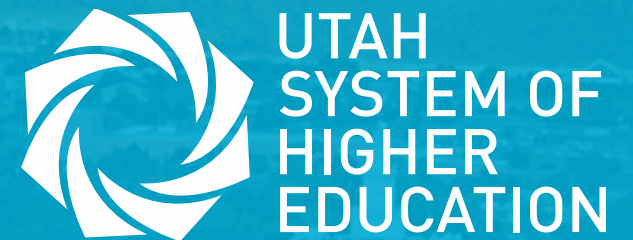


Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) & Updates

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Today's Agenda

- Introduction and updates
- FAFSA Basics
- FAFSA Updates
- Resource updates
- Contact information

Our updates

- Katie Mazzie and I have moved from UHEAA Outreach to USHE's Access Team.
 - New Roles:
 - Katie: Manager of Affordability & Access
 - Dyllen: FAFSA State Coordinator
 - Working side-by-side with the UCAW State Coordinator Lisa Molina
 - Changes to websites, documents, and our other resources
(will discuss later)
- fafsahelp@ushe.edu

FAFSA Cup 2021 Winners!

- Congratulations to Jordan High!
Winners of the 2021 FAFSA Cup!
- Congratulations to West High!
Runner-Ups of the 2021 FAFSA Cup!



FAFSA Cup 2022

- Apply Feb – Apr 15
- For innovative and data-driven strategies for FAFSA completion
- Runner-up receives lunch and trophy
- Winner receives lunch, trophy, and \$1,000 grant



FAFSA Basics

What is the FAFSA?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- October 1 senior year and every year of college
- fafsa.gov or myStudentAid app



Why should a student file the FAFSA?

Students need to complete the FAFSA in order to be considered for:

Federal aid → Grants
→ Work-study
→ Student loans *if needed*

State aid

Some institutional aid

Some private scholarships



Title IV Federal Financial Aid

Grants

- Most common is Pell
- Max. Pell is currently \$6,495/yr

Work-Study

- Earned as a paycheck, mostly on-campus jobs

Federal Student Loans

Federal Student Loans		
How much?	What is a dependent vs. independent student?	What is subsidized vs. unsubsidized?
1 st academic year max. is up to \$ 5,500 for dependent students 1 st academic year max. is up to \$ 9,500 for independent students No more than \$ 3,500 can be subsidized	Dependent students must report parent information	Subsidized means interest doesn't accrue as long as student is enrolled at least half-time Subsidies are based on financial need

Financial Aid Timeline

Complete FAFSA
(as early as October 1)



Receive, complete, and return
award letter
(usually winter/spring)



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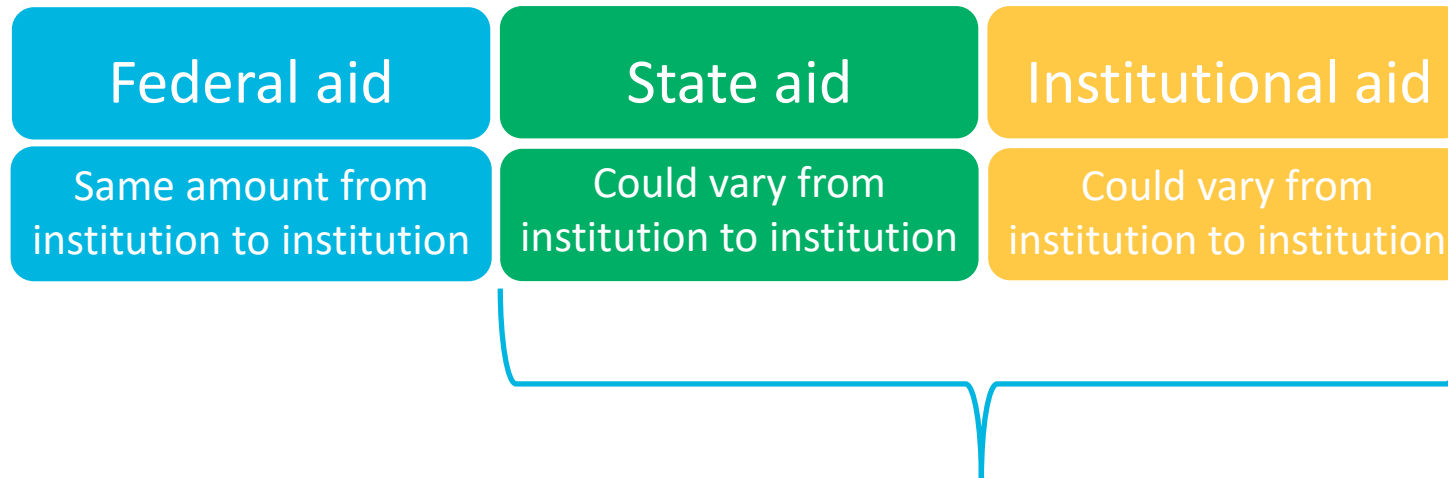
What is FAFSA verification?

