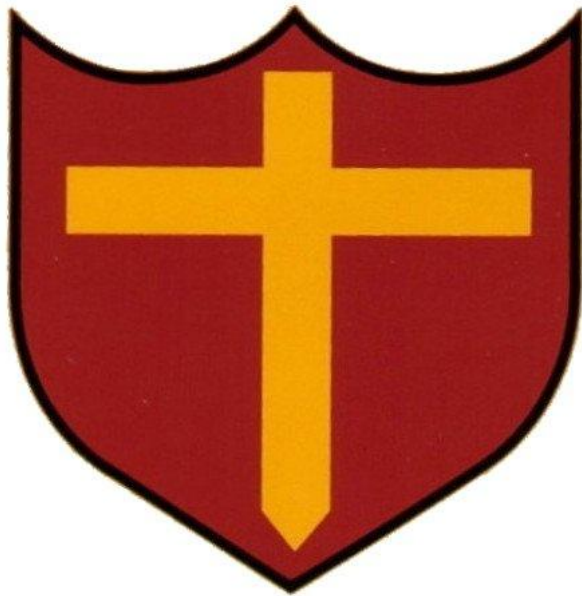


What you really need to know!

David D. Page
Vice President for Enrollment Management
Dillard University



Brother Martin High School
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25,
2019



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

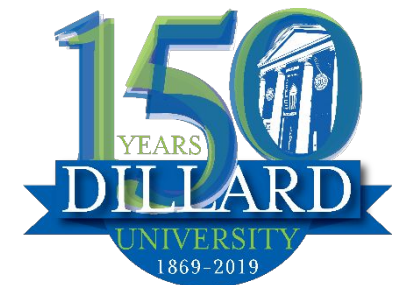
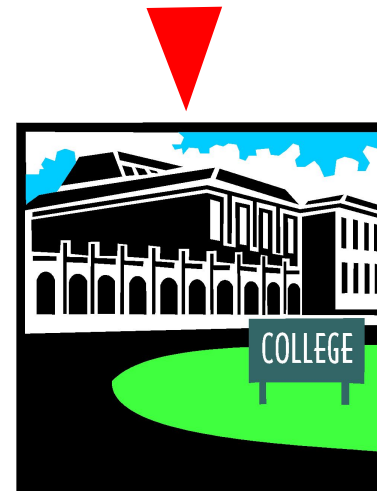


Defining Financial Aid



What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid consists of funds provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses



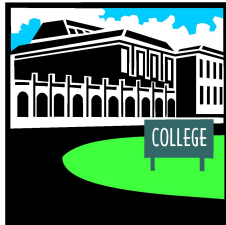
Cost of Attendance



What is Cost of Attendance

Direct costs typically charged by the college:

Tuition and fees



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Cost of living in dorms



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Cost of meal plans on campus



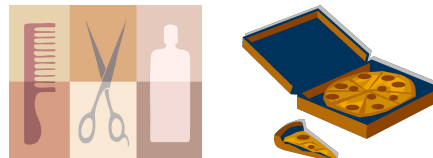
Indirect costs that may *not* be charged by the college:

Allowance for
books and supplies



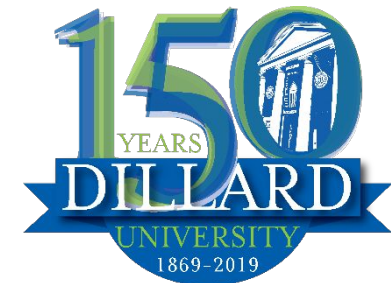
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Allowance for
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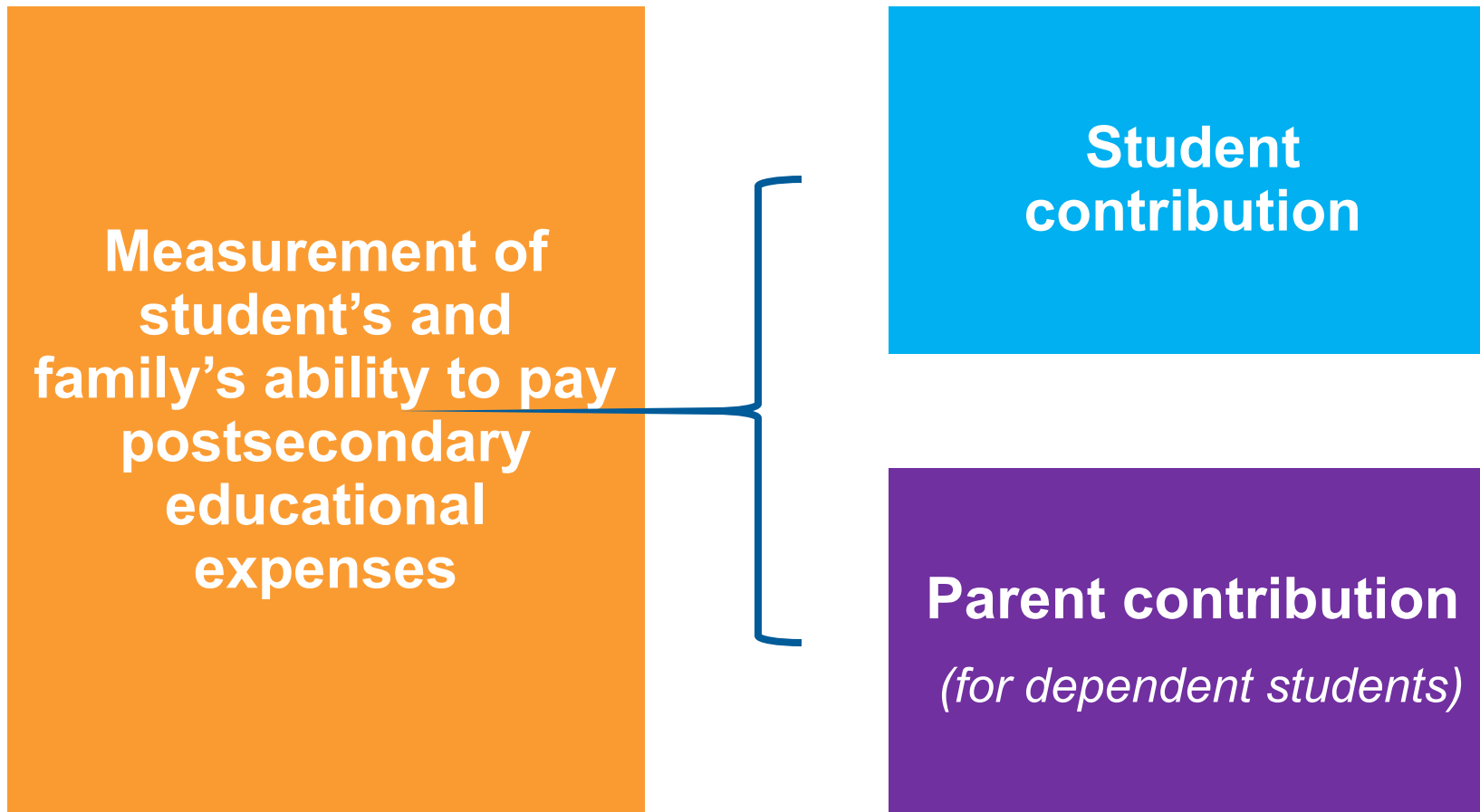
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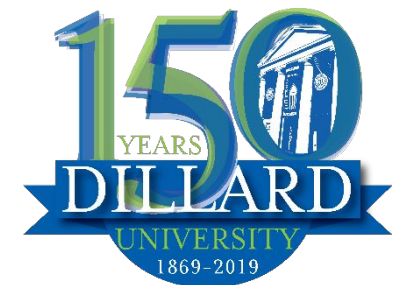
Expected Family Contribution



