### **COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS:**

What you need to know about the FAFSA



### What's changing for 2023-2024?

- Registration status with Selective Service have been removed.
  In addition, students will no longer register for selective service through the FAFSA process.
- Drug conviction question has been removed.
- Easier application processes for those in foster care or homeless.

### How will the changes benefit me?

Thanks to these recent changes, the FAFSA is now more user-friendly than ever, making the process as easy as can be so you can be less stressed and more confident when completing and filing your forms.

Eligibility barriers that were previously in place have also been removed, so you can rest assured that you will be getting maximum consideration for student aid, so long as you file by the appropriate deadlines.

## Have Ivy Tech Community College's priority dates changed?

Ivy Tech Community College is now a primarily 8-week institution, meaning we have new classes beginning every 8-weeks. Due to the structure of our semesters, we have a series of 5 priority filing dates you will want to be aware of. While you may file throughout the year, we encourage you to file your FAFSA as soon as you are able so that your aid may be ready by the time you need to secure books and start classes. You can view all of our priority filing dates online at ivytech.edu/financial-aid.

# Can I choose to report 2022 information if my family's financial situation has changed since our 2021 taxes were filed?

You must report the information the FAFSA asks for. If your family's income has changed substantially since the 2021 tax year, talk with your local financial aid office. Note: The FAFSA asks for marital status as of the date you fill it out. So if you're married now but weren't in 2021 (and therefore didn't file taxes as married), you'll need to add your spouse's income to your 2023-24 FAFSA. Similarly, if you filed your 2021 taxes as married but you are not married when you file your 2023-24 FAFSA, you'll need to subtract your former spouse's income. The financial aid office may request documentation of your changes.

## Will I receive my financial aid offer earlier if I apply earlier?

Ivy Tech Community College will process financial aid applications as they come in. Students should plan to begin the financial aid application process at least 3-4 weeks before the priority processing date, found on **ivytech.edu/financial-aid**. Students will receive an electronic award notification at their lvy Tech email account, and the award will also be posted on Mylvy, the student portal.

## Which schools should I list on my FAFSA if I haven't decided where I am applying?

On your FAFSA, list any schools you are considering attending. The federal processor will send the results to all of them on your behalf. For Ivy Tech Community College, use School Code 009917.

## Where can I get more information about—and help with—the FAFSA?

Visit StudentAid.gov/fafsa; and remember, as you fill out your

FAFSA at **StudentAid.gov/fafsa**, you can refer to help text for every question and (during certain times of day) chat online with a customer service representative.

For Ivy Tech Community College assistance, call 888-489-5463 (Open daily from 7am-1am EST) or visit the website at **ivytech.edu/financial-aid** where a chat option is available and a drop down menu to find campus specific information and representatives.

#### STUDENT FINANCIAL AID @ A GLANCE

 $Create \ a \ FSA \ ID, \ visit: {\bf StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch}$ 

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at **StudentAid.gov** 

If you plan to attend college from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, you'll be able to submit a 2023–24 FAFSA beginning on Oct. 1, 2022. You'll be required to report income and tax information from 2021. FAFSA information is also used to award state and institutional financial aid. Be sure to file your FAFSA by April 15, 2023.

