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Application Process

- To ensure maximum consideration for aid:
 - Complete all required applications
 - Adhere to priority deadline dates
- Some aid awarded on a *"first-come, first-served"* basis





Application Process - FAFSA

Avoid being charged a fee to file the FAFSA!

- Completion and processing of the FAFSA are **FREE**!
- Be sure to go directly to <u>www.fafsa.gov</u> or <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>
- Contact financial aid office at colleges for questions and assistance



Application Process - FAFSA

<u>FREE</u> Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>
- 2018-19 FAFSA (H.S. Seniors Fall 2018) available on October 1, 2017
- 2019-2020 FAFSA (H.S. Juniors Fall 2019) available on October 1, 2018







Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more





Application Process - FAFSA

- Collect student and family's personal and financial information
- Calculates Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Available in English and Spanish
- May file FAFSA in one of two ways:
 - Electronically via <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>
 - PDF version (paper FAFSA)



Application Process - FAFSA

- FSA ID and Password
- www.fsaid.ed.gov
- Use to electronically sign FAFSA
- Student applicant needs FSA ID
- One parent (of a dependent student) needs
 FSA ID
- Create ahead of time if possible



Application Process- FAFSA

Gather records you will need

- Students' Drivers License and Social Security Card
- Parents' Social Security Card
- W-2 forms and other records of money earned in 2016
- 2016 Federal Income Tax Returns and applicable schedules
- Records of Untaxed Income, such as child support received
- Current Bank Statements
- Business and Farm Records (if employee 100+)
- Records of Stocks, Bonds and Other Investments
- College codes: May list up to ten college codes to receive FAFSA



Application Process-FAFSA IRS-Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

- Allows students and parents to access the tax return information needed to complete the FAFSA, and transfers the data directly from the IRS website
 - It is easy, and it is the best way to ensure that the FAFSA has accurate tax information
 - Reduces the chances of being selected for verification, and reduces the chances that you will need to submit tax return transcripts to the college
- DRT is available for use approximately 2-3 weeks after submitting tax returns electronically or 6-11 weeks after mailing in paper tax returns.



Application Process-FAFSA IRS-Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

- Reasons why you might not be eligible to use the IRS-DRT:
 - Students or parents who are married and file as "Married Filing Separately" or "Head of Household"
 - Students or parents who filed a Form 1040X amended tax return
 - Students or parents who filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return



Application Process-NY State Aid

- Separate Application-Confirmation page of FAFSA Submission
- Residency requirements
- Must attend a college in NY State
- Uses information from the FAFSA
- <u>www.hesc.ny.gov</u>







Special Circumstances

- Cannot report on the FAFSA
- Send detailed statement to financial aid office at each college
- College will review request:
 - May request any additional documentation
 - Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to the US Department of Education



Special Circumstances

- Change in employment status (unemployment, reduction of hours etc.)
- Medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance
- Change in marital status
- Unusually high child care costs
- Elder care expenses
- Tuition expenses at elementary or secondary school
- Parent in college at least half-time
- Death, disability or serious illness of a wage earner
- Losses incurred due to a natural disaster





Financial Need

 Federal Methodology (FM) vs. Institutional Methodology (IM)

- <u>FM Definition</u>: Cost of Attendance (COA)
 - Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - = Financial Need



Cost of Attendance

- Varies from college to college
- Comprised of Direct Costs and Indirect Costs
- Direct Costs:
 - Tuition and Fees
 - Room and Board (if residing on campus)
- Indirect Costs:
 - Books, supplies, transportation, personal etc.

