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Georgia Student Finance Commission

FAFSA On The Web 2011 - 2012

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What You'll Learn

- GAcollege411.org
- What is financial aid?
- 2010-2011 HOPE program regulations
- Types of Financial Aid
- FAFSA on the web worksheet
- FAFSA information not on the worksheet
- FAFSA processing and results
- Questions?

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It's a new school year and you want to make sure all of your information is up to date.

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Career Planning

- **Learn About Yourself**
 - Assessments to help students with guidance
- **Explore Careers**
 - Tools for students to research possible careers
- **Get a Job**
 - Tools that can be used in a job search
- **Voices**
 - Blogs about career planning from peers

The screenshot shows the GAcollege411 Career Planning website. The navigation bar includes links for HOME, CAREER PLANNING (highlighted), HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING, COLLEGE PLANNING, FINANCIAL AID PLANNING, and YOUR PORTFOLIO. Below the navigation bar, there are four main sections: 'Learn About Yourself' (with a 'Learn About Yourself' link), 'Explore Careers' (with an 'Explore Careers' link), 'Get a Job' (with a 'Get a Job' link), and 'Voices' (with a 'Voices' link). On the right side, there is a 'SIGN IN' section with fields for 'Account name' and 'Password', a 'Sign In' button, and links for 'Create an Account' and 'Forgot your account name or password?'. Below the sign-in section is a 'QUICKLINKS' section with links to 'Interest Profiler', 'Career Plan Builder', 'Career Finder', 'Resume Builder', 'Are you Georgia Work Ready?', 'Peach State Pathways', and 'Georgia's HOT Careers'. At the bottom right, there is a 'GUIDEWAYS' section with a 'Begin Guideways' link.

High School Planning

- **Your Plan of Study**
 - Have a graduation plan based on requirements
- **Planning Timeline**
 - Stay on track for graduation
- **High School Test Prep**
 - Test Prep for required tests
- **Voices**
 - Ask questions about high school experiences

The screenshot shows the 'High School Planning' section of the GAcollege411 website. The navigation bar includes links for 'CAREER PLANNING', 'HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING' (which is highlighted), 'COLLEGE PLANNING', 'FINANCIAL AID PLANNING', and 'YOUR PORTFOLIO'. Below the navigation bar, there are several content blocks:

- High School Planning**: A section with a photo of a young man and the heading 'YOUR PLAN OF STUDY'. It includes the text 'Plan your high school courses and prepare to meet college and career pathway requirements.' and links to 'Your Plan of Study' and 'Georgia Graduation Requirements'.
- HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING TIMELINE**: A section with a photo of a woman and the text 'Find out what you should be doing each year of high school to be successful in high school.' and a link to 'High School Planning Timeline'.
- HIGH SCHOOL TEST PREP**: A section with the heading 'Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT)' and the text 'All students seeking a Georgia high school diploma must pass the GHS GT.' and a link to 'FAQ and Tutorials'.
- End of Course Tests (EOCT)**: A section with the text 'All Georgia high school students must take End of Course Tests which measure how well they are performing in the core areas of English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.' and a link to 'FAQ and Tutorials'.
- VOICES**: A section with the text 'Your peers talk about their experiences and ask questions. You can ask too!' and a link to 'Voices'.

On the right side of the page, there is a 'SIGN IN' section with fields for 'Account name:' and 'Password:', a 'Sign In' button, and links for 'Create an Account', 'Forgot your account name or password?', and 'GUIDEWAYS'. The 'GUIDEWAYS' section includes the text 'Not sure where to start? We can help!' and a link to 'Begin Guideways'. At the bottom right, there is a 'COLLEGE CREDIT NOW' section with the text 'Would you like to earn college credit while you are in high school? Learn more about all the programs available under College Credit Now.' and a link to 'College Credit Now'.

