



Financial Aid Training for Counselor and Mentors


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Overview of Financial Aid Programs

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Cost of Attendance (COA)

Direct and Indirect Costs



Tuition and fees



Room and board



Books and supplies



Transportation



Miscellaneous personal expenses

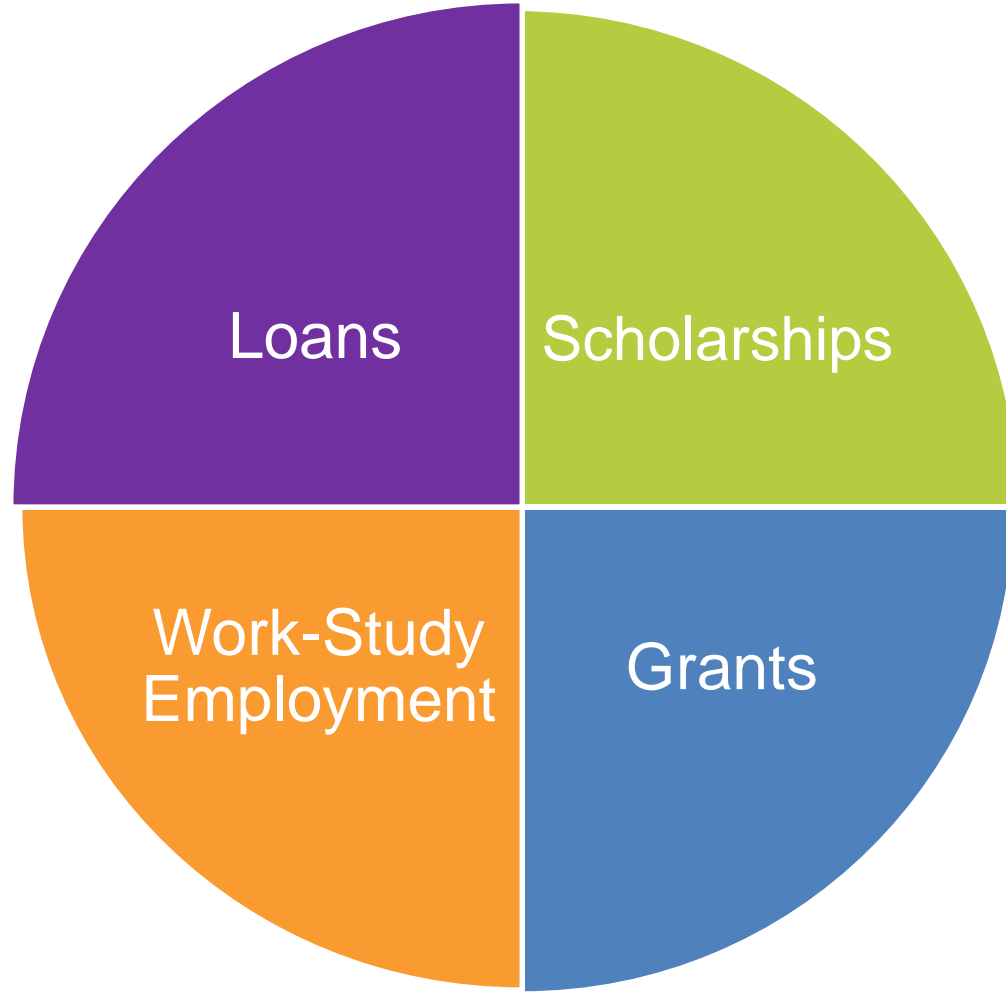
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- An index used to calculate eligibility for aid
- Stays the same regardless of college
- Two components
 - Parent contribution
 - Student contribution
- Calculated using FAFSA data and a formula specified by law
- Effective 2023-2024 the EFC will be replaced with the Student Aid Index (SAI).

