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***Financial Assistance
Options...
You can go to college!***



Topics We Will Discuss

What is financial aid?

Cost of attendance (COA)

Student Aid Index (SAI)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

Financial need

Special circumstances

Categories, types, and sources of financial aid



What Is Cost of Attendance (COA)?



Tuition and fees



Living Expenses



Books and supplies



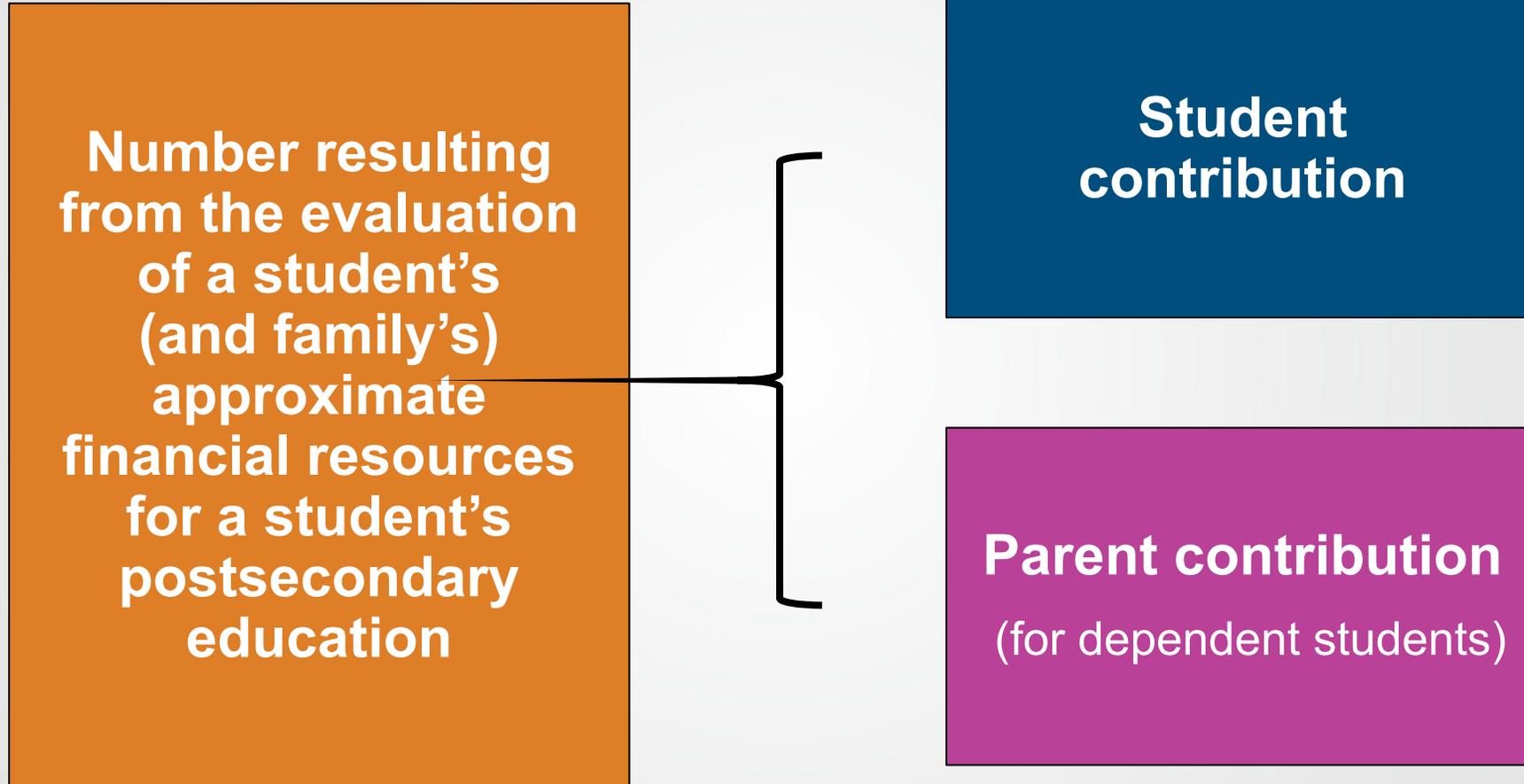
Transportation



Miscellaneous personal expenses



What Is Student Aid Index(SAI)?