College Planning

- **Prepare for College**
 - Learn requirements of different types of schools
- **Test Prep**
 - Practice admissions tests
- **Explore Postsecondary Schools**
 - Research schools from all across the nation

The screenshot shows the GAcollege411 website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for CAREER PLANNING, HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING, COLLEGE PLANNING (which is highlighted), FINANCIAL AID PLANNING, and YOUR PORTFOLIO. Below these are sub-navigation links: Prepare for College, Test Prep, Explore Schools, Explore Programs and Majors, Applications and Transcripts, and Voices. The main content area is titled "College Planning" and features several promotional boxes:

- PREPARE FOR COLLEGE**: Choose the right courses to meet your college requirements. Plan out the steps to take during each year of high school. Includes a "Prepare for College" link.
- TEST PREP**: FREE test prep courses for the SAT, ACT, GRE plus a great vocabulary builder. Includes a "Test Prep" link and an image of a person reading.
- EXPLORE POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS**: Find colleges and universities that best suit your goals. Includes an "Explore Postsecondary Schools" link and an image of students.
- EXPLORE PROGRAMS AND MAJORS**: Find programs that you might be interested in taking. Includes an "Explore Programs and Majors" link and an image of a hand on a mouse.
- APPLICATIONS AND TRANSCRIPTS**: Apply online to participating colleges. Have your high school transcripts sent electronically to those schools — or have them recruit you! Includes an "Applications and Transcripts" link and an image of a smiling student.
- VOICES**: Your peers talk about their experiences and ask questions. You can ask too! Includes a "Voices" link.

 On the right side, there is a "SIGN IN" section with fields for Account name and Password, a "Sign In" button, and links for "New to this site? Create an Account" and "Forgot your account name or password?". Below that is a "QUICKLINKS" section with links to College Matching Assistant, College Planning Timeline, Getting Ready for College, Apply to College, and Sending Transcripts to Colleges PDF. At the bottom right is a "GUIDEWAYS" section with a "Begin Guideways" link and the text "Not sure where to start? We can help!".

Financial Aid Planning

- **Georgia's HOPE Program**
 - Keep up to date with all of the HOPE regulations
- **Find Scholarships**
 - Apply for scholarships
- **Financial Aid Applications**
 - Find needed applications to apply for state and federal financial aid

The screenshot shows the GAcollege411 website's 'Financial Aid Planning' section. The navigation bar includes links for CAREER PLANNING, HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING, COLLEGE PLANNING, FINANCIAL AID PLANNING (highlighted), and YOUR PORTFOLIO. Below the navigation bar, there are sub-links: Financial Aid 101, Calculators, Your Plan, Scholarships, Applications, HOPE Program, and Financial Fitness.

The main content area is titled 'Financial Aid Planning' and features several sections:

- GEORGIA'S HOPE PROGRAM:** Describes the program as helping outstanding pupils educationally. It lists options: HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, HOPE GED Grant, and Other Georgia Specific Financial Aid Programs.
- FINANCIAL AID 101:** Addresses the question of whether one can afford college, suggesting research and planning.
- FINANCIAL AID CALCULATORS:** Offers tools to determine the cost of college, including savings, loans, and scholarship amounts.
- FIND SCHOLARSHIPS:** Provides a quick and painless way to locate scholarships and other financial aid.
- BUILD YOUR FINANCIAL AID PLAN:** Encourages users to get a grip on their financial future by building a plan.
- FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS:** Lists various applications needed for scholarships, grants, and loans, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

On the right side of the page, there are three utility boxes:

- SIGN IN:** A login form with fields for Account name and Password, a Sign In button, and links for 'New to this site? Create an Account' and 'Forgot your account name or password?'
- QUICKLINKS:** A list of quick links including Scholarship Finder, Financial Aid Planning Timeline, Financial Aid 101 Articles, Financial Aid Wizard, Your HOPE GPA, and Scholarship and Grant Status Information.
- GUIDEWAYS:** A section for users who are unsure where to start, with a 'Begin Guideways' button.

What is Financial Aid?

- **Sources of Financial Aid**
 - Federal government
 - State government
 - Colleges and universities
 - Community groups (religious organizations, civic organizations, corporations, professional organizations, etc.)

Types of Financial Aid

- Merit Based Scholarship
- Need Based Grant
- Student or Parent Loans
- Employment Opportunities, Work Study
- Military Aid and Grants
- Savings Plans

Scholarships

- **4 Types of Scholarships & Examples:**
 - Academic ability – Georgia's HOPE Scholarship
 - Artistic ability – Music Scholarship
 - Athletic ability – Athletic Scholarship
 - Affiliation with Groups – Rotary Club Scholarship



Georgia's HOPE Scholarship Program

- **Largest Non-Need Based Program in the Nation**
- **Students must meet:**
 - Academic Requirement of a 3.0 GPA in academic core classes*
 - Citizenship
 - Residency
 - Enroll in a HOPE eligible school in Georgia

