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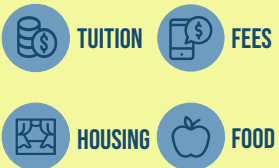
WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?



Financial aid consists of funds provided to students and families to help pay for their **educational expenses**.

COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA):

DIRECT COSTS

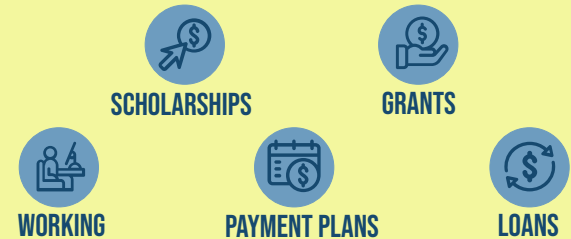


INDIRECT COSTS



SOURCES of FINANCIAL AID

.....or HOW YOU PAY FOR COLLEGE?



MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

1. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
2. YOUR HOME STATE
3. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
4. PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS



HOW DO YOU GET THEM?

1. GPA or ACT/SAT
2. THE ARTS
3. ATHLETICS
4. AREAS OF INTEREST
5. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD
6. COMMUNITY SERVICE
7. STRONG ESSAY OR PERSONAL STORY

SD SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship	sdos.sdbor.edu
Dakota Corps Scholarship	sdbor.edu/dakotacorps (December 15 deadline)
Build Dakota Scholarship	builddakotascholarships.com
South Dakota Freedom Scholarship	freedomsscholarshipsd.com
Jump Start Scholarship	sdbor.edu
Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation	sfacf.org

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Calculates Student Aid Index (SAI)
- SAI is a number that determines each student's eligibility for certain types of federal aid.
- What is the SAI not? It is **NOT** what you'll pay for college nor is it the amount of aid you'll receive.



Federal Student Aid Programs

Federal Pell Grant	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant
Federal Work-Study (FWS)	Federal Direct Student Loans (Direct Loans)	Federal PLUS Loans

WHAT IS FINANCIAL NEED?



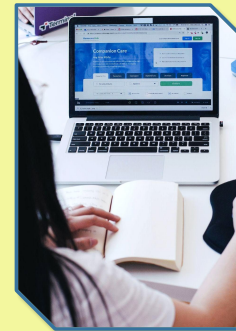
Financial need is the cost of attendance (COA) minus the student aid index (SAI). Further....

COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA) - STUDENT AID INDEX (SAI) = FINANCIAL NEED

HOW TO FILE THE FAFSA?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Filed at studentaid.gov/fafsa.
- Create a **FSA ID** for both the student and the parent.
- Complete the FAFSA **annually**.



2024-25 FAFSA CHANGES AND UPDATES

- **EFC (Expected Family Contribution)** has been replaced with the **SAI (Student Aid Index)**
- **All applicants and contributors (parents/spouse) must give consent for their IRS information to be transferred to the FAFSA**
- **Divorced Parents**
 - Students must now report income & asset information for the parent who provides the most financial support not who the student lived with the most
 - *Child support received is now reported under assets* – report yearly total of most recent calendar year
- **Family Size** is brought in from the dependents on your taxes
 - *You must manually update this if it is different than your 2022 tax form*
- **Assets**
 - *Net worth of family farms and small businesses must be reported*
- **Pell Grant**
 - *Can now be determined before filing the FAFSA*

2024-25 FAFSA CHANGES AND UPDATES

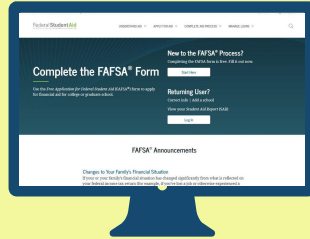
Dependent Student Look-Up Tables: 48 Contiguous States and District of Columbia

Family Size	Student's Parent is a Single Parent		
	2022 Poverty Guideline	Max Pell Parent AGI Limit (225% of Poverty Guideline)	Min Pell Parent AGI Limit (325% of Poverty Guideline)
2	\$18,310	\$41,198	\$59,508
3	\$23,030	\$51,818	\$74,848
4	\$27,750	\$62,438	\$90,188
5	\$32,470	\$73,058	\$105,528
6	\$37,190	\$83,678	\$120,868
7	\$41,910	\$94,298	\$136,208
8	\$46,630	\$104,918	\$151,548
9+	Add \$4,720 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 225% (Max Pell) or 325% (Min Pell) to determine the Parent AGI Limit.		

