



UTAH SYSTEM OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION

# MEMORANDUM

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## Alternative Financial Aid Form

Board of Higher Education [Policy R608](#) allows students who are ineligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to qualify for the Opportunity Scholarship by completing an alternative financial aid form that is approved by the Board. For Utah high school graduates who are ineligible to complete a FAFSA, we propose students complete the [Federal Student Aid Estimator](#) to meet this requirement. The Federal Student Aid Estimator is a federal tool that uses similar information to the FAFSA to generate an estimated expected family contribution (EFC).

This alternative form enables students who are unable to complete the FAFSA, but otherwise meet the scholarship criteria, to apply for and receive the Opportunity Scholarship.

### **Commissioner's Recommendation**

The Commissioner recommends the Board approve the Federal Student Aid Estimator as the approved alternative financial form for Opportunity Scholarship applicants who are ineligible to complete a FAFSA.