



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) unlocks more than \$120 billion in federal grants, loans and work-study funds each year, providing Alabama students with the resources they need to pursue certificates, two-year and four-year degrees; and

WHEREAS, only 54.7 percent of Alabama's Class of 2025 completed a FAFSA, leaving an estimated \$79 million in Pell Grants unclaimed by students and their families; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's long-term economic growth depends on strengthening its talent pipeline. Despite record employment, the state's labor-force-participation rate remains at 57.9 percent, underscoring the need for more credentialed workers; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Possible's "Alabama Goes to College" campaign—together with the Alabama Department of Education, Alabama Commission on Higher Education and scores of educators, counselors and community partners—provides vital training, data tools and recognition programs that help schools boost FAFSA completion; and

WHEREAS, designating a month-long, statewide focus on FAFSA completion will spotlight available resources, mobilize local events such as financial-aid workshops and encourage every Alabama senior to take this crucial step toward college affordability and workforce readiness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2025,
as

FAFSA Completion Month

in the state of Alabama, and I urge all secondary schools, colleges and universities, community-based organizations, business leaders, faith communities, parents and students to join in activities that promote and support timely, accurate completion of the FAFSA, thereby advancing educational attainment, workforce participation and economic prosperity for all Alabamians.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 11th day of August 2025.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor