

**National Association of Student  
Financial Aid Administrators Presents ...**

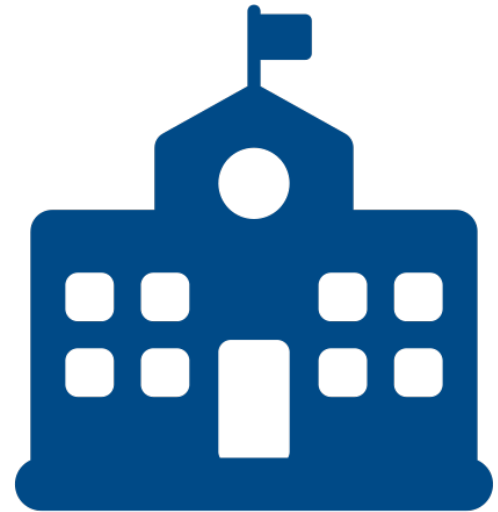
**What You  
Need to Know  
About Financial Aid**

# 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

# 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)?

## Estimation of expected costs

### Direct Costs



Tuition and fees



Room and board



Books and supplies

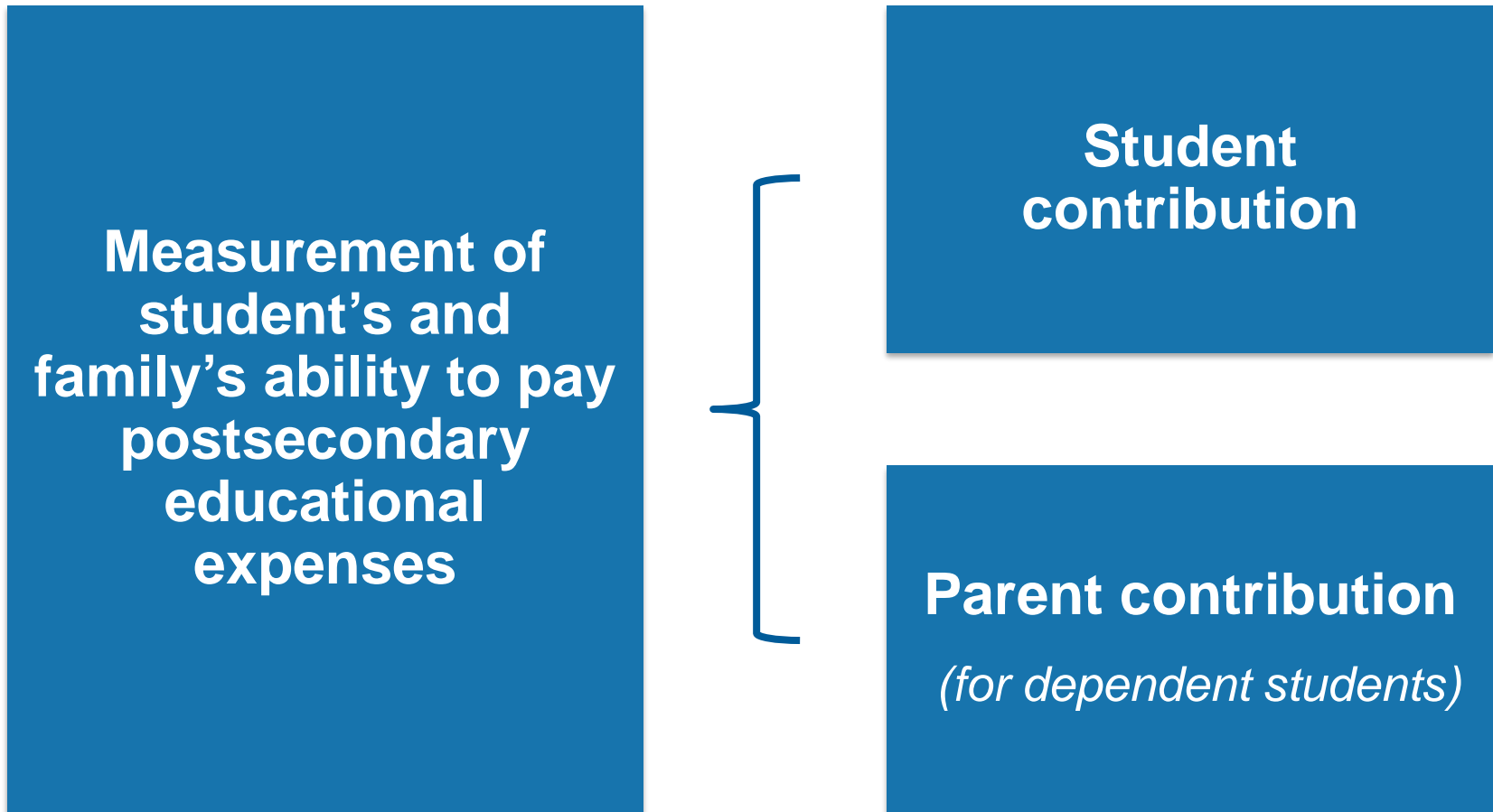


Transportation



Miscellaneous  
personal expenses

# What is Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?



# What is Financial Need?

**Cost of attendance (COA)**

**– Expected family contribution (EFC)**

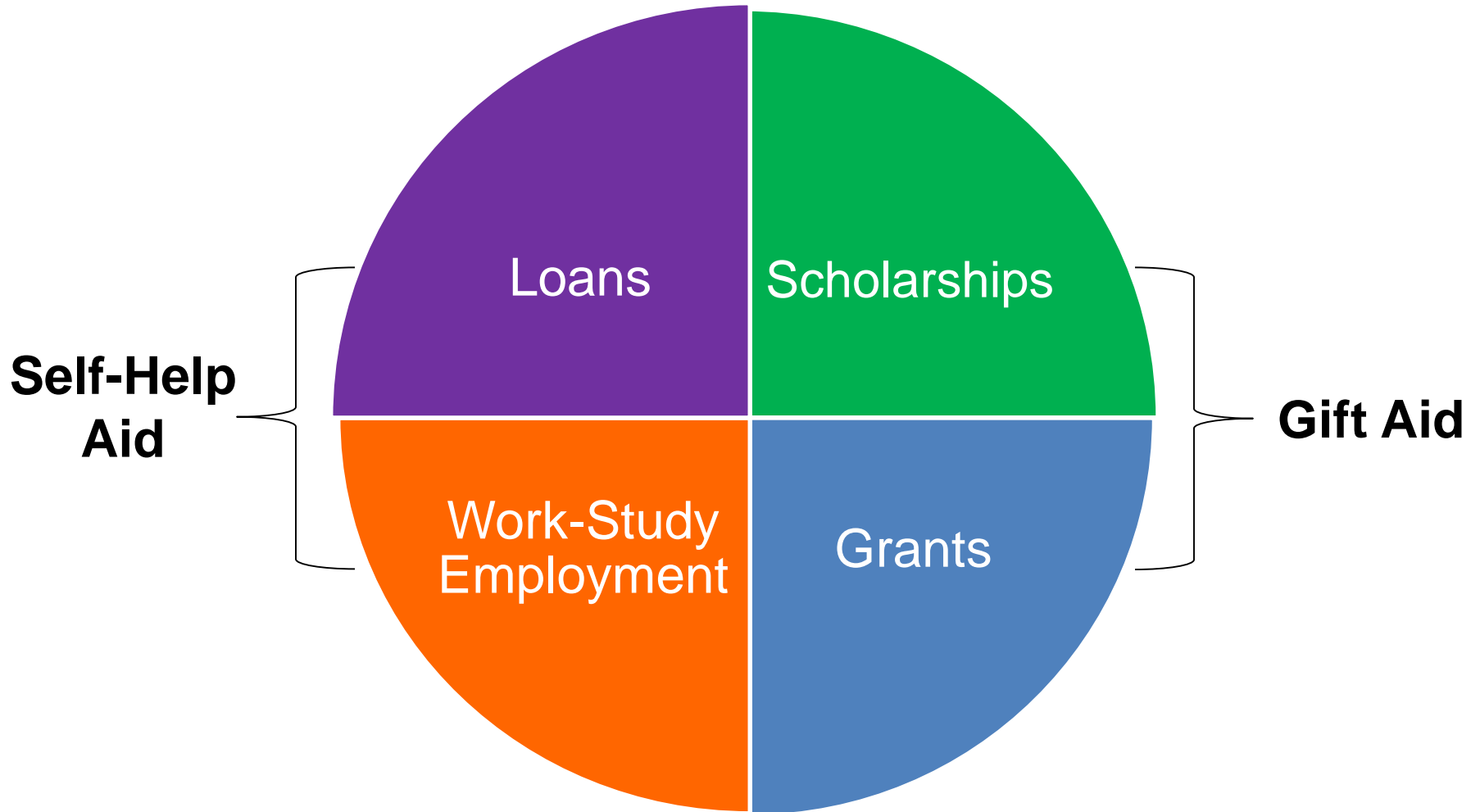
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**= Financial need**

# Categories of Financial Aid

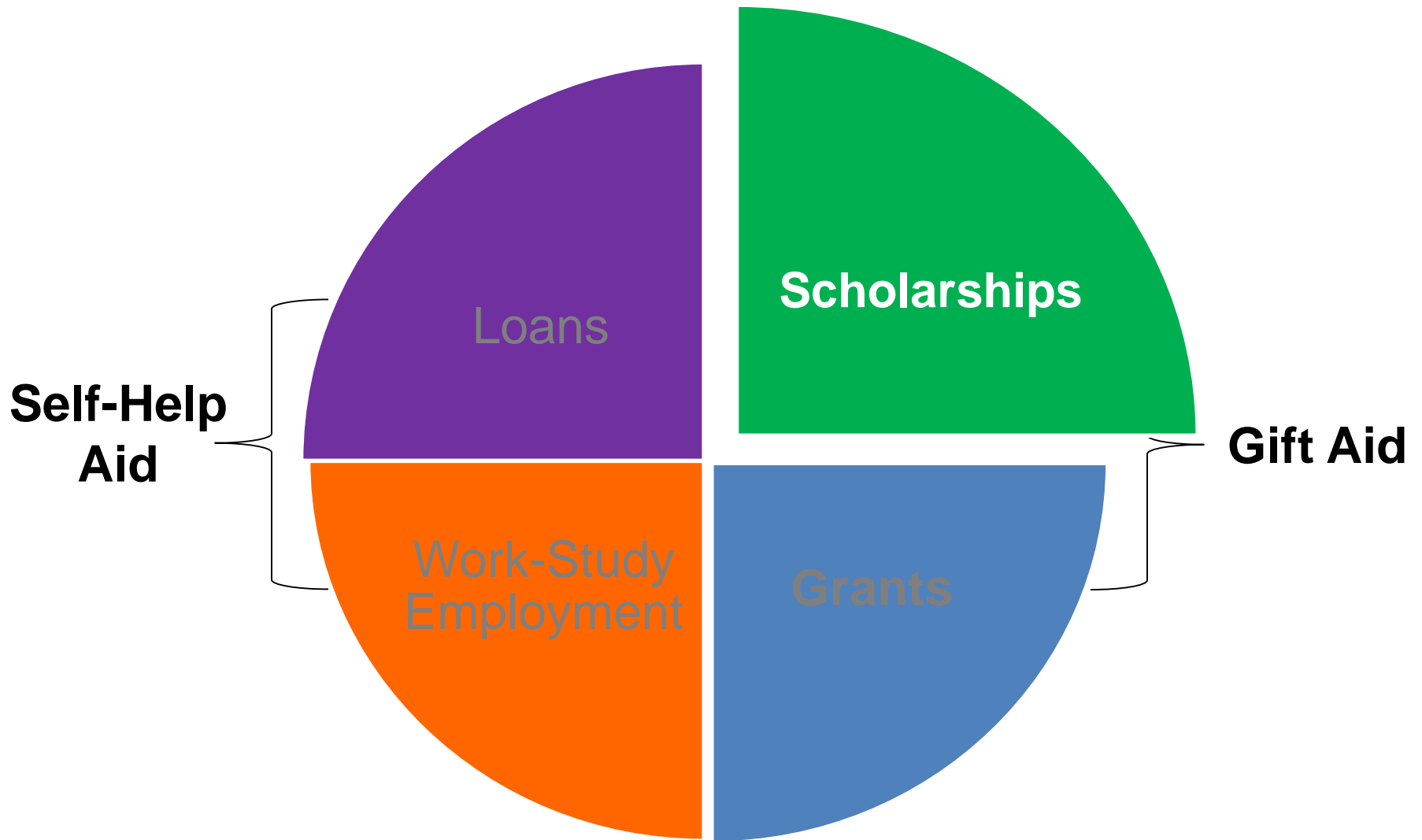


# Types of Financial Aid

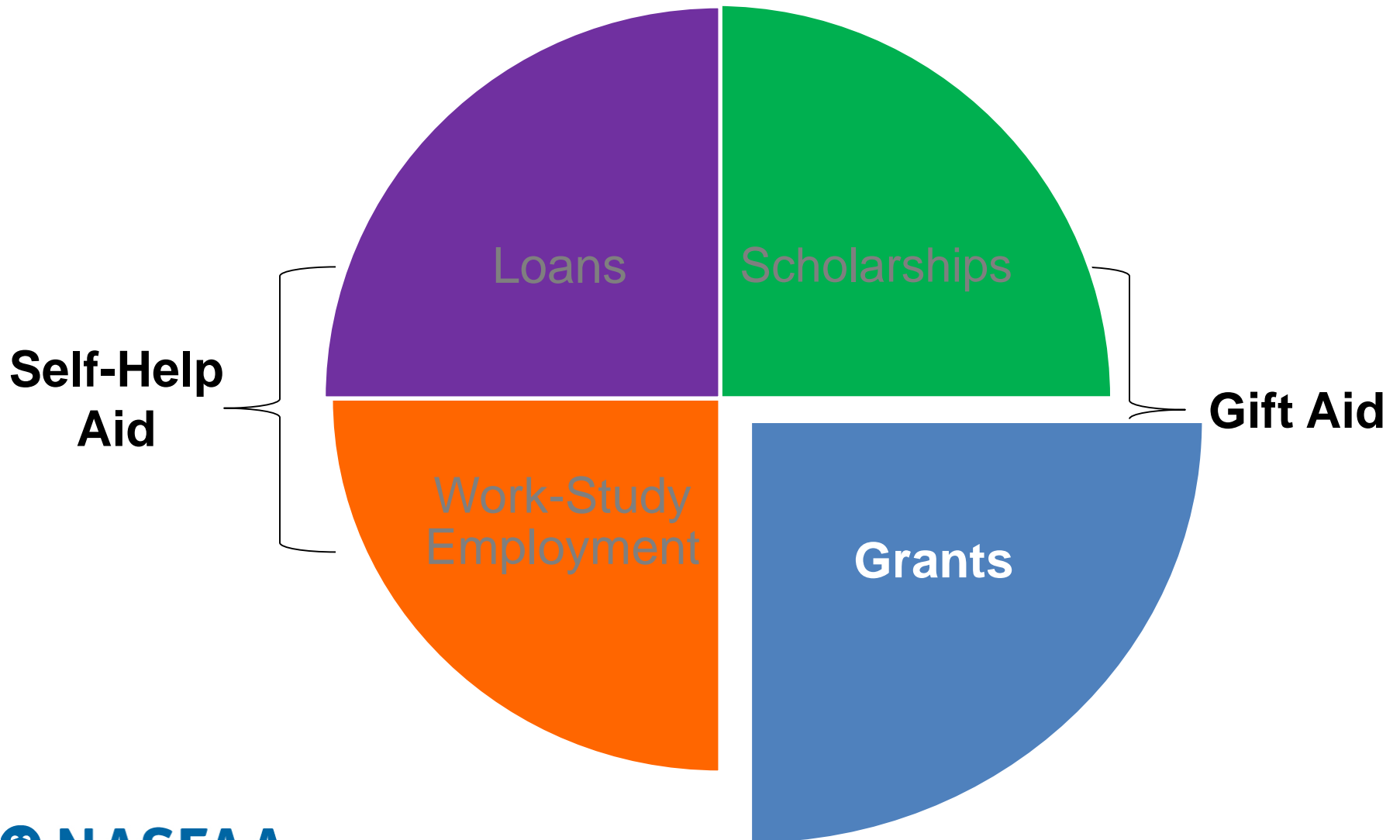