- The process of confirming the information the student provided on the FAFSA.
- Not everyone gets selected.
- In most cases, verification is processed by the college or university.
- Verification does not mean the students is in trouble.



What is a financial aid award letter?

- Comes from the college or university, usually via email or student portal
- Outlines types and amounts of aid students are offered:



Use these offers to “shop around”





What is entrance counseling? (Loans)

- If a student borrows federal student loans, this is required before their money is disbursed.
- Online modules that help the student understand their loan
 - Terms and conditions
 - Interest
 - How to remain eligible for aid
 - Repayment

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US citizen students with undocumented parents

These students **can and should** do the FAFSA

There will be 3 differences because parent cannot make an FSA ID:

List 0's for parent SSN (Don't use ITIN)

Parent cannot use IRS DRT

Parent will need to print, sign, and mail signature page

Should an undocumented student or student with DACA, TPS, or DED complete the FAFSA?

*(Terminology: DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals,
TPS: Temporary Protected Status, DED: Deferred Enforced Departure)*

For the most part, no

If student needs to do the FAFSA for to qualify for a scholarship,
work with their college's financial aid office

[Helpful webinar](#) about serving undocumented students & students with DACA

[Undocumented students and the FAFSA](#)

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What other options are there for these students?

- Private scholarships are always an option.
- In-state tuition may also be an option—under House Bill 144:
 - Attended Utah high school for at least 3 years
 - Have a Utah high school diploma or Utah GED
 - Sign and submit HB144 affidavit through the financial aid office at their selected institution

What about eligible noncitizens?

These students **can and should** do the FAFSA

Most common eligible noncitizens are permanent residents, refugees, and asylum grantees.

Eligible non-citizens need to provide their “Alien Registration Number” and their Social Security Number.

[Eligible noncitizens and the FAFSA](#)

FAFSA Boot Camps

- Want more in-depth information on the FAFSA?
Contact us about FAFSA Boot Camps!
- These trainings traditionally happen before the FAFSA Opens in October (Aug.-Sept.)
- Virtual trainings
 - We record these so if you'd like access to a recording let us know or click this [link](#).
 - 3 hour or less covering items like: FAFSA FAQ, troubleshooting, assisting undocumented parents and students, practice case studies, and other resources

FAFSA Changes

Most verification requirements were waived for the current (21-22) award year.

On August 31st, the Department of Education announced verification requirements will return to normal for 22-23 award year.

FAFSA Simplification

- Future Act (2019)
- Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021)

Good news	Bad news
<u>Changes</u> are coming that will make the FAFSA easier	These changes are spread out over the next several years because some require huge <u>technical overhauls</u>

Good resource to learn about simplification provisions & implementation timeline: [NASFAA](#)

FAFSA Simplification Timeline

Selective Service

Change	Timeline for implementation
Selective Service No longer a requirement for Title IV aid	Immediate (with a caveat): Still a question on the 22-23 FAFSA, but FSA has ordered financial aid offices to disregard it Will be gone starting with 23-24 FAFSA (10/1/22)

FAFSA Simplification Timeline

Future changes

Some of the biggest changes coming in the future:	Timeline for implementation:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be renamed Student Aid Index (SAI) and it can be negative to indicate greater financial needTransfer of information from IRS to Department of Education will be easier/more automated	24-25 FAFSA (for class of 24), earlier if possible

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FAFSA Manual

- All our FAFSA resources converted into 1 manual.
- Has everything from planning a FAFSA Night to basic (printable) handouts for students and families.
- Table of contents has clickable links that take you to the page selected.
- [Link](#)

Paying for College Guide

- Will be digital moving forward
- Soon available at <https://www.ktsutah.org/resources>
- You can also find it on the USHE website
 - [English](#)
 - [Spanish](#)



FAFSA Nights

- Weekly resource emails
 - Printable materials*
 - Logistics checklists*
 - Marketing verbiage*
- Volunteer coordination
- FAFSA Scholarship



