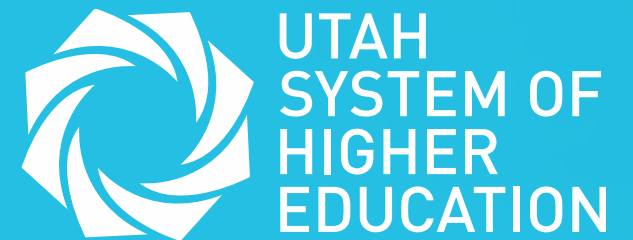




FAFSA Update

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Agenda

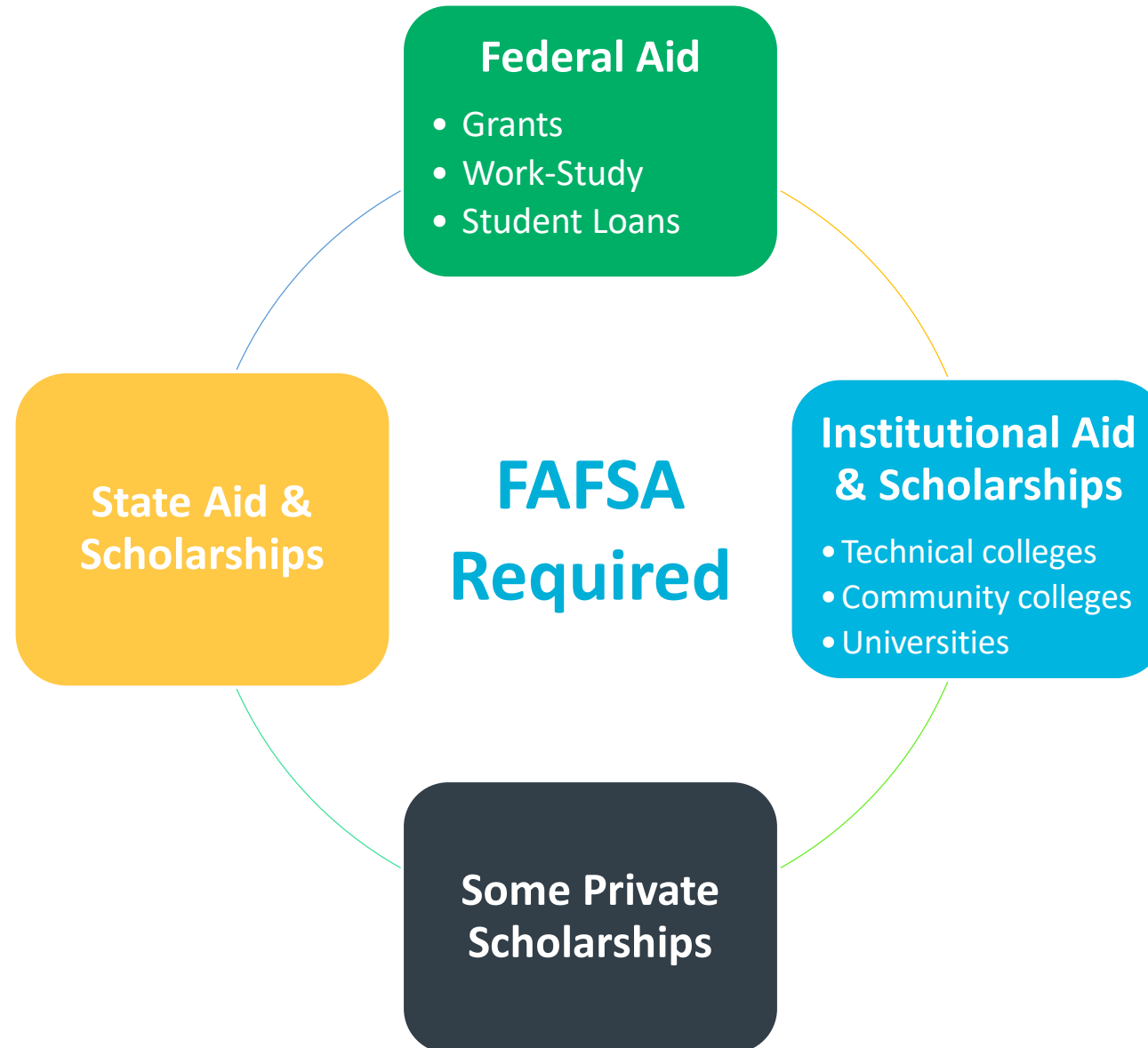
- FAFSA Introduction
- Trainings
- Paying for College Toolkit
- FSA ID Highlights
- Brief Information on the New FAFSA
- Events
- FAFSA Cup & FAFSA Scholarship

What is the FAFSA?

