

### **Student Financial Aid**

# What Students & Parents Should Know



### Agenda

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



#### 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**

### Free Money

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Work Study
- Loans







### Do I Qualify Federal Aid?

### 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

Types of Federal Student Aid



Grants are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.



Loans are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.

Federal Student Aid

A work-study job lets you earn money while

you're in school.

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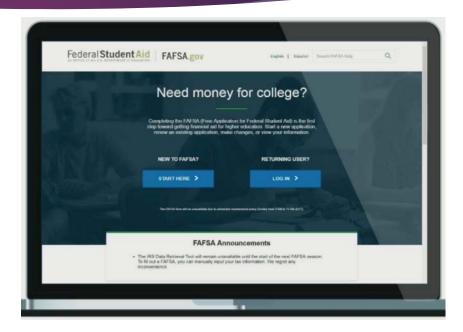
Learn more at StudentAid.gov/types. Apply at www.fafsa.gov.

- **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
- Available October 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year
- Filing deadlines are set by each school's financial aid office



Go to FAFSA.gov



### **FSAID**

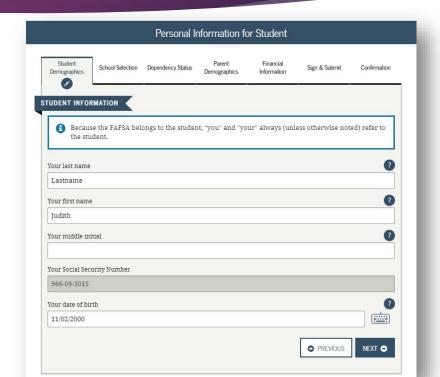


- Student <u>and</u> at least one parent each obtain Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at FSAID.ed.gov
  - Used to access and electronically sign FAFSA



### **Questions the Student Answers on FAFSA**

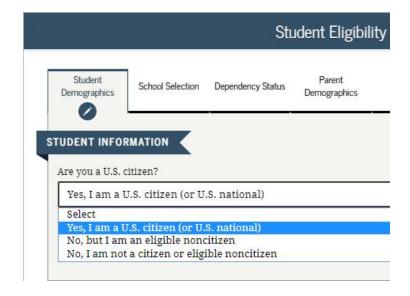
- Demographics
- Eligibility/Dependency
- Colleges student is applying to
- ▶ 2018 income and tax info, if applicable
- ► Assets, if applicable





### 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

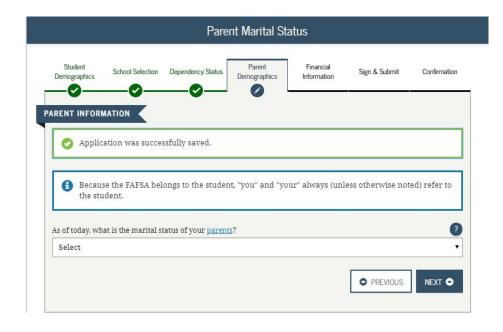
Is the student living with their legal parent(s)?

- ✓ 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

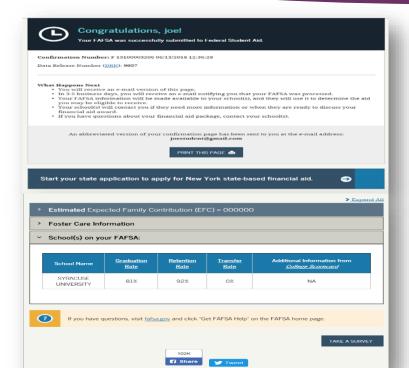
- ✓ Retirement plans, annuities, life insurance and value of primary residence are excluded
- √529 plans, for all children, must be reported as parent investment

#### **Business values**

✓Only include if business has more than 100 employees



### **Confirmation Page**



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



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

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**State Aid** 

**Private Scholarships** 





**Institutional Aid** 



### **NYS Student Aid Programs**

### **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**



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**



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#### FAFSA-Eligible Applicants

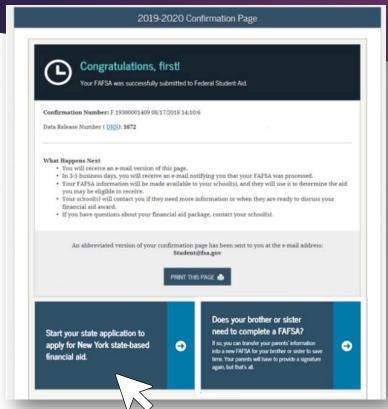
- Eligible for federal student aid programs (FAFSA)
- Student and parents are residents of New York State