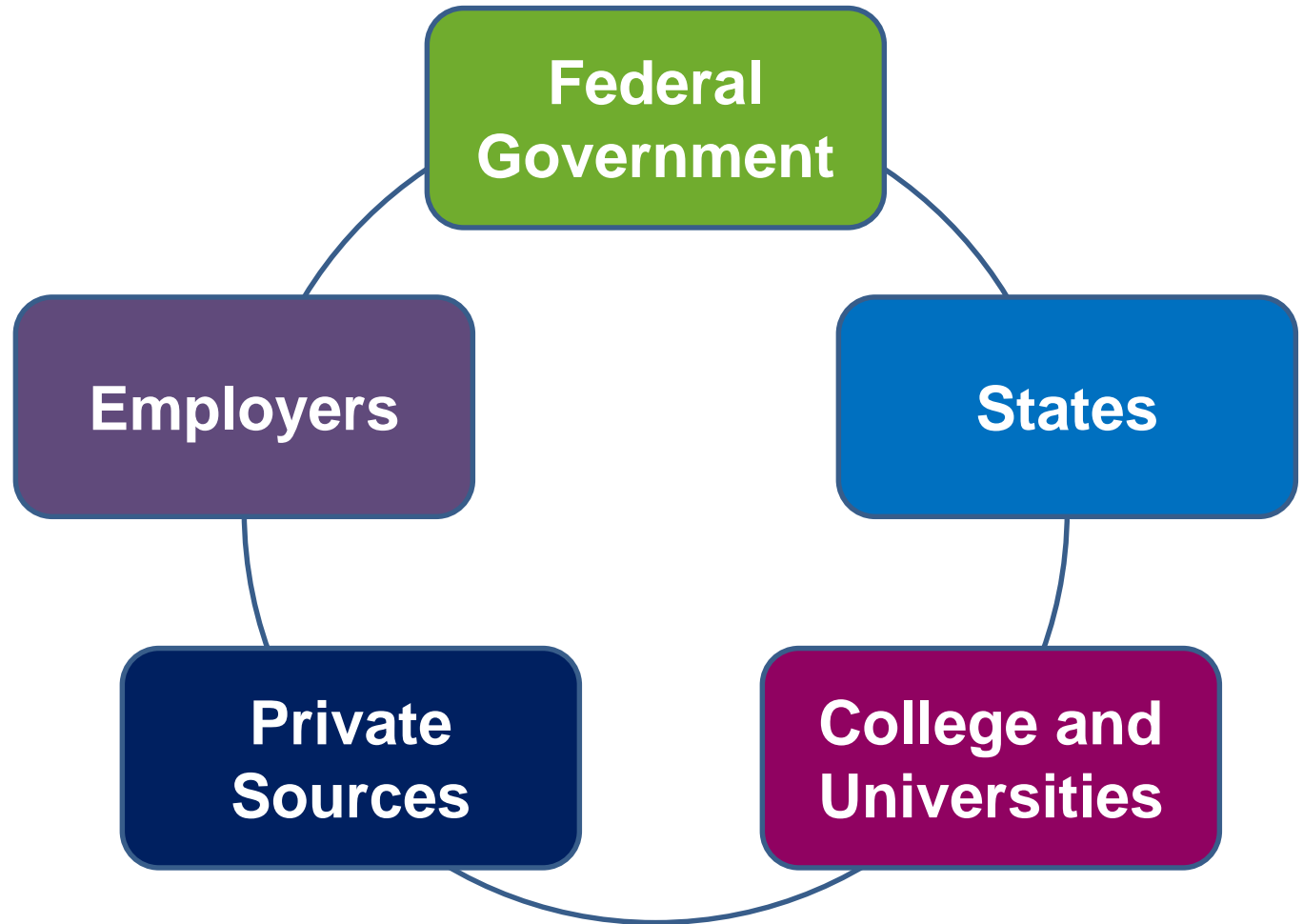
Financial Need

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

Types of Aid



Sources of Aid





Federal Programs

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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

Grants

- Federal Pell Grant
 - Provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students.
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
 - Provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students (campus-based aid).
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant
 - Provides assistance to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.
- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant
 - Provides possible assistance to students whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001

Campus-Based Programs

- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work-Study (FWS)
 - Provides part-time employment for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay educational expenses.



Federal Direct Loans

- Direct Subsidized Loan
- Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Direct PLUS Loan for Parents
- Direct PLUS Loan for Graduate/Professional Students

Federal Direct Loans

Subsidized Loans

- Government **PAYS** the borrowers accrued interest while you are attending college and other eligible periods
- **Based on Financial Need**
- Fixed Rate
- Undergraduate students
- Amount: **\$3,500-\$5,500**

Unsubsidized Loans

- The borrower is responsible for the interest for the life of the loan
- **NOT based on Financial Need**
- Fixed Rate
- Undergraduate and graduate students qualify
- Amount: **\$5,500-\$20,500**

Federal Direct PLUS Loans

Parent PLUS

- For parents of dependent students
- Borrower must not have a negative credit history.
- If approved, parent may borrow up to, but not exceeding the college's Cost of Attendance (COA)
- Fixed Rate
- Borrower is responsible for all the interest

Graduate PLUS

- For graduate/professional students
- Borrower must not have a negative credit history.
- Fixed Rate
- If approved, student may borrow up to, but not exceeding the college's Cost of Attendance (COA)

Applying for Federal Student Aid: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

FSA ID

- FSA ID consists of username and password used for electronically signing financial aid applications.
- FSA ID needed to log into fafsa.gov, the National Student Loan Data System(NSLDS) at nslds.ed.gov, StudentLoans.gov, StudentAid.gov and Agreement to Serve(ATS) at teach-ats.ed.gov
- Create FSA ID at [Create Account | Federal Student Aid](#)
- Students and eligible parents should establish an FSA ID for ease of submission and signatures for the FAFSA.
 - Both the student and the parent need a separate username name, password and email address
- Recommend setting up FSA ID at the end of junior year/summer prior to senior year
- Users should retain all information used to set up FSA ID

FAFSA Completion Tool

- Data available by state or territory
- Report alphabetical by high school
- Shows number of completed and submitted Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSAs) for current and previous application cycles

[FAFSA Completion Data | Federal Student Aid - Financial Aid Toolkit](#)

FAFSA Demo Site

fafsademo.test.ed.gov

- A demonstration site is available so you can increase your own understanding of the FAFSA and show it to students before they apply.
 - Provides a way for financial aid administrators to show students and parents, as well as financial aid office staff, how to use *FAFSA on the Web* and *FAA Access to CPS Online*. It offers most of the features of the production versions of the *FAFSA on the Web* and *FAA Access to CPS Online* Web sites, except that no data is processed.

