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**Preparing for Prison Education Programs:
Tips for Administering Financial Aid for Incarcerated Students**






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Agenda

THE STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN PRISON

PEP AND SCP IN THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

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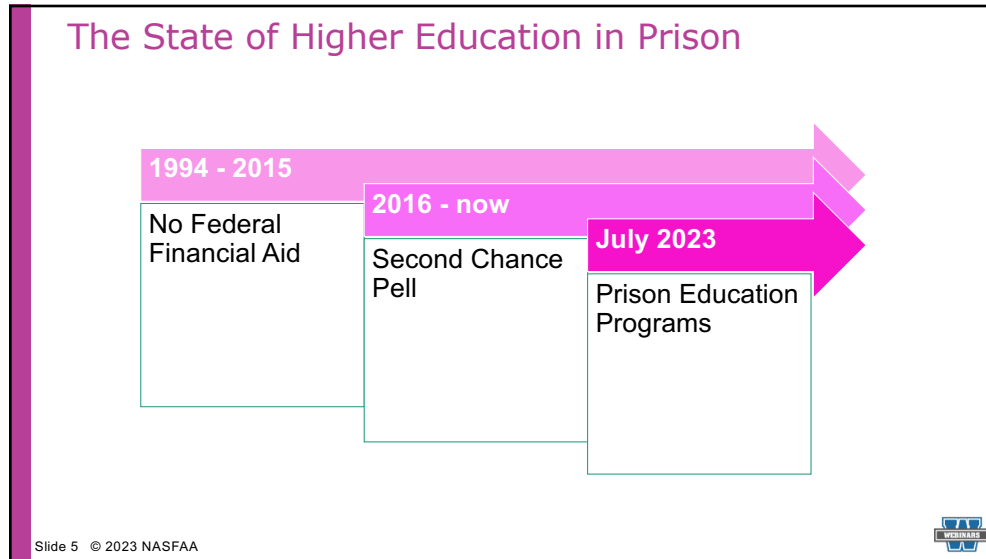
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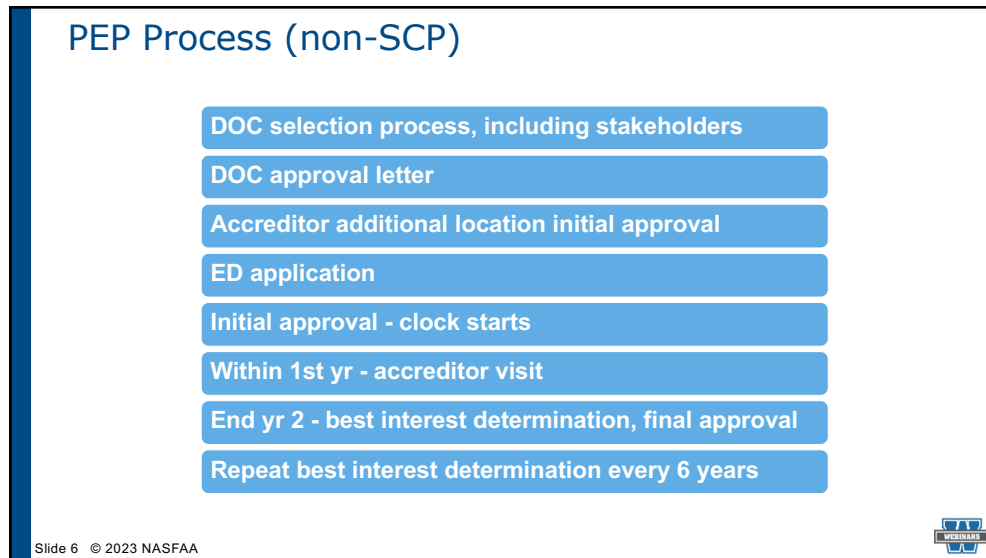
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SCP, Revised Experiment

