FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

AGENDA

- ✓ 2024-25 School Year
- ✓College Costs
- ✓What?
- ✓How?
- ✓When
- ✓What?

  Free Application Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Big Changes

  NYS TAP Application

  Others – depends on school
- ✓Strategies/Tools

What Is Cost of Attendance (COA)?

- Tuition and fees
- Housing and food
- Books, course materials, and supplies
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous and personal

Cost of Attendance (COA)

Typical Costs by Type of College	Private College	SUNY Public	Community College
Tuition and Fees	$40,000	$8,500	$6,000
Living Expenses Housing and Food	$14,000	$14,000	????
Books/Course Materials/Supplies	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500
Transportation	$1,000	$1,000	$2,000
Personal Expenses	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500
Total	$58,000	$26,500	$11,000

What Is Student Aid Index (SAI)From FAFSA Results

Measurement of family's ability to pay for college

SAI is new terminology in 24-25

The name replaces Expected Family Contribution (EFC) used in prior years

Student Aid Index (SAI)

- Index number that the financial aid office uses to determine aid eligibility
- Stays the same regardless of college choice
- In some cases, students of highest need, could be negative number

What Is Financial Need?

Cost of attendance (COA)

– Student Aid Index (SAI)

= Financial need

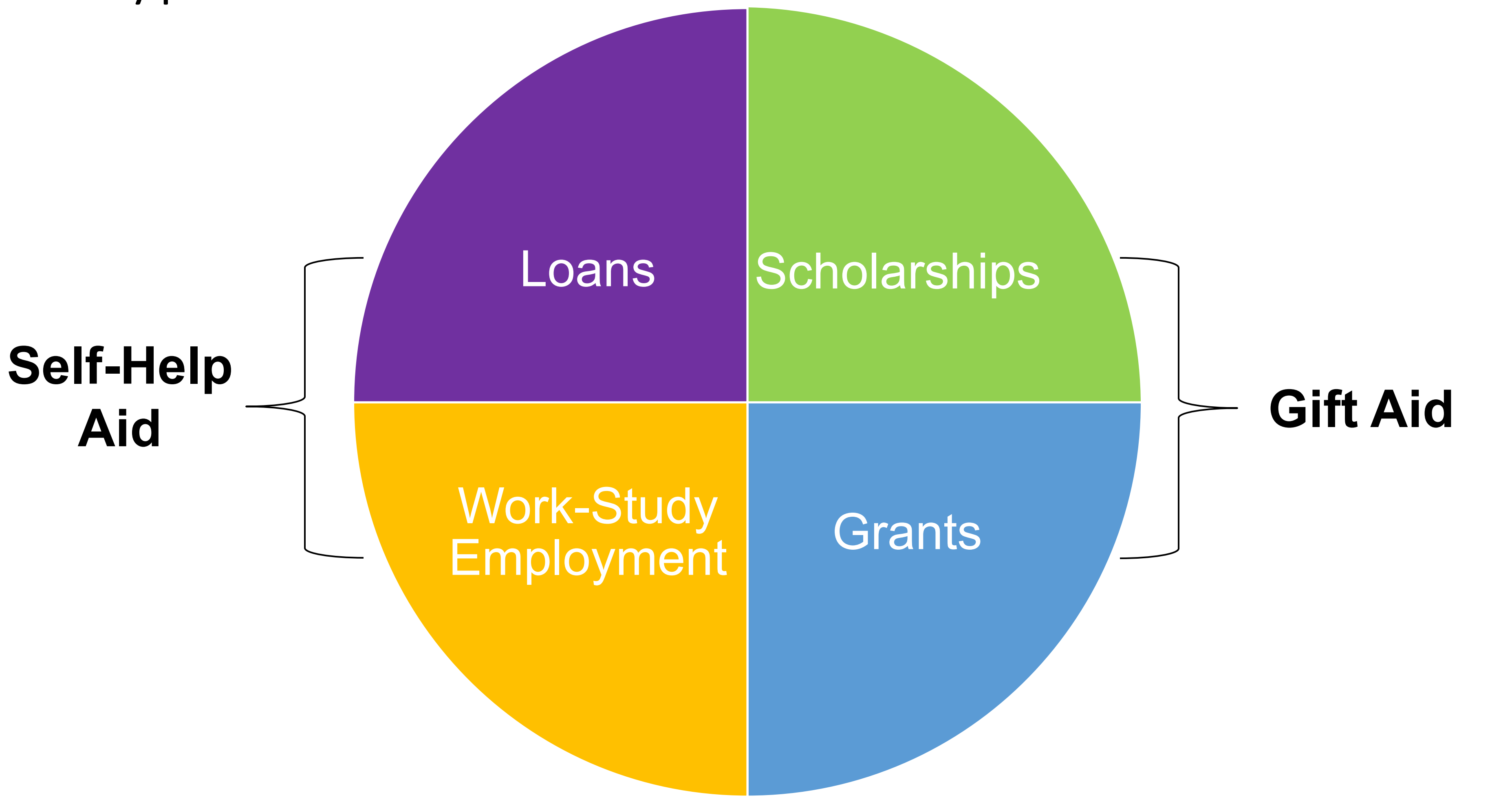
Financial Need Examples

Cost of Attendance	**$40,000**
- SAI	**$15,000**
= Need	**$25,000**
Cost of Attendance	**$65,000**
- SAI	**$15,000**
= Need	**$50,000**

