

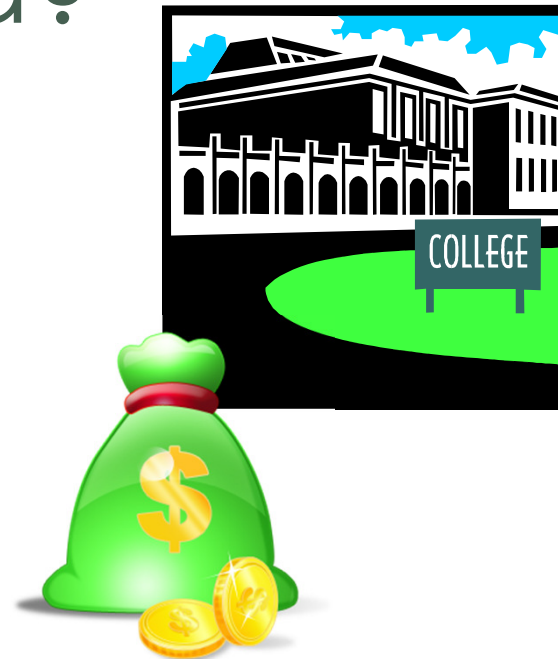
Financial Aid 101

HOW TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE



What is Financial Aid?

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





WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID

- Gift Aid – “Free Money”
 - Grants – Need based
 - Scholarships – Merit based
- Self-Help Aid
 - Loans
 - Employment opportunities



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- A standard form that collects demographic and financial information about the student and family
- Strongly encouraged to file electronically (to take advantage of skip logic, built-in edits and the IRS Data Retrieval Tool)
- Information used to calculate the expected family contribution (EFC)

FAFSA – www.fafsa.gov

- 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 2019–20 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning October 1, 2018 (2017 Tax Year)
- **Many colleges set FAFSA filing deadlines**
 - Ohio Colleges will be as soon as November/December
 - Out of state schools may have earlier deadlines
 - Early Decision or Action may even be earlier

FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Need money for college?

Complete the FAFSA® (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

NEW TO FAFSA.GOV?

Submitting the FAFSA form is quick, and most importantly, it's FREE. Get started today.

START HERE >

RETURNING USER?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

LOG IN >

FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID

- FSA ID
- Sign FAFSA electronically
- Speeds up processing
- May be used by students and parents throughout aid process, including subsequent school year
- **Parent/Student create individual accounts.**
- **The parent and student must both have active email accounts.**

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Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID 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. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

Important: When you are done click 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 Edit My FSA ID * Required

E-mail

Confirm E-mail

Username

Password

☐ Numbers ☐ Uppercase Letters ☐ Lowercase Letters ☐ Special Characters ☐ 8-30 Characters ☐ Show Text

Confirm Password

Are you 13 years of age or older? ☐ I am 13 years of age or older. ☐ I am 12 years of age or younger.

[Edit My FSA ID](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

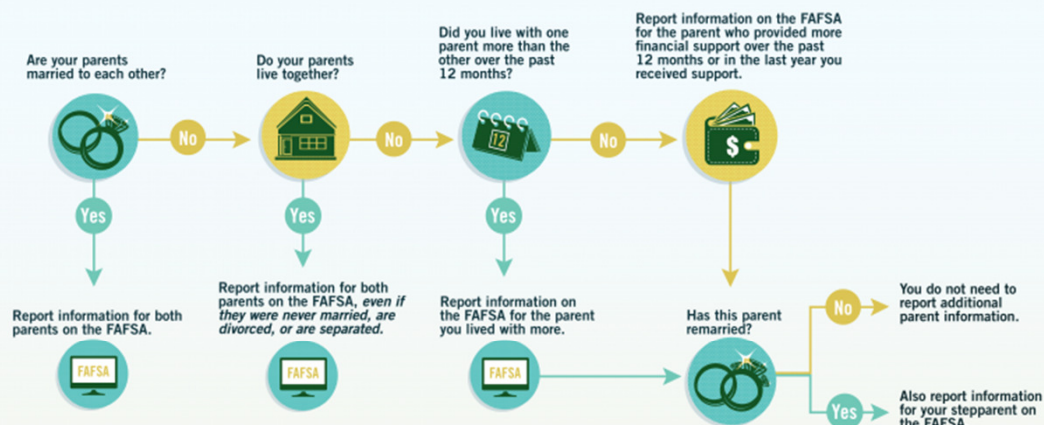
<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/indexhtm>

WHO'S MY PARENT?

WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*.¹ For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).



The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:



Widowed Stepparent



Grandparents



Foster Parents



Legal Guardians



Older Brothers or Sisters



Aunts or Uncles

If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/afsa/filing-out/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

¹ If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to StudentAid.gov/afsa/filing-out/dependency

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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



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Generally based on students academic performance
 - GPA
 - ACT/SAT scores
 - Extra curricular activities
- Each school has different criteria for selection
- Deadlines are important



Grants

- Money that does not have to be paid back
- Grant money can be institutional or federal
- Usually awarded on the basis of financial need



Private Sources – “Outside” Scholarships

- Foundations, businesses, charitable organizations
- Deadlines and application procedures vary widely
- Begin researching private aid sources early
- **Search Engines simplify your search**



Loans

- Federal Stafford Loans are listed on aid award
- Website to complete loan requirement is www.studentloans.gov
- Repayment begins after education is completed or is student is enrolled less than half-time
- Only borrow what is really needed
- Look at loans as an investment in the future

Federal Work Study

- Student must file the FAFSA and answer “YES” to the question “Are you interested in federal work-study” so the school can determine eligibility
- Employment can be on or off campus
- Ohio Minimum Wage





Employment

Allows student to earn money to help pay educational costs

- A paycheck; or
- Non-monetary compensation, such as room and/or board

Priority Deadlines

- Make sure you file the FAFSA and Apply On Time before the priority deadline of the schools you have listed.
- Deadlines are real. In order to be considered for scholarships or institutional money the FAFSA must be received before the schools deadline.



The CS student finally realizes the meaning of the word "deadline".

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



Cost of Attendance

- Hard Costs – “School Bill”
 - Tuition and Fees
 - Campus Room and Board
- Soft Costs – “Extras”
 - Books and supplies
 - Transportation
 - Living expenses
 - Miscellaneous



Verification

- May be selected for Verification by the school.
- FAFSA is only a processed form, all verification materials are requested by the school
- Some schools will not release financial aid until all forms are received
- DO NOT SEND ANY ITEMS TO THE FEDERAL PROCESSOR (FAFSA)



FINANCIAL AID AWARD

- Only schools that the student has been accepted to will process aid award
- Understand the schools processing procedures (grants, scholarships and loans)
- Accept or decline the aid award

Special Circumstances

- Sometimes, things outside of the federal mold happen.
- Financial Aid offices can make changes to a student's FAFSA information based on special circumstances.