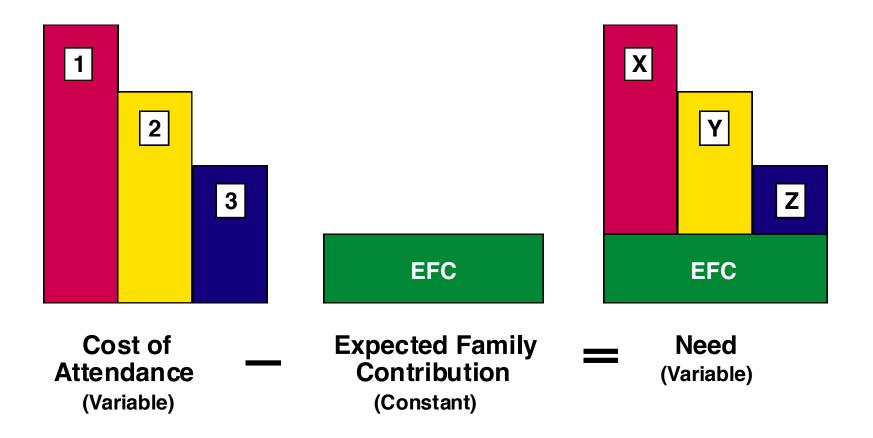


Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- Amount family can *reasonably* be expected to contribute
- Stays the same regardless of college
- Two components for dependent students:
 - Parent contribution
 - Student contribution
- Calculated using date entered on FAFSA



Need Varies Based on COA







What is Financial Aid??

<u>Gift Aid</u>

- Grants
- Scholarships
 - May be based on:
 - Financial need
 - Merit
 - Other criteria

Self-help Aid

- Loans
- Employment Opportunities
 - May be:
 - Need-based
 - Non-need-based



Federal Pell Grant

- Eligible undergraduate students
- Portable
- Actual award amount based on EFC and enrollment status
- Maximum award for 2017-18= \$5,920



Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

- Eligible undergraduates
- Awarded to students with "exceptional financial need"
- Usually in conjunction with Pell
- Annual award amounts can range from \$100-\$4,000
- Limited: first-come, first served!



Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant

- 3.25 GPA or qualifying score on admissions test
- Agree to teach full time for at least 4 years within 8 years of graduation, at a school serving a high % of low income students
- Agree to teach a specific high need subject area
- \$4000 annual maximum
- **Repayment required** if all service obligations are not met (i.e. a grant becomes a loan)



New York State Aid

- Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Maximum Award \$5,165
- Aid for Part Time Study (APTS)
- Excelsior Scholarship-up to \$5500 minus other aid, 2016 AGI <\$110,000
- Enhanced Tuition Award (ETA)- up to \$6000, optional program
- Math and Science Teaching Incentive Scholarship
- Scholarships for Academic Excellence
- Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship (AIMS)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Scholarship (CUNY or SUNY only)
- More programs at: <u>www.hesc.ny.gov</u>



Institutional Grants and Scholarships

- Do your research, no two colleges are alike!
- Visit campuses and college websites
- Contact Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid for more information
- Awards may be based on need, academic merit, special talent, athletics (DI and DII schools only)
- Discounts (i.e. multiple students attending same college at same time, alumni grants/scholarships)
- Ask questions!



External Scholarships

- Check with H.S. guidance staff for local scholarship resources
- Free scholarship search sites:
 - <u>www.fastweb.com</u>
 - <u>https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-</u>
 <u>search</u>
 - <u>www.mycollegedollars.com</u> (can access via Facebook)



Employment Opportunities

- Federal Work Study (need-based)
- **Campus Employment** (may be available to those without financial need
- Students earn a paycheck
- Develop skills
- Make connections on campus



Loans Direct Stafford Loans

- Subsidized: Must demonstrate financial need
 - No interest accrues while student is enrolled
- Unsubsidized: Not based on financial need
 - Interest accrues while student is enrolled
- Dependent student annual loan limits:
 - \$5,500 (maximum of \$3,500 in sub) for 1st year undergraduates
 - \$6,500 (maximum of \$4,500 in sub) for 2nd year undergraduates
 - \$7,500 (maximum of \$5,500 in sub) for 3rd year undergraduates and beyond
- Dependent student aggregate loan limits:
 - \$31,000 (no more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans)



Loans Direct Stafford Loans

- Fixed interest rate 2017-18:
 - Undergraduate subsidized and unsubsidized: 4.45%
- Origination fees:
 - Undergraduate loans first disbursed after 10/01/17: 1.066%
- 6 month grace period
- Various repayment plans
- Deferment, forbearance and cancellation provisions available

