


What You Need to Know About Financial Aid

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Topics We Will Discuss

- What is financial aid?
- Cost of attendance (COA)
- Expected family contribution (EFC)
- Financial need
- Categories, types, and sources of financial aid
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)
- Special circumstances



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What is Financial Aid?






Financial aid consists of funds provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses




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What is Cost of Attendance (COA)?

| Estimation of expected costs | |
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| Direct Costs | Indirect Costs |
|  Tuition and fees |  Transportation |
|  Room and board |  Miscellaneous personal expenses |
|  Books and supplies | |


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What is Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

Measurement of student's and family's ability to pay postsecondary educational expenses


Student contribution

Parent contribution
(for dependent students)

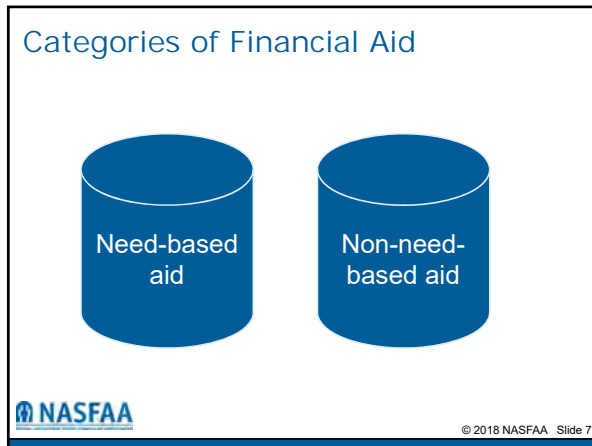
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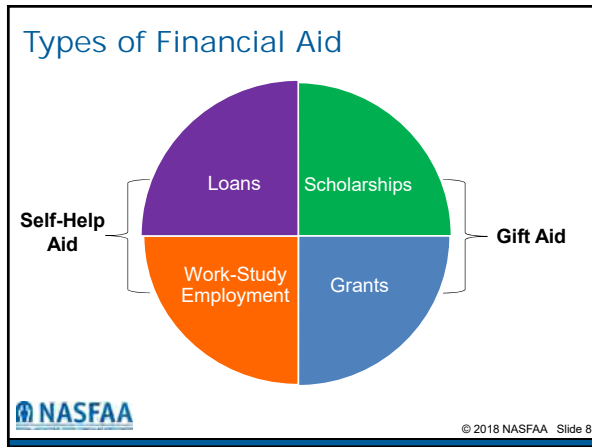
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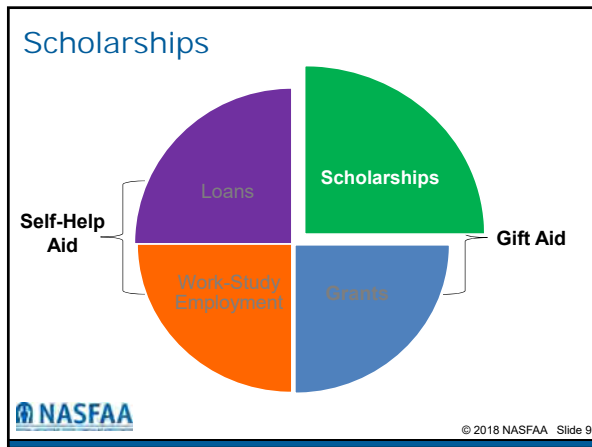
Cost of attendance (COA)
– Expected family contribution (EFC)
= Financial need