- 5/18/23 submit LOI, ECAR updated
- 6/30/24 milestone 1 (MOU)
- 6/30/25 milestone 2
- 1/1/26 milestone 3 (ED app)
- 6/30/26 ED decision on PEP
- before 6/30/27, first site visit
- before 6/30/28, best interest determination, final approval
- Repeat best interest determination every 6 years

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Award Year 2023/2024

FAFSA	Verification	Dependency Overrides
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of Incarceration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incarcerated Applicant Form • Address of correctional facility on FAFSA • Comment Code 406 in CPS • No Selective Service or Drug questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the portion of V4/V5 that includes Identity & Statement of Educational Purpose • SCPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity: College can place a signed, dated statement in file indicating they verified the student's correctional ID • Statement of Educational purpose can be signed in presence of an FAA or can be signed and verified in writing by a correctional official. Copy must be placed in file. • PEPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity: College must place a copy of the correctional ID in the file signed and date by FAA. • Statement of Educational purpose can be signed in presence of an FAA. Copy must be placed in file. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAA must make students aware of process for requesting review and FAA must consider Professional Judgement • Unusual Circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept active, indicator not yet available. • Incarceration is one of the acceptable Unusual Circumstances • No "blanket" decisions; must be individual and thoroughly documented and in compliance with the college's policies and procedures.

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The PEP Q & A's

SE-Q13: A confined or incarcerated individual that has been admitted into our PEP is eligible for both Pell and Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits (PGIB). Both sources will cover their entire program. Which funds should the confined or incarcerated individual accept, and which should they decline?

[Guidance issued 6/2/2023]

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The PEP Q & A's

PEP-Q9: Can confined or incarcerated individuals receive Title IV credit balances?

PEP-Q10: If a confined or incarcerated individual withdraws and their books and supplies are considered institutional charges for Title IV purposes, how are the books and supplies treated in a Return of Title IV funds (R2T4) calculation?

