



FINANCIAL AID

101

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Presenter

Am I Eligible for Federal Student Aid?

Eligibility for most federal student aid programs is based on financial need , which is determined when you file the FAFSA.



Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Must have a valid Social Security Number (SSN)
- Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible program of study
- Must be pursuing a degree, certificate or other recognized credential
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Must be registered with Selective Service (male students between the ages of 18 and 25)
- Must have attained a high school diploma or equivalent (GED, Homeschooled)
- Once receiving aid must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress - SAP

GETTING STARTED

Both student and parent must each create a FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov

- The FSA ID is comprised of a user-selected Username and Password.
- Requires each of you to link your email account to the FSA ID. You and your parent must each use a different email address and it must match the email you list on the FAFSA. Also, you must have access to your cell phone and email account as you will be sent a “Secure Code” to each that you will need to input at the end of the setup process for your FSA ID.
- Requires each of you to answer two challenge questions and create two challenge questions.
- TAKE YOUR TIME!!! Write everything down and click on “Show Text” wherever possible to insure accuracy.

Your FSA ID allows you to...

- Sign your application electronically and complete the student aid process completely online—no paper is involved.
- Parents with a FSA ID can sign the application electronically for all their students.
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to populate income & tax information with actual prior, prior year tax information (currently 2016).
- Make online corrections to your FAFSA.
- Access your Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for a federal student loan.
- Access your federal student aid records online, including your student loan history information on National Student Loan Data Service (NSLDS).

www.fafsa.gov

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Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



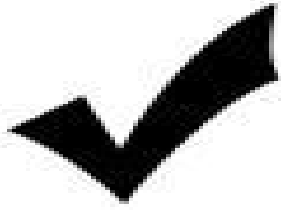
New to the FAFSA?

[Start A New FAFSA](#)

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

[Login](#)



When to FILE

- Complete the FAFSA on the Web (FOTW) any time after October 1st, 2017. Completing and processing the FAFSA is FREE.
- Make sure you go directly to www.fafsa.ed.gov and not .com!

Beware of deadlines...

- Schools – different for each school – check websites now and file by the earliest deadline!
- Make sure to meet NJHESAA deadlines to insure you are applying for both federal and state aid.

DEADLINES

STATE DEADLINES for FAFSA

April 15, 2018 for students who received a 2017-2018 Tuition Aid Grant.

September 15, 2018 for students who did not receive a 2017-2018 Tuition Aid Grant.

AIR – Applicant Information Request Deadlines

September 15, 2018 – for students who received a 2017-2018 Tuition Aid Grant

November 1, 2018 – for Spring Only students who received a 2017-2018 Tuition Aid Grant

November 1, 2018 – for Fall and spring students, who did not receive a 2017-2018 Tuition Aid Grant

March 1, 2019 – for Spring Only students , who did not receive a 2017-2018 tuition Aid Grant

Dependency Status Questions

Most students are considered *dependent* and must include parental information on the FAFSA.

For the 2018–19 academic year, you're an independent student IF at least one of the following applies to you

- Were you born before Jan. 1, 1995?
- As of today, are you married?
- At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as a MA, MBA, MD, KD, PhD, EdD or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2019?

Dependency Status cont.

- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- At anytime since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence are you or were you an emancipated minor? (Not recognized in the State of New Jersey)
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?

Dependency Status cont.

- On or after July 1, 2017, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- On or after July 1, 2017, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2017, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2017, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

DEPENDENT STUDENT



If you could NOT answer YES to one of the dependency questions on the FAFSA you are a DEPENDENT student for financial aid.

AND

Dependent students are required to provide student and parental information on the FAFSA.



Required FAFSA Information

Completing the FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- **Social Security Cards**
- **2016 W-2 forms and other records of money earned**
- **2016 Federal Income Tax Returns**
- **Any foreign tax returns or tax returns from Puerto Rico**
- **2016 untaxed income records (examples include Social Security Benefits, Welfare benefits, Veteran benefits, pensions...)**
- **Current bank statements, business and investment mortgage information; business and farm records; and stock, bond and other investment records.**
- **Alien registration Card (if you are not a U.S. Citizen)**
- **NJ Driver's License Number for the student**

You cannot receive federal student aid unless all your information is complete and accurate.

Advice on filing your FAFSA

- Have all necessary FAFSA required documentation on hand
- Access the IRS DRT -Data Retrieval Tool and transfer your income directly from your 2016 tax return filed with the IRS.
- Type your NAME and SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER exactly how it appears on your card
- Go slow – read the questions carefully
- Be aware of which section you are in: student or parent?
- Check and re-check your information before submitting.



