

National Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators Presents ...

Getting Started: The Financial Aid Process 2014-2015

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Important to Note

- A lot of info in a short period of time
- You may not agree with all I have to say
 - Federal Aid based on Federal LAW
- Please Ask Questions and feel free to contact me with questions later
- Suggestion: Create a Financial Aid File
- Track conversations/communications

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Caution

- **DO NOT PAY** to file the **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Completion and processing of the FAFSA are FREE
 - If filing via FAFSA on the Web, be sure to go directly to www.fafsa.gov
 - College Financial Aid Offices are a resource
- **DO NOT PAY** for scholarship searches

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What is FAFSA and Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

- FAFSA = Standard Form that collects information about the student **and** parent
- Calculates the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - Amount student/family can reasonably be expected to contribute toward the student's education for an academic year (NOT what you owe the college)
 - Stays the same regardless of college
 - Calculated using a **Federal Formula**
 - Used by Colleges to award financial aid

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Principles of Need Analysis (FAFSA Process)

- Parents have **primary responsibility** to pay for their dependent children's education
- Students also have a **responsibility** to contribute to their educational costs
- Families should be evaluated in their **present financial condition (2013 Tax Information)**
 - It is OKAY to estimate 2013 tax information.
 - **Do NOT WAIT to file**
 - Update the information on the FAFSA after you file taxes

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What IF...Unusual Circumstances

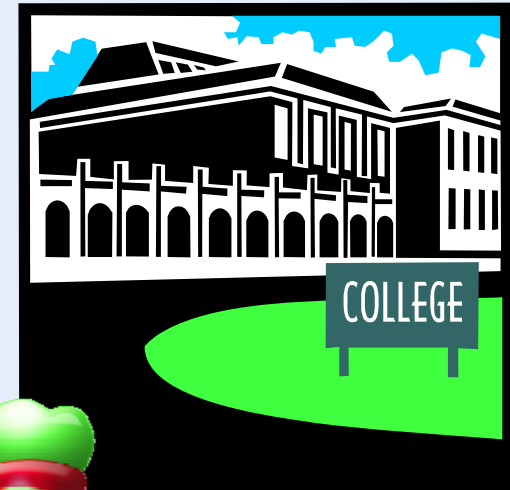
- Examples of special circumstances
 - Change in employment status
 - Child support ends/ended
 - Medical expenses not covered by insurance
 - Change in parent marital status
 - Unusual dependent care expenses
- Cannot report these circumstances on the FAFSA
- Notify EACH college by calling or writing

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What is Financial Aid?

Funds provided to students to help pay for educational expenses. This is achieved by:

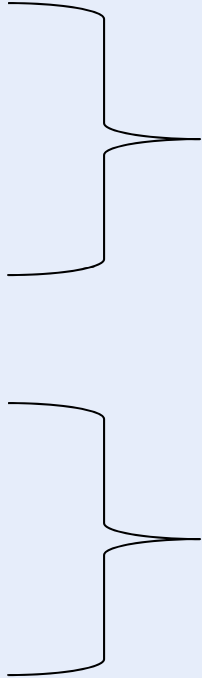
- Evaluating family's **ability to pay**
- Distributing **limited** resources in equitable manner
- Providing a balance of **gift aid** and **self-help aid**



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Types of Financial Aid

**See handout Federal Student Aid Program Summary

- Scholarships
 - Grants
 - Loans
 - Employment
- Gift Aid
- Self-Help Aid
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- A diagram consisting of two large right-facing curly braces. The top brace groups the items 'Scholarships' and 'Grants', with the text 'Gift Aid' positioned to its right. The bottom brace groups the items 'Loans' and 'Employment', with the text 'Self-Help Aid' positioned to its right.

