## **Community Financial Aid Night**

February 25, 2020



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## **Topics We Will Discuss Tonight**

- **\* What is Financial Aid?**
- \* Categories of Financial Aid
- How To Apply
- **\*** When to Apply
- Sources of Aid
- \* Terms to Understand
- **\* What Happens Next?**
- \* FAFSA On-The-Web Walk-Through



## What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid is funds provided to students and their families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses.



# Gift Aid vs. Self-Help Aid

#### **GIFT AID**

 Grants/Scholarships -Gift money that does not have to be paid back



#### SELF-HELP AID

- Loans Borrowed money that has to be paid back over a period of time, often after the student completes their degree
- Work-study money students earn by working at a part-time job

# **Categories of Financial Aid**

### **Merit-Based Aid**

- Aid given to students strictly on the basis of merit.
- May be based on:
  - Academic record
  - Special characteristics
  - Skills or talents
  - Involvement
- Does not have to be repaid
- Usually renewable from year to year



### **Need-Based Aid**

- Aid awarded to students on the basis of financial need.
- Re-evaluated each year as financial situations may change.



# How to Apply for Needbased Financial Aid



# File a FAFSA

- FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- FAFSA's are completed online: <u>studentaid.gov</u>
- Application for federal and state aid (may be application for college aid as well)
  - File one FAFSA per academic year, per student (not one per college)
  - List up to ten colleges Title IV Code or school name; schools receive information electronically



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The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) provides more than \$120 billion in financial aid to help pay for college or career school each year. Log In

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#### **Considering School**

I'm thinking about going to college or a career school.

#### In School

I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.

#### Parent

I want to help my child pay for college.

#### In Repayment I have loans I need to repay.

#### Help Center English | Español

## When to File the FAFSA

2020-21 FAFSA became available on October 1, 2019

File <u>before</u> the school's deadline

 PA residents <u>must</u> file by May 1 for state grant consideration for following fall term
 Don't wait to be accepted to college to complete



## Sources of Aid

Federal government
State government
The College/University



Outside Organizations/Employers

## **Common Federal Aid Programs**

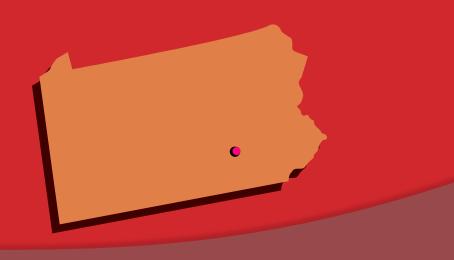
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal
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   (SEOG)
- Teacher Education
   Assistance for
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   (TEACH)

- Federal Subsidized Loan
- Federal Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal PLUS Loans
- Federal Work-Study



## **State Aid**

- Residency requirements
- Use information from the FAFSA
- Deadlines vary by state
- Pennsylvania's deadline is May 1



# **College/University Aid**

Factors that may influence institutional aid:
 Academics
 Athletic Ability\*
 SAT's/ACT's

♦ AP Courses

Legacy (child of alumni)

Activities

✤ Talent

Gender/Ethnicity

✤ Class Rank

Financial Need

\*Athletic awards offered by NCAA Division I and Division II schools only.



# **Outside Organizations**

 Foundations, businesses, charitable organizations



- Organizations and churches where student and family belong
- Place where parents and/or student work
- Check with High School Guidance Office
- Several Search Engines to research scholarships
- Deadlines and application procedures vary
- Application process usually fall of senior year
- Save and reuse essays
- Small scholarships add up!

# **TERM: Cost of Attendance (COA)**

## **Direct Costs**

- Tuition
- Fees
- Room
- Board



## **Indirect Costs**

- Books and Supplies
- Transportation
- Personal
- Living Expenses
- Child care and special equipment purchases may be considered

## **TERM: Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**

- Number used to determine student's eligibility for financial aid
- EFC is the amount the family can expect to pay toward college expenses each year
- It is rarely the amount the family actually pays
- Number is a result of federal formula based upon information supplied on FAFSA
  - Income (taxable & nontaxable)
  - Taxes paid
  - Assets
  - ✤ Household size
  - Number in college



