What You Need to Know About Financial Aid 2022-2023



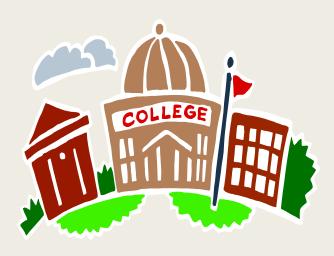


Topics We Will Discuss Tonight

- What is financial aid?
- Cost of attendance (COA)
- Expected family contribution (EFC)
- Financial need
- Categories, types, and sources of financial aid
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Special circumstances

What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid consists of **funds** (scholarships, grants, loans, workstudy) provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary **educational expenses**.





What is Cost of Attendance (COA)?

COA includes:

- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Board
- Books & Supplies
- Transportation
- Personal Expenses

Direct v. Indirect Costs

COA Varies widely from college to college

What is Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

- Amount family can reasonably be expected to contribute
- Stays the same regardless of college
- Two components
 - Parent contribution
 - Student contribution
- Calculated using data from a federal application form and a federal formula

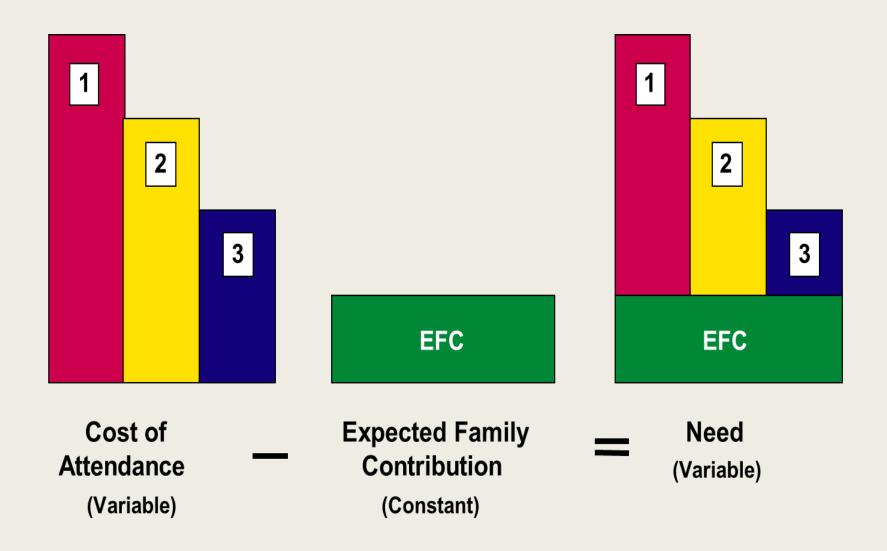
What is Financial Need?

Cost of Attendance

Expected Family Contribution

= Financial Need

Need Varies Based on Cost



Types of Financial Aid

Gift Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants

Self-Help Aid

- Loans
- Employment

Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal government
- States
- Colleges and universities
- Private sources
- Civic organizations and churches
- Employers

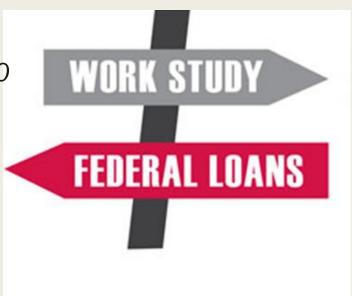
What's Out There for Students?

- Pell Grants Based on EFC
 - Automatic with eligibility
 - 2021-2022 maximum annual award amount \$6,495
- FSEOG
 - Supplemental grant for the neediest of students
 - Based on availability
- TEACH Grant
 - For those planning to teach in high-need fields
 - Agreement to Serve
- Kansas Comprehensive Grant
 - Determined by the KS Legislators
 - Available at 4-year Colleges & Universities
 - Based on availability