*Note: For Seniors who are on Technical Diploma, the GPA is a 3.2 for in academic core classes

HOPE Scholarship Award Amounts

- **At a Georgia public college, university or technical college:**
 - Award will cover tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance
- **At a Georgia private college: *New award amount for 2010:***
 - Award will be \$4,000 per academic year for full-time study



Maintaining the HOPE Scholarship

- **HOPE Eligibility Checkpoints**
 - At the end of every Spring Semester
 - 30 Attempted Semester Hours
 - 60 Attempted Semester Hours
 - 90 Attempted Semester Hours

 - Students have a maximum of 127 attempted semester hours (190 quarter hours) to be awarded HOPE Scholarship funds.

HOPE Grant Program

- For students enrolling in a certificate or a diploma program
- Does not consider grade point average
- Covers tuition, HOPE approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance
- Covers up to 63 semester hours or 95 quarter hours



View HOPE GPA on GAcollge411

- Select “Your HOPE GPA” under “Shortcuts”
- Log in to your GAcollge411 Account
- Enter Last Name, Date of Birth, and Social Security Number
- Finally, select high school from list

The screenshot shows the GAcollge411 website interface. At the top, the logo 'GAcollge411' is displayed with the tagline 'Expand Your Opportunities'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with tabs for 'CAREER PLANNING', 'HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING', 'COLLEGE PLANNING', 'FINANCIAL AID PLANNING', and 'YOUR PORTFOLIO'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a large image of a student using a laptop, with the text 'Have You Updated Your GAcollge411 Account?' and a sub-headline 'It's a new school year and you want to make sure all of your information is up to date.' Below this is a 'Who are you?' section with five categories: 'MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT', 'HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT', 'COLLEGE STUDENT', 'ADULT LEARNER', and 'PARENTS of STUDENTS'. On the right side, there are three sections: 'SHORTCUTS' with a list of links including 'Your HOPE GPA' (circled in red), 'WHAT'S NEW' with a list of news items, and 'FIND GAcollge411 ON' with social media links for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Financial Aid Based on Need

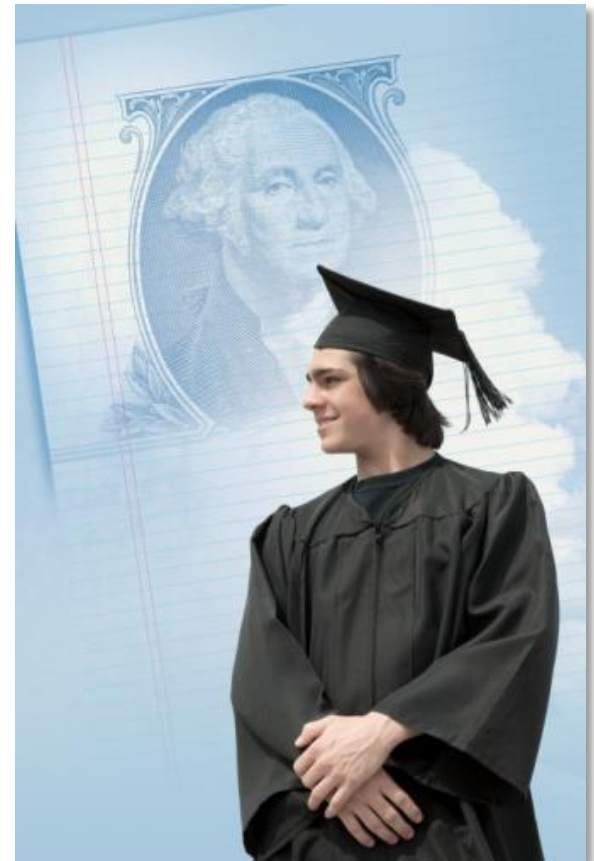
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Grant (LEAP)
- Perkins Loan

Other Scholarship & Grant Programs Administered by GSFC

- Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant Program
- HERO Scholarship
- Accel Program
- Public Safety Memorial Grant
- North Georgia College ROTC Grant
- College Opportunity Grant
- HOPE GED Voucher

Direct Loan Program

- **Subsidized Direct Loans**
 - interest is paid by the government while enrolled (at least half-time)
- **Unsubsidized Stafford Loans**
 - student is responsible for paying the interest on the loan
- **Repayment begins six (6) months after graduation or ceasing to be enrolled half-time**



Federal Loan Programs 2011-2012

- Subsidized Stafford Loans for students – Current Interest Rate is 3.4%
- Unsubsidized Stafford Loans for students – Current Interest Rate is 6.8%
- PLUS Loan for parents – Current Interest Rate is 7.9%

*We estimate that the average student loan debt level for the class of 2009 is \$24,000 nationally and an average of \$16,568 for Georgia borrowers.

*The Project on Student Debt. (2009) *Student Debt and the Class of 2009*. Retrieved from <http://projectonstudentdebt.org/files/pub/classof2009.pdf>

Student Loan Limits 2011 – 2012 Academic Year

Dependent Students whose Parents are Eligible for a PLUS Loan	Base	Additional Unsubsidized	Annual Maximum Amount
Freshmen	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
Junior/Senior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500

Independent Students and Dependent Students whose Parents were Denied a PLUS Loan	Base	Additional Unsubsidized	Annual Maximum Amount
Freshmen	\$3,500	\$6,000	\$9,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,500
Junior/Senior	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$12,500

How Do I Apply?

- **Apply electronically at:**
 - www.GAcollge411.org
 - or www.fafsa.gov
 - Apply for your PIN online at: pin.ed.gov
 - Check with the college Financial Aid Office for other applications that may need to be completed



What Does the FAFSA Do?



- The FAFSA will determine the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- The EFC estimates the family's ability to contribute toward educational costs.
- The EFC formula includes financial information collected on the FAFSA, family size and number of dependents.

What Does the FAFSA Do?



College Cost of Attendance (Determined by the School)

Minus the Expected Family Contribution

Equals the Amount of Need Based Aid Student may Qualify

What Does the FAFSA Require?

- **Before starting the FAFSA, gather:**
 - Student driver's license
 - Student Alien Registration Card
 - Student and Parent
 - Social Security cards
 - 2010 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
 - 2010 federal income tax form (even if not completed)
 - Records of untaxed income
 - Current bank statements
 - Business, farm, and other real estate records
 - Records of stocks, bonds, and other investments

Create a file for copies of all financial aid documents submitted

FAFSA On The Web Worksheet



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FAFSA ON THE WEB WORKSHEET

www.fafsa.gov



START HERE
GO FURTHER
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Web site: www.fafsa.gov

Complete 2011-2012 FAFSA on the Web

FAFSA on the Web Worksheet:


- Used as “pre-application worksheet”
- Questions follow order of FAFSA on the Web

FAFSA On The Web Worksheet


Good reasons to file electronically:

- Built-in edits to prevent costly errors
- Skip-logic allows student and/or parent to skip unnecessary questions
- 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 Worksheet



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START HERE TO
GO FURTHER & ACHIEVE
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET.

The *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet* provides a preview of the questions that you may be asked while completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* online at www.fafsa.gov.

You must complete and submit a FAFSA to apply for federal student aid and for most state and college aid. Write down notes to help you easily complete your FAFSA anytime after January 1, 2011.

See the table to the right for state deadlines. Your application must be submitted by midnight Central time. Also pay attention to the symbols that may be listed after your state deadline. Check with your high school counselor or your college's financial aid administrator about other deadlines. The Federal deadline is June 30, 2012.

- **This Worksheet is optional and should only be completed if you plan to use FAFSA on the Web.**
- **Sections in purple are for parent information.**
- **This Worksheet does not include all the questions from the FAFSA. The questions that are included are ordered as they appear on FAFSA on the Web. When you are online you may be able to skip some questions based on your answers to earlier questions.**

Applying is easier with the new IRS Data Retrieval tool!
Beginning January 30, 2011 students and parents who have completed their 2010 IRS tax return will be able to use *FAFSA on the Web* to electronically view their tax information. With just a few simple steps, the tax information can also be securely transferred into the FAFSA.

Sign your FAFSA with a Federal Student Aid PIN!
If you do not have a PIN, you can apply for one at www.pin.ed.gov. Your PIN allows you to electronically sign when you submit your FAFSA. If you are providing parent information, one parent must also sign your FAFSA. To sign electronically, your parent should also apply for a PIN.

Free help is available!
You do not have to pay to get help or submit your FAFSA. Submit your FAFSA for free online at www.fafsa.gov. Federal Student Aid provides free help online at www.fafsa.gov or you can call 1-800-4-FED-AID. TTY users (hearing impaired) can call 1-800-730-8913.

