

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Denver, showing a dense urban area with various buildings and a large green park in the foreground. In the background, there are mountains under a sky with soft, orange-tinted clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title text.

| Paying for College

What is college?

Any postsecondary education
(after high school)

- Technical college
- Community college
- University

Types:

- Certificates and other credentials
- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's degrees
- Graduate and professional degrees

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Certificates and
other Credentials

1 year or more
(depending on program)

Provides preparation for specific jobs and careers. Programs can typically be completed in a few weeks to a little over a year of full-time attendance. Many certificates build into and count toward associate degrees.

Examples:

- Certificates of Proficiency
- Certificates of Completion
- Apprenticeships
- Licenses
- Professional Certifications

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Associate Degrees

2 years

Provides preparation for employment or a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in two years of full-time attendance.

Examples:*

- Associate of Applied Science
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Arts

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Bachelor's Degrees

4 years

Provides a well-rounded education for success in a career or for graduate study. Programs can typically be completed in four years of full-time attendance.

Examples:

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Applied Science
- Professional Bachelor's Degree

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Graduate and
Professional Degrees
and Credentials

Typically 1-6 years
beyond a bachelor's
degree

Provides advanced preparation in a variety of careers that require education beyond a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in one to six years of full-time attendance, depending on the field of study.

Examples:

- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees
- Graduate Certificates

How much does college cost?

2022 Average Utah In-State Tuitions and Fees

<u>Technical College</u>	~\$95/credit + fees
<u>2-Year College</u>	\$3,173
<u>4-Year University</u>	\$6,921

2022 Average National Out-Of-State Tuitions and Fees

<u>Nationwide Colleges and Universities</u>	\$26,382
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2021 Average National Private Non-Profit Tuitions and Fees

<u>2-Year College</u>	\$18,000
<u>4-Year University</u>	\$37,600

*Don't forget external costs – Food, housing, books, supplies, transportation, etc.

2023-2024 FACTS-AT-A-GLANCE



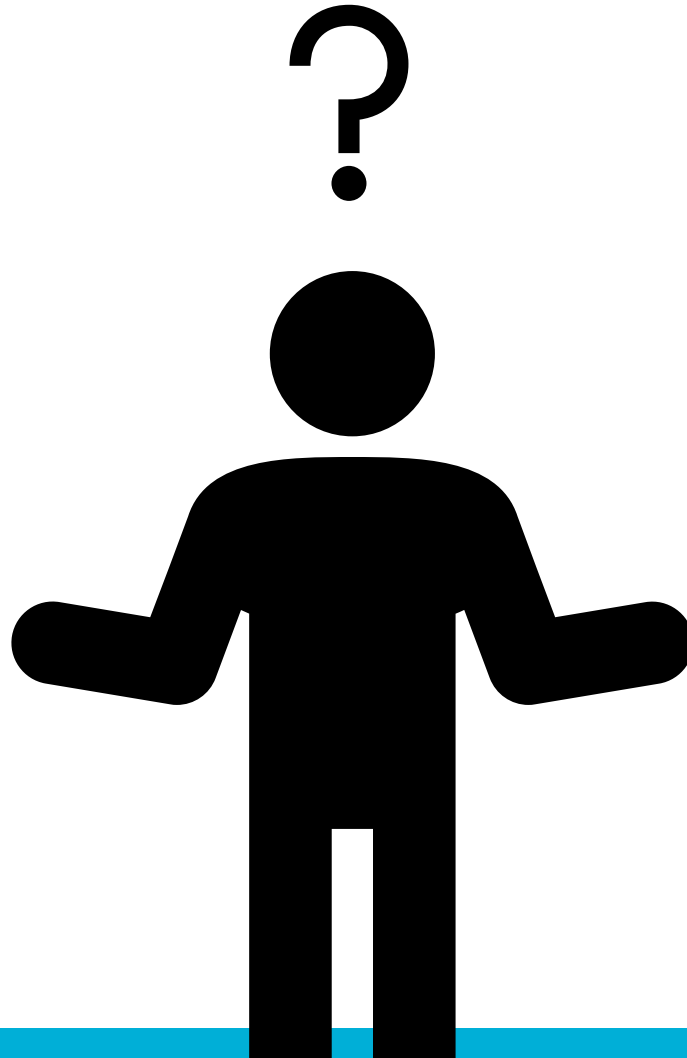
Institutions	Application Fee	2023-2024 Tuition & Fees	Admissions Requirements	Certificates & Degrees Available	Fall Admissions Deadline	Scholarship Application Deadline	Financial Aid Deadline	1-year Avg. On-Campus Housing & Meal Plan
Bridgerland Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	High school diploma or recognized equivalent btech.edu/students/enrollment	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	None	N/A
Brigham Young University	\$35	Church member: \$6,496 Non-member: \$12,992	Letters of recommendation, ecclesiastical endorsement, essays, GPA, high school or college transcripts. ACT/SAT optional. enrollment.byu.edu/applying	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Nov. 1, 2023 Final: Dec. 15, 2023	Dec. 15, 2023	For need-based scholarships Jan. 20, 2023	Housing: \$4,720 Meal Plan: \$5,000
BYU-Pathway	\$0	\$81/credit	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent, if over 18 years old byupathway.org/admissions	Certificates Associate's Bachelor's	Sept. 6, 2023	Sept. 18, 2023	N/A	N/A
Davis Tech College	HS student annual fee: \$40 Adult application fee: \$45	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: davistech.edu/programs	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Dixie Tech College	Application fee: \$40 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$105/credit + fees (vary by program)	Standardized testing, background checks, immunizations, etc., depends on program requirements dixietech.edu/apply	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Varies by program	N/A
Ensign College	\$35	Church member: \$3,888 Non-member: \$7,776	Domestic students: ecclesiastical endorsement & high school diploma or GED equivalent ensign.edu/how-to-apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Sept. 2, 2024	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Mountainland Tech College	Application fee: Program Specific Registration fee: \$40	\$120/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent <i>unless</i> applying for federal, state or scholarship aid mtec.edu/admissions	Certificates	Year-round	CTE Scholarship: Jan. 28, 2024	Year-round	N/A
Ogden-Weber Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$45	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Complete required testing per program otech.edu/how-to-enroll	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Salt Lake Community College	\$20	Resident: \$4,256.50 Non-resident: \$13,700.50	High school diploma or GED equivalent slcc.edu/admissions	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's	Aug. 2024	Feb. 1, 2024	Priority dates: Fall: Apr. 15, 2024 Spring: Nov. 1, 2023	N/A
Salt Lake Tech College (SLCC)	\$20	\$90/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent slcc.edu/sltech/admissions.aspx	Certificates	Aug. 2024	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Snow College	\$30	Resident: \$4,180 Non-resident: \$7,065	High school diploma or GED equivalent snow.edu/admissions/apply.html	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Year-round. Must be admitted by 1st day of class.	Mar. 1, 2024	June 1, 2024	Housing: \$2,368 Meal Plan: \$2,198
Southern Utah University	\$0 (subject to change)	Resident: \$6,769.50 Non-resident: \$20,585.50	2.7 GPA = General Acceptance 2.3 GPA = Provisional Acceptance/Review Committee suu.edu/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Aug. 28, 2024	Resident: Mar. 1, 2024 Non-Resident: 1st day of Fall	May 1, 2024	Housing: \$4,181 Meal Plan: \$2,794

