

United States Department of Commerce, will meet at the USPTO campus in Alexandria, Virginia, on September 26, 2024.

Through a September 26, 2023, Delegation of Authority from the Secretary of Commerce to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Director), the Director is responsible for recommending to the President prospective NMTI recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee evaluates the nominations received via public solicitation and makes its recommendations for the Medal to the Director. Committee members are distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business, and patent law. They come from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms.

The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee was established in accordance with the FACA. The Committee meeting will be closed to the public, in accordance with the FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B), because the discussion of the relative merits of the Medal nominations is likely to disclose information of a personal nature that, if shared widely, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the nominees. Premature disclosure of the Committee's recommendations would also likely significantly frustrate the implementation of the Medal program. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(a)(6), you may submit written comments to the Committee. Please contact Linda Hosler at linda.hosler@uspto.gov or by mail at 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Please provide your name, email, and phone number so USPTO staff can provide instructions on how to submit your written comments.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, United States Department of Commerce, formally determined on August 22, 2024, pursuant to section 1009(d) of the FACA, that the meeting may be closed because Committee members are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Due to the closure of this meeting, copies of any meeting minutes will not be available. A copy of the Notice of Determination for Closure of

Meeting is available for public inspection at the USPTO.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Federal Need Analysis Methodology for the 2025-26 Award Year—Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, and TEACH Grant Programs

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces the annual updates to the tables used in the statutory Federal Need Analysis Methodology (Need Analysis) that determines a student's Student Aid Index (SAI) for award year (AY) 2025-26 for student financial aid programs, Assistance Listing Numbers (ALN) 84.007, 84.033, 84.063, 84.268, and 84.379. The intent of this notice is to alert the financial aid community and the broader public to these required annual updates used in the determination of student aid eligibility.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), specifies the criteria, data elements, calculations, and tables that make up the Need Analysis.

Enacted into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Division FF, Title VII (116 Pub. L. 260), the FAFSA Simplification Act makes many significant changes to the Need Analysis, including how the Secretary must update the tables.

Section 478 of the HEA requires the Secretary to annually update the following five tables for inflation: the Income Protection Allowance (IPA), the Adjusted Net Worth (NW) of a Business or Farm, the Asset Protection Allowance, the Assessment Schedules and Rates, and the Employment Expense Allowance. The updates are based, in general, upon increases in

items such as, but not limited to, the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The Secretary updates the above tables to account for inflation that took place between April 2020 and April in the year prior to the beginning of each award year. The increases in the tables must be based on a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for April of the applicable year.

This notice includes the 2025-26 AY values for the tables in sections 1 (Income Protection Allowance), 2 (Adjusted Net Worth of a Business or Farm), 3 (Asset Protection Allowance), 4 (Assessment Schedules and Rates), and 5 (Employment Expense Allowance).

1. Income Protection Allowance (IPA). This allowance is the amount of living expenses associated with the maintenance of an individual or family that offset the family's income. The allowance varies by family size and marital status. The IPA for dependent students is \$11,510. The IPAs for parents of dependent students and independent students are listed in the tables below.

PARENTS OF DEPENDENT STUDENTS

Family size	Income Protection Allowance
2	\$28,530
3	35,510
4	43,870
5	51,750
6	60,540
For each additional family member add \$6,840.	

MARRIED INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

Family size	Income Protection Allowance
3	\$56,430
4	69,670
5	82,220
6	96,150
For each additional family member add \$10,860.	

SINGLE INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

Family size	Income Protection Allowance
2	\$53,710
3	66,880
4	82,570
5	97,440
6	113,950
For each additional family member add \$12,880.	

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

Marital status	Income Protection Allowance
Single	\$17,890
Married	28,690

2. Adjusted Net Worth (NW) of a Business or Farm. A portion of the full NW (assets less debts) of a business or farm is excluded from the calculation of a SAI because (1) the income produced from these assets is already assessed in another part of the formula; and (2) the formula protects a portion of the value of the assets.