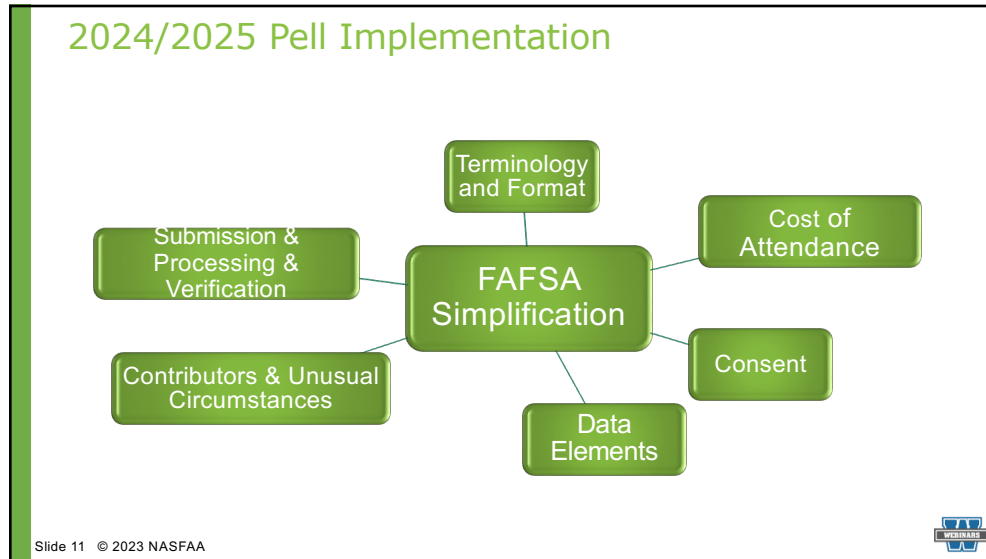
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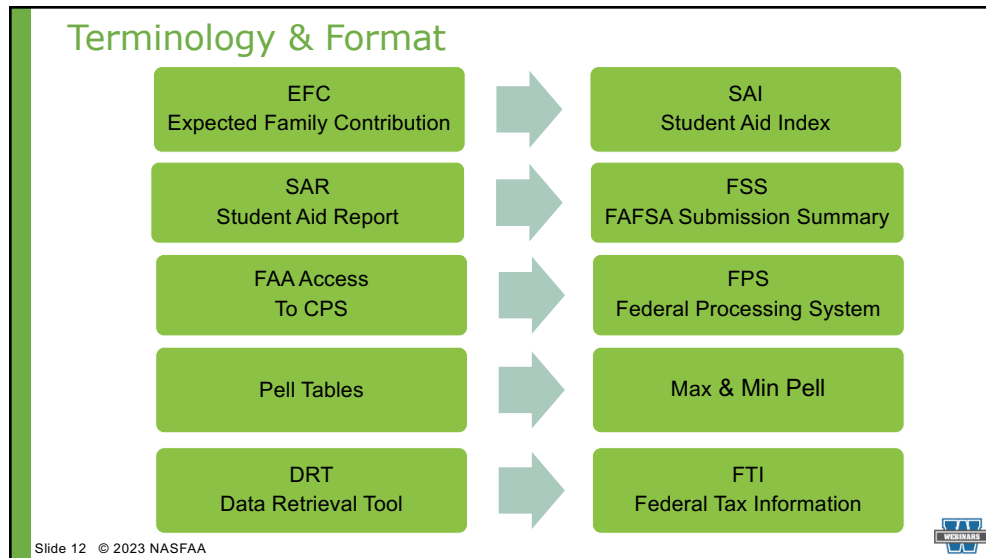
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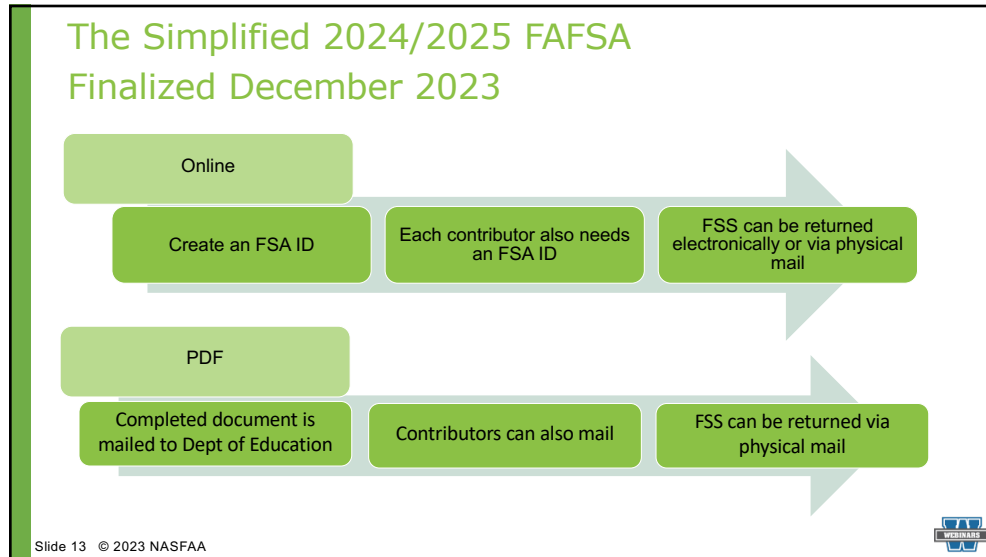
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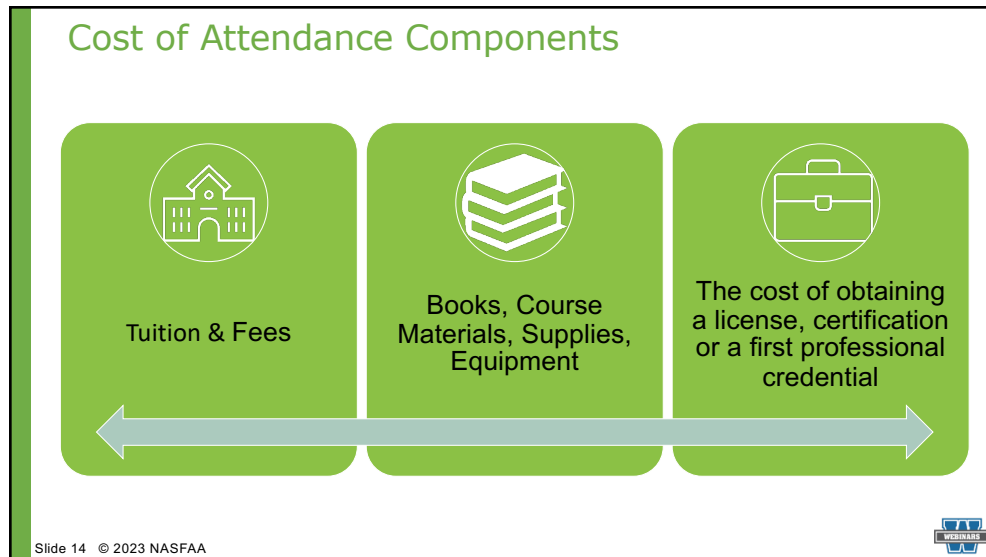
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Cost of Attendance

