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## [Counselortalk] 2020-2021 FAFSA UPDATE

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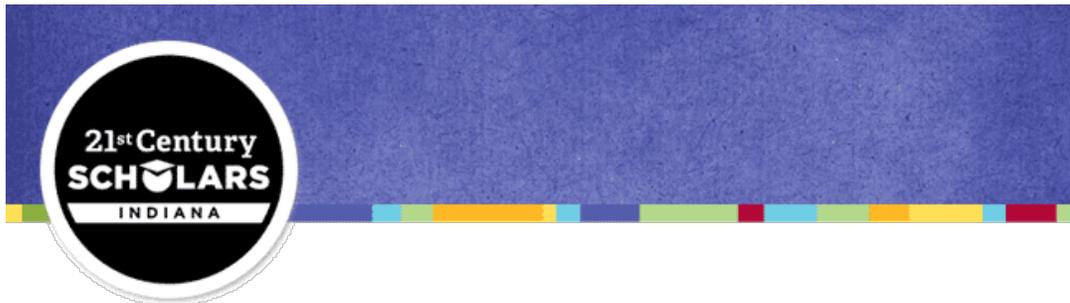
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### Dear counselors, educators and partners,

The Commission understands that students and families applying for financial aid for 2020-2021 may experience barriers to completing the FAFSA by the April 15 deadline. As such, in April, the Commission announced it would extend the state's April 15 FAFSA deadline for students who file past the original deadline. However, limited funding was available on a first-come, first-served basis.

As of Monday, April 27th the Commission for Higher Education has reached its maximum allotment for additional financial aid dollars for FAFSA filers past the April 15 deadline. Students who filed the FAFSA after April 27, 2020 will not be considered for the Frank O'Bannon Grant or 21st Century Scholarship in 2020-2021. Students who filed the FAFSA from April 16, 2020 through April 27, 2020 will have Edit 01 (Late FAFSA) overridden in ScholarTrack, meaning they will be eligible to receive the Frank O'Bannon Grant or 21st Century Scholarship.

Students are still encouraged to file the FAFSA if they have not done so to qualify for federal financial aid. Additionally, state financial aid dollars are still be available for the state's [Next Level Jobs](#) program.

Any student who failed to file the FAFSA by the April 15 deadline as a **direct result** of COVID-19 illness or disruption may [submit an appeal](#) to the Commission in [ScholarTrack](#) to waive the April 15 deadline. Students will need to explain in their appeal how they were unable to submit the FAFSA by the April 15 deadline, either due to a lack of access to the application or as a result of serious illness of the student or an immediate family member (student's spouse, child, parent, guardian, grandparent or sibling).

If you have any questions, please contact us at [scholars@che.in.gov](mailto:scholars@che.in.gov).

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