

Financial Assistance Overview

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Sources For Financing Your Child's Postsecondary Education

- Savings – Parent and student
- Current Income- Parent and student
- Future Income – Parent and student
- Financial Assistance

What you need to know!



- **Application process and requirements**
- **Contact the schools for their requirements**

Know the Financial Assistance Application Requirements

- 2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) > fafsa.gov
- 2016-17 College Scholarship Service Profile Application or Other Institutional Aid Application (used by some colleges to award university scholarships and grants) > collegeboard.com
- 2016-17 New York State Tuition Assistance Program Application (TAP) > hesc.ny.gov

How and when do we get started?

- December - February of the senior year in high school
- 1. *If Required* - Complete & submit CSS Profile or Institutional aid application
- 2. Parent and student need to go on-line and obtain Federal Student Aid ID - FSA ID#.
- 3. Complete & submit FAFSA and NY State TAP application between Jan 1 and Feb 15 or before schools' deadline date & annually thereafter



Apply for Parent and Student Federal Student Aid ID – FSA ID > fsaid.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid
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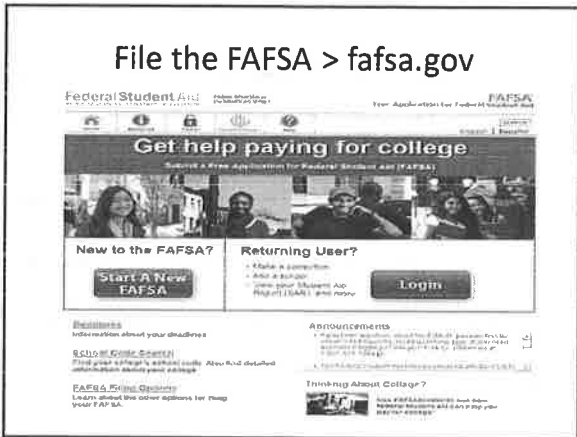
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Home > [FAFSA: Applying for Aid](#) > [Filing Out the FAFSA](#) > [The FSA ID](#)



The FSA ID is your electronic passport to federal student aid online.
If you're ready, you can create an FSA ID now.



FAFSA News for 2017-18

- Students will be able to file the FAFSA as early as October 1, 2016.
- The 2017-18 FAFSA will collect IRS income information from 2015 rather than 2016. The “prior-prior” year.
- This aligns the financial aid cycle more closely to the admissions cycle for students providing more time to explore and understand financial aid options.

How is the Expected Family Contribution-EFC calculated?

- Income information for the parent(s)
- Income information for the student applicant
- Asset information for the parent(s)
- Asset information for the student applicant
- Household size and number in college

Parent Contribution + Student Contribution =
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- Through the FAFSA, a uniform financial evaluation is performed that derives the *expected family contribution*. The *efc* is not the minimum or maximum amount a family must pay in meeting the student's annual college expenses.



What happens next?

- Once the FAFSA is processed, the family and student receive the expected family contribution results by mail or email through a document called the Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Each of the schools listed on the FAFSA get these results electronically and begin to review and prepare an aid package assuming the student has been accepted.

Calculating Financial Need

▶ Annual 2016-17 Cost of Attendance - \$35,000

Please Note: Cost of Attendance Includes tuition/fees, room/board, books, transportation & allowance for personal expenses.

▶ Less FAFSA EFC- 15,000

▶ = Financial Need **20,000**

Merit Based Admissions Scholarships –
FREE MONEY

- Awards or scholarships based on high school averages and standardized test scores
- Awards or scholarships based on academic merit and financial need
- Scholarship amounts may be partial to full

Talent Based Scholarships and Awards-
FREE MONEY

- Awards based on artistic or musical talent and academic merit
- Awards based on performance and academic merit

Performance Based Scholarships and Grants

- Scholarships based on athletic ability
- Awards based on participation and performance

Need Based Grant Example

Eligibility based on evaluated financial need from the FAFSA or CSS Profile

Federal Financial Assistance



Federal Grants - Free Money

- **Federal Pell Grant Program –**
Current 2015-16 awards range from \$626 to \$5,775 annually
- **Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants - SEOG**
students must be Pell Grant eligible to qualify-
amounts are variable up to \$4000 per year

New York State Grant Assistance - TAP

- The Tuition Assistance Program - TAP provides substantial grant assistance to eligible New York State residents attending colleges in New York state.
- Families with New York state Net Taxable Incomes of less than \$80,000 are currently eligible.
- Awards for 2015-16 range from \$500 to \$5,165 per year to assist with tuition costs only.

