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# Financial Aid





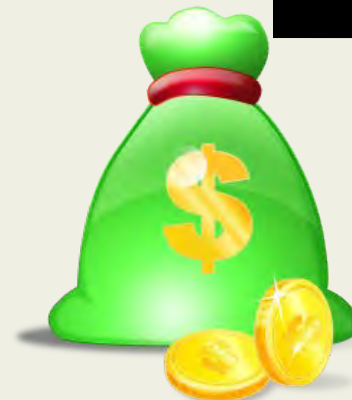
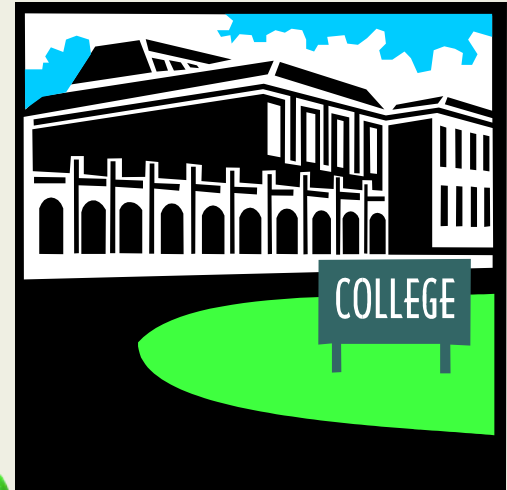
# Topics We Will Discuss

- What is financial aid
- Cost of attendance (COA)
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- What is 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)

- Direct costs
- Indirect costs
- Direct and indirect costs combined into cost of attendance
- Varies widely from college to college



# What is the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- Amount family can reasonably be expected to contribute
- Stays the same regardless of college
- Two components
  - Parent contribution
  - Student contribution
- Calculated using data from a federal application form and a federal formula



