


What You Need to Know About Financial Aid

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Topics We Will Discuss



- 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



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What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid consists of funds provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses








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What is Cost of Attendance (COA)?

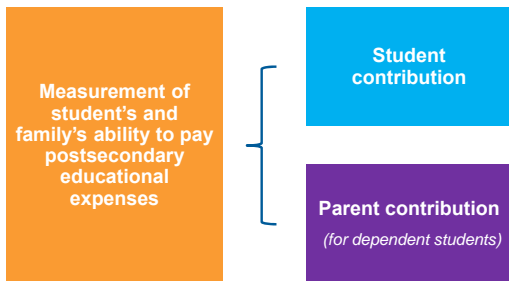
-  Tuition and fees
-  Room and board
-  Books and supplies
-  Transportation
-  Miscellaneous personal expenses



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What is Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?



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What is Financial Need?

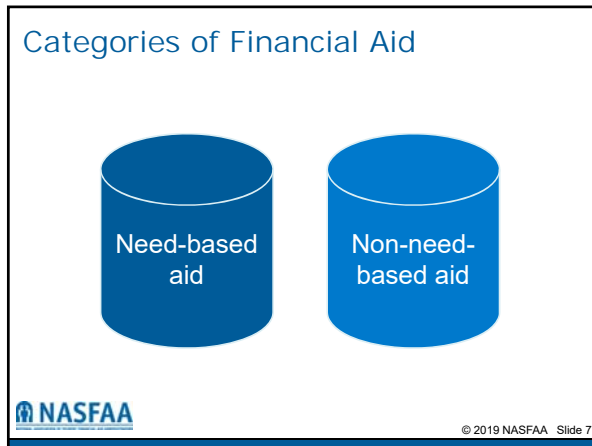
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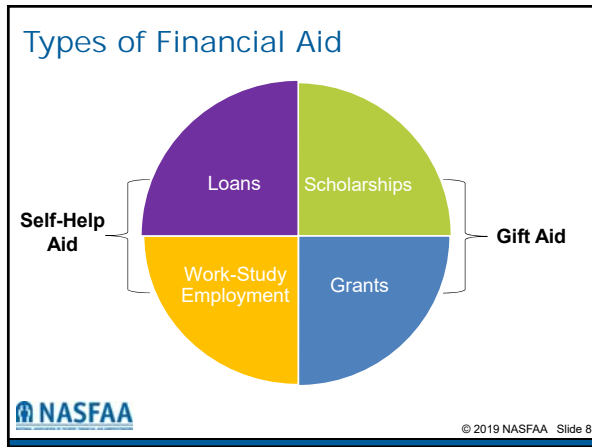
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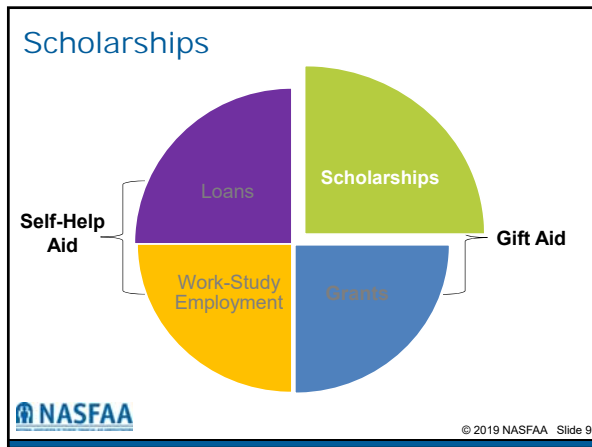
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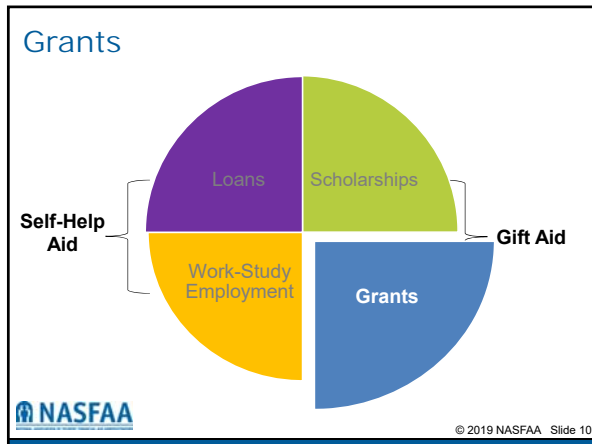