NOTES:

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Federal Deadline - June 30, 2012
State Aid Deadlines - See below.

Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories:
AL, AS *, AZ, CO, FM *, GA, GU *, HI *, NH *, MP *, NC, NE, NN, NV *, PR, PW *, SD *, TX, UT, VA *, VI *, VT *, WA, WI and WY *.

Pay attention to the symbols that may be listed after your state deadline.

AK	AK Education Grant - April 15, 2011 (date received)
AK	AK Performance Scholarship - June 30, 2011 (date received)
AR	Academic Challenge - June 1, 2011 (date received)
AR	Workforce Grant - Contact the financial aid office.
AR	Higher Education Opportunity Grant - June 1, 2011 (date received)
CA	Initial awards - March 2, 2011 + *
CA	Additional community college awards - September 2, 2011 (date recommended) + *
CT	February 15, 2011 (date received) # *
DC	June 30, 2011 (date received by state) # *
DE	April 15, 2011 (date received)
FL	May 15, 2011 (date processed)
IA	July 1, 2011 (date received); earlier priority deadlines may exist for certain programs.
ID	Opportunity Grant - March 1, 2011 (date received) # *
IL	As soon as possible after January 1, 2011. Awards made until funds are depleted.
IN	March 15, 2011 (date received)
KS	April 1, 2011 (date received) # *
KY	As soon as possible after January 1, 2011. Awards made until funds are depleted.
LA	June 30, 2012 (July 1, 2011 recommended)
MA	May 1, 2011 (date received) #
MD	March 1, 2011 (date received)
ME	May 1, 2011
MI	March 1, 2011 (date received)
MIN	30 days after term starts (date received)
MO	April 1, 2011 (date received) #
MS	MTAG and MEG Grants - September 15, 2011 (date received)
MS	HELP Scholarship - March 31, 2011 (date received)
MT	March 1, 2011 (date received) #
ND	March 15, 2011 (date received) #
NH	May 1, 2011 (date received)
NJ	2010-2011 Tuition Aid Grant recipients - June 1, 2011 (date received)
NJ	All other applicants - October 1, 2011, fall & spring terms (date received) - March 1, 2012, spring term only (date received)
NY	June 30, 2012 (date received) + *
OH	October 1, 2011 (date received)
OK	March 15, 2011 (date received) #
OR	OSAC Private Scholarships - March 1, 2011 (date received)
OR	Oregon Opportunity Grant - As soon as possible after January 1, 2011. Awards made until funds are depleted.
PA	All 2010-2011 State Grant recipients & all non-2010-2011 State Grant recipients in degree programs - May 1, 2011 (date received) #
PA	All other applicants - August 1, 2011 (date received) #
RI	March 1, 2011 (date received) #
SC	Tuition Grants - June 30, 2011 (date received)
SC	SC Commission on Higher Education - As soon as possible after January 1, 2011. Awards made until funds are depleted.
TN	State Grant - As soon as possible after January 1, 2011. Awards made until funds are depleted.
TN	State Lottery - September 1, 2011 (date received) #
WV	April 15, 2011 (date received) # *

For priority consideration, submit application by date specified.
* Applicants encouraged to obtain proof of mailing.
+ Additional form may be required.

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FAFSA On The Web Worksheet

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																				
Student Citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. citizen (U.S. native born) <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible noncitizen (see instructions) Generally, you are eligible if you are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A permanent U.S. resident• A conditional permanent resident• The holder of an American Consular Visa (Temporary Protected Status, "Parolee" (Temporary Protected Status), or "Temporary Protected Status")• The holder of a valid visa	Note: Be sure to report Name and Social Security Number EXACTLY as it appears on Social Security Card. Errors will delay processing.	Allen Registration Number <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <small>...ing designations: "Refugee," "Asylum," "Temporary Protected Status," etc.) or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant;" or designation of "Victim of human trafficking."</small>																				
Student Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married or remarried <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Selective Service.																						
Student Aid Eligibility Drug Convictions <input type="checkbox"/> I have never attended college <input type="checkbox"/> I have never received federal student aid <input type="checkbox"/> I have never had a drug conviction If you did not check any of these boxes, you will be asked more questions online.																						
Highest school your father completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle school/Jr. high <input type="checkbox"/> High school	<input type="checkbox"/> College or beyond <input type="checkbox"/> Other/unknown																				
Highest school your mother completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle school/Jr. high <input type="checkbox"/> High school	<input type="checkbox"/> College or beyond <input type="checkbox"/> Other/unknown																				

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SECTION 2 - STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you can check ANY of the following boxes, you will not have to provide parental information. Skip to page 4.