What is Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?



*Stays the same regardless of college

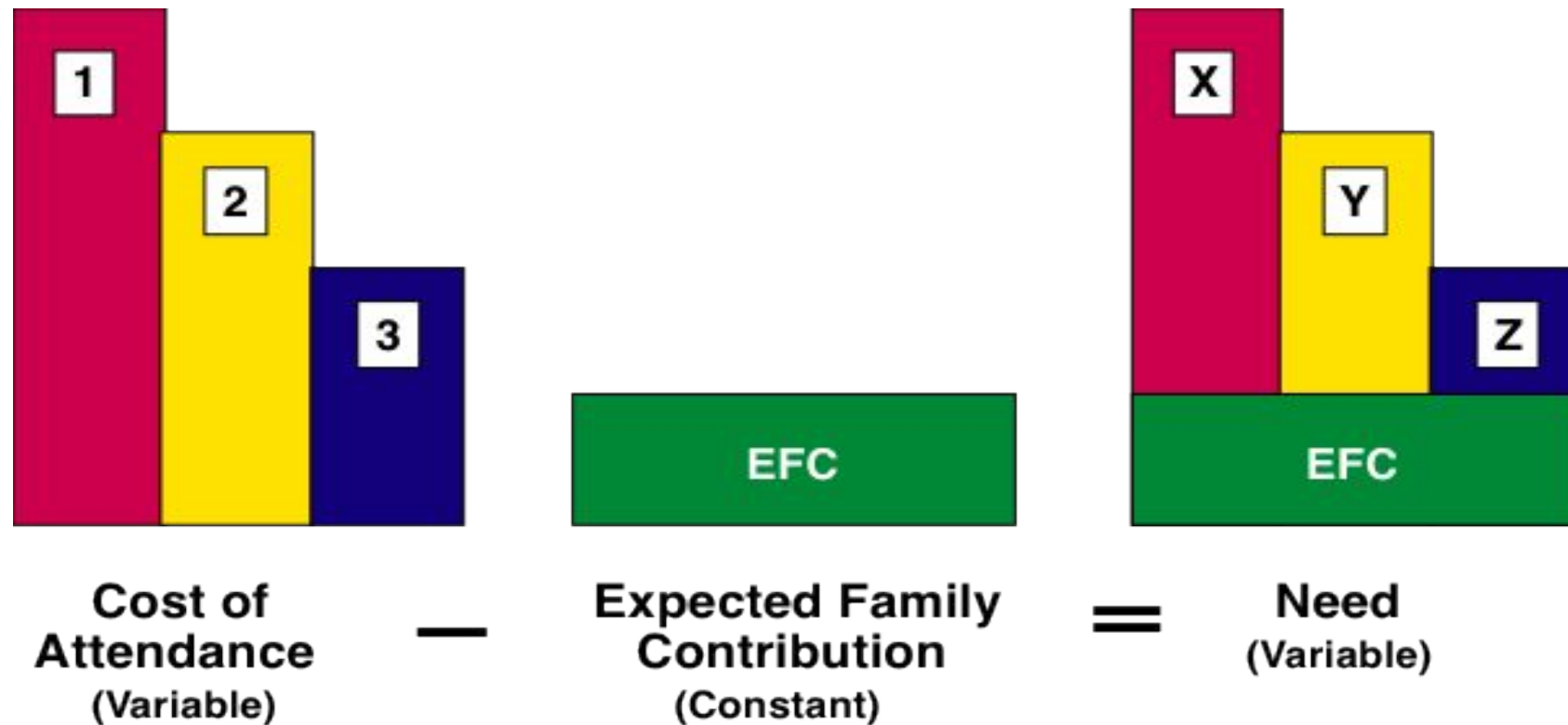


Defining Need



What is Financial Need?