New Applications - New User (no prior data)

Test Case	SSN	Last Name	First Name	DOB	FSA ID Username/Verified E-mail Address	FSA ID Password
1	966-12-3011	Lastname	Susan	11021986	newuser71/newuser71@fafsademo.com	Firstyear71
2	966-12-3012	Lastname	Brian	11022003	newuser72/newuser72@fafsademo.com	Firstyear72
3	966-12-3013	Lastname	Maxine	11022003	newuser73	Firstyear73
4	966-12-3014	Lastname	Abe	11022003	newuser74	Firstyear74
5	966-12-3015	Lastname	Judith	11022003	newuser75	Firstyear75
6	966-12-3016	Lastname	Harvey	04192003	newuser76	Firstyear76
7	966-12-3017	Lastname	Larry	04192003	newuser77	Firstyear77
8	966-12-3018	Lastname	Val	04192003	newuser78	Firstyear78
9	966-12-3019	Lastname	Helen	04192003	newuser79	Firstyear79
10	966-12-3020	Lastname	John	04192003	newuser80	Firstyear80

Note: This site is purely a learning tool.

FAFSA on the Web

A banner for the FAFSA on the Web application. It features a dark teal background with a central illustration of three students (two women and one man) walking and talking. The text is white and light blue. On the left, it says 'Complete the FAFSA® Form' with a green underline. Below that, it says 'Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.' On the right, there are two main sections: 'New to the FAFSA® Process?' with a 'Start Here' button, and 'Returning User?' with links for 'Correct info | Add a school' and 'View your Student Aid Report (SAR)', and a 'Log In' button. There are also various icons like a graduation cap, a dollar sign, and a play button scattered around.

Complete the FAFSA® Form

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

New to the FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.
[Start Here](#)

Returning User?
[Correct info | Add a school](#)
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[Log In](#)

Application available
October 1st each year.
fafsa.gov

FAFSA on the Web

Welcome to the FAFSA® Form

Tell us about yourself.

[? Help](#)

[Exit FAFSA Form](#)

☐

I am a student and want to access the FAFSA form.

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I am a parent filling out a FAFSA form for a student.

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I am a preparer helping a student fill out his or her FAFSA form.



IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Data available in English and Spanish
- IRS data tool will be available on October 1st and may be utilized to transfer 2021 tax information
- FOTW includes logic/questions to determine if applicant is eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
 - “Unmarried and both parents living together” not eligible to use IRS Data Retrieval
 - Same gender married couples using “Married filing jointly” status can use IRS Data Retrieval
- Applicant’s response will take him or her to the IRS system or provide a message that the applicant should use own financial figures to complete FOTW

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
2022, 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


Frequent FAFSA Errors

- Incorrect parent and/or student Social Security Numbers
- Divorced/remarried/unmarried but living together parental information-which belongs on the form
 - Income earned by parents/stepparents missing
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Verifying FSA ID info
- Household size
 - Number of household members in college
- Real estate and investment net worth
- FAFSA missing parent and/or student signature



After the FAFSA

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FAFSA Processing Results

- Central Processing System notifies student of FAFSA processing results via:
 - E-mail containing a direct link to student's electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) if student's e-mail was provided
 - Student with FSA ID can view SAR on line at www.fafsa.gov
 - Typical processing time is 24-48 hours from time of filing FAFSA

Student Aid Report (SAR) Formats

SAR for 2020-2021
(Student Aid Report)
Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001
Apr. 2019 (2019-2021)

966-10-0001 DE 03
EFC: 1498°C

The data below contains information from your student aid application (selected items display parent information, if provided). This is your copy of your application data for your records only. Do NOT mail this document or a copy of this document to the U.S. Department of Education. We will not return this copy to you. You may make corrections from the Department of Education's Web page (fafsa.gov). You must use your FAFSA ID to access your record online.

