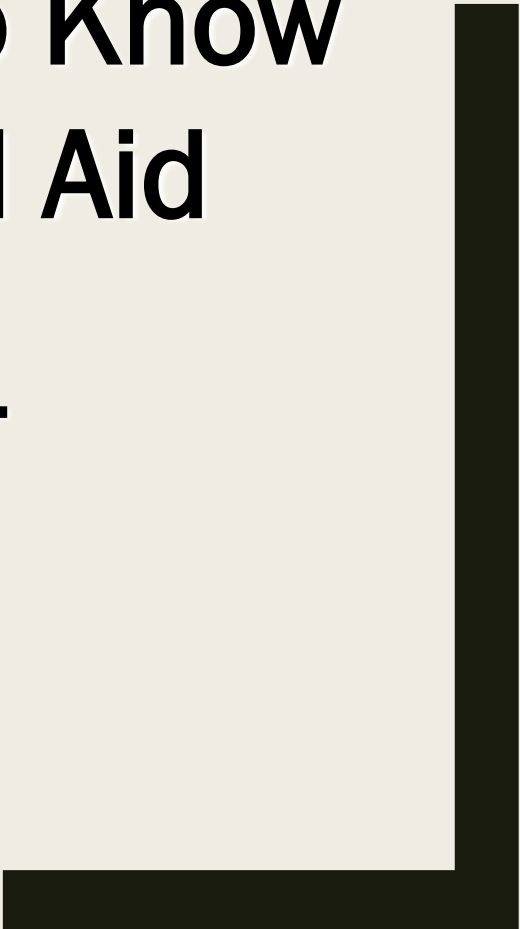


**What You Need to Know
About Financial Aid
2020-2021**

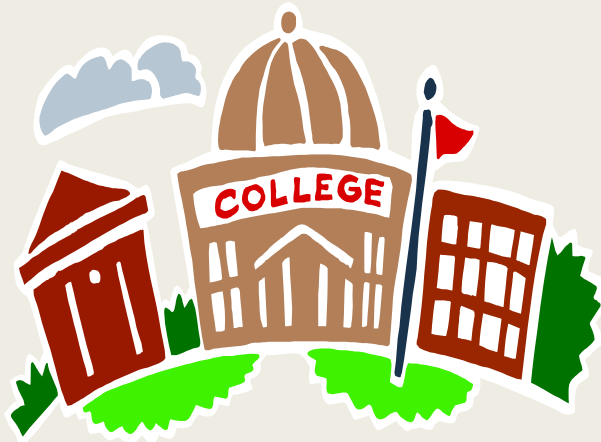


Topics We Will Discuss Tonight

- 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

What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid consists of **funds** (scholarships, grants, loans, work-study) provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary **educational expenses**.



What is Cost of Attendance (COA)?

COA includes:

- *Tuition & Fees*
- *Room & Board*
- *Books & Supplies*
- *Transportation*
- *Personal Expenses*

Direct v. Indirect Costs

COA Varies widely from college to college

What is Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

- Amount family can reasonably be expected to contribute
- Stays the same regardless of college
- Two components
 - *Parent contribution*
 - *Student contribution*
- Calculated using data from a federal application form and a federal formula

What is Financial Need?

Cost of Attendance

– Expected Family Contribution

= Financial Need

Types of Financial Aid

Gift Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants

Self-Help Aid

- Loans
- Employment

Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal government
- States
- Colleges and universities
- Private sources
- Civic organizations and churches
- Employers

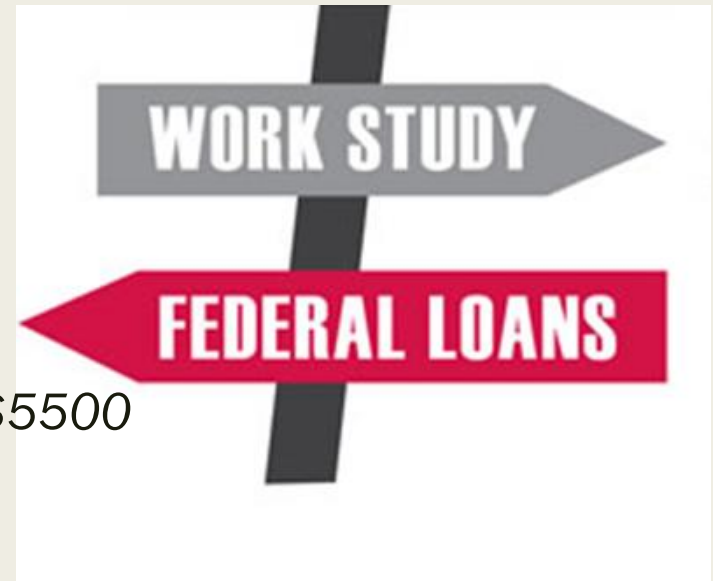
What's Out There for Students?