Sources of Financial Aid

- **Federal –** Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, Teach Grant, Work-Study, Student Loans, Parent Loans
- **State** - New York Grant (TAP) for New York residents attending college in NY State, Excelsior.
- **College you attend –** Scholarships, work, loans
- **Private/Outside Sources –** Scholarships, loans, tax credits, Veterans Benefits

Types of Financial Aid



GRANTS

FEDERAL

- PELL Grant
  - Derived from FAFSA
  - $0 to $7395 (2023-24)
- SEOG Grant
- TEACH Grant

STATE

- TAP – any NY college
  - NY Net Taxable Income below $80,800
  - Excelsior – SUNY 2 year or 4 year college – Income $125,000 or below

Scholarships

- **Your College**
  - Review Website for merit, need, application
- **High School**
- **Civic Groups or Businesses**
- **Places of Employment**
- **Free Internet Searches**
  - **Example:**
  - www.fastweb.com
  - www.finaid.org

Federal Direct Student Loan

- **Subsidized** – **5.5% Interest rate (in 2023-24).**
  - **Based on need (COA – SAI – other aid = Financial need)**
  - **Federal government pays interest while student in school**
  - **Freshman may borrow up to $3,500**
- **Unsubsidized** – **5.5% Interest rate (in 2023-24).**
  - **Not based on need**
  - **Student is responsible for interest while in school**
  - **Freshman may borrow up to $5,500 <u>minus any subsidized loan money</u> (ideally - $3,500 subsidized and $2,000 unsubsidized)**
- *Repayment begins 6 months after graduation*

Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

- **Federal Loan in parent name**
- **Credit Check – No Adverse Credit**
- **8.05% interest rate (2023-24)**
- **Interest accrues at disbursement**
- **Payments right away**
- **Limits**
  - Up to COA minus other aid.

Work Opportunities

- Federal Work Study Program (FWS)
  - Need Based
  - Limited hours
  - Usually minimum wage
  - Helps with personal expenses
  - Each college has own process; jobs usually on campus or in community service.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Complete Federal Process – start at studentaid.gov
  - **FAFSA**
- Complete NY STATE Process – start at hesc.ny.gov
  - **TAP APPLICATION**
- Complete process and any requirements at each college – check their websites – talk with Admissions/Financial Aid Staff
- Search Private Scholarships
- Follow up – later applications, documents, communication

How to Apply for Federal Financial Aid

1. **Go to studentaid.gov for complete information on federal financial aid programs and applying**
2. **Request an FSA ID for the student and parent of record (Anytime Now) – takes up to 3 days to authenticate**
3. **Complete FAFSA online: sometime in December of 2023 if applying for 24-25**

FAFSA 24-25

https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/

FAFSA Changes in 24-25

- Student begins FAFSA after signing in with their FSA ID.
- After completing their part – they invite parent(s) via email in form – to be contributor on the FAFSA.
- Parent completes their part and submits form
- Student and Parent, on FAFSA, will have to consent for Direct Data Exchange with IRS for Federal Tax Information to load into FAFSA.
- Sometimes, both Parents will need to be contributors if they are married and file separate taxes.
- For Separations and Divorces – the parent of record whose information would go on FAFSA is the Parent who provided the most financial support over the last 12 months.
- Family Size – uses IRS definition of dependents on tax return

How To Apply

Complete TAP Online

https://www.hesc.ny.gov

- **After completing FAFSA**
- Establish student HESC PIN.
- Student and Parent e-sign at end of application.
- Must re-apply each academic year.

