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National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Presents ...

What You Need to Know About Financial Aid



Topics We Will Discuss

- 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 provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses





What is Cost of Attendance (COA)?



Tuition and fees



Room and board



Books and supplies



Transportation



Miscellaneous personal expenses



What is Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

Measurement of student's and family's ability to pay postsecondary educational expenses

Student contribution

Parent contribution

(for dependent students)



What is Financial Need?

Cost of attendance (COA)

Expected family contribution

(EFC)

= Financial need



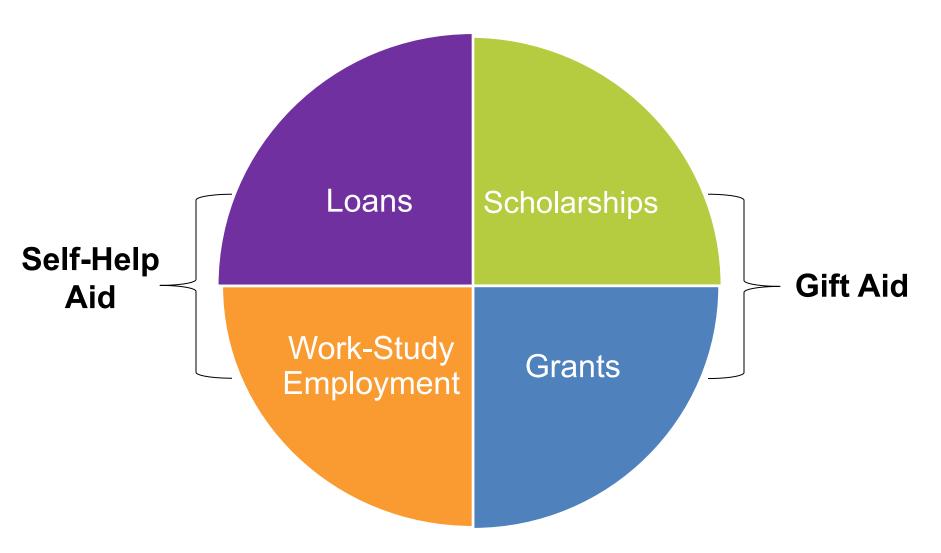
Categories of Financial Aid





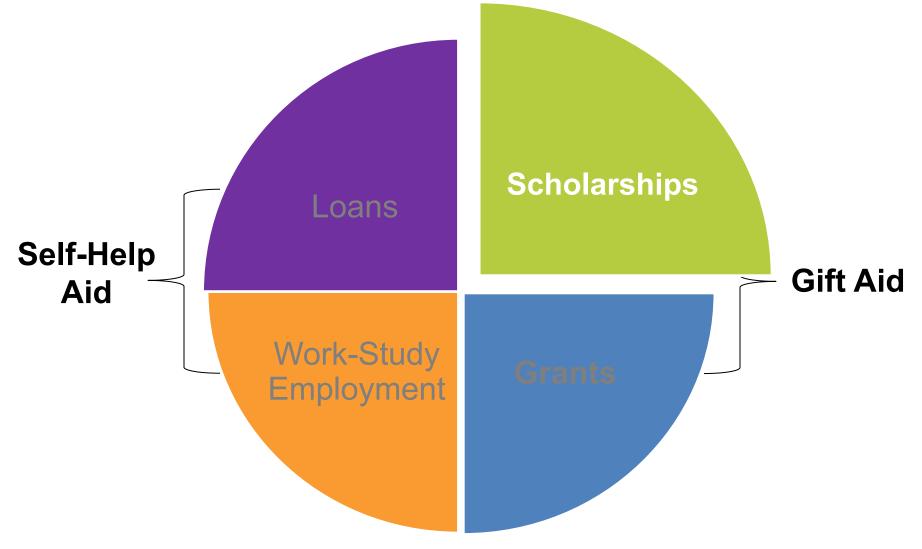


Types of Financial Aid



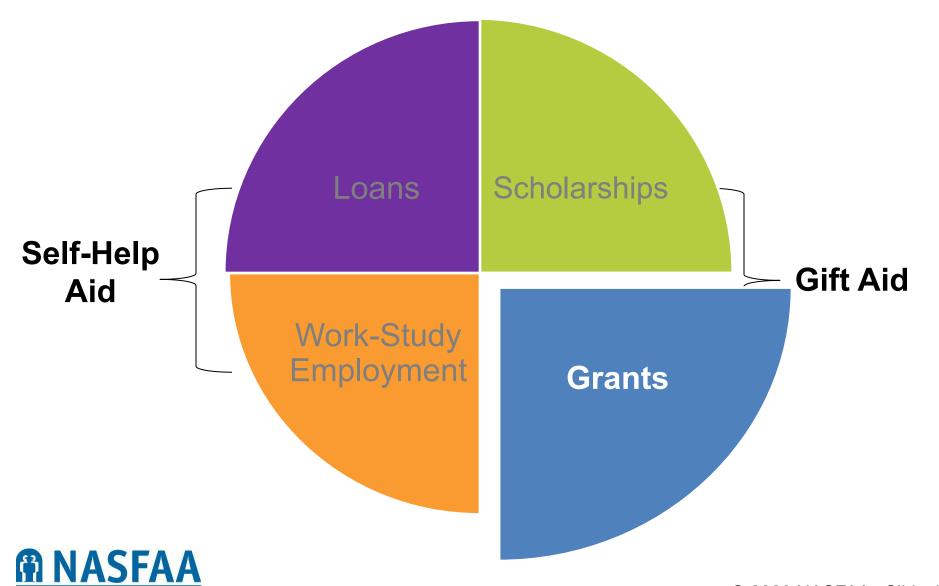


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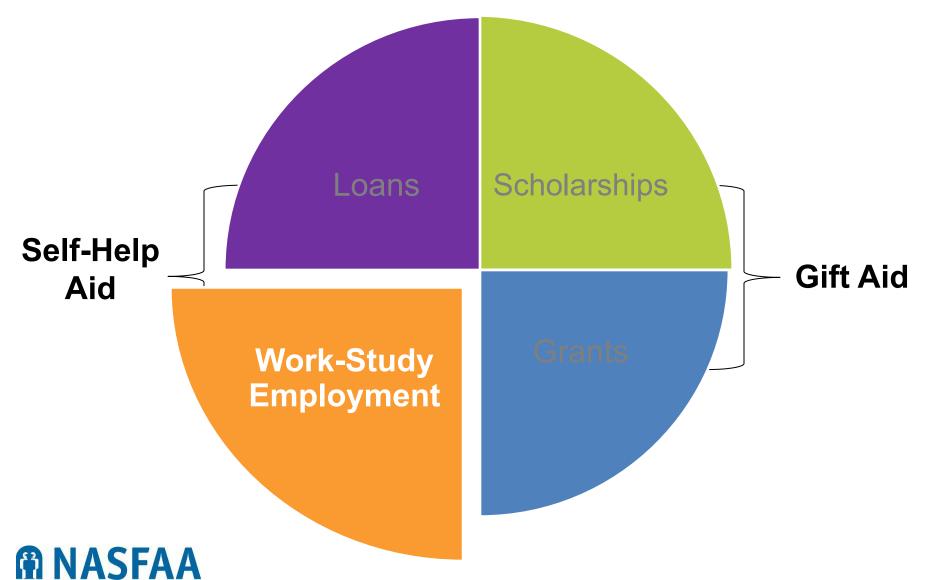




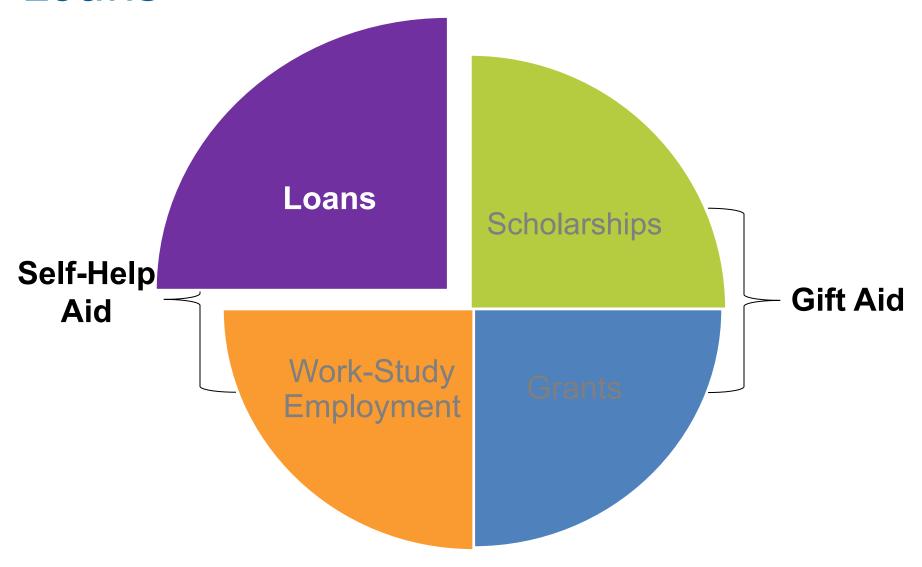
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Work-Study Employment