Need Varies Based on Cost



Financial Aid Funding



Categories of Financial Aid

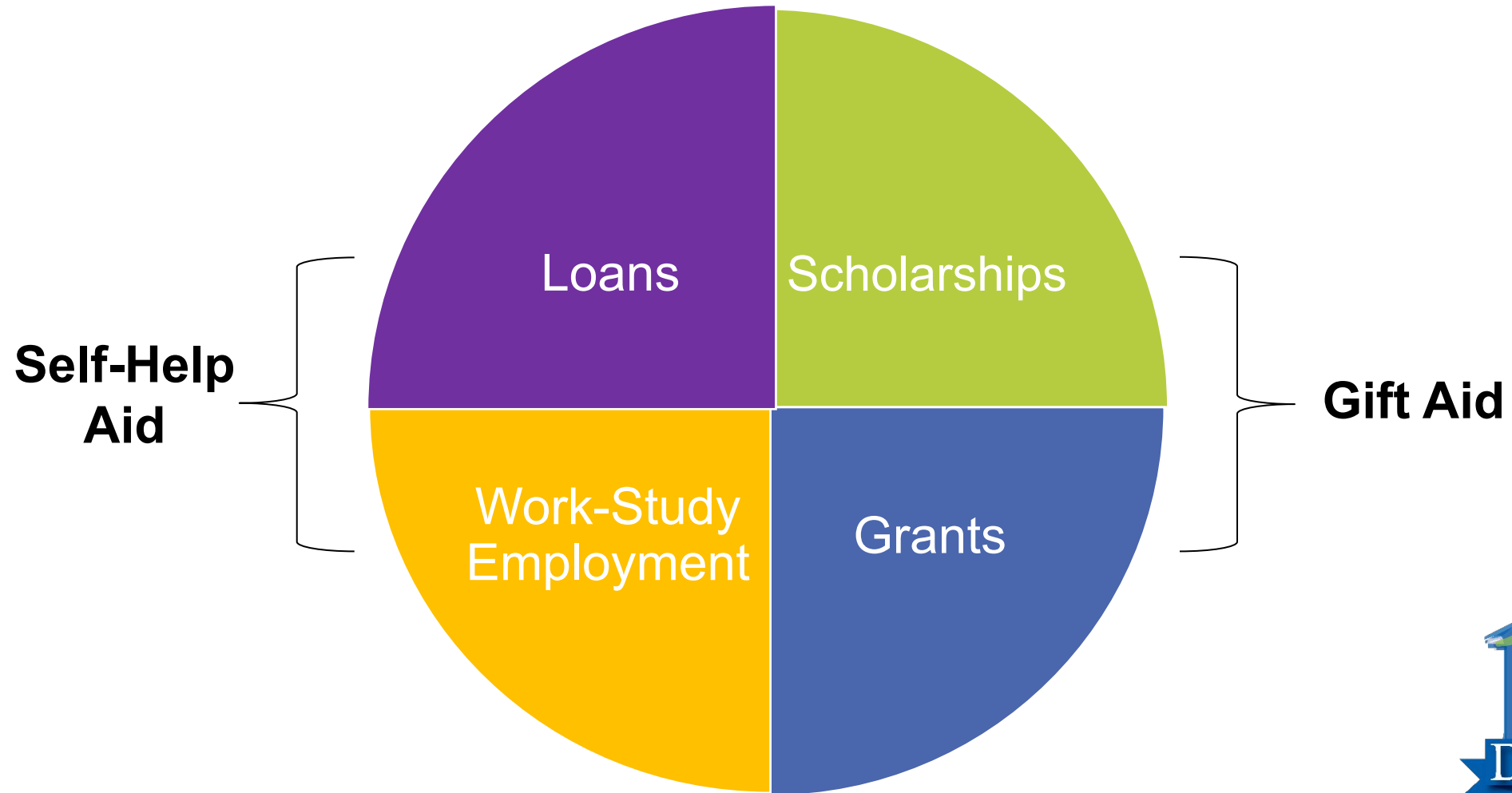


Need-based
aid



Non-need-based
aid

Types of Financial Aid



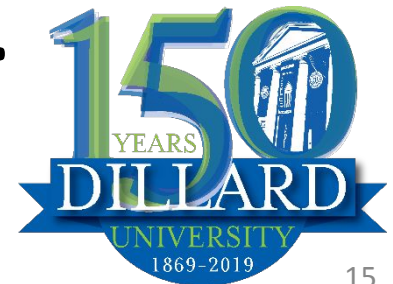
Gift Aid

- **Grants and scholarships** can come from the federal government, your state government, your college or career school, or a private or nonprofit organization. Do your research, apply for any grants or scholarships you might be eligible for, and be sure to meet application deadlines!



Scholarships

- There are thousands of scholarships, from all kinds of organizations, and they're not hard to find. You might be able to get a scholarship for being a good student, a great basketball player, or other reasons.
- Be careful and avoid scholarship scams.



Grants

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants
- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants



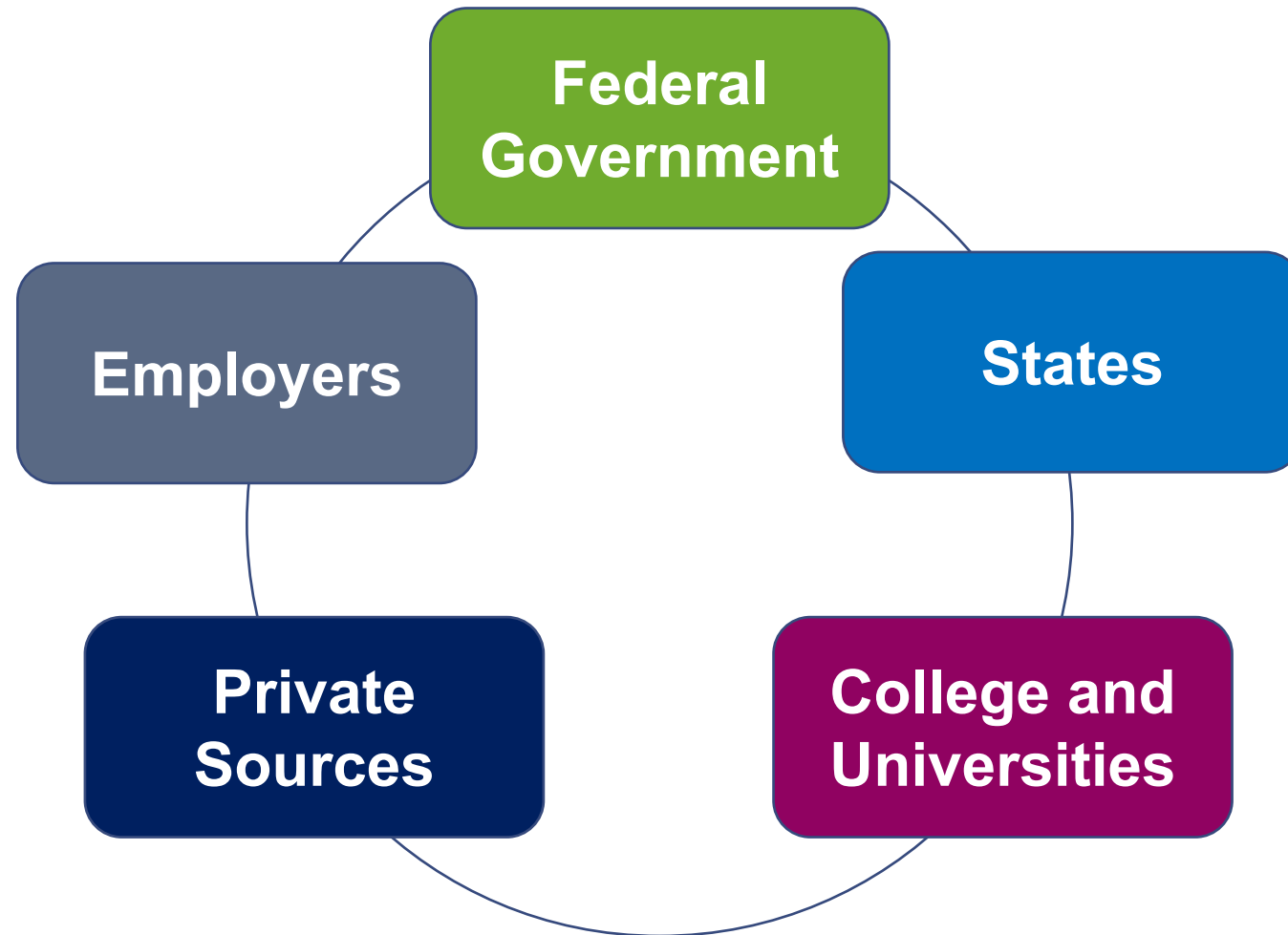
Self-Help Aid: Work-Study Employment

- Allows student to earn money to help pay educational costs
 - A paycheck; or
 - Nonmonetary compensation, such as room and board
- Student may opt whether or not to work or number of hours to work

Self-Help Aid: Loans

- Money students and parents borrow to help pay college expenses
- Repayment usually begins after education is finished
- Only borrow what is really needed
- Look at loans as an investment in the future

Sources of Financial Aid



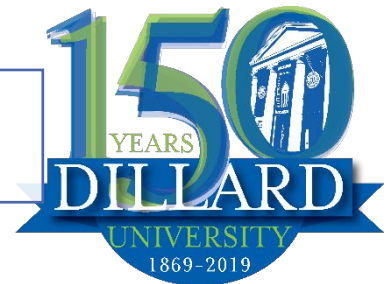
Federal Government

Largest source of financial aid

Aid awarded 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

Federal
Supplemental
Educational
Opportunity Grant
(FSEOG)

Teacher Education
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Federal Work-Study
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Federal Direct
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Federal PLUS Loans



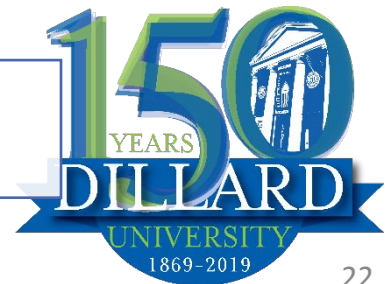
State of Louisiana

Residency requirements usually apply

Award aid on the basis of both merit and need

Use information from the FAFSA and/or state aid applications

Deadline: *David's recommendation* = March 1st!



Colleges and Universities

Award aid 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

Recommended: March 1st



Private Sources

Foundations, businesses, churches, civic, and charitable organizations

Deadlines and applications procedures vary

Begin researching private sources early

Employers

Companies may have scholarships available to the children of employees

Companies may have educational benefits for their employees

Financial Aid

Who Qualifies for Financial Aid

Universal Philosophy

- Students and their family(ies) have the primary responsibility to pay for college.
- Sacrifice is assumed.
- Financial aid assessment is NOT a cash flow analysis but rather an evaluation of an individual family's economic strength.
- The contribution is determined by a standard formula that assesses a family's ability to pay.
- Willingness is not a factor.

Financial Aid

Who Qualifies for Financial Aid

Guiding Principles of Need-Based Aid

Partnership: 3 – Legged Stool

- Primary responsibility to pay falls to the family
- Families contribute to the extent they are able
- Income and assets reflect financial strength
- Similar treatment for similar circumstances
- Unusual family circumstances considered



FAFSA



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Website:

www.fafsa.gov



For the 2020-21 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning October 1, 2019



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)



FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)



myStudentAid mobile app



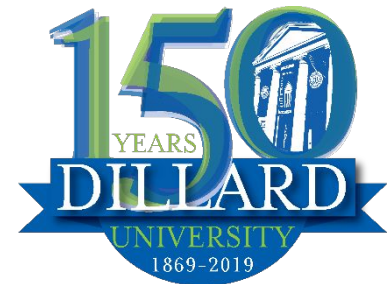
Paper or PDF FAFSA



FAFSA on the Phone (FOTP)



FAA Access to CPS Online



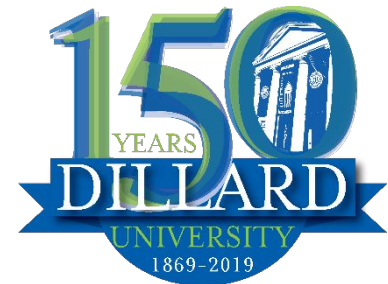
Benefits of Using FOTW or myStudentAid

- 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)

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FAFSA® Announcements

- Customers who are using an Apple device (mobile and/or desktop) may encounter errors on some FAFSA fields if the "smart punctuation" feature is enabled. This feature changes apostrophes and quotation marks to invalid characters that the FAFSA form cannot recognize. [Learn about solutions for this error.](#)
- Check out the [myStudentAid app](#) for iOS and Android.
- To get the best experience, **make sure your browser's pop-up blocker allows pop-ups** from [fafsa.ed.gov](#) before logging in to the FAFSA form.