# What is Financial Need

Cost of Attendance

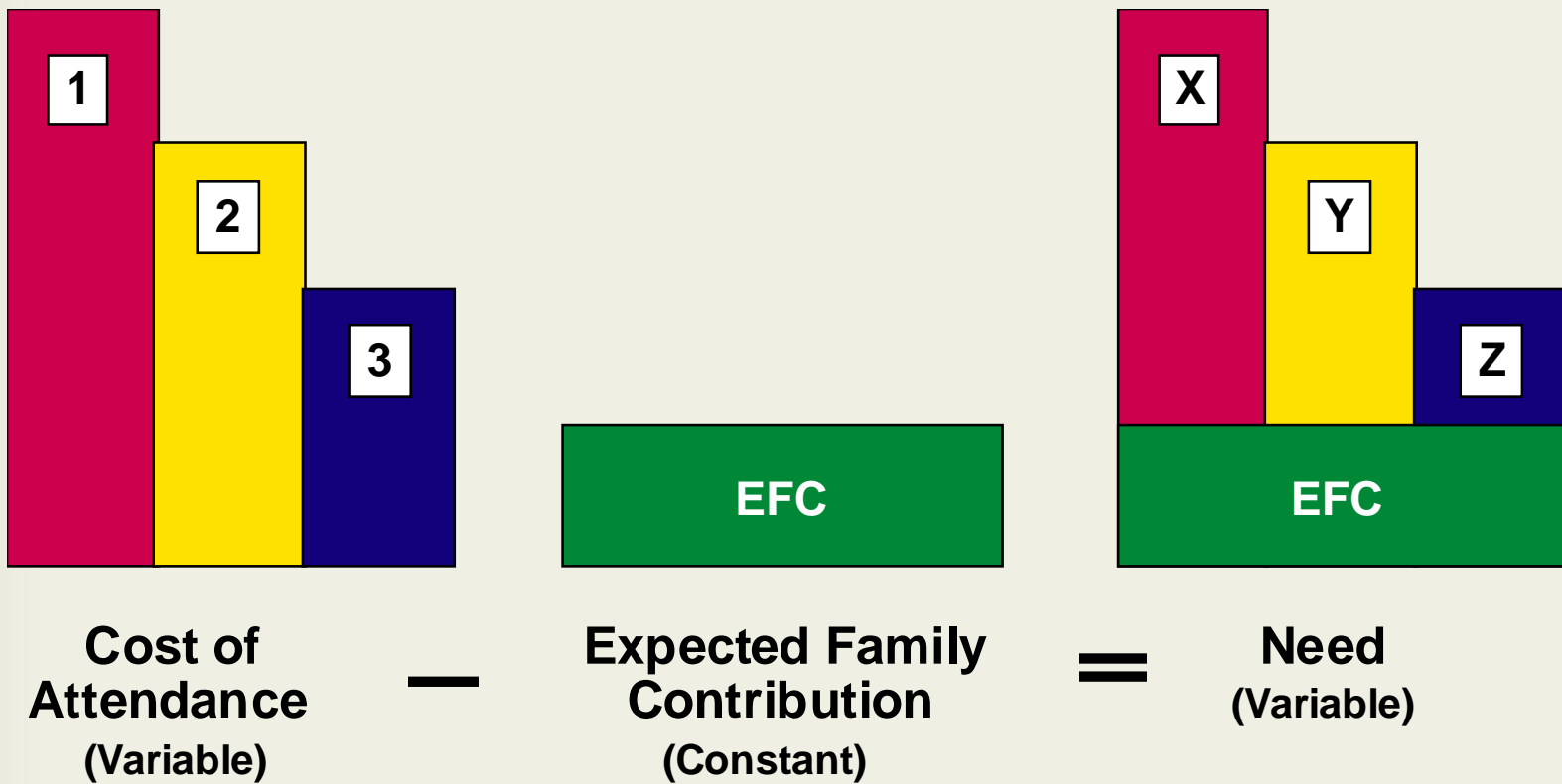
– Expected Family Contribution

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= Financial Need



# Need varies widely by school





# Categories of Financial Aid

- Need-based
- Non-need-based
  - Merit Based Awards
  - Incentive or Recognition Awards
    - Sibling, Legacy, or Employee Award
    - Special group award
      - Scouts or High Schools





# Types of Financial Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans
- Employment



# Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal government
- States
- Private sources
- Employers



# Federal Government

- Largest source of financial aid
- Aid awarded primarily on the basis of financial need
- Must apply every year using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



# Military Programs

- ROTC
  - <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>
- GI Bill
  - <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>
- Military Assistance
- <http://www.military.com/education/money-for-school>



# States

- Residency requirements
- Award aid on the basis of both merit and need
- Use information from the FAFSA
- OSFA – State of Florida web site
  - <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/home/ua/main.htm>



# Florida Bright Futures

Type	H.S. Weighted GPA	ACT/SAT	Service Hours
Florida Academic Scholar	3.50	29/1290	100 hours
Florida medallion Scholar	3.00	26/1170	75 hours

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm>

*Take what you can pass and Pass what you take*



# Private Sources

- Foundations, businesses, charitable organizations
- Deadlines and application procedures vary widely
- Begin researching private aid sources early
- **FASTWEB.COM – free scholarship search database**

**Small scholarships add up!**



# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- A standard form that collects demographic and financial information about the student and family
- May be filed electronically or using paper form
  - Available in English and Spanish





# FAFSA

- Information used to calculate the expected family contribution (EFC)
  - Amount of money a student and his or her family may reasonably be expected to contribute towards the cost of the student's education for an academic year
- Colleges use EFC to award financial aid



# FAFSA

- May be filed at any time during an academic year
- For the 2016-17 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning January 1, 2016
- **For the 2017-18 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning October 1, 2016**



# Prior-Prior Year Initiative

Streamlined  
FAFSA Completion



Information can be auto-populated using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

Earlier Access to  
EFC



Families no longer need to wait until winter to file taxes and complete the FAFSA

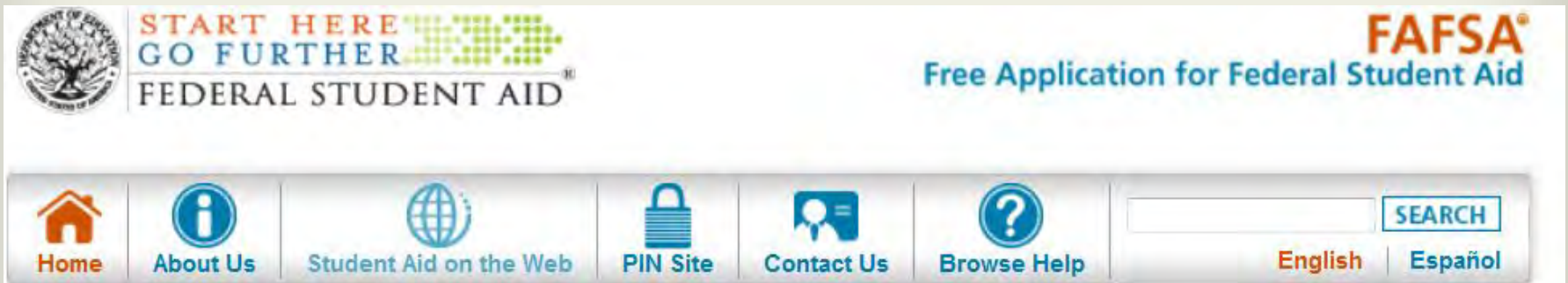
More Time to  
Consider Costs



Students and families access college cost and aid information earlier in the application process