Work Opportunities for Students

- Federal College Work Study Grants
- Federal America Reads Work Program
- Cooperative Education Employment
- Other part-time on-campus employment



FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM

- Best financing option for students; available regardless of financial need.
- Two repayment options available:
 - Subsidized: fixed 4.29% interest rate, interest does not accrue while in school, repayment of interest and principal due 6 months after graduation.
 - Unsubsidized: fixed 4.29% interest rate, interest accrues while in school, repayment of interest and principal begins 6 months after graduation.
- Annual Loan Limits (2015-16):
 - Freshman \$5,500 • Sophomore \$6,500 • Junior/Senior \$7,500
- An additional \$4,000 to \$5,000 in additional loan funds are available annually to independent students and dependent students if the Parent Loan is denied.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOAN PROGRAM

- Available to the parent or legal guardian of a dependent student.
- Fixed 6.84% interest rate; in-school interest payments are required.
- Credit check required.
- Also available to graduate students.

Other Educational Financing Options

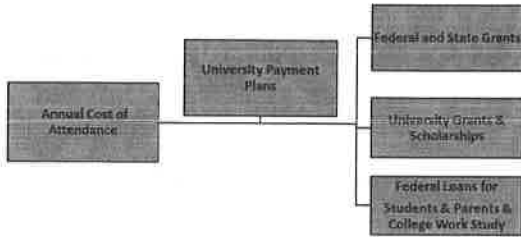
- **Private Bank Loan Programs** - *always utilize all federal grant and loan programs before considering alternative loan options.*
- **Deferred Tuition Payment Plan Programs**
- **Section 529 Plans**
 - Prepaid Tuition Plans
 - College Savings Plans

What you need to know!



- Elements of a financial assistance package
- Packages are likely to arrive between February – April if all aid applications are complete and student has been admitted .

Components of a Financial Aid Package



WHAT WILL COLLEGE REALLY COST ME?

UNDERGRADUATE COMMUTER EFC Is 15,000

Tuition and Fees	\$34,000
President's Award	19,000
New York TAP Award	1,000
Student Loans	
Subsidized	3,500
Unsubsidized	2,000
= Balance Due**	\$8,500

**Can be paid by one or more of the following sources:

- University Payment Plan
- Parent PLUS loan
- Military Benefits
- Private Educational Loan
- Work Study Proceeds

WHAT WILL COLLEGE REALLY COST ME?

UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENT EFC Is 15,000

Tuition and Fees	\$34,000
Room and Board	12,750
President's Award	19,000
New York TAP Award	1,000
Student Loans	
Subsidized	3,500
Unsubsidized	2,000
= Balance Due**	\$21,250

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- Parent PLUS loan
- Military Benefits
- Private Educational Loan
- Work Study Proceeds

Net Price Calculators

- The calculations are based on the basic formula of price of attendance minus grant aid. The calculator will generate an estimate based on the student's unique information and what similar students paid in the previous year. The estimate generated from the calculator will not represent a final or binding determination of the institution's cost.

Summary

- **Start to plan now, it is not too late!**
- **Visit college campuses preferably in-person, but at least start "on-line".**
- **Educate yourself on all of the scholarship and "free money" options.**
- **Utilize the on-line tools to help you plan.**
- **Start the application process early!**

Helpful Websites

- www.fsaaid.ed.gov
- www.fafsa.gov
- www.collegeboard.com (CSS Profile)
- www.hesc.ny.gov (TAP and NYS Academic Applications)
- www.fastweb.com (Free Scholarship Database)
- www.finaid.org (Financial Aid Resource)
- www.irs.gov (Education Tax Credits)
- www.collegescorecard.ed.gov