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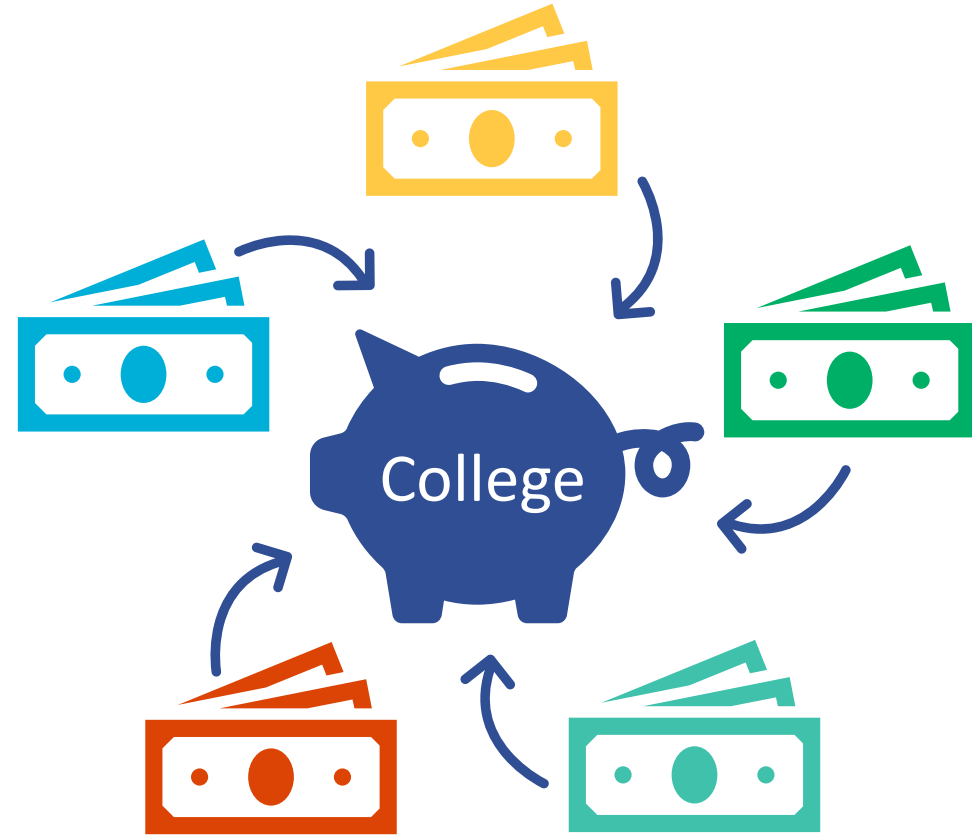
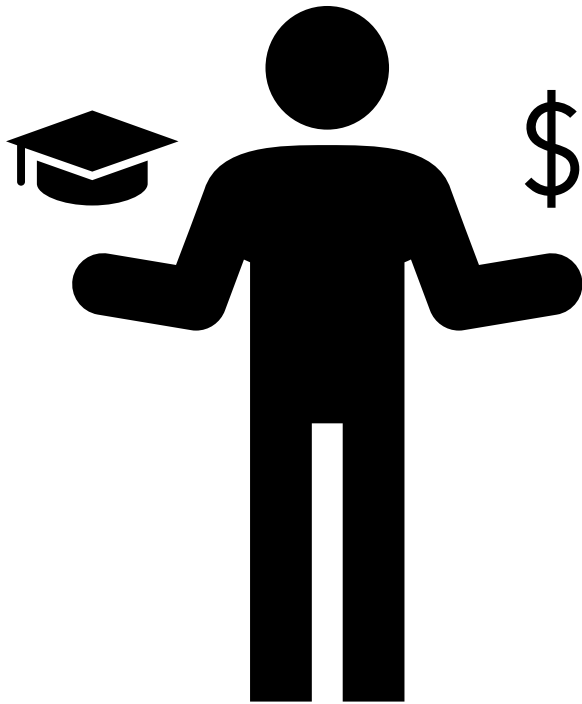
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Southwest Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent stech.edu/admissions/enrollment	Certificates	Year-round	None	None	N/A
Tooele Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$85/credit + fees (vary by program)	High school diploma or GED equivalent tooeletech.edu/how-to-enroll	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Varies by program	N/A
Uintah Basin Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$100/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: ubtech.edu/certificate-programs	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
University of Utah	Utah first-time freshman or tribal HS student: \$0 Other undergraduate students: \$55	Resident: \$9,400 Non-resident: \$31,104	Required: Common Application, high school transcripts. Optional: ACT/SAT scores, personal statement, letters of recommendation & Honors College application section (requires a short essay). admissions.utah.edu/apply	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Early Action: Dec. 1, 2023 Final: Apr. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Priority: Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: \$8,161 Meal Plan: \$4,815
Utah State University	\$50	Resident: \$8,305 Non-resident: \$24,223	2.8 High School GPA; (2.79 GPA & below - considered for USU Earned Admission Path) usu.edu/admissions/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Mar. 1, 2024 Final: Aug. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: \$4,464 Dining: \$4,180
Utah State University Eastern	\$50	Resident: \$4,651 Non-resident: \$12,426	High school diploma or GED equivalent eastern.usu.edu/admissions/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Sept. 1, 2024	July 1, 2024	Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: \$2,040 Meal Plan: \$2,300
Utah State University Statewide Campuses	\$50	Resident: \$7,903 Non-resident: \$23,821	2.8 High School GPA; (2.79 GPA & below - considered for USU Earned Admission Path) statewide.usu.edu/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Mar. 1, 2024 Final: Sept. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Feb. 1, 2024	N/A
Utah Tech University	\$35	Resident: \$6,074 Non-resident: \$17,644	High school diploma or GED equivalent admissions.utahtech.edu	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's	Year-round	Mar. 1, 2024	Priority: May 1, 2024	Housing: \$4,485 Meal Plan: \$3,000
Utah Valley University	\$35	Resident: \$6,270 Non-resident: \$17,830	High school diploma or GED equivalent uvu.edu/welcome	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's	Aug. 1, 2024	Mar. 1, 2024	Year-round	N/A
Weber State University	\$30	Resident: \$6,390.66 Non-resident: \$17,084.92	High school diploma or GED equivalent weber.edu/admissions/apply.html	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Year-round	Dec. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2024	Housing: \$4,932 Meal Plan: \$4,400
Westminster University	\$0	\$41,416	Recommended curriculum, HS transcript & standardized test scores, or essay westminsteru.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Early Action: Dec. 1, 2023 Regular: Feb. 1, 2024	Year-round	Year-round	Housing: \$6,716 Meal Plan: \$3,846