What Is Financial Need?

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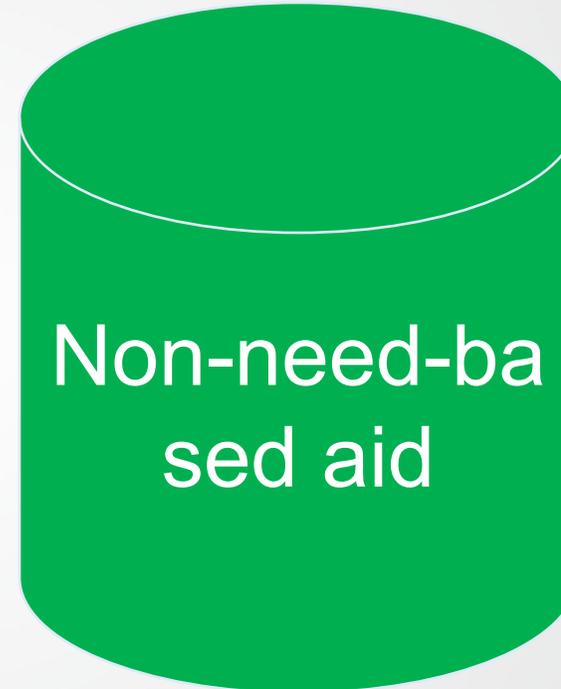
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– Student Aid Index (SAI)