## **TERM:** Financial Need

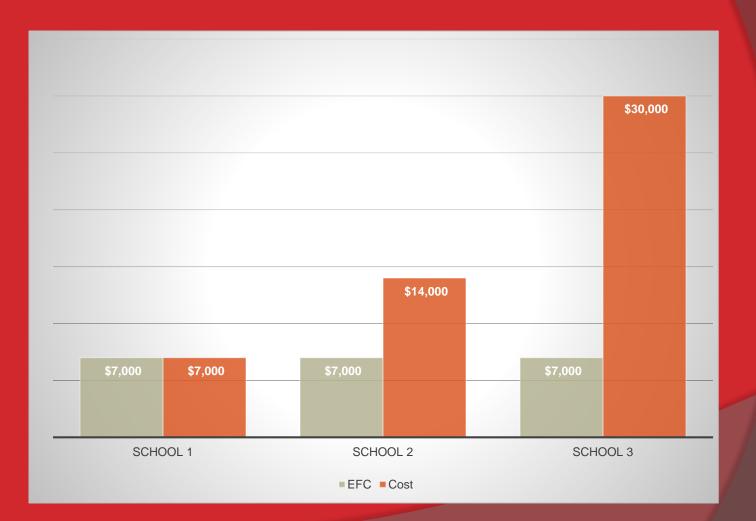
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## **Examples of Financial Need**



## What happens after FAFSA is filed?



# **TERM: Verification**

- 22% of all students are randomly selected for verification
- The school will notify you to submit additional documentation
- School may give you an ESTIMATED award letter
- All requested information must be submitted *before* final awards are given

## What Happens Next?

Aid eligibility is determined by school
Receive financial aid award letter from each college/university
Deposit at college of choice (usually nonrefundable)



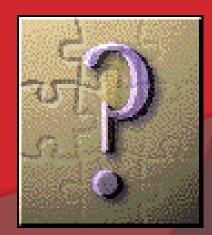
# **Comparing Aid Offers**

- Don't assume that more expensive schools will necessarily cost <u>you</u> more!
- Look at same "bottom line" for each school. Compare "apples" to "apples."
  - What is amount of loan in package vs. amount of grant?
  - What is amount of work study?
  - Are grants/scholarships automatically renewable?
  - Is there room for movement?
    - Check with the Financial Aid Office there might be but it's not "Let's Make A Deal!"



# Need More Financial Assistance?

- Payment Plan
- Federal Parent PLUS Loan
- Alternative (Private) Loans



#### **GATHER THIS INFORMATION**

The FAFSA asks questions about you and your finances, so have the information below handy.





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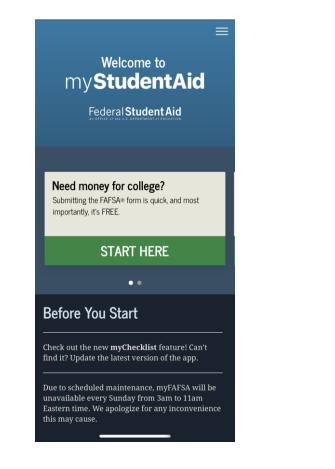


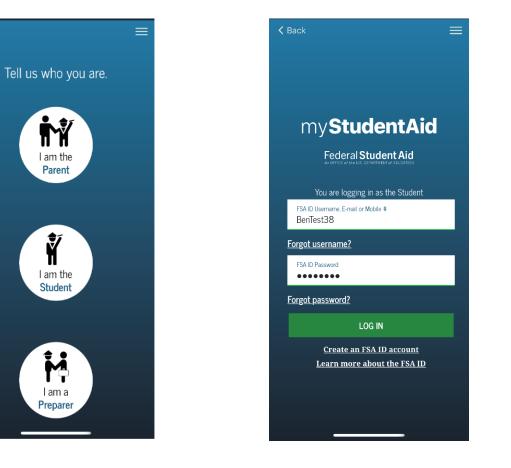
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The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 3-11 a.m. Eastern time.



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# **HOW TO CREATE AN FSA ID:**

- 1. Enter your email address
- 2. Create a username
- 3. Create a password
- 4. Enter your name, date of birth, and Social Security number
- 5. Enter your mobile phone number

- 6. Set up 4 challenge questions
- 7. Read and accept the terms
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- 9. Verify your email address

