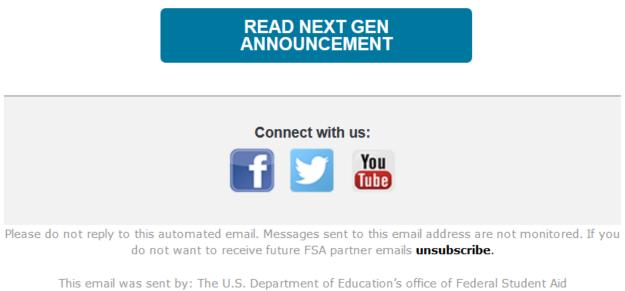
Editor's note: Late Friday afternoon, December 13, 2019 the U.S. Department of Education sent this email:



Last week, we shared information about our intention to modernize operations through the Next Gen Federal Student Aid (Next Gen FSA) initiative, which includes a new StudentAid.gov website that consolidates some of our other sites such as StudentLoans.gov, FSAID.ed.gov, and NSLDS.ed.gov. We are happy to announce that the site launch is scheduled for December 22!

Please visit our new site after December 22 at StudentAid.gov. For more information, please view our full announcement on the current StudentAid.gov website.



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The web page version of the referenced Next Gen announcement follows:



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Big Next Gen Launch Coming Soon

Two years ago, we announced the Next Gen Federal Student Aid (Next Gen FSA) initiative, which takes big steps toward improving the way students, parents, and borrowers interact with and access the benefits of the programs administered by Federal Student Aid.

The newest launch of Next Gen FSA implementation kicks off with the consolidation of multiple websites into a single, digital front door: StudentAid.gov. When the site plans to launch on Dec. 22, students, parents, and borrowers will be able to access all the information and tools they currently use through an improved interface.

In the new video "The Digital Future of Federal Student Aid," [www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1O6lpMUDqY] we describe what students and borrowers can expect from Next Gen FSA in the future.

As we move forward in 2020, additional tools will be introduced that will continue to improve the customer experience for students, parents, and borrowers, who will be able to do the following and more:

- Get personalized information about the aid they received
- Simulate their loan [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/glossary/loan?width=300px&height=auto&className=glossaryter m&closeButton=true] repayment options to find a strategy that meets their needs
- Receive counseling about their remaining loan and grant eligibility, make informed borrowing decisions, and manage their existing debt
- Access chat functionality that will provide them with specific answers to their questions
- Plan and maintain eligibility for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/glossary/forgiveness?width=300px&height=auto&className=glos saryterm&closeButton=true] Program

Eventually, borrowers will be able to repay their loans through StudentAid.gov as we deliver on the promise of providing a single portal where our customers can manage every aspect of their federal student aid.