

FINANCIAL AID 101

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Topics We'll Cover

- Terms & tools
- Completing the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Types & sources of aid
- Aid programs
- Tips



File the FAFSA

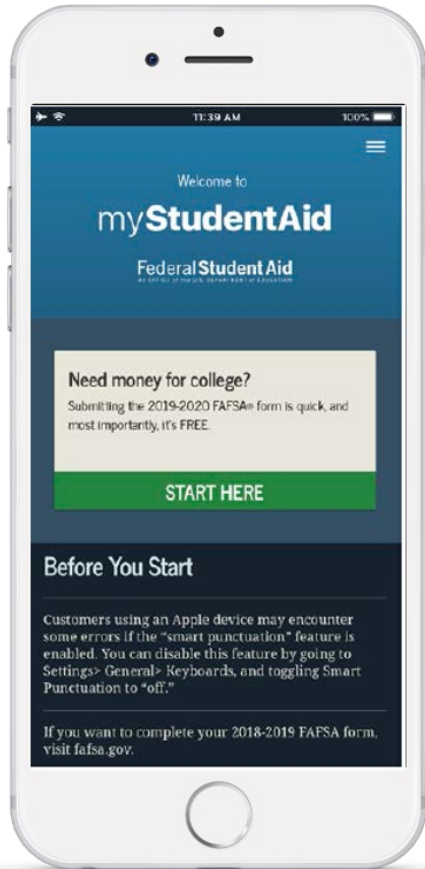
fafsa.gov

Getting federal student aid has never been easier.

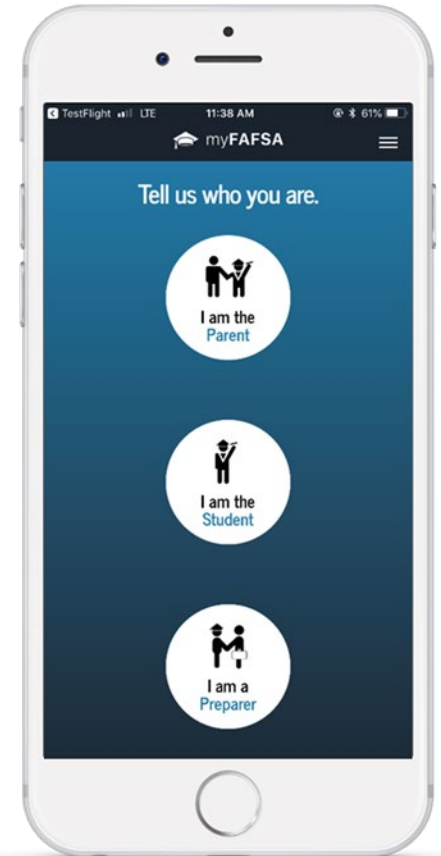
STEP 1 Create Your Account	An FSA ID is your username and password combination that you use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites and to sign the FAFSA form electronically. If you're a dependent student, both you and your parent need FSA IDs. SIGN UP →
STEP 2 Submit Your FAFSA® Form	The online FAFSA form will guide you step by step. Once you complete and submit the application, your information automatically gets sent to the schools you listed on your FAFSA form. FILL OUT A FAFSA FORM →
STEP 3 Review and Accept Your Aid	Your school will send you an aid offer listing the types and amounts of aid you're eligible for. Look carefully at your options. If you're offered loans, remember that you should borrow only what you need, and consider federal loans before private loans. LEARN MORE →

- Applications accepted starting October 1
- File each year for each student in college
- Use income from 2 years prior
 - 2018 income for the *2020-21* FAFSA

myStudentAid Mobile App



- Android or Apple
- Must have FSA ID
- Save, complete & submit the FAFSA
- IRS DRT available