If you check NONE of the following boxes, you will be asked to provide parental information. Go to the next page.

<input type="checkbox"/> I was born before January 1, 1988	<input type="checkbox"/> I am married	<input type="checkbox"/> I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> I have children and I provide more than half of their support	
<input type="checkbox"/> Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased	<input type="checkbox"/> I was in foster care since turning age 13	<input type="checkbox"/> I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support	
<input type="checkbox"/> I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning	<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently or I was an	<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently or I was in legal	<input type="checkbox"/> I am homeless or I am at risk of becoming homeless

NOTES:

For Help - call 1-800-4-FED-A

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These questions will determine whether the student is a dependent or independent student. These are the only questions that the Government uses in making this determination.

Independent Vs. Dependant

- Date of birth before 1/1/88
- Married or separated (but not divorced) as of date of the application
- At the beginning of the 2011-12 school year, student enrolled in master's or doctoral degree or graduate certificate
- Currently serving on active duty in US Armed Forces, or is a National Guard or Reserves enlistee called into federal active duty for other than training purposes

Independent Vs. Dependant

- **Student is a veteran of the US Armed Forces:**
 - A student who (1) has engaged in active service in the US Armed Forces, or has been a member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called to active duty for purposes other than training, or was a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, or attended a US military academy preparatory school, and (2) was released under a condition other than dishonorable. A veteran is also a student who does not meet this definition now but will by June 30, 2012.

Independent Vs. Dependant

- Student has one or more children who receive more than half of their support from him or her between July 1, 2011 and June 20, 2012
- Student has dependent(s) (other than children or a spouse) who live with him or her and who receive more than half of their support from the student between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Independent Vs. Dependant

- At any time when the student was age 13 or older, both of the student's parents were deceased, the student was in foster care, or the student was a dependent/ward of the court.
- The student is now or was upon reaching the age of majority, an emancipated minor as determined by a court in his or her state of residence
- The student is now or was upon reaching the age of majority, in legal guardianship as determined by a court in his or her state of legal residence.

Independent Vs. Dependant

- Student was determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by a high school or school district homeless liaison on or after July 1, 2011.
- Student was determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by HUD on or after July 1, 2011.

Independent Vs. Dependant

- Student was determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless by a director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program on or after July 1, 2011.
- Student is determined by the college financial aid administrator to be an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or is self-supporting and at risk of being homeless
- Note: A financial aid administrator may also make a determination of independence with documentation of special circumstances, even if the student initially files as a dependent.

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- If the student answered yes to ANY of the dependency questions, then the student is Independent. If the student answers no to ALL of the questions, then the student is dependent and must provide custodial parent information.
- Only custodial parents who are Natural Parents, Adoptive Parents, or Step Parents are to be included on the FAFSA. Guardian information should not be included on the FAFSA.
- If a custodial parent does not have a Social Security Number, they may report all zeros for the question.

FAFSA On The Web Worksheet

SECTION 3 - PARENT INFORMATION

Who is considered a parent? "Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are **not** considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. 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 your father's information? You will need:

Father's/Stepfather's Social Security Number

Father's/Stepfather's name

Father's/Stepfather's date of birth

Check here if your father/stepfather is a dislocated worker

Providing your mother's information? You will need:

Mother's/Stepmother's Social Security Number

Mother's/Stepmother's name

Mother's/Stepmother's date of birth

Check here if your mother/stepmother is a dislocated worker

Did your parents file or will they file a 2010 income tax return?

- My parents have already completed a tax return
- My parents will file, but have not yet completed a tax return
- My parents are not going to file an income tax return

Your parents will need their tax returns and/or W-2 forms to complete the FAFSA.

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2010?

Skip this question if your parents did not file taxes. Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—Line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4.

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The following questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2010. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms, or on the IRS Form 1040—Line 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1.

How much did your father/stepfather earn from working in 2010?

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How much did your mother/stepmother earn from working in 2010?

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Who Is A “Parent” for Federal Aid??

- “Parent” refers to the biological or adoptive parent.
- Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted the student.
- In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent you lived with most during 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 step parent.