Family Size	Student's Parents is not a Single Parent		
	2022 Poverty Guideline	Max Pell Parent AGI Limit (175% of Poverty Guideline)	Min Pell Parent AGI Limit (275% of Poverty Guideline)
2	\$18,310	\$32,043	\$50,353
3	\$23,030	\$40,303	\$63,333
4	\$27,750	\$48,563	\$76,313
5	\$32,470	\$56,823	\$89,293
6	\$37,190	\$65,083	\$102,273
7	\$41,910	\$73,343	\$115,253
8	\$46,630	\$81,603	\$128,233
9+	Add \$4,720 to the poverty guideline for each additional person. Then multiply the AGI by 175% (Max Pell) or 275% (Min Pell) to determine the Parent AGI Limit.		

You may be eligible even if you do not fit into one of these categories.

What to expect when filing the FAFSA:



FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Student Onboarding

When the student starts the 2024–25 FAFSA® form for the first time, they are taken through the FAFSA onboarding process. The first onboarding page provides an overview of the FAFSA form and an accompanying video.



FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student Provides Consent

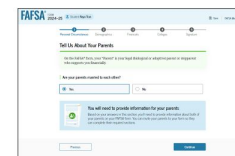
This page informs the student about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Student Financials section. The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.



FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student: Tell Us About Your Parents

As the student is considered dependent, they are asked to provide information about their parents. The FAFSA® form considers their "Parent" to be their legal (biological or adoptive) parent. The student is asked if their parents are married. The student selects "Yes" and is required to invite their parents to their FAFSA form to complete the required parent sections.



Common FAFSA Questions

- **Who Is My Parent?**
 - Married, or not married but living together, provide information for both parents.
 - Divorced or separated report the parent who provides more than half of the financial support. (This is a change from previous years. It is no longer who the student lives with.)
 - If that parent is remarried the stepparent financial information is included on the FAFSA
 - Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians are not considered parents on the FAFSA unless they have legally adopted the student

FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student Invites Parents to FAFSA® Form

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student Review Page

The review page displays the responses that the student has provided in the FAFSA® form. The student can view all their responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the student can select the question's hyperlink and will be taken to the corresponding page. Additionally, since the student invited their parent into the form, they see the parent contributor section and the status of their parent's invite.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student Review Page (Continued)

Parent Contributor Section

This Section is Shared With 2 Contributors

Your FAFSA form is shared with the individuals listed below. You can request, manage, or remove signatures and contributions from this page or in your FAFSA form.

Parent Contributor	Date Request Sent	Status	Edit
Alvina Tran	02/12/2024	Invited	
Travis Tran	02/12/2024	Invited	

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

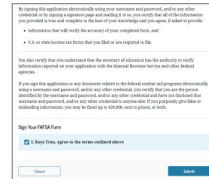
Dependent Student Signature

On this page, the student acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and signs their section. After agreeing and signing, the student is able to submit their section of the FAFSA form. Since parent information has not been provided, the FAFSA form is not considered complete and can't be processed yet.



FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student Signature (Continued)



FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student Section Complete

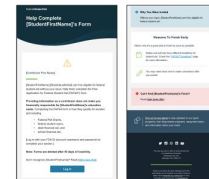
Upon signing the student section, the student is presented the student section complete page. This page displays information for the student about next steps, including tracking their FAFSA® form. The student is reminded that their form is not completed and can't be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it. Next, in this scenario, the student's invited parent will enter the FAFSA form and complete the parent section.



FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Email

This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects "Log In" and is taken to StudentAid.gov.



FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Log In

The parent is taken from their email to the "Log In" page to enter their log-in credentials. To access the FAFSA® form, all users are required to have an FSA ID (account username and password). If the parent doesn't have an FSA ID, they can select "Create an Account."

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Contributing to the FAFSA® Form

This page provides information about being a contributor on a FAFSA® form.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Identity Information

This is the first page within the parent section. The parent can verify that their personal information is correct. To update any of the personal information, the parent must access their Account Settings on StudentAid.gov. For fields related to the parent's mailing address, the parent can edit them directly on this page.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Provides Consent

This page informs the parent about consent and their federal tax information. By providing consent, the parent's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Parent Financials section. The parent selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Tax Filing Status

This page asks the parent about their tax filing status. The parent selects "Yes" to "Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?"