AWARD MAY NOT EXCEED COST OF ATTENDANCE

No Federal Pell Grant under this subpart shall exceed the cost of attendance (as defined in section 472) at the institution at which that student is in attendance. If, with respect to any student, it is determined that the amount of a Federal Pell Grant for that student exceeds the cost of attendance for that year, the amount of the Federal Pell Grant shall be reduced until the Federal Pell Grant does not exceed the cost of attendance at such institution.

CONFINED OR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS CANNOT RECEIVE TITLE IV CREDIT BALANCES

To avoid situations where allowable costs are not included in the cost of the attendance, schools must include books, course materials, equipment, and supplies as part of institutional charges and either provide those materials directly to the individual or include the costs of books and supplies in the individual's tuition and fees. If for some reason a credit balance is created, the school must return the Pell Grant funds associated with the credit balance to the Department and it will be credited to the student's remaining Pell eligibility.

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Consent

All Users Must Give Consent for Retrieval of Federal Tax Information (FTI)



Allow for data retrieval from the IRS as well as protecting the confidentiality of the information.



Applies even if student did not file a tax return



Online – Without consent no SAI will be calculated



On Paper – College Aid Offices cannot enter FAFSA directly in 2024/25. Consent is only given when the paper FAFSA is sent to the address on the FAFSA and the agency enters the FAFSA.

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Data Elements

Demographics	High School Info
Gender, Race, Ethnicity	HSE requires details
This does NOT appear on the ISIR and is not available to the college	GED, HiSET, TASC, Other
It does appear on the FAFSA Submission Summary	Issuing State

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Contributors & Unusual Circumstances

Spouse

- Required to complete if student answered "Yes" to "Did or will the student file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?" Spouse must also give consent

Parents

- If student is still considered a dependent
- Parents must also give consent unless Unusual Circumstances

Unusual Circumstances

- If student indicates Unusual Circumstances, this prompts the FAA to collect information and issue Professional Judgement regarding a dependency override.

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Submission, Processing & Verification

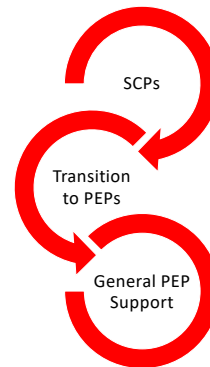
Submission	Processing	Corrections	Verification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If using PDF, the document must be mailed to the Department of Education The FAA may NOT enter either a new FAFSA or a renewal FAFSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If using a PDF FAFSA, the Department of Education will enter or scan the information Timeframe for completion Student will receive a paper FSS Aid office will receive an ISIR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student can mail corrections back using the FSS OR Financial Aid Administrators can make corrections via FPS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2024/2025, students will be selected randomly for verification No clear guidance that would indicate incarcerated student will receive only a subset of possible verifications Financial Aid Administrator can meet with student and then do verification via FPS.

