Outreach Team

About UHEAA

Our Goals:

- Help Utah families prepare for college costs
- Support K-12 educators as they promote college readiness

Making sure “you got the right stuff” to help your students
Our Services:

Our Top Programs:
- FAFSA Nights for seniors & FAFSA Boot Camps for Educators

Our Top Resources:
- Paying for College Guide & FAFSA Walk-Through Video

Our Websites:
- CompleteFinancialAid.org & CompleteScholarships.org
Preparing students for College Costs
"Step by Step"

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- College Savings & Scholarships
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Starting as early as the first year of high school with:

Cost savings through Concurrent Enrollment/AP
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Starting Senior Year with:
- FAFSA
College Savings

Start as early as elementary school (or before!)
Savings

529

Bank or credit union
College Scholarships

Start as early as elementary school
Scholarships can take into account:

- Academic merit
- Financial need
- Intended major or career
- Leadership
- Project & portfolio (e.g. artwork, videos, etc.)
- Volunteerism
- Athletic Prowess
- Demographics (e.g. race, gender, 1st gen, etc.)
Scholarships come from:

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***Vital for undocumented students, who do not qualify for state or federal financial aid
Scholarships can start very early:

- My529 Make Your Mark Scholarship
- K-12th graders Freedom Festival Art Scholarship Contest
- UHEAA’s Plan Ahead for College Costs Scholarship
- 8th-11th graders
UHEAA's scholarship resources:

- CompleteScholarships.org
- Complete Scholarships Social Media
  - Instagram
  - Twitter
  - YouTube
- Complete Student Podcast
- Complete Scholarships Newsletter
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
What?
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*2021 High School Seniors will use the 2021-2022 FAFSA when they file*
Why?

Application is required for...

- Federal Aid (grants, work-study, student loans)
- Many forms of state and institutional aid
- Required on some private scholarship applications
When?

Application opens...

*October 1st senior year
&
Every year in college
Completing the 2021-2022 FAFSA

Before you apply for financial aid:

☐ Make sure you and your parents create Federal Student Aid IDs at FSAID.ed.gov (see page 10 for details).

*If your parent(s) do not have a Social Security Number, you may still be able to file your FAFSA. Call 801-869-5701 for more information.

You’re almost ready. Gather these things:

☐ Student’s and parent(s)* Social Security Card (if parent does not have one, that is ok)
☐ Student’s I-9 paperwork or Permanent Resident Card (if the student has one. Typically this applies to refugee or asylee students)
☐ Student’s driver’s license (if the student has one)
☐ Student’s and parent(s)* 2019 W-2 forms and other records of taxed income*
☐ Student’s and parent(s)* 2019 Federal Income Tax Return**
☐ Student’s and parent(s)* current bank statements
☐ Student’s and parent(s)* 2019 untaxed income records
☐ Student’s and parent(s)* current business and investment, property mortgage information, business and farm, stock, bond, and other investment records***

Have everything you need? It’s time to apply!

☐ Submit the FAFSA at fafsa.gov by your college’s priority financial aid deadline (see the deadlines on pages 7-8).

After you’ve completed your FAFSA, you still have some things to do before you can get your financial aid.

☐ Be sure to act on any follow-up steps you may receive from Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
☐ Your college may not contact you after you submit your FAFSA. Reach out to the financial aid office directly and also check your online student account to make sure you’ve turned in any additional paperwork they require.
☐ Review and compare financial aid offers from the colleges listed on your FAFSA. This is usually done through your college’s online portal.
☐ Accept your financial aid offers. Remember: you don’t have to accept all of the financial aid you were offered (in particular, student loans). Only accept what you need.

*If you were gainfully employed.

**If you filed an income tax return, IRS 1040, Foreign Tax Return, or Tax Return from Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated State of Micronesia, or Palau.

***Stocks, bonds, and other investments designated for retirement (such as those found in a 401(k) or IRA) are not reported on the FAFSA. The value of businesses with fewer than 100 FTE employees is also not reported on the FAFSA, nor is the value of your primary residence.
Need parent information?
Typically yes until the student is approx. 24 years old.

(Exceptions can be made – most common exceptions include if the student is in foster care, is emancipated, has a legal guardian who is not their parent, or is homeless.)

Is there an income cutoff?
It’s impossible to identify an exact number, since the FAFSA also accounts for household size, number of children in college, proximity of parents to retirement, etc.

Should Missionaries File?
Yes! Especially in case of early return or to defer scholarships
CARES Act – Emergency Funds

- March 2020, Congress allocated $14 Billion for colleges, at least half had to go to students to offset costs associated with campus disruptions
- Emergency grants could continue in the 21-22 school year
- Requires students to complete FAFSA

CARES Act – Loan forgiveness

*(For anyone in the audience who might have their own student debt)*

- No payments required and 0% interest until 9/30/20 (Congress could extend).
Want to learn the FAFSA front-to-back and practice using real-life case studies?

Contact UHEAA to arrange a virtual FAFSA Boot Camp for your staff.

Email: outreach@utahsbr.edu
“Please don’t go, girl!”

The learning doesn’t have to stop here!

Find all of our resource at CompleteFinancialAid.org
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