= Financial need

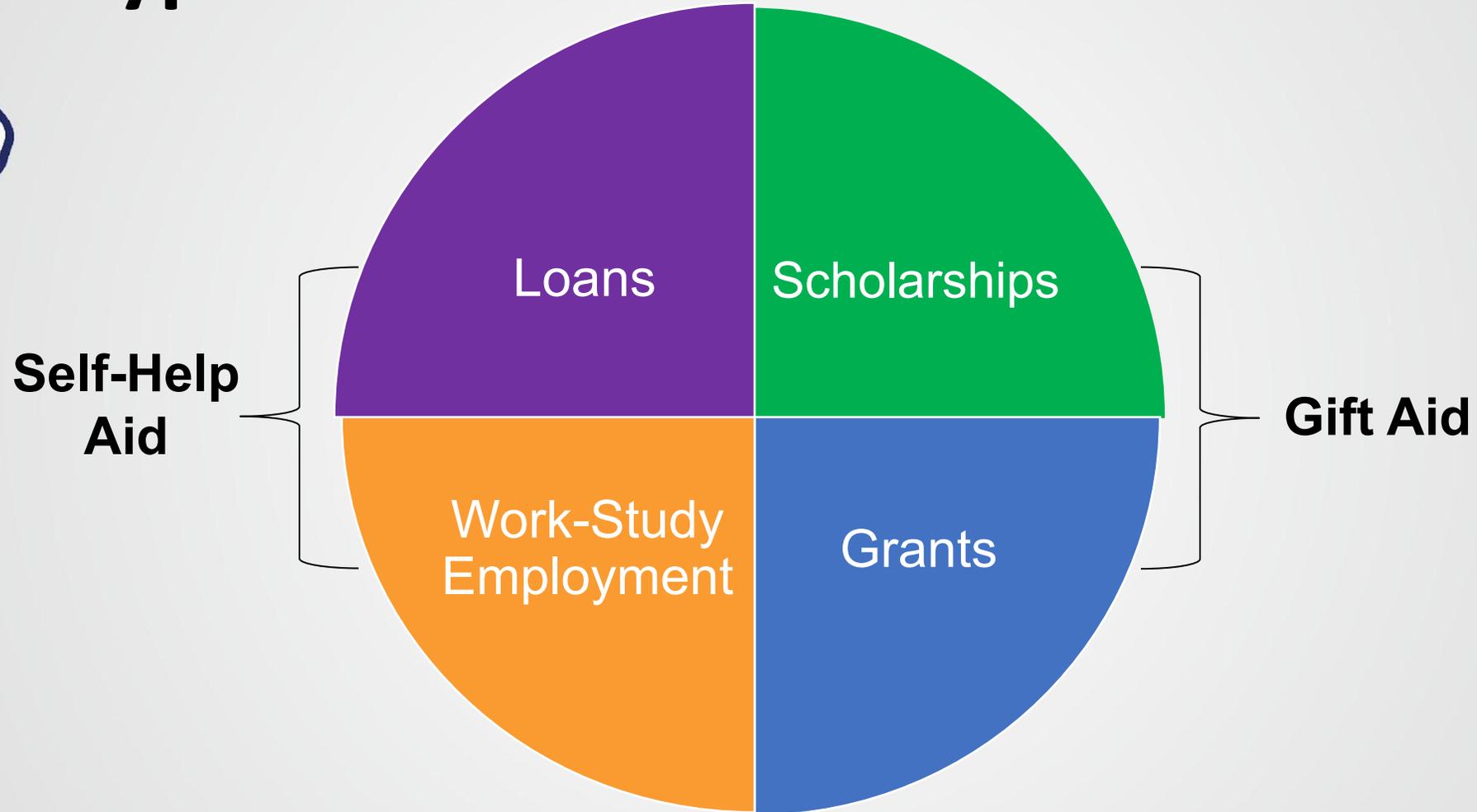


Categories of Financial Aid





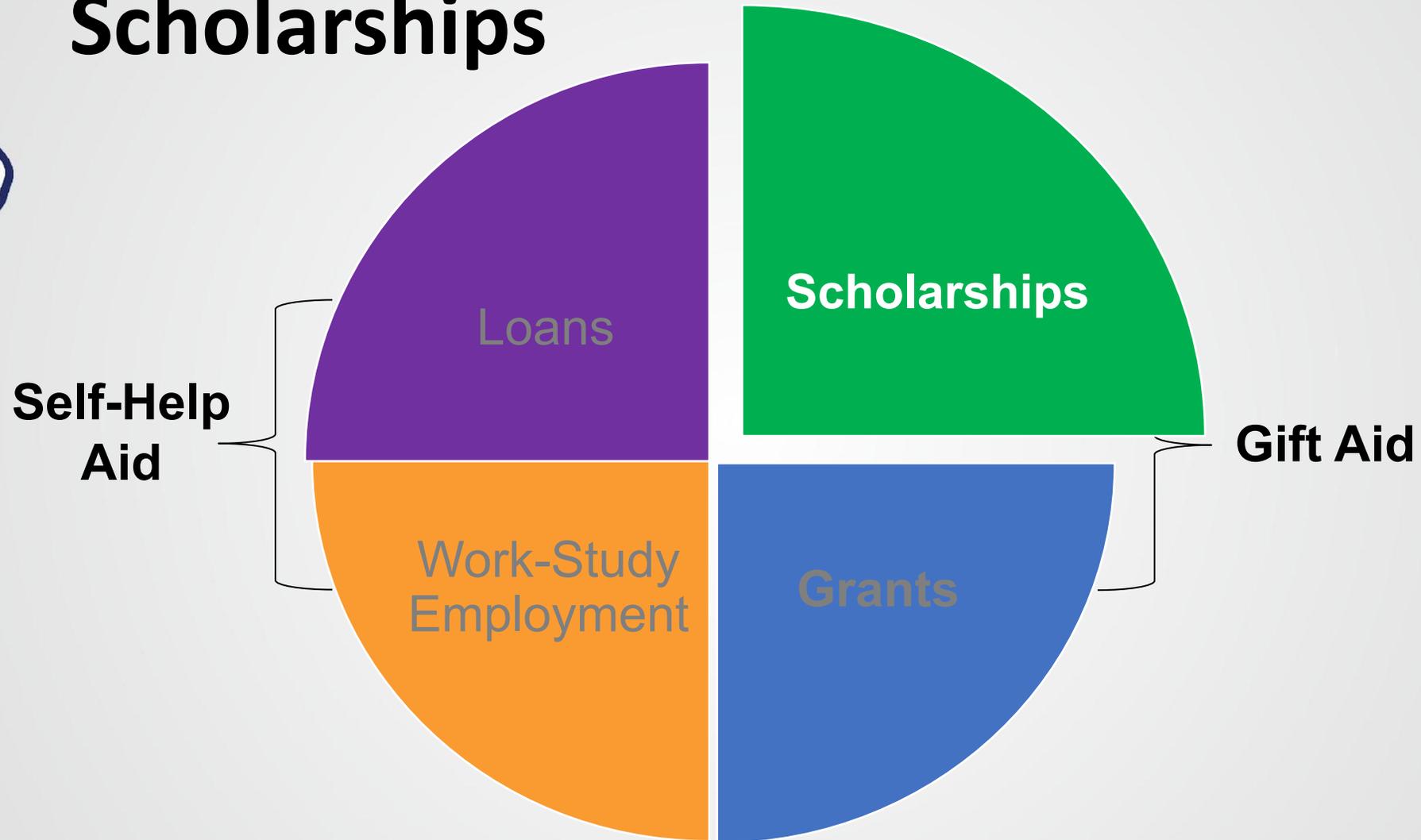
Types of Financial Aid





Scholarships

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Scholarship Programs

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Private Sources

Your Home High School

Your Community Partners

Employers

Church

Other Charitable Organizations

State

Millennium Scholarship

Nevada Promise

Institutional

WNC Foundation Scholarships

College/University of your choice



WNC Foundation Scholarships

- ***General Application Window Dates***
- December 1- April 1

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The screenshot shows the Western Nevada College website navigation bar with links for Virtual Tour, Visit Campus, Students, Faculty & Staff, and Make A Gift. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "WNC Foundation Scholarship". A green announcement box contains the text: "2022-2023 WNC Foundation Scholarship Application now available! The Western Nevada College Foundation and Financial Assistance Office are pleased to announce the opening of the 2022-2023 Regular Scholarship Application Cycle. Current and Prospective students are encouraged to apply during this cycle to receive priority consideration for scholarships." Below the text are two buttons: "Current Students Apply Now" and "Prospective Students Apply Now". A red arrow points to the "Current Students Apply Now" button.





Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program

Established in 1999 by Governor Guinn

Eligibility requirements are available on the State Treasurer's Office website:

https://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS_Home/





Nevada Promise Scholarship

- Nevada Promise is a scholarship and mentoring program which makes college more accessible to students in our state.
- The scholarship **covers the cost of registration and class fees** for qualifying students, in Fall 2026.
- WNC is now accepting applications for high school students who will graduate in spring 2026 and plan to attend WNC in the fall of 2026.
- <https://wnc.edu/advising/promise.php>



Nevada Promise Scholarship

In order to qualify students must meet all program deadlines, including:

March 1 –

Complete Mandatory Nevada Promise Training

April 1–

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and subsequently receive a Student Aid Index (SAI)/ Attend Hands-On FAFSA Workshop at your school

