



FAFSA Batch Corrections: What to Expect

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Batch Corrections Timeline

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When Will Batch Corrections Be Open?

17 Jan. 25

January 17, 2025 Electronic Announcement, (APP-25-01) announced batch corrections testing, and reminded institutions that any files submitted will be deleted.

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February 27, 2025 Electronic Announcement, (APP-25-09) 2024-25 and 2025-26 FAFSA Update: Availability of Batch Corrections, Processing, Resolution of ISIR Processing Error.
Today we will share what we learned from Beta testing.

Today

Blue note (added 2/21/25) announced that batch corrections will be opened for all institutions at 12:01 PM ET on Thursday, Feb 27.
•Any correction files submitted before this time will be deleted and not processed.

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Batch Corrections Testing Process

Three institutions – were part of FAFSA 2025-26 batch testing

Arizona State University	University of Miami	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
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Batch corrections process tested for both 2024-25 and 2025-26

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While system agnostic, since the corrections file is identical regardless of what system, systems included:

PowerFAIDS	PeopleSoft
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School Processes

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Detailed Process - University of Miami

- First files sent January 31, 2025 from University of Miami (UM)
 - Corrections sent to the wrong TG mailbox (RESOLVED) – should be TGDE552
 - 6 corrections for 2024-25
 - 4 processed correctly
 - 1 had an issue which was identified and corrected
 - Miscoding of field for parent business assets (RESOLVED)
 - 1 did not process
 - Error related to handling field “did not file US tax return” (RESOLVED)
- Second set of files sent from UM on February 10, 2025
 - 18 corrections for 2024-25
 - 5 came back as rejected with action required
 - 136 corrections for 2025-26
 - 12 came back as rejected with action required



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Detailed Process - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- First files sent February 4, 2025, from University of North Carolina (UNC)
 - Knew about the issue with the TG# so confirmed we sent to TGDE552
 - 4 corrections for 2024-25
 - 4 processed correctly
- Second set of files sent February 11, 2025, from UNC
 - 1 correction for 2024-25
 - Came back successful
 - 13 corrections for 2025-26
 - All 13 came back successful



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Detailed Process - Arizona State University

- Up to 2/19, sent 39 files for 2024-25
 - 3 came back with PJ Failed message
 - 2 corrections returned with a rejected ISIR
- Up to 2/19, sent 28 files for 2025-26
 - Pre-screened to ensure no rejects, and no rejects received



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Rejected ISIRs- Lessons Learned


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Rejected ISIRs - Lessons Learned




The batch corrections process assumes your system does a thorough edit of the correction prior to submission to FPS (FAFSA Processing System).



When you use the FPP (FAFSA Partner Portal) for manual corrections, the system runs an edit, and possible errors are highlighted in red.



This logic is not matched within your software system.



So, if you don't correctly submit all fields, the system will reject the ISIR, and send you a record without an SAI and with any FTI missing.

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Example 1: Changing Manual Tax Info Without PJ field checked

Eligibility Indicators	
FPS C Flag	
SAI	6335
Provisional Student Aid Index (SAI)	
SAI Change Flag	
Maximum Pell Indicator	
Minimum Pell Indicator	
Pell Grant Eligibility Flag	Y - This transaction determined eligible for a Federal Pell Grant - True
Children of Fallen Heroes Indicator	
Iraq Afghanistan Service Grant Indicator	
Dependency Model	D - Dependent
Dependency Override Code	
Professional Judgment	1 - Yes
Graduate Flag	
High School Flag	
Incarcerated Applicant Flag	

- When a parent or student has FTI, any change to manually entered income information must also contain the PJ flag.
- If this is not entered, the change will not be made to the corrected transaction and the ISIR returned will not show any changes to the manually entered fields.
- This is true for fields related to tax information, not asset information.

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Example 2: Changing Assets, but Assets Not Required

- If you submit parent or student assets for a student for whom assets are not required, the correction will be ignored.
- The returned processed ISIR correction will not show the asset values as updated.
- As a reminder, see Appendix E of [2025-26 SAI Guide](#) for guidance on who requires assets.
 - General rule of thumb, AGI greater than \$60,000 or Schedule C income greater than \$10,000 or less than -\$10,000.
 - Parents did not receive means tested benefits.
 - View guidance for all of the associated conditions.

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Example 3: Changing Means Tested Benefits

- Correcting means tested benefits involves making sure there is no conflict between multiple answers.
- Example: if removing "Free or Reduced Lunch", you must change the field to "NULL" **and** you need to change "None of the Above" to "Yes" (assuming no other means tested benefits).
- If not answered, or if conflicting information, ISIR will reject and will result in a blank SAI.

Parent Financials	
Parent Received Earned Income Credit	
Parent Received federal housing assistance	
Parent Received Free or Reduced Price Lunch	
Parent Received Medicaid	
Parent Received refundable credit for 36B health plan	
Parent Received SNAP	
Parent Received Supplemental Security Income	
Parent Received TANF	
Parent Received WIC	
Parent None of the above (Federal Benefits)	1-Yes

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Example 4: Changing Tax Filing Status

- If changing filing status, all corresponding questions must be answered correctly.
- Example: must answer question on non-US tax return.
- If tax filer, must have 0s or values in every field (if manually entered).
- If non-tax filer, all fields must be null (0 is not a valid response).

