### Financial Aid 101 2014 - 2015

Representative's Name
Outreach Representative



### Agenda

- Basic Information: What, Who and How
- How is Financial Need Calculated
- Federal Programs
- State Programs
- Filling out the FAFSA
- Additional Resources



#### What is Financial Aid?

- Financial Aid is money to pay for college or career school
- Examples of financial aid
  - Grants
  - Scholarships
  - Loans
  - Work-Study Programs





#### **Sources of Financial Aid**

- Federal government
- State government
- Colleges and universities
- Private foundations
- Employers and private companies
- Professional and service organizations



### **Types of Financial Aid**

- Merit-Based Scholarship (Hope Scholarship)
- Need-Based Grant (Pell Grant)
- Non-Need Based Grants (HOPE Grant)
- Student or Parent Loans
- Employment Opportunities, Work Study
- Military Aid and Grants
- Savings Plans (Path2College)



#### Who Can Get Federal Student Aid?

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- High school graduate or GED recipient
- Eligible degree/certificate program
- Valid Social Security number
- Males registered for Selective Service
- Satisfactory academic progress





#### **How is Financial Need Calculated?**

- Financial need is determined by Cost of Attendance (COA) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- COA is tuition, fees, room and board, transportation, etc. established by the school
- EFC comes from what you report on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)





#### **Factors that Influence EFC**

#### For Parents

- Income
- Savings
- Assets
- Age
- Number in college
- Family Size

#### For Students

- Income
- Savings
- Independent/dependent





#### **Factors that Influence EFC**

- Assets that are EXCLUDED from the FEDERAL family contribution calculation
  - Family home
  - Family farm (under special circumstances)
  - Retirement contributions (IRA, KEOGH, 401K, etc.)





### What are the Federal Programs?

#### **Federal Grants and Work Study**

- Pell Grant
  - Max. Amount \$5,730
  - Full-time student (12 or more hrs.)
  - Based on \$0 EFC
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
  - Undergraduates only
  - Awards range from \$100 \$4,000
- Work-Study Award





### What are the Federal Programs?

#### **Federal Loans**

- Federal Perkins Loan
- Direct Subsidized Loan
  - Interest is paid by the government while enrolled (at least half-time)
- Direct Unsubsidized Loan
  - Student is responsible for paying the interest on the loan
- Federal PLUS Loan for parents of undergraduate students
- Grad PLUS Loan for graduate and professional students





#### **Student Loan Limits 2014 – 2015 Academic Year**

Initial Loan Amount for Dependent Students whose Parents are Eligible for a PLUS Loan	Base	Additional Unsubsidized	Annual Maximum Amount
Freshmen	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
Junior/Senior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500

Independent Students and Dependent Students whose Parents were Denied a PLUS Loan	Base	Additional Unsubsidized	Annual Maximum Amount
Freshmen	\$3,500	\$6,000	\$9,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,500
Junior/Senior	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$12,500





### What are Some State Programs?

#### Academic or Merit Scholarships

- HOPE Scholarship
- Zell Miller Scholarship

#### Grants

- HOPE Grant
- Zell Miller Grant
- Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG)
- HOPE GED Grant

#### Loans

- Student Access Loan (SAL)
- Student Access Loan Technical (SALT)



### **How do Individuals Apply for Aid?**

- Federal aid: FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov
- State aid: most states make awards based on FAFSA data
  - GSFAPPS is a Georgia-specific financial aid application available on GAcollege411.org
- School aid: contact school's financial aid office
- Scholarships: each scholarship provider has its own requirements

