

Student Financial Aid

What Students & Parents Should Know

Agenda

- Introduction to Financial Aid
- Sources of Financial Aid
- Financial Aid Tips



Introduction to Financial Aid



What is Financial Aid?

- Financial aid helps pay the cost of attending college
- Financial aid may awarded based on
 - Financial need (need-based)
 - Other criteria, such as academic or athletic ability (merit-based)



Different Types of Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Work Study
- Loans







Do I Qualify?

Cost of Attendance

- Tuition/fees
- Room/board
- Books/supplies
- Transportation
- Determined by school

Expected Family Contribution

- Amount family may contribute
- Determined from FAFSA
- Same across all schools

Financial Need

- Need-based aid eligibility
- May not always be fully met



Examples of Need Determination

	CUNY	SUNY	Private
	4-year	4-year	College
COA	\$ 17,000	\$26,500	\$73,000
- EFC	5,000	5,000	5,000
= Financial Need	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,050	\$68,000



Sources of Financial Aid

Federal Aid





State Aid

Private Scholarships





Institutional Aid



Federal Student Aid Programs



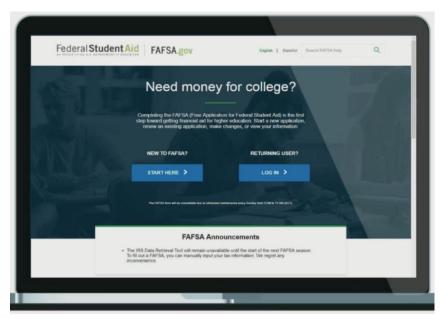
Pell Grant
Supplemental Educational
Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Direct Stafford Loan
Direct PLUS Loan
Work Study



The Application Process: FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- The application is available starting October 1st of senior year for 2020-2021
- Filing deadlines are set by each school's financial aid office



Go to FAFSA.gov



FSAID

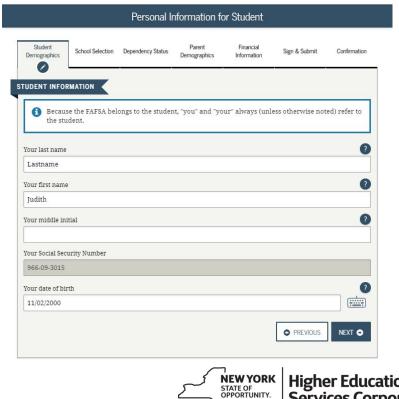
- Student <u>and</u> at least one parent each obtain Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at FSAID.ed.gov
 - Used to access and electronically sign FAFSA





Questions the Student Answers on FAFSA

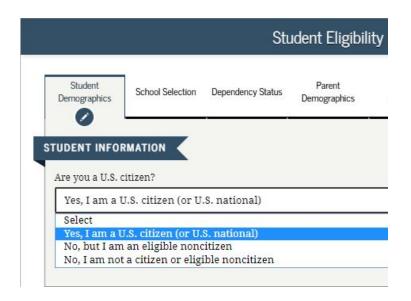
- Demographics
- Eligibility/Dependency
- Colleges student is applying to
- 2018 income and tax info, if applicable
- Assets, if applicable





FAFSA Question: Citizenship and Immigration

- Eligible statuses to qualify for federal aid:
 - US citizens
 - US Permanent Residents
 - Asylees, parolees, and certain visa holders





FAFSA Question: Independent Students

How old is the student?

Students younger than 24 years old are usually required to apply with parent information

Does the student have dependents or a spouse?

- Student is married
- ✓ Student has children/other dependents to whom student provides more than ½ of financial support

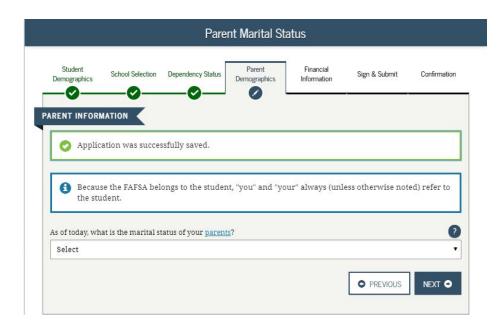
Is the student living with their legal parent(s)?

