FINANCIAL AID 101

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Financing A College Education

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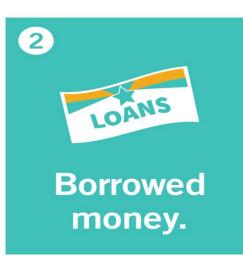
- Student
- ❖ Parent
- Institution
- *Government



3 Types of Federal Student Aid



Grants are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.



Loans are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.



Earned money.

A work-study job lets you earn money while you're in school.



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Learn more at StudentAid.gov/types. Apply at www.fafsa.gov.

What is an EFC?



Federal Methodology:

- ❖ A formula created by Congress to determine your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
 - The same formula applies to all applicants.
 - Measures your <u>ability</u>, not <u>willingness</u> to pay.
 - EFC components:
 - Parent Income and Assets
 - Student Income and Assets
- Things not considered: value of primary residence, consumer debt, or retirement accounts

What is Financial Need?

Cost of Attendance (COA) =A

Tuition, Fees, Room, Board, Transportation, and Misc

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA =B

Income, Assets, Number in Family, Number in College

A - B = (C) Your Financial Need



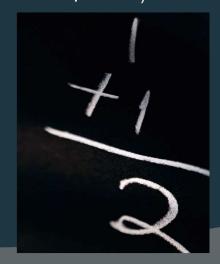
Your need depends on the cost!

<u>UW System</u> <u>Voc Tech</u> <u>Independent</u>

COA \$33,000 \$23,000 \$43,000

EFC \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000

NEED \$ 28,000 \$ 18,000 \$ 38,000



<u>Scholarships</u>

* Academic



Creative Talent



Athletic Talent



Ethnicity/Religion





Need-Based Grants

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Pell
- SEOG
- TEACH Grant

STATE GOVERNMENT

Wisconsin Grant

INSTITUTIONAL

Varies by institution



<u>Loans</u>

- Federal Stafford Loan (18-19 UG rates)
 - Subsidized and Unsubsidized 5.05%
 - \$3,500 Subsidized
 - \$2,000 Unsubsidized
- PLUS: Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students
 - **7.6** %
- Alternative Loans (vary)
- Institutional (vary)



Financial Aid Limitations

- Federal Pell Grant
 - -6 years at full time status
- Wisconsin Grant
 - -10 semesters
- Subsidized Stafford Loans
 - -subsidy ends after 150% of the published program length
 - can receive Sub Loan for 6 years if in a 4 year program

**usage is cumulative throughout college career

**other programs may also have additional limitations – check with the aid office for further details

Student Employment

Part-time employment

- on campus
- designated off-campus locations

Questions to Ask

- When are jobs available?
- How does a student secure a job?
- Does the student get paid directly or is it applied to their account?

Be prepared to complete new hire

- paperwork(19, WT4, W4)
- bring 2 <u>original</u> forms of identification





Eligibility for Financial Aid

- Don't eliminate yourself. Remember it's
- There is no income cutoff for financial aid
- Complete admission process
- Contact the Aid Office if financial circumstances change



Before FAFSA filing....FSA ID tips

- FSA ID = electronic signature for student and parent
 - Separate email and mobile phone required
- Create at least 3 days prior to FAFSA filing
- Write down all usernames, passwords, security question answers
- Will need access to email and/or mobile phone during this process

Create Your FSA ID https://fsaid.ed.gov

Email:

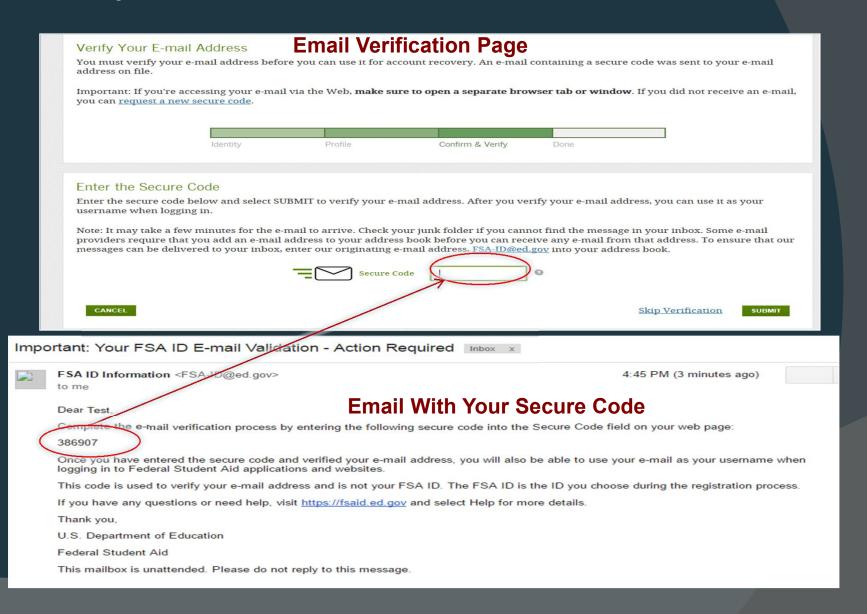
- Each FSA ID must have a unique email address (you and your parent cannot use the same email address).
- You must have access to this email account.