- Stands for: **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid
- FAFSA is a **gateway** to aid and scholarship opportunities
- Students apply ~~October 1*~~ senior year **AND** every year of college
 - *Except for the 2023-24 school year, when the FAFSA will open in **December 2023**
- Go to **fafsa.gov** to apply!



Why Complete the FAFSA?



FAFSA News

Class of 2024: The 2024-25 FAFSA will be delayed until December 2023 instead of opening on October 1, 2023.

What does that mean?

- Seniors will be unable to file the FAFSA in the fall.
- FAFSA Events won't start until after January 1, 2024 (unless the FAFSA is released in early December).
- This year will lose approximately 3 months of FAFSA completion efforts
- So, what can be done in the meantime?

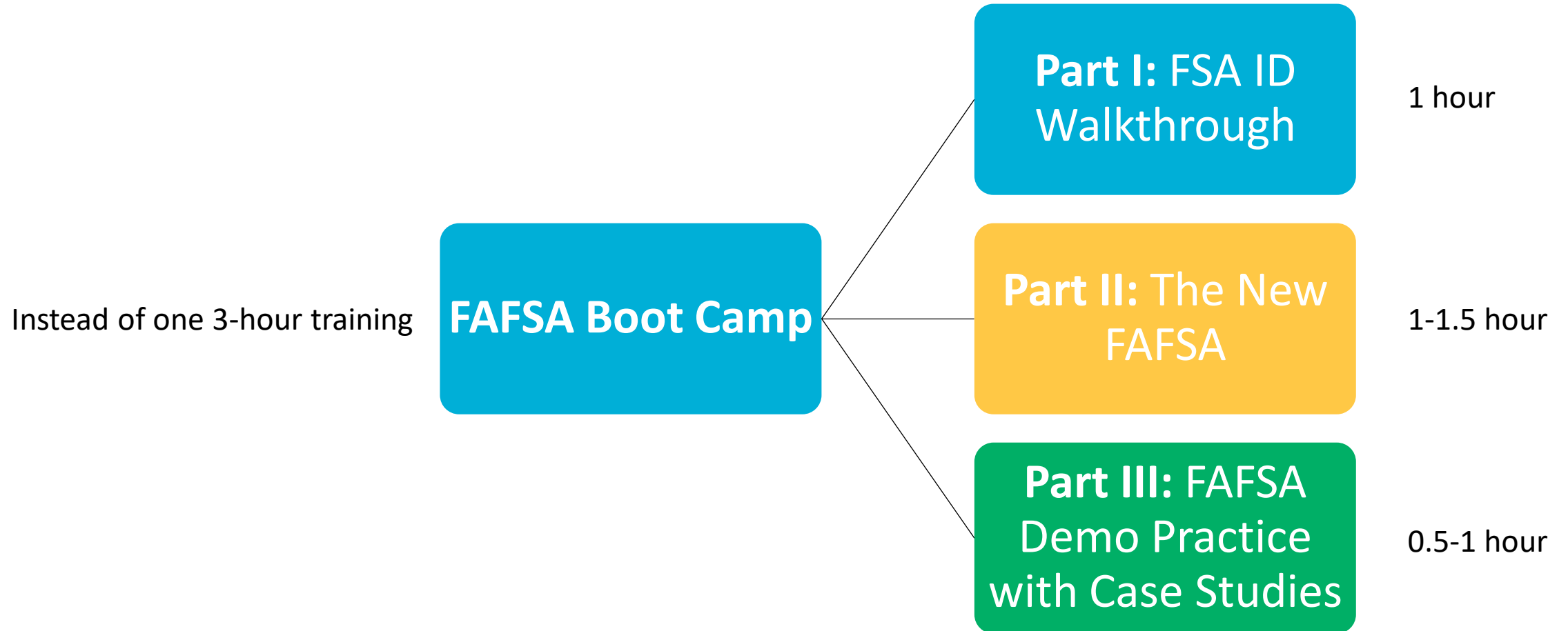


Proactive Steps to Combat the FAFSA Delay

1. Attend FAFSA trainings to get updates on the new FAFSA and its requirements for students.
2. Teach students and families about their paying for college options – Utilize the *Paying for College Toolkit*.
3. FSA ID completion in the fall and pairing FSA ID completion with other school events.
4. Plan FAFSA inclusion with other school events in the spring.