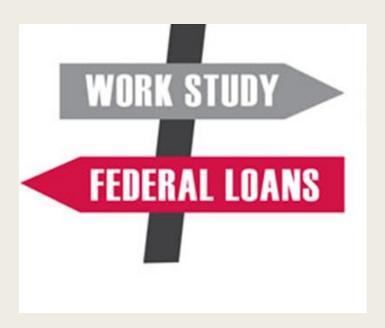
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- Federal Work Study
 - Federal dollars paid in exchange for part-time employment in designated jobs
 - School comes first
- Federal Direct Loans
 - Subsidized
 - Unsubsidized
 - Freshman Annual Loan Limit = \$5500
 - 2021-2022 Interest Rate = 3.73%



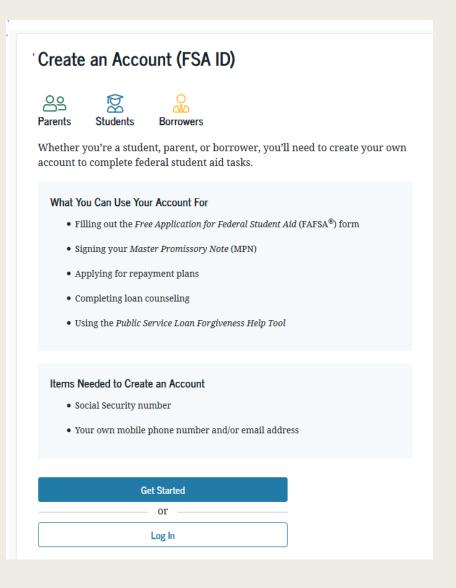
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- Federal Direct Loans (cont'd)
 - Parent PLUS Loans
 - 2021-2022 Interest Rate = 6.28%
- Private/Alternative Loans
 - Exhaust federal aid options first



FSAID

- 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 a FSA ID
- Apply at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch



Each FSA ID Requires a Different E-mail Address

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)



FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)



myStudentAid mobile app



Paper or PDF FAFSA

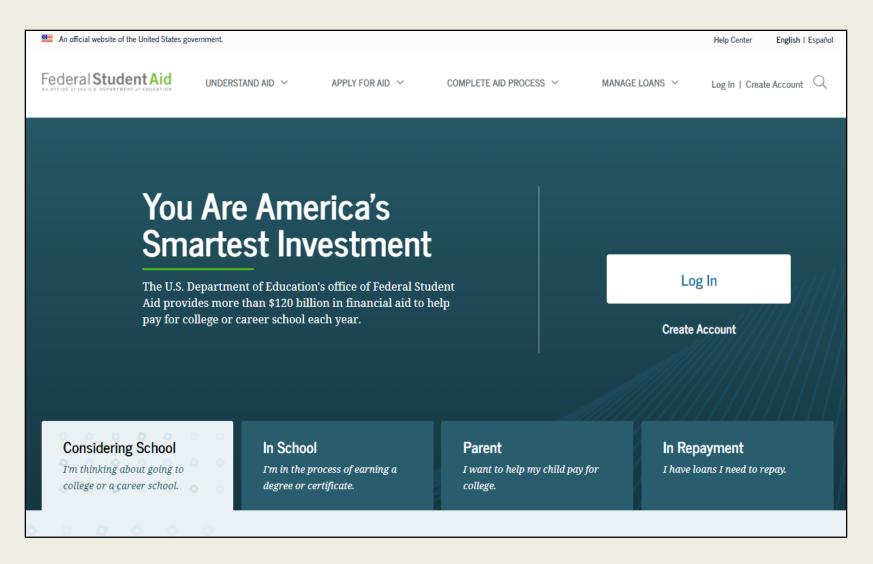


FAFSA on the Phone (FOTP)