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Resources from Vera



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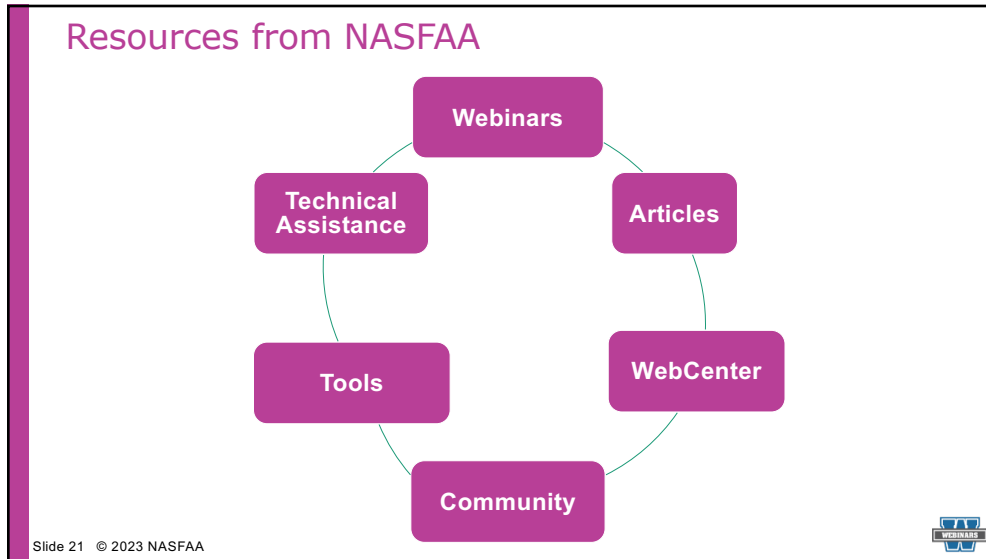
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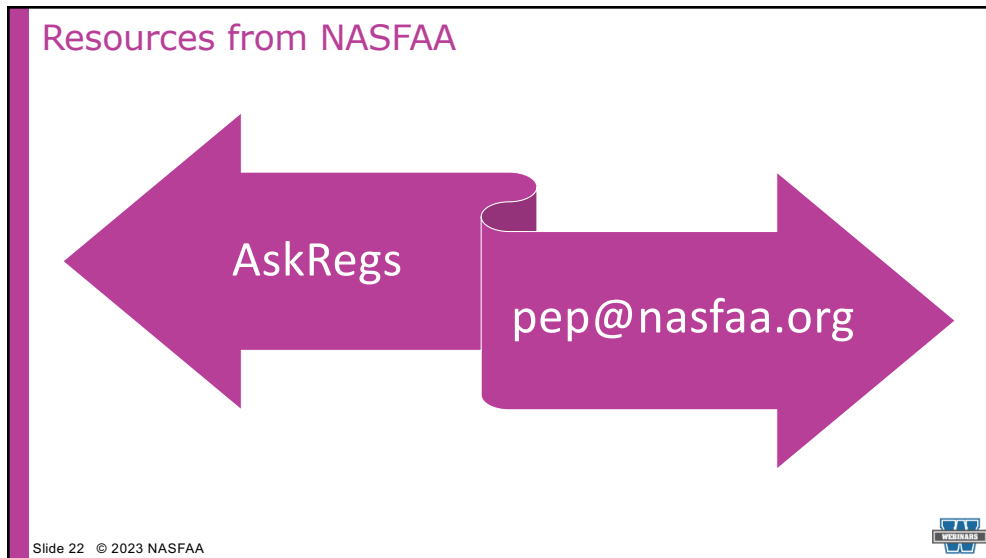
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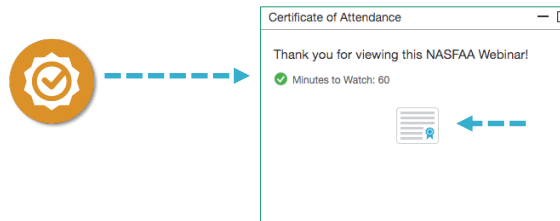
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