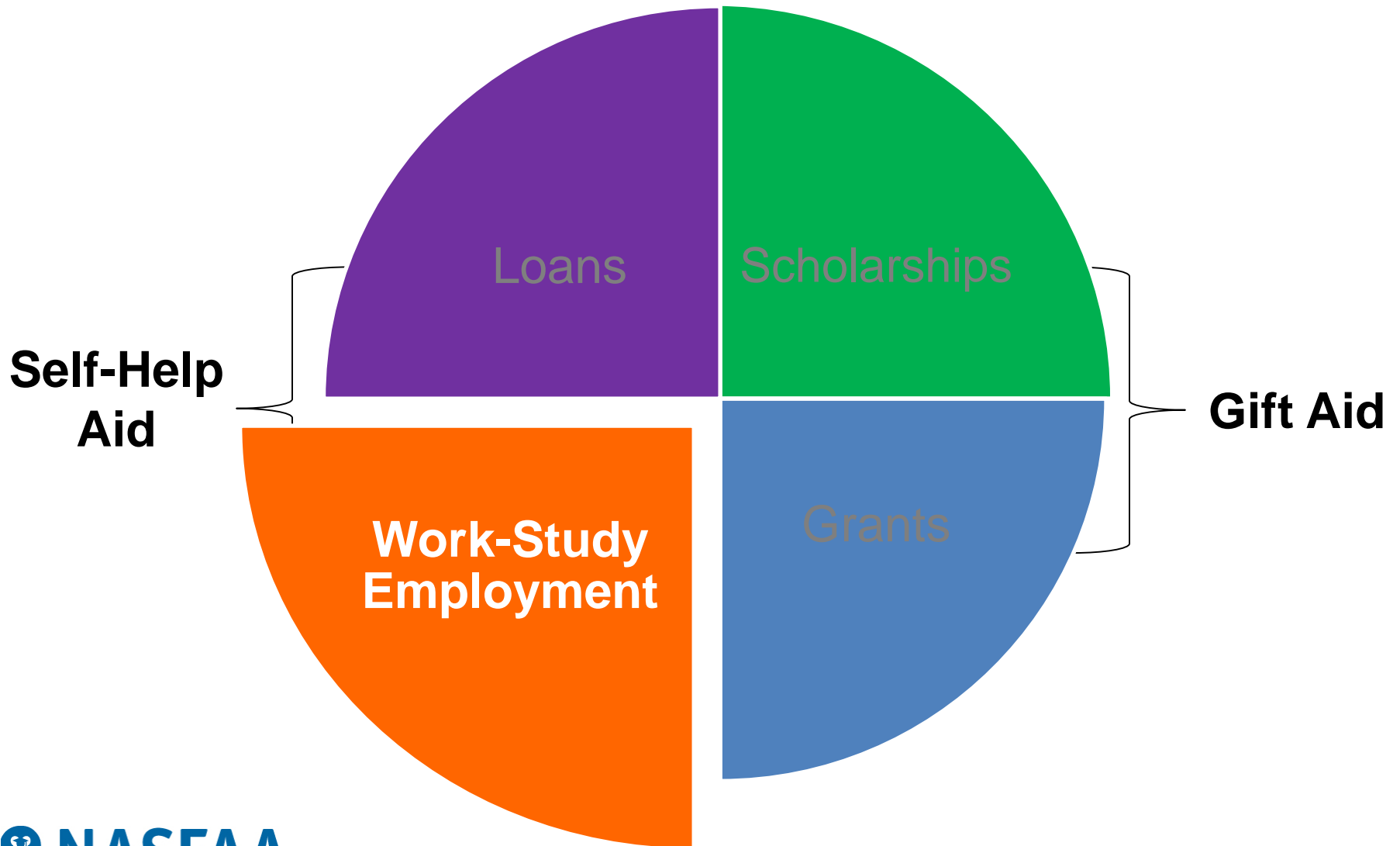
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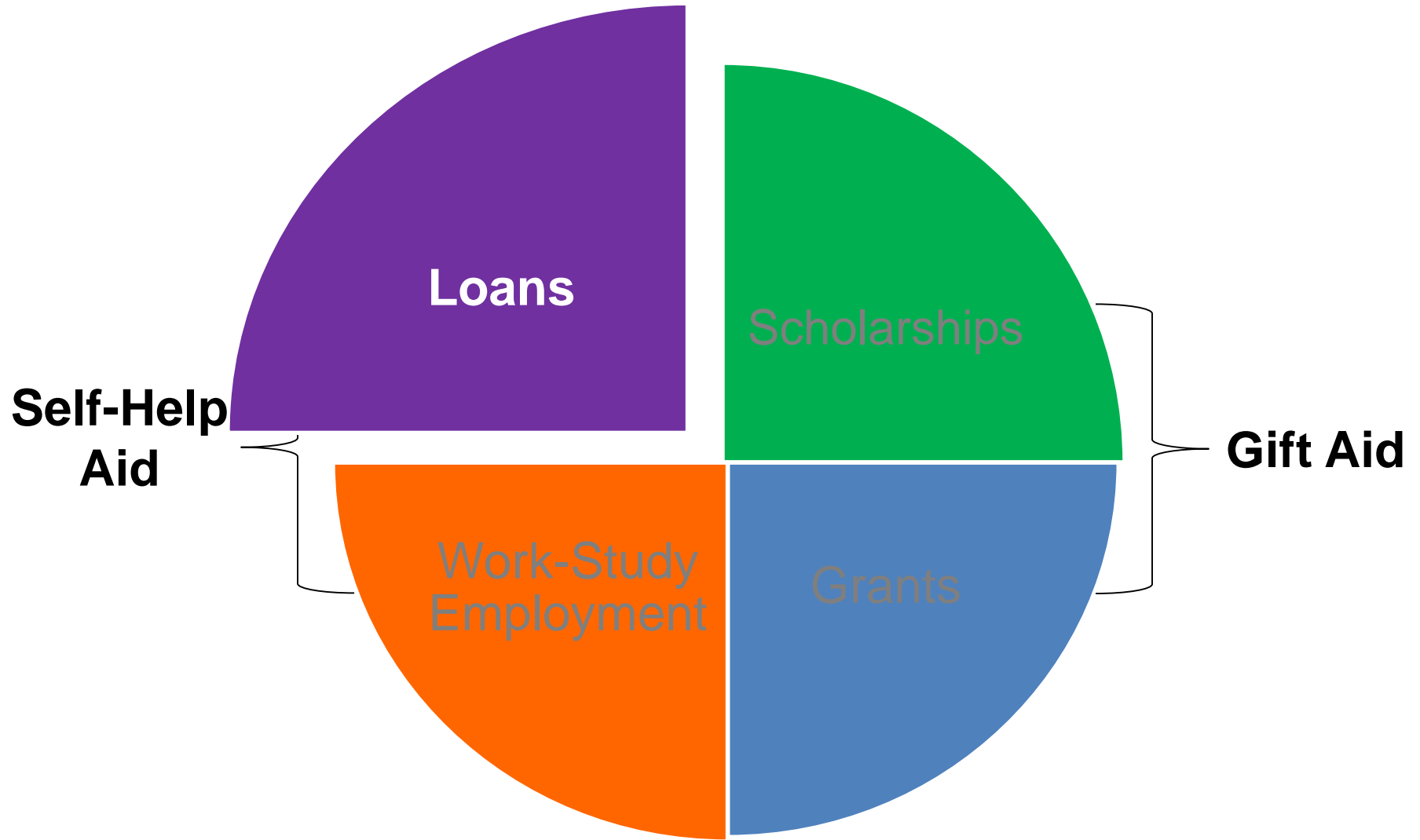