Information is subject to change. For specific questions, please contact the institution's admissions office directly.

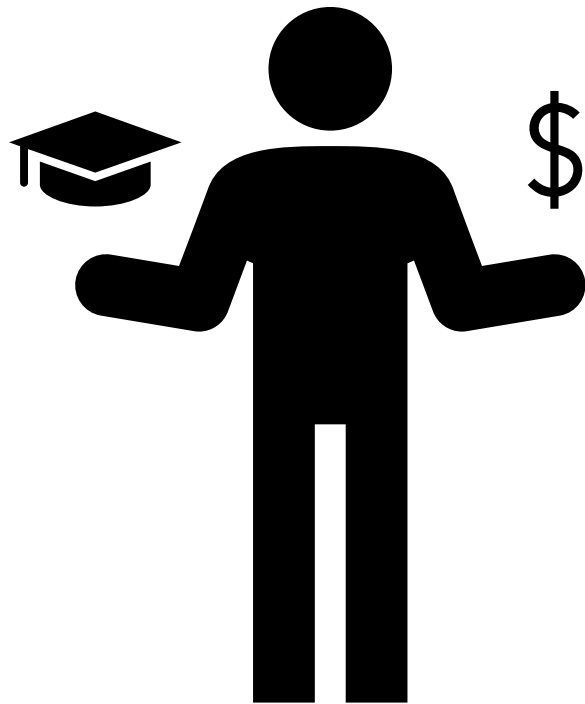
Where should I start?



