

What You Need to Know About Financial Aid

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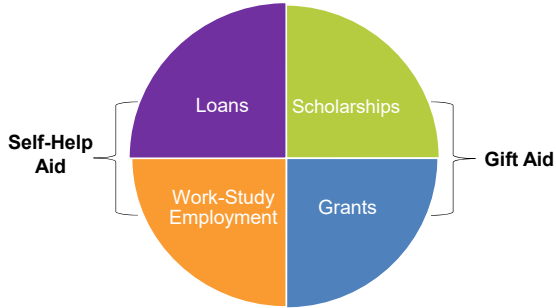
What Is Financial Aid?


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



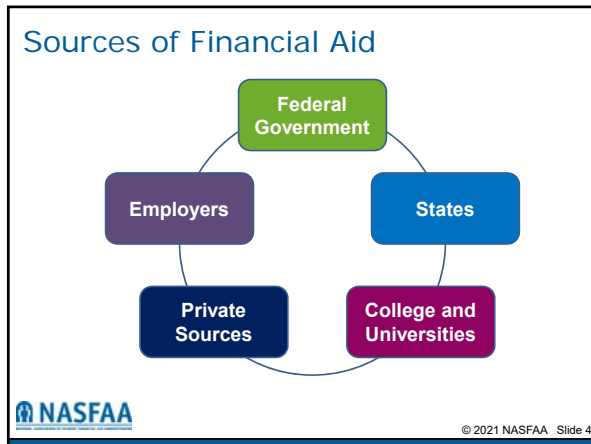
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Types of Financial Aid



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- ### State of South Dakota
- SD Opportunity Scholarship
 - Dakota Corps Scholarship
 - Build Dakota Scholarship
 - Jump Start Scholarship
 - Freedom Scholarship
 - SD Need-Based Grant
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- ### Colleges and Universities
- Aid provided 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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Federal Student Aid Programs

- Federal Pell Grant
- Iraq Afghanistan Service Grant (IASG)
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant
- Federal Work-Study (FWS)
- Federal Direct Student Loans (Direct Loans)
- Federal PLUS Loans



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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

A standard form that collects demographic and financial information about the student and family



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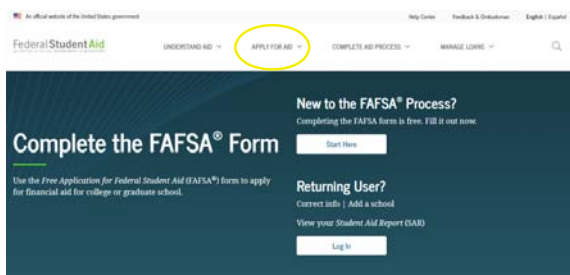
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- 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 2022-23 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning October 1, 2021
- Colleges may set FAFSA priority dates



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FAFSA on the Web



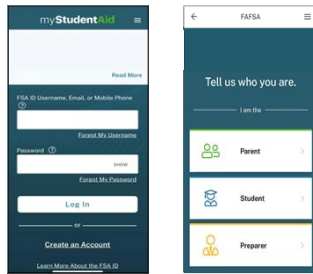
Website: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>



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myStudentAid Mobile App



- Mobile ability to begin, complete, save, and submit the FAFSA



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Steps to Complete the FAFSA

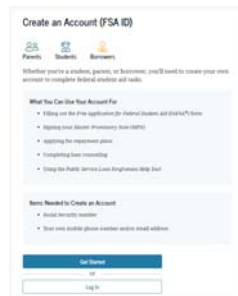
- Create an FSA ID
- Gather the documents needed
- Start your FAFSA at FAFSA.gov
- Provide your basic personal information
- List colleges and/or career schools
- Answer dependency questions
- Provide parent demographic information
- Provide financial information
- Sign and submit the FAFSA
- Receive the Student Aid Report (SAR)



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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 an FSA ID
- Apply at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>