Student Filed or Will File 2022 IRS Form 1040 or 1040-NR	2-No
Student Filed non-US tax return	2-No
Did or will the student file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?	
Student 2022 Tax Return Information	
Student Tax Return Filing Status	
Student Income Earned from Work	
Student Tax Exempt Interest Income	
Student Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions	
Student IRA Rollover	
Student Untaxed Portions of Pensions	
Student Pension Rollover	
Student Adjusted Gross Income	
Student Income Tax Paid	
Student Earned Income Credit Received During Tax Year	
Student Deductible Payments to IRA/Keogh/Other	
Student Education Credits	
Did the student file a Schedule A, B, D, E, F, or H with their 2022 IRS Form 1040?	
Student Schedule C Amount	
Student College Grant, Scholarships, or AmeriCorps benefits reported as income to the IRS	
Student Foreign Earned Income Exclusion	

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Example 5: Adding a PJ on a Rejected ISIR



- ✓ If an ISIR is rejected, you cannot submit a PJ against that transaction.
- ✓ Must first solve the issue that causes ISIR reject, and then submit the PJ on the next transaction.
- ✓ This becomes an issue for students or parents who have FTI but answer "no" to the question of filing a US tax return.

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Example 6: Fields Marked as "h" on the ISIR

Some fields are marked with an "h" on the ISIR. These fields must be reentered to confirm the data.

You need to reenter the field to correct it on FPP.

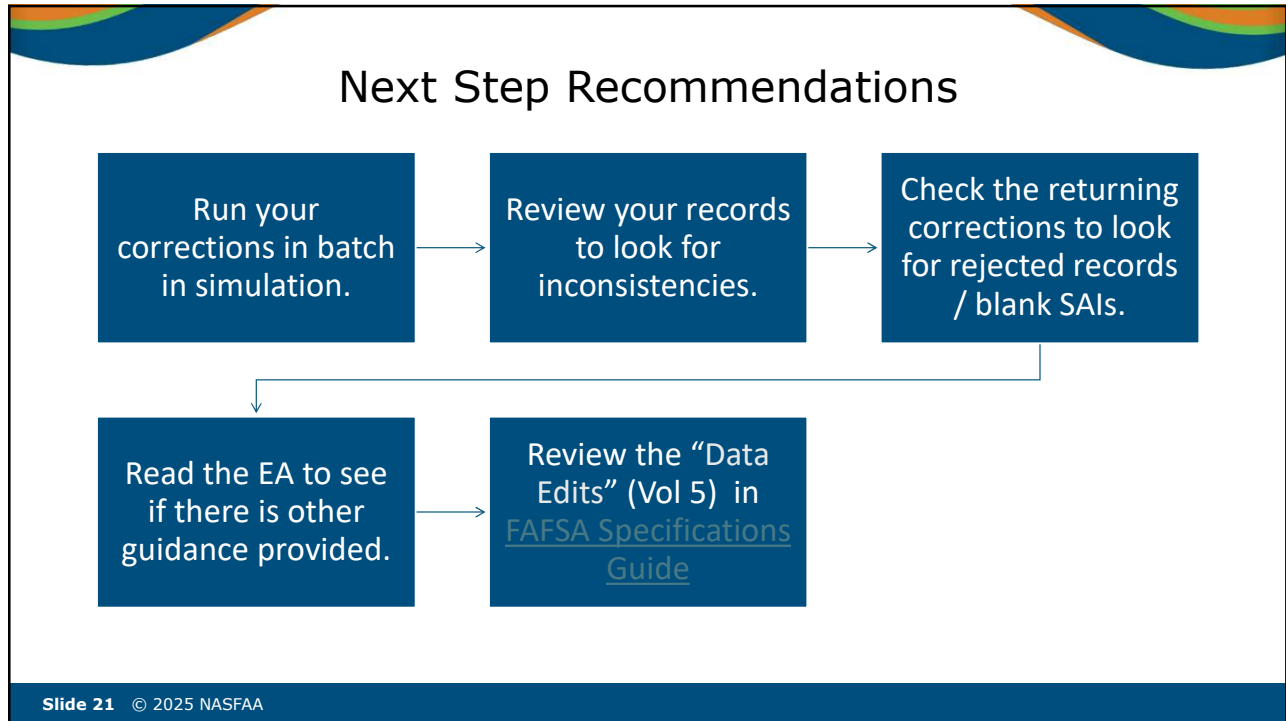
Our systems won't know to resend the value.

So, these students and fields may need to be confirmed directly on FPP.

Student Child Support Received		\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct to blank
Student Current Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts	h	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct to blank
Student Current Net Worth of Investments, Including Real Estate	h	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct to blank
Student Current Net Worth of Businesses and Investment Farms	h	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct to blank

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Blank SAIs in 2025-26

Students / Parents who do not wait for confirmation of FSAID and proceed with submission

- Best fix: in FPP, process a correction and run against database matches again.

Student / Spouse or two Parents where one uses FTI and one adds information manually

- Family size needs to be updated by parent or school to resolve the blank SAI (could be done using batch or manually)

Field	Original Value	Corrected Value
Children of Fallen Heroes Indicator		-Select an option-
Iraq Afghanistan Service Grant Indicator		-Select an option-
Dependency Override Code		-Select an option-
Professional Judgment		-Select an option- <input type="checkbox"/> Correct to blank
Incarcerated Applicant Flag		-Select an option-
Resend Record to Matches		1-Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Correct to blank

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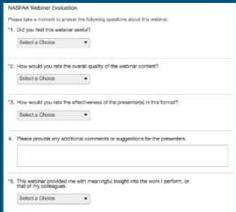


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