1. Student's Last Name	DEMOSDEAFULT
2. Student's First Name	SUSAN
3. Student's Middle Name	
4. Student's Permanent Mailing Address	2245 RIVER TEST ROAD
5. Student's Permanent City	WASHINGTON
6. Student's Permanent State	DC
7. Student's Permanent ZIP Code	20010
8. Student's Social Security Number	999-11-0001
9. Student's Date of Birth	11/01/1992
10. Student's Telephone Number	888(301)-1212
11. Student's Driver's License Number	
12. Student's Driver's License State	
13. Student's E-mail Address	
14. Student's Citizenship Status	U.S. CITIZEN (OR U.S. NATIONAL)
15. Student's Alter Registration Number	
16. Student's Marital Status	SINGLE
17. Student's Marital Status Date	
18. Student's Date of Legal Residence	DC
19. Have Student & Legal Resident Before January 1, 2019?	YES
20. Student's Legal Residence Date	
21. Is the Student Male or Female?	FEMALE
22. Register Student With Selective Service System?	ELIGIBLE FOR AID
23. Drug Conviction Affecting Eligibility?	
24. Parent 1 Educational Level	
25. Parent 2 Educational Level	
26. High School or Equivalent Completed?	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
27a. Student's High School Name	INDEPENDENCE #
27b. Student's High School City	NEW YORK
27c. Student's High School State	NY
28. First Bachelor's Degree Before 2000-2001 School Year?	NO
29. Student's Undergrad Degree or College in 2000-2001?	MSO VILLANOVA
30. Type of Degree Certificate	1ST BACHELOR'S DEGREE
31. Undergrad in Understudy?	
32. Student First 2018 Income Tax Return?	ALREADY COMPLETED
33. Student's Type of 2018 Tax Form Used	1040
34. Student's 2018 Tax Return Filing Status	SINGLE
35. Student First Estimated EIT	#
36. Student's 2018 Adjusted Gross Income	\$ 50,123 Ⓢ
37. Student's 2018 U.S. Income Tax Paid	\$ 7,100
38. Student's 2018 Income Earned from Work	\$ 50,200 Ⓢ
39. Student's 2018 Income Earned from Other	
40. Student's Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts	\$ 4,000 Ⓢ
41. Student's Net Worth of Capital Investments	\$ 1,000 Ⓢ
42. Student's Net Worth of Retirement/Investment Plan	\$ 500 Ⓢ
43a. Student's Estimated Credit	\$ 0
43b. Student's Child Support Paid	\$ 0
43c. Student's Taxable Savings from Investment Employment Programs	\$ 0
43d. Student's College Grant and Scholarship Aid Reported to IRS as Income	\$ 0
43e. Student's Taxable Unemployment Pay Reported to IRS	\$ 0
43f. Student's Competitive Education Savings	\$ 0
43g. Student's Payments to Tax-Deferred Pensions & Retirement Savings	\$ 0
43h. Student's Unavailable Payments to IRAs/401(k)s/403(b)s	\$ 0
43i. Student's Child Support Received	\$ 0
43j. Student's Tax Exempt Interest Income	\$ 0
43k. Student's Unpaid Portion of IRA Distributions and Pensions	\$ 0
43l. Student's Housing, Food, & Living Allowance	\$ 0
43m. Student's Unavailable Investment Income	\$ 0
43n. Student's Other Unpaid Income or Benefits	\$ 0
43o. Money Received or Paid on Student's Behalf	\$ 0

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- If valid email address is provided on FAFSA
- Provides access to electronic SAR at www.studentaid.gov

Student Aid Report (SAR) Formats

Federal Student Aid
OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STUDENT AID REPORT
2020-2021

OMB No. 1845-0001

DATA RELEASE NUMBER (DRN): 9755
EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC): 000000 C

APRIL 22, 2020
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F 211 2021

JOHN SMITH
742 EVERGREEN TERRACE
SPRINGFIELD, OH 45565

Dear JOHN SMITH,
Your Student Aid Report (SAR) summarizes the information you submitted on your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Status (review the checked boxes)

☒ Your FAFSA appears to be complete. Review the data on pages 2 and 3. We may have assumed certain information to calculate your eligibility for federal student aid. We printed any assumptions we made and the word "assumed" for the items on the back of this page. If you need to make corrections, you can go to <https://fafsa.gov> and use your FSA ID to access your information or you can contact the financial aid office at one of the schools you listed on your application for assistance. The school(s) listed on your FAFSA will receive your information.

Federal Student Aid Eligibility (review the checked boxes)

The data submitted on your FAFSA is used to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is 000000.

The EFC is **not** the amount of money that your family must provide. Rather, you should think of the EFC as an index that colleges use to determine how much financial aid you would receive if you were to attend their school. Financial aid may include grants (free funds that do not have to be repaid), work-study (paid part-time employment), and/or low-interest loans (borrowed funds that must be repaid). This award information will vary from college to college because the cost of attending each is different. Please note that your EFC is subject to change if you update or correct your FAFSA. For more information about the EFC and other sources of aid, go to StudentAid.gov.

☒ Based on your EFC, it appears that you may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6195, provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program. You may also be eligible for other grants, work-study opportunities, and low-interest student loans. Your Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) will determine what types of aid and how much you are eligible to receive.

☒ We sent your information to other federal agencies through computer matching programs to verify your eligibility for federal student aid and there appears to be an issue with the information provided on your application. You can review information about these issues by going to <https://fafsa.gov> and selecting "View or Print your Student Aid Report (SAR)" after logging in. You must work with your financial aid office to resolve any data matching issues before we can determine if you are eligible to receive federal student aid.

☒ Unless you are completing the verification process, it may be too late for you to make corrections or give us any more information this year. If you are completing verification and you need to correct your information, contact the Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) at your school for assistance. We must have your corrections no later than September 11, 2021.

You should keep this SAR Acknowledgement for your records!