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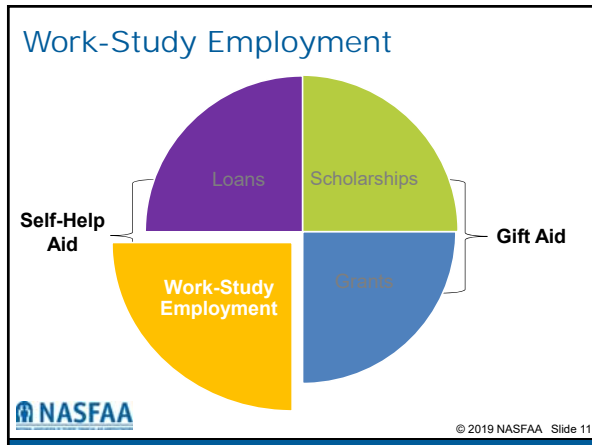


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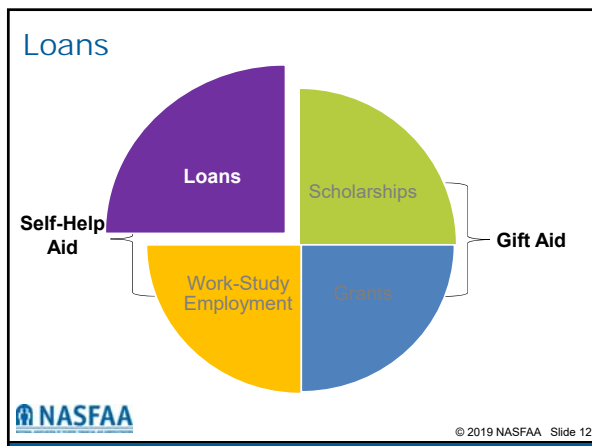
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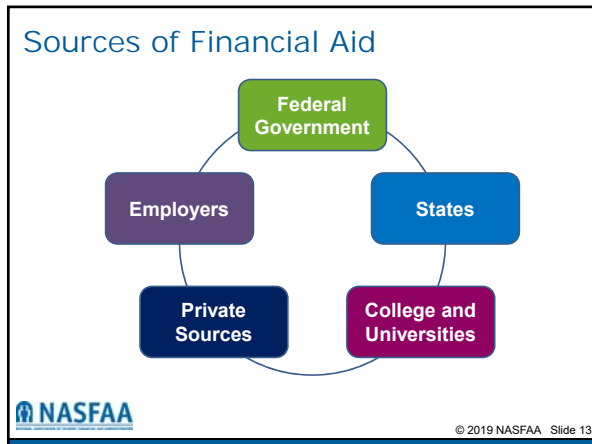


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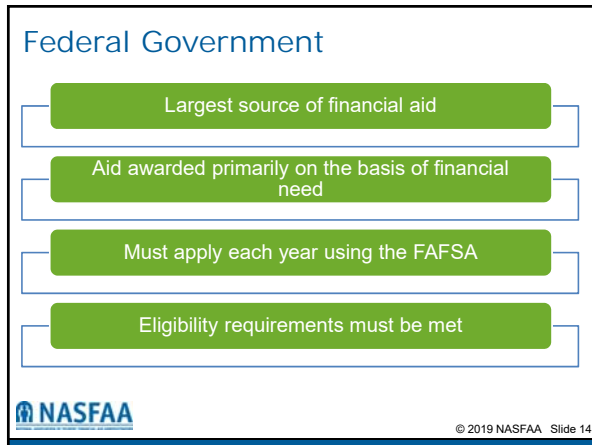


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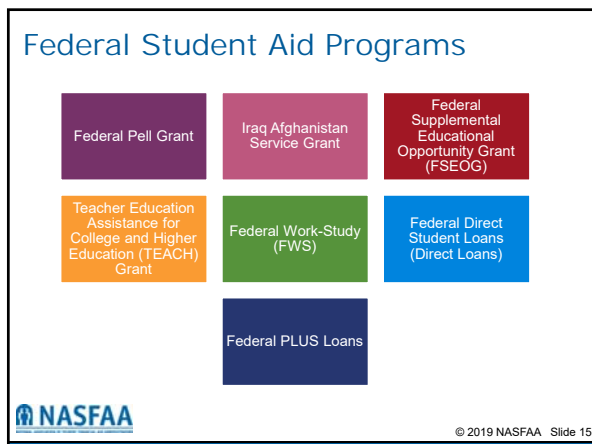
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States


