



Thank You for Joining Our Convening Session!

Greetings!

We wanted to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for your active participation in the "Frustrated with the FAFSA? We're here to help." convening session last Thursday, April 18, 2024. Your insights and contributions were invaluable, and we are grateful for your commitment to helping students and families complete the FAFSA and WASFA.

As promised, we have compiled some resources and information that we believe will further support your efforts with FAFSA completion. These may also be found on the CSF Convening Sessions page.

- 1. <u>Survey</u> We want your voice to inform future events and FAFSA-completion efforts. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey by Tuesday, April 30, 2024.
- 2. Video Recording (Passcode: C+?m&33I)
- 3. Presentation Slides
- 4. <u>CSF FAFSA/WASFA Completion Mini-Grant Application</u> Apply for a mini grant (up to \$500) to support your FAFSA/WASFA completion event.
- Plug + Play Resources These are ready-to-use resources to streamline your FAFSA/WASFA completion communications and events. Additional items will be added early next week.
- 6. <u>FAFSA Help Email</u> If you have any questions or need assistance with FAFSA, contact our CSF FAFSA Help team.
- 7. **CSF/WSAC Resources and Training Links** Here are additional financial aid resources and training opportunities provided by CSF and WSAC that you may find beneficial:
 - a. CSF
- i. College Bound Regional Officers
- ii. CSF Financial Aid Hub
- iii. Upcoming Trainings for Practitioners
 - 1. 5/8 Making Informed Decisions
 - 2. 5/9 College Bound 101 Spring Training
 - 3. 5/16 Financial Aid Award Letter
 - 4. 5/22 College Bound 101 Spring Training
- b. WSAC
 - i. WSAC FAFSA Completion Portal
 - ii. Financial Aid Padlet
 - iii. OtterBot Text Messaging Support for Students and Parents
 - iv. 2024-25 FAFSA Updates

Once again, thank you for your participation and dedication to improving FAFSA completion rates for students in our state.

Our collaborative efforts will help ensure that the recent FAFSA changes do not exacerbate the divide between high and low-income students, in terms of college access. Together we can promote equitable access to the supports students and families need to successfully navigate the complex financial aid process.

Best regards,

Mike, Becky, Maria, Catherine, Trang, Christina, and Danette Presenters from College Success Foundation and Washington Student Achievement Council