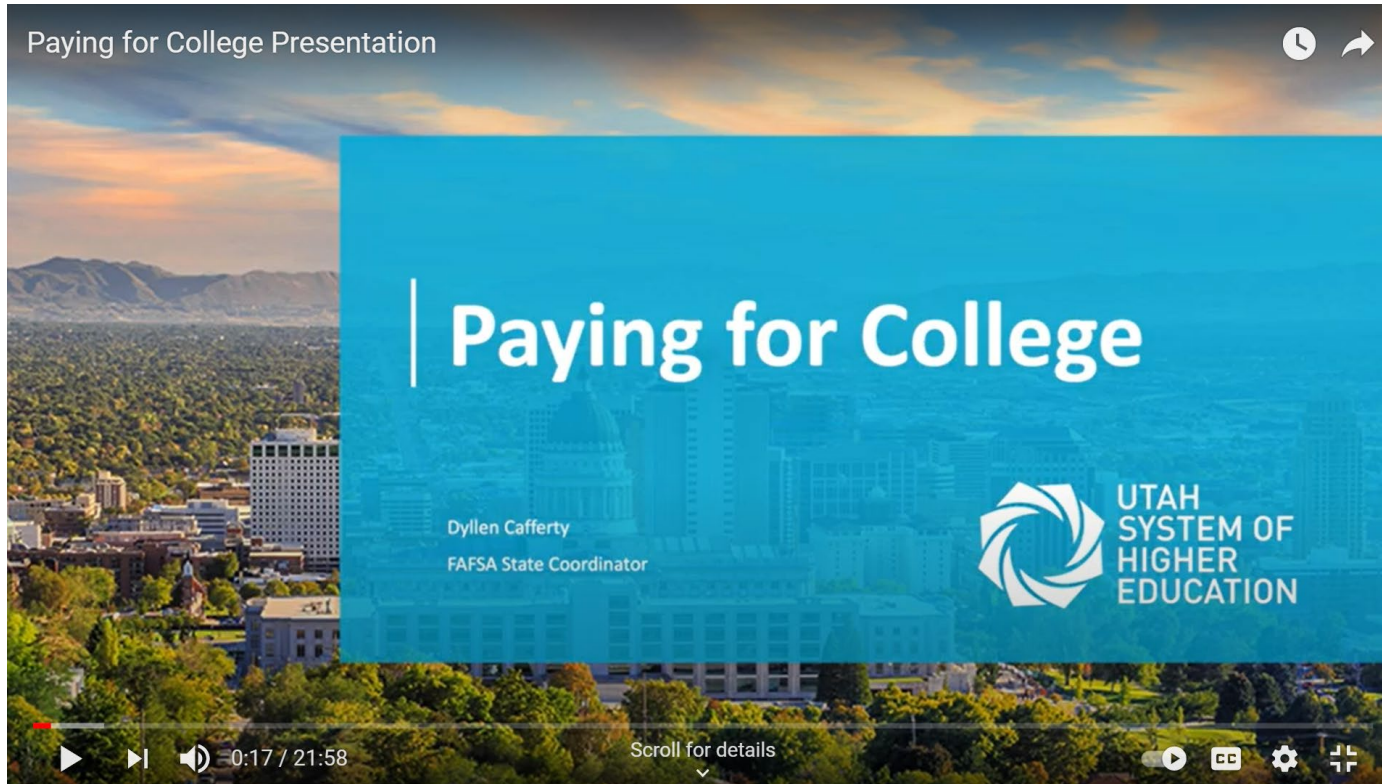
The screenshot shows the FAFSA 'Parent Marital Status' section. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (current step, marked with a checkmark), Parent Financials, Student Financials, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. Below the progress bar, a green box displays the message: 'Application was successfully saved.' An information icon (i) is followed by the text: 'Because the FAFSA belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.' The question 'As of today, what is the marital status of your parents?' is followed by a dropdown menu with 'Married or Remarried' selected. Below this, the question 'When did your parents get married or remarried?' is followed by a text input field containing 'January'. At the bottom of the form are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons. The footer of the form includes 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 27, 2020' and a 'Download Adobe Reader' link.