Username:

- Don't include personal info such as date of birth or name.
- If you see a message "Username taken, create a different username," then someone has already used that username.

Create a New FSA ID New to FSA? Create an FSA ID account below. An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member. You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties. Need help creating an FSA ID? Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires. You can select "Show Manage My FSA ID Log in to STUDENTAID.GOV Create an FSA ID Text" to see what you're Please enter your: typing. E-mail Confirm E-mail Username Password Confirm Password CONTINUE RETURN TO STUDENTAID.GOV

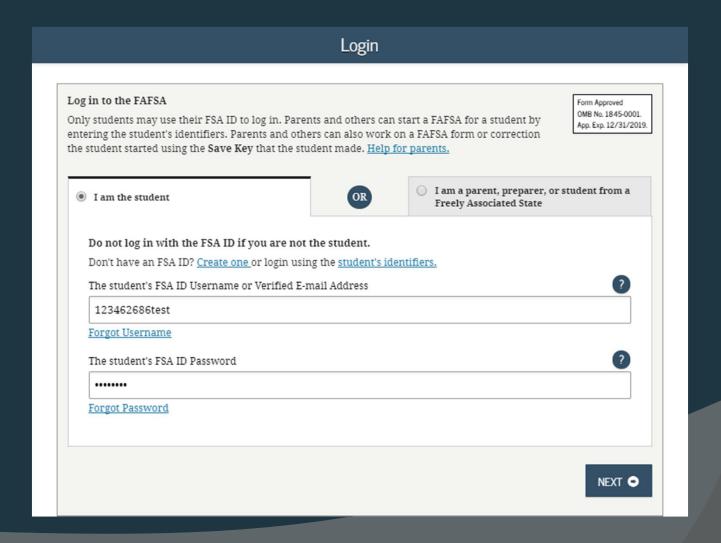
Verify Your Email/Mobile Phone



FAFSA opens October 1 www.fafsa.gov

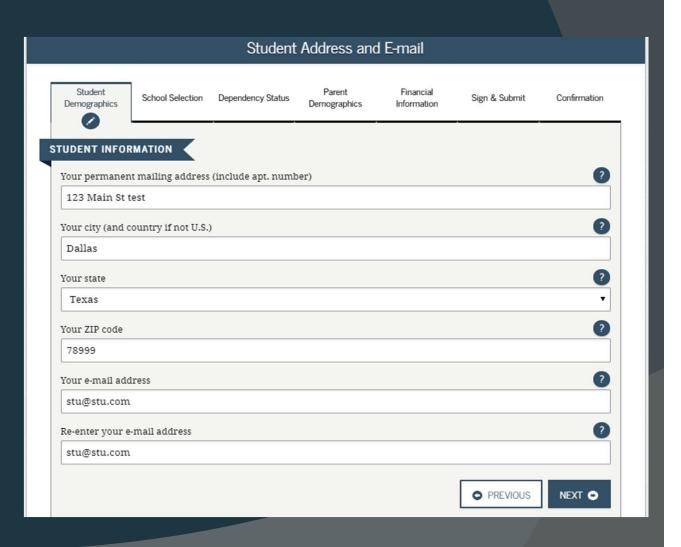


Fall 2019 applicants choose 2019-2020

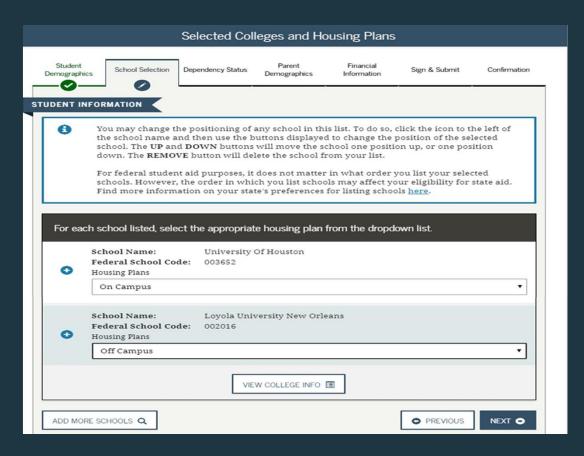


Step One: Student Information

- Student's Name
- Date of Birth
- Citizenship status
- Marital status
- Email Address



Step Two: Schools



Enter up to 10 potential colleges:

- School Code
- Housing Plans

Step Three: Student Status

Step Three (Student): Answer the questions in this step to determine if you will need to provide parental information. Once you answer "Yes" to any of the questions in this step, skip Step Four and go to Step Five on page 8.				
46. Were you born before January 1, 1995?	Yes	O1	No O 2	
47. As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)	Yes	O:	No O 2	
48. At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?	Yes	O 1	No O 2	
49. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? See Notes page 9	Yes	01	No O 2	
50. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? See Notes page 9.	Yes	01	No O2	
51. Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019?	Yes	O 1	No O2	
52. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2019?	Yes	0 1	No O 2	
53. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court? See Notes page 10.	Yes	0 1	No 🔘 2	
54. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? See Notes page 10	Yes	01	No O 2	
55. Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? See Notes page 10.	Yes	0 1	No O 2	
56. At any time on or after July 1, 2017, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? See Notes page 10	Yes	01	No O 2	
57. At any time on or after July 1, 2017, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? See Notes page 10.	Yes	0,	No O 2	
58. At any time on or after July 1, 2017, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? See Notes page 10.	Yes	0,	No O 2	

- If student answers "NO" to all questions, then at least one parent's information and signature is required.
- If student answers "Yes" to any question, then student is Independent only their income and assets will be considered.

Step Four: Parent Info

Which parent's information must be included on the FAFSA?

59. As of today, what is the marital status of your legal parents?			
Never married 2	Married or remarried 1		
Unmarried and both parents living together, see Notes Page 9, Step Four 5	Divorced or separated		

- Parents are married- Both parents
- Parents are divorced (not remarried)- Only parent with whom student lives with most
- Parents are divorced (remarried) Parent and step parent with whom student lives with most
- ❖ Parents were never married (don't live together)- Only parent with whom student lives with most
- Parents are not married (DO live together) Both parents

Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles/aunts are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you.



IRS Data Retrieval Tool



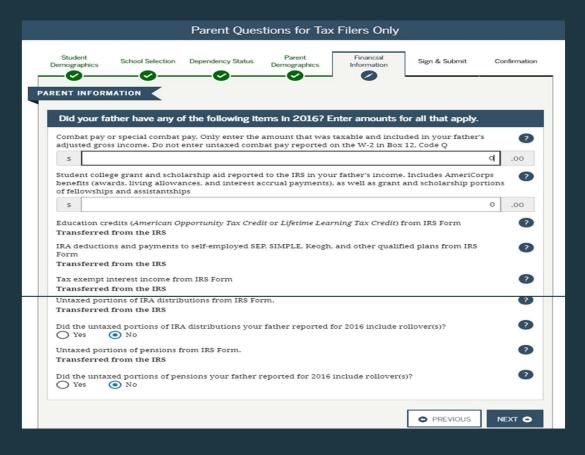
- While completing FAFSA, applicant may submit real-time request to IRS for tax data
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity and send real-time results to applicant in new window
 - Address entered must match the address on the tax return EXACTLY
- Applicant chooses whether or not to transfer data to FAFSA
- Participation is voluntary
- Could reduce documents requested by financial aid office

