

Finding Money for College

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We will talk about:

- Federal student aid
- State student aid
- Student aid from colleges
- Scholarships from other sources

Tools to help you learn about schools, applying for aid

www.loyno.edu/financialaid/preparing-for-college

- links to information about proposed changes to federal student aid programs

What is financial aid?

- Money to pay for college or career school
 - **Scholarships** – free money based on achievement
 - **Grants** – free money based on demonstrated need
 - **Work-study**
 - **Loans**

10 Important Things to Remember

1. Submit the FAFSA
2. Submit any other applications
3. Demonstrate financial need
4. Have a high school diploma or equivalent
5. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
6. Be a state resident
7. Enroll in an eligible degree or certificate program
8. Maintain satisfactory academic progress
9. Have a SSN
10. Register with U.S. Selective Service (males 18-25)

Check Out the “FAFSA4caster”

<http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>

- Automatically generate a Federal Student Aid PIN for use when signing the FAFSA
- Instantly calculate eligibility for federal student aid
- Generate a FAFSA—a FAFSA populated with student FAFSA4caster data will be available when the student is ready to file the official FAFSA



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What do I need to do before I go to college?

How is FAFSA4caster different from FAFSA on the Web?

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What if I think I have special circumstances?

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What is the Renewal process?

What is the Federal Student Aid PIN?

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What other types of aid are available?

Glossary

Federal Student Aid FAFSA4caster



If you want to begin exploring your financial aid options and get an early start on the financial aid process, FAFSA4caster is for you! By using FAFSA4caster, you and your family will receive an early estimate of eligibility for federal student aid. This Web site provides you with an opportunity to increase your knowledge of the financial aid process; become familiar with the various types of federal student aid that are available; and investigate other sources of aid, such as grants and scholarships.

When you're ready to apply for aid, you can easily transition from FAFSA4caster to *FAFSA on the Web*. Much of the information that you enter in the FAFSA4caster will populate your

Getting Started

A

What is federal student aid? Who qualifies? How do you apply? Get an early start on the financial aid process by learning the basics now. It can be as easy as A-B-C!

[Link to section](#)

Using the FAFSA4caster

B

[Begin Now](#)

What's Next

C

What are your next steps? Learn how to transition from FAFSA4caster to *FAFSA on the Web*, follow the financial aid timeline, and perform searches for scholarships and other types of non-federal financial aid.

[Link to section](#)

Scheduled Maintenance:

When Is Financial Aid Awarded?

- The General Process is :
 - Students are Accepted for Admissions
 - Students are Awarded Institutional Merit Scholarships (if available)
 - Students are then considered for “need-based” aid

How does the school award aid?

- Financial Aid Packages normally combine federal grants, loans, and work-study with any available state programs (like TOPS) and any institutional aid awarded.
 - Schools normally award merit scholarship aid first. **APPLICATION DEADLINES** are important if you want to receive priority consideration for all aid programs



How much aid can I get?

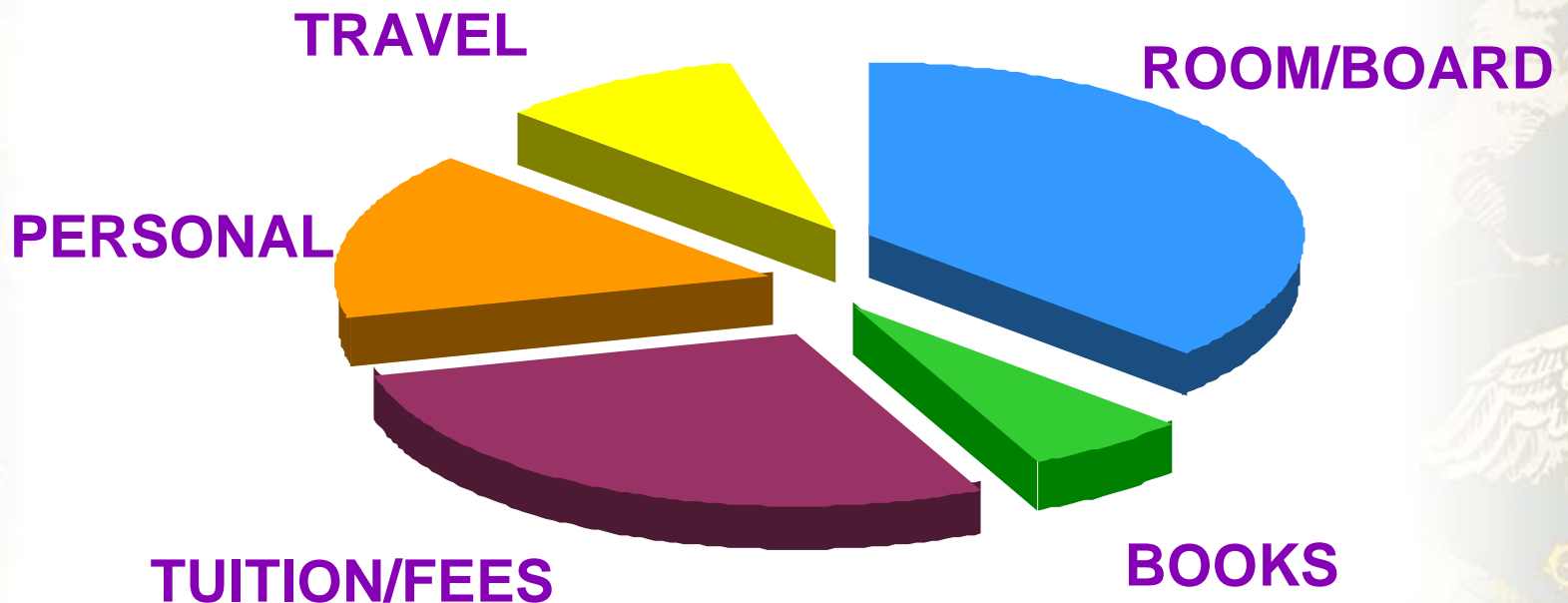
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In general, depends on your financial need.