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- Website: www.fafsa.gov is a secured federal website
- 2014–15 FAFSA on the Web available on **January 1, 2014**
- Two Award Years will display until June 2014
 - 2013 - 2014
 - **2014 – 2015**
- Can save and return later to complete
- FAFSA on the Web Worksheet Used as “pre-application” worksheet

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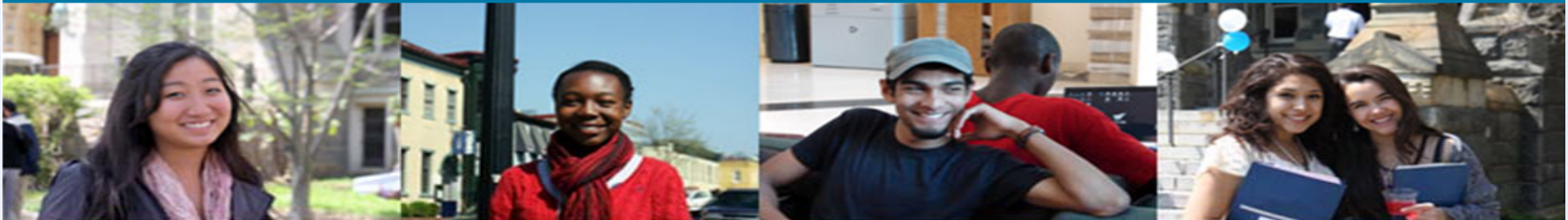
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Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

Start A New
FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

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FAFSA: WHY file and WHY on-line?

- File the FAFSA?
 - Don't assume you won't be grant eligible
 - Schools may have institutional Funds that require the FAFSA
 - Circumstances can change quickly
- File On-line?
 - FASTER processing with built in HELP
 - Edits built in to prevent errors
 - Skip Logic to answer only questions that pertain to you
 - IRS Data Retrieval Tool
 - Simplified process in future years

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Federal Student Aid Personal Identification Number (FSA PIN)

- Website: www.pin.ed.gov
- Sign FAFSA electronically
- Not required, but speeds processing
- Not year specific/can request before January

START HERE
GO FURTHER
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Federal Student Aid PIN

PIN Home Help Contact Us FAQs About Us

Apply For A PIN
Check PIN Status
Request A Duplicate PIN
Change My PIN
Update My Personal Information
Disable My PIN
Reestablish My PIN
Activate My PIN

Helpful Links
[Student Aid on the Web](#)
Information you will need to receive aid for school. [Go »](#)
[Links to Federal Student Aid Electronic Services](#)

Welcome to the Federal Student Aid PIN Web site

This Web site is your source of information for the Federal Student Aid PIN.

Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your U.S. Department of Education records online. If you receive a PIN, you agree to not disclose or share your PIN with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records. You should never give your PIN to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place.

Apply For a PIN

The PIN Application is for students and parents to apply for a new Federal Student Aid PIN.

APPLY NOW

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Personal Identification Number

- Same PIN is used every year
- EACH student must have their own PIN
- Only 1 parent needs a PIN
- Used by students and parents throughout aid process, including subsequent school years
 - Sign FAFSA
 - Sign Promissory Notes for student and parent loans
 - Log into National Student Loan Database (NSLDS)

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Dependency Determination

- Answer “**NO**” to all 13 questions, student is dependent and must provide parent information
- Answer “**YES**” to any question, student is independent
 - Example: Children/dependents, legal guardianship, foster care, orphan/ward of court, at risk for homelessness
- Special Circumstances select “I am unable to provide parental information”

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WHO is the Parent for the FAFSA?

- Biological or Adoptive Parent(s)
 - If not married BUT living together report BOTH parents
- If parents are divorced:
 - Provide information for the parent you lived with most during the last 12 months
 - If you did not live with 1 parent more than the other, the parent who provided the most financial support during the last 12 months or most recent year you received support
- Include Step-parent information
 - Regardless of any 'agreements'

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Household Size/Number in College

- **Household**
 - Student and at least 1 parent if dependent
 - Siblings IF will receive >50% support or if “NO” to all dependency questions
 - Other people IF will provide >50% support AND will continue that support through June 30, 2015
- **Number in College**
 - Include student (even if living away from parent)
 - Other people in household if they will attend college at least half-time degree/certificate seeking
 - DO NOT include parents (possibly appeal to the school to include the parent)