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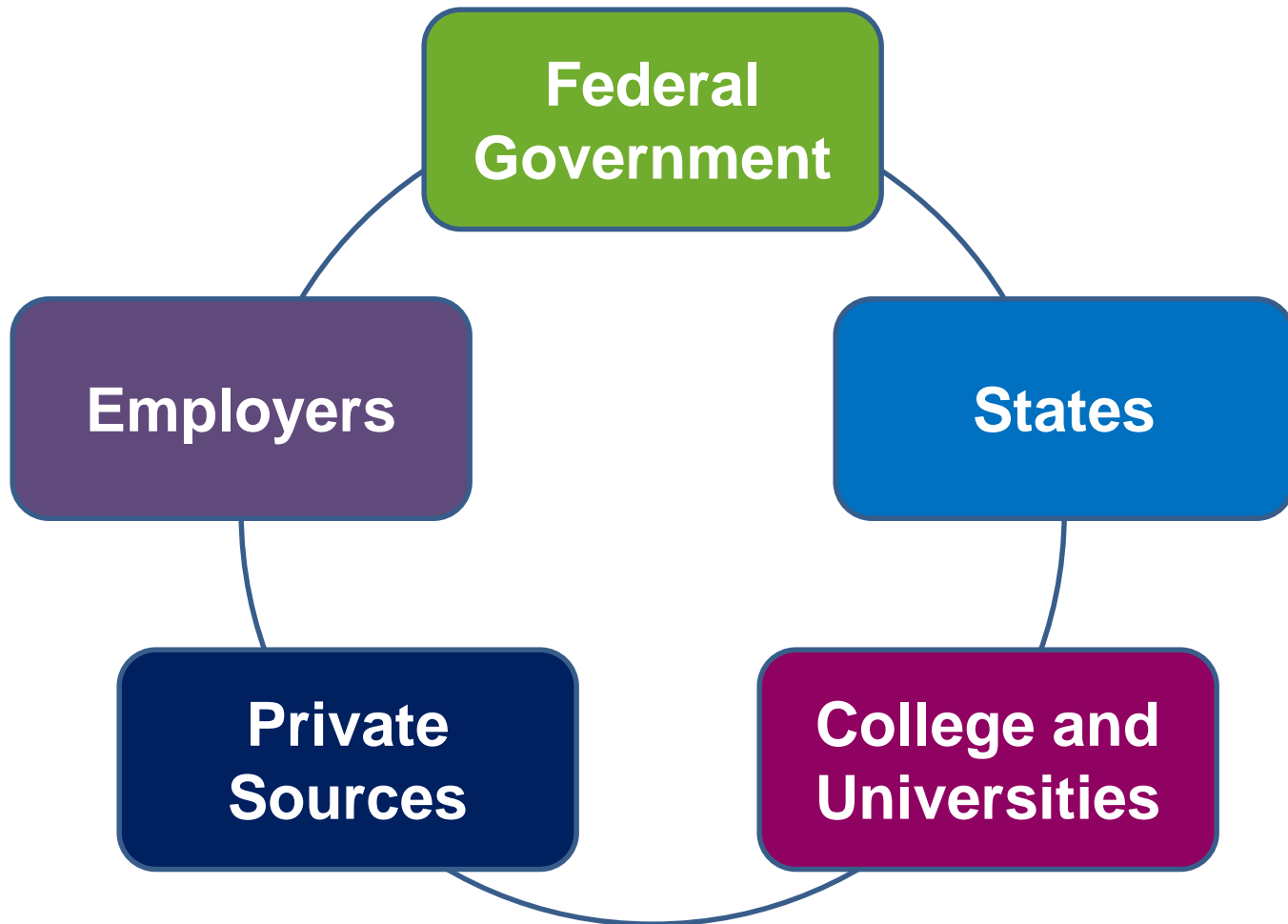
# Work-Study Employment