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- SAR sent if paper FAFSA filed without providing an email address
- SAR Acknowledgement sent if FOTW filed without providing an email address

Corrections

- Students should only correct information that was reported incorrectly when he or she completed the FAFSA
- Corrections to FAFSA data may be made by:
 - Using FAFSA on the Web (fafsa.gov), if the student has an FSA ID
 - Updating and mailing the paper SAR
 - Submitting the documentation to the school's financial aid office (RECOMMENDED)

Verification

Process by which the U.S. Department of Education (ED) through the financial aid office confirms information provided by students and families on the FAFSA is accurate

- Students can be selected for verification by the Department of Education or the college
- Items to be verified will vary
- Financial Aid cannot be processed until verification is completed.



Student Dependency Status

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What Makes a Student Independent?

- Born before 01/01/2000 (for 2023-2024)
- Married
- Graduate or professional student
- Active duty military for purposes other than training.
- Veteran
- Has children who receive more than 50% support from the student.

What Makes a Student Independent?

- Has dependents (other than children or spouse) who receive more than 50% support from the student.
- Is an orphan, has been in foster care/dependent/ward of the court.
- Is an emancipated minor.
- Is or has been in legal guardianship.
- Is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless
 - As determined by agencies specified in FAFSA instructions.



Who Qualifies as a Parent for a Dependent Student?

Who is a Parent?

- Biological parents
- Adoptive parents
- Step-parents, if they are married to the student's biological or adoptive parent and the student is included in their household size.


Who is Not a Parent?

- Foster parents
- Legal guardians who have not adopted the student
- Any relatives (including grandparents) who have not adopted the student
- Step-parents who have not adopted the student and who would be the only person providing parental information.



Professional Judgment

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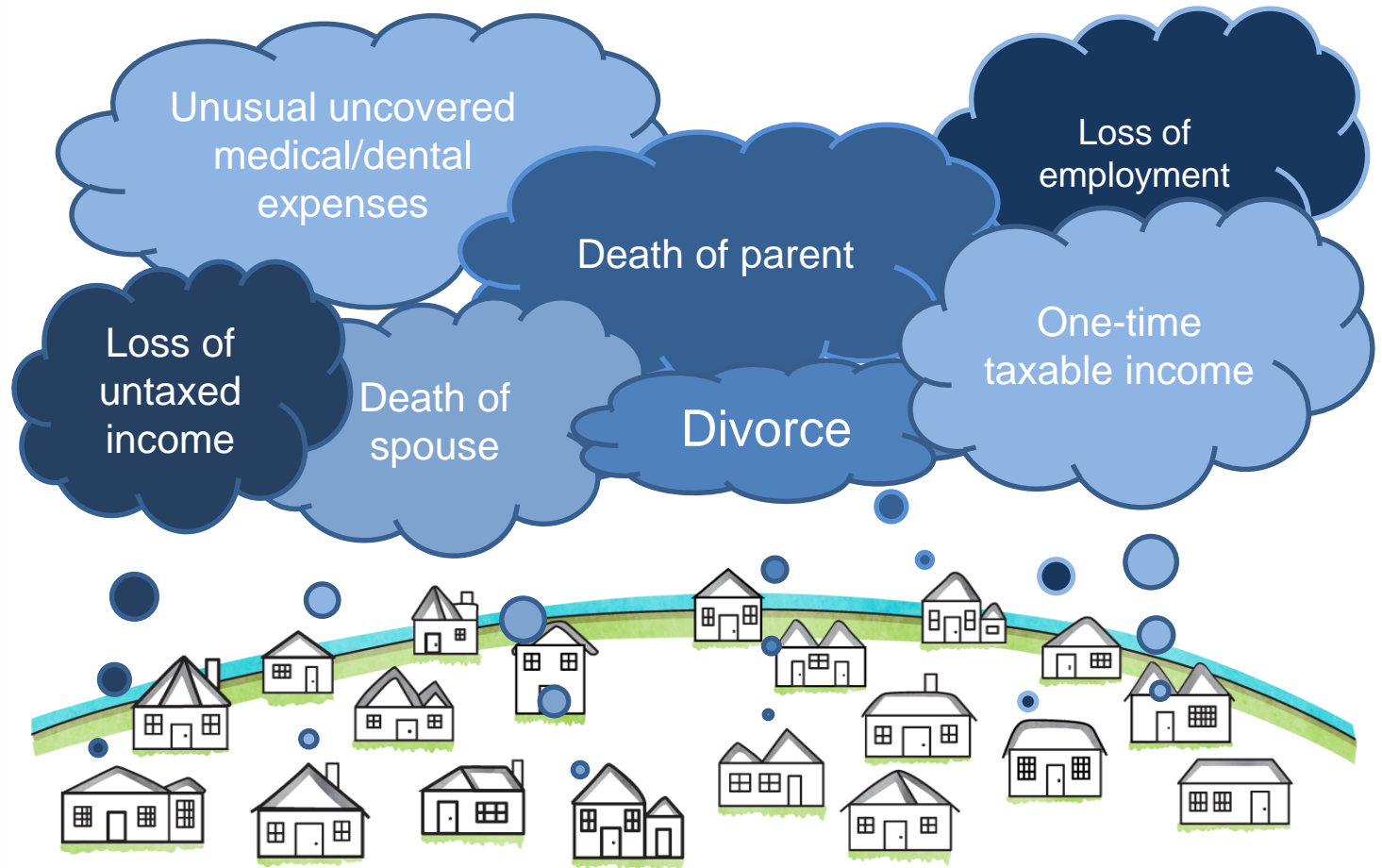
Professional Judgment