FAFSA Walkthrough Video

- English and Spanish
- Available starting October 1st on YouTube and Keys to Success app/website
- YouTube: [Utah College Awareness & Financial Aid](#)

IRS DRT: RECOMENDADO

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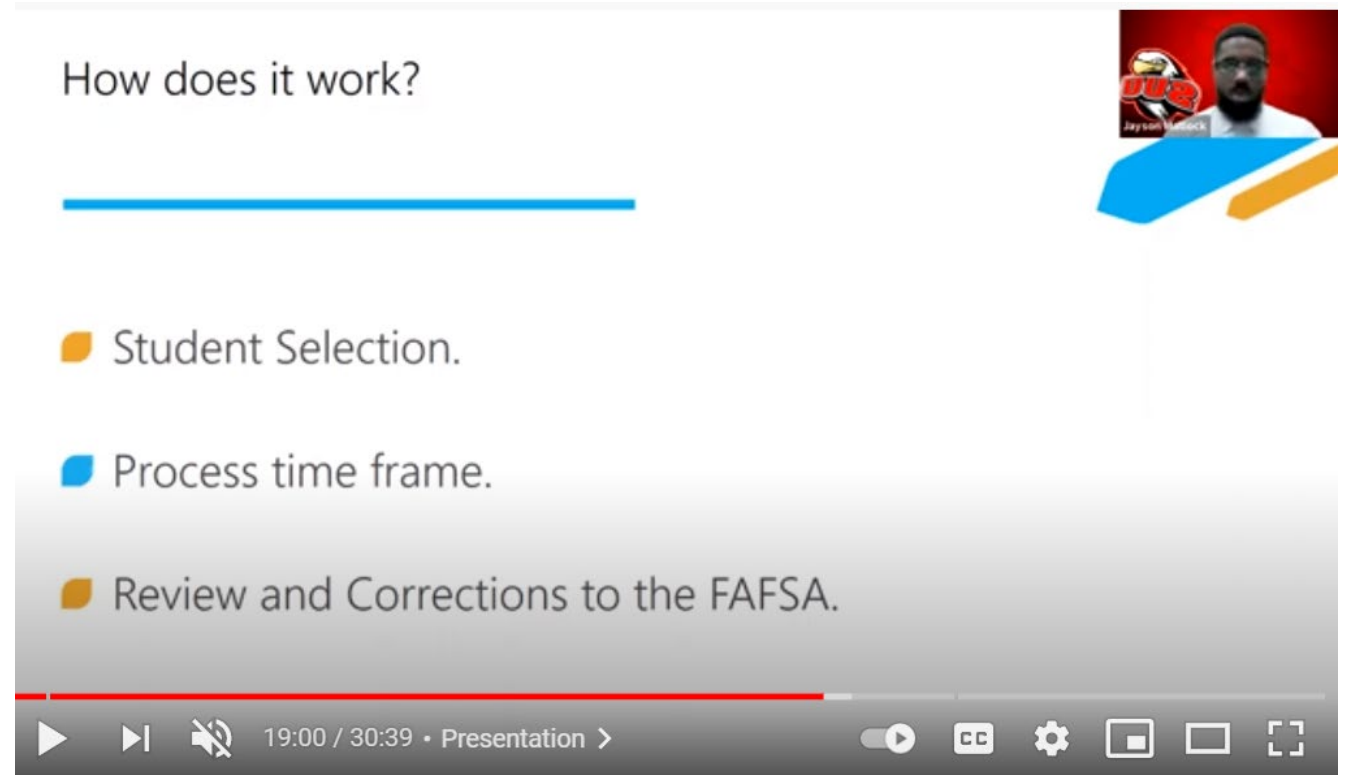


Paying for College Presentation

- If your school would like a Paying for College Presentation please contact us.
- These presentations are currently only virtual
- We also have a YouTube video of the presentation
- [Paying for College Video](#)

Financial Aid Webinars

- Several throughout year
- Previous topics include:
[Verification](#)
[Work-study](#)
- You'll get an email invitation



FAFSA Data Site

- FAFSA Data Stewards information is coming!
- <https://fafsa.ushe.edu/>



Keys to Success Resources

All our resources will live on KTS app and [website](#)

- All resource from CompleteFinancialAid.org moved to KTS
- Our Youtube videos will live on KTS and the YouTube channel called: [Utah College Awareness & Financial Aid](#)
- You can also explore theUCAW website which will hold a lot of the FAFSA Materials at <https://ushe.edu/utah-college-application-week/>
- If you'd like to see the list ofUCAW and FAFSA Nights in one list please click this link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AywL7EA_LHVHENZGI5pWvG3DsBUu2648wr5l7k9jCBg/edit?usp=sharing

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