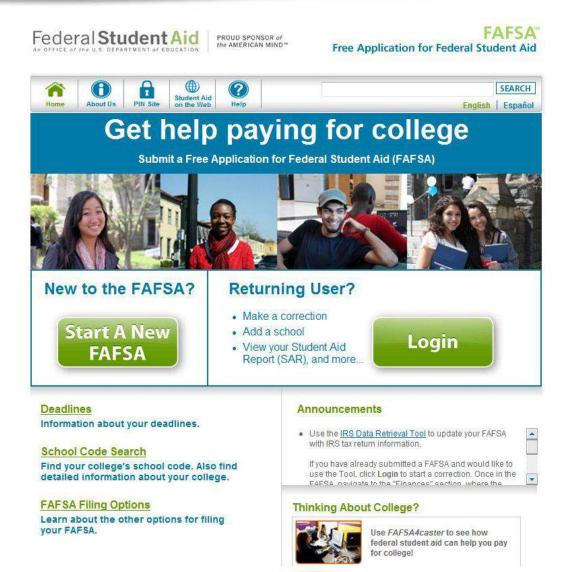




# Filling Out the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



#### **FAFSA Homepage: FAFSA.gov**





### **FAFSA Deadlines**



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Pay attention to the deadlines! Ti may also have a deadline.	here are federal an	d state deadlin	es, and your colle	ges	are you applying for student aid?
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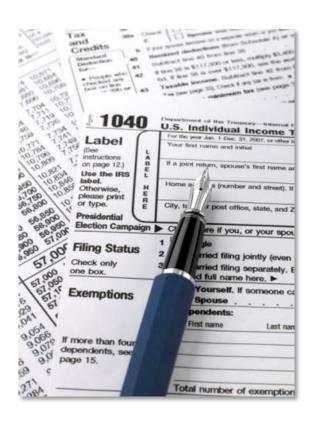
### **How to Complete the FAFSA**

### To complete the FAFSA, you will need:

- Completed tax returns
- Information on untaxed income, such as child support
- Household information

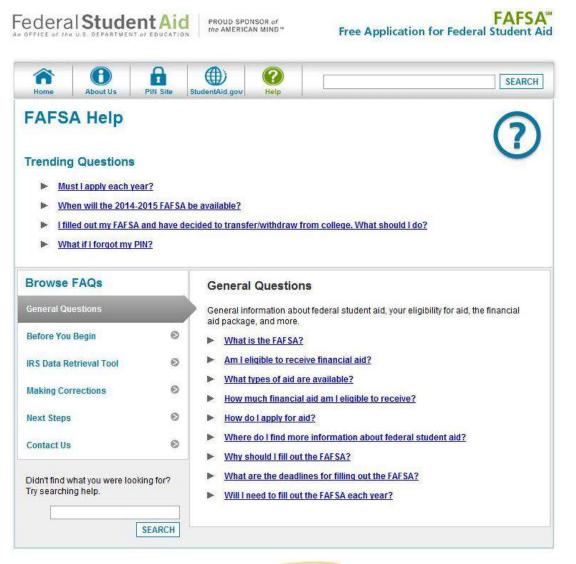
#### To Request a Paper FAFSA:

- Call 1-800-4-FED-AID
- Download the FAFSA PDF at fasfa.gov



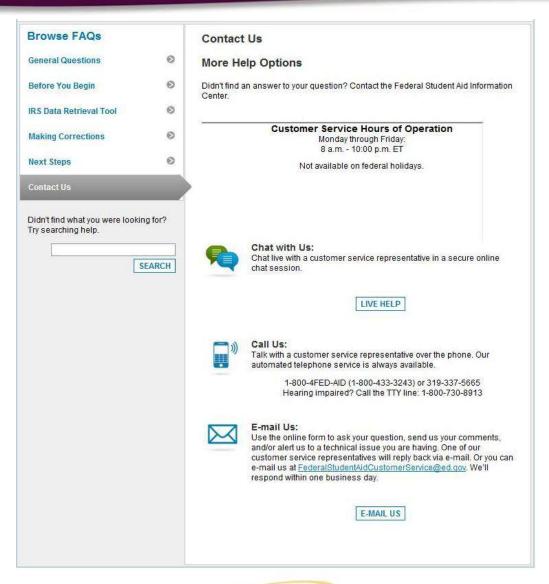


#### Find the Answers on FAFSA.gov





#### **FAFSA.gov Help Options**





#### **FAFSA** on the Web Worksheet

#### **SECTION 2 - STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS**

If you can check ANY of the following boxes, you will not have to provide parental information. Skip to page 4. If you check NONE of the following boxes, you will be asked to provide parental information. Go to the next page.

☐ I was born before January 1, 1991	☐ I am married	☐ I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)		
☐ I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces	☐ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	☐ I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than hal of their support between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015		
☐ Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased	☐ I was in foster care since turning age 13	☐ I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support		
☐ I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13	☐ I am currently or I was an emancipated minor	☐ I am currently or I was in legal guardianship	☐ I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless	

These questions will determine whether the student is a dependent or independent student. These are the only questions that the Government uses in making this determination.



