## 2024 FAFSA Announcement

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The U.S. Department of Education announced a timeline update for the 2024-2025 FAFSA. The U.S. Department of Education has identified some discrepancies in the FAFSA formula that require correction. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen delays, these corrections are taking longer than expected.

The corrections will result in more students getting additional aid; however, implementing this fix will require some time. The government has communicated that FAFSA data will not be released to higher education institutions until at least mid-March.

With this new reality, the Northwestern State University financial aid team is working to prepare as much as possible ahead of the release of the FAFSA data. We want to be a proactive partner with you to provide an *accurate* financial aid offer as soon as we can.

**If you have not yet filed the FAFSA**, we strongly encourage you to do so. Once NSU has access to your data, we will work as quickly as we can to provide you with a financial aid offer.

**If you have already filed the FAFSA**, you can read more about the <u>post-processing experience</u> for students on the Department of Education website. This link has information on what you should receive to confirm your FAFSA has been processed.

In the interim, keep engaging in discussions with your counselors, coaches, and family regarding the ideal school for you. If you wish to <u>schedule another campus visit</u> for further inquiries, we would be delighted to welcome you! It's important to note that no institution can provide you with a fully accurate estimate of your attendance costs until we receive the FAFSA data from the Department of Education.

We understand that choosing the right college involves careful consideration, and we want to assure you that we're here to support you every step of the way. We recognize that cost is often a significant factor in this decision, and we want to make it clear that your dreams of joining NSU are not out of reach. Questions? Feel free to contact the NSU Office of Recruiting below:

- Call us at 318-357-4503 to speak directly with a member of our team.
- Text us at 318-228-2702 for a convenient way to get in touch.
- Send us an email at recruiting@nsula.edu
- Click to schedule a virtual appointment, allowing us to chat face-to-face from the comfort of your own space.

We look forward to helping you on your college adventure. At the Northwestern State University, you'll explore your interests and unlock your potential as you chart your own path to a rewarding career and a fulfilling life.