

Financial Aid Night

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Agenda

- ▶ What is Financial Aid?
- ▶ Cost of Attendance (COA)
- ▶ Why the FAFSA?
- ▶ Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)
- ▶ How to apply?
- ▶ What happens after I file a FAFSA?

What is Financial Aid?

- ▶ Funds to help students & families pay for educational expenses.
- ▶ Financial aid funds consist of:
 - ▶ Grants
 - ▶ Employment
 - ▶ Scholarships
 - ▶ Loans

Sources of Financial Aid

- ▶ Federal Government
- ▶ State Government
- ▶ Institution or College
- ▶ Private sources
 - ▶ Charitable, civic, church, organizations, etc.
 - ▶ Employers/Unions/Individuals. Etc.



Award Types – Free Money

Grants - Free Money that you don't have to pay back.

- ▶ **Pell Grant**- Based on financial need from FAFSA. Same at every school. \$6095 Max
- ▶ **SEOG Grant**- Eligible for students with the highest need. Amount varies. \$4000 Max
- ▶ **Work Study**- Student employment paid by federal funds. Answer 'yes' on FAFSA and check with Financial Aid Office for procedures.

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| Work up to 20 hours per week |
| Flexible Work Schedule |
| Paid like a regular employee |
| Money can be used at your discretion |

State Programs

- ▶ **Hawai'i Promise Scholarship**
(UH Community Colleges Only)
 - ▶ "Last Dollar" award
 - ▶ No application, but MUST complete FAFSA
 - ▶ Remaining Direct Cost need after all other grants/scholarships (regardless of order received)
 - ▶ Minimum half-time enrollment
 - ▶ Must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements

State Programs

- Hawaii B+ scholarship (UH schools only)
 - 3.00 HS GPA, HS transcripts needed
 - Public HS with rigorous curriculum
 - Financial Need
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program
 - Reduced tuition rate
 - Check for participating colleges
 - Application process varies by college

Loans - Money to be repaid

Federal Direct Loans - 5.05%

- Subsidized-Need based, no interest while in school
- Unsubsidized-Non-need based, continuous interest accrual
- Amount based on grade level classification (credit amount)
- Interest determined every new school year
- Begin repayment 6 months after graduation or withdrawal

Maximum for Freshman -
up to \$3,500 Subsidized
plus \$2,000 Unsubsidized
for a total \$5,500.

PLUS loans (Parent Loans) - 7.60%

- Remaining COA
- Accrues Interest
- Loans that parents borrower for dependent students
- Credit check needed for eligibility

Maximum \$ =
Cost of attendance
Minus
Financial Aid

Where else do I look?

- Financial Aid / Admission Office Websites
- High School Counselor Office
- Internet Search
(Google 'scholarships')
- ksbe.edu/finaid
- pauahi.org
- hawaiicommunityfoundation.org
- fastweb.com
- finaid.org

Cost of Attendance (COA)

how much will it cost to go to college?

- ▶ Tuition (Resident, non-resident) & required fees
- ▶ Books & Supplies
- ▶ Living Costs - room & board, personal expenses
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Computer
- ▶ Travel (interisland, mainland, holidays)
- ▶ Other (Dependent care, disability related expenses, study abroad)

Cost of Attendance Varies

| | Total Cost | Tuition Only |
|--|------------|------------------------------------|
| Community College 2-Year Public (live at home w/Parents) | \$12,324 | \$3,084 <i>(+ \$60 fees)</i> |
| Public 4-Year University (live On-Campus) | \$29,860 | \$ 11,088 <i>(+ \$882 fees)</i> |
| Private 4-Year University (live On-Campus) | \$68,286 | \$48,061 |

Are there other costs?

There may be other costs that may not be included in the Cost of Attendance:

- ▶ Airfare (ask what/how much is included)
- ▶ Family Travel costs to take your student to school:
 - ▶ Airfare for family; hotel; car; food; etc.
- ▶ Start-up Dorm expenses:
 - ▶ Housing Deposit
 - ▶ Linen; towels; small appliances; toiletries; etc.

Why the FAFSA?

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Philosophy of financial aid:

It is the family's primary responsibility to pay for higher education to the ability that they are able. FAFSA is a fair and equitable way to determine this.