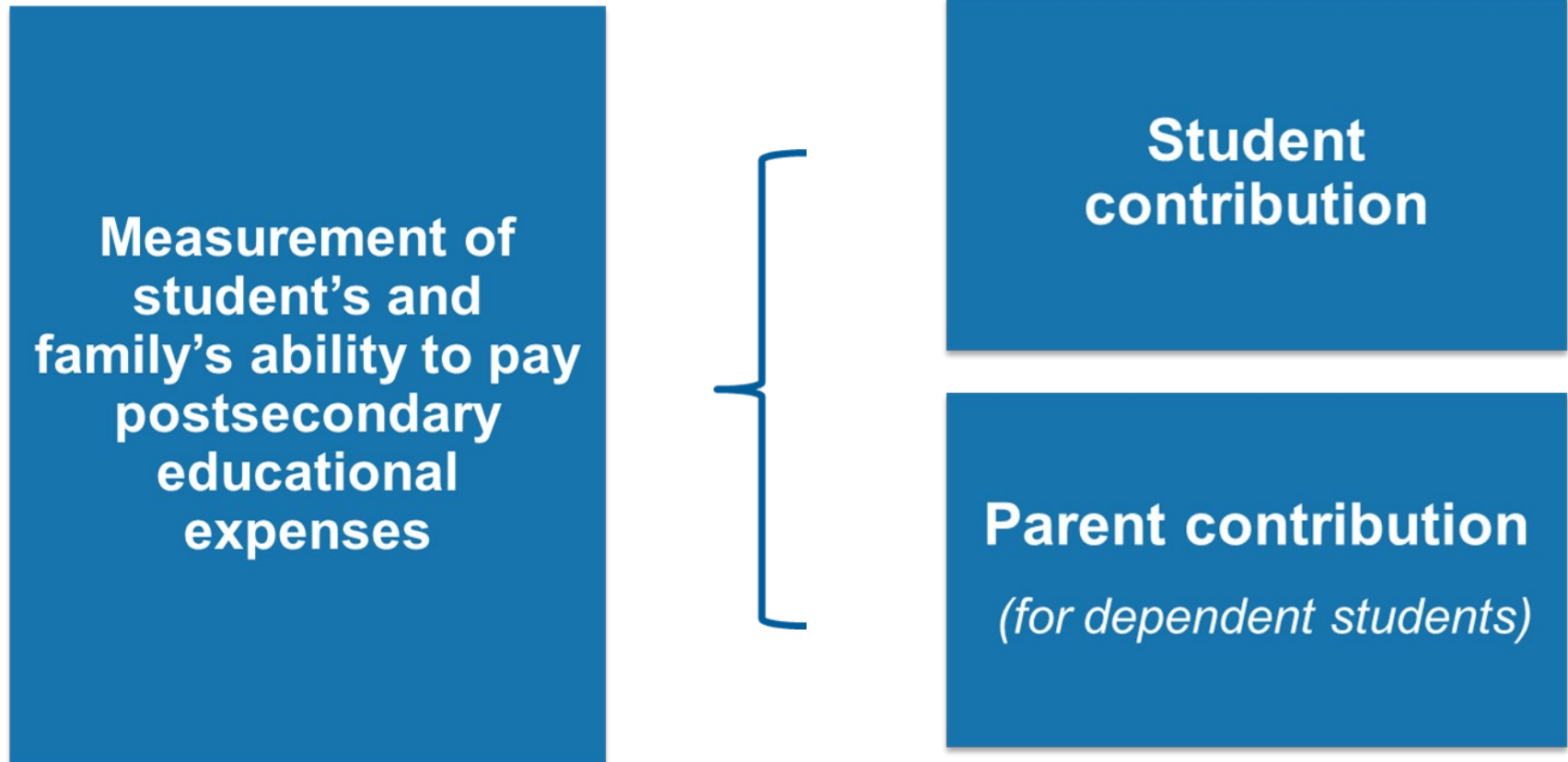


Federal Methodology



- Federal Methodology
 - Formula created by Congress, uses all information on the FAFSA.
 - Determines the Federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)



Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- Index number that the financial aid office uses to determine aid eligibility
- Stays the same regardless of college choice
- The EFC is ***not***:
 - The amount of money you will pay
 - The amount of federal aid you will receive



