



Dear College and University Presidents,

As the Executive Director of Alabama Possible, non-profit organization dedicated to breaking down barriers to prosperity in our state, I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of great importance that affects the future of many aspiring students in Alabama. The opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2024-25 award year has been delayed, creating challenges for students as they navigate the financial aid process. We recognize the efforts of your institution in fostering a conducive learning environment and providing opportunities for students to achieve academic success.

However, the delayed opening of the FAFSA may pose a significant obstacle for students seeking financial assistance to pursue their higher education goals. Additionally, technical issues with the new FAFSA's roll-out have created insurmountable challenges for some of our most vulnerable students. As you are aware, many students rely on the FAFSA to determine their eligibility for various forms of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, and work-study programs. The delay in the FAFSA release and FSA response-time has created a situation where students may face difficulties in meeting financial aid priority deadlines.

Given the circumstances, I am reaching out to request your understanding and consideration in **extending financial aid deadlines at your institution to March 2024**. This extension will allow students ample time to complete their FAFSA forms, ensuring that they have the necessary financial information to make informed decisions about their education and access the financial aid opportunities available to them.

By extending financial aid priority deadlines, we can collectively alleviate the stress and uncertainty that students may experience during this transitional period. It is our belief that such a gesture will demonstrate your commitment to the well-being and success of your student body, ultimately contributing to higher enrollment rates and a more inclusive academic environment.

Alabama Possible is committed to collaborating with educational institutions and stakeholders to address the challenges faced by our students. We understand the importance of a timely and well-coordinated FAFSA process in shaping the educational landscape of our state.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and your commitment to the success of Alabama's students. I am confident that your leadership will play a crucial role in ensuring that the needs of our aspiring learners are met during this unique FAFSA roll-out.



Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the positive impact our collaboration can have on the educational journey of Alabama's students.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chandra Scott".

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