Training

FAFSA Boot Camp Update



Upcoming Training

View training by our office: ushe.edu/k-12-outreach/ed-insights-k12

Review the recordings: youtube.com/@utahcollegeaccess

Upcoming FAFSA Training to register for:

Dates	Events
Sept. 29	Resources to Help Students Cover the Cost of College (FAFSA, State Scholarships, my529, TechEd)
Starting Oct. 26 – Dec. 1	FAFSA Boot Camp Part II: The New FAFSA
December 6 and 8	How to Host a FAFSA Night: Best Practices for Newcomers and Experts
January 3 – 12	FAFSA Boot Camp Part III: FAFSA Demo Practice with Case Studies

Requesting Panelists and Presenters for *How to Host a FAFSA Night*

- Introducing a new webinar to discuss what schools are doing in Utah for FAFSA events
- Panelists or presenters are needed to discuss their experience hosting similar events
- A variety of volunteers are invited to share their successes from all school types: large, small, rural and/or urban, etc.
- When?
 - December 6, 9-10 a.m.— advice for new FAFSA Night planners
 - December 8, 9-10 a.m. — discussion with FAFSA Night experts
- Share examples with a brief presentation or share examples of resources and operations
- Contact: **dyllen.cafferty@ushe.edu**

Paying for College Toolkit

Introducing the *Paying for College Toolkit*

The Toolkit includes 7 PowerPoint presentations

- The Full Presentation
- The Simplified Presentation



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- 5 Individual Presentations –
divided by category



Apply for
Scholarships



File the
FAFSA



Earn and Save



Paying for College
Student Bundle

Individual Student
Situations




Creative Ways to
Cut Costs



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 - Handout #1 – Apply for Scholarships
 - Handout #2 – File the FAFSA
 - Handout #3 – Earn and Save
 - Handout #4 – Creative Ways to Cut Costs
- Individual Student Situations Handouts
 - Handout #5 – Deferral
 - Handout #6 – Dreamers, Immigrants, and International Students
 - Handout #7 – Students with Disabilities

Paying for College: Apply for Scholarships  Scan for scholarship video

Did you know?
Scholarships are not just for high school seniors or current college students! For example, these scholarship providers open applications to students in kindergarten:

- My529™ Make Your Mark
- My529™ Book Your Summer
- Doodle4Google™

Who provides scholarships?

- State and local government
- Technical colleges, community colleges, and universities
- Community organizations, school districts, and K-12 schools
- Companies and corporations
- Private donors

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

- ✓ Merit-based scholarships
- ✓ Need-based scholarships
- ✓ Athletic scholarships
- ✓ Activity-based scholarships
- ✓ Identity-based scholarships
- ✓ Field of study scholarships
- ✓ Creative or artistic scholarships
- ✓ Military scholarships

Getting Started

1. School counseling or guidance office

- Ask: "Who can I talk to about scholarships in high school?"
- Set up a time to meet and be prepared with questions
- Apply to as many scholarships as possible

2. Apply through your college or university

- Scholarships upon admission
 - Many Utah colleges have automatic scholarship opportunities when students apply
 - Some colleges do have separate scholarship applications
- Departmental scholarships
- Leadership scholarships
- Private scholarships

3. Explore employer-sponsored tuition

- Tuition reduction
 - Employer benefits that provide reduced tuition
- Tuition reimbursement
 - Employer benefits that reimburse employees for tuition costs
- Employee scholarships
- Both parents' or students' employers may offer this benefit

4. Community scholarships

- Many community organizations and local businesses provide scholarship opportunities.
 - Inquire at your credit union
 - Check with local businesses
 - Ask community organizations
- Local scholarships can increase chances of earning the award
- Apply for small scholarships, too, \$250-1,000 scholarships can reduce out-of-pocket costs

5. Online scholarship search

- An online search for scholarships can go a long way. Just be aware of scams and fraudulent applications. Never pay to apply for a scholarship. If a website looks sketchy, then just leave and move on to an official site.