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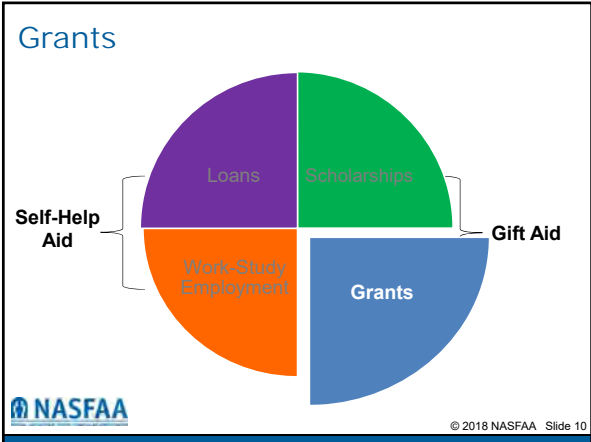
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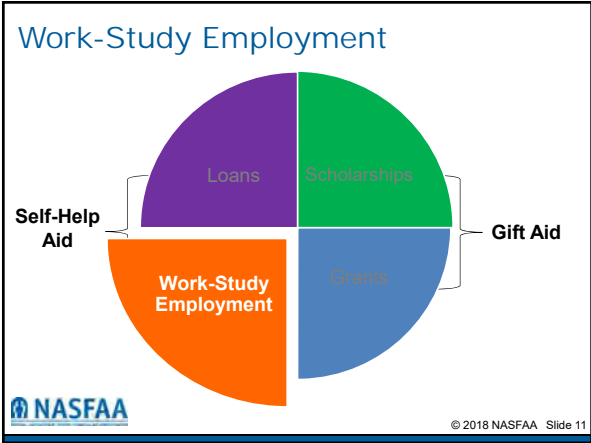


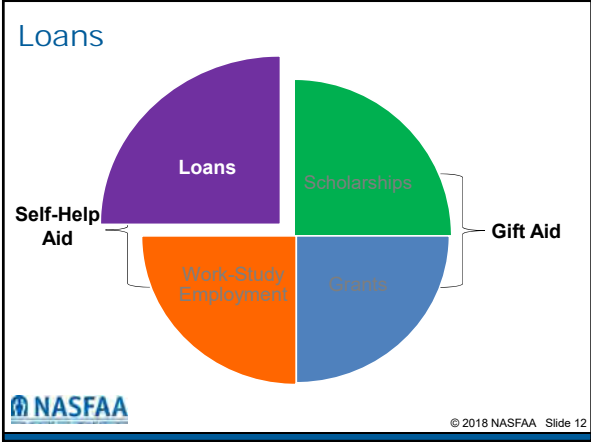




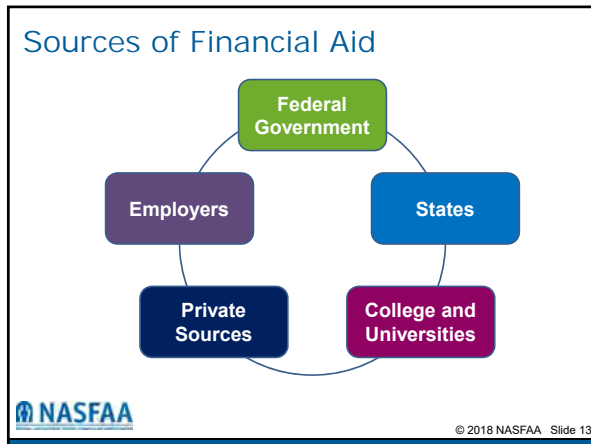
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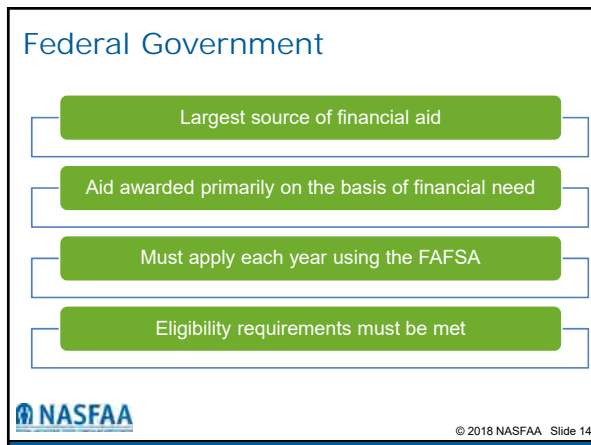