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In 2009 or 2010, did anyone in your parents' household receive:

- Supplemental Security Income
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Stamps
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

Note: Food Stamps and/or TANF may have a different name in your state. Call 1-800-4-FED-AID to find out the name of the state's program.

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2010?

Check all that apply. Once online, you may be asked to report amounts paid or received by your parents.

Additional Financial Information

- American Opportunity, Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credits
- Child support paid
- Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships or fellowships
- Taxable grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS
- Combat pay or special combat pay
- Cooperative education program earnings

Untaxed Income

- Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans
- Child support received
- IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
- Tax exempt interest income
- Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- Untaxed portions of pension distributions
- Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others
- Veterans noneducation benefits
- Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability

Your parents may be asked to provide more information about their assets.

Your parents may need to report the net worth of their current businesses and/or investment farms.

NOTES:

A family owned and controlled small business with 100 or fewer full time or full time equivalent employees is not reported on the FAFSA.

FAFSA On The Web Worksheet

SECTION 4 - STUDENT INFORMATION

Did you file or will you file a 2010 Income tax return?

- I have already completed my tax return
- I will file, but I have not completed my tax return
- I'm not going to file an income tax return

You will need your tax returns and/or W-2 forms to complete the FAFSA.

What was your (and spouse's) 2010 Adjusted Gross Income?

Skip this question if you or your spouse were a dependent on someone else's 2010 tax return (Form 1040—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4).

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How much did you earn from working in 2010?

- Check here if you are a dislocated worker

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How much did your spouse earn from working in 2010?

- Check here if your spouse is a dislocated worker

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In 2009 or 2010, did anyone in your household receive:

- Supplemental Security Income
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Stamps
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

Note: Food Stamps and/or TANF may have a different name in your state. Call 1-800-4-FED-AID to find out the name of the state's program.

If the student is married at the time of filling out the FAFSA, spouse's information must be included.

FAFSA On The Web Worksheet

Did you or your spouse have any of the following items in 2010?

Check all that apply. Once online you may be asked to report amounts paid or received.

Additional Financial Information

- American Opportunity, Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credits
- Child support paid
- Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships or fellowships
- Taxable grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS
- Combat pay or special combat pay
- Cooperative education program earnings

Untaxed Income

- Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans
- Child support received
- IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
- Tax exempt interest income
- Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- Untaxed portions of pension distributions
- Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others
- Veterans noneducation benefits
- Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability
- Money received or paid on your behalf

You may be asked to provide more information about your (and your spouse's) assets. You may need to report the net worth of current businesses and/or investment farms.

NOTES:

Do not mail this Worksheet. Go to www.fafsa.gov to complete and submit your application.

For more information on federal student aid, visit www.studentaid.ed.gov.
You can also talk with your college's financial aid office about other types of student aid that may be available.

Financial Information



- Applicants can manually enter 1040 tax information or transfer it directly from the IRS to their FAFSA
- Electronically filed tax return information will be available from the IRS in 1-2 weeks, data from paper tax returns will be available in 6-8 weeks
- Once the applicant has successfully authenticated, tax data will be presented and the applicant will have the option to “Transfer” the tax information to the FAFSA

Grade Level In 2011-2012

When the student begins the 2011-2012 school year, what will be his/her grade level?

- Never attended college/1st year
- Attended college before/1st year
- 2nd year/sophomore
- 3rd year/junior
- 4th year/senior
- 5th year/other undergraduate
- 1st year graduate/professional
- Continuing graduate/professional or beyond

Degree Or Certificate Objective

- In the 2011-2012 school year, what degree or certificate will you, the student, be working on?
- Some options are:
 - 1st bachelor's degree
 - Associate degree (occupational or technical program)
 - Associate degree (general education or transfer program)
 - Graduate or professional degree

Work-study, Loans, And TEACH Program

- If the student is interested in work-study (student employment), student loans, or the TEACH Program, check all appropriate boxes
- Indicating interest does not obligate the student to either work or borrow, nor will it cause the student to lose grants and scholarships
- Not checking work-study and/or loans may restrict some options for limited work-study or loan funds

School Selection

- FAFSA on the Web allows the student to list up to 10 colleges/universities that will receive his/her student and parent information
- The student should list the schools he/she is most likely to attend, and then list others to which the student is applying for admission
- While in the School Selection Section, the student will be asked to enter the federal school code for each school to which he/she wants information sent
- If the student is applying to more than ten schools, wait for the processed Student Aid Report (SAR) and add additional schools via the Web or by phone using the student PIN

School Selection

- The student will be asked to select the housing plan that best describes the type of housing the student expects to have while attending each listed school
- The choices for housing are:
 - On Campus
 - With Parent
 - Off Campus
- The student's choice of housing may affect the amount of financial aid for which he/she is eligible. It is usually more expensive to live on or off campus than with parents or relatives
- Remember, selecting a housing option is not an application for On Campus housing. Check with the colleges/universities for housing information.