# Loans



# 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  
Assistance for  
College and Higher  
Education (TEACH)  
Grant

Federal Work-Study  
(FWS)

Federal Direct  
Student Loans  
(Direct Loans)

Federal PLUS Loans

# States

Residency requirements usually apply

Award aid on the basis of both merit and need

Use information from the FAFSA and/or state aid applications

Deadlines vary by state



# 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

# 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

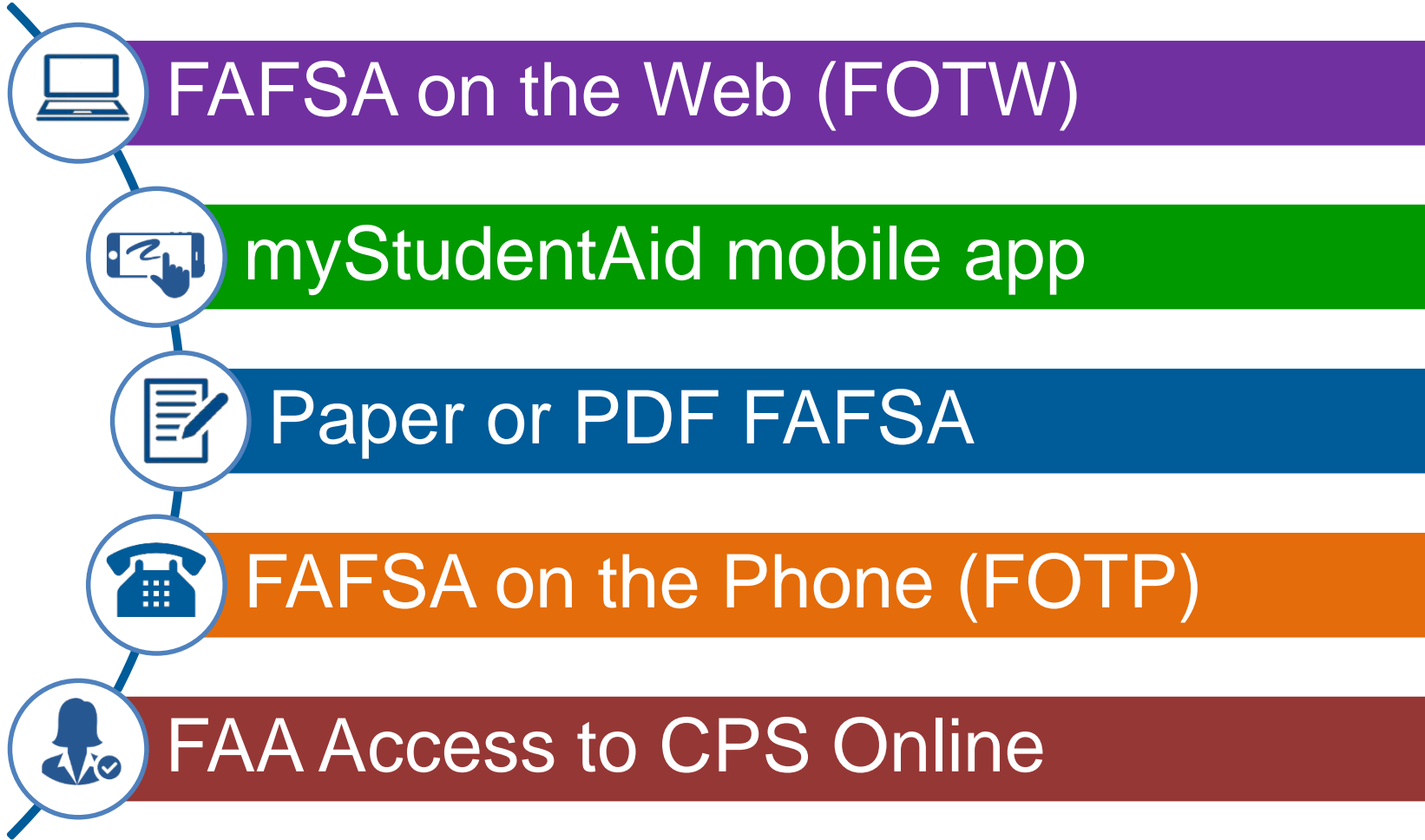
# FAFSA

- Collects demographic and financial information
- Information used to calculate the expected family contribution (EFC)
- Colleges use EFC to award financial aid
- Available in English and Spanish

# FAFSA

- May be filed at any time during an academic year, but no earlier than October 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the academic year for which the student requests aid
- For the 2019-20 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed beginning October 1, 2018
- Most colleges set FAFSA filing deadlines

# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)



# 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)

## 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.

### NEW TO FAFSA.GOV?

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

[START HERE >](#)

### RETURNING USER?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your *Student Aid Report (SAR)*

[LOG IN >](#)

# 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.](#)

Form Approved  
OMB No. 1845-0001.  
App. Exp. 12/31/2019.

I am the student

OR

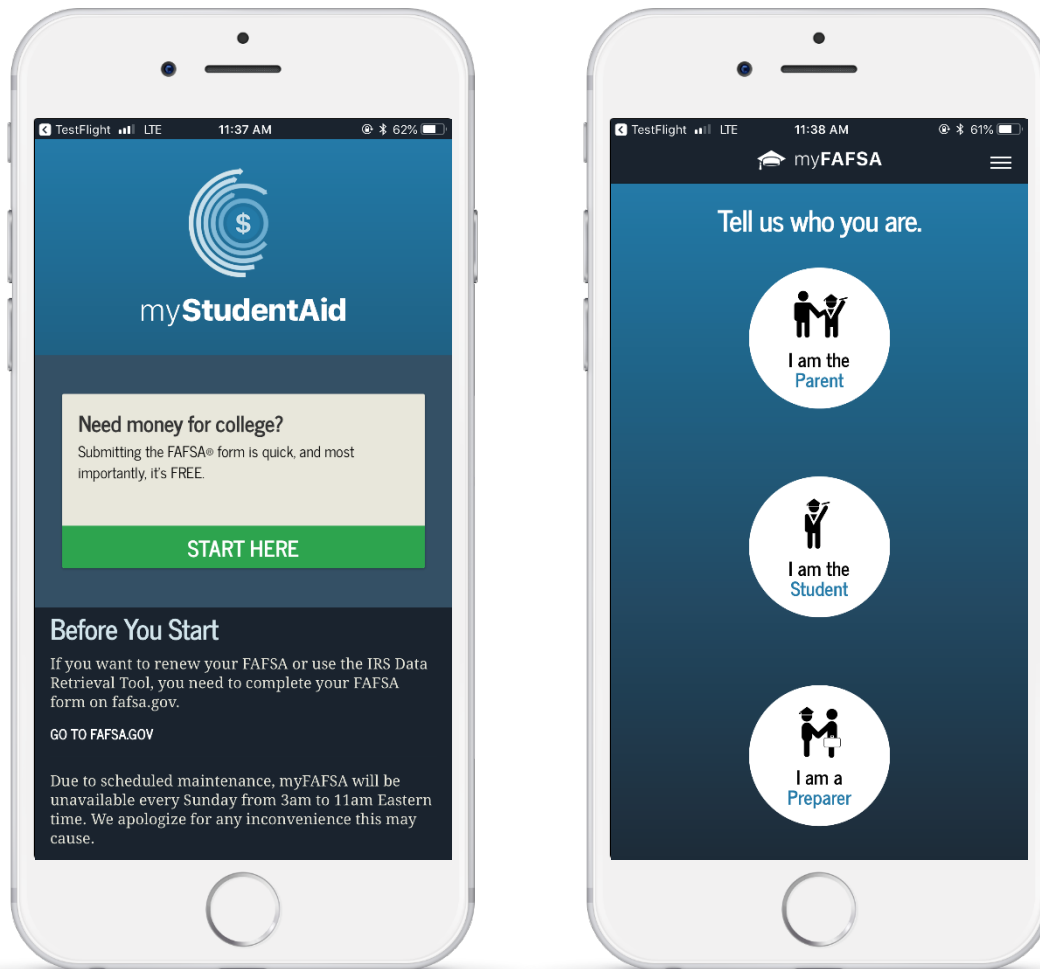
I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