- Residency requirements usually apply
- Award aid on the basis of both merit and need
- Use information from the FAFSA and/or state aid applications
- Deadlines vary by state

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Colleges and Universities

- Award aid on the basis of both merit and need
- Aid may be gift aid or self-help aid
- Use information from the FAFSA and/or institutional applications
- Deadlines and application requirements vary by institution

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Private Sources

- Foundations, businesses, churches, civic, and charitable organizations
- Deadlines and applications procedures vary
- Begin researching private sources early

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Employers


- May have scholarships available to the children of employees
- May have educational benefits for their employees

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)


- Collects demographic and financial information
- Information used to calculate the expected family contribution (EFC)
- Colleges use EFC to award financial aid
- Available in English and Spanish

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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 2020-21 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning October 1, 2019
- Colleges may set FAFSA priority dates


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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)
- myStudentAid mobile app
- Paper or PDF FAFSA
- FAFSA on the Phone (FOTP)
- FAA Access to CPS Online




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Benefits of Using FOTW or myStudentAid

- Built-in edits to prevent costly errors
- Skip-logic allows student and/or parent to skip unnecessary questions
- Option to use Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Data Retrieval Tool to import tax data




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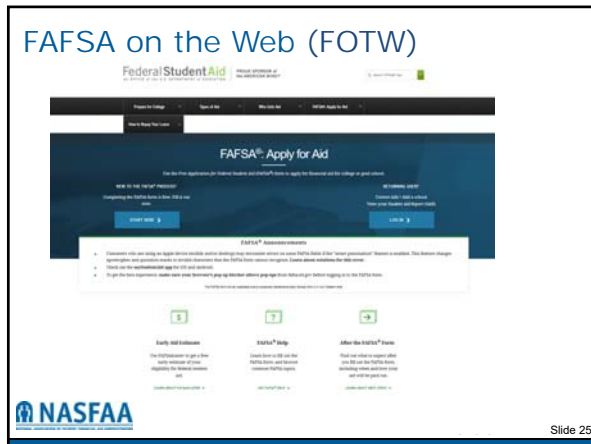
- More timely submission of original application and any necessary corrections
- More detailed instructions and “help” for common questions
- Ability to check application status online
- Simplified application process in the future



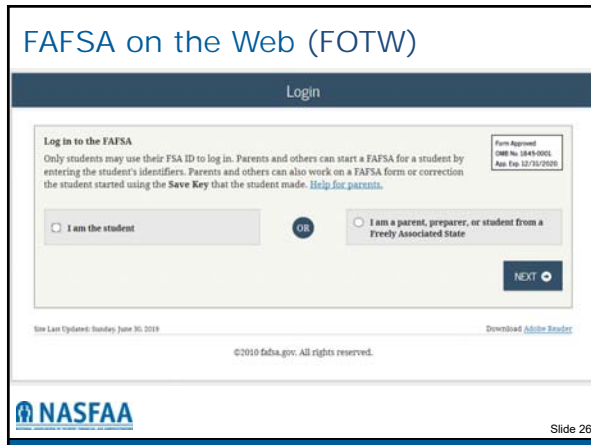
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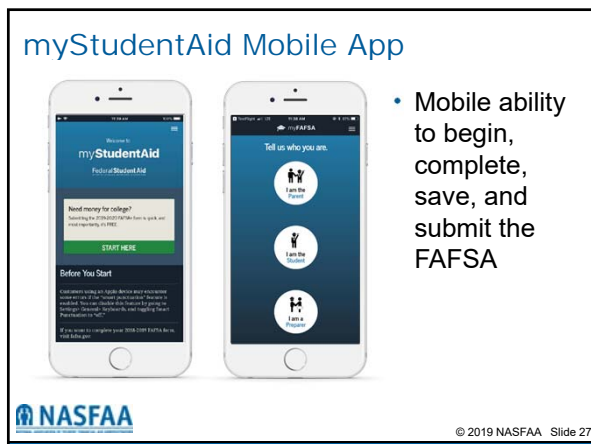
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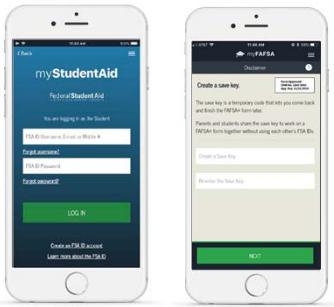
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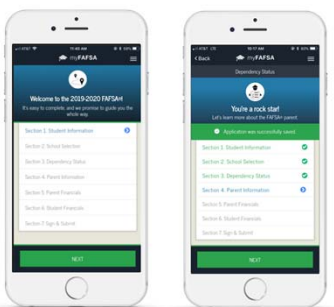


