**What question/s do you have about the new FAFSA or CASFA?**

1. **Jennifer -** What to do if a student has a parent who is unwilling to fill out the FAFSA, or divorced parent who is unwilling to share the new spouse's information
   1. Only eligible for Unsubsidized Loans
   2. Explain new spouse is not required to contribute $$$, just provide information
2. **Cody** - Frequent errors
   1. Married Filing Jointly contributors may need to create another FSA ID/studentaid.gov account for other “parent” if they get an error
   2. Completing last year’s form (2024-25)
   3. Matching Information – Be Careful!
   4. Have more? Email us @ fafsa@dhe.state.co.us
3. **Sophie** - For CASFA, what disqualifies a student from applying (visa status, citizenship etc.)
   1. Any student who isn’t eligible for Federal Student Aid can apply. Students who aren’t Colorado ASSET eligible won’t receive the Colorado Student Grant <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/sites/highered/files/Revised%20ASSET%20Legislation%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>
4. **Twyla** - What are the changes (from 2024-25 to 2025-26)? What is the best way to educate students and family about FAFSA and CASFA?
   1. FSA is much more receptive to stakeholder feedback, meeting with us weekly. Use CDHE toolkit - <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/educators/fafsa/casfa-resources/fafsa-or-casfa> ,
   2. attend Lunch and Learns <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/postsecondary-education-programs-and-services/fafsa/casfa-trainings>
   3. and sign up for CDHE newsletter <https://forms.zohopublic.com/twylaesquibel/form/EmailSubscription/formperma/InNmiUdZ_ujcziVhnA8L-gjHKsdjMygPAN6J37Ny4_k>

**Is there anything you would like for us to know?**

1. **Twyla -** Would like more information on EmpowerEd regarding application timelines for the 2025-26 school year. Also, will EmpowerEd or FosterEd programs help to pay for students enrolled in an Associates degree at CMU or AIMS to become a pilot? How are funds being allocated/distributed? Who will this program be offered to and are there other partner opportunities?
2. **Sophie -** What is the maximum amount students can receive for CASFA? Is there a breakdown of how much parents earn to how much students can receive?
   1. Each IHE determines how much Colorado Student Grant they award. Individual IHEs may have breakdowns based on SAI CSG received
3. **Twyla -** Curious about how others are engaging with families often left out or missed in outreach efforts to impact fafsa completion rates.
   1. FSA ID creation map in CO - <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/educators/fafsa/casfa-resources/fafsa-or-casfa>