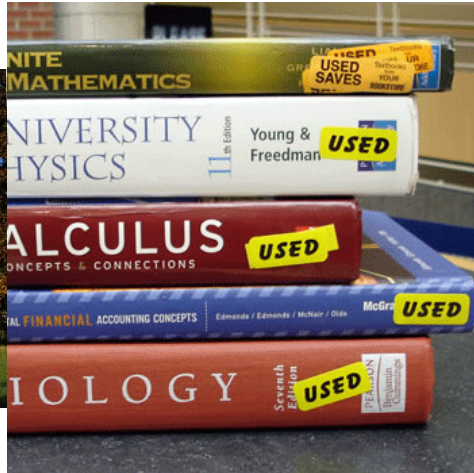
Cost of Attendance

Direct Expenses

- Tuition and fees
- Room and meal plan (on campus)

Indirect Expenses

- Books and supplies
- Transportation
- Personal expenses



Definition of Need

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ & - \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ & = \text{NEED} \end{aligned}$$



Financial Need Examples

Cost of Attendance	\$40,000
- EFC	\$15,000
= Need	\$25,000
Cost of Attendance	\$65,000
- EFC	\$15,000
= Need	\$50,000

Net Price Calculator

- Want to get an early estimate of your aid at a particular college?
- Complete for each college in which you are interested
- Provide income information
- Gives you an estimate of the aid for which you are eligible
- Also provides cost information

<https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>



FAFSA4caster

fafsa.gov



Early Aid Estimate

Use *FAFSA4caster* to get a free early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid.

[LEARN ABOUT FAFSA4CASTER →](#)



FAFSA[®] Help

Learn how to fill out the FAFSA form, and browse common FAFSA topics.

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After the FAFSA[®] Form

Find out what to expect after you fill out the FAFSA form, including when and how your aid will be paid out.

[LEARN ABOUT NEXT STEPS →](#)



FSA ID

fsaid.ed.gov

- Username and password
 - Legal signature on the FAFSA
 - Access to other U.S. Department of Education sites
 - Student and 1 parent need an FSA ID
 - Email address and mobile phone number cannot be used with more than one FSA ID

Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID is a username and password that 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.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

Important: When you are done, select 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

Manage My FSA ID

Create your FSA ID username and password below.

Username

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Password

?

Confirm Password

?

✓ Numbers

✓ Uppercase Letters

✓ Lowercase Letters

✓ 8-30 Characters

Show Text

CONTINUE

FAFSA on the Web www.fafsa.gov

FAFSA®: Apply for Aid

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school.

NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

RETURNING USER?
Correct info • Add a school
View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

START HERE > **LOG IN >**

FAFSA® Announcements

- Heads Up! The new 2020–21 FAFSA form is almost here! To upload this new and improved version, fafsa.gov will be unavailable: Sunday, Sept. 29, from 4:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. Eastern time (ET) and Monday, Sept. 30, from 9 p.m. through 1 a.m. ET, Oct. 1.
- Customers who are using an Apple device (mobile and/or desktop) may encounter errors on some FAFSA fields if the “smart punctuation” feature is enabled. This feature changes apostrophes and quotation marks to invalid characters that the FAFSA form cannot recognize. **Learn about solutions for this error.**
- Check out the **myStudentAid app** for iOS and Android.

[View All FAFSA® Announcements](#)

The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 3–11 a.m. Eastern time.

FAFSA on the Web

Parent Marital Status

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status **Parent Demographics** Financial Information Sign & Submit Confirmation

PARENT INFORMATION

✓ Application was successfully saved.

i Because the FAFSA belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

As of today, what is the marital status of your [parents](#)? **?**

Married or Remarried ▼

When did your parents get married or remarried? **?**

01/1990

PREVIOUS NEXT

General Eligibility Requirements - Students

- Earn a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Accepted for enrollment in an eligible program.
- Must be U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.



General Eligibility Requirements - Students

- Must have valid Social Security Number (SSN)
 - www.ssa.gov
- Must be registered with Selective Service (if male and required)
 - www.sss.gov