#### **Parent Section of Worksheet**

#### SECTION 3 - PARENT INFORMATION

Who is considered a parent? "Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent. 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.

year you received support: If your divorced or widowed parent i	las remained, also provide illiornation about your stepparent.
Providing parent 1 information? You will need:	Providing parent 2 information? You will need:
Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) Social Security Number	Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) Social Security Number
Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) name	Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) name
Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) date of birth	Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) date of birth
☐ Check here if parent 1 is a dislocated worker	☐ Check here if parent 2 is a dislocated worker
Did you know?	Did your parents file or will they file a 2013 income tax return?
If your parents file a tax return with the IRS, they may be	My parents have already completed a tax return

## If your parents file a tax return with the IRS, they may be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which is the easiest way to provide accurate tax information. With just a few simple steps, they may be able to view their tax return information and securely transfer it into FAFSA on the Web.

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2013?

Skip this question if your parents did not file taxes. Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—Line 37;

1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4.

The following questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2013. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms, or on the IRS Form 1040—Line 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1.

How much did parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2013?

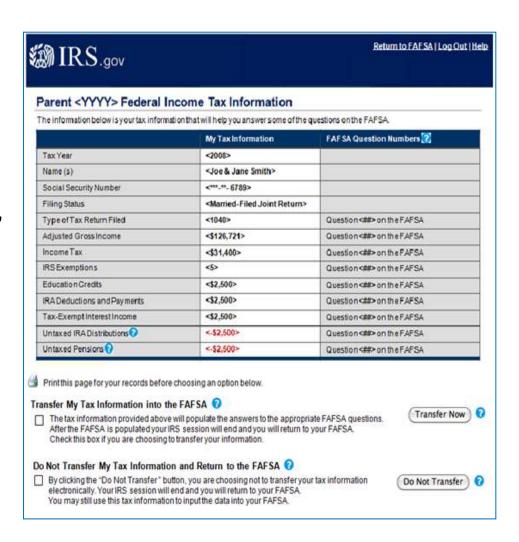
How much did parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2013?





#### **IRS Data Retrieval**

- The applicant will be validated.
- The applicant will have the option to "Transfer" the tax information to the FAFSA.





### **Special Circumstances**

- Cannot report on FAFSA
- Send explanation to financial aid office at each college
- College will review special circumstances:
  - Request additional documentation
  - Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S.
     Department of Education

#### **Examples of Special Circumstances:**

- Change in employment status
- Medical expenses not covered by insurance
  - Change in parent marital status
  - Unusual dependent care expenses
  - Student cannot obtain parent information

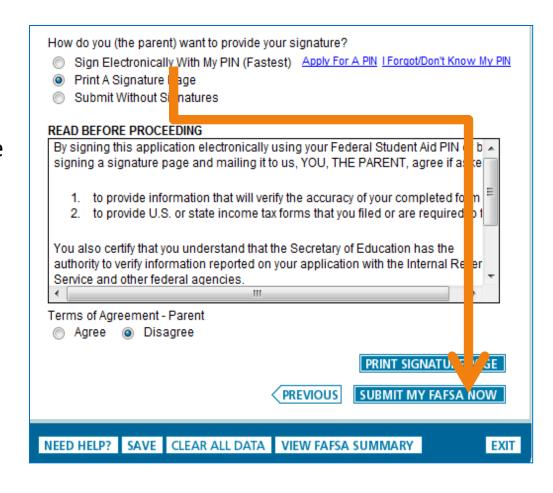




### **Sign and Submit**

#### 3 Signature Options

- Sign electronically with your PIN
- Print Signature Page
- Submit without signatures





### **Confirmation Page**

- Confirmation Number
- Data Release Number (DRN)
- EFC estimate
- Pell Grant and Direct Loan estimates
- Option for parents to transfer information to an application for a sibling

#### Confirmation

#### Confirmation Number:

F 01200522304 10/28/2010 16:51:23

Data Release Number (DRN): 1040

2011-2012

Confirmation Page

Congratulations, Kim! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid. You should print this page for your records.

Optional Feature - Transfer your parents' information into another FAFSA - Do your parents need to complete a FAFSA for your brother or sister? Click here and all the information your parents provided in this application will be transferred to a new FAFSA. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.

..... Eligibility Information

Pell Grant Estimate - \$1,176

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 04443

The EFC is an index that schools use to determine your eligibility and is not the amount of money that you have to pay. Your schools financial aid office will use your EFC to determine the specificity pes and amounts of student aid you are eligible to receive

Direct Stafford Loan Estimate - \$5,500

You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.