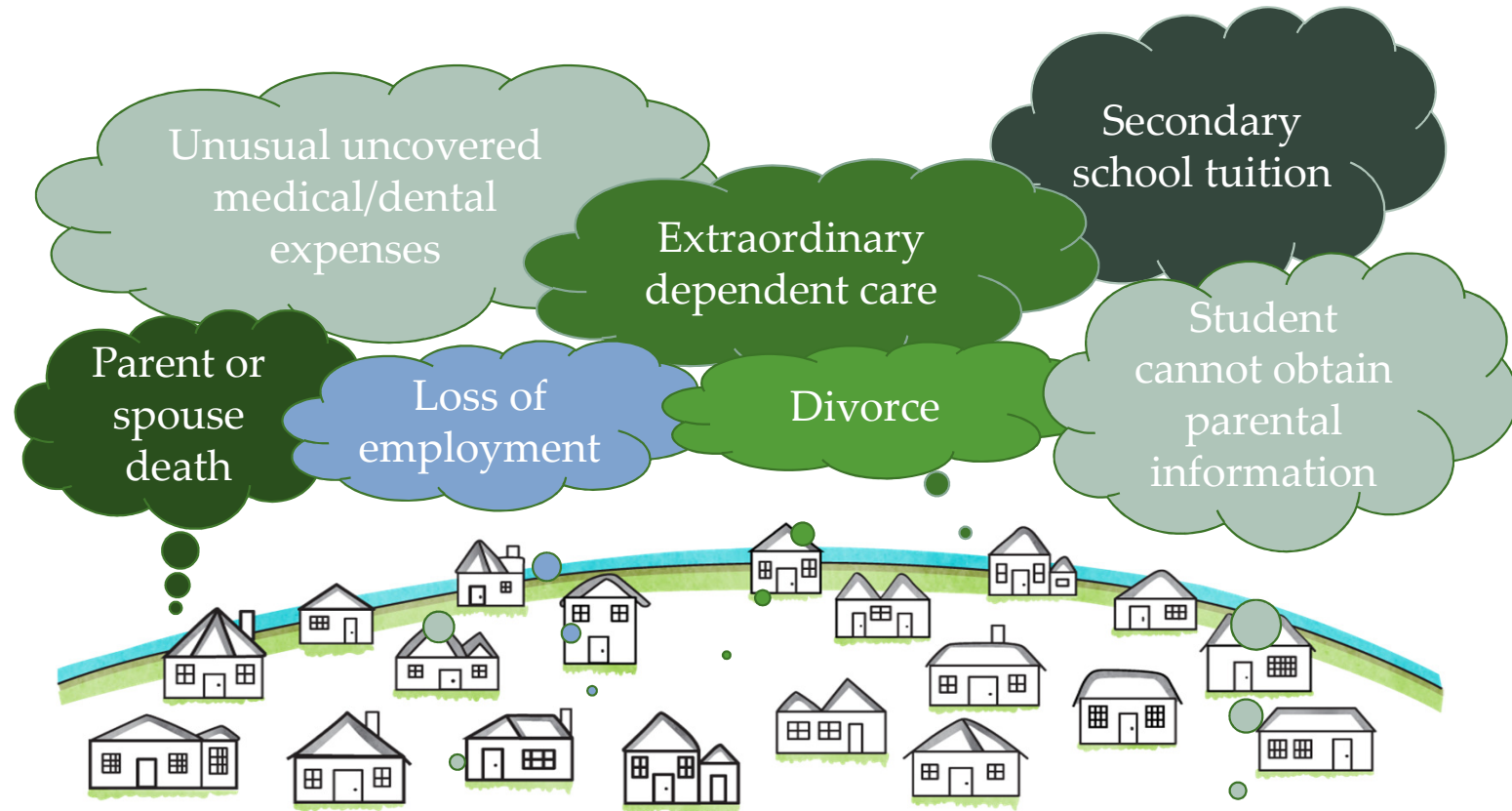




Special Circumstances

- Cannot be reported on the FAFSA
- Contact the financial aid office to discuss your family circumstance. Most schools have their own form that will need to be completed for consideration.

Special Circumstances



FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS

Interest Rates for Direct Loans First Disbursed on or After July 1, 2018, and Before July 1, 2019

Loan Type	Borrower Type	Fixed Interest Rate
Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Undergraduate	5.05%
Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Graduate or Professional	6.6%
Direct PLUS Loans	Parents and Graduate or Professional Students	7.6%

Direct Loans, 2019-2020

Class Year	Base Amount	Additional Unsubsidized Amount	Total Available to Borrow
Freshman	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
Junior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Senior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500

- Independent Students and Dependent Students whose parents have been denied the PLUS Loan are eligible for additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loans (\$4,000 as Freshmen and Sophomores and \$5,000 as Juniors and Seniors)



Where Do I Go From Here?

- Review admissions and financial aid criteria and guidelines for each school you are applying
- Meet all application deadlines
- Apply for local scholarships!

QUESTIONS