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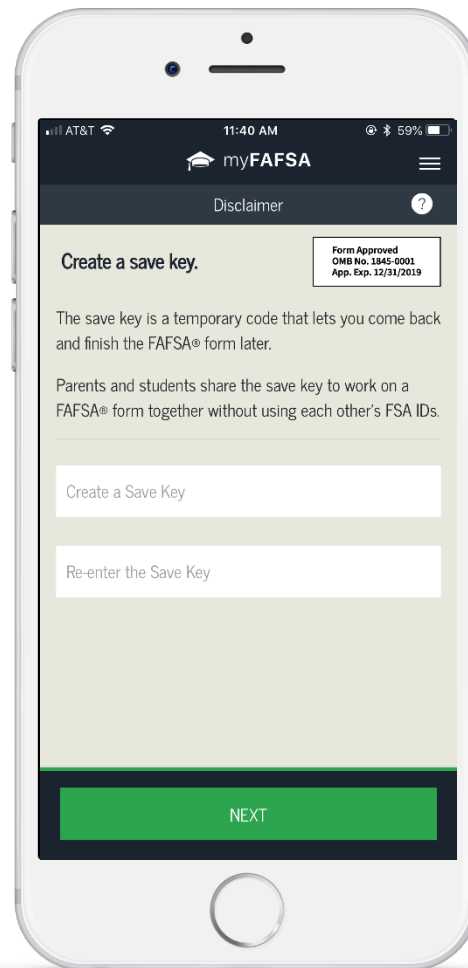
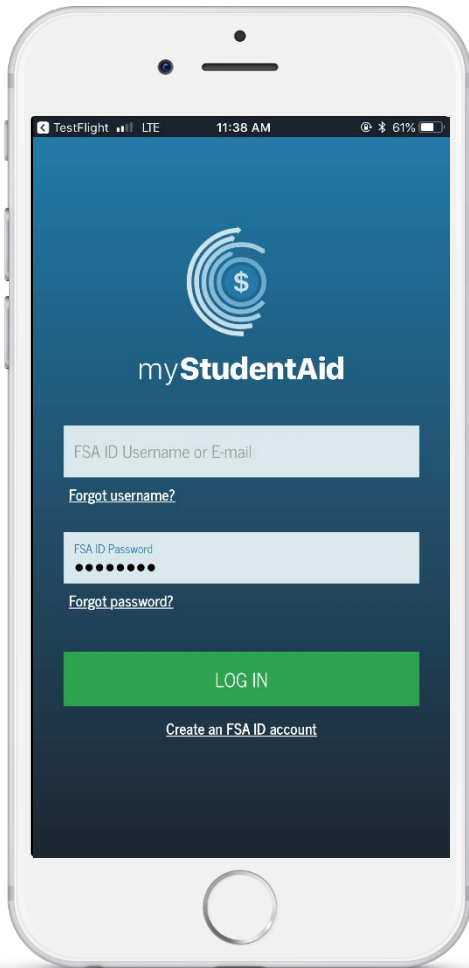
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# myStudentAid Mobile App



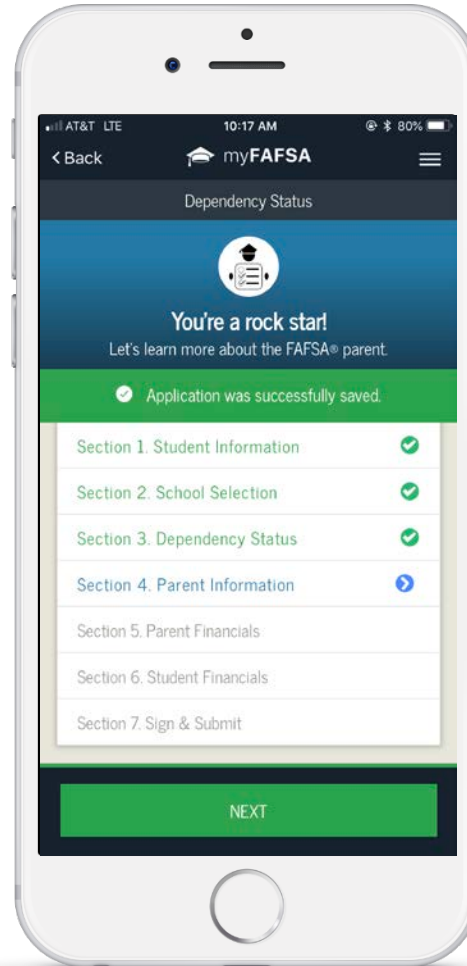
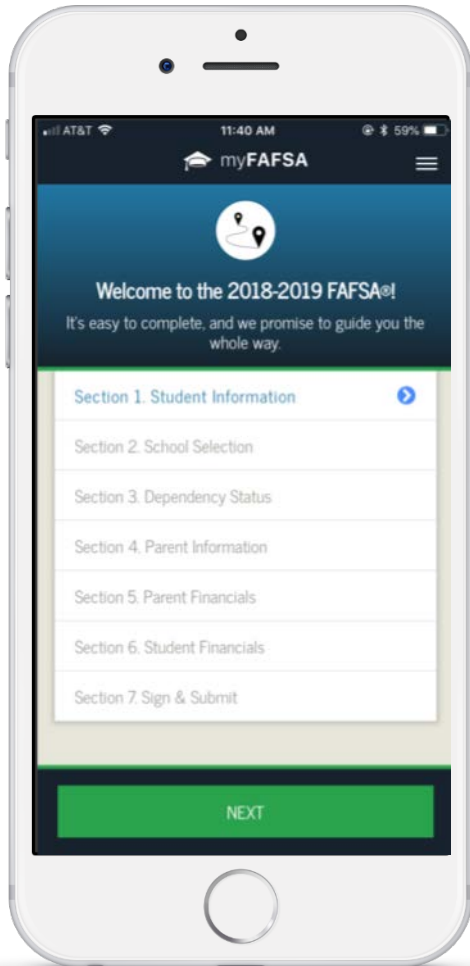
- Mobile ability to begin, complete, save, and submit the FAFSA

# myStudentAid Mobile App



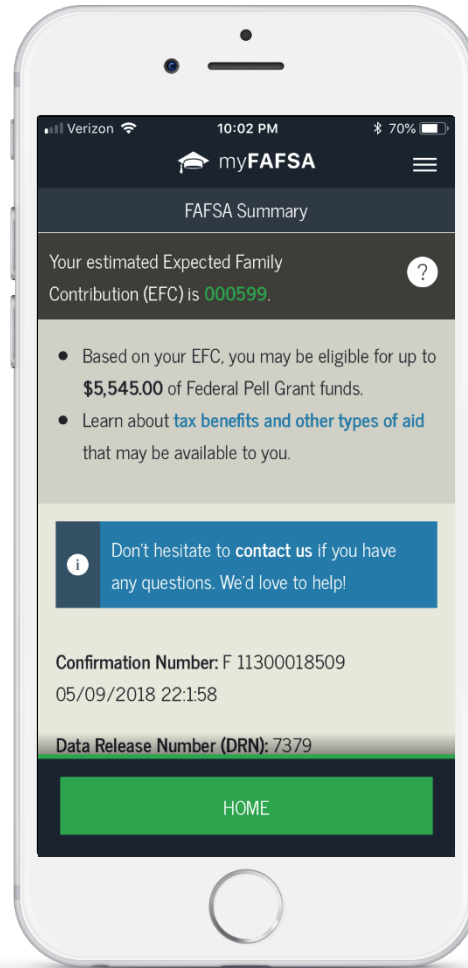
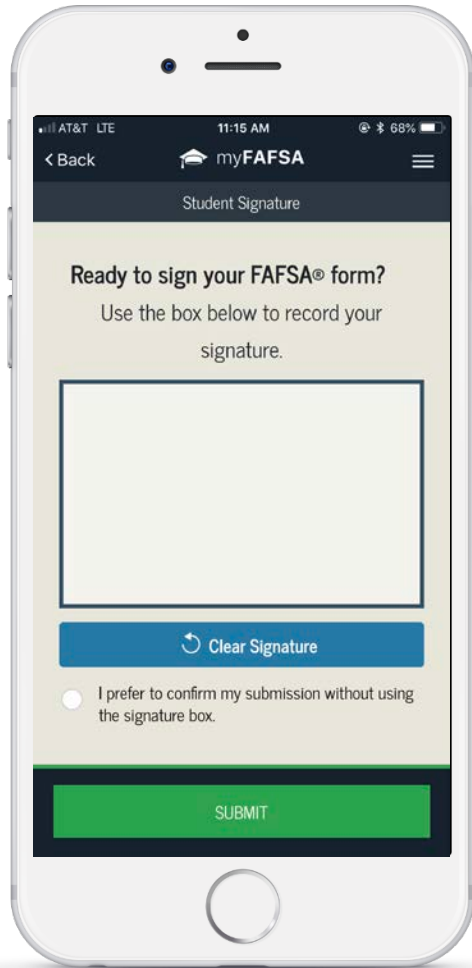
- Information protected the same as FOTW
- Prompts applicant to create a save key, allowing completion at later time