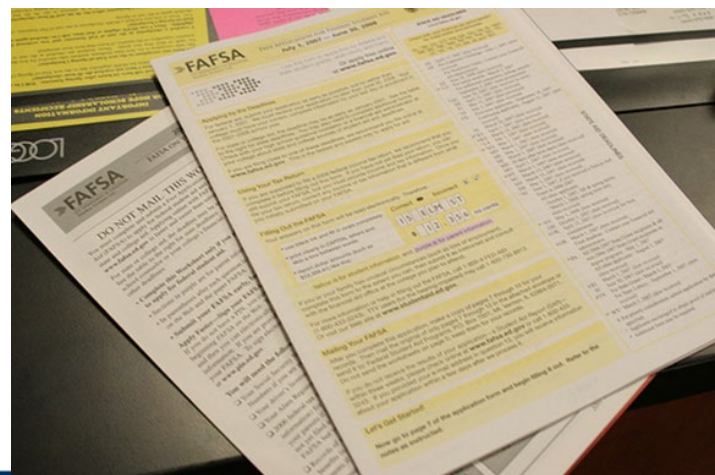
Completing the FAFSA

- **Student demographic information**
 - SSN
 - Citizenship status
 - Marital status
 - State of legal residence
 - Drug conviction status
 - Selective Service registration
 - Level of parents' school completion



Completing the FAFSA

- **Student dependency status**
 - Born before January 1, 1997
 - Married
 - Serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces
 - Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
 - Since turning age 13
 - Both parents were deceased
 - In foster care
 - Dependent or ward of the court
 - Emancipated minor
 - In legal guardianship



Completing the FAFSA

- **Student dependency status**

- Working on a master's or doctorate program
- Having children who receive more than half of their support from you
- Having dependents other than children who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you
- Homeless or at the risk of being homeless

If none of these items apply to the student, they are dependent and will need to provide parent information.

Completing the FAFSA

- **Parent(s) Information**
 - Marital Status (as of the day the FAFSA is completed)
 - Never married
 - Unmarried, both legal parents living together
 - Married or remarried
 - Divorced or separated
 - Widowed
 - Household size/# in college
 - SSN/Name/Date of Birth
 - State of legal residence



IRS Data Retrieval Tool

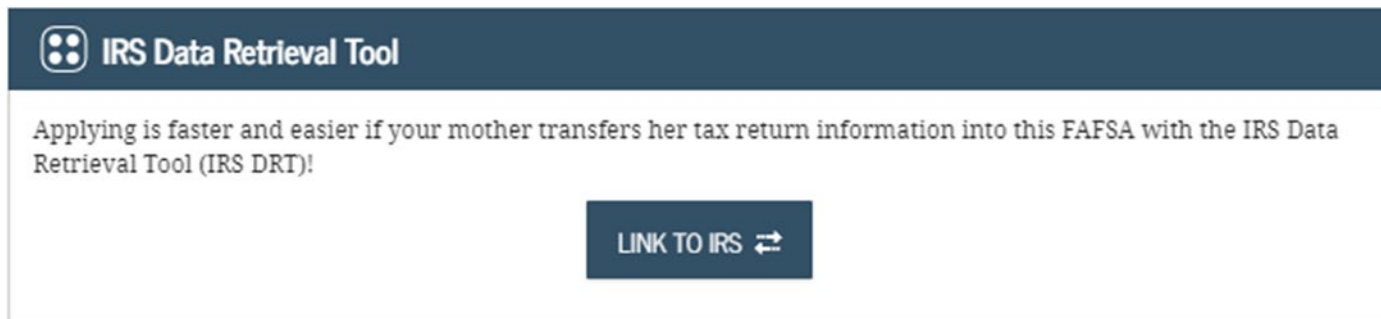
- Applicants may submit a real-time request for IRS tax data.
- The IRS will authenticate the taxpayer's identity.
- If a match is found, the IRS will send the results in real-time.
- Applicants may choose whether or not to transfer the data.



IRS Data Retrieval Tool

■ Tips

- Schools and state agencies can view the data
- Screening question for IRA/pension rollovers
- Joint filers manually enter income earned from work
- Do not change the IRS data
- Do **NOT** update the FAFSA to 2019 income!