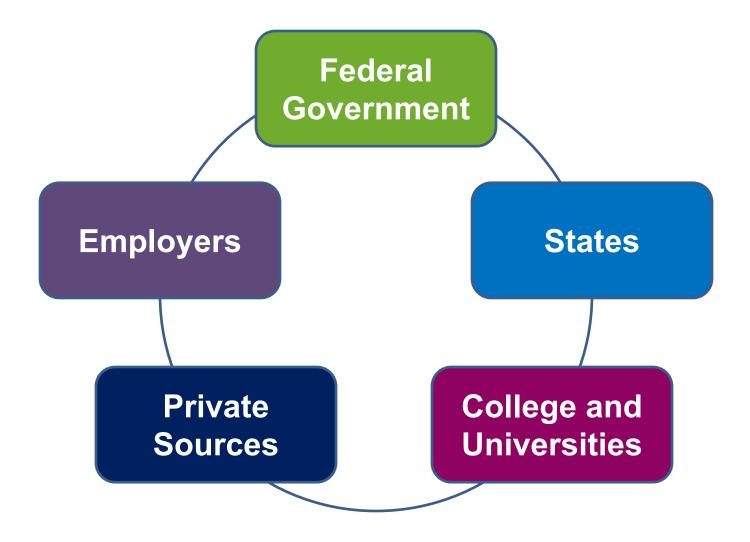


Loans





Sources of Financial Aid





Federal Government

Largest source of financial aid

Aid provided primarily on the basis of financial need

Must apply each year using the FAFSA

Eligibility requirements must be met



Federal Student Aid Programs

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



States

Residency requirements usually apply

Aid may be provided on the basis of both merit and need

Use information from the FAFSA and/or state aid applications

Deadlines vary by state



Colleges and Universities

Aid provided 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



Private Sources

Foundations, businesses, churches, civic, and charitable organizations

Deadlines and applications procedures vary

Begin researching private sources early



Employers

May have scholarships available to the children of employees

May have educational benefits for their employees



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- Collects demographic and financial information
- Information used to calculate the expected family contribution (EFC)
- Colleges use EFC to offer financial aid
- Available in English and Spanish



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- 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 2021-22 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning October 1, 2020
- Colleges may set FAFSA priority dates



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)



FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)



myFAFSA via myStudentAid mobile app



Paper (PDF) FAFSA



FAFSA on the Phone (FOTP)



FAA Access to CPS Online



Benefits of Using FOTW or myStudentAid

- Built-in edits to prevent costly errors
- Skip-logic allows student and/or parent to skip unnecessary questions
- Option to use Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
 Data Retrieval Tool to import tax data



Benefits of Using FOTW or myStudentAid

- More timely submission of original application and any necessary corrections
- More detailed instructions and "help" for common questions
- Ability to check application status online
- Simplified application process in the future



FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)



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

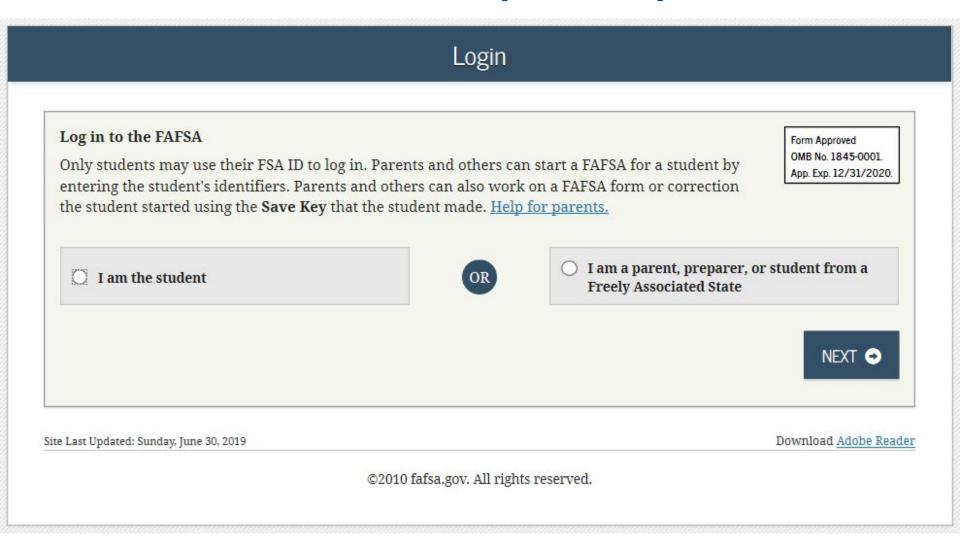
View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