May 1–

Complete at least 8 hours of eligible community service

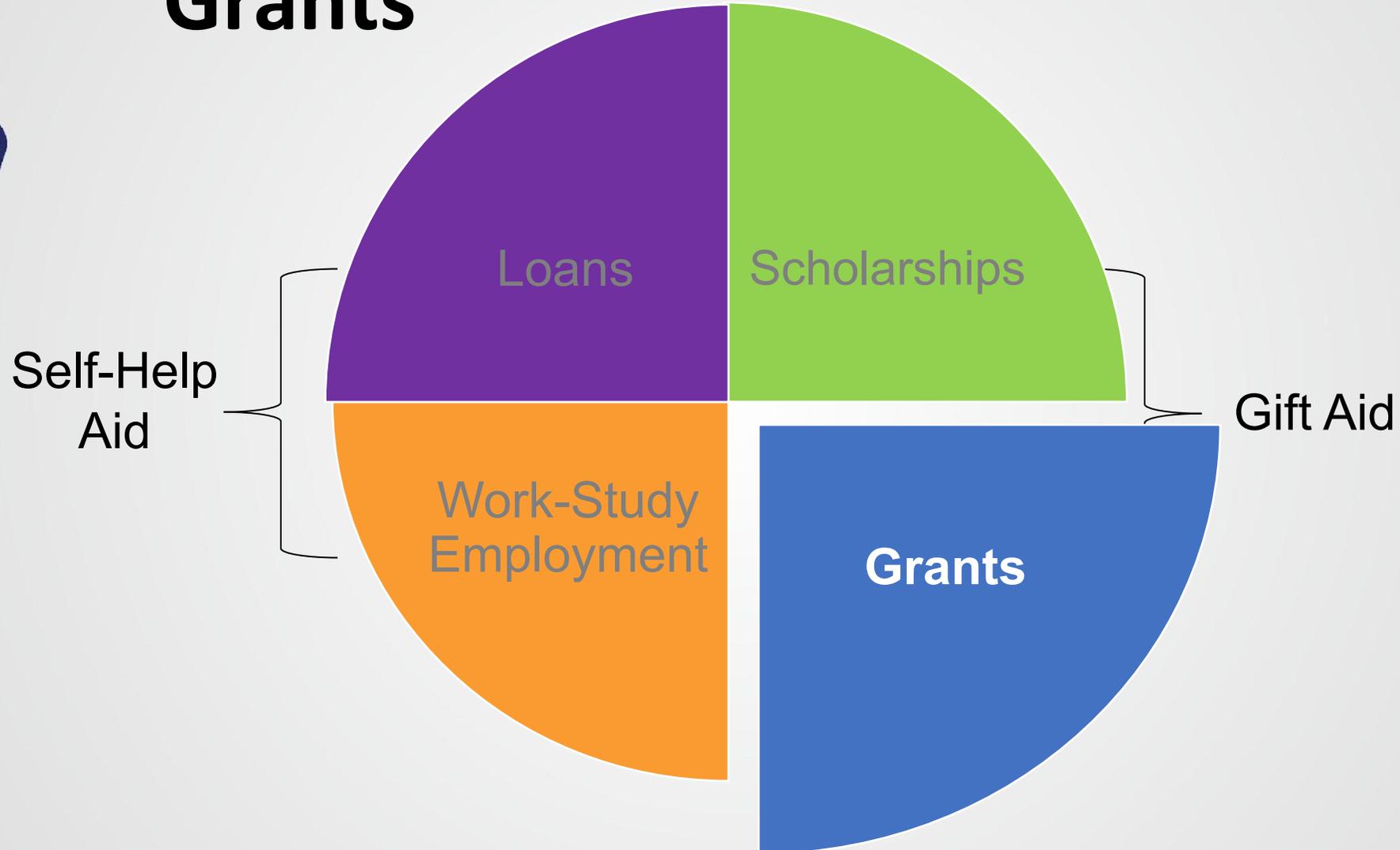
July 1–

Meet at least once with a mentor (assigned by the college)
Complete your Financial Aid File

Enroll in a minimum of **12 semester credit hours** in a degree program for each semester of the school year immediately following the school year in which the student graduates from high school.