Completing the FAFSA

- Asset questions
 - As of the day the FAFSA is completed
 - Cash, savings and checking accounts
 - Investment net worth
 - Business/Investment Farm
- List colleges to receive the information (up to 10)
- Enter the FSA ID for student and parent



FAFSA Confirmation Page

2018-2019 Confirmation Page

 **Congratulations, Abel!**
Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.


Confirmation Number: F 11404916307 09/14/2018 15:13:34

Data Release Number ([DRN](#)): 9999

What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address:
newuser@fafsademo.com

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> **Estimated** Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 999999

> **IRS** Information

> **School(s)** on your FAFSA:

Process



- File Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Use the DRT
- Receive Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Complete any institution specific applications
- Receive/Return Financial Aid Award Letter
- Provide Additional Documentation
- Process Student Loans

Sources of Aid

- Institutional
 - Merit based
 - Need based
- Federal
- State
- Other
 - Athletic Scholarships
 - Outside Scholarships
 - Veteran's benefits
 - Resident Assistantships
 - Tax Credits

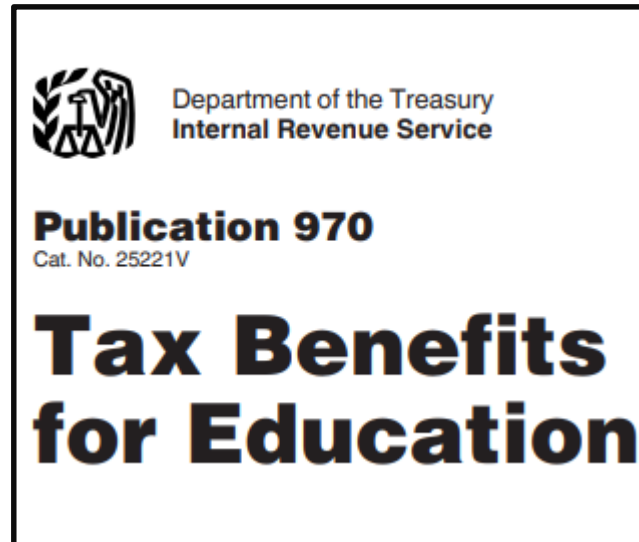
FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES:

- The U.S. Federal Government
- Your State Government
- Your College or Career School
- Nonprofit or Private Organization