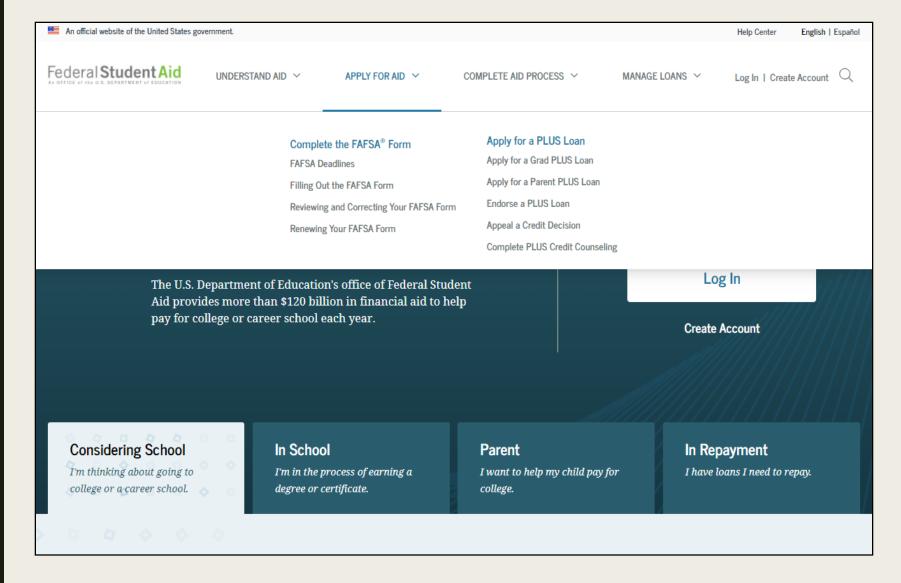


FAA Access to CPS Online

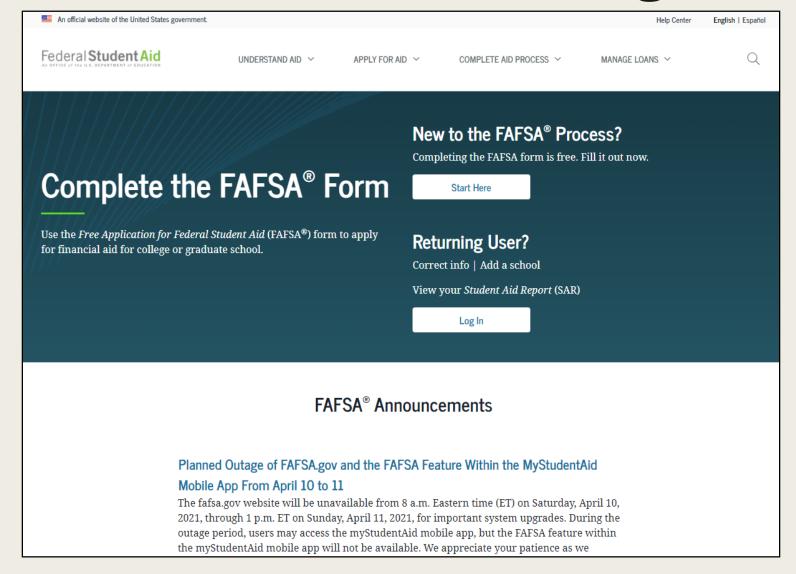
Studentaid.gov Home



Apply for Aid



FAFSA Form Welcome Page



myStudentAid Mobile App





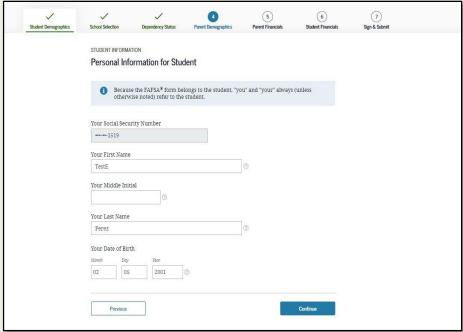
Mobile ability to begin, complete, save, and submit the **FAFSA**

FAFSA

- Information used to calculate the expected family contribution (EFC)
- 2022-2023 FAFSA available October 1, 2021
- Most colleges set FAFSA priority filing deadlines
- 2020 Tax Data
- studentaid.gov

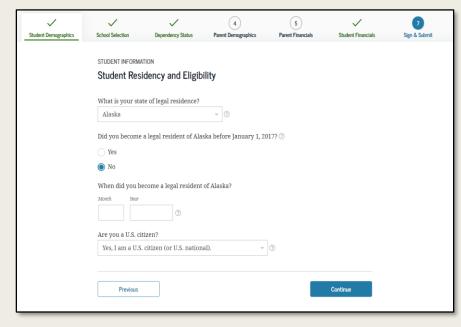
Student Demographic Section

- Students must use their LEGAL name
- Social Security Number
- Why does it ask my gender?
 - Selective service