Common Mistakes Made on the FAFSA

- Incorrect name, social security number, date of birth
- Parent section vs. Student section
- Number of people in the household
- Divorced/remarried households
- Taxes paid vs. taxes withheld
- Parental and student assets – ZERO is a number!
- Submitting all required signatures via FSA ID
- High School completion status
- Skipping the gender question
- Saving but not SUBMITTING the FAFSA!

Be sure to start your NJ State Application found on the Confirmation Page of the FAFSA



How To Be Considered for State Aid

- Complete the FAFSA by established State deadlines.
- Once you submit the FAFSA, NJ residents will be given the option to link to the HESAA NJFAMS portal from the Confirmation Page to respond to additional questions to be considered for TAG, NJSTARS, NJSTARS II and other state programs.
- Click the link and complete the additional NJ State questions. If you leave the FAFSA Confirmation page without clicking the link, students may log into “<https://njfams.heasaa.org>” to complete the additional state questions from the “To Do List” once their FAFSA is processed.
- View your state award amounts as well as documents requested by NJHESAA via the NJFAMS link.

I submitted my FAFSA. What happens NEXT....



E-MAIL NOTIFICATION:

You will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) in 3-5 days if you provided a valid e-mail address on your FAFSA. **A secure link will be provided in the e-mail. You can access your SAR online.**

MAIL NOTIFICATION:

If you did not list a e-mail address or the e-mail you listed is invalid a paper SAR is mailed to you in 7-10 days after your FAFSA has been processed.

What Do I do with my SAR?

Review it carefully to make sure the information you supplied is accurate and complete.



Make any corrections at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

-Select ***Make Corrections To A Processed FAFSA***. You will need your FSA ID's.

CSS Profile

Some schools may require this additional application to be considered for institutional aid.

Website to apply for profile:

www.student.collegeboard.org/profile

Website to apply for Noncustodial Profile:

www.ncprofile.collegeboard.org

Customer Service

305-829-9793

help@cssprofile.org

The Awarding Process

If you are eligible for federal student financial aid, the schools listed on your FAFSA (who have also offered admission) will send you a tentative award letter.

An **Award Letter** outlines the type of financial aid you are eligible to receive.

Types of Aid - Federal

- Federal Government (2017/2018)
 - Pell (\$5,920 projected award)
(600% limit or 12 full-time semesters)
Year Round Pell is back!
 - FSEOG (\$4,000 max award)
 - TEACH (\$3,728 max award)

Awards subject to change for 2018/2019.

Federal Work-Study



- Provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school.
- Helps pay your educational expenses.
- Available to undergraduate and graduate students.
- Available to full-time or part-time students.
- Is administered by schools participating in the FWS Program.
- Encourages community service work and work related to your course of study, whenever possible.

Federal Student Loans

Loans—allow you to borrow money for your education.
(You must repay your loans, with interest).

There are three types of federal student loans:

- Federal Perkins Loans – max of \$5,500
- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans (subsidized & unsubsidized) (150% limit for Subsidized Loans) - max 1st year of \$5,500
- Federal Direct Plus Loans (Graduate PLUS & Parent PLUS)

Direct Loans		Master Promissory Note		William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program		OMB No. 1845-0007	
<small>Warning: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form will be subject to penalties which may include fines, imprisonment, or both, under the U.S. Criminal Code at 18 U.S.C. 1097.</small>						<small>Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loan Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loan</small>	
SECTION A: BORROWER INFORMATION				READ THE INSTRUCTIONS IN SECTION F BEFORE COMPLETING THIS SECTION			
1. Driver's License State and No.		2. Social Security No.					
3. E-mail Address (optional)							
4. Name and Address		5. Date of Birth		6. Area Code/Telephone No.			
7. References: You must list two persons with different U.S. addresses who have known you for at least three years. The first reference should be a parent or legal guardian.							
Name		1.		2.			
Permanent Street Address							
City, State, Zip Code							
Area Code/Telephone No.		1)		2)			
Relationship to Borrower							
SECTION B: SCHOOL INFORMATION							
8. School Name and Address		9. School Code/Branch		10. Identification No.			