Grants





Grant Aid Programs

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Federal

Pell Grant

Federal Supplemental
Opportunity Grant
(FSEOG)

Iraq Afghanistan
Service Grant (IASG)

State

Silver State
Opportunity Grant

Nevada Resident
Grant

Nevada Student Grant

Institutional

Wildcat Award

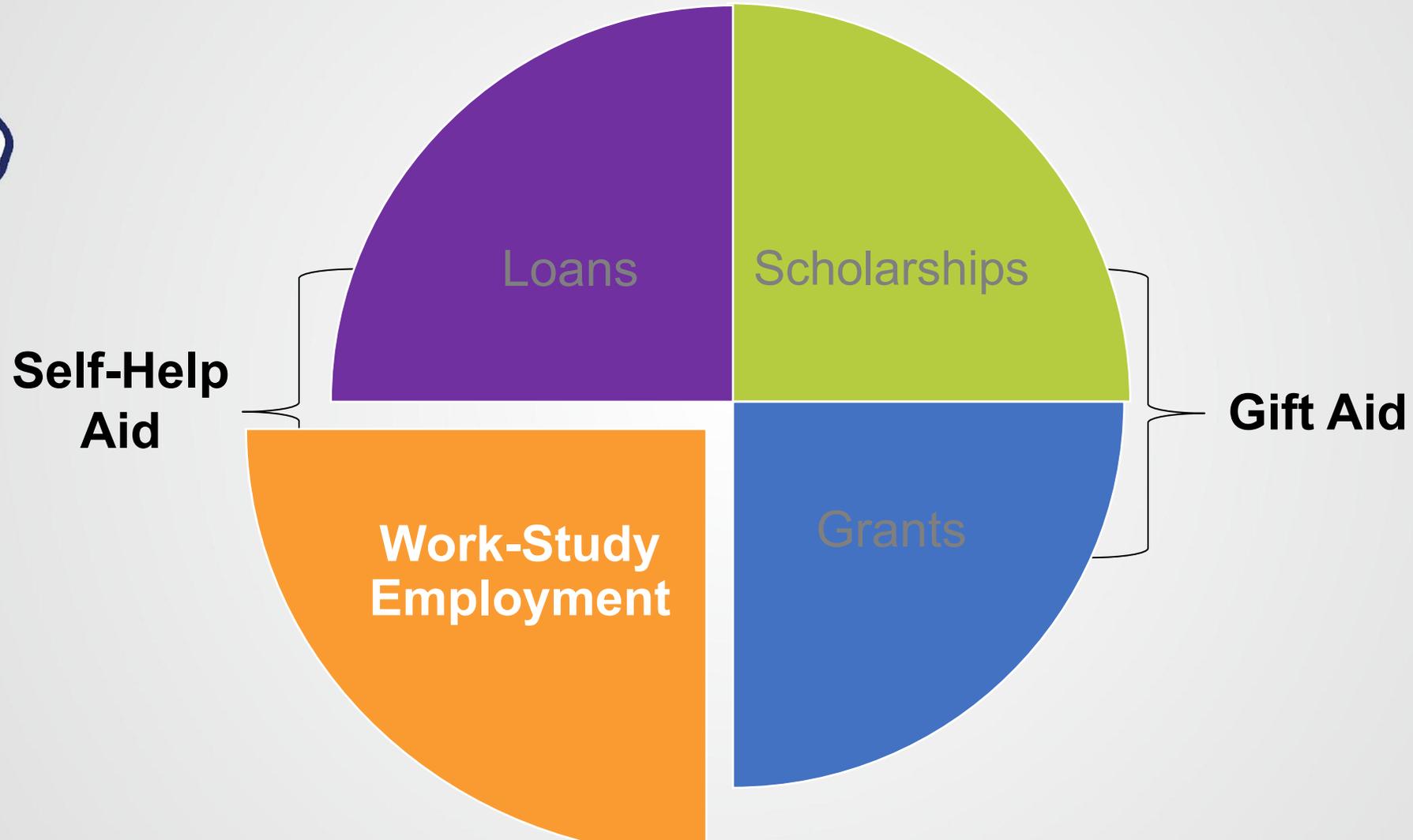
WNC Awards

WNC 15 to Finish



Work-Study Employment