6. File the FAFSA

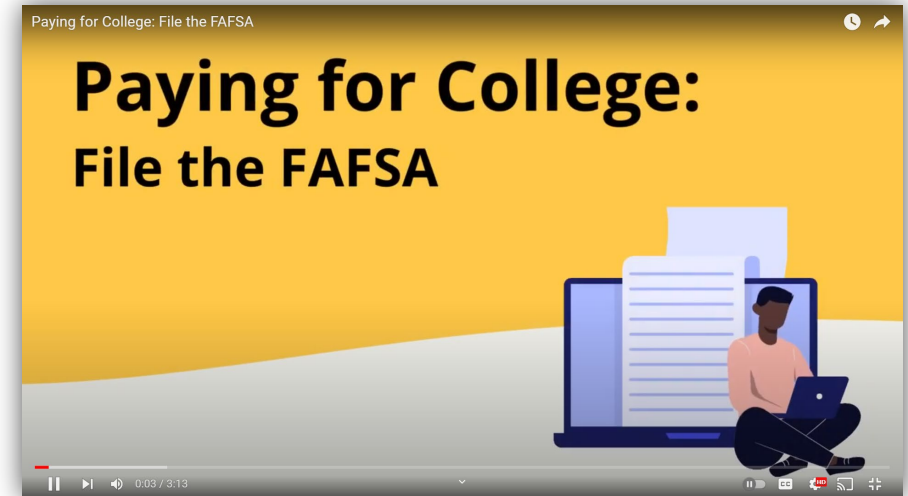
- Although the FAFSA doesn't give scholarships, it may be required to qualify for scholarships.
- Commonly, scholarships requiring the FAFSA are based on need. However, that isn't always the case.
- An example would be the Opportunity Scholarship, which is merit-based.

Additional Resources

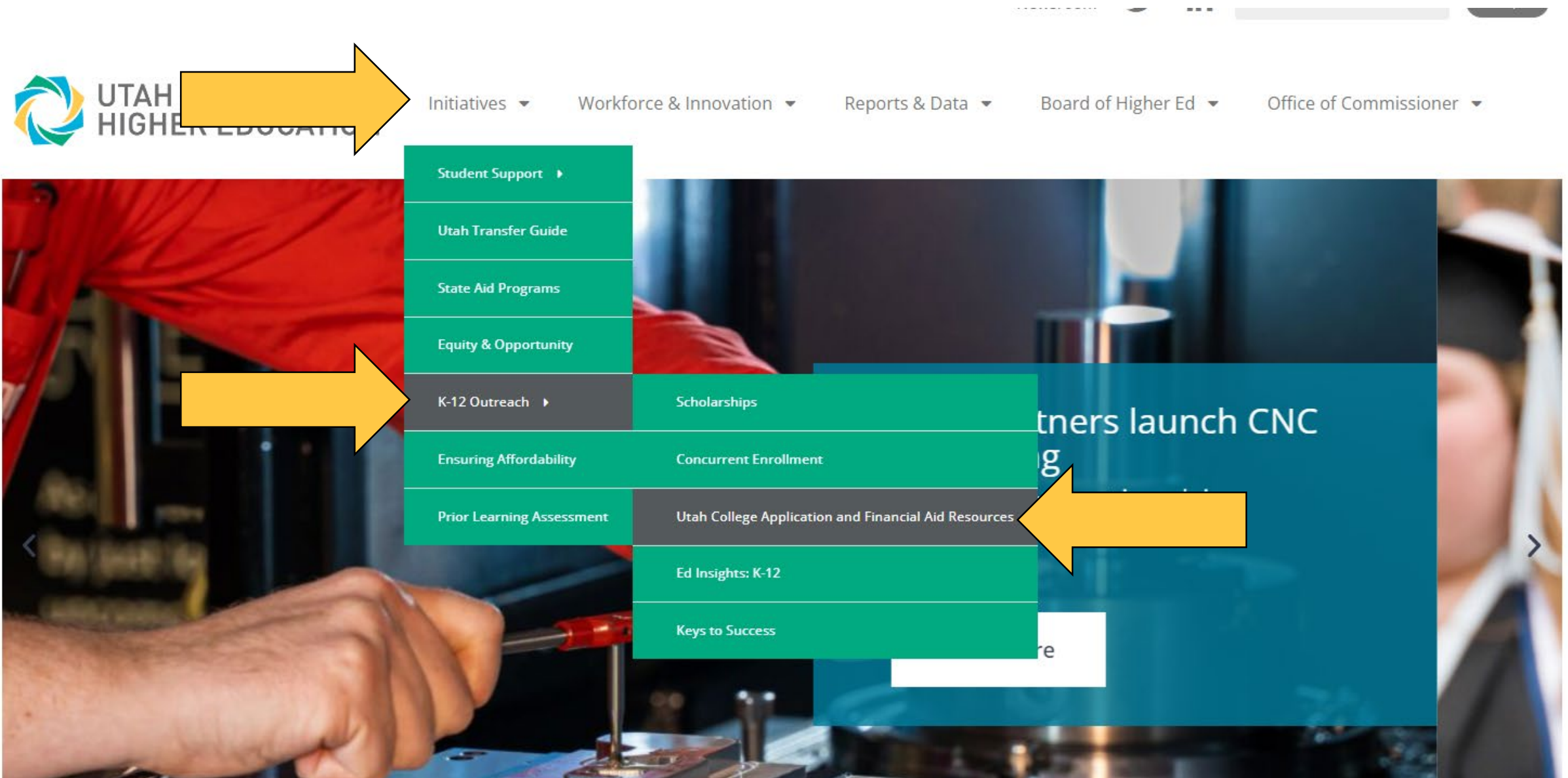
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Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships	Cappex.com
Unigo.com	Niche.com
Chegg.com/scholarships	Careeronestop.org