- ✓ Orphans, foster care, Ward of the court
- Student has court appointed legal guardian



Questions the Parent Answers on FAFSA

- Demographics
- Household size and number of children in college
- 2018 income and taxes
- Assets, if required





FAFSA Question: Marital Status

Single Parents

Only the custodial parent is required to report their info (based on which parent the student resided with the most during the previous 12 months)

Two-Parent Households

If both Parents live together, married or not, both must report their info/income, even if taxes are filed separately

Remarried Parents

Stepparent info/income is required if the custodial parent is remarried, even if taxes are filed separately



FAFSA Question: Changes in Income

- What if my current income is different from income reported on 2018 taxes?
 - Must report income from 2018 tax information
 - If there is a special circumstance, reach out to college financial aid offices for help



FAFSA Question: Reporting Assets

Account Balances

- ✓ Total cash, savings, check account balances
- Custodial (UGMA, UTMA) accounts are considered assets of the student

Investments net worth

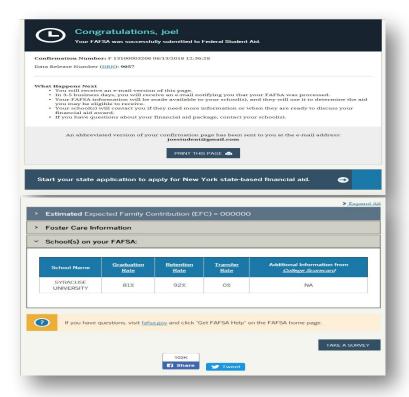
- ✓ Retirement plans, annuities, life insurance and value of primary residence are excluded
- ✓ 529 plans, for all children, must be reported as parent investment

Business values

Only include if business has more than 100 employees



Confirmation Page



- Review carefully for
 - Estimated ExpectedFamily Contribution(EFC)
 - Federal student aid estimates
 - Next steps



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NYS Student Aid Programs



Tuition Assistance Program

Excelsior Scholarship

Enhanced Tuition Award

STEM Incentive Program

More programs and info at hesc.ny.gov



NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

- Provides undergraduate students with grant funding to help pay tuition at colleges in NYS
 - Need-based, up to \$5,165/year
 - Full-time and part-time study
 - Based on 2018 NYS income tax information



Excelsior Scholarship

- Provides full in-state tuition coverage for students attending SUNY or CUNY
 - Less Pell, TAP, or other aid covering tuition
- Applicants must have combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less for tax year 2018
- In-school and post-award obligations
- Supplemental application available Spring 2020



Enhanced Tuition Awards (ETA)

- Provides tuition awards up \$6,000 to students attending participating private schools in NYS
 - Awarded through a combination of the TAP award, ETA award and a match from the college
 - List of participating schools available online
- Same qualifications and incentive requirements as Excelsior Scholarship



NYS STEM Incentive

- Provides tuition scholarships for undergraduate students at SUNY, CUNY, private colleges in NYS
 - Up to annual tuition charged to NYS residents at SUNY
- Must pursue degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics
- Eligible students ranked in top 10% of senior class



Eligibility for NYS Financial aid

FAFSA Eligible Applicants

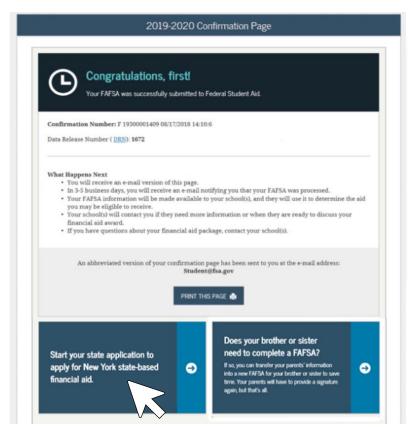
- Eligible for federal student aid programs (FAFSA)
- Student and parents are residents of New York State

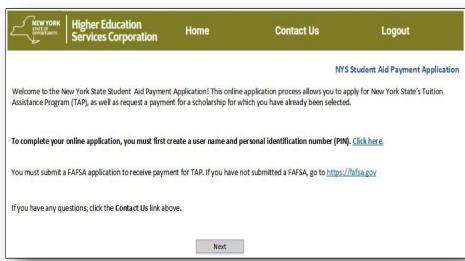
DREAM Act Applicants

- Educational criteria
- Citizenship and immigration criteria
- Student's may or may not be a resident of New York State



Applying for NYS Aid: FAFSA Applicants







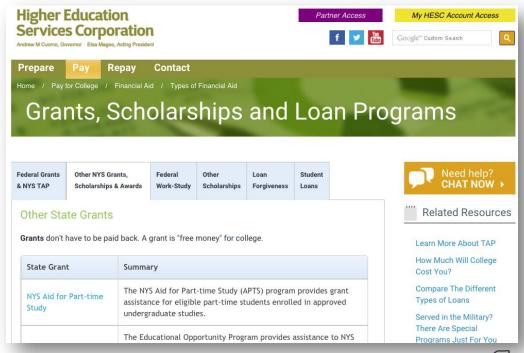
NYS DREAM Act Application



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For More Financial Aid Info: HESC.ny.gov