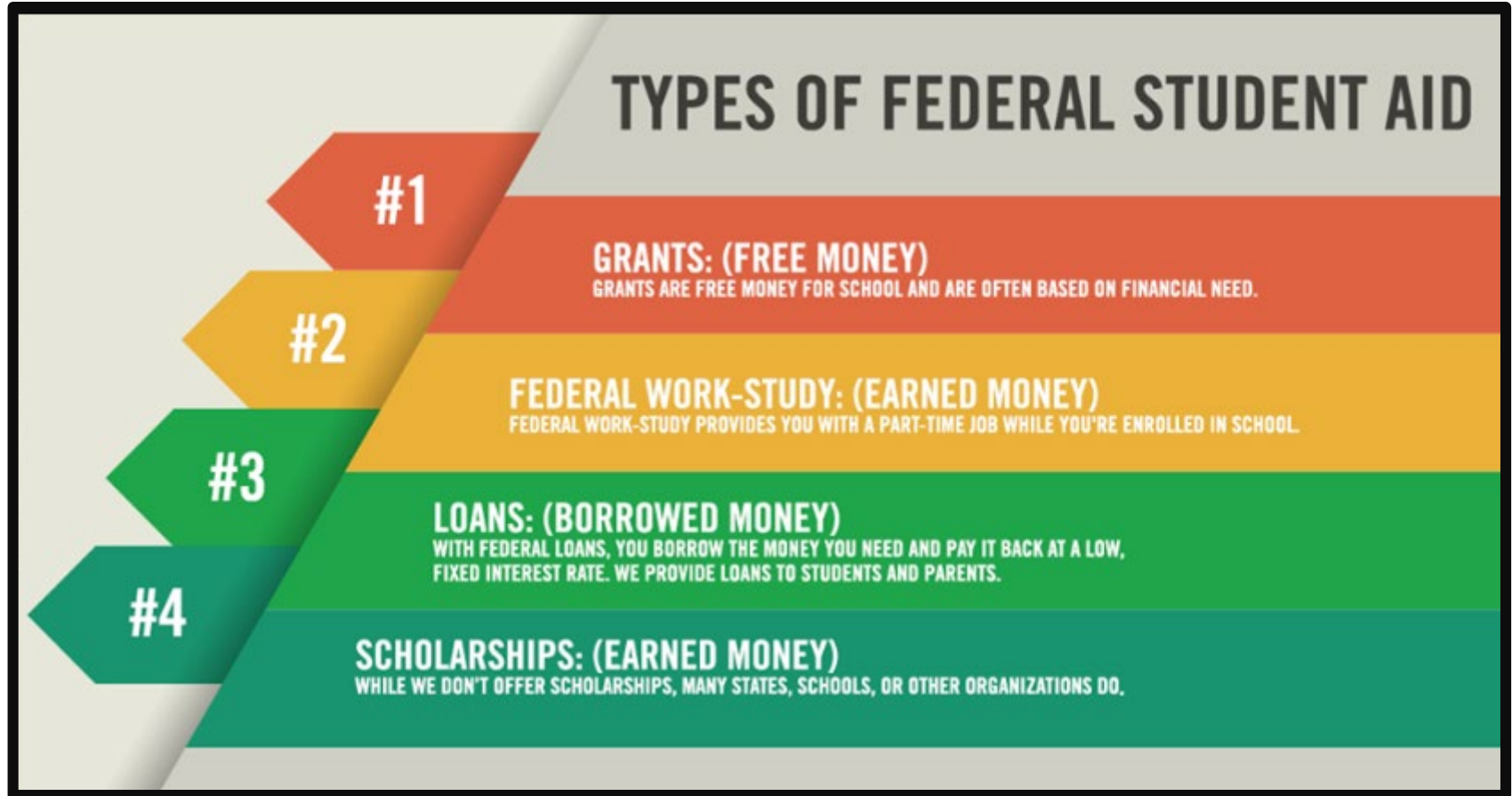


Tax Credits

- American Opportunity Tax Credit
- Lifetime Learning Tax Credit
- Tuition and Fees Deduction
- Student Loan Interest Deduction



Types of Financial Aid



Grants and Scholarships

- Federal
 - Federal Pell Grant
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
 - Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant
 - Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants

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Grants and Scholarships

- STATE
 - New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG)
 - NJSTARS and NJSTARS II
 - Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)

www.njgrants.org

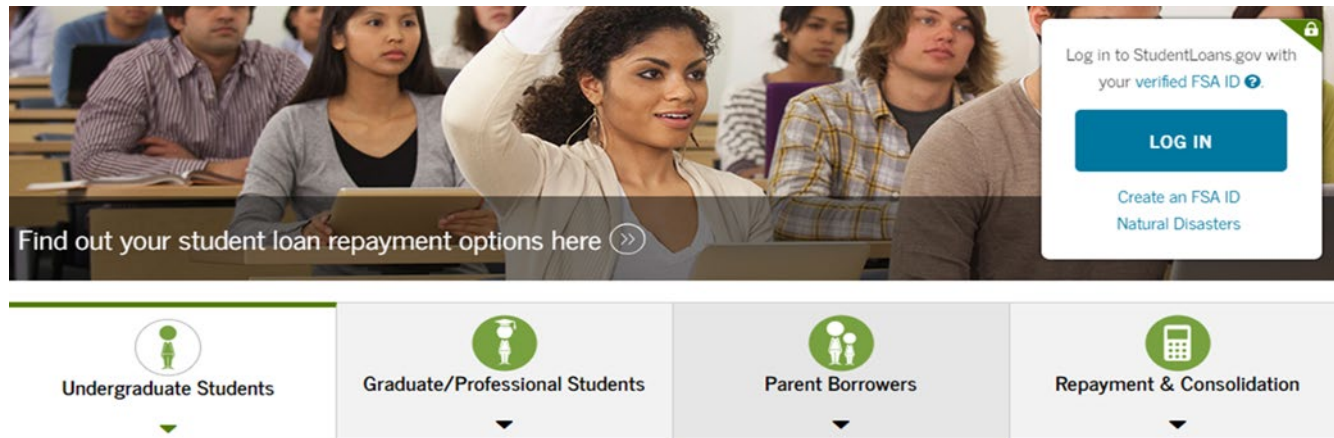


More Grants and Scholarships

- Private Sources
 - Think local and global
 - Use the Counseling Office's Resources
 - Internet Resources
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.scholarships.com
 - Only use free resources