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface. The question is: "Did or will the parent file a 2022 joint tax return with their current spouse?" There are two radio button options: "Yes" (selected) and "No". A "Previous" button is on the left and a "Continue" button is on the right.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Family Size

This page asks the parent if their family size has changed. The parent selects the "Yes" option.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface. The question is: "Did the parent's family size differ from the number of individuals listed on their 2022 tax return?" There are two radio button options: "Yes" (selected) and "No". Below the question, it says "The parent's family size is 3". There are also instructions: "Enter the number of children or other dependents who will file the parent and not receive more than half their support from the parent(s) on 10/1/2024 and before 10/1/2025." There are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Tax Return Information

The parent is asked questions about their 2022 tax return. The parent enters a response in each entry field.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface. The question is: "Parent 2022 Tax Return Information". It asks the parent to select to answer the following questions. The first question is: "Did the parent enter the Standard Deduction Tax Credit (SDTC)?" with a dropdown menu set to "No". The second question is: "Amount of Child Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, or Head-of-Household Tax Credit on Income Tax Return?" with a dropdown menu set to "0". The third question is: "Amount of Child Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, or Head-of-Household Tax Credit on Income Tax Return?" with a dropdown menu set to "0". There are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Assets

The parent is asked about their assets. The parent enters a response in each entry field.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 application interface. The question is: "Parent Assets". It asks the parent to enter the amount of assets for each category. The categories are: "Investment Accounts (Including 529 Plans)", "Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts", "College-Related Expenses (Including Tuition)", and "College-Related Expenses (Including Tuition)". Each category has a dropdown menu set to "0". There are "Previous" and "Continue" buttons.

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Common FAFSA Questions

- What ARE assets?
 - Farms
 - Small Business
 - College Savings Plan
 - Land or Real Estate
 - Stocks/Bonds
- What are NOT assets?
 - Home
 - Vehicles
 - Retirement

FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Other Parent Information

The parent is asked to provide information about their spouse or partner.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student's Parent Signature

On this page, the parent acknowledges the terms and conditions of the FAFSA® form and signs their section. Since all required sections are complete, the parent can both sign and submit the student's FAFSA form.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Dependent Student FAFSA® Confirmation

Upon submitting the student's FAFSA® form, the parent is presented an abbreviated confirmation page. This page displays information about tracking the student's FAFSA form and next steps. The student will receive an email with the full, detailed confirmation. With the student and parent sections completed and signed, the FAFSA form is now considered complete and submitted for processing.

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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

FAFSA Submission Summary Landing Page

The student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary for their processed FAFSA® form and any subsequent corrections that they submit. The FAFSA Submission Summary is broken into four tabs: Eligibility Overview, FAFSA Form Answers, School Information, and Next Steps. At the top, the student will see information about when their form was received and processed. They also have the option to print their FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.

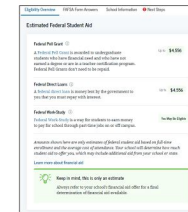


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FAFSA FILING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW:

Eligibility Overview

On the Eligibility Overview tab, the student sees information about what federal student aid they may be eligible for, such as a Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans. They are also able to view the Student Aid Index. Any amounts of financial aid that display on this tab are estimates and are not guaranteed. Final determination of the student's financial aid eligibility is provided by their school's financial aid office.



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Common FAFSA Questions

- **Do I have to put my parent's information on the FAFSA?**
 - 24 years of age
 - Graduate student
 - Veteran
 - Married
 - Have a child or other dependent
 - Orphan or ward of the court or in foster care
 - Homeless or at risk of homelessness

YES



Parents must provide consent for the use of their financial info on the FAFSA.

Common FAFSA Questions

- **What can I do if the FAFSA isn't a representation of my situation?**
 - Special circumstances
 - Separation or divorce
 - Change in or loss of income
 - Medical expenses
 - Cost of elder care
 - K-12 school tuition costs
 - PLUS Loan or student loan payments
 - Inaccessible assets

Next Steps for Your Student(s)

- FAFSA Verification?
- Review college websites for admission & financial aid information
- Meet all application deadlines
- Review and compare financial aid offers
- Know how you'll be communicated with: electronic and/or paper format
- Processing dates may vary greatly depending on institutional policy. Stay in contact with each school.
- Complete Master Promissory Note and Entrance Loan Counseling at StudentAid.gov
- Investigate all sources of aid

How to Compare Offers

• School A

Direct Costs	\$57,000
- <u>Scholarships</u>	<u>\$36,000</u>
= Net Price	\$21,000

• School B

Direct Costs	\$45,000
- <u>Scholarships</u>	<u>\$24,000</u>
= Net Price	\$21,000

• School C

Direct Costs	\$18,000
- <u>Scholarships</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
= Net Price	\$16,000



THANKS!

QUESTIONS?

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