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Apply for Scholarships



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

Common types of scholarships:



Merit-based scholarships



Identity-based scholarships



Need-based scholarships



Field of study scholarships



Athletic scholarships



Creative or artistic scholarships



Activity-based scholarships



Military scholarships

Where to begin:

1. School counseling or guidance office
2. Apply through your college or university
3. Explore employer-sponsored tuition
4. Community scholarships
5. Online scholarship search
6. File the FAFSA

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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:
 - Where can I find a list of scholarships and deadlines?
 - Are there any scholarships specific to our school?
 - Where have students received scholarships from our school scholarships in the past?
 - What tips or workshops are available to teach me to be a better applicant?
 - What resources should I use?
- Apply to as many scholarships as possible.

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
 - Such as band, dance, sciences, social sciences, STEM, etc.
- Leadership scholarships
 - Both externally and internally
- Private scholarships
 - Some private donors provide opportunities through the college





Explore employer-sponsored tuition

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

Community scholarships

Many community organizations and local businesses provide scholarship opportunities.

- Inquire at your credit union
- Check with local businesses
- Ask community organizations

National scholarships vs. local scholarships

- Local scholarships can increase chances of earning the award due to smaller applicant pools

Apply for small scholarships, too, \$250-1,000 scholarships can reduce out-of-pocket costs



Search for scholarships online

An online search for scholarships can go a long way.

Some websites and apps we recommend are:

- USHE.edu/state-scholarships-aid
- Key to Success app – KTSutah.org
- Myscholly.com
- Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships
- Unigo.com
- Chegg.com/scholarships
- Goingmerry.com
- Fastweb.com
- Scholarships.com
- Cappex.com
- Niche.com
- Careeronestop.org

***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.**

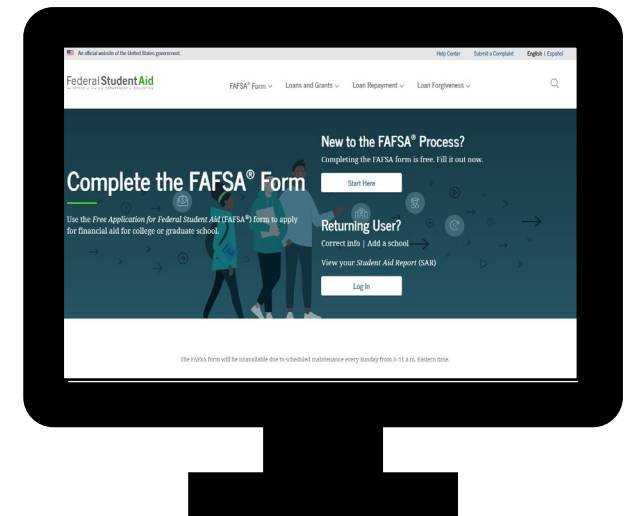
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Although the FAFSA doesn't give scholarships, it may be required to qualify for scholarships.

- Examples of scholarships that could require the FAFSA:
 - State scholarships (e.g. Opportunity Scholarship and Utah Promise Scholarship)
 - Technical college, community college, and university scholarships
 - Private scholarships

Commonly, scholarships requiring the FAFSA are based on need. However, that isn't always the case.

- The best example is the Opportunity Scholarship which is merit-based.



Video Resources

- What's Included in the Cost of College?
 - <https://youtu.be/DDBSXNpShcE>
- The Financial Aid Order of Operations
 - https://youtu.be/d_gAv2QSpiQ
- Tips for Searching and Applying for Scholarships
 - <https://youtu.be/AeD8Zslag4o>
- 4 Steps for Applying for Scholarships
 - <https://youtu.be/LDDI-0RJCG8>
- 4 Tips for Winning Scholarships
 - https://youtu.be/U_4wiiDJPBQ