The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 3-11 a.m. Eastern time.

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Early Aid Estimate

Use [FAFS4caster](#) to get a free early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid.

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FAFSA® Help

Learn how to fill out the FAFSA form, and browse common FAFSA topics.

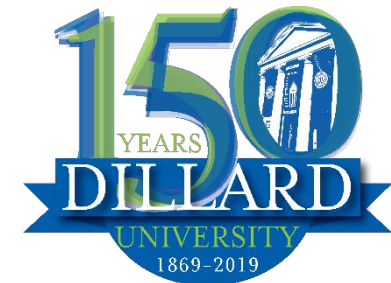
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After the FAFSA® Form

Find out what to expect after you fill out the FAFSA form, including when and how your aid will be paid out.

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FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Login

Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the **Save Key** that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

☐ I am the student

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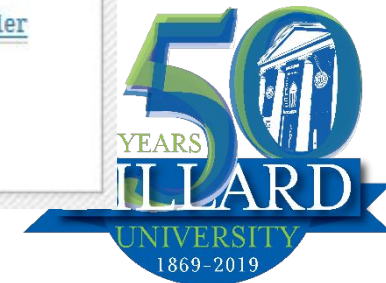
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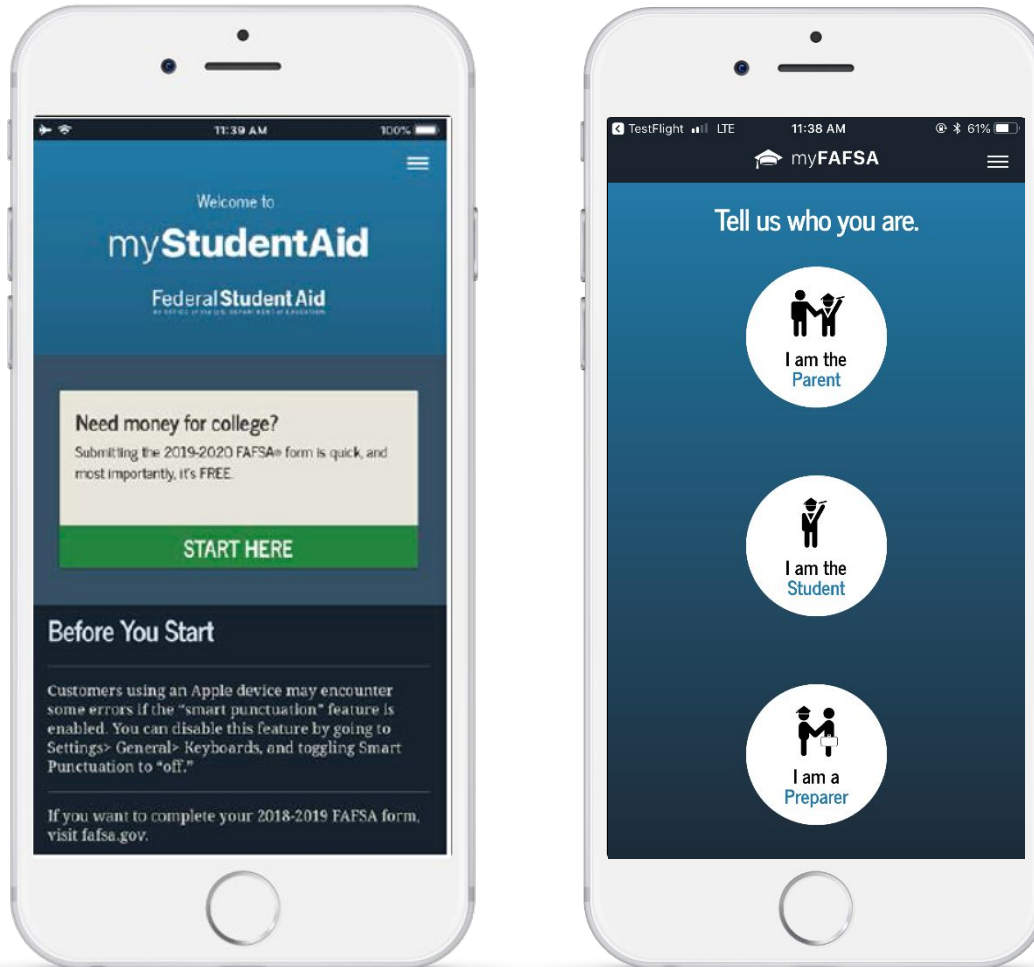
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myStudentAid Mobile App



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

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 or not 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 2019, 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-married parent or both married parents entered all zeroes for the SSN
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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 a FSA ID
- Apply at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

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Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID is a username and password that gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

Important: When you are done, select the CANCEL button to clear your data even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

Create an FSA ID

Manage My FSA ID

Create your FSA ID username and password below.

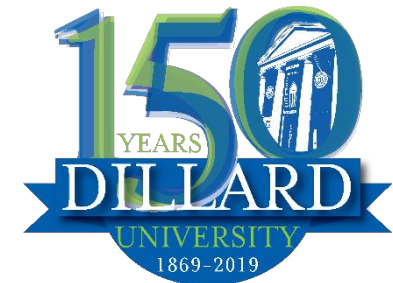
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Password

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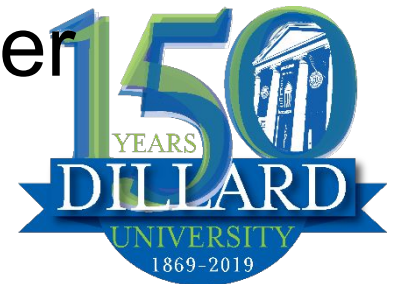
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General Student Information

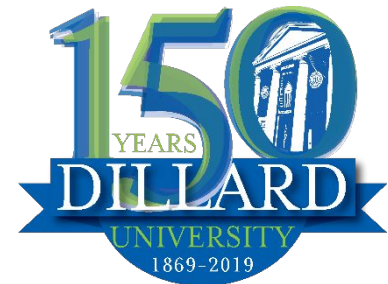
- Social Security Number
- Citizenship status
- Marital status
- Drug conviction of possession or sale
- Selective Service registration
- Highest education level completed by father/mother



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 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



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



Additional Information

- College information
- Housing plans
- You are the preparer



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



SAR or SAR Acknowledgement

The image displays two screenshots of FAFSA documents. The top document is a 'STUDENT AID REPORT' for the 2020-2021 year, dated April 22, 2020. It includes the student's name, address, and FAFSA ID. The bottom document is a 'STUDENT AID REPORT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT' for the same year, dated November 23, 2020. It confirms the receipt of the SAR and provides instructions on how to resolve any issues. Both documents are from the Federal Student Aid office.

