

# **Financial Aid - What to Expect**

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# Overview

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
  - Common stumbling blocks to look out for!
- **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**
- **Cost of Attendance (COA)**
- **Financial Need**
- **Types of Financial Aid**
- **Special Circumstances**

# FAFSA

- **What is FAFSA?**
- **Why do I have to complete it?**
- **What does it look at?**
- **I know I won't get anything-Do I still need to do it?**

# Step 1: Federal Student Aid ID

- **Apply for FSA ID online at [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov)**
- **Serves as login and signature on FAFSA**
- **Both student and parent need to create own FSA ID**
  - **Use different email addresses!**
- **Not required, but speeds processing**
- **FSA ID used throughout aid process and in subsequent years**

# **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

- **Form that collects demographic and financial information about the student and family**
- **Complete FAFSA online at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)**
- **Available after October 1**
- **Uses “prior prior year” tax information**
- **Some colleges/universities have a filing deadline**
- **Can complete using estimated information**
- **A renewal application must be filed each year in order to continue receiving Federal Aid.**

# IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- **While completing FAFSA, applicant can submit real-time request to IRS for tax data**
- **IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity**
- **If match is found, real-time results will appear in new window**
- **Can then choose to transfer data into FAFSA**

# **IRS Data Retrieval Tool Continued**

- **Available for use in October when you file the FAFSA, as long as 2015 Federal taxes are complete**
- **Participation is voluntary**
- **Reduces documents requested by the Financial Aid Office (FAO)**
- **Cannot use IRS Data Retrieval Tool if:**
  - **Filed an amended tax return**
  - **No SSN was entered**
  - **Student or parent is married filing separately**

# Frequent FAFSA Errors

- **The FAFSA is in THE STUDENT'S name!**
- **Social Security Numbers**
- **U.S. income taxes paid**
- **Number of household members in college**
- **Dependent vs Independent Status**
  - **Do I need to provide parent information?**
- **Who is my parent?**



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Will you be 24 or older by Dec. 31 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid?

Yes

Will you be working toward a master's or doctorate degree (such as M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)?



No

Yes



Are you remarried or separated but not divorced?

No

Yes

Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?



No

Yes



Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?

No

Yes

At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?

No

Yes

Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by a court?

Yes

Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Yes



Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?

No

Yes

Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?



No

Yes

### You may be a **Dependent Student**

If none of the criteria listed above apply to you, you may be considered a dependent student and may be required to provide your parents' financial information when completing the FAFSA.

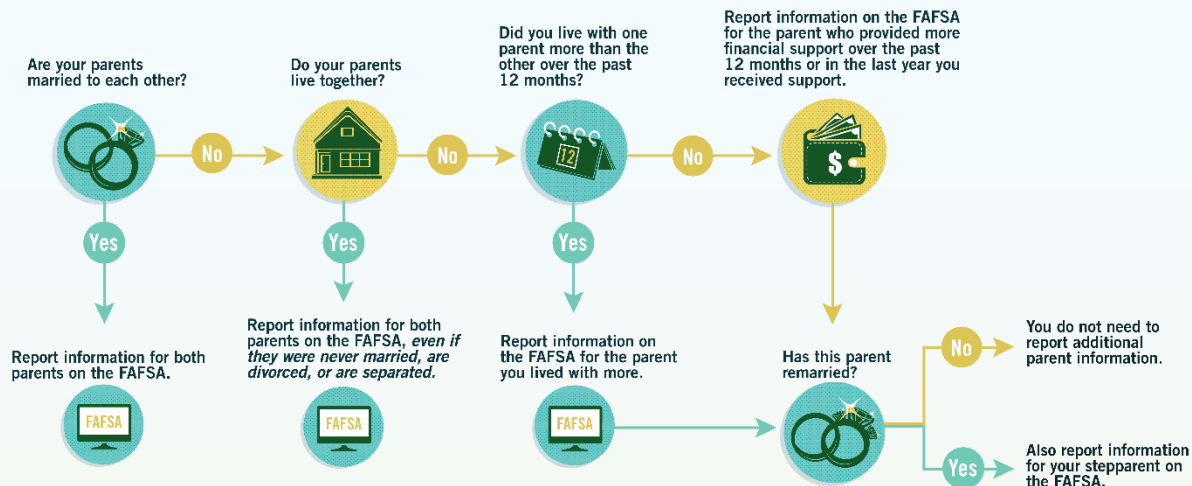
### You may be an **Independent Student**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you may be an independent student. You may not be required to provide parental information on your FAFSA.

# WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA®

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).