Introducing the Paying for College Toolkit

- The Toolkit includes 4 accompanying videos
 - Video #1 – Apply for Scholarships
 - Video #2 – File the FAFSA
 - Video #3 – Earn and Save
 - Video #4 – Creative Ways to Cut Costs
- Additionally, there are 13 earlier-generation videos available to share with students



How to Access the Toolkit?



Initiatives ▾ Workforce & Innovation ▾ Reports & Data ▾ Board of Higher Ed ▾ Office of Commissioner ▾

Student Support ▶

Utah Transfer Guide

State Aid Programs

Equity & Opportunity

K-12 Outreach ▶

Ensuring Affordability

Prior Learning Assessment

Scholarships

Concurrent Enrollment

Utah College Application and Financial Aid Resources

Ed Insights: K-12

Keys to Success

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Utah College Application and Financial Aid Resources

Resources for counselors and advisors



The goal of Utah College Application and Financial Aid Awareness Month is to provide every high school senior at our partner schools the opportunity to complete at least one college or university application during the school day and to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid during a coordinated FAFSA Night event with access to parents.



- [Survey](#)
- [More information](#) about the survey

Webinar Training

1. [Planning UCAW Events](#)
2. [Utah's Postsecondary Offerings](#)
3. [Collecting Data](#)

+ [High School UCAW Resources](#)

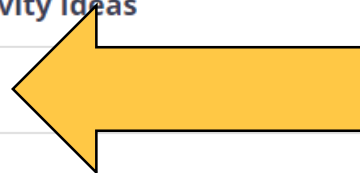
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+ [Paying for College Toolkit](#)

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+ [UCAW and FAFSA Resources in Spanish and Other Languages](#)

+ [Decision Day Resources](#)



— **Paying for College Toolkit**



- [Paying for College Full Presentation](#)
 - [PDF version](#)
- [Paying for College Simplified Presentation](#)
 - [PDF version](#)

Paying for College Handouts – Guides for Meetings and Presentations

- [Apply for Scholarships Handout](#)
 - [PDF version](#)
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Presentations by Topic

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FSA ID Updates

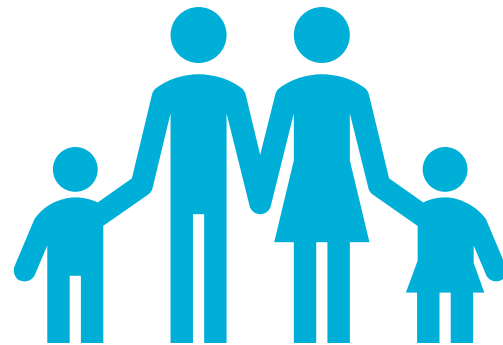
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3. Identity match requirement: It will take 1-3 business days to process a student's or parent's identity after creating an FSA ID—a necessary step to successfully transfer tax information to the new FAFSA.