- Pell Grants – Based on EFC
 - *Automatic with eligibility*
 - *Range from \$296 to \$5,920 for 2017-2018*
- FSEOG
 - *Supplemental grant for the neediest of students*
 - *Based on availability*



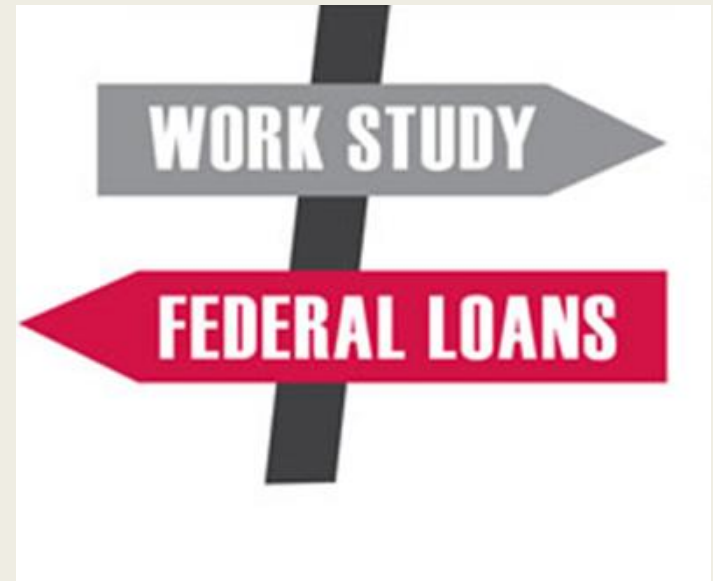
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- Federal Work Study
 - *Federal dollars paid in exchange for part-time employment in designated jobs*
 - *School comes first*
- Federal Direct Loans
 - *Subsidized*
 - *Unsubsidized*
 - *Freshman Annual Loan Limit = \$5500*
 - *2018-19 Interest Rate = 5.05%*



What's Out There . . . (continued)

- Federal Direct Loans (cont' d)
 - *Parent PLUS Loans*
 - *2019-20 Interest Rate = 7.60%*
- Private/Alternative Loans
 - *Exhaust federal aid options first*



Now - How Do I GET It?

- FAFSA – **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo with the text 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION' and 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. To the right, it says 'FAFSA® Free Application for Federal Student Aid'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, FSA ID, StudentAid.gov, and Help. A search bar with a 'SEARCH' button and language options for 'English' and 'Español' is also present. A large blue banner reads 'Get help paying for college' and 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. Below the banner is a collage of four photos of diverse college students. At the bottom, there are two columns: 'New to the FAFSA?' with a 'Start A New FAFSA' button, and 'Returning User?' with a list of options (Make a correction, Add a school, View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...) and a 'Login' button.

<https://fafsa.gov>

FAFSA

- Information used to calculate the expected family contribution (EFC)
- 2020–21 FAFSA becomes available on October 1, 2019 & Deadline for California to complete is March 2, 2020
- Most colleges set FAFSA priority filing deadlines
- 2018 Tax Data
- Paper application available

Student Demographic Section

- Students must use their LEGAL name
- Social Security Number
- Why does it ask my gender?
 - Selective service

Student Demographic Information

Your last name Your first name Your middle initial

Your Social Security Number

Your date of birth (mmdyyy)

Are you male or female?
 Male Female

Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)

Your city (and country if not U.S.) Your state

Your ZIP code

Have you lived in Kansas for at least 5 years?
 Yes No

Your permanent telephone number

Your e-mail address

What is your marital status as of today?

Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide?
 Yes No

Student Eligibility Section

- Citizenship
 - *US Citizens will have an SSN tied to their legal name*
 - *Eligible Non-Citizens will have both an SSN & Alien Registration Number*
- Grade Level
 - *Not Graduate Students or Seniors*
- Degree they are seeking
 - *Associate, Bachelor before Master's or PhD*
- Foster Care

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information
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Student Eligibility

Are you a U.S. citizen?

When you begin college in the 2015-2016 school year, what will be your high school completion status?

When you begin the 2015-2016 school year, what will be your grade level?

When you begin the 2015-2016 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?

Are you interested in being considered for work-study?