William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

Student Loan Interest Rates

Effective July 1, 2017, and before July 1, 2018

Subsidized

Interest rate 4.45% - 1.066% fee

- Loans made to students who demonstrate need
- Interest paid by the government during periods of in-school and authorized deferments
- Borrowers receive a six month grace period before repayment begins
- For all new Stafford loans made on or after July 1, 2012, interest accrues once the student is no longer enrolled at least half time.

Unsubsidized

Interest rate 4.45% - 1.066% fee

- Loans made to students
- Interest is the responsibility of the borrower at all times
- Interest can be paid on a quarterly basis while in school or borrower can have the interest capitalized and added to the loan principal
- Available for dependent students whose parents do not support them and **refuse** to provide parental data.

Federal PLUS

Interest rate 7.00% - 4.264% fee

- Loans available to parents of dependent undergraduate students
- Loan is unsubsidized, federally guaranteed education loan with no annual or aggregate limits
- Credit check is required to determine eligibility

Direct Loan Limits

Federal Direct Loan Maximums

Up to **\$5,500** for first year students of which no more than **\$3,500** may be a subsidized Direct Loan. Student loan amounts are determined by demonstrated need.

Dependent Undergraduates	Total Subsidized	Additional Subsidized	Unsubsidized
First Year	\$3,500	\$2,000	
Second Year	\$4,500	\$2,000	
Third Year and Beyond		\$5,500	\$2,000

Independent Undergraduates	Total	Additional Subsidized	Unsubsidized*
First Year	\$3,500	\$6,000	
Second Year	\$4,500	\$6,000	
Third Year and Beyond		\$5,500	\$7,000

**Includes dependents whose parents do not qualify for the PLUS Program.*

Types of Aid - State

- **State of New Jersey**

- TAG (Tuition Aid Grant) 2017 - 2018

- Demonstrate Financial Need
 - Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - Must be New Jersey Resident & attend a New Jersey Institution
 - Must be full time at an approved degree program
 - Meet all state deadlines

- Part-Time TAG for County Colleges 2017 -2018

- Meet all TAG requirements
 - With the exception of being enrolled for 6-11 credits

Types of Aid – State (cont.)

- **State of New Jersey**

- EOF (Educational Opportunity Fund)

- Award ranges from \$200 - \$2,500 annually depending on type of institution
- Must demonstrate educational and economically disadvantaged background
- File FAFSA

- Governor's Urban Scholarship

- Rank within the top 5% of their class at the end of junior year
- Attain a 3.0 GPA at the end of the junior year
- Attend an approved New Jersey college or University and reside in a designated community
- Have a New Jersey Eligibility Index below 10,500

Types of Aid – State (cont.)

- **State Scholarships**

- **NJ STARS**

- NJ residents who rank in the top 15% of their class at either the end of junior or senior year
- Achieve the required score on a college placement test to determine college readiness
- Students must take at least 12 college credits
- Students must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher at the start of the third semester at the county college to remain an NJ STAR
- Must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- **NJ STARS II**

- Received NJSTARS funding and have a family taxable income of less than \$250,000
- Must earn an associates degree and graduate with a 3.25 GPA or higher
- May receive up to \$2,500 annually for a public or private 4-year NJ college or university
- Must enroll full time (12 credit hours)
- Must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Types of Aid – State (cont.)

- **State Scholarships**

- Governor's Industry Vocation Scholarship for Women & Minorities (NJ - GIVS)
 - Up to \$2,000 per year for the cost of enrollment at one of New Jersey's 19 County Colleges
 - Benefits women and minorities pursuing certificate or degree programs in construction – related fields
 - Must be NJ resident
 - Must file a FAFSA & complete separate application online at www.njgrants.org
 - Some of the programs eligible for the scholarship include
 - Construction Supervision
 - Solar Energy Technology
 - Architectural Engineering Technology

Cost of Attendance

- Tuition (direct expense)
- Fees (direct expense)
- Room & Board (may be direct)
- Books & Supplies (direct but not billed)
- Personal Expenses (indirect expense)
- Transportation (indirect expense)

Please note: There are special circumstances that can affect the cost of attendance (i.e. childcare, study abroad, costs related to disabilities, computer requirements, etc.) may be considered.