- Financial need determined by **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** and **Cost of Attendance (COA)**
 - **Calculating your “EFC”**
 - **“Federal” versus “Institutional”**
<http://www.finaid.org/calculators/>
 - **“COA” – “EFC” = eligibility for “need-based aid**

Cost of Attendance

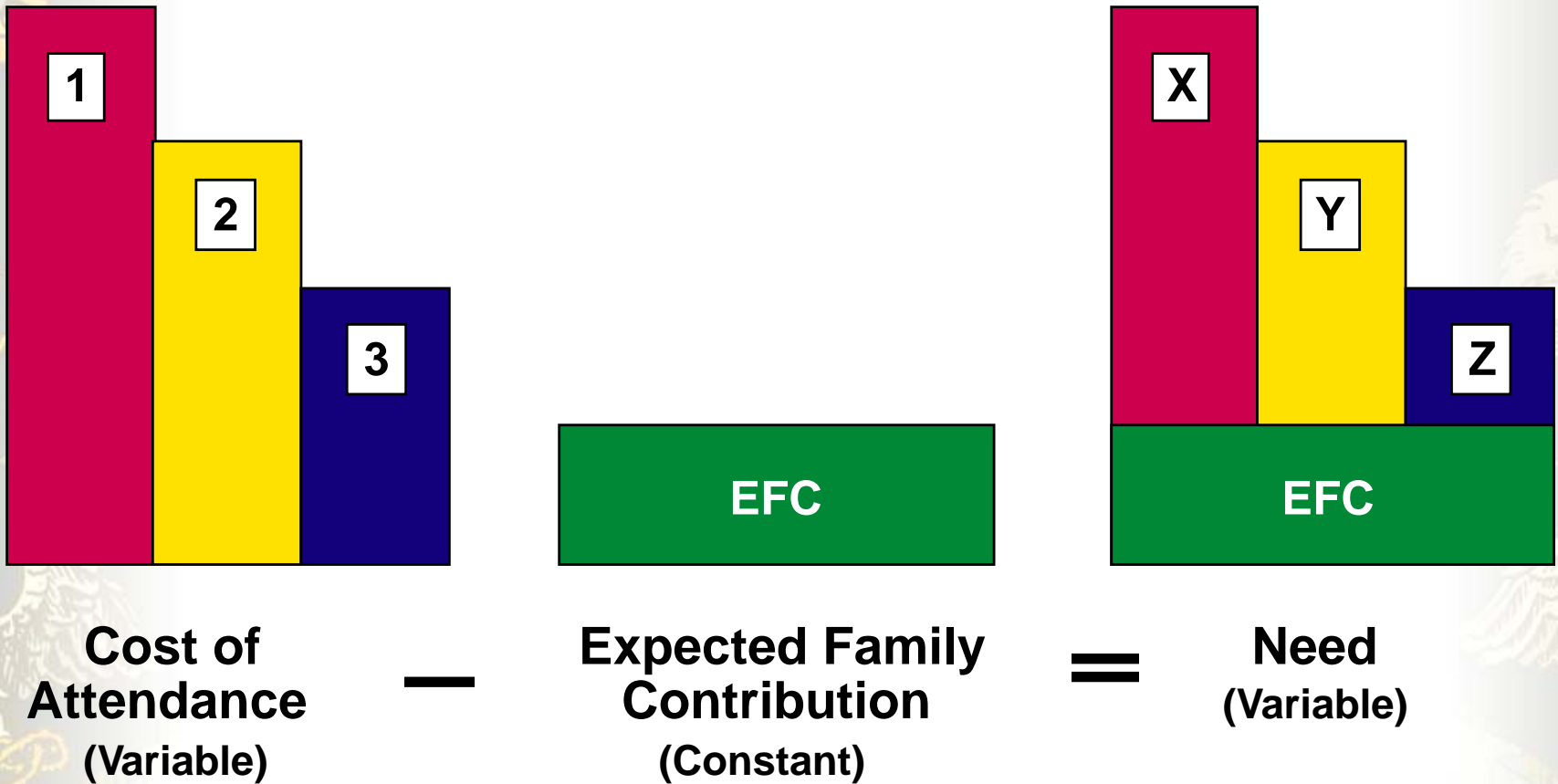
- Each schools “cost of attendance” will be different