- Information protected the same as FOTW
- Prompts applicant to create a save key, allowing completion at later time


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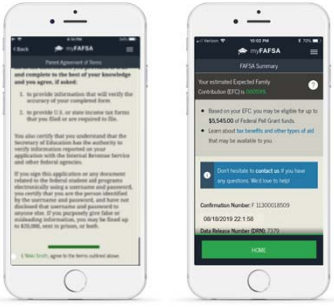


- FAFSA completion tracked
- Successful completion of each section indicated


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myStudentAid Mobile App



- Agreement of Terms checkbox
- Confirmation of submission
- Estimated EFC calculation

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IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

- Allows for certain tax return information to be transferred from the IRS database
- Participation is voluntary and student chooses whether or not to transfer data to FOTW
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity
- If tax record is found, IRS transfers information to populate the FAFSA
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office



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IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Certain tax filers cannot use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Did not indicate on FAFSA a tax return was completed	Marriage date is January 2019, or later	First three digits of the SSN are 666	Filed a non-U.S. tax return	Married and filed as head of household, or filed separate returns	Neither married parent entered a valid SSN	Non-married parent or both married parents entered all zeroes for the SSN
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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
- Only the owner should create a FSA ID
- Apply at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

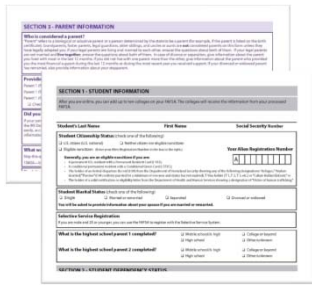


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FOTW Worksheet




- Preview of questions that may be asked regarding basic information for the student and parent, if applicable

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General Student Information

- Social Security Number
- Citizenship status
- Marital status
- Drug conviction of possession or sale
- Selective Service registration
- Highest education level completed by father/mother


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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

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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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Information About Student (and Spouse)

- 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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Additional Information

- College information
- Housing plans
- FAFSA preparer information



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Signatures

- Required
 - Student
 - One parent (dependent students)
- Format for submitting signatures
 - Electronic using FSA ID
 - Signature page
 - Paper FAFSA



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Frequent FAFSA Errors

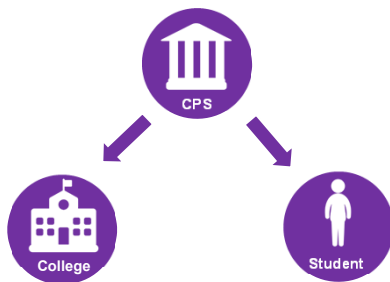
- Social Security Numbers
- Divorced/widowed/remarried parental information
- Income earned by parent/stepparent
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Household size
- Number of household members in college
- Real estate and investment net worth



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FAFSA Processing Results



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Email Notification of SAR Processing



- If valid email address is provided on FAFSA
- Provides access to electronic SAR at www.fafsa.gov



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SAR or SAR Acknowledgement



- SAR sent if paper FAFSA filed without providing an email address
- SAR Acknowledgement sent if FOTW filed without providing an email address



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Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)



- CPS sends results to colleges listed on the FAFSA
- College reviews ISIR and may request additional documentation



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Making Corrections

If necessary, corrections to FAFSA data may be made by:

- Using FAFSA on the Web, if student has a FSA ID;
- Updating paper SAR; or
- Submitting documentation to college's financial aid office.



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Special Circumstances

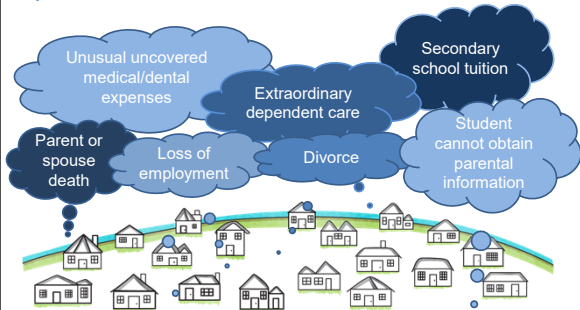
- Conditions exist that cannot be documented with the FAFSA
- Send written explanation and documentation to your college's financial aid office
- College will review and request additional information if necessary
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education



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