The New FAFSA

Major Changes Include

SAI Student Aid Index (SAI) will replace the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

FTI-M Federal Tax Information – Module (FTI-M) will replace the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)



The form will have less questions compared to our current FAFSA, which has over 100



New logins (roles) and consent are required for tax transfer to FAFSA form (you must have an FSA ID to work on a FAFSA)

Get Money to Pay for School

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

2024-25 FAFSA Form

Start a New Form

Edit Existing Form

Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form](#)



Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In

Some states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

School Year

State of Residence

Find Deadlines

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)



Who Should Complete This?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs, which includes scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal work-study.



How Long Will it Take?

It takes most people less than an hour to complete, including gathering any documents or data needed.



What Do I Need?

- Verified StudentAid.gov account
- Social Security Number
- Parent or spouse contributor email addresses
- Income and asset information, if required

Sneak Peek

Register for FAFSA Boot Camp Part II: The New FAFSA

- <https://ushe.edu/k-12-outreach/ed-insights-k12/>

FAFSA Events and Volunteers

FAFSA Events

School registration for FAFSA Nights or UCAW Events

2023 UCAW/FAFSA Night List-Public						
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UCAW/FAFSA Night List of Events		UCAW Events		FAFSA Night Events		Need to change or update your event? Please click the link below to send request to update your event.
County	High School Name	UCAW Dates	UCAW Time	FAFSA Night Date	FAFSA Night Time	Event Change Request
Duchesne	Altamont High School	10/09/2023, 10/10/2023, 10/11/2023, 10/12/2023, 10/13/2023	8:00 AM - 2:30 PM	1/10/2024	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
Salt Lake	American Preparatory Academy WV2	10/23/2023, 10/24/2023, 10/25/2023, 10/26/2023, 10/27/2023	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	January 22, 2024	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	
Beaver	Beaver High School	10/12/2023	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	January 11, 2024	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	
Salt Lake	Bingham High School	10/10/2023, 10/11/2023	7:30 AM - 2:30 PM	January 4, 2024	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
Weber	Bonneville High School	10/30/2023, 10/31/2023, 11/01/2023, 11/02/2023, 11/03/2023	10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	January 18, 2024	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Davis	Bountiful High School	10/11/2023	7:30 AM - 9:15 AM	January 11, 2024	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	
Box Elder	Box Elder High School			January 22, 2024	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Iron	Cedar High School	10/16/2023, 10/17/2023, 10/18/2023, 10/19/2023	7:45 AM - 2:45 PM	January 29, 2024	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	
Davis	Clearfield High School	10/17/2023	9:45 AM - 11:00 AM			
Salt Lake	Copper Hills High School	10/10/2023, 10/11/2023	7:30 AM - 2:30 PM	2/6/2024	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
Salt Lake	Corner Canyon High School	10/09/2023, 10/10/2023, 10/11/2023, 10/12/2023	8:00 AM - 2:30 PM	January 9, 2024	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	
Davis	Davis High School	10/10/2023, 10/11/2023, 10/12/2023	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	2/5/2024	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Millard	Delta High School	10/11/2023	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	January 15, 2024	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10TioWFkCkpZQbgFp1yhWnPxSGxcPvejuzV10cqQWG34/edit?usp=sharing>

FAFSA Cup

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FAFSA Cup Awards

Apply March – end of April

- May be delayed with the new FAFSA opening date.
 - In your application, please share your innovative efforts to increase FAFSA completion at your schools.
1. **Winner:** Lunch, Trophy, \$1,500 Grant
 2. **Runner-up:** Lunch, Trophy, \$1,000 Grant
 3. **Third-Place Finisher:** Lunch, Certificate, \$500 Grant

More Resources Coming Soon

Including:

- Webinars
 - Earlier webinars are available now
- FAFSA walkthrough videos
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- Resources for FSA ID, FAFSA, and events
- FAFSA Best Practices – currently being finalized
- FAFSA Scholarship - requirements include:
 - Need to attend a FAFSA event (or FSA ID-type event could count)
 - Has to have filed the FAFSA by May 30
 - Needs to fill out a survey provided by my office
 - Survey will be provided closer to the release of the new FAFSA



2023 FAFSA Scholarship Winners

We select 12 winners who receive a one-time \$500 scholarship.

Our winners are from (randomly selected):

- Bear River High
- Cottonwood High
- Granger High
- 2 from Highland High
- Hunter High
- Layton High
- Maple Mountain High
- Payson High
- Pleasant Grove High
- Ridgeline High
- West High



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