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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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Independent Student

In general, one of the following must apply:

- 24 years of age
- Graduate student
- Veteran
- Married
- Have a child or other dependent
- Orphan or ward of the court
- Certifiably homeless



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Information About Financials

- 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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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 to transfer data to FAFSA
- 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 2021, 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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Additional Information

- College and housing information
- FAFSA preparer information
- Required Signatures
 - Student & one parent if dependent student
 - Sign with FSA ID, Signature Page, or paper FAFSA



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Frequent FAFSA Errors

- Social Security Numbers
- Divorced/widowed/remarried parental information
- Income earned by parent/stepparent
- Student income = parent income
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Household size
- Real estate and investment net worth



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Here's what happens next:

- You will receive an email version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an email notifying you that your FAFSA form 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).

Congratulations, HARVEY!


Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) =999999

- The EFC is a measure of how much you can contribute to the cost of your education. Schools use your EFC to determine your federal student aid eligibility.
- The EFC is not how much aid you will receive or how much you have to pay for college.

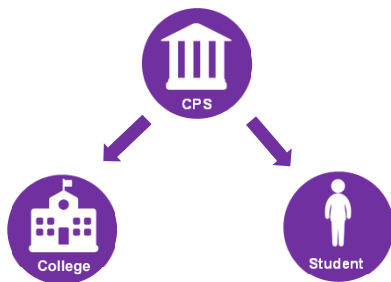
ESTIMATED ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- Based on the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for the following federal student aid:
- Direct Loan Estimate - \$5,500.00
- You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.



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FAFSA Processing Results



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Making Corrections

Students should only correct information that was reported incorrectly on the FAFSA.

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

- Going to fafsa.gov and using an FSA ID;
- OR
- Submitting documentation to college's financial aid office



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Follow Up Documentation

School will notify student of any documents needed to finalize FAFSA.

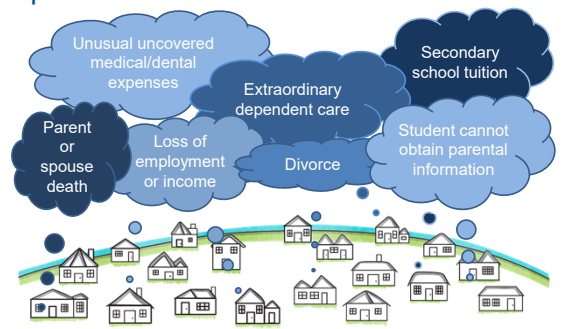
If selected for verification, must do ONE of the following:

- Make a correction to the FAFSA and use IRS Data Retrieval Tool for both student and parent
- Provide copies of Tax Return Transcripts or Tax Returns



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Special Circumstances



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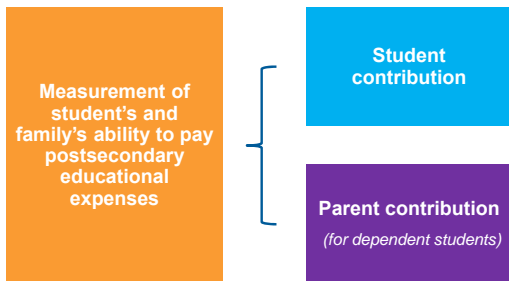
Special Circumstances

- 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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What Is Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?



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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 Financial Need?

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Cost of attendance (COA)} \\ - \text{Expected family contribution (EFC)} \\ \hline = \text{Financial need} \end{array}$$



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What's Next

- Review college websites for admission & financial aid information
- Meet all application deadlines
- Receive financial aid offer
 - Electronic and/or paper format
 - Processing dates may vary greatly depending on institutional policy. Stay in contact with each school.
- Complete Master Promissory Note and Entrance Loan Counseling at <https://StudentAid.gov>
- Investigate all sources of aid



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Ask for Help

- Becky Pribyl at Northern State University's Financial Aid Office
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