

# Traditional Students (Crete)

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For questions:  
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For updated info:  
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## Other changes

- Family farm and small business net worth are now required on your FAFSA.
- Child support received must be reported on your FAFSA. If your parents receive child support for anyone in your household, you need to include the amount they receive per year.
- Your parents will need an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID. If your parents/step-parents are married and file a joint tax return, they must both apply for an FSA ID at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). This process can take at least three days for approval, so have your parent apply before you begin the FAFSA
- If your parents are separated or divorced, file your FAFSA with the parent who provided the most financial support in the past 12 months. If the support is equal, the Dept. of Education states you must use the parent with the highest income.

Look for updated information on the FAFSA Simplification Act at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

# Non-Traditional Students (Lincoln/Omaha/Online)

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