- Families cannot report special circumstances on the FAFSA
- Professional judgment must be completed after the student submits the FAFSA and completes verification (if required)
- Professional judgment is exercised by the Financial Aid Administrator

Professional Judgment

- Process varies from college to college
- Documentation must be provided
- Situations which warrant professional judgment may include:
 - Dependency Overrides
 - Divorce, death or parent
 - Loss of income by student or parent
 - Unusual medical expense

Professional Judgment



Professional Judgment Dependency Override

- Situation in which Financial Aid Administrators have the authority to change the student's status from dependent to independent
 - Student is unable to answer "Yes" to any of the dependency status questions due to a special circumstance.
- Student must provide documentation of situation.

Professional Judgment Dependency Override

- Special circumstances:
 - Abuse at home
 - Abandonment by parents
- NOT Special Circumstance:
 - Parent's do not claim student on taxes
 - Student does not live with parents and supports self
 - Parent's do not want to help pay for college
 - Parent's refuse to provide information for FAFSA


Professional Judgment Dependency Override

- Documentation includes:
 - Letter from student describing the circumstances
 - Letter from friend or family member close to the situation that can describe the student's circumstance
 - Letter from a third party:
 - Teacher
 - Social Worker
 - Member of Clergy
 - Court Documents
 - Law Enforcement
 - Physician/Counselor



Completing the FAFSA without Parent Information

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No Access to Parental Information

- FAFSA will ask if student will be providing parental data
- If no, student may indicate that he/she meets special circumstances criteria
- Student may submit FAFSA without parental information
 - FAFSA will have a reject code which will prevent student from being awarded
 - Student will need to contact the Financial Aid Office to complete the application with a possible Dependency Override


Parents Refusal to Provide Information

- Student indicates situation on the FAFSA, selecting the option to apply for an unsubsidized loan only
- Student may submit FASFA without parental information
 - FAFSA will have a reject code which will prevent student from being awarded
 - No EFC will be calculated and the student will not be eligible to receive the Pell Grant any other need-based aid
 - Student will need to contact the Financial Aid Office to complete the application



Arkansas State University Scholarship Programs

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A-State Scholarship Programs

- *A-State will make Institutional Scholarship offers to 2023 High School graduates based on ACT/SAT or GPA. ACT/SAT super scores will be accepted for scholarship consideration*
- *A-State Scholar eligibility is based on both the ACT/SAT and GPA.*

A-State Scholarship Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be a 2023 high school graduate
- Must submit all official high school and concurrent college transcripts
- Must submit all official ACT, SAT test scores
- Must submit all immunization records

A-State Scholarship Process

- Students must be admitted to receive full consideration for A-State Institutional Scholarships.
- No separate application is required, except for the A-State Scholar
 - The A-State Scholar requires additional documentation
 - Deadline is February 1, 2023
 - Visit www.astate.edu/AScholar for more details

A-State Scholarship Awarding

- Scholarship offers will be made weekly beginning August 15, 2022 through July 1, 2023.
- Scholarship amounts can be upgraded based on receipt of new official ACT/GPA through July 1, 2023 (excluding A-State Scholar)
- To accept scholarships and the Terms and Conditions, monitor the A-State my.AState portal <http://my.AState.edu>




WOLVES UP!

STUDENTS MUST BE FULLY ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION.