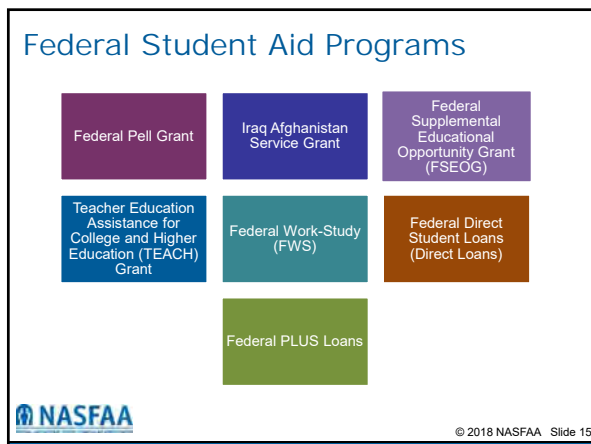




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States

- Residency requirements usually apply
- Award aid on the basis of both merit and need
- Use information from the FAFSA and/or state aid applications
- Deadlines vary by state

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Colleges and Universities

- Award aid on the basis of both merit and need
- Aid may be gift aid or self-help aid
- Use information from the FAFSA and/or institutional applications
- Deadlines and application requirements vary by institution

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Private Sources

- Foundations, businesses, churches, civic, and charitable organizations
- Deadlines and applications procedures vary
- Begin researching private sources early

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Employers

Companies may have scholarships available to the children of employees


Companies may have educational benefits for their employees



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FAFSA


- Collects demographic and financial information
- Information used to calculate the expected family contribution (EFC)
- Colleges use EFC to award financial aid
- Available in English and Spanish



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FAFSA

- May be filed at any time during an academic year, but no earlier than October 1st prior to the academic year for which the student requests aid
- For the 2019-20 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning October 1, 2018
- Most colleges set FAFSA filing deadlines




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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)
- myStudentAid mobile app
- Paper or PDF FAFSA
- FAFSA on the Phone (FOTP)
- FAA Access to CPS Online

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Benefits of Using FOTW or myStudentAid

- Built-in edits to prevent costly errors
- Skip-logic allows student and/or parent to skip unnecessary questions
- Option to use Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Data Retrieval Tool to import tax data

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Benefits of Using FOTW or myStudentAid

- More timely submission of original application and any necessary corrections
- More detailed instructions and “help” for common questions
- Ability to check application status online
- Simplified application process in the future

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FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Need money for college?

Complete the FAFSA® (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

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Submitting the FAFSA form is quick, and most importantly, it's FREE. Get started today.

RETURNING USER?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

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FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Login

Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the Save Key that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

I am the student I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

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myStudentAid Mobile App

myStudentAid

Need money for college?

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Before You Start

Tell us who you are

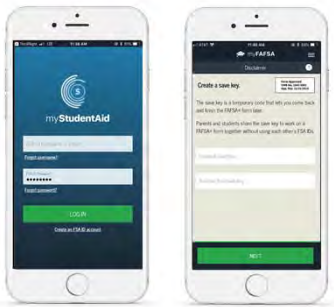
- Mobile ability to begin, complete, save, and submit the FAFSA

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myStudentAid Mobile App




- Information protected the same as FOTW
- Prompts applicant to create a save key, allowing completion at later time

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myStudentAid Mobile App




- FAFSA completion tracked
- Successful completion of each section indicated

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myStudentAid Mobile App



- Digital signature
- Confirmation of submission
- Estimated EFC calculation

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IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Allows for certain tax return information to be transferred from the IRS database
- Participation is voluntary and student chooses whether or not to transfer data to FOTW
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity
- If tax record is found, IRS transfers information to populate the FAFSA
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office