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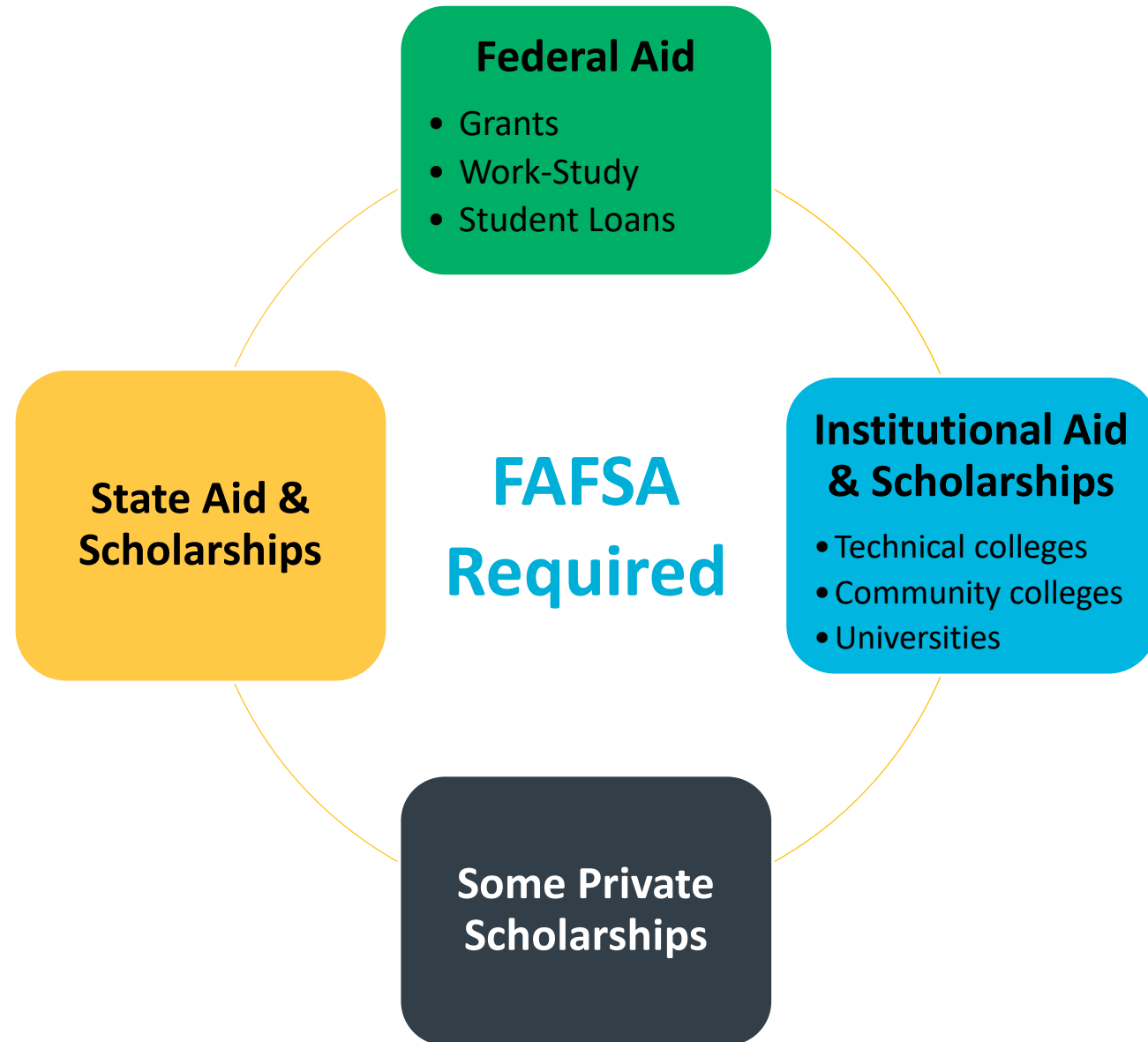
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What is the FAFSA?

- 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?



What will the FAFSA ask?

The FAFSA attempts to calculate a family's ability to pay for college

The FAFSA will ask for:



Demographic information like age and family size



High school information and college interests



Tax information, income, and assets for the student and parent(s)

FAFSA Timeline



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Create an FSA ID and complete the FAFSA
(Fall)



Receive, complete, and return offer letter
(Winter/Spring)



If eligible for Work-Study, apply for jobs on campus
(Summer/Year-Round)



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Complete FAFSA verification
(if selected, Winter/Spring)



Complete entrance counseling & sign Master Promissory Note
(Federal Loans only)



Aid is disbursed to the college
(happens each term or semester)

What is the Student Aid Index (SAI)?

- Colleges use your SAI to calculate what aid a student qualifies for
 - $\text{Need} = \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} - \text{Student Aid Index (SAI)} - \text{Other Financial Assistance (OFA)}$
- Completing the FAFSA generates your SAI
- A lower SAI demonstrates a higher need and offers access to need-based aid
- With higher SAI, aid options may still be available
- Research alternative ways to pay for college
- Note: most financial resources require FAFSA completion



What is FAFSA Verification?

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



What is a financial aid offer letter?

- A letter sent by the college or university, usually via email or student portal
- The letter outlines types and amounts of aid offered:

Federal aid	State aid	Institutional aid
Same amount between colleges	Varies between colleges	Varies between colleges

Use these offers to “shop around”



Student Loans

- All students who complete the FAFSA will be awarded a student loan
- Loans are not automatically disbursed to a student's college account
- Students must either accept or decline their loan
- Exhaust all financial resources before accepting a student loan

AWARD(S) ACCEPTED

Award Type	Offer Date	Fall	Spring	Summer	Total	Action
HEERF III Grant	09/16/2021	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	Accept
Federal Work Study UG	07/16/2021	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	Accept
FDL Subsidized Loan	04/16/2021	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	Decline



What is Entrance Counseling?

- If you borrow federal student loans, Entrance Counseling is required before loans are disbursed for use.
- Online modules explain loan terms and conditions:
 - Interest
 - How to remain eligible for aid
 - Repayment



What is work-study?