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2015?
 Yes No

Are you a foster youth or were you at any time in the foster care system?

Highest school completed by Parent 1

Highest school completed by Parent 2

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Student Eligibility Section (cont'd)

- Students can select up to 10 colleges to receive their FAFSA results
- Housing Questions
 - *Helps to determine Cost of Attendance*
 - At Home with Parents
 - On-Campus
 - Off-Campus
 - *You can change your mind*

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Dependent or Independent: That is the question

- *Born before Jan. 1, 1995*
- *Veteran*
- *Active duty - military*
- *Married*
- *Children or other dependents*
- *Both parents deceased*
- *Foster care past age 13*
- *Dependent/ward of court past age 13*
- *Legal guardianship*
- *Emancipated minor*
- *Homeless or at risk of homelessness*
- *Graduate student*

■ If the answer to all is NO – they’ re Dependent

■ If the answer to ANY is YES – they’ re Independent

Parent Information on the FAFSA

- Who is my parent when it comes to the FAFSA?
 - *If parents are living together, **regardless of marital status**, include their combined financial information*
 - This includes same-sex partners
 - *If parents are divorced or separated, include the financial information for the **parent you lived with more** during the past 12 months. **If that parent is remarried, you must include your stepparent's financial information.***

Grandparents, foster parents, and legal guardians are NOT considered parents unless they legally adopted you

What information do I need to have with me to complete the FAFSA?

- Taxes, Income information, benefit summaries
- Asset information
 - *NOT* 401(k) or IRA balances
 - *NOT* the value of your primary residence
- Untaxed income such as child support received



IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Real-time request in the FAFSA to import IRS tax data
 - ***Important! You will not see the actual IRS data on the IRS website or inserted into the FAFSA.***
 - *Reduces documents requested later.*
 - *Parents filing a joint tax return will need to enter **income from work** manually on the FAFSA.*
- IRS DRT will not work for families who:
 - *Do not have a Social Security Number*
 - *Are married but file taxes separately*

Frequent FAFSA Errors

- Social Security numbers
- Divorced/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
- What assets to include



*Make corrections online at
www.fafsa.gov
or on the paper Student Aid Report*

FSA ID

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Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

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. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

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.

Create An FSA ID | Edit My FSA ID

E-mail
Confirm E-mail
Username *
Password *
Confirm Password *
Are you 13 years of age or older?
 I am 13 years of age or older.
 I am 12 years of age or younger.

Numbers Uppercase Letters Lowercase Letters Special Characters 8-30 Characters Show Text

[Edit My FSA ID](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

CONTINUE

- The FSA ID (username and password) is required for **students, parents and borrowers** accessing FSA systems.
 - <https://fsaid.ed.gov>
- The FSA ID
 - Provides secure access to user's information
 - Offers self-service capability (name change)

Each FSA ID Requires a Different E-mail Address

What Happens After I File?

- A summary of your application is created for your review & sent to your selected schools electronically
 - *Summary is called a Student Aid Report (SAR)*
 - *Students with FSA IDs may view SAR online at <https://fafsa.gov>*
- If schools require further information or documentation, they will contact the student directly
 - *Make sure students know how each school communicates with them*
 - *FERPA*
- Watch for award notifications
 - **Many schools won't begin awarding aid for 2019-20 until late December or January.**

Special Circumstances

- Cannot be documented using FAFSA
 - *Change in employment status*
 - *Unusual medical expenses not covered by insurance*
 - *Change in parent marital status*
- Send written explanation and documentation to financial aid office at each college
- College will review and request additional information if necessary
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education

Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Time Frame
- Grade Point Average
- Pace

How Do Scholarships Work?

- Scholarships are considered “gift aid” similar to grants
 - *Some have restrictions on what they will pay*
 - Direct costs only?
 - Are there enrollment restrictions?
 - *They come from multiple sources*
 - Institutions
 - Organizations
 - Employers
 - The list is growing every day

Where Do I Find Them?

- Institutions
 - *Is there an application?*
 - Are there MULTIPLE applications?
 - *When do I apply?*
 - What is the deadline?
 - *Is it based on Merit or Need?*
 - What do they need to determine eligibility?
 - *Does it require follow-up?*
 - *Is it renewable?*
 - What are the requirements for renewal?



Where do I go from here?

- Obtain and review admissions and financial aid Web sites and materials for each school to which you are applying.
- Meet all application deadlines.
 - *Complete FAFSA and other application materials.*
Submit all requested follow-up documents.
- Investigate other sources of aid.



QUESTIONS?