Apply for Excelsior (if available)
If SUNY or community college in NY State

- **To be notified when (if) the application becomes available**

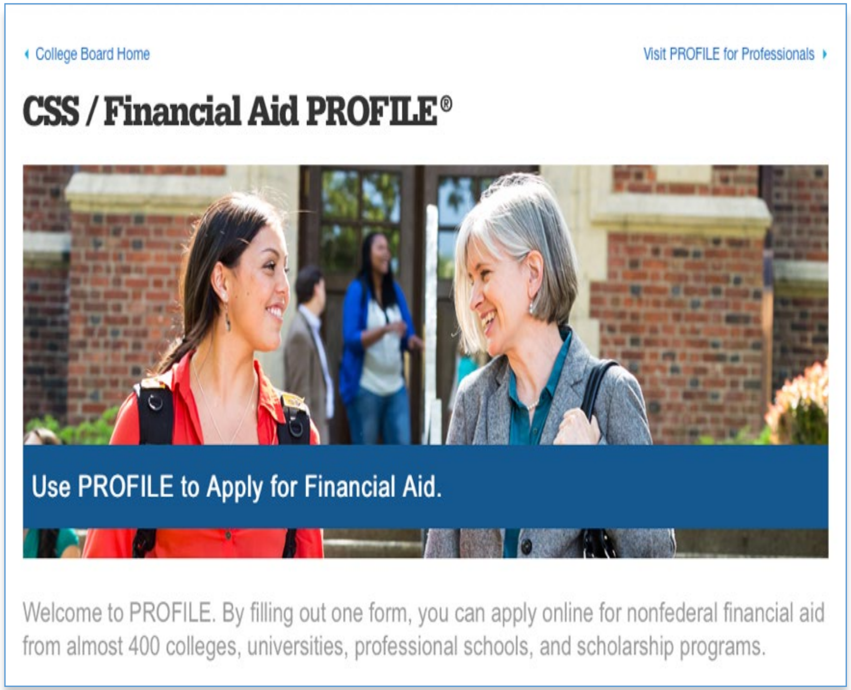
  Sign up for the HESC alert at
  www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior
  Same application site as TAP
- **Application will not be available until some time in 2024**

Excelsior Scholarship

- Began Fall 2017
- How it works:
  - ✓ Award equals max of SUNY Tuition minus any amounts received for TAP, Pell or other scholarships
  - ✓ Earn 30 Credits Per Year
  - ✓ Live and work in NY after college
  - ✓ $125,00 was income limit in 2023-24

CSS/ FINANCIAL AID PROFILE
(FOR SOME COMPETITIVE PRIVATE COLLEGES)

The **PROFILE** is a form that allows students to complete one form and apply online for **non-federal financial aid** from almost 400 colleges, universities, professional schools, and scholarship programs. Check with college – usually just highly competitive private colleges.



https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org

When To Apply for 2024-25

- **FSA ID – Now or Near Future**
- **Scholarship Searches – Now/Ongoing**
- **FAFSA – After it is Released in December 2023**
- **TAP – After the FAFSA.**
- Other Forms??
  - Excelsior for SUNY; CSS Profile some privates
  - Some schools may have separate form for their own scholarships, etc…

Watch for Results & Communicate with Financial Aid Office

- FAFSA Results will be available in 3-5 days – to student and colleges listed
- **Schools May Ask for Follow up Forms or Documents – To Verify Reported Information.**
- Each Schools timing will vary.
- Eventually Receive Financial Aid Offer Letters from Accepted Schools.

Name of College/University

MM / DD / YYYY

Student Name, Identifier

Download

Costs in the 20xx-xx year

Estimated Cost of Attendance		$ X,XXX / yr
Tuition and fees	$ X,XXX	
Housing and meals	X,XXX	
Books and supplies	X,XXX	
Transportation	X,XXX	
Other educational costs	X,XXX	

Grants and scholarships to pay for college

Total Grants and Scholarships ("Gift" Aid; no repayment needed)		$ X,XXX / yr
Grants from your school	$ X,XXX	
Federal Pell Grant	X,XXX	
Grants from your state	X,XXX	
Other scholarships you can use	X,XXX	

What will you pay for college

Net Costs $ X,XXX / yr
(Cost of attendance minus total grants and scholarships)

Options to pay net costs

Work options

Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional) $ X,XXX

Loan options*

Federal Perkins Loans	$ X,XXX
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	X,XXX
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	X,XXX

*Recommended amounts shown here. You may be eligible for a different amount. Contact your financial aid office.

Other options

Family Contribution $ X,XXX / yr
(As calculated by the institution using information reported on the FAFSA or to your institution.)

- Payment plan offered by the institution
- Parent PLUS Loan
- Military and/or National Service benefits
- Non-Federal private education loan

Graduation Rate

Percentage of full-time students who graduate within 6 years

Loan Default Rate

Percentage of borrowers entering repayment and defaulting on their loan

Median Borrowing

Students at UUS typically borrow $X,XXX in Federal loans for their undergraduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for this amount is approximately $X,XXX per month. Your borrowing may be different.

