YOUR GUIDE TO USING eSTUDENT

What is eStudent?

eStudent is self-service website created by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Division of Student Financial Aid (SFA) to help Indiana residents track and verify state financial aid awards, including the 21st Century Scholarship, the Frank O'Bannon Grant, and the Minority Teacher Scholarship.

How can eStudent help me?

Although it is not required, all Indiana residents who complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) are encouraged to sign up for an eStudent account, which provides the following services:

- Allows users to see if there are any issues with their FAFSA, which could prevent them from receiving state aid.
- Allows users to see the state aid they have qualified for in the coming school year.
- Allows users to view past state aid awards.
- Allows users to view their aid application, which includes information from their FAFSA, the user's high school diploma type, 21st Century Scholar status, National Guard status and school of choice or college they plan on attending.
- Allows users to update their school of choice.

What do I need to do to sign up for eStudent?

To register for eStudent, go to IN.gov/che/eStudent after you have filed your FAFSA. 2015-2016 FAFSA data will not be loaded in SFA's system until February 2015. If you filed your FAFSA before the end of February, you may register an eStudent account.

To register, you will need:

- **Email Address –** This will be your username. Please use a unique email address that belongs to only you. Family members cannot use the same email address.
- **Social Security Number** as **stated on your FAFSA**
- **Date of Birth** as **stated on your FAFSA**
- **Zip Code** as **stated on your FAFSA**
- **Last Name** as **stated on your FAFSA**

You also will be asked to create a password in order to log in after the initial account creation.

Please note: If you have just filed a FAFSA for the first time, it takes 5-7 business days for SFA to receive this FAFSA data from the federal government. You will not be able to access eStudent until SFA has your FAFSA on file. The state will not begin loading 2015-2016 FAFSA data until February 2015. At that time, first time filers may register an eStudent account.

In addition to monitoring the email address listed on the FAFSA, potential Indiana state financial aid award recipients are encouraged to frequently monitor their eStudent accounts for important information, updates and potential problems with their FAFSA.

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