- A part-time job, usually on-campus, that is federally funded
- Positions are usually flexible with class schedules
- Not all students qualify. If they do, an amount will be included in the offer letter
- Students must apply for work-study jobs
- Earning does not go against aid for future years in college
- Other benefits

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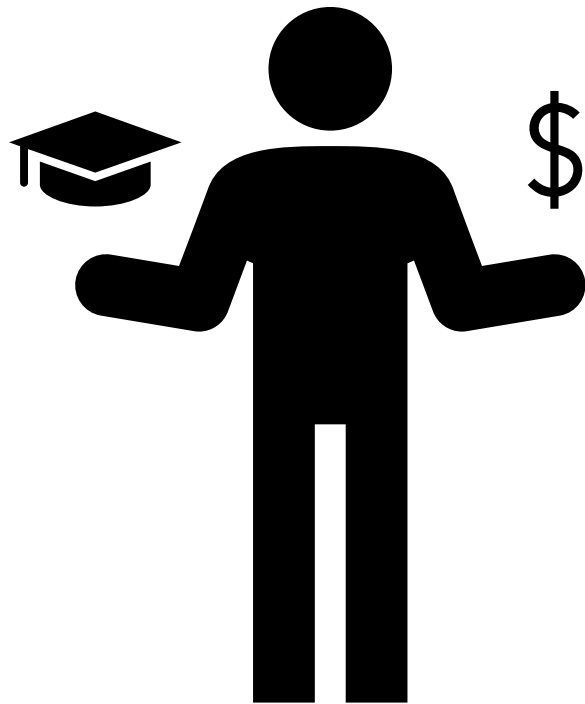


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Video Resources

- What is the FAFSA?
 - <https://youtu.be/HlhpfcHohs>
- After the FAFSA
 - <https://youtu.be/7PFezwyMFeo>
- Should I Borrow Federal Student Loans for College?
 - https://youtu.be/rHhmNSkz_BY
- Federal Student Loan Types
 - <https://youtu.be/8WCWKZeCCGI>
- Federal vs Private Student Loans
 - <https://youtu.be/yBcrSVbLSI0>
- Federal Work Study
 - <https://youtu.be/1A86FTM5waQ>

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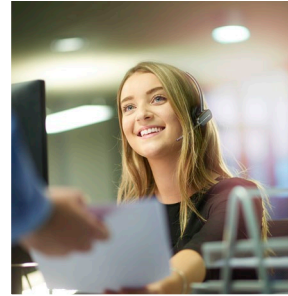
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Consider Working While in College

Work-study jobs, part-time employment, seasonal roles, and internships all offer opportunities to learn and grow outside of the classroom while earning a degree.

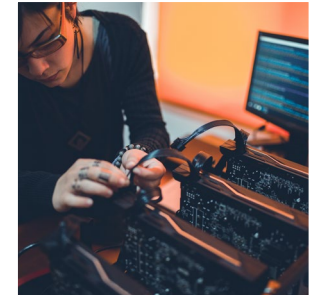


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Work-Study Programs

Part-Time Employment



Summer or Seasonal Jobs

Internships



Federal Work-Study Programs



Work study is a part-time position, usually offered on campus. Many work-study jobs offer flexible schedules around classes and exam calendars and can help build connections with faculty and peers.

Work-Study Job Opportunities:

- Student Center Role
- Research Assistant
- Off-Campus Position
- Fitness Center Position
- Library Support Role

Part-Time Employment

Students can be more successful in education when working part-time compared to working full-time.

Balancing work and academics can be a challenge, but it's important to make studying a priority.

Seek opportunities that align with your interests and career goals! They may provide valuable experiences and connections.



Here are some questions to ask when looking for employment and earning your degree at the same time:

- Will this job bring me closer to my goal of graduation?
- Will I be able to manage the work-load along with school?
- Is this job getting me experience and networking opportunities in my field of study?



Summer and Seasonal Jobs

One of the best ways to save for school is by taking advantage of working full-time during seasonal breaks, during the summer or winter.

Explore seasonal employment opportunities, like:

- Summer programs
- Become a lifeguard, camp counselor, or outdoor guide
- Retail opportunities
- Hospitality positions in restaurants, hotels, etc.
- Check local listings for options in the community.

Internships


Internships are professional learning experiences that give students exposure to a business or organization related to the student's field of study.

Internships can be a good way to gain:

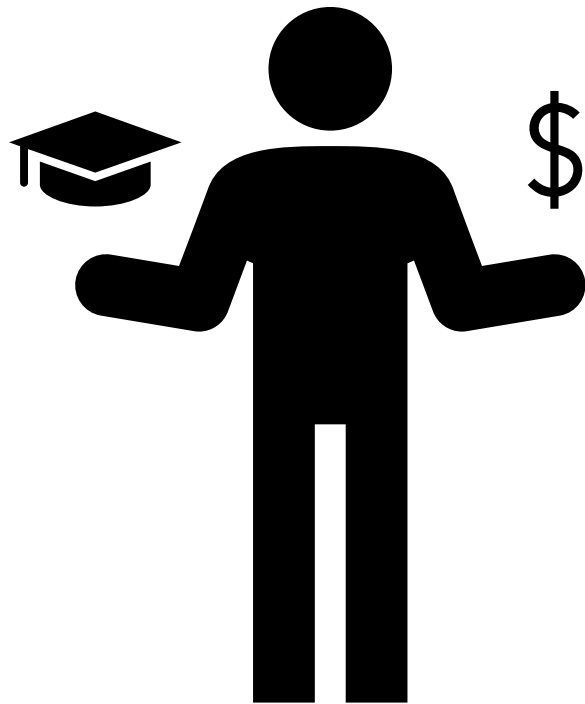
- Hands-on experience
- Resume-building assets
- Networking opportunities
- Credits to graduate (required by some programs)
- Monetary compensation (sometimes)



Saving Options

Bank or Credit Union	my529 	ABLE Account
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earns interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment account• Visit my529.org for information on Utah's plan <p>Short video - https://youtu.be/tur4nwALKJE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment account, but for qualified disability expenses• ableut.com• stableaccount.com

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Plan ahead and save more

It's possible to lower out-of-pocket costs for college by planning ahead and learning about higher education options available in Utah.