Loans

Direct Parent PLUS Loan

- Available to parents of dependent undergraduate students
- Borrower must not have an adverse credit history
- Maximum loan amount: student's cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received
- Repayment options:
 - Enters repayment once loan is fully disbursed (paid out)
 - May contact servicer and defer repayment while student is enrolled half-time
 - If this option is selected, you may choose to pay nothing, or pay interest only while student is enrolled
- Fixed interest rate:
 - 2017-18: 7%
- Origination fees:
 - PLUS loans disbursed 10/01/17: 4.264%



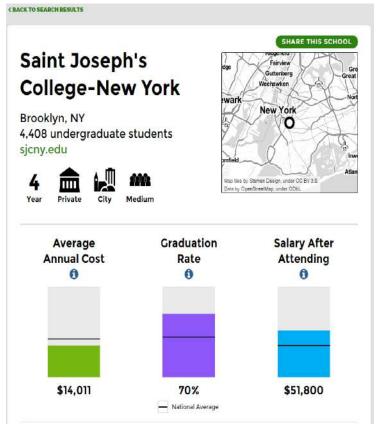
Loans

Private Alternative Loans

- Student loans offered by private lending institutions
- Credit-based, may need a co-signer
- Fixed or Variable interest rate options
- Repayment typically begins after graduation



Resources-College Score Card



| National Average | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Costs | + |
| Financial Aid & Debt | (+) |
| Graduation & Retention | (+) |
| Earnings After School | (+) |
| Student Body | (+) |
| SAT/ACT Scores | (+) |
| Academic Programs | (+) |

To learn more, visit:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education/higher-education/college-score-card



Resources – Net Price Calculators

SCHOLARSHIP

FINANCIAL AID

NET PRICE



Welcome to the St. Joseph's College Net Price Calculator!

The Office of Financial Aid at St. Joseph's College is pleased to provide this net price calculator to assist first-time, full-time undergraduate students and their families with the financial planning aspect of attending college. Based on the information that you enter, we will provide you with an estimate of the different types of federal, state and institutional financial aid that you may qualify for.

To help facilitate this process, it would be helpful if you had the following items available before you begin the net price calculator:

> Student and Parent most recent year Income Tax Returns Student merit information such as unweighted high school grade point average and test scores (ACT/SAT)

LET'S GET STARTED

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the Net Price Calculator, please keep in mind that this estimate does not represent a final determination, or actual award, of financial assistance. It shall not be binding on the secretary of Education. St. Josephs College NY, or the State, and may ohange. You must complete the <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u> in order to be eligible for, and receive, an actual financial ad award that includes Federal grant, loan, or work-study assistance under thile IV. All future costs and financial estimates are subject to change. The accuracy of your estimate is based on the information that you provide. 90% of our full-time, first-year undergraduate students received assistance through scholarships and grants in the 2014 to acidemic year.



Resources

Federal Student Aid https://studentaid.ed.gov/

FAFSA4caster https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1

Federal Student Aid Financial Aid Toolkit http://www.financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov

BigFuture https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

Net Price Calculators http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/

• Specific net price calculators should be found on the individual college's website.



More Resources!

College Comparison Tools

College Navigator (NCES) <u>http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/</u> BigFuture <u>https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges</u>

Financial Aid Shopping Sheet (US Department of Education)

http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/guid/aid-offer/annotatedshoppingsheet.pdf

Award Letter Comparison Tools

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-calculator

Scholarship and Grant Search Tools

Fastweb http://www.fastweb.com/BigFuture https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-searchMy College Dollars https://mycollegedollars.hyfnrsx1.com/

NY State Aid

www.hesc.ny.gov



Role of the Financial Aid Office

- Determine aid eligibility using Federal Methodology (FM) and possibly Institutional Methodology (IM)
- Package aid depending on availability of funds
- Send award notification (i.e. award letter, award package etc.) including:
 - Award amount for each program student is possibly eligible for
 - Information on COA
 - Further instruction







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