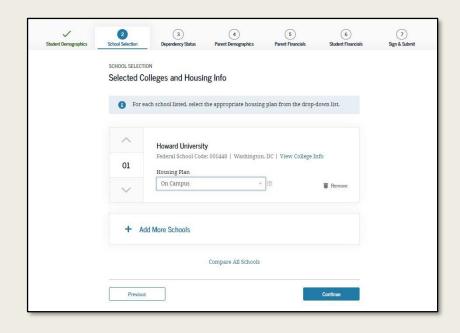
Student Eligibility Section

- Citizenship
 - US Citizens will have an SSN tied to their legal name
 - Eligible Non-Citizens will have both an SSN & Alien Registration Number
- Grade Level
 - Not Graduate Students or Seniors
- Degree they are seeking
 - Associate, Bachelor before Master's or PhD
- Foster Care



Student Eligibility Section (cont'd)

- Students can select up to 10 colleges to receive their FAFSA results
- Housing Questions
 - Helps to determine
 Cost of Attendance
 - At Home with Parents
 - On-Campus
 - Off-Campus
 - You can change your mind



Dependent or Independent: That is the question

- Born before Jan. 1, 1999 •
- Veteran
- Active duty military
- Married
- Children or other dependents
- Both parents deceased Graduate student
- Foster care past age 13

- Dependent/ward of court past age 13
- Legal guardianship
- Emancipated minor
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness

- If the answer to all is NO they're Dependent
- If the answer to ANY is YES they're Independent

Parent Information on the FAFSA

- Who is my parent when it comes to the FAFSA?
 - If parents are living together, regardless of marital status, include their combined financial information
 - This includes same-sex partners
 - If parents are divorced or separated, include the financial information for the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. If that parent is remarried, you must include your stepparent's financial information.

Grandparents, foster parents, and legal guardians are NOT considered parents unless they legally adopted you

What information do I need to have with me to complete the FAFSA?

- 2020 Taxes, Income information, benefit summaries
- Asset information
 - NOT 401(k) or IRA balances
 - NOT the value of your <u>primary</u> residence
- Untaxed income such as child support received



IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Real-time request in the FAFSA to import IRS tax data
 - Important! You will not see the actual IRS data on the IRS website or inserted into the FAFSA.
 - Reduces documents requested later.
 - Parents filing a joint tax return will need to enter income from work manually on the FAFSA.
- IRS DRT will not work for families who:
 - Do not have a Social Security Number
 - Are married but file taxes separately

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 Nonmarried parent or both married parents entered all zeroes for the SSN

Frequent FAFSA Errors

- Social Security numbers
- Divorced/remarried parental information
- Income earned by parents/stepparents
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Household size
- Number of household members in college
- Real Estate and investment net worth
- What assets to include

Make corrections online at studentaid.gov or on the paper Student Aid Report



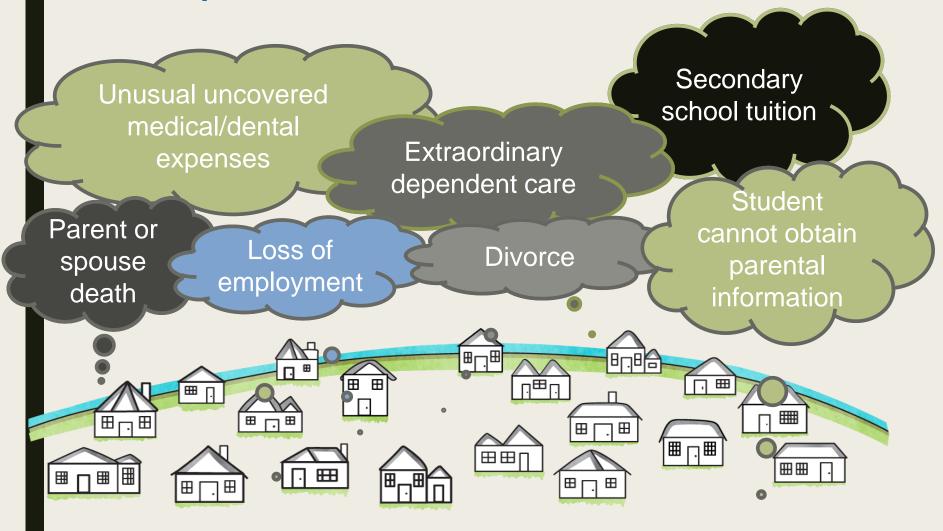
What Happens After I File?