The portion of these assets included in the contribution calculation is computed according to the following schedule. This schedule is used for parents of dependent students, independent students without dependents other than a spouse, and independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

ADJUSTED NET WORTH OF A BUSINESS OR FARM

If the NW of a business or farm is	Then the adjusted NW is
Less than \$1	\$0.
\$1 to \$170,000	\$0 + 40% of NW.
\$170,001 to \$510,000	\$68,000 + 50% of NW over \$170,000.
\$510,001 to \$850,000	\$238,000 + 60% of NW over \$510,000.
\$850,001 or more	\$442,000 + 100% of NW over \$850,000.

3. Asset Protection Allowance (APA). This allowance protects a portion of NW (assets less debts) from being considered available for postsecondary educational

expenses. There is one asset protection allowance table for parents of dependent students, independent students with dependents other than a

spouse, and independent students without dependents other than a spouse.

PARENTS OF DEPENDENT STUDENTS, INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE, AND INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

If the age of the older parent or the independent student is	And the older parent or the independent student is	
	Married	Single
	Then the allowance is	
25 or less	0	0
26	0	0
27	0	0
28	0	0
29	0	0
30	0	0
31	0	0
32	0	0
33	0	0
34	0	0
35	0	0
36	0	0
37	0	0
38	0	0
39	0	0
40	0	0
41	0	0
42	0	0
43	0	0
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45	0	0
46	0	0
47	0	0
48	0	0
49	0	0
50	0	0
51	0	0
52	0	0
53	0	0
54	0	0
55	0	0
56	0	0
57	0	0
58	0	0
59	0	0
60	0	0
61	0	0
62	0	0

PARENTS OF DEPENDENT STUDENTS, INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE, AND INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE—Continued

If the age of the older parent or the independent student is	And the older parent or the independent student is	
	Married	Single
	Then the allowance is	
63	0	0
64	0	0
65 or older	0	0

4. Assessment Schedules and Rates. Two schedules that are subject to updates—one for parents of dependent students and one for independent students with dependents other than a spouse—are used to further limit how much of the family financial resources are considered to go toward educational

expenses. For dependent students, the SAI is derived from an assessment of the parents' adjusted available income (AAI). For independent students with dependents other than a spouse, the SAI is derived from an assessment of the family's AAI. The AAI represents a measure of a family's financial strength,

which considers both income and assets.

The contribution of parents of dependent students, and independent students with dependents other than a spouse, is computed according to the following schedule:

ASSESSMENT OF AVAILABLE INCOME

If AAI is	Then the contribution is
Less than – \$8,300	– \$1,826.
– \$8,300 to \$21,300	22% of AAI.
\$21,301 to \$26,700	\$4,686 + 25% of AAI over \$21,300.
\$26,701 to \$32,000	\$6,036 + 29% of AAI over \$26,700.
\$32,001 to \$37,500	\$7,573 + 34% of AAI over \$32,000.
\$37,501 to \$42,900	\$9,443 + 40% of AAI over \$37,500.
\$42,901 or more	\$11,603 + 47% of AAI over \$42,900.

5. Employment Expense Allowance. This allowance for employment-related expenses recognizes additional expenses incurred by working individuals. For parents of dependent students, the employment expense allowance is the lesser of \$4,890 or 35% of the total earned income of the student's parent and parent's spouse, if applicable. The employment expense allowance for independent students with dependents other than a spouse is also the lesser of \$4,890 or 35% of the combined earned income for the student and student spouse, if applicable. The allowance is the same for independent students without dependents other than a spouse if they are married, but if they are not married, the allowance is zero.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

Tuesday, September 24, 2024; 10 a.m. to 5:10 p.m. EDT.

Wednesday, September 25, 2024; 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 468–1100.

Information to participate can be found on the website at: <https://science.osti.gov/bes/besac/Meetings>.

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