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Return to FAFSA				
MIRS .gov	<u>Español</u>			
Get My Federal Income Tax Information	tion			
See our <u>Privacy Notice</u> regarding our request for your personal is	nformation.			
Enter the following information from your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. Required fields *				
First Name *	GDIT			
Last Name *	DATA			
Social Security Number *	*** - ** - 2644			
Date of Birth *	01 / 01 / 1994			
Filing Status * ?	Married-Filed Joint Return			
Address - Must match your 2016 Federal Income Tax Return.	•			
Street Address *				
P.O. Box (Required if entered on your tax return)				
Apt. Number (Required if entered on your tax return)				
Country *	United States			
City, Town or Post Office *				
State/U.S. Territory *	Select One			
ZIP Code *				
Select the button below to exit the IRS system and return to your FAFSA.	By submitting this information, you certify that you are the person identified. Use of this system to access another person's information may result in civil and criminal penalties.			
Return to FAFSA	Submit			
IRS P	rivacy Policy			

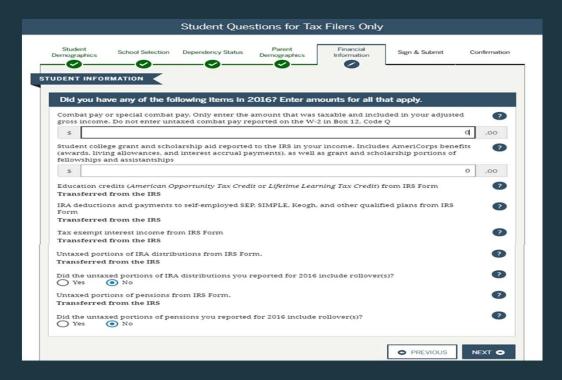
Step Four: Parent Info Cont

Parent Finances



- 2017 AGI (line references from Federal Taxes or W2 forms)
- 2017 Federal taxes paid
- Current cash/checking/savings
- Current investments
 - do not include value of:
 - primary residence
 - retirement accounts
 - family controlled business with less than 100 employees
- Current household members and Number of College Students

Step Five: Student Information

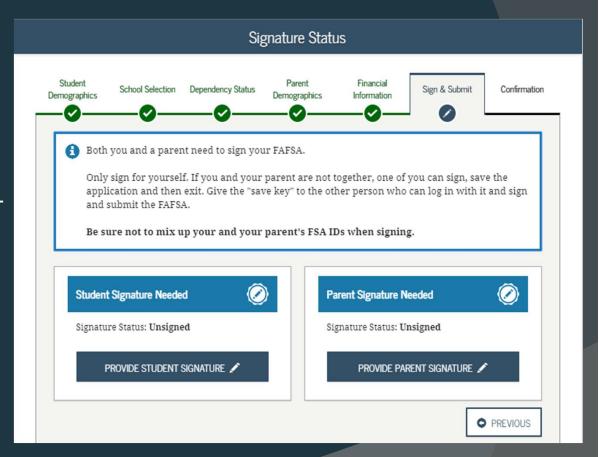


Questions include:

- 2017 AGI(line references from Federal Taxes or W2 forms)
- 2017 Federal taxes paid
- Current cash/checking/savings
- Current investments

Step Six: Signatures

- Review information for accuracy prior to submitting
- Sign with an FSA ID
 Dependent Students: 1
 parent <u>and</u> student
 -or
- Print signature page and mail to processing center (only use this option if unable to apply for FSA IDs)



Confirmation Page

2018-2019 Confirmation Page



Congratulations, Student!

Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

Confirmation Number: F 12300003004 03/22/2018 14:07:01

Data Release Number (DRN): 3815

What Happens Next

- · You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- . In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid
 you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- . If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address: stu@stu.com

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Start your state application to apply for New York state-based financial aid.



Does your brother or sister need to complete a FAFSA?

If so, you can transfer your parents' information into a new FAFSA for your brother or sister to save time. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.



> Expand All

- > Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 000000
- > Foster Care Information
- > School(s) on your FAFSA:

Frequent FAFSA Errors



- Failing to file the FAFSA annually
- Filing the wrong year's FAFSA
- Missing financial aid deadlines
- Using the wrong Social Security Number (SSN) or date of birth
- Errors in student or parent marital status
- Incorrect data related to divorced parents
- Reporting wrong tax filing status (e.g., head of household)
- Reporting retirement plans and the net worth of the family home as investments

<u>Special Circumstances?</u> Contact the Financial Aid Office

- Divorce/Separation
- Loss of income or benefits
- One-time income
- Death or Disability of student or parent
- Substantial medical/dental expenses not covered by insurance
- Elementary or secondary school tuition
- Dependency override

(Note: Professional Judgment is at the sole discretion of each institution.)