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IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Certain tax filers cannot use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Did not indicate on FAFSA a tax return was completed | Marriage date is January 2017, or later | First three digits of the SSN are 666 | Filed a non-U.S. tax return | Married and filed as head of household, or filed separate returns | Neither married parent entered a valid SSN | Non-married parent or both married parents entered all zeroes for the SSN |
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FSA ID

- Used for FAFSA completion and allows access to certain U.S. Department of Education websites
- May be used by students and parents throughout financial aid process, including subsequent school years
- Only the owner should create a FSA ID
- Apply at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>



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FOTW Worksheet

The screenshot shows two sections of the FAFSA form. Section 2, 'PARENT INFORMATION', includes fields for parent names, addresses, and Social Security Numbers. Section 3, 'STUDENT INFORMATION', includes fields for student name, address, Social Security Number, date of birth, and marital status. It also includes questions about the student's highest education level completed by the parent and whether the student is a dependent.

- Preview of questions that may be asked regarding basic information for the student and parent, if applicable



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General Student Information

- Social Security Number
- Citizenship status
- Marital status
- Drug conviction of possession or sale
- Selective Service registration
- Highest education level completed by father/mother



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Student Dependency Status

FAFSA asks questions to determine dependency status for Title IV federal student aid (not IRS) purposes:

- If all “No” responses, student is dependent
- If “Yes” to any question, student is independent



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Information About Parents of Dependent Students

- Tax, income, and other financial information
- Dislocated worker status
- Receipt of means-tested federal benefits in the previous two years
- Assets
- Untaxed income



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Information About Student (and Spouse)

- Tax, income, and other financial information
- Dislocated worker status
- Receipt of means-tested federal benefits in the previous two years
- Assets
- Untaxed income



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Additional Information

- College information
- Housing plans
- FAFSA preparer information



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Signatures

- Required
 - Student
 - One parent (dependent students)
- Format for submitting signatures
 - Electronic using FSA ID
 - Signature page
 - Paper FAFSA



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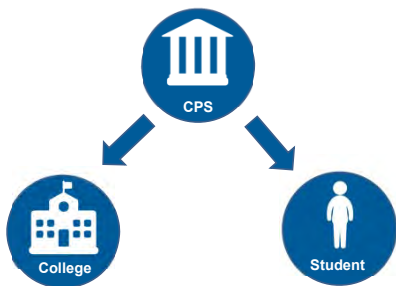
Frequent FAFSA Errors

- Social Security Numbers
- Divorced/widowed/remarried parental information
- Income earned by parents/stepparents
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Household size
- Number of household members in college
- Real estate and investment net worth



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FAFSA Processing Results



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Email Notification of SAR Processing



- If valid email address is provided on FAFSA
- Provides access to electronic SAR at www.fafsa.gov



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SAR or SAR Acknowledgement



- SAR sent if paper FAFSA filed without providing an email address
- SAR Acknowledgement sent if FOTW filed without providing an email address



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Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)



- CPS sends results to colleges listed on the FAFSA
- College reviews ISIR and may request additional documentation



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Making Corrections

If necessary, corrections to FAFSA data may be made by:

- Using FAFSA on the Web, if student has a FSA ID;
- Updating paper SAR; or
- Submitting documentation to college's financial aid office



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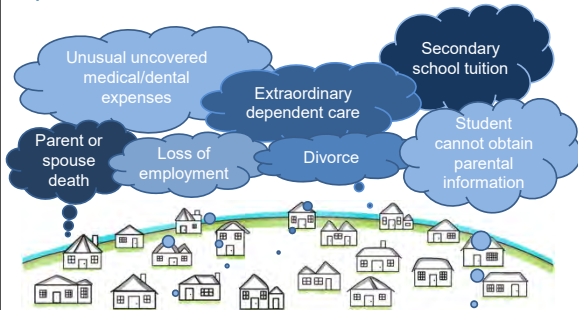
Special Circumstances

- Conditions exist that cannot be documented with the FAFSA
- Send written explanation and documentation to your college's financial aid office
- College will review and request additional information if necessary
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education



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Special Circumstances



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