Log In

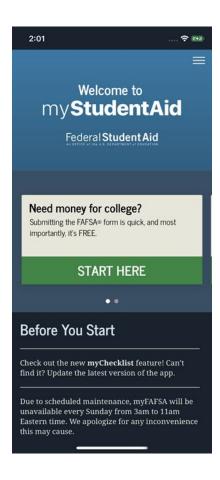
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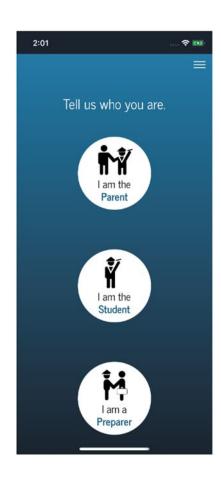


FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)





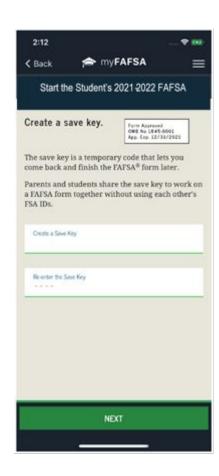




 Mobile ability to begin, complete, save, and submit the FAFSA



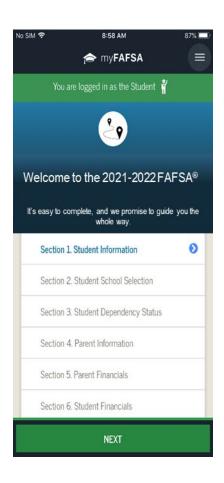


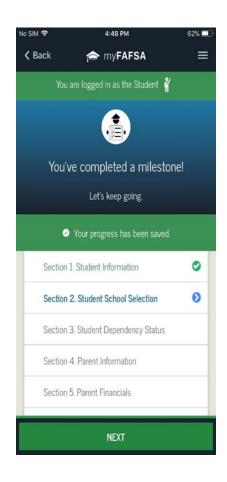


- Information protected the same as FOTW
- Prompts

 applicant to
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 key, allowing
 completion at
 later time

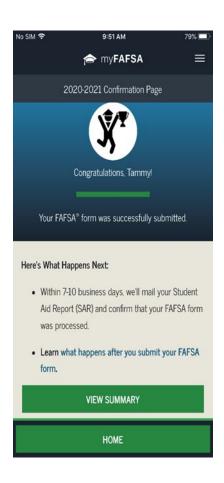


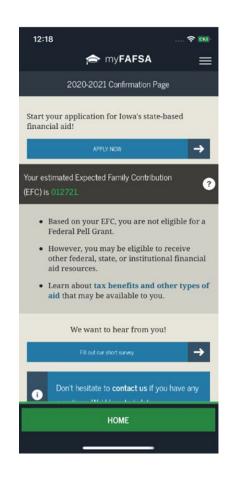




- FAFSA completion tracked
- Successful completion of each section indicated







- Agreement of Terms checkbox
- Confirmation of submission
- Estimated EFC calculation



IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

- Allows for certain tax return information to be transferred from the IRS database
- Participation is voluntary and student chooses whether to transfer data to FOTW
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity
- If tax record is found, IRS transfers information to populate the FAFSA
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office



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 2020, or later

First three digits of the SSN are 666

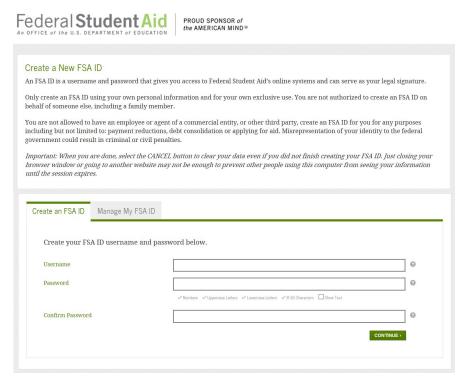
Filed a non-U.S. tax return Married and filed as head of household, or filed separate returns