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Applying for Institutional Aid



- Depends on each school's requirements
 - Admissions application for merit-based aid
 - FAFSA and/or institutional application for need-based aid

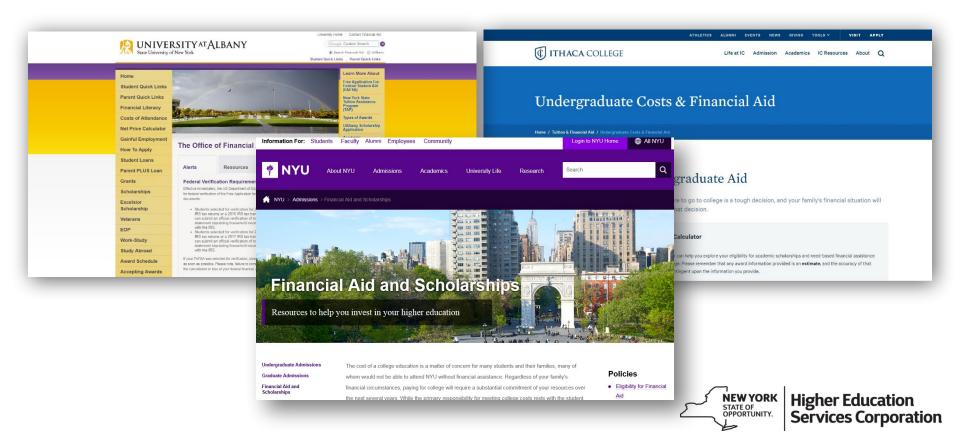
What is the CSS Profile?



- More detailed questions
- Collects info excluded by FAFSA
 - Home
 - Retirement accounts
 - Non-Custodial Parent Info
- Requires a fee but waivers may be available



For More Info: Research School Websites



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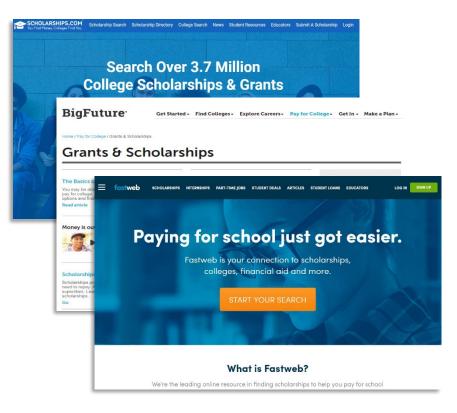




Institutional Aid



Apply for Private Scholarships



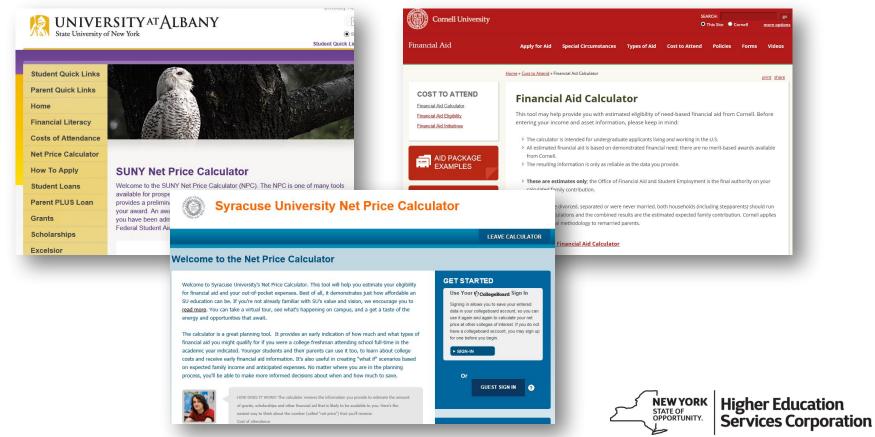
- Online scholarship search websites
 - Fastweb.com
 - Collegeboard.org
 - Scholarships.com
 - Careeronestop.com
- Check local library, employer or union



Financial Aid Tips



Use Net Price Calculators



Financial Aid Tips

- Apply for private scholarships now!
- Review/update your list of colleges on the FAFSA, TAP application
- Respond quickly to any request for missing information, verification
- The financial aid office is the best place to get questions answered



Questions?

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HESC.ny.gov (Chat Available)

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