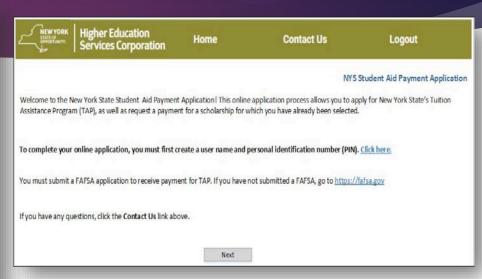
#### NYS DREAM Act Applicants

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



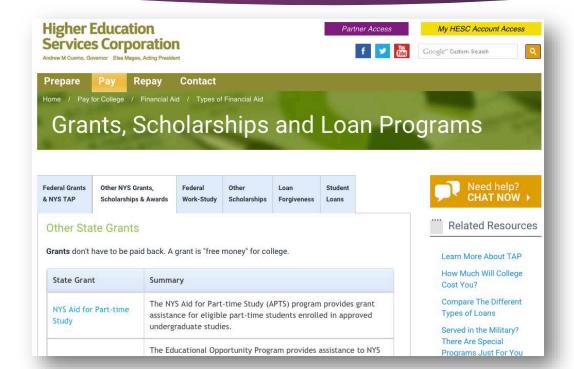
### Applying for NYS Aid: FAFSA Applicants







### 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



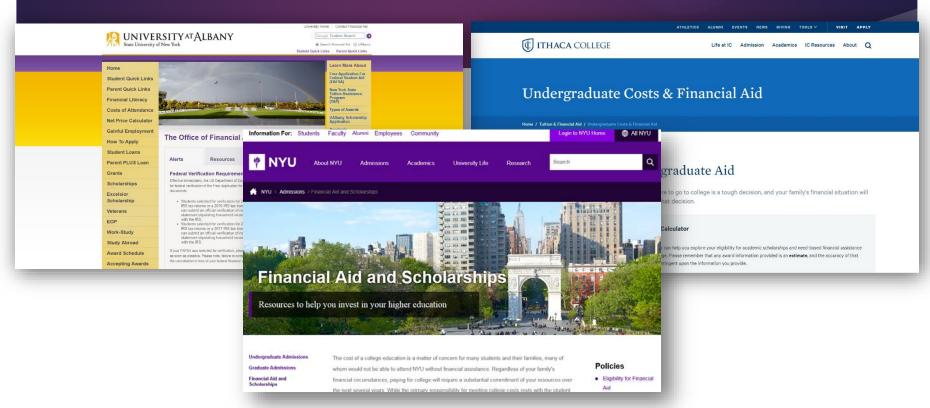
#### What is the CSS Profile?



- 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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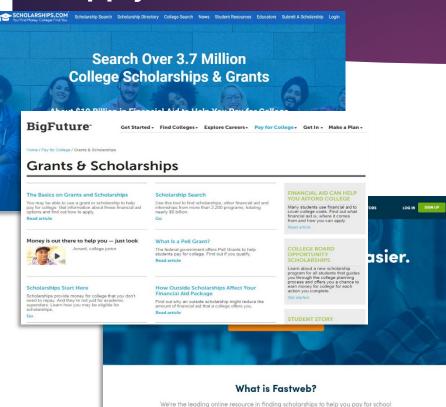




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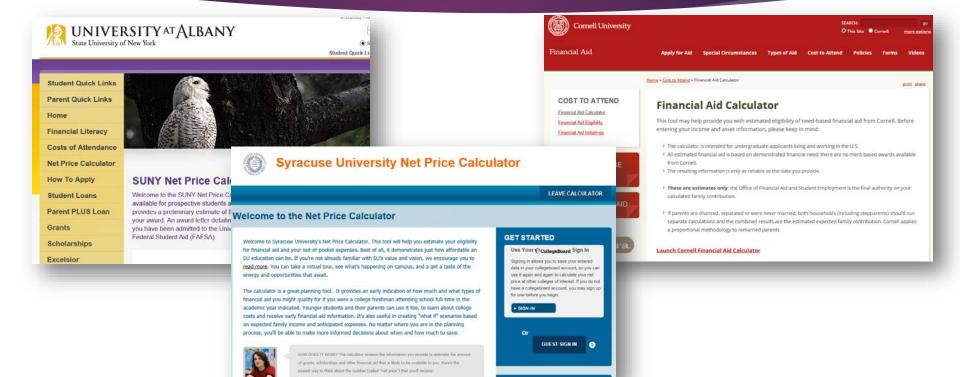
### **Apply for Private Scholarships**



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



#### **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?