **HEAPS Grants** and the **Higher Education Grant**, a completed 2023-24 FAFSA may be used if previously submitted. Additionally, if you are eligible for one of the following programs, you may still receive funds for the 2024-25 award year:

- SNAP
- Medicaid
- Child Care Subsidy fund
- TANF
- CHIP
- WIC

You must show a letter from either West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS) or West Virginia Department of Health (DH) to your institution's financial aid office to qualify. To request your DoHS and/or DH eligibility letter, call the Office of Constituent Services' Customer Service Hotline at 877-716-1212.

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