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COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION IN SECOND YEAR OF AUTOMATED FAFSA REPORTING

Automated Reports Launched. During the week of December 9, 2019, counselors at 338 Iowa public high schools received their first reports for the current school year from an automated system designed to keep them informed of which students have not filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Iowa is the only state in the nation to provide this service to high schools, which allows counselors to more easily target assistance to students.

The Commission partnered with the Area Education Agencies' (AEAs) Postsecondary Readiness and Equity Partnership to launch the automated FAFSA report in 2018. Receiving the weekly reports eliminates the need for school counselors to manually retrieve the information, which can lead to significant delays in reaching students needing assistance.

In order to receive the reports, high schools must complete an online data responsibility acknowledgement and assign a school data custodian to receive the reports.

More Information. Form Your Future, an organization focused on assisting students from low-income families and students of color in completing the FAFSA, published an [article](#) in February 2019 explaining Iowa's program. Additional information on the Commission's FAFSA completion efforts is available [here](#).

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