Parent's Email Address

- Provide a parent e-mail address that will be valid at least until the student starts college
- If a parent provides an e-mail address, the FAFSA processor will let the parent know the student's FAFSA has been processed



Signatures

- **Required**
 - Student
 - One parent (dependent students)
- **Format**
 - Electronic using PIN
 - Signature Page
 - Paper FAFSA

The PIN Options

- Parent or student can create own PIN, or
- Can request FSA to generate a PIN that will display on the screen in real time, request that it be emailed in real-time, or have it sent via postal mail
- Includes a match on name, SSN, and date of birth. If match is successful, the PIN becomes permanent. If the match is unsuccessful, the applicant is mailed a SAR for signatures and the PIN is disabled.

FAFSA Processing Results

Central Processing System (CPS) notifies student of FAFSA processing results by:

- Paper Student Aid Report (SAR) if paper FAFSA was filed and student's email address was not provided
- SAR Acknowledgement if FAFSA on the Web was filed and student's email address was not provided

FAFSA Processing Results

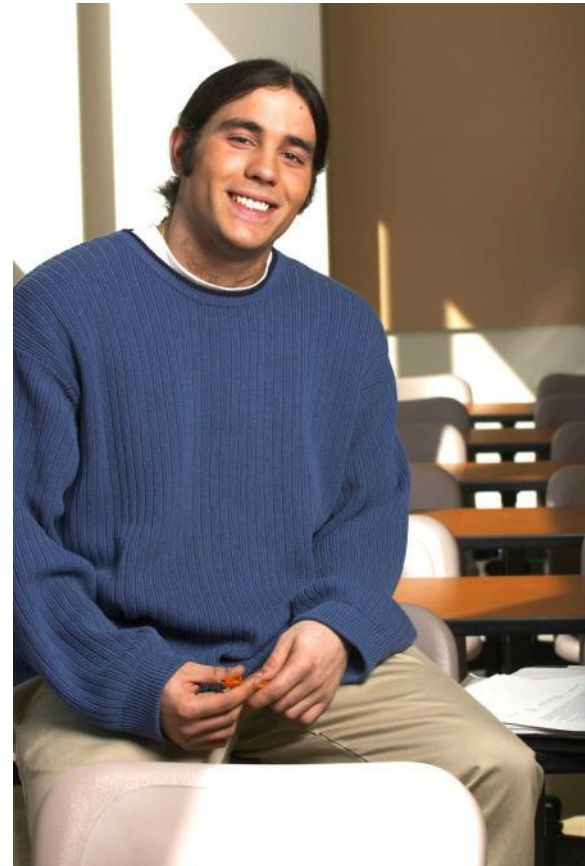
- **CPS notifies student of FAFSA processing results by:**
 - Email notification containing a direct link to student's online SAR if student's email was provided on paper or electronic FAFSA
- **Student with PIN may view SAR online at www.fafsa.gov**

FAFSA Processing Results

- Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) sent to colleges listed on FAFSA approximately 10 to 14 days after FAFSA submitted
- College reviews Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)
 - May request additional documentation, such as copies of federal tax returns

Student Aid Report (SAR)

- After you apply, you'll receive a Student Aid Report, or SAR.
- Your SAR contains the information reported on your FAFSA Review data for accuracy
- Update estimated information when actual figures are available



Making Corrections

- **If necessary, corrections to FAFSA data may be made by:**
 - Using FAFSA on the Web, with Student PIN (www.fafsa.gov);
 - Updating paper SAR (SAR Information Acknowledgement cannot be used); or
 - Submitting documentation to college financial aid office

Special Circumstances

- Cannot report on FAFSA
- Send explanation to financial aid office at each college

Examples of Special Circumstances:

- College
 - Change in employment status
 - Medical expenses not covered by insurance
 - Change in parent marital status
 - Unusual dependent care expenses
 - Student cannot obtain parent information
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Questions?

Thank you!