Federal Direct Loan Program



- **Federal Direct Loan Program**
 - Borrowed by the student
 - No cosigner, no credit check
 - Must file the FAFSA
 - Entrance counseling and master promissory note must be completed

Supplemental Loans

FEDERAL vs. PRIVATE Student Loans

FEDERAL	VS.	PRIVATE
Payments aren't due until after you graduate, leave school, or change your enrollment status to less than half-time.	 REPAYMENT	Many private student loans require payments while you are still in school, but some do allow you to defer (put off) payments while in school.
You don't need to get a credit check to qualify for federal student loans (except for PLUS loans).	 CREDIT	Private student loans often require an established credit record or a cosigner.
The interest rate is fixed and is often lower than private loans.	 INTEREST RATES	Variable or fixed interest rates, which may be higher or lower than the rates on federal loans depending on your circumstances.
You may be eligible to have some portion of your loans forgiven if you work in public service.	 LOAN FORGIVENESS	Although many private lenders do not offer loan forgiveness programs, some student loans from state agencies can be forgiven in certain circumstances.

WARNING! If you have both federal and private student loans, be careful about refinancing with a private lender. You will lose your rights under the federal student loan program, including deferment, forbearance, forgiveness, and affordable repayment options.

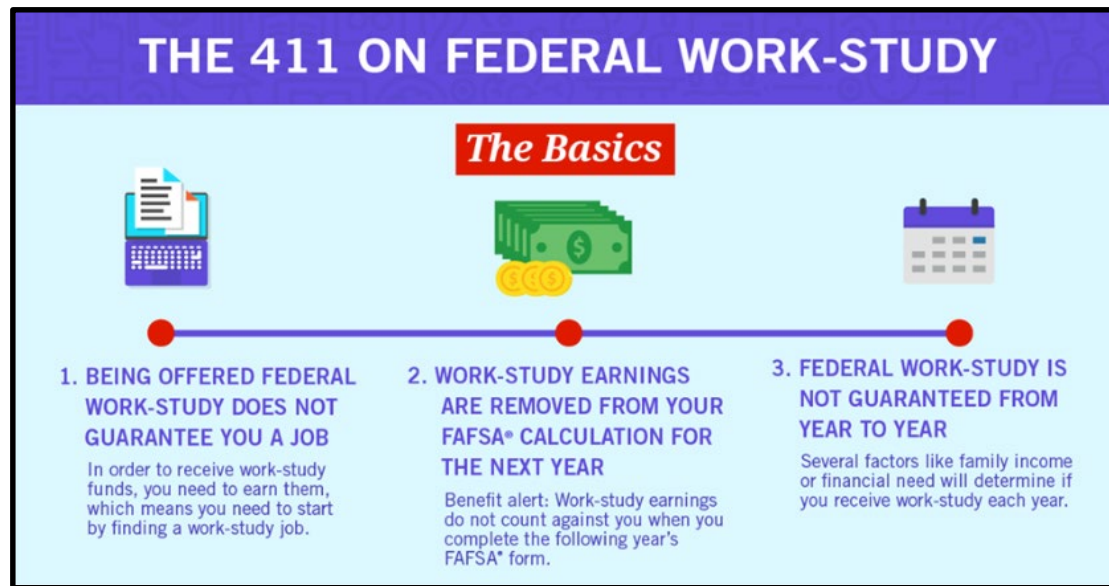
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Employment

- Federal Work Study
- Institutional Work Programs
- Off-Campus Jobs



Tuition Payment Plans

- Not a loan
 - Enrollment fee
- Make tuition payments in monthly installments
- Fit payments into your monthly budget
- Various payment options



Tips

- READ, READ, READ
 - all mail/email promptly
 - instructions carefully
 - review before submitting
- Maintain copies of all documents
- Do not sign your son or daughter's name/FSA ID to financial aid documents
- Involve your student
- Consult a financial aid officer



Questions to ask a Financial Aid Administrator

- Are institutional scholarship and grant awards renewable?
- What are the policies for work-study positions?
- Will an outside scholarship change my aid?
- How can I use financial aid to pay for books?
- What if there's been a job loss, loss of untaxed benefit, or other change in circumstance?



Questions



Monmouth.financialaidtv.com
Studentaid.gov/resources