Repaying your loans

To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to: http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans

For more information and next steps:

Your College/University
Financial Aid Office
123 Main Street
Anytown, NY 12345
Telephone: (123) 456-7890
E-mail: financialaid@nyschool.edu

Customized information

Strategies - Preparation

- **Keep Organized – be ready to follow up**
  - remember FSA ID; folder for documents; etc…
- **Meet Deadlines!**
- **Parent/Student Communication**
  - E-mail checking
  - FERPA- Student has to grant access for parent to interact with school
- **Compare – Make Charts?**
  - Required forms and dates for each school
- **Payment Plan** as opposed to **Alternative Financing** or **Parent Loan**.
- **Savings – 529 plans**
- **Reduce costs when you can– books, tech, etc…**

Special Circumstances

- Conditions exist that cannot be documented with the FAFSA
- Send written explanation and documentation to your college's financial aid office after initial FAFSA results are done
- 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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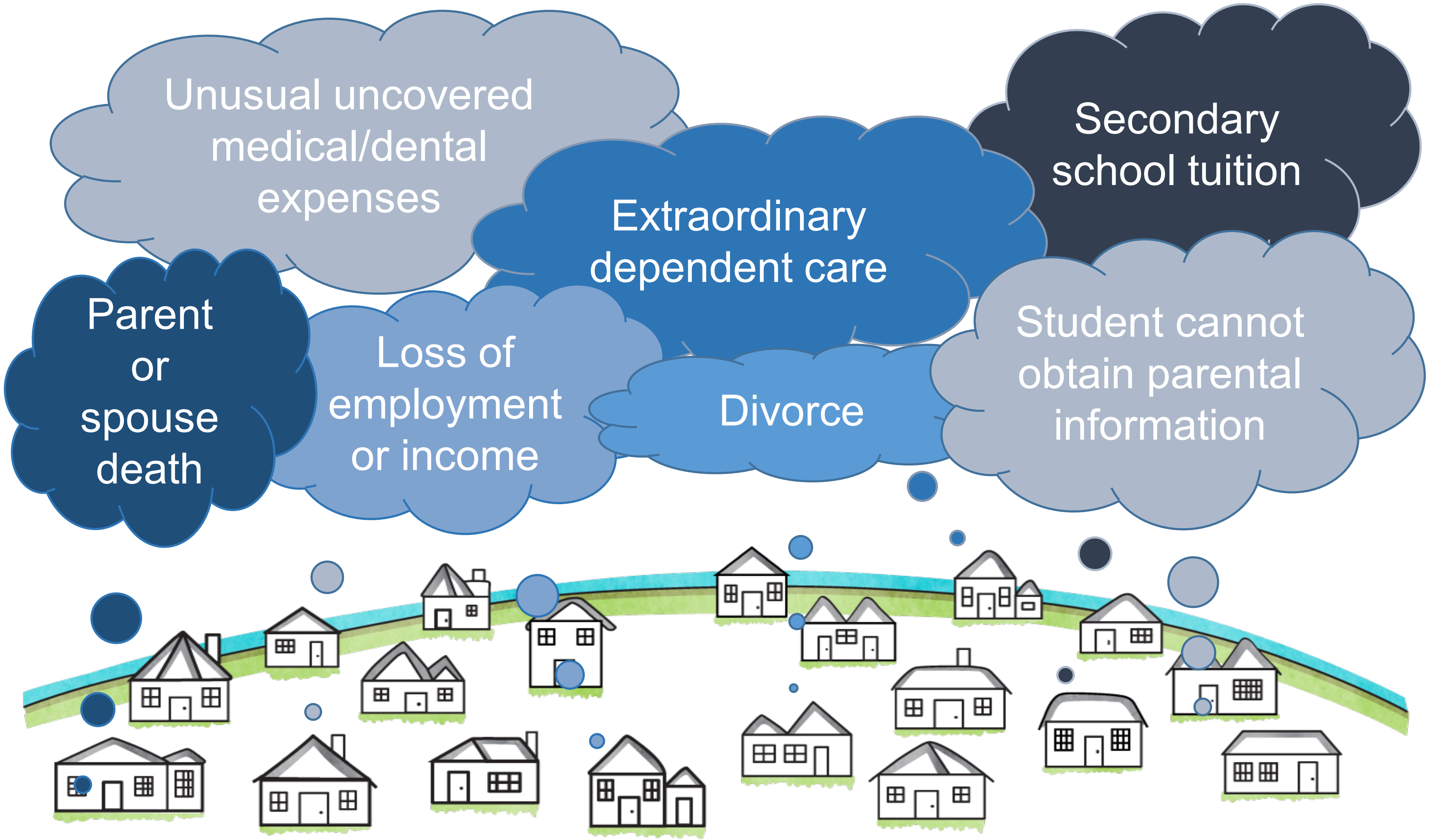

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