# FAFSA on the Web



- Website: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- 2016-17 FAFSA on the Web available on January 1, 2016
- FAFSA on the Web Worksheet:
  - Used as “pre-application” worksheet
  - Questions follow order of FAFSA on the Web



# IRS Data Retrieval

- While completing FOTW, applicant may submit real-time request to IRS for tax data
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity
- If match found, IRS sends real-time results to applicant in new window
- Applicant chooses whether or not to transfer data to FOTW



# IRS Data Retrieval

- Available early February 2016 for 2016-17 processing cycle
- Participation is voluntary
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office



# IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Some will be unable to use IRS DRT
- Examples include:
  - Filed an amended tax return
  - No Social Security Number (SSN) was entered
  - Student or parent married but filed separately



# FSA ID

- The FSA ID — a username and password — has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents. If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create one when logging in to [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov), the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) at [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov), [StudentLoans.gov](http://StudentLoans.gov), [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov), and Agreement to Serve (ATS) at [www.teach-ats.ed.gov](http://www.teach-ats.ed.gov).
- [www.fsaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaid.ed.gov)





# FSA ID

- <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- Sign FAFSA electronically
- Not required, but speeds processing
- May be used by students and parents throughout aid process, including subsequent school year
- Only the owner should create a FSA ID

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website interface. At the top, it says "Federal Student Aid" and "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®". Below this, the heading is "Create a New FSA ID". The text explains that an FSA ID gives access to online systems and can serve as a legal signature. It also states that users should only create an FSA ID using their own personal information and for their own exclusive use. A note mentions that misrepresentation could result in criminal or civil penalties. Instructions state to enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE. An important note at the bottom of the text says: "Important: When you are done click 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."

The form itself has two tabs: "Create An FSA ID" (selected) and "Edit My FSA ID". It contains the following fields and options:

- E-mail:
- Confirm E-mail:
- Username\*:
- Password\*:
- Confirm Password\*:
- Are you 13 years of age or older?:
  - I am 13 years of age or older.
  - I am 12 years of age or younger.

At the bottom right of the form is a green "CONTINUE" button. On the right side of the form, there are links for "Edit My FSA ID" and "Frequently Asked Questions".



# Signatures

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



# FAFSA Processing Results

- CPS notifies student of FAFSA processing results by:
  - Email notification containing a direct link to student's online SAR if student's email was provided on paper or electronic FAFSA
- Student with FSA ID may view SAR online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)



# Frequent FAFSA Errors

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



# Making Corrections

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

- Using FAFSA on the Web ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) if student has a FSA ID;
- Updating paper SAR (SAR Information Acknowledgement cannot be used to make corrections); or
- Submitting documentation to college's financial aid office



# Special Circumstances

- Cannot report on FAFSA
- Send written explanation to financial aid office at each college



# Special Circumstances

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



# Net Price Calculator (NPC)

- Net price calculators are required by law
  - Target is FTIC Freshman
- Must be attached to school's home page
- Be sure to understand what is being used to estimate the costs and financial aid
- FIT's NPC is best estimate of cost and aid for the 2016-17 year.
  - Found on drop down menu on home page
  - <https://fit.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx>





# Example of Gift Aid in a Financial Aid Award Package

- Pell, SEOG, and FSAG \$ 7,500
- Florida FRAG \$ 3,000
- Florida Bright Futures \$ 2,300
- FIT Grant or Scholarship \$ 19,200
- Total Possible Gift Aid \$ 32,000



# Complete Financial Aid Package

- **Gift Aid Possible** **\$32,000**
- **Student Loans** **\$ 5,500**
- **Parent Loan Options** **\$ 4,000**
- **Work Study** **\$ 2,500**
- **Total Aid Possible** **\$44,000**



# Questions