STUDENT AID REPORT
2020-2021

HTTPS://FAFSA.GOV OMB No. 1845-0001
APRIL 22, 2020 DATA RELEASE NUMBER (DRN): 9755
000011C001 F 211 2021 EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC): 000000*C
JOHN SMITH
742 EVERGREEN TERRACE
SPRINGFIELD OH 55555

Dear JOHN SMITH,
Your Student Aid Report (SAR) summarizes the information you submitted on your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Status (review the checked boxes)

- ☒ Your FAFSA appears to be complete. Review the data on page 2 if necessary. The school(s) listed on your FAFSA will receive your information.
- ☒ Your FAFSA has been selected for verification. Verification is reported on your FAFSA. Your school has the authority to correct other information that you reported on your FAFSA.

Federal Student Aid Eligibility (review the checked boxes)

The data submitted on your FAFSA is used to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is not the amount of money that your family must provide. Rather, you should think of the EFC as an index that colleges use to determine how much financial aid you would receive if you were to attend their school. Financial aid may include grants (free funds that do not have to be repaid), work-study (paid part-time employment), and/or low-interest loans (borrowed funds that must be repaid). Please note that your EFC is subject to change if you update or correct your FAFSA. For more information about the EFC and other sources of aid, go to StudentAid.gov.

Your financial aid package could also include other federal, state, and institutional aid. Your school's financial aid office will advise you on how to apply for this aid. For more information about the EFC, grant aid, go to StudentAid.gov.

- ☒ Based on your EFC it appears that you may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$6,195, provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program. You may also be eligible for other grants, work-study opportunities, and low-interest student loans. Your Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) will determine what types of aid and how much you are eligible to receive.
- ☒ We sent your information to other federal agencies through computer matching programs to verify your eligibility for federal student aid and there appears to be an issue with the information provided on your application. You can review information about these issues by going to <https://fafsa.gov> and selecting "View or Print your Student Aid Report (SAR)" after logging in. You must work with your financial aid office to resolve any data matching issues before we can determine if you are eligible to receive federal student aid.
- ☒ Unless you are completing the verification process, it may be too late for you to make corrections or give us any more information this year. If you are completing verification and you need to correct your information, contact the Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) at your school for assistance. We must have your corrections no later than September 11, 2021.

You should keep this SAR for your records!

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Application Status (review the checked boxes)

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Federal Student Aid Eligibility (review the checked boxes)

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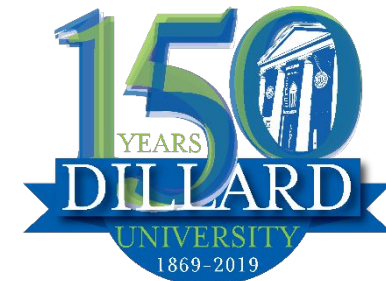
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- SAR sent if paper FAFSA filed without providing an email address
- SAR Acknowledgement sent if FOTW filed without providing an email address



Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)

Sample ISIR

20XX-20XX Institutional Student Information Record

* IMPORTANT: Read ALL information to find out what to do with this Report. *

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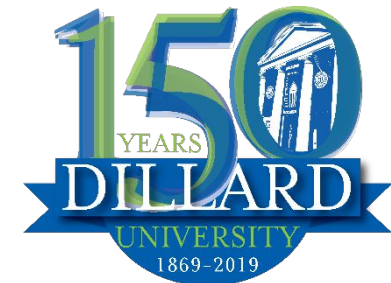
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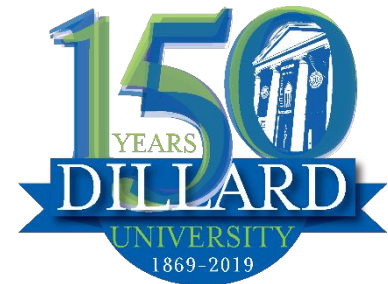
- CPS sends results to colleges listed on the FAFSA
- College reviews ISIR and may request additional documentation



Making Corrections

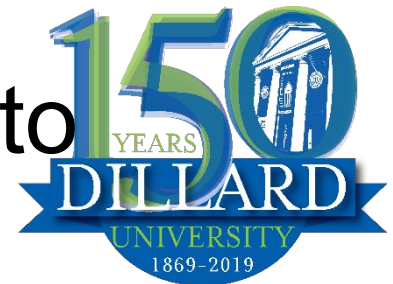
If necessary, corrections to FAFSA data may be made by:

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

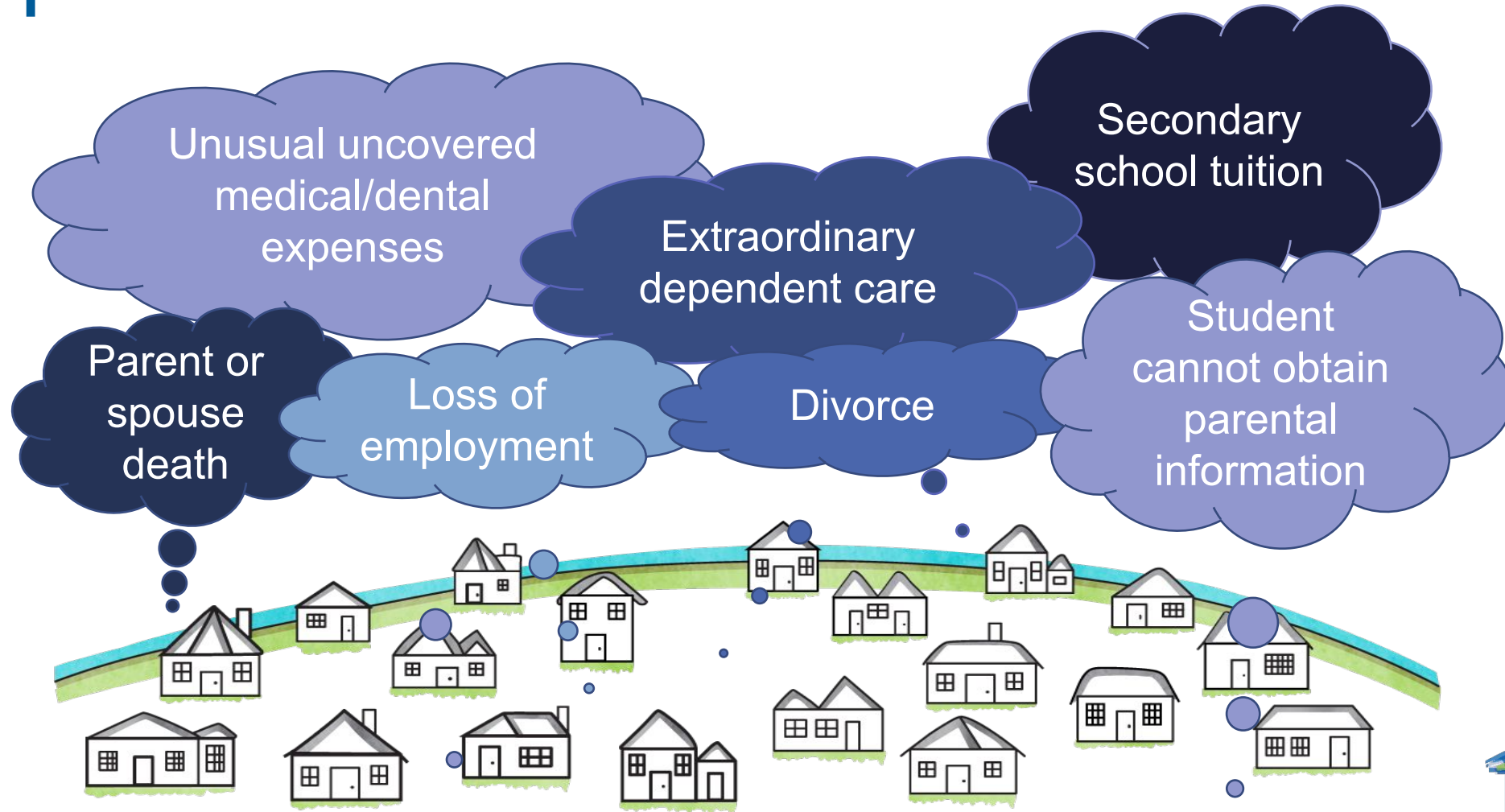


Special Circumstances

- 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



Special Circumstances



Possible Other Requirement



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International Applicants

Many colleges provide scholarship aid to international students. Know what to expect.

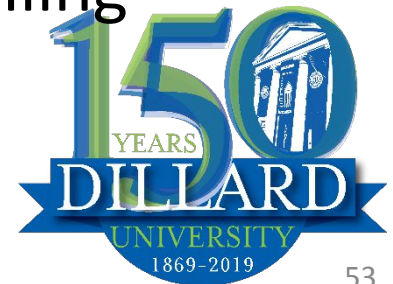
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- The **CSS Profile** is an online application that collects information used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid. Some colleges may require the CSS Profile from **both** biological/adoptive parents in cases of divorce or separation.

WHEN do I complete the CSS Profile?

- You may complete the CSS Profile as early as **Oct. 1, 2019**. You should submit no later than two weeks before the EARLIEST priority filing date specified by your colleges.



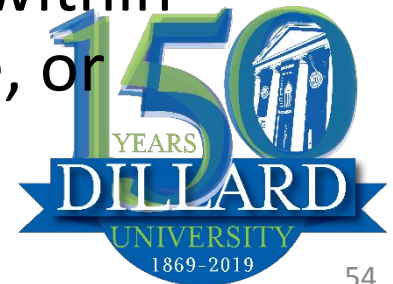
CSS FAQs

WHO must complete the CSS Profile?

- Check your colleges' information to determine whether they require the CSS Profile. A list of participating colleges is also found on the CSS Profile Homepage.

HOW do I complete the CSS Profile?

- You submit the CSS Profile at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>. Once you sign in, you will find a list of documents required, such as your federal tax returns for 2018 and 2019 . Help is provided within the application and additional help is available by chat, phone, or email by clicking “Contact Us” in the application.



CSS FAQs

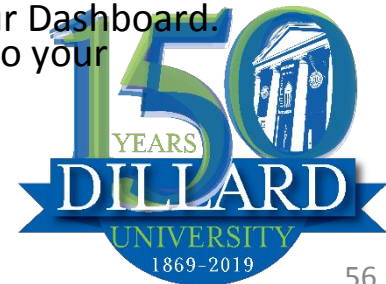
WHAT does the CSS Profile Cost?

- The fee for the initial application is \$25. Additional reports are \$16. First-time domestic college applicants may receive CSS Profile fee waivers if the student qualified for an SAT fee waiver, or if the student is an orphan or ward of the court under the age of 24 or based on parental income and family size (e.g. family of 4 would qualify with income of \$45,000 or less).

CSS PROCESS

1. **Sign-in** – Use your College Board username and password or sign up for a new account. If you created an account for the SAT or to view your PSAT or AP scores, you should use the same user name and password for your CSS Profile application.
2. **Complete the Application** – As you answer questions, the system builds an application tailored to your family's situation. The application provides online help and edits to guide you. You do not need to complete the application in one sitting; save your application and return to complete it at any time.
3. **Submit the Application** – The date and time you submit your completed application will be recorded based on Eastern Time and your reports will be sent to the colleges you selected.
4. **Review Your Dashboard** – Once you submit your application, your dashboard will include your payment receipt and any next steps, such as submitting documents to the Institutional Documentation Services (IDOC).