Neither married parent entered a valid SSN Non-marrie d parent or both married parents entered all zeroes for the SSN



FSA ID

- 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 an FSA ID
- Apply at https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm





FOTW Worksheet

SECTION 3 - PARENT INFORMATION Who is considered a parent? "Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent or a person determined by the state to be a parent (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about both of them. If your legal parents are not married and live together, answer the questions about both of them. In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent you lived with most in the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give information about the parent who provided you the most financial support during the last 12 months or during the most recent year you received support. If your divorced or widowed parent has remarried, also provide information about your stepparent. Providing parept 1 information? You will need Providing parent 2 information? You will need Parent 1 (father/m Parent 1 (father/m Parent 1 (father/me Check here if **SECTION 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION** Did you know? After you are online, you can add up to ten colleges on your FAFSA. The colleges will receive the information from your processed If your parents file the IRS Data Retrie easily, accurately information into the Student's Last Name First Name Social Security Number What was your Student Citizenship Status (check one of the following) Skin this question U.S. citizen (U.S. national) ☐ Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen 1040A-line 21; or ☐ Eligible noncitizen (Enter your Alien Registration Number in the box to the right.) Your Alien Registration Number The following qu Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are: · A permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); A conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C); . The holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted,"Parolee" (I-94 confirms paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant;" or The holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking." Student Marital Status (check one of the following) ☐ Married or remarried □ Divorced or widowed You will be asked to provide information about your spouse if you are married or remarried. Selective Service Registration If you are male and 25 or younger, you can use the FAFSA to register with the Selective Service System What is the highest school parent 1 completed? ☐ Middle school/Jr. high College or beyond ☐ High school □ Other/unknown What is the highest school parent 2 completed? ☐ Middle school/Jr. high College or beyond ☐ High school ☐ Other/unknown **SECTION 2 - STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS**

 Preview of questions that may be asked regarding basic information for the student and parent, if applicable



General Student Information

- Social Security Number
- Citizenship status
- Marital status
- Drug conviction of possession or sale
- Selective Service registration
- Highest education level completed by father/mother



Student Dependency Status

FAFSA asks questions to determine dependency status for Title IV federal student aid (not IRS) purposes:

- If all "No" responses, student is dependent
- If "Yes" to any question, student is independent



Information About Parents of Dependent Students

- Tax, income, and other financial information
- Dislocated worker status
- Receipt of means-tested federal benefits in the previous two years
- Assets
- Untaxed income



Information About Student (and Spouse)

- Tax, income, and other financial information
- Dislocated worker status
- Receipt of means-tested federal benefits in the previous two years
- Assets
- Untaxed income



Additional Information

- College information
- Housing plans
- FAFSA preparer information



Signatures

- Required
 - Student
 - One parent (dependent students)
- Format for submitting signatures
 - Electronic using FSA ID
 - Signature page
 - Paper FAFSA

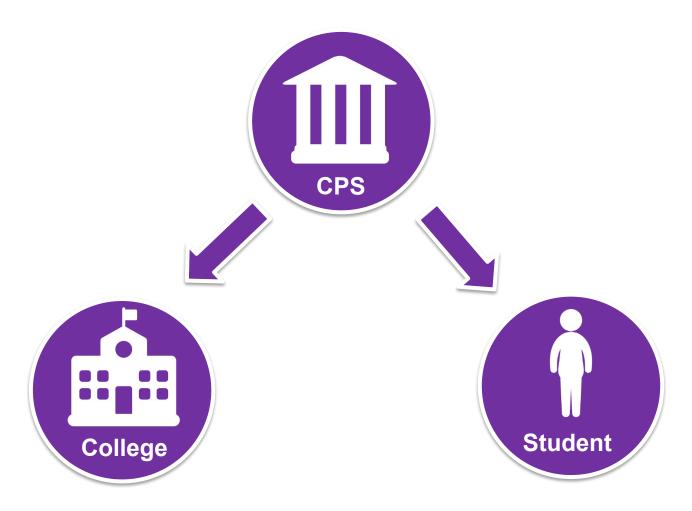


Frequent FAFSA Errors

- Social Security Numbers
- Divorced/widowed/remarried parental information
- Income earned by parent/stepparent
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Household size
- Number of household members in college
- Real estate and investment net worth