# myStudentAid Mobile App



- FAFSA completion tracked
- Successful completion of each section indicated

# myStudentAid Mobile App



- Digital signature
- Confirmation of submission
- Estimated EFC calculation

# IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- 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 2017, 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



# 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>

The screenshot shows the 'Create a New FSA ID' page from the Federal Student Aid website. At the top, it features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo and the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. Below the header, the page title is 'Create a New FSA ID'. The main content area contains the following text: 'New to FSA? Create an FSA ID account below. An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.' This is followed by instructions: '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.' and '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.' There is a link for 'Need help creating an FSA ID?' and an 'Important' note: '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 'Manage My FSA ID'. Under the 'Please enter your:' heading, there are five input fields: 'E-mail', 'Confirm E-mail', 'Username', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. The 'Password' field has a strength indicator below it showing 'Numbers', 'Uppercase Letters', 'Lowercase Letters', 'Special Characters', and '9-30 Characters' all checked, along with a 'Show Text' button. A green 'CONTINUE' button is located at the bottom right of the form area.

# FOTW Worksheet

**SECTION 3 - PARENT INFORMATION**

**Who is considered a parent?**  
"Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent or a person determined by the state to be a parent (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are **not** considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about both of them. If your legal parents are not married and **live together**, answer the questions about both of them. In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent you lived with most in the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give information about the parent who provided you the most financial support during the last 12 months or during the most recent year you received support. If your divorced or widowed parent has remarried, also provide information about your stepparent.

**Providing Information**  
Parent 1 (first name)  
Parent 1 (last name)  
 Check if you are a stepparent

**Did you file a tax return?**  
If your parent has filed the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you can skip this question. **1040A**—line 10

**SECTION 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION**

After you are online, you can add up to ten colleges on your FAFSA. The colleges will receive the information from your processed FAFSA.

Student's Last Name	First Name	Social Security Number
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**Student Citizenship Status** (check one of the following)

U.S. citizen (U.S. national)       Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen

Eligible noncitizen (Enter your Alien Registration Number in the box to the right.)

**Your Alien Registration Number**

**Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are:**

- A permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551);
- A conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C);
- The holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee," "I-94 conditions paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired," T Visa holder (T 1, T 2, T 3, etc.) or "Cuban Haitian Entrant;" or
- The holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking."

**Student Marital Status** (check one of the following)

Single       Married or remarried       Separated       Divorced or widowed

**You will be asked to provide information about your spouse if you are married or remarried.**

**Selective Service Registration**  
If you are male and 25 or younger, you can use the FAFSA to register with the Selective Service System.

**What is the highest school parent 1 completed?**

Middle school/Jr. high       College or beyond  
 High school       Other/unknown

**What is the highest school parent 2 completed?**

Middle school/Jr. high       College or beyond  
 High school       Other/unknown

**SECTION 2 - STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS**

- Preview of questions that may be asked regarding basic information for the student and parent, if applicable

# 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 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

# 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

# Additional Information

- College information
- Housing plans
- FAFSA preparer information

# Signatures

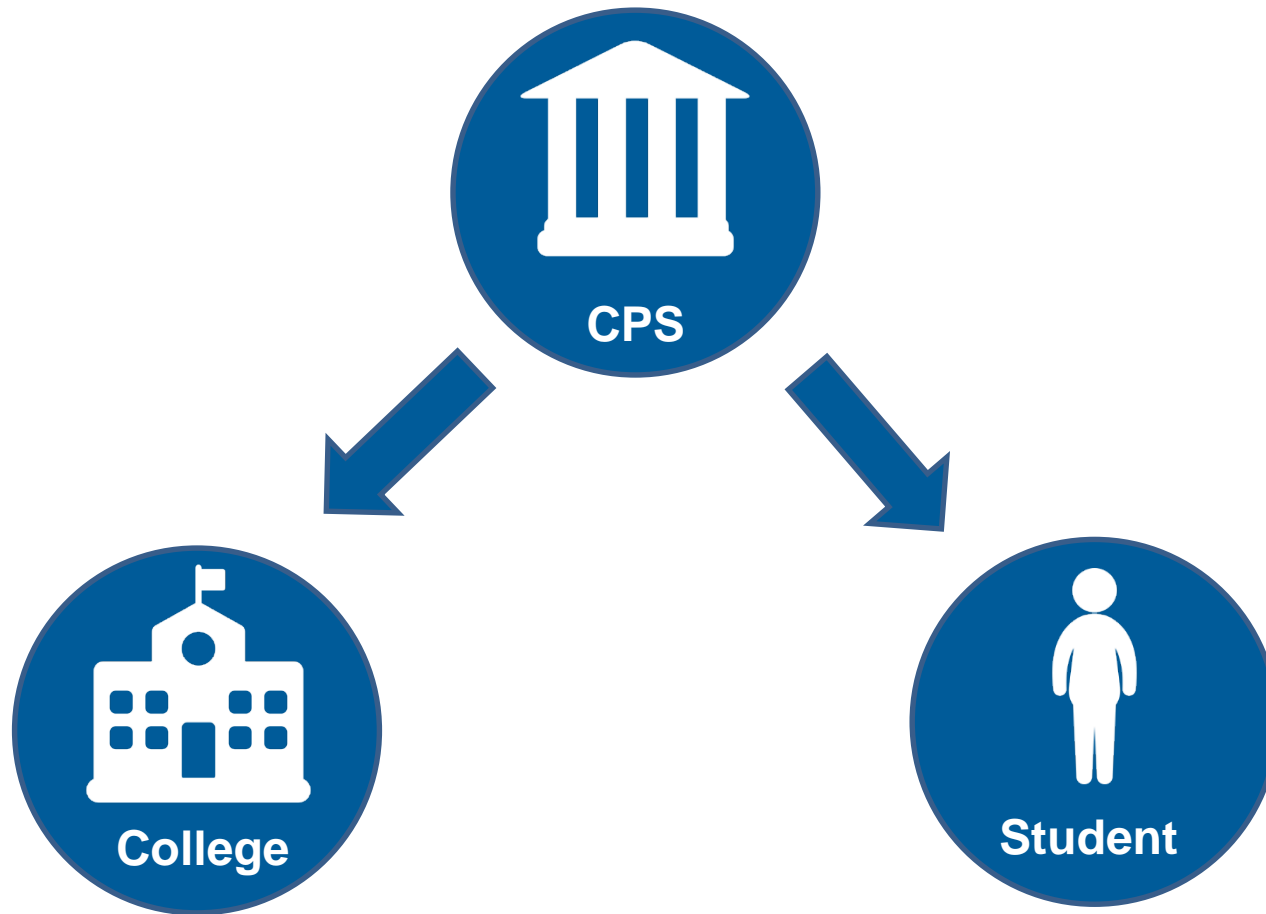
- Required
  - Student
  - One parent (dependent students)
- Format for submitting signatures
  - Electronic using FSA ID
  - Signature page
  - Paper FAFSA



# Frequent FAFSA Errors

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

# FAFSA Processing Results



# Email Notification of SAR Processing

**SAR for 2018-2019**  
 (Student Aid Report)  
 Form Approved OMB No. 1945-0001  
 App. Exp. 12/31/2019

966-08-0007 DE 03  
 EFC: 4589°C

The grids below contain information from your student aid application (shaded items display parents' information, if provided). This is your copy of your application data for your records only. Do NOT mail this document or a copy of this document to the U.S. Department of Education. We will not return this copy to you. You may make corrections from the Department of Education's Web page (fafsa.gov). You must use your FSA ID to access your record online.

