

Greetings from Student Financial Services,

Due to the creation of the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) Simplification Act, the University must now follow new data security standards regarding who can access federal tax information (FTI) as reported on the FAFSA. This includes Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), Tax Filing Status, Number of Exemptions and Number of Dependents, and more. A full list can be found on the [Federal Student Aid website](#). Because of the sensitive nature of the data, now labeled as controlled classified information (CUI), and the strict rules surrounding who can have access to the data, we are required to change access to this information in PeopleSoft.

Starting with the 2024-2025 FAFSA, data defined as FTI will be limited to only individuals involved in the administration and awarding of financial aid as based on this passage of the Simplification Act, they are the only staff allowed to access FTI pages in PeopleSoft (in either a view or update capacity). In reports that you run you may notice that some tax related data (such as AGI or Number of Dependents) may be missing as is possible you do not have access. You could also see it filled in for some students. Please note that this information appears when manually entered for students based on changes to their FAFSA information, and therefore should not be treated as valid data.

As a result of all these changes if you previously had access to FTI information it is possible that now your access to FTI data has been removed. If you feel that you should still have access to this information please submit the [FTI agreement form](#), and the Student Financial Services Office will follow up as appropriate.

**Note:** Indicators such as Pell Eligibility, Low Income and SAI (previously EFC) are not considered FTI. This change to data access applies only to FTI information beginning with 2024-2025 FAFSA submission. Previous year(s) FAFSA data is out of scope for these access changes but will be reviewed in the future. As further guidance is provided by ED, this information may be subject to change.

If you have any questions, email [sfs.compliance@wsu.edu](mailto:sfs.compliance@wsu.edu) .

Sincerely,

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