2023-2024 INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP	REQUIREMENTS	ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNTS	RENEWAL	APPLICATION PROCEDURE
A-STATE SCHOLAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen 2023 High School Graduate Minimum 31 ACT Superscore or 1400 new SAT and 3.50 GPA 	Awards up to \$14,000 for on-campus students which includes \$3,000 for meal plan and \$3,000 for housing Remaining balance for tuition and fees	15 A-State hours on the A-State campus per semester (including one Honors course) and a cumulative 3.500 GPA Renewable up to eight semesters	Be admitted to the university and apply for the A-State Scholar by February 1, 2023 Additional documents required to be considered for the A-State Scholar Visit: AState.edu/AStateScholar
A-STATE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen 2023 High School Graduate 28 and above ACT Superscore or 1310 and above new SAT or minimum 4.00 GPA 	Tuition and fees: \$8,000 Campus Housing: \$2,000	15 A-State hours on the A-State campus per semester and a cumulative 3.000 GPA Renewable up to eight semesters	Be admitted to the university No additional application required
A-STATE LEADER SCHOLARSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen 2023 High School Graduate 25-27 ACT Superscore or 1210-1309 new SAT or minimum 3.75 GPA 	Tuition and fees: \$6,000 Campus Housing: \$2,000	15 A-State hours on the A-State campus per semester and a cumulative 3.000 GPA Renewable up to eight semesters	Be admitted to the university No additional application required
A-STATE PACK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen 2023 High School Graduate 22-24 ACT Superscore or 1110-1209 new SAT or minimum 3.50 GPA 	Tuition and fees: \$4,000 Campus Housing: \$2,000	15 A-State hours on the A-State campus per semester and a cumulative 3.000 GPA Renewable up to eight semesters	Be admitted to the university No additional application required
870 HOUSING PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen 2023 High School Graduate Verified 0 (zero) EFC (Expected Family Contribution) on the 2023-24 FAFSA 	Awards \$3,000 toward Campus Housing	Verified 0 (zero) EFC (Expected Family Contribution) on FAFSA Must live on campus. Renewable up to eight semesters	Be admitted to the university Complete 2023-24 FAFSA
HERITAGE GRANT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen 2023 High School Graduate Demonstrate need - EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) Other aid received 	Awards up to \$3,000 One-year award	12 A-State hours on the A-State campus per semester Nonrenewable	Be admitted to the university Complete 2023-24 FAFSA
OUT-OF-STATE SCHOLARSHIP <i>MAY BE COMBINED WITH INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen First-Time Students: Minimum 24 ACT Superscore or 1160 new SAT and minimum 3.00 GPA Transfer Students: Minimum 24 transfer hours & 3.25 GPA 	Equal to out-of-state tuition costs Automatically awarded and posted to student account upon billing	Must be a full-time A-State student. This benefit is not available to students who attend A-State during the summer unless the student attended A-State full time the previous spring semester	Be admitted to the university <i>Student-athletes receiving institutional athletic aid may not qualify; please contact the A-State Athletic Compliance Office for determination of eligibility</i>

READ THE FINE PRINT

- > Scholarship deadline is July 1, 2023, for all above scholarships EXCEPT A-State Scholar
- > All scholarships are administered according to university guidelines at AState.edu/Scholarships.
- > A scholarship award will only be made to those students who have applied and been admitted to Arkansas State University. For a student to be considered for admission, we must receive an admission application, along with an official six or seven semester high school transcript, \$30 application fee, and official ACT or SAT score. Please visit AState.edu/Admissions for complete admission details.
- > Scholarship amounts can be upgraded based on receipt of new ACT/GPA through July 1, 2023, (excluding A-State Scholar).
- > All A-State housing scholarships are contingent upon the availability of on-campus housing.
- > A-State reserves the right to make changes to the scholarship program at any time based on the funds available, the number of eligible students, and date students were admitted.
- > 870 Housing Plan cannot be combined with another housing award.



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& Scholarships**
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A-State 870 Housing Plan

\$3000 annually (\$1500 fall & \$1500 spring)
toward A-State Jonesboro on campus housing.

To be eligible:

- U.S. citizen
- 2023 High School Senior
- Admitted to A-State before July 1, 2023
- Verified Zero EFC from 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Students must live on the A-State campus
- Award may be renewed up to three additional years as long as student successfully completes 12 ASUJ hours per semester and has a verified Zero EFC each academic year.

A-State Privately Funded Scholarships

- Online application for Privately Funded Scholarships available October 1, 2022 through February 1, 2023.
 - Scholarships are offered by the various colleges on campus.
 - www.astate.edu/scholarships
 - Students may upload personal essays, student resumes, and letters of recommendation.



A-State Performance Scholarships

- Students will need to contact the appropriate department for scholarship information.





Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) Programs

ADHE Financial Aid Programs

- Arkansas Challenge/Lottery Scholarship
- Arkansas Concurrent Challenge
- Arkansas Future Grant (ARFuture)
- Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship
- Governor's Distinguished Scholarship
- Law Enforcement Officer's Dependent Scholarship (LEO)
- Military Dependent Scholarship (MDS)
- National Guard Tuition Waiver (NGTW)
- Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship (GHETS)





Scholarship Application Management System (SAMS)

- Available October 1st
- Search and apply for all ADHE administered scholarship and grants at one time
- Receive email status notifications
- Student may manage their account 24/7:
 - May update personal information and college of attendance
 - Review transcript and test score information



Scholarship Application Management System (SAMS)

User Login

All Users will utilize this Login Screen.
Application will navigate Users to the proper portal based on their role.



Ready for College

Returning Users

Email Address

Password

[Forgot Email or Password?](#)

Login

New Applicant Registration

New Users

Traditional Challenge/Lottery

- Academic Eligibility Criteria:
 - Graduate from an Arkansas public high school, private school or home school
 - Earn a 19 super-score on the ACT
 - Deadline is July 1st



Traditional Challenge/Lottery

- Basic Eligibility Criteria:

- Accepted for admission at an approved institution of higher education as a full-time student in a program of study that leads to a bachelor's degree, associate degree, qualified certificate or a nursing school diploma
- Applicant **must** complete the SAMS Scholarship Application **and** the FAFSA.