- A summary of your application is created for your review & sent to your selected schools electronically
 - Summary is called a Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - Students with FSA IDs may view SAR online at <u>studentaid.gov</u>
- If schools require further information or documentation, they will contact the student directly
 - Make sure students know how each school communicates with them
 - FERPA
- Watch for award notifications
 - Many schools won't begin awarding aid for 2022-2023 until late December or January.

Special Circumstances

- Cannot be documented using FAFSA
 - Change in employment status
 - Unusual medical expenses not covered by insurance
 - Change in parent marital status
- Send written explanation and documentation to financial aid office at each college
- College will review and request additional information if necessary
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education

Special Circumstances



Satisfactory Academic Progress

Undergraduate Student Standards

- Time Frame
 - 186 credit hours attempted at all institutions
- Grade Point Average
 - Cumulative Credit Hours 0-29 Hours = 1.6
- Pace
 - Must complete 67% or more of hours attempted over the history of their undergraduate college credits

How Do Scholarships Work?

- Scholarships are considered "gift aid" similar to grants
 - Some have restrictions on what they will pay
 - Direct costs only?
 - Are there enrollment restrictions?
 - They come from multiple sources
 - Institutions
 - Organizations
 - Employers
 - The list is growing every day

Where Do I Find Them?

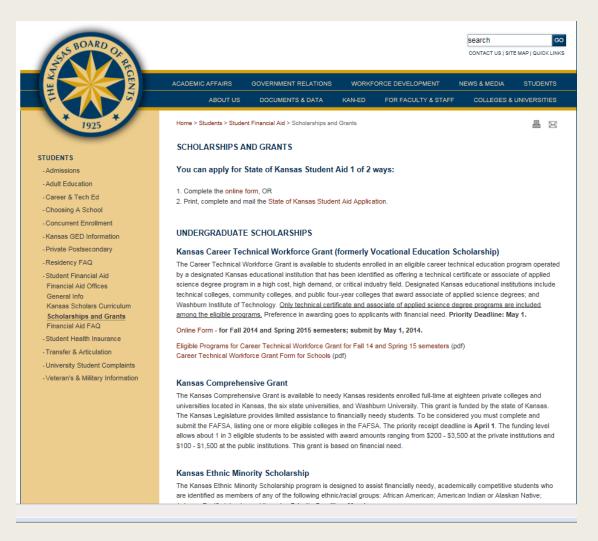
Institutions

- Is there an application?
 - Are there MULTIPLE applications?
- When do I apply?
 - What is the deadline?
- Is it based on Merit or Need?
 - What do they need to determine eligibility?
- Does it require follow-up?
- Is it renewable?
 - What are the requirements for renewal?



Kansas Board of Regents

http://kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants



Kansas State Programs

- Kansas State Scholarship
- Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship
- Career Technical Workforce Grant
- Kansas Career Work Study Program
- Military Service Scholarship
- Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship
- Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship
- Kansas Promise Act Scholarship
- National Guard Educational Assistance Program
- ROTC Tuition Waiver
- Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Public Safety Officers
- Dependents & Spouses of Military Personnel
- Former Prisoners of War

Where do I go from here?

- Obtain and review admissions and financial aid Web sites and materials for each school to which you are applying.
- Meet all application deadlines.
 - Complete FAFSA and other application materials.
 Submit all requested follow-up documents.
- Investigate other sources of aid.

QUESTIONS?