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Frequent FAFSA Errors

- Watch **student** vs. **parent** info
 - YOU or YOUR parent
 - **Blue sidebar = Student/Purple sidebar = Parent**
- Social Security Numbers/Names
 - Must match social security card
- Watch state of legal residence
- Divorced/remarried parental information
- TAX Information (2013)
 - Income earned by parents/stepparents
 - Untaxed income
 - Do not include Social Security Benefits
 - U.S. income taxes paid
- Assets

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Reporting Income/Tax information

- **CAN estimate tax information**
 - Already completed, Will File, Will not file
- **Voluntary use of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool**
 - Pulls Live/real-time IRS data to the FAFSA
 - Available sometime in February 2014
 - MUST have a PIN # to use
 - If taxes not done, can estimate on initial submission and CORRECT later using IRS Data Retrieval Tool
 - Reduces documents requested by the Financial Aid Office
 - Can't use Data Retrieval Tool if:
 - recently filed taxes
 - Married but filed separately
 - head of household and now married,
 - amended

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Net worth of investments (As of 'today')

- Cash, Savings, and Checking
- Investments/Business/Farm Value
 - Current/market value minus debt (related to investment)
 - Real estate (not home you live in), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA, money market and mutual funds, CD's, stocks, bonds, commodities
 - Education benefits/savings accounts (Coverdell, 529, refund value of prepaid tuition plans)
 - Asset of the parent not student
 - **Must** include value of **ALL** accounts owned by parent

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Assets NOT included on the FAFSA

- Home you live in
- Value of Life Insurance
- Traditional Retirement Plans
- Cash, Savings, Checking already reported
- Business or farm with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees
- Family Farm you live on and operate
- UGMA and UTMA accounts you are custodian not owner

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Selective Service Question

- Males (18-25) are required to be registered with selective service for Federal Aid Eligibility
- If 17 at submission, register on 18th Birthday
- If 18 at submission and **NOT** registered
 - Select REGISTER ME and Selective Service will register you
 - Register at www.sss.gov
- If 18 at submission and REGISTERED
 - Do nothing

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School Selection Step

[Contact Us](#) | [Browse Help](#)

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

School Selection

You can add up to 10 colleges to your FAFSA by entering the Federal School Code or by searching for the college using the Search option. You must add at least one college before proceeding to the next page.

Federal School Code

OR

State

City (optional)

School Name (optional)

✓ Student may enter up to 10 colleges by entering Federal School Code or Searching on State, City or School Name

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School Selection

- Once you select the school click ADD
- Order of schools does not have impact on aid eligibility
- For each school enter Housing Plans
 - On-campus
 - With parent
 - Off-campus
- View Selected School Information (Allows you to 'compare')
 - Tuition and Fee information
 - Graduation Rates

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Sign and Submit

- ✓ “Print signature page” will appear if that option is selected.
- ✓ “View or Print your FAFSA information”

How do you (the parent) want to provide your signature?

- Sign Electronically With My PIN (Fastest) [Apply For A PIN](#) | [Forgot/Don't Know My PIN](#)
- Print A Signature Page
- Submit Without Signatures

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE PARENT, agree if asked:

1. to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form
2. to provide U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file

You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

Terms of Agreement - Parent

- Agree
- Disagree

PRINT SIGNATURE PAGE

PREVIOUS

SUBMIT MY FAFSA NOW

NEED HELP?

SAVE

CLEAR ALL DATA

VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY

EXIT

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Confirmation Page

Includes -

- ✓ Confirmation Number
- ✓ EFC estimate
- ✓ Pell Grant and Direct Loan estimates
- ✓ Option for parents to transfer info to an application for a sibling
- ✓ Rates for each college on the FAFSA

Confirmation

Confirmation Number:
F 01200522304 10/28/2010 16:51:23

Data Release Number (DRN): 1040

2011-2012 Confirmation Page

Congratulations, Kim! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid. You should print this page for your records.

Optional Feature - Transfer your parents' information into another FAFSA - Do your parents need to complete a FAFSA for your brother or sister? Click [here](#) and all the information your parents provided in this application will be transferred to a new FAFSA. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.