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Work Study Programs

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Federal

Federal Work-Study

State

Nevada Student
Employment
Program

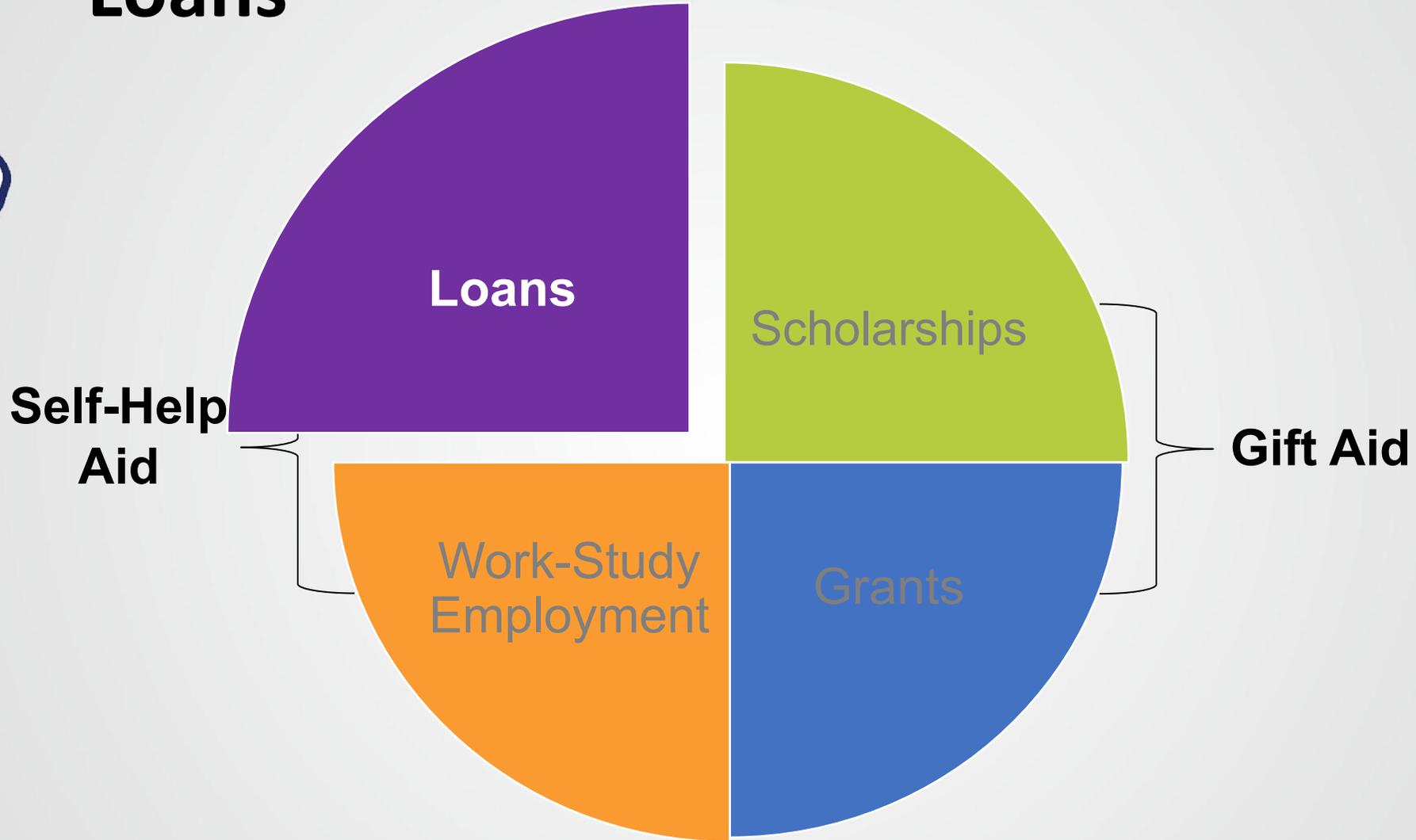
Institutional

Western Student
Employment
Program



Loans

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Student Loan Programs

Federal

Federal Direct Student Loans (Direct Loans)