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- Amount that the Dept. of Ed expects families can contribute; but not always reality!
- Stays the same regardless of college
- Two components
 - parent contribution
 - student contribution
- Calculated using FAFSA data and a formula specified by law called Federal Methodology

Definition of Need

Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

= Financial Need

Sample EFC for Smith Family

- Family lives in New Jersey
- Married parents, both age 52
- Household size of 4 with 1 child going to college
- 2016 adjusted gross income = \$120,000
- Assets = \$20,000
- Student income / assets = 0

EFC = \$20,830

Financial Need for Smith Family

College	Community College	State College or University	Private College or University
COA	\$14,500	\$25,561	\$45,676
EFC	\$20,830	\$20,830	\$20,830
Financial Need	0	\$4,731	\$24,846

Net Price Calculator

- All institutions must have a net price calculator posted on their websites.
- Students will be able to estimate the individual net price per institution.
- Based on full-time, first degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students.

Shopping Sheet

- The Shopping Sheet standardizes award letters, making it easier to comparison shop and provide students with key information including:
 - How much one year of school will cost.
 - Financial aid options to pay this cost, with a clear differentiation between grants and scholarships, which do not have to be repaid, and loans, which do.
 - The net costs after grants and scholarships are taken into account.
 - Fundamental information about student results, including information comparing default rates, graduation rates, and median debt levels for the school.
 - Potential monthly payments for the federal student loans the typical student would owe after graduation.

University of the United States (UUS)
Student Name, Identifier Download

Costs in the 2015-16 year

Estimated Cost of Attendance **\$X,XXX / yr**

Tuition and fees	\$ X,XXX
Housing and meals	X,XXX
Books and supplies	X,XXX
Transportation	X,XXX
Other education costs	X,XXX

Grants and scholarships to pay for college

Total Grants and Scholarships ("Gift" Aid; no repayment needed) **\$X,XXX / yr**

Grants and scholarships from your school	\$ X,XXX
Federal Pell Grant	X,XXX
Grants from your state	X,XXX
Other scholarships you can use	X,XXX

What will you pay for college

Net Costs **\$X,XXX / yr**
(Cost of attendance minus total grants and scholarships)

Options to pay net costs

Work options

Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional) \$ X,XXX

Loan Options*

Federal Perkins Loan	\$ X,XXX
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	X,XXX
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	X,XXX

*Recommended amounts shown here. You may be eligible for a different amount. Contact your financial aid office.

Other options

Family Contribution **\$X,XXX / yr**
(As calculated by the institution using information reported on the FAFSA or to your institution.)

• Payment plan offered by the institution	• Military and/or National Service benefits
• Parent or Graduate PLUS Loans	• Non-Federal private education loan
• American Opportunity Tax Credit *	

*Parents or students may qualify to receive up to \$2,500 by claiming the American Opportunity Tax Credit on their tax return during the following calendar year.

Graduation Rate
Percentage of full-time students who graduate within 6 years

XX.X%

Low Medium High

Loan Default Rate
Percentage of borrowers entering repayment and defaulting on their loan

X.X%

This institution

X.X%

National

Median Borrowing
Students who borrow at UUS typically take out \$X,XXX in Federal loans for their undergraduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for this amount is approximately \$X,XXX per month. Your borrowing may be different.

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Repaying your loans
To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans>

For more information and next steps:
University of the United States (UUS) Financial Aid Office
123 Main Street
Anytown, ST 12345
Telephone: (123) 456-7890
E-mail: financialaid@uus.edu

Follow-up

Federal Verification

Federal verification happens randomly or for specific reasons when you file your FAFSA. If selected you will be required to submit certain documents to your school. *Do not supply unless asked to do so!*

State Verification

State verification happens randomly or for specific reasons as determined by NJHESAA. *Must supply by HESAA deadline dates.*

More Advice



- Make sure the financial aid office at the school you are attending has all the information needed to determine your financial aid eligibility.
- Keep copies of all documents that you used to file your FAFSA.
- Never give the school/NJHESAA your last or only copy!
- Obtain contact and website information for the schools you have listed on your FAFSA.
- Never be afraid to ask questions. No question is foolish.

Resources to Explore

SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.hesaa.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.mappingyourfuture.org



Other Resources

- Outside Scholarships
- Campus Administered Payment Plans
- Campus Employment
- Specialized Campus Opportunities
- ✓ Residential Advisors
- ✓ Student Ambassadors
- ✓ Student Tour Guides
- ✓ Internships/CO-OP'S

Websites YOU should Know

- www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov (U.S. Dept. of Education)
- www.SSS.ed.gov (Selective Service)
- www.hesaa.org (NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority)

Talk to people in the Know!

- Guidance Office
- Financial Aid Office

Scholarship opportunities:

- Banks, credit unions
- Churches, synagogues, local organizations
- Parents' employers
- Your medicine and kitchen cabinets

Thank you for coming!

Questions??