

# Financial Aid 2024-2025 Award Year Overview of Federal Changes and Recommended Changes for the 2425 FADC

1. The following data element and associated validation will be decommissioned.

## **Data Element: FNA013 - FAFSA House Plans**

Data Validation: VFNA007 If populated, FAFSA Housing Plans must be a valid code and not 'U'

2023-2024 FAFSA Question: Housing plan for each Federal School code entered. Valid Value Options were 'on campus', 'with parent', or 'off campus'.

This question was removed from the 2024-2025 FAFSA. This question was not replaced or merged with any other questions on the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

## **ADGC 5/28/2025**

How are institutions collecting this information which is needed for financial aid packaging? Admission application, housing deposits, assumptions! Cannot require students to complete an additional form for packaging. This question may come back on FAFSA, but not likely to be the 2526 or 2627 FAFSA. If this comes back, this data element may need to be re-activated.

2. The following data elements and associated validations will be decommissioned.

- Data Element: FNA014 - Father's Highest Grade

Data Validation: VFNA008 If populated, Father's Highest Grade must be a valid code and not 'U'.

2023-2024 FAFSA Question: Highest school completed by Parent 1.

This question was removed from the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

- Data Element: FNA015 – Mother's Highest Grade

Data Validation: VFNA009 If populated, Mother's Highest Grade must be a valid code and not 'U'.

2023-2024 FAFSA Question: Highest school completed by Parent 2.

This question was removed from the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

The 2024-2025 FAFSA has a new question related to parental education. A new data element will be created to collect **parental education**.

2024-2025 FAFSA Question: Did either of the student's parents attend or complete college?

- Neither parent attended college
- One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college
- One or both parents completed college
- Don't know

| 15 Parent Education Status                                      |  |   |                                  |
|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Did either of the student's parents attend or complete college? |  |   |                                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither parent attended college           | <input type="radio"/> One or both parents attended college, but neither parent completed college | <input type="radio"/> One or both parents completed college | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

ADGC 5/28/2025:

Is this separate from the parental information gathered on the Admission Application? Yes, the Academic Data Collection collects first generation attribute data. It is the ADC data that RPA utilizes for First Generation reporting. ADC Student Attribute Code (STE074).

3. The following data elements and associated validations will be decommissioned.

- Data Element: FNA027 - Supported Children Flag

Data Validation: VFNA055 If populated, Supported Children Flag must be Y or N.

2023-2024 FAFSA Question: Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024?

This question was removed from the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

- Data Element: FNA028 - Other Dependents Flag

Data Validation: VFNA056 If populated, Other Dependents Flag must be Y or N.

2023-2024 FAFSA Question: Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024?

This question was removed from the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

The 2024-2025 FAFSA has a new question related to student dependents. A new data element will be created to collect **student dependent data**.

2024-2025 FAFSA Question: Listed under the Student Personal Circumstances (select all that apply) section: The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with the student and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.)

| 5 Student Personal Circumstances   |  | <a href="#">[See Notes page 21.]</a> |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Select all that apply.</i>  |  |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.  | <input type="checkbox"/> At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.   |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.  | <input type="checkbox"/> At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.  |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with the student and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. | <input type="checkbox"/> The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.  |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).   | <input type="checkbox"/> The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence. |                                      |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these apply.  |                                      |

Banner Data Field Name: RCVEDEA\_CHILDREN\_LEGAL\_DEPEND

4. The following data element will be decommissioned.

- Data Element: FNA026 – Marital Status

The 2024-2025 FAFSA has new valid values for Marital Status. A new data element will be created with the new valid values to collect **Marital Status** data. A new data element is required because the current valid values are now associated with new descriptions, which may result in data reporting issues.