It can be as simple as earning good grades to qualify for scholarships, or volunteering in the community.

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High School Students



Increase GPA by earning good grades. Stay focused, and study



Take the ACT/SAT exams more than once to earn a higher score

- Pro-Tip: Focus on a different subject each time to increase the score in each category. The highest score of each category is used for what colleges are looking for, not the best score from one exam.



Volunteer

- Volunteer in the community, or participate in school leadership, clubs, or extracurriculars like intermural sports or performing arts



1, 2, 4, or more (right college fit)

- Not all college degrees require a four-year commitment or more. There are technical certifications and associate degrees offered by Utah colleges that can equate to one to two-year programs, depending on the field of study.

High School Students

Earn college credit in high school by participating in these programs:

- Concurrent Enrollment (CE)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Dual Enrollment classes at a technical college

College Students



Housing: To reduce housing expenses, consider living at home or with roommates to save on on-campus housing



Textbooks: Save on textbooks by renting or buying used copies. Students can also use the library reserve as an alternative to brand-new textbooks.



Take advantage of plateau tuition

- Plateau tuition – or “banded” tuition – is a set tuition price for undergraduate students within a set range of credits. In other words, at almost all Utah colleges, it is the same tuition and fees for students to take 15 credits a semester as it is for them to take 12.



Earn credits to graduate on time

College Students



Become a resident assistant for on-campus housing and save on tuition or consider running for student leadership positions that offer scholarships. Becoming a presidential ambassador can also be beneficial for some students.



Research and ask about student discounts out and around town



See if your college provides transportation benefits which can reduce transportation and commuter expenses



Consider the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) by WICHE if attending college out-of-state

- Through the WUE program, students enroll in colleges or universities outside their home state and pay no more than 150% of that institution's resident tuition rate. Since nonresident tuition can cost 300% (or more) of resident rates, the WUE discount saves students \$9,000 a year on average.

Video Resources

- Concurrent Enrollment Saves Time and Money
 - https://youtu.be/byCK_Ap5eT4
- Tips for Cutting College Costs
 - <https://youtu.be/l2mAPjVmvGM>

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Individual Student Situations

Deferment

The option to postpone or delay college enrollment and scholarships for a period of time

- What reasons do students have to defer college?
 - Military service
 - Religious services
 - Humanitarian service
 - Personal circumstances such as illness, family responsibilities, or financial constraints
 - Research, internships, or other educational experiences
- Some reasons for deferment may not be eligible depending on the college. Contact the college for eligible reasons to defer attendance.
- **Make sure to inform the college or university about plans to defer admission and scholarships**



Deferment

What can be deferred?	What CANNOT be deferred?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollment• Scholarships• Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admissions• Federal aid• Deadlines for aid or scholarships

**Each college has different policies and procedures. The examples above may not be or could be deferred depending on the institution.*

Most colleges require that students apply, be admitted, and be accepted before they can defer. In short, students usually have to decide on a college before being able to defer attendance.

Federal financial aid such as grants, work-study, and student loans CANNOT be deferred.

However, we recommend that students still complete the FAFSA and apply for scholarships.

Why?

- Backup plan
- Some deferrable scholarships require FAFSA completion, such as the Opportunity Scholarship
- The form auto-fills information the next time, making it easier to complete upon return
- More resources and assistance are available while students are still in high school. So, learning and understanding how to apply to college and file the FAFSA are skills students can rely on later when they return to college after

DREAMers, Immigrants, and International Students

FAFSA Citizenship Terminology

- **U.S. Citizens**

- Naturalized and born citizens

- **Eligible Non-Citizens**

- Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers “eligible” for federal aid
- Categories include: Permanent Residents (Green Card), Refugees, Asylum Grantees, etc.

- **Ineligible Students**

- Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers “ineligible” for federal aid or those without documentation
- Categories include: Undocumented Students, those with DACA, TPS, DED, etc.

- **International Students**

- Foreign students who are going to attend (or attending) college in the United States
- International students are ineligible for federal aid from the FAFSA

FAFSA FAQs: Undocumented Parents

Question:

- Can a student complete the FAFSA if they are a U.S. citizen (or eligible non-citizen) but their parent(s) are undocumented?

Answer:

- **Yes.** Their parent(s) or adoptive parent(s) will need to create an FSA ID and provide consent on the student's FAFSA to qualify for any aid.
- If parents are hesitant about sharing personal information, please know that the Department of Education's current policy states that it does not share data with immigration enforcement entities.

FAFSA FAQs: Eligible Non-Citizens

Question:

- How would I know if a student is considered an “eligible non-citizen”?
- Can a student complete the FAFSA if they are an “eligible non-citizen”?