Eligibility Information

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 04443

The EFC is an index that schools use to determine your eligibility and is not the amount of money that you have to pay. Your school's financial aid office will use your EFC to determine the specific types and amounts of student aid you are eligible to receive.

You may be eligible to receive the following:

[Pell Grant](#) Estimate - \$1,176

[Direct Stafford Loan](#) Estimate - \$5,500

You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.

College Rates

The table shows the [graduation, retention, and transfer rates](#) for the schools you selected. Go to the College Navigator Web site at www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator for complete information.

| School Name | Graduation Rate | Retention Rate | Transfer Rate |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| DUBURN UNIVERSITY | NA | NA | NA |
| ART INSTITUTE OF CHARLOTTE (THE) | 49% | 47% | 6% |
| DUKE UNIVERSITY | 95% | 97% | NA |
| BENNETT COLLEGE | 48% | 78% | NA |
| CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 8% | 60% | 33% |

Next Steps

The colleges you listed will have access to your FAFSA information once your application is processed. For more information about student aid go to www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/aidinfo. Return to FAFSA on the Web at any time to check the status of your application, or to make corrections or changes.

Contact Us

If you have questions, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 319-337-5665. If you are hearing-impaired and have questions, contact the TTY line at 1-800-730-8913.

[PRINT THIS PAGE](#) | [E-MAIL THIS PAGE](#)

Important Information to NOTE

- Must RE-APPLY for aid every year starting January
- KNOW financial aid Priority DATES for each school
- Financial Aid Process is typically connected to Admissions
- Many schools use school issued email and school portal/self-service
- Must be pursuing a degree, certificate, or other recognized credential
- Must be enrolled in an **eligible program of study**

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NOW What?

- **Role of Financial Aid**

- Reviews FAFSA information for accuracy
- May request Additional Information/Documentation
 - Income/tax data (**IRS Tax Transcript**)
 - Household Size
 - Number in College
 - High School Completion
 - Identify and Statement of Educational Purpose
- Determine eligibility for financial aid
 - Sends (**usually by email**) an Award Notification which includes:
 - Amount of student's financial need
 - Aid awarded from which programs
 - How and when aid will be disbursed
 - Terms and conditions of student's award

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Student Loans

- Federal Direct Stafford Loans
 - Students name only
 - Borrowed directly from the Federal Government
 - Subsidized: based on need/interest paid while in school
 - Unsubsidized: not based on need/interest accrues
 - Maximum Freshman eligibility = \$5500/year
 - No payments until 6 months after graduation
 - Interest Rate variable
 - Currently 3.86%

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Parent Loans

- Federal Direct Parent Loan (PLUS)
 - Parent's name only
 - Borrowed directly from the Federal Government
 - Requires a credit check
 - Maximum amount = Cost minus other aid
 - Option to defer payment while student is enrolled
 - Interest rate variable
 - Current rate is 6.41%

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Aid from 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
 - Check with each college or university

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“Other” Sources

- **Research what is available in community**
- **Pay attention to announcements/information at the high school!**
- **What organizations /churches do student and family belong?**
- **Look at Foundations, businesses, charitable organizations**
- **Companies may have scholarships available to children of employees**
- **Deadlines and application procedures vary widely**
- **Begin researching private aid sources early**
- **Small scholarships add up!**

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Scholarship Searches

- FastWeb:
 - www.fastweb.com
- College Board FUND FINDER
 - www.collegeboard.org
- Scholarships.com
 - www.scholarships.com
- For additional reputable sites go to:
 - www.FINAID.org

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COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

February 9, 2014 2:00 PM

- To be held at 40 sites in Ohio
- A free program for college-bound students and their families providing assistance in completing the FAFSA
- Pre-registration is encouraged at the CGS web site

www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org

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QUESTIONS???



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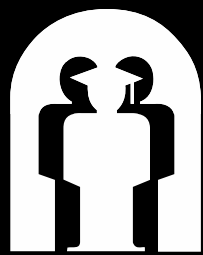
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