You may be eligible to receive the following:

College Rate

The table shows the graduation, retention, and transfer rates for the schools you selected. Go to the College Navigator Web site at <a href="https://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator">www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator</a> for complete information.

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate
DUBURN UNIVERSITY	NA	NA	NA
ART INSTITUTE OF CHARLOTTE (THE)	49%	47%	6%
DUKE UNIVERSITY	95%	97%	NA
BENNETT COLLEGE	48%	76%	NA
CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLE	GE 8%	60%	33%

Next Steps

The colleges you listed will have access to your FAFSA information once your application is processed. For more information about student aid go to <a href="https://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/siadinfo">www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/siadinfo</a>. Return to FAFSA on the Web at any time to check the status of your application, or to make corrections or changes.

..... Contact Us

If you have questions, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 319-337-5665. If you are hearing-impaired and have questions, contact the TTY line at 1-800-730-8913.

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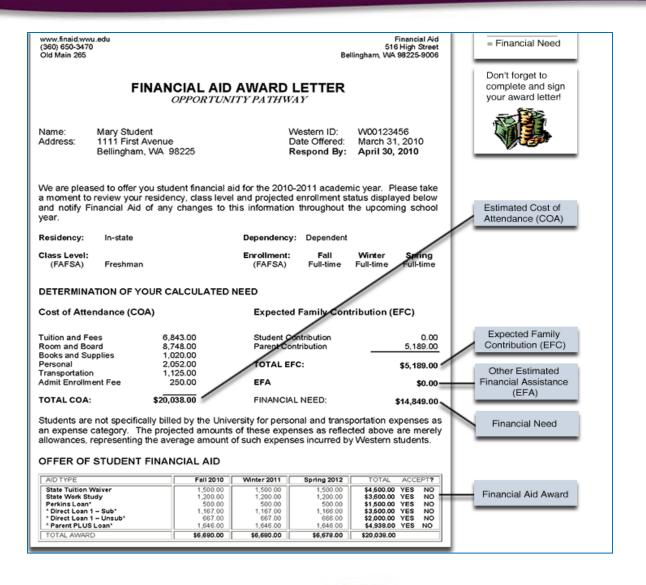


### **FAFSA Processing Results**

- Student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Colleges listed on your FAFSA will receive the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) approximately 10 to 14 days after FAFSA submitted
- College reviews Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)
  - May request additional documentation, such as copies of federal tax returns



#### **Sample Award Letter**





#### **Financial Aid Award Offer**

Name: Doe, John

000 00 0128 ID:

May 21, 2014 Award #: 01

Housing: **On-Campus** Residency: In-State

Estimated Cost of Attendance 2 Semesters

\$18,010

**Expected Family Contribution** 

**Established Financial Need** 

\$18,010

Type of Aid	Fall	Spring	Summer	Total	Accept?
Federal Pell Grant	\$2,865	\$2,865	\$0	\$5,730	Yes or No
HOPE Scholarship*	\$3,390	\$3,390	\$0	\$6,780	Yes or No
Federal Direct Loan – Sub	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$0	\$3,500	Yes or No
Federal Direct Loan - Unsub	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	Yes or No
Total for Academic Year				\$18,010	

<sup>\*</sup>Estimated HOPE Scholarship award amount for 15 credit hours per semester at University of Georgia. Award amounts vary by institution.



#### **Additional Resources**

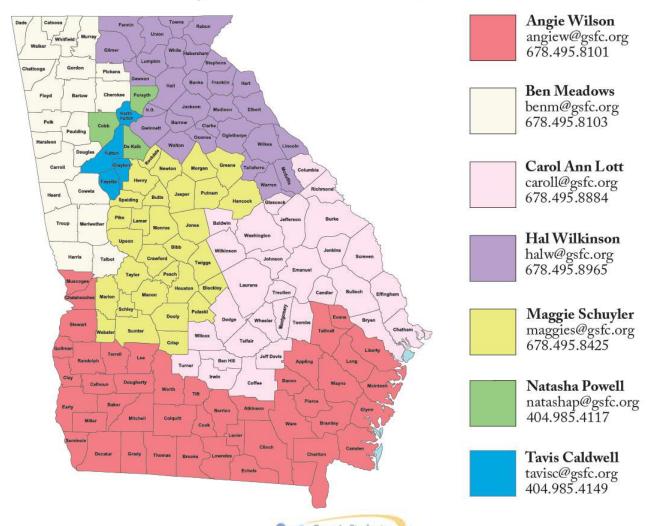
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