The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:



Widowed Stepparent



Grandparents



Foster Parents



Legal Guardians



Older Brothers or Sisters



Aunts or Uncles

If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit [StudentAid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info](http://StudentAid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info) or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

<sup>1</sup> If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to [StudentAid.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency](http://StudentAid.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency)

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# **FAFSA Processing Results**

- **A Student Aid Report (SAR) will be mailed or e-mailed to student**
- **Record will be sent to colleges listed on the FAFSA approximately 10-14 days after the FAFSA is submitted**
- **Colleges may request additional information once they receive the results**
- **Corrections can be made on [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), on paper SAR, or by submitting documentation to the FAO**

# **FAFSA and EFC**

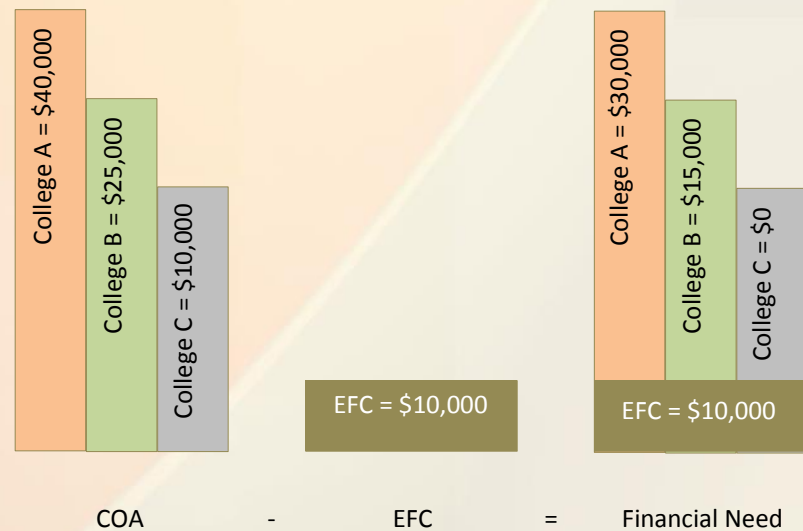
- **Information provided on the FAFSA is used to calculate the EFC**
  - Amount that a family can reasonably be expected to contribute as determined by the Federal Government
  - EFC is the same at all institutions
  - Two components
    - Parent contribution
    - Student contribution
- **Colleges/universities use the EFC to award financial aid**

# **Cost of Attendance (COA)**

- **Direct Costs**
  - Tuition, Fees, Room & Board
- **Indirect Costs**
  - Books & Supplies, Transportation, Personal Expenses
- **Varies based on institution**

# Financial Need

- **Cost of Attendance (COA) – Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = Financial Need**



# Types of Financial Aid

## Scholarships

- Gift aid
- From College/University and outside sources

## Grants

- Gift aid
- From Federal/State Government and/or College/University

## Loans

- Self-help aid
- Federal, Private, and/or College/University

## Student Employment

- Self-help aid
- Federal Work Study/Campus employment



# Scholarships

- **Money that does not have to be repaid**
- **Awarded based on:**
  - **Academics: GPA and ACT/SAT Scores**
  - **Athletics**
  - **Talent/Skill/Unique characteristic**
- **Numerous sources:**
  - **High School Guidance Office**
  - **Local Organizations/Foundations/Clubs**
  - **Churches**
  - **Parents' employers**
  - **Online websites/searches**



# Grants

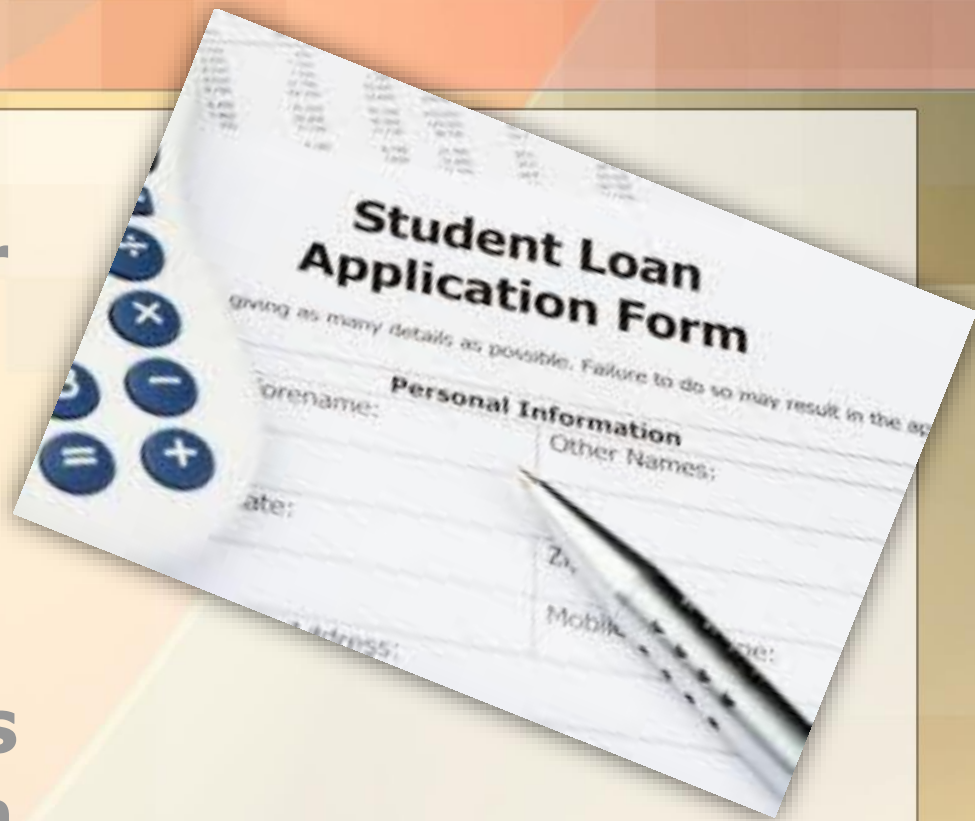
- **Money that does not have to be repaid**
- **Typically awarded based on financial need**
- **Federal:**
  - **Federal Pell Grant**
  - **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)**
  - **Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant**
- **State:**
  - **Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)**