FAFSA

- Helps financial aid office determine types of financial aid
- Required to determine Federal financial aid eligibility
- Determines EFC or Expected Family Contribution

EFC

Expected Family Contribution



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Expected Family Contribution

- Calculated using a federal formula and data from the FAFSA
- Determines financial need
- Stays the same regardless of college

EFC

Parent Contribution + Student Contribution = Expected Family Contribution

Parent Contribution from Income:

- Taxable Income + Non-taxable Income
- MINUS** Income off-sets:
 - US Taxes; State & other allowances; Income Protection (based on number of family and #college); Employment Expenses

Parent Contribution from Assets:

- Cash, Savings, Checking Accounts
- Net Worth Investments
(Do not include home you live in; do not include retirement savings accounts)
- Business/Farm Worth
- MINUS** Asset Protection (based on age of older parent)
- 12% of remaining assets are considered contribution

Student Contribution from Income:

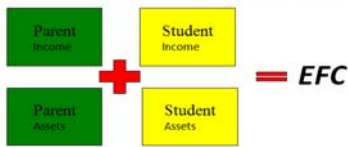
- Taxable Income + Non-taxable Income
- MINUS** Income off-sets:
 - US Taxes; State & other allowance (4-5% of total income); \$6,660 Income Protection
- 50% of remaining income is contribution

Student Contribution from Assets:

- Cash, Savings, Checking Accounts
- Net Worth Investments
(Do not include home you live in; do not include retirement accounts)
- Business/Farm Worth
- 20% of assets are considered contribution

EFC

Expected Family Contribution = Parent Contribution + Student Contribution



COA - EFC = NEED

Financial need is used to determine what financial aid you are eligible to receive

How do I apply for FAFSA?

www.fafsa.gov

Federal Student Aid | FAFSA.gov

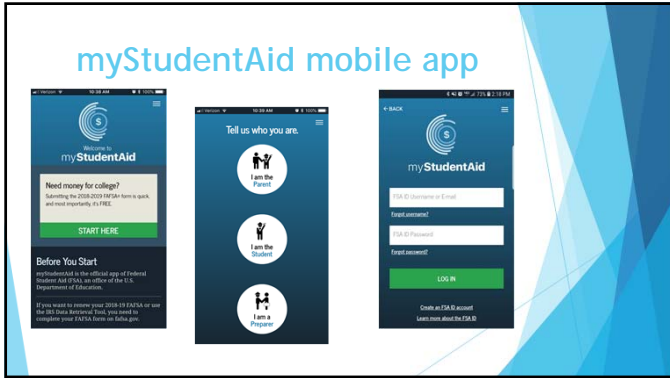
Need money for college?

Complete the FAFSA® (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

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Submitting the FAFSA form is quick, and most importantly, it's FREE. Get started today.

RETURNING USER?
• Make a correction
• Add a school
• View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

[START HERE](#) [LOG IN](#)



Create an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov

Who needs an FSA ID and Why?

- ▶ Student
- ▶ One Parent; if student must provide parent information

Sign FAFSA electronically

Required to access all Financial Aid Information

- ▶ IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- ▶ <https://studentloans.gov> (student loan website)
- ▶ www.nsls.ed.gov (Federal financial aid history)

Can be used in subsequent school years

Create Your FSA ID (Username and password)

Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID 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. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

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.

Create An FSA ID | Edit My FSA ID

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.

Numbers Uppercase Letters Lowercase Letters Special Characters 8-30 Characters Show Text

[Edit My FSA ID](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

IRS Data Retrieval

- ▶ Select "Already completed" for your 2017 Taxes
- ▶ Click on the "Link to IRS" button to import the Prior- Prior Year tax information for 2017



IRS Data Retrieval

Once authenticated by IRS:

- ▶ You will be provided a list of all the possible fields from a tax return that could transfer back into the FAFSA form, *though you will not be able to view the tax information.*
- ▶ You will see the words "Transferred from the IRS" in the data entry fields throughout the FAFSA and on the *Student Aid Report (SAR).*
- ▶ Because the transferred information is not displayed, applicants and parents are unable to make any corrections to the IRS DRT transferred items on the FAFSA form before or after submission.

What happens after I file the FAFSA?

- ▶ **Email** notification of official results sent to **STUDENT** (Student Aid Report or SAR)
- ▶ **Review** your FAFSA comments and results. *Make necessary corrections.*
- ▶ Information sent to colleges
- ▶ Work with schools to complete any **additional documentation**
- ▶ Receive **financial aid award notification**

Mahalo

Questions???

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