You may add a college at any time. Sign in to the CSS Profile and click "Add a College or Program" on your Dashboard. You will be charged \$16 for each college you add. Any unused fee waivers will be automatically applied to your charges.



step 1

Gather Materials

- Social Security card
- Driver's license
- W2 forms and tax returns from the previous tax year*
- Bank statements
- Determine your dependency status at UCanGo2.org/FAFSA
- If you're a dependent student, you'll also need your parent's information

* You may submit the FAFSA using estimated income amounts; however, schools may require that you request a tax transcript from the IRS in order to verify your income. Visit IRS.gov to request a transcript.

step 2

Create an FSA ID

- The FSA ID is your username and password
- Use your FSA ID to electronically sign your FAFSA and your student loan applications, make corrections on your form and more
- Go to fsaid.ed.gov to sign up
- Save your FSA ID to use again next year
- If you're a dependent student, your parent will also need an FSA ID

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1 each year you need financial aid.

step 3

Fill It Out

- Apply online for quicker processing time and to save your information for next year
- Enter student and parent names as shown on Social Security cards
- Send your FAFSA results to up to 10 schools
- Read about the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on FAFSA.gov to learn how to automatically transfer tax data to your application

Sign & Submit

step 4

- Print a copy of your answers from the **Sign and Submit** page and review for errors
- Enter your PIN to serve as your electronic signature
- Don't forget to click **SUBMIT**
- Review your confirmation page for information about the schools you've selected and a possible estimate of your financial aid eligibility

Follow Up

step 5

- Watch your email for a Student Aid Report (SAR) and information from the schools who've received your FAFSA results
- Provide any other necessary documentation that may be required by your school, such as an award letter, and be sure to follow up with the financial aid office if you have additional questions

Check each box when you've completed the step.

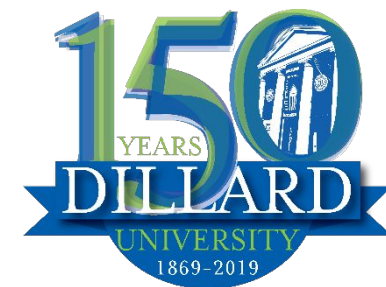


Financial Aid Best Practices

- Get your FSA IDs as soon as possible.
- Always ask tough questions of all offices.
 - Why does your college cost \$_____?
- Ask about medians.
 - *Averages are influenced by the outliers. The **median** of a set of numbers where half the numbers are lower and half the numbers are higher. ... The **average** of a set of numbers is the total of those numbers divided by the number of items in that set. The **median** and the **average** might be close, but they could also significantly differ.*
- Complete applications before the earliest deadline and know all deadlines.

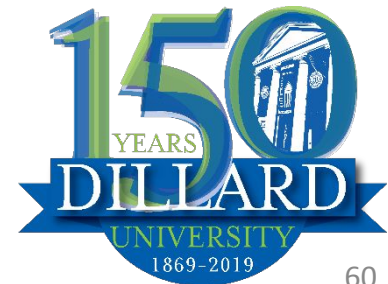


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Financial Aid Best Practices

- Know requirements to complete awarding and disbursing
 - *There's more to financial aid than getting the award*
- When in doubt, ask a local financial aid officer
- Keep all tax records up to date
 - *File as early as possible*
- When possible, use the Data Retrieval Tool
- Review the Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - *Results from filing the FAFSA*
- Compare awards
 - *Look at the **percentages** for each type of financial aid being offered*

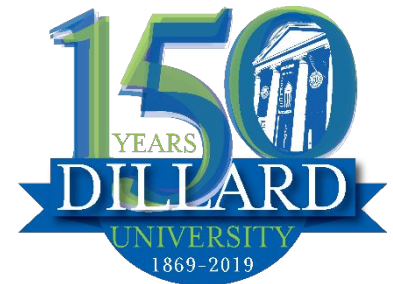


Good Rules To Live By...

- 1. Never rule out a college because of cost alone.**
- 2. Compare costs before applying** — Net price calculators can provide an estimate of financial aid eligibility and remaining college costs. Net price calculators should be available on every college's website.
- 3. Remember to apply** — FAFSA deadlines are available online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines.htm>. Many colleges and universities also provide funds through an institutional application, the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®, and/or a state application.
- 4. Get advice** — The financial aid office at local colleges often provides workshops or can give advice.
- 5. Compare awards** — Look at grants, loans, and parental contributions before making a final decision on a college.



Financial Aid Tools & Resources



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Students found eligible for TOPS awards will receive immediate notification via their Louisiana Award System Account and secondary notification via e-mail from LOSFA. If you were notified recently by your institution that your anticipated TOPS award would be cancelled, please create an account or log on to your existing account in the Louisiana Award System to confirm that you were awarded. The TOPS Status shown in the Award System is reflected in real time. Your institution is able to confirm your TOPS eligibility immediately upon the posting of the award. The Louisiana Award System can be accessed at: <https://www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/>.

If you provided permission to your district for LOSFA to obtain your transcript information and your eligibility has not been determined you may contact our office (1-800-259-5626 or custserv@la.gov) to see if there is delay due to a problem with one or more of your records. We understand that this is a time of great anticipation and concern for students and parents. Eligibility updates are posted to the Louisiana Award



Helpful Websites



Federal Student Aid

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/>

FAFSA4caster

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>

Federal Student Aid Financial Aid Toolkit

<http://www.financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov>

BigFuture

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Net Price Calculators

<http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/>

- *Specific net price calculators should be found on the individual college website.*



College Comparison Tools

College Navigator (NCES) <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

BigFuture <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges>

Financial Aid Shopping Sheet (US Department of Education)

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/guid/aid-offer/annotatedshoppingsheet.pdf>

Award Letter Comparison Tools

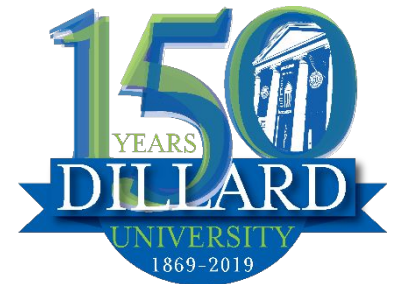
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-calculator>

Scholarship and Grant Search Tools

Fastweb <http://www.fastweb.com/>

BigFuture <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

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