Challenge/Lottery Scholarship Award Amounts

2 year Institutions

- \$1000 Freshman
- \$3000 Sophomore

4 year Institutions

- \$1000 Freshman
- \$4000 Sophomore
- \$4000 Junior
- \$5000 Senior

- Students that have completed 27 or more college-level hours are eligible to request a waiver for first year award amount
 - Must be submitted by June 1st - Previous recipients will continue to receive the amounts stipulated in their original award
- If student has remaining eligibility, they can use the scholarship towards a graduate-level or professional degree
- Maximum award for 4 year institution is 120 hours; 2 year institution is 5 semesters

Traditional Challenge/Lottery

Enrollment

- At least 12 hours the first Fall semester following high school
- At least 15 hours each semester thereafter
- Measured as of the end of the 11th class day
 - Any hours added after the 11th class day do not count for eligibility
- Only hours enrolled at a single school count

Renewal

- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Successfully complete at least 27 hours their first academic year
- Successfully complete at least 30 hours each academic year thereafter
- May use summer terms to meet hour and GPA requirements
- Complete all required remedial courses within the first 30 semester hours after receiving the scholarship

Concurrent Challenge (ACT 456)

- Academic Eligibility Criteria:

- Only high school Junior or Senior qualify
- Up to two concurrent credit courses per semester

- Award Amount

- \$125 per course

Arkansas Future Grant

- Academic Eligibility Criteria:
 - Graduate from an Arkansas public high school, private school, or home school
 - Be enrolled part-time or full-time at an approved institution, in a program of study that leads to an associate degree or a certificate
 - Must complete FAFSA
 - Deadline to Apply for Fall: July 1st
 - Deadline to Apply for Spring: January 10th

Arkansas Future Grant

Enrollment & Award

- Will allow part-time enrollment
- Awards Based off of two-year institution program costs for qualifying Associate and Certificate programs at public institutions
- Grant will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis
- Last to pay Grant
- List of the programs available at AState:

https://static.ark.org/eeuploads/adhes/financial/ArFuture_Degrees_Final2020-2021.pdf

Renewal

- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Monthly mentoring per semester
- Complete 10 hours of community service per semester
- Once a student graduates, the recipient must work in Arkansas for 3 years



Distinguished Governor's Scholarship

- 32 ACT score and;
- 3.5 academic GPA; or
- National Merit or National Achievement Finalist
- Up to 375 awards
- FAFSA not required
- Deadline is March 1st



Distinguished Governor's Scholarship

If there is a county in Arkansas that does not have a Distinguished Scholar, the highest ranking applicant from that county will be awarded a Governor's Scholarship at \$5000 per year

Distinguished Governor's Scholarship

Enrollment

- At least 12 hours the first Fall semester following high school
- At least 15 hours each semester thereafter
- Measured as of the end of the 11th class day
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- Only hours enrolled at a single school count

Renewal

- Maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA
- Successfully complete at least 27 hours their first academic year
- Successfully complete at least 30 hours each academic year thereafter
- May use summer terms to meet hour and GPA requirements
- If student has remaining eligibility, they can use the scholarship towards a graduate-level or professional degree

Law Enforcement Officer's Dependents Scholarship

- Undergraduate dependent/spouse of Arkansas Law Enforcement Officer
 - Killed or totally disabled in the line-of-duty
 - Dependent must be under 23 years of age
- Waiver of tuition, fees, and room
- Deadline is July 1st
- Renewal - minimum GPA: 2.0

Military Dependents Scholarship

- Undergraduate dependent/spouse of service member who:
 - Is Missing in Action (MIA);
 - Was Killed in Action (KIA);
 - Was a Prisoner of War (POW); or
 - Permanently and totally disabled
- State supported college, university or technical institute
- Must apply for Chapter 35 benefits from the Veterans Affairs (VA) Office
- Waiver of tuition, fees, and room and board in excess of VA benefits
- Deadline is July 1st
- Renewal - complete a minimum of 24 hours per academic year along with a minimum GPA of 2.0



Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program

- Active member of the Arkansas Army/Air National Guard
- State supported college, university or technical institute
- Tuition and fees waiver (Mandatory fees only)
- Last to pay Grant
- For more information about NGTW, including application, students can use this link:
<https://arkansas.nationalguard.mil/EIB/NGTW/>
- To contact the Education Office at the Guard, please use one of the phone numbers below:
501-212-4045/4652/4011/4036/4035



Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship

- Only students accepted into a transitional program (such as H.O.W.L. Transition Program at AState).
- The transitional program must be accredited by The Institute for Community Inclusion as Comprehensive Training Programs
- Maintain eligibility for a maximum of 4 semesters of continuous enrollment
- Maximum award amount is \$2,500 per semester and cannot exceed cost of attendance
- Awards may be applied to tuition, mandatory fees, programmatic fees, room and board, supplies or extended support services
- Failure to notify ADHE of a change in status (name, email, program admittance) may affect future eligibility

Scholarship Hold Request

- Must be requested through the SAMS portal and documentation must be submitted explaining the reason for the hold
- Maximum hold is 24 months (4 semesters) for the following:
 - Medical condition of the student or immediate family member;
 - Personal or immediate family emergency;
 - Military service/training;
 - Service in a national or international humanitarian project;
 - Internship & Co-Op
 - Financial hardship



ADHE Contact Information

ADHE Financial Aid Contact Information:

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Q&A

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Questions
We Have
Answers



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