Federal PLUS Loans



Other Support Programs

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Native American Fee Waivers

**Former Nevada Foster Youth
Fee Waivers**

**Nevada National Guard Fee
Waivers**

Veteran Education Benefits



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA[®])

Free
Application
for Federal
Student Aid
(FAFSA[®])

- Collects demographic and financial information
- Information used to calculate the Student Aid Index (SAI)
- Colleges use SAI to offer financial aid
- Available in English and Spanish



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (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 **2026-27** academic year, the FAFSA is anticipated to open starting **October 1, 2025**
- Colleges may set FAFSA priority dates
 - ***WNC 2026-2027 Priority Funding Deadline – April 1, 2026***



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
- Each individual creates their own FSA ID
- Apply at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

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Create an Account (FSA ID)



Parents



Students



Borrowers

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to complete federal student aid tasks.

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note (MPN)*
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

Items Needed to Create an Account

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

Get Started

or

Log In



FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

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The screenshot shows the FAFSA on the Web (FOTW) website. At the top, it states "An official website of the United States government." and includes links for "Help Center", "Feedback & Ombudsman", and "English | Español". The main navigation bar features the "Federal Student Aid" logo and four menu items: "UNDERSTAND AID", "APPLY FOR AID", "COMPLETE AID PROCESS", and "MANAGE LOANS", each with a dropdown arrow. A search icon is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area has a dark blue background with white text. The primary heading is "Complete the FAFSA® Form", followed by a sub-heading "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." To the right, there are two sections: "New to the FAFSA® Process?" with a "Start Here" button, and "Returning User?" with links for "Correct info | Add a school" and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR)", along with a "Log In" button.



General Student Information

Social Security Number

Citizenship status

Marital status

Highest education level completed by father/mother



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



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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FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX)

- Allows for an individual's federal tax information (FTI) to be directly transferred from the IRS to the FAFSA
- Consent is required by all contributors on FAFSA
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity
- IRS transfers information to populate FAFSA income questions for most tax filers
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office



Additional Information

- College information
 - **WNC School Code: 013896**



Signatures

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- ***Required by***
 - Student
 - One Contributor (dependent students)
- **Format for submitting signatures**
 - Electronic using FSA ID
 - Signature page



Frequent FAFSA Errors

- ***Social Security Number & Name***
- Divorced/widowed/remarried parental information
- Income earned by parent/stepparent
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Household size
- Real estate and investment net worth



Special or Unusual Circumstances





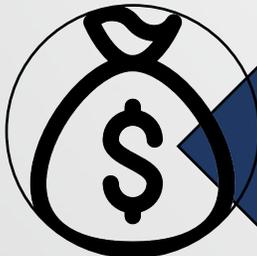
How do you find out about your financial aid award?



Review your Offer Letter, sent to you via email



Log into your MyWNC to view your Shopping Sheet, cost of attendance and financial aid awards



Note: Students who receive additional awards, will continue to receive updated Offer Letters.



How do I receive my financial aid funds?

Financial Aid awards are disbursed towards class fees, no earlier than 10 days prior to the semester.

If your financial aid awards exceed your class fees, you will be issued a financial aid refund to help with other educational expenses

How to receive your refund?

- **Direct Deposit** --- Highly Encouraged!!! (You can sign-up in your myWNC Student Center)
- **Paper Check**, via USPS



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Questions?