Know how much you need

- Expenses during college include more than just tuition and fees
 - ◆ Find out current costs for nearly every college
 - ◆ <http://collegenavigator.ed.gov>
 - ◆ www.collegeboard.com
- Shop around for textbooks
 - ◆ Research new and used textbooks
 - ◆ <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/saving-money-textbooks>

Need Varies Based on Cost





How much federal aid can I get?

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Example: first-year student in 2009-10

Maximum amounts allowed:

- **Federal Pell Grant:** \$5,350
- **Academic Competitiveness Grant:** \$750 (program funding ends after 2010-2011)
- **Federal “TEACH” Grant:** \$4,000
- **Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan:** \$3,500
- **Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan:** \$2,000 (assume all will be processed through the Federal Direct Loan Program starting July 1, 2010)
- **Federal Perkins Loan:** \$4,000
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant:** \$4,000
- **Federal Work-Study:** depends on funds available at school
- **Federal PLUS Loan (for parents):** COA minus other aid received

A closer look at Stafford loans

- How to apply:
 - ◆ Submit the FAFSA; later you will be asked to sign a master promissory note
- Interest rate
 - ◆ Fixed at 6.8 percent for the life of the loan
 - ◆ Subsidized loans for undergraduate study will see a decreasing interest rate until 2012 (4.5 % for 2010-2011)
- Fees
 - ◆ Origination or default fees up to 1 percent
- Enrollment at least half time
- Funds sent directly to your college
- Repayment begins six months after you graduate

Stafford Loan Limits

Year	Dependent Undergraduates	Independent Undergraduates	Graduate and Professional Students
First year	\$5,500	\$9,500	\$20,500—no more than \$8,500 in subsidized loans
	No more than \$3,500 in subsidized loans		
Second year	\$6,500	\$10,500	
	No more than \$4,500 may be in subsidized loans		
Third and beyond (each year)	\$7,500	\$12,500	
	No more than \$5,500 in subsidized loans		
Teacher certification	\$5,500	\$12,500—no more than \$5,500 may be in subsidized loans	
Total amount you can borrow	\$31,000	\$57,500	\$138,500—no more than \$65,500 in subsidized loans
	No more than \$23,000 may be in subsidized loans		



How much state aid can I get?

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- **La. “TOPS” scholarships** pay tuition at state schools or AVERAGE state tuition at private schools. (\$2,770 for 2009-2010)
- **La. “Go” Grants:** New Program for 2007-2008. \$2,000 MAXIMUM annual award for full-time study. Must be eligible for Pell Grant
- **“LEAP” Grants :** Max of \$2,000/year. Limited funds are available at each school



How do I apply for aid?

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- **Federal student aid:** fill out *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **State aid:** Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance web site at <http://www.osfa.state.la.us/>
- **School aid:** contact financial aid office at schools you are considering
- **Scholarships:** visit scholarship Web site or call contact number for information

When Will You Receive Your Aid ?

■ At the beginning of each term

- ◆ Financial aid goes to your college first for tuition and fees, and room and board
- ◆ Grants and scholarships are usually sent to your school
- ◆ Work-study is paid after you work

■ Reapply each year

- ◆ Most financial aid awards are considered “new” each school year, so you’ll need to submit the FAFSA each year.

Be Careful to Avoid Scholarship Scams

"The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."

"You can't get this information anywhere else."

"I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."

"We'll do all the work."

"The scholarship will cost some money."

"You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship" or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered

Scholarship Programs for La. Students

<http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/louisiana-private-aid-programs>

- **Louisiana Smart Start Scholarship Program**
- **Horatio Alger Louisiana Scholarship Program**

Financing Options for Parents

<http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/financing-tools-parents>

- Information on parental loans, monthly payment plans and other financing options

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