1. Student's Last Name	DEMOLASTNAME
2. Student's First Name	LARRY
3. Student's Middle Initial	
4. Student's Permanent Mailing Address	3181 HOLLOW TEST DRIVE
5. Student's Permanent City	HANOVER
6. Student's Permanent State	PA
7. Student's Permanent ZIP Code	20096
8. Student's Social Security Number	999999999
9. Student's Date of Birth	04/19/1995
10. Student's Telephone Number	
11. Student's Driver's License Number	
12. Student's Driver's License State	
13. Student's E-mail Address	
14. Student's Citizenship Status	U.S. CITIZEN (OR U.S. NATIONAL)
15. Student's Alien Registration Number	
16. Student's Marital Status	SINGLE
17. Student's Marital Status Date	
18. Student's State of Legal Residence	PA
19. Was Student a Legal Resident Before January 1, 2013?	YES
20. Student's Legal Residence Date	
21. Is the Student Male or Female?	MALE
22. Register Student With Selective Service System?	REGISTER ME
23. Drug Conviction Affecting Eligibility?	ELIGIBLE FOR AID
24. Parent 1 Educational Level	
25. Parent 2 Educational Level	
26. High School or Equivalent Completed?	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
27a. Student's High School Name	ABINGTON DHS
27b. Student's High School City	ABINGTON
27c. Student's High School State	PA
28. First Bachelor's Degree Before 2018-2019 School Year?	NO
29. Student's Grade Level in College in 2018-2019	2ND YR/SOPHOMORE
30. Type of Degree/Certificate	1ST BACHELOR'S DEGREE
31. Standard e-Verify/ID?	
32. Student Has 2018 Income Tax Return?	WILL FILE
33. Student's Type of 2018 Tax Form Used	1040 OR 1040EZ
34. Student's 2018 Tax Return Filing Status	SINGLE
35. Student Eligible to File a 1040A or 1040EZ?	
36. Student's 2018 Adjusted Gross Income	\$ 1,300
37. Student's 2018 U.S. Income Tax Paid	\$ 00
38. Student's 2018 Exemptions Claimed	0
39. Student's 2018 Income Earned from Work	\$ 1,300
40. Spouse's 2018 Income Earned from Work	
41. Student's Total of Cash, Savings, and Checking Accounts	\$ 000
42. Student's Net Worth of Current Investments	\$ 0
43. Student's Net Worth of Business/Investment Partners	\$ 0
44a. Student's Education Credits	\$ 0
44b. Student's Child Support Paid	\$ 0
44c. Student's Taxable Earnings from Non-Base Employment Programs	\$ 0
44d. Student's College Loans and Scholarship Aid Reported to IRS as Income	\$ 0
44e. Student's Taxable Combat Tax Reported to AGI	\$ 0
44f. Student's Cooperative Education Earnings	\$ 0
44g. Student's Payments to Tax-Deferred Pensions & Retirement Savings	\$ 0
44h. Student's Deductible Payments to 529/College/Other	\$ 0
44i. Student's Child Support Received	\$ 0
44j. Student's Tax Exempt Interest Income	\$ 0
44k. Student's Unpaid Portions of IRA Distributions	\$ 0
44l. Student's Unpaid Portions of Pensions	\$ 0
44m. Student's Housing, Food, & Living Allowances	\$ 0
44n. Student's Veterans Non-Education Benefits	\$ 0
44o. Student's Other Unpaid Income or Benefits	\$ 0
44p. Money Received or Paid on Student's Behalf	\$ 0

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- If valid email address is provided on FAFSA
- Provides access to electronic SAR at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

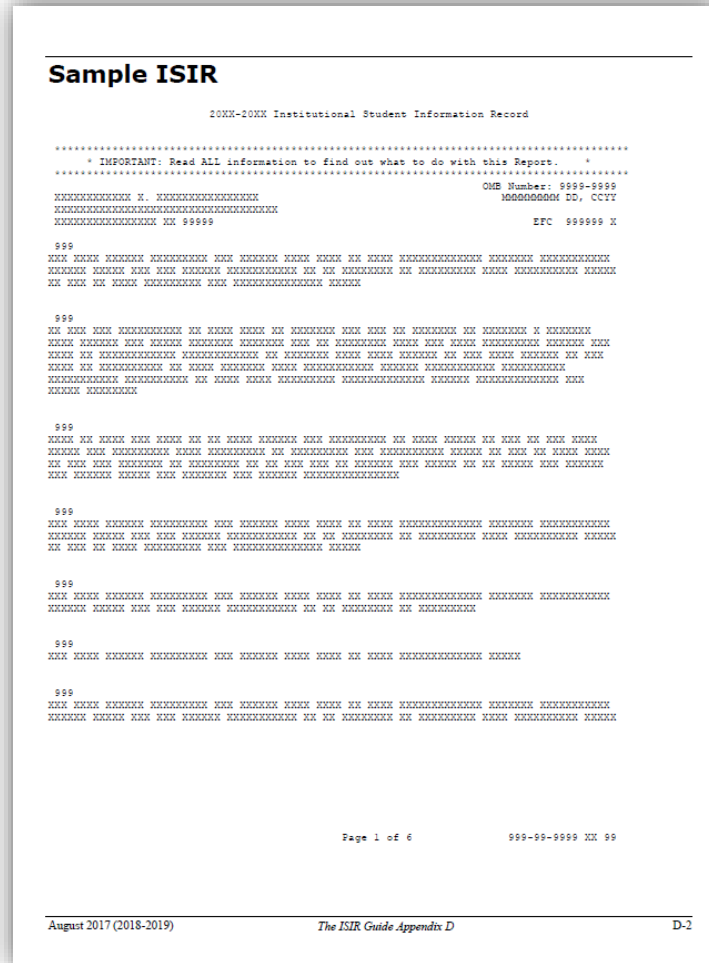
# SAR or SAR Acknowledgement

The image shows two screenshots of FAFSA documents. The left document is a Student Aid Report (SAR) for the 2018-2019 academic year, dated April 22, 2018. It is addressed to JOHN SMITH at 742 EVERGREEN TERRACE, SPRINGFIELD OH 55555. The document includes contact information for FAFSA (https://fafsa.gov) and OMB No. 1845-0001. It also includes a data release number (DRN) of 9755 and an expected family contribution (EFC) of 000000. The SAR summarizes the information reported on the FAFSA and provides instructions on how to review the application status and eligibility.

The right document is a Student Aid Report Acknowledgement (SAR Acknowledgement) for the 2018-2019 academic year, dated November 23, 2018. It is addressed to JOHN SMITH at the same address as the SAR. It includes the same contact information and OMB No. 1845-0001. The SAR Acknowledgement summarizes the information submitted on the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and provides instructions on how to review the application status and eligibility. It also includes a data release number (DRN) of 2545 and an expected family contribution (EFC) of 000000. The SAR Acknowledgement includes a list of items that need to be reviewed and corrected, such as the EFC, federal student aid eligibility, and federal aid eligibility.

- 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)



- 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

Unusual uncovered  
medical/dental  
expenses

Secondary  
school tuition

Extraordinary  
dependent care

Parent or  
spouse  
death

Loss of  
employment

Divorce

Student  
cannot obtain  
parental  
information







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