Answer:

- **Yes.** Eligible non-citizens should complete the FAFSA, they will need to provide their “Alien Registration Number” and Social Security Number on the form.
- **Examples categories are: U.S. permanent residents (Green Card), refugees, or asylum grantees**
- Please review documentation that Federal Student Aid stipulates as “eligible” on the following website:
 - <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens>

Scholarship Resources for Refugee and Asylee Students

- **One Refugee** – onerefugee.org
- **Immigrants Rising** - immigrantsrising.org/resource/overview/
- **University Alliance for Refugees and At-Risk Migrants (UARRM)** - uarrm.org/toolkit
- **Opportunity Scholarship & Financial Aid Estimator:** studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/
- thedream.us



FAFSA FAQs: Ineligible Students

Question:

- If a student is **ineligible** for federal student aid (grants, work-study, student loans), what options do they have to pay for college?

Answer:

- Private scholarships are always an option
- If a student needs to do the FAFSA to qualify for a scholarship, work with their college's financial aid office or Dream Centers (UofU/SLCC)
- In-state tuition may also be an option – have the student ask their college or university if they qualify under House Bill 144

Scholarship Lists and Databases for Ineligible Students

- University of Utah Dream Center: dream.utah.edu
- Salt Lake Community College Dream Center: slcc.edu/dreamcenter/
- Utah State University: usu.edu/financial-support/undocumented-student-resources
- Weber State University: weber.edu/undocumented/scholarships.html
- Utah Tech University: scholarships.utahtech.edu/non-resident-freshman-scholarships-2/
- Southern Utah University: suu.edu/diversity/undocumented-daca-resources.html
- Davis Technical College: davistech.edu/scholarships
- Utah Valley University: uvu.edu/studentaffairs/initiatives/



Legislation

House Bill (HB) 144

Utah law allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition if the student:

- Attended a Utah high school for at least 3 years
- Has a Utah high school diploma or Utah GED
 - Submit a high school transcript with graduation date listed
- Signs and submits an HB 144 affidavit

House Bill (HB) 118

- For students who are foreign nationals or legally admitted into the United States with F-1, H-4, or J-1 visas

House Bill (HB) 102

- Provides earlier access to in-state tuition depending on the student's immigration status



FAFSA FAQs: International Students

Question:

- Can I file the FAFSA as an international student?

Answer:

- Most foreign citizens are not eligible for federal aid and will need a student visa to study in the U.S. Ask college admissions for more information about International Student Services.

Institution International Student Services

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Students with Disabilities

Modifications vs. Accommodations

Modifications: K-12

- Modifications are made to assignments and the curriculum to meet the Free Access to Public Education, also known as FAPE, requirements in secondary education
 - E.g., reduced number of questions on assignments, reduction topics covered in class, use a word list or list of math formulas

Accommodations: Higher Education

- Accommodations are made on college campuses to create accessibility for students with disabilities, but adjustments aren't made to the course requirements or the curriculum
 - E.g., specialized tutoring, recorded/audiobooks, class notetakers, preferential seating, lecture notes, study guides, etc.

Source: <https://www.parentcenterhub.org/accommodations/>

FERPA form - Student Information Release Form

“FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.” – U.S. Department of Education

- The student needs to request the FERPA form. A parent cannot.
 - The student must agree to who is listed as the recipient in order to release records if it's an individual other than the student with access to records
- This can be beneficial if the student is deferring enrollment or taking a gap year
 - e.g., military service, ecclesiastical mission, humanitarian service, etc.

Remember that if you want a trusted adult involved in your college information, meetings, and conversations, you should want this form signed

Source: <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

Institution Disability Resource Centers

Public Colleges and Universities



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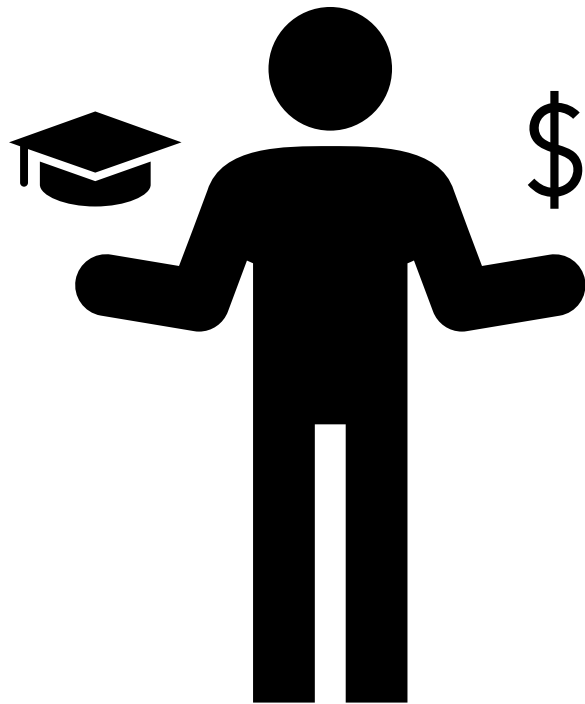
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An aerial photograph of a city, likely Denver, showing a dense urban area with various buildings and green spaces. In the background, there are mountains under a sky with soft, orange-tinted clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

Questions?

Contact Information