# Grants

Grant	2016-2017 Award Amount
Federal Pell Grant	Up to \$5,815 for an EFC of \$5,201 or less
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)	Up to \$4,000; varies based on the institution; awarded to students with exceptional financial need
TEACH Grant	Up to \$4,000
Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)	Up to \$1,416 for public and \$2,832 for private and non-profit institutions with an EFC of \$2,190 or less and a maximum household income of \$75,000

# Loans

- Money that students and/or parents can borrow to help pay for college
- Repayment generally begins after graduation
- Borrow only what is necessary



# Loans

<b>Loan</b>	<b>Interest Rate 2016-2017</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Grace Period</b>	<b>Need- Based</b>
Direct Subsidized Loan	3.76% fixed*	1.068%	Six months	Yes
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	3.76% fixed	1.068%	Six months	No
Parent PLUS Loan	6.31% fixed	4.272%	None	No
Private/Alternative Loan	Varies	Varies	Varies	No

\*No interest accrues during period of enrollment

# Dependent Direct Loan Borrowing Limits

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Freshman	\$5,500; up to \$3,500 subsidized
Sophomore	\$6,500; up to \$4,500 subsidized
Junior/Senior	\$7,500; up to \$5,500 subsidized
<b>Aggregate Limit</b>	\$31,000; up to \$23,000 subsidized

# **Federal Work Study**

- **Allows a student to earn money to help pay for educational expenses**
- **Earn a paycheck or receive non-monetary compensation such as room and board**
- **Employment can be on or off campus**
- **Typically pay minimum wage**
- **FAFSA is required**

# Next Steps

- **Colleges create award packages for families once FAFSA is received**
- **Award packages become available in winter/spring**
- **Follow up with the FAO at the college you decide to attend**
- **Complete any additional required paperwork**
- **Follow deadlines to maximize scholarship, grant, and award eligibility**

# Special Circumstances

- **Cannot report special circumstances on the FAFSA**
- **Contact FAO for assistance**
- **Examples:**
  - **Change in employment status**
  - **Medical expenses not covered by insurance**
  - **Change in parent marital status**
  - **Unusual dependent care expenses**
  - **Student cannot obtain parental information**



# More Info: studentaid.ed.gov

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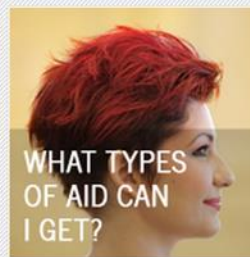
Repay Your Loans

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At Federal Student Aid, we make it easier to get money for higher education.



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PREPARE FOR  
COLLEGE?**

Learn about exploring careers, choosing and applying to schools, and taking required tests. Use checklists to help get ready.



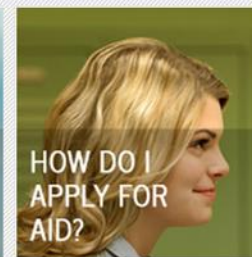
**WHAT TYPES  
OF AID CAN  
I GET?**

Read about the types of financial aid available from the government and other sources: grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study.



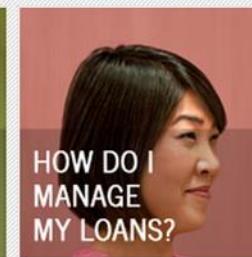
**DO I  
QUALIFY  
FOR AID?**

Most people are eligible for financial aid. Find out who gets aid, how to stay eligible, and how to get eligibility back if you've lost it.



**HOW DO I  
APPLY FOR  
AID?**

Learn how to submit your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA<sup>SM</sup>), how aid is calculated, and how you'll get your aid.



**HOW DO I  
MANAGE  
MY LOANS?**

Choose a repayment plan, pay on time, avoid default, and get help with problems.

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