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The 2024-2025 FAFSA is the first FAFSA to roll out under the FAFSA Simplification Act which created the intention to make the FAFSA more accessible and easier for students and their families to complete. I have comments regarding unnecessary questions that remain on the FAFSA that either no longer serve purposes or never did serve purposes in determining Federal Student Aid eligibility.

In section 11 the student's gender is still a question that is asked but I have trouble understanding why this is the case. With Selective Service registration no longer impacting eligibility for Federal Student Aid a student's gender no longer has any value in determining eligibility for Federal Student Aid.

Section 12 requests students to verify information about their race and ethnicity, again, why? Colleges cannot utilize race and ethnicity information for admissions information, a student's race and ethnicity also have no bearing in Federal Student Aid eligibility so why is this a question asked upon the FAFSA? I don't see a logical reason for why this question is being asked besides for demographic purposes which is unduly creating additional steps to completing the FAFSA.

In section 15 why is the student's parents' grade level of completion asked? What importance does this play in determining Federal Student Aid eligibility?

Simply put the answers to my questions is that none of these questions are necessary for FAFSA completion nor for determining Federal Student Aid eligibility for students. Truly simplify the FAFSA and eliminate unnecessary questions from the FAFSA as the Simplification Act intended to happen. Demographic and data gathering is not the purpose of the FAFSA, these questions can be obtained via other methods if the Department of Education wishes to document these questions for students and their families.