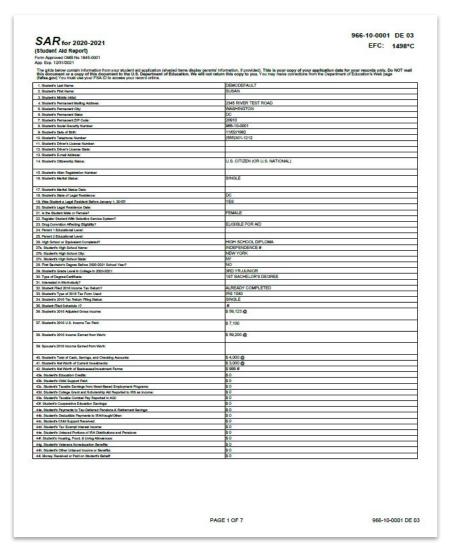


FAFSA Processing Results





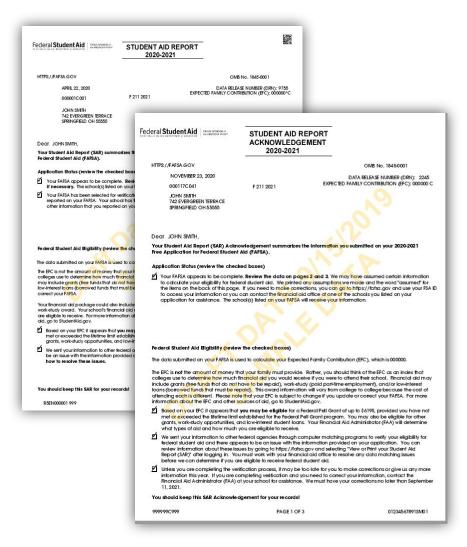
Email Notification of SAR Processing



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



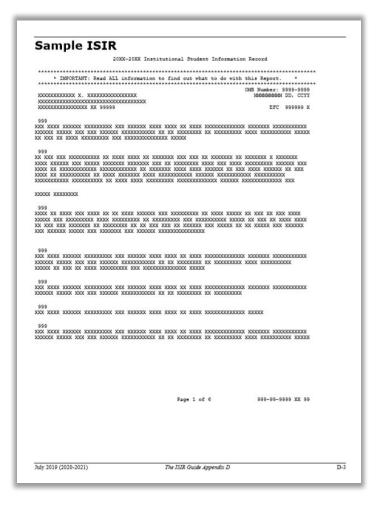
SAR or SAR Acknowledgement



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



Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)



- CPS sends results to colleges listed on the FAFSA
- College reviews ISIR and may request additional documentation



Making Corrections

If necessary, corrections to FAFSA data may be made by:

- Using FAFSA on the Web, if student has a FSA ID;
- Updating paper SAR; or
- Submitting documentation to college's financial aid office.

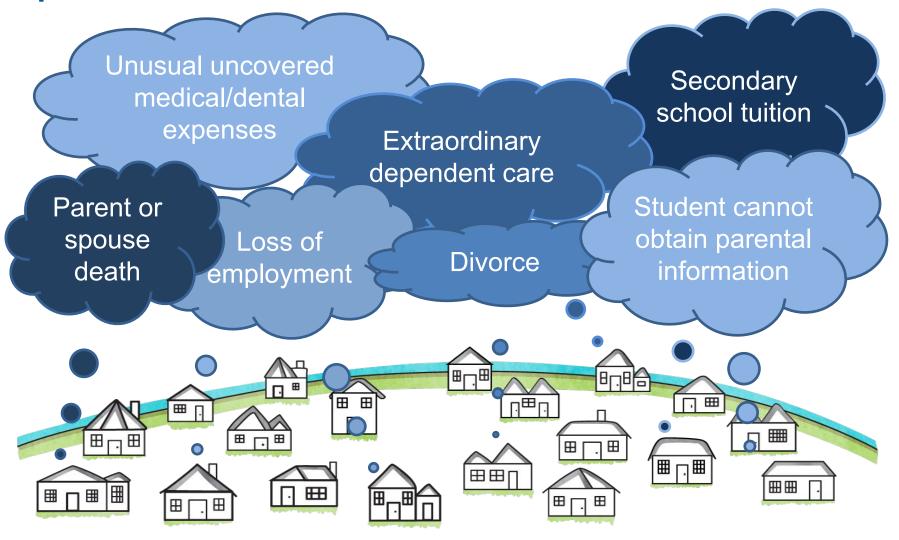


Special Circumstances

- Conditions exist that cannot be documented with the FAFSA
- Send written explanation and documentation to your college's financial aid office
- College will review and request additional information if necessary
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education



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