#### FNA026 Marital Status

| Current Valid Values | Marital status - New Valid Values (according to ISIR Layout) |
|----------------------|--|
| 1-Single             | 1 = Single (Never married)                                   |
| 2-Married            | 2 = Married (Not separated)                                  |
| 3-Separated          | 3 = Remarried  |
| 4-Divorced           | 4 = Divorced   |
|                      | 5 = Separated  |
|                      | 6 = Widowed  |
|                      | Blank  |

3 Student Current Marital Status [See Notes page 21.]

Single (never married)  Married (not separated)  Remarried  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

The following validation will also be decommissioned.

VFNA054 – If student has EFC, then Marital Status cannot be null.

A new validation to align with the new Marital Status Data Element as well as changes to the Expected Family Contribution Data Element will be created.

NEW – If student has SAI, then Marital Status cannot be null.

5. The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be decommissioned, and a new data element of Student Aid Index (SAI) will be created. All references to EFC will be reviewed and updated to SAI, if applicable.

EFC Valid Values: 0 – 999,999

SAI Valid Values: -1500 – 999,999 (in dollars)

#### Recommended Description updates

FNA012 Student's or Parent's Adjusted Gross Income

Current Description: The amount of income use for the EFC in the base year reported by the student's or parents on their federal tax return.

New Description: The amount of income use for the SAI in the base year reported by the student's or parents on their federal tax return.

#### Recommended Validation updates

| ELEMENT | VALIDATION    | VALIDATION TEXT   | NOTES                 |
|---------|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| FNA009  | VFNA026       | Expected Family Contribution must be between 0 and 999,999 if NOT NULL.   | End/remove validation |
| FNA018  | VFNA045       | If student has EFC, then NSLDS Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used cannot be null.   | End/remove validation |
| FNA009  | VSID032       | The Expected Family Contribution is above or below 10% of the previous year's submission. Please confirm that your EFC submission is valid. | End/remove validation |
| FNA021  | VFNA049       | If student has EFC, then Subsidized Usage Period cannot be null.  | End/remove validation |
| NEW     | New (VFNA026) | Student Aid Index must be between -1500 and 999,999 if NOT NULL.  | Add                   |
| NEW     | New (VFNA044) | If student has SAI, then FAFSA Application Receipt Date cannot be null.   | Add                   |
| NEW     | New (VFNA045) | If student has SAI, then NSLDS Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used cannot be null.   | Add                   |

6. The following data elements will have valid values updated to reflect a change in the Banner values for the 2024-2025 award year.

Banner values changed for the following data elements:

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| FNA029 | Parent Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income Receipt                                       |
| FNA030 | Parent Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Receipt                               |
| FNA031 | Parent Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Receipt   |
| FNA032 | Parent Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Receipt                                 |
| FNA033 | Parent Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Receipt  |
| FNA034 | Student Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income Receipt                                      |
| FNA035 | Student Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Receipt                              |
| FNA036 | Student Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Receipt  |
| FNA037 | Student Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Receipt                                |
| FNA038 | Student Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Receipt |

The Banner Values in Banner Administrative Form RNANAXX, the need analysis form, for the 2024-2025 award year were changed. The RNANAXX form is aid/award year specific. 'N' was removed as a Banner value in RNANA25 which represents the 2024-2025 award year. Therefore, 'N' will be ended as a valid value for each of these data elements in the 2425 FADC. A null value or valid value of 'Y' will be accepted for these fields.

| Current Valid Values | New Valid Values |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Y – Yes              | Y – Yes          |
| N - No               |                  |

— 18 Federal Benefits Received — [See Notes page 22.] —

► See "Can I skip any questions?", on page 4.

At any time during 2022 or 2023, did the student or anyone in their family receive benefits from any of the following federal programs? Select all that apply.

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earned income credit (EIC)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (QHP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal housing assistance         | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free or reduced-price school lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these apply.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid                           |   |  |

## Other changes for the 2425 FADC:

Max award amount updates:

- ZHOPE Zell Miller- Increase max from \$15,400 to \$16,000
- DET Dual Enrollment Tuition - Increase max from \$15,400 to \$16,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Read Approved 6/18/2025