The Application Process



Student submits FAFSA

ED calculates EFC and returns results to student



School follows up with student

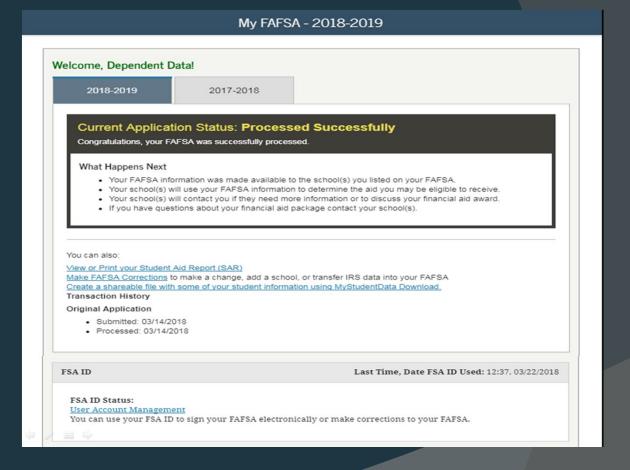
ED sends copy of result to state & schools of choice





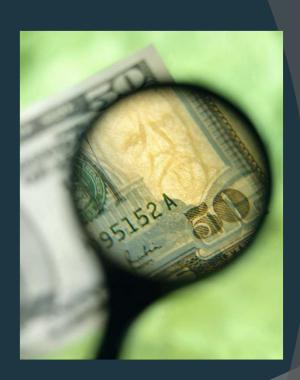
FAFSA Follow Up

- Check status after submission
- Make corrections to FAFSA
- Add/DeleteSchools
- Print Signature Page



Verification

- Department of Education picks about 30% of students randomly
- Provide documentation to school
 - Verification Worksheet
 - Consent to IRS data retrieval or submit a tax return transcript
 - Asset Statements
 - Child Support Paid Documentation
 - Others items as determined by the school



Response from Schools



The Financial Aid Office issues a: FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE

*Processing times vary *Delivery methods vary

Consisting Of:

- The Cost of Attendance
- Your Financial Aid Eligibility
- A description of each program
- What to do next

If you feel you have special circumstances, let the aid office know!

Questions to consider

- Are the scholarships renewable?
 - Requirements?
 - GPA, participation, major, max number of terms
- Grant/Loan combination
- Will the student graduate in 4 or 5 years? What is the additional cost?
- Are there additional fees for specific majors?
- How is student employment handled?
- Actual cost minus aid not just the most aid

How are we going to pay?

Direct Costs(tuition, room & board, fees, books)

- Financial aid
- = Remaining balance due
- Am I billed for the year or by the term?
- What are my payment options?
- When are payments due?
- ❖ Do I need an additional loan? If yes, ensure that loans are finalized 1 month prior to the start of the term.

Net Price Calculator (NPC)

- Aid estimate prior to actual financial aid package
 - Located on individual college's website (all schools are required to have this)
 - Families provide basic financial information
 - Parent and student income and assets
 - Changes in actual aid packages may result if information used on the NPC is significantly different than that on the FAFSA



Other Resources

- Parent or Student Employer Scholarships
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- Veterans/ROTC Benefits
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Grants
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB)

Scholarship Searches





www.collegeexpress.com





www.collegenet.com/mach25/app

www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/



https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

<u>Avoid Being Scammed</u>

- * APPLYING FOR AID IS A FREE PROCESS!
 - Financial aid scam notices
 - Tips to avoid scams
 - Check legitimacy of scholarship agencies:

Department of Education Office

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams

Better Business Bureauwww.bbb.org





College Goal Wisconsin

- Free FAFSA filing assistance from aid experts
- 95.7 percent of the families felt it was worth attending
- 30 sites throughout Wisconsin from 6-8 pm
 - Oct. 10 LaFollette High School
 - Oct. 17 DeForest High School
 - Oct. 17 East High School
 - Nov. 5 Memorial High School

Want more details? www.collegegoalwi.org or call 1-866-578-4625



<u>Final</u>

- Apply early watch deadlines
- Schools may have additional aid forms
- Each school evaluates the student differently
- Read ALL materials issued by the school
- Inform your school of any "special circumstances"

Questions?