Create an FSA ID: StudentAid.gov

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To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started.	
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college you are planning to attend. Which school year should I choose?	
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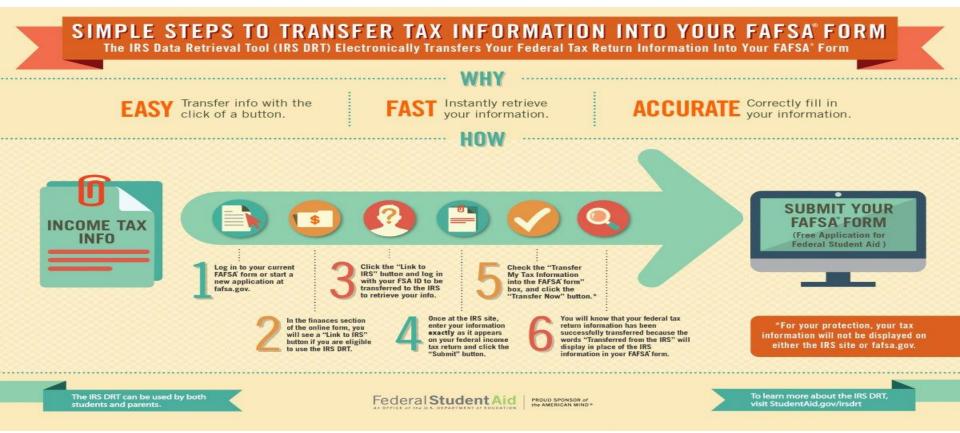
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For your protection, the IRS will not display your tax information and will further encrypt any tax information transferred using the IRS DRT; therefore, ED is unable to display your tax information on your FAFSA form.

The data retrieved from your tax return is limited to the items listed below as you reported to the IRS:

Tax Year	Type of Return Filed	Untaxed Portion of IRA Distributions & Pensions/Annuities
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Filing Status	Income Tax	IRA Deductions and Payments
IRS Exemptions	Education Credits	Status of Amended Returns Received

Refer to your tax records if you have a question about the values you reported.

#### Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA Form (?)

The tax information provided to fafsa.gov will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions. After the FAFSA questions are populated, your IRS session will end, and you will return to your FAFSA form. Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.

#### Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA Form (?)

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Check all that apply or check <b>None of the above</b> . If, at the time you are completing the FAFSA, you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household did NOT receive any of these benefits during 2018 or 2019, but do receive any of them on or before December 31, 2019, you must return to the FAFSA and update your response. Answering these questions will not reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs.
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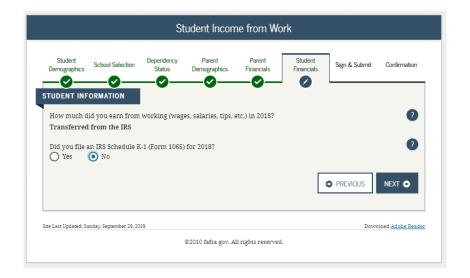


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Did you have any of the following items in 2018? E	inter amounts for all that apply.							
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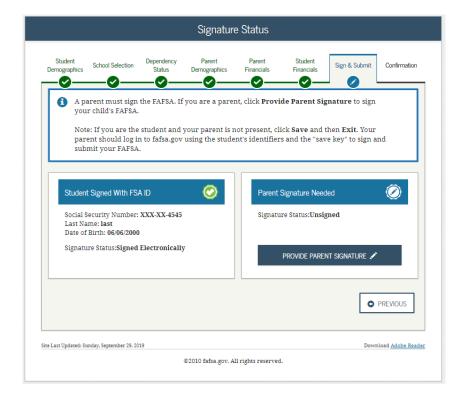


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Be sure not to mix up your and you	ır parent's FSA IDs whe	en signing.							
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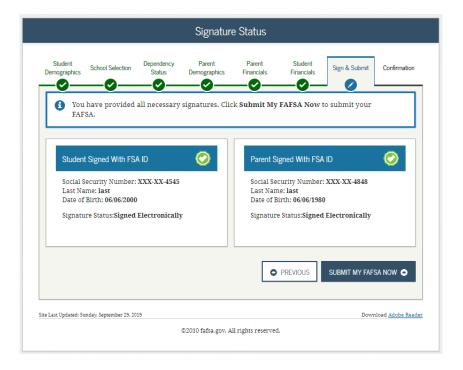




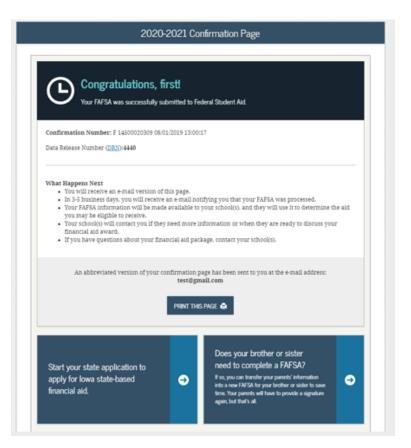


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