

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Denver, Colorado, showing a mix of green trees and urban buildings. In the background, there are mountains under a sky with soft, golden light from the setting or rising sun. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'Paying for College' in white. A thin white vertical line is positioned to the left of the 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



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How much does college cost?

2024 Average Utah In-State Tuition and Fees (per year)

<u>Public Technical College</u>	~\$99/credit + fees
<u>2-Year Public College</u>	\$4,382
<u>4-Year Public University</u>	\$7,531

2024 Average National Out-Of-State Tuitions and Fees (per year)

<u>National 2-Year Public College</u>	\$8,415
<u>National 4-Year Public University</u>	\$27,457

2024 Average National Private Non-Profit Tuitions and Fees (per year)

<u>National 2-Year Non-Profit Private College</u>	\$20,019
<u>National 4-Year Non-Profit Private University</u>	\$38,421

*These costs don't include external costs – Food, housing, books, supplies, transportation, etc.

2024-2025 FACTS-AT-A-GLANCE

Institution	Application Fee	2024-2025 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)	HS diploma, GED or recognized equivalent btech.edu/students/enrollment	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	For Pell Grants, by the last date of eligible enrollment or June 30	N/A
Brigham Young University	\$35	Church member: \$6,688 Non-member: \$13,376	Letters of recommendation, ecclesiastical endorsement, essays, GPA, HS or college transcripts. ACT/SAT optional. enrollment.byu.edu/applying	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Nov. 1, 2024 Final: Dec. 16, 2024	Dec. 16, 2024	For scholarships consideration Jan. 20, 2025	Housing: \$5,150 Meal Plan: \$5,250
BYU-Pathway	\$0	Church member: \$83/credit Non-member: \$104/credit	Does NOT require a HS diploma or GED equivalent, if over 18 years old byupathway.org/admissions	Certificates Associate's Bachelor's (offered by BYU-Idaho and Ensign College)	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Davis Tech College	HS student annual fee: \$40 Adult application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: davistech.edu/programs	Certificates	Year-round	Continuing after HS graduation: Mar. 31, 2025 All others: Year-round	Continuing after HS graduation: Mar. 31, 2025 All others: Year-round	N/A
Dixie Tech College	Application fee: \$0 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	\$0	Church member: \$4,004 Non-member: \$8,008	Domestic students: ecclesiastical endorsement & HS diploma or GED equivalent ensign.edu/how-to-apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Sept. 1, 2025	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Mountainland Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$40	\$120/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a HS diploma or GED equivalent <i>unless</i> applying for federal, state, private or scholarship aid mtec.edu/admissions	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Ogden-Weber Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$45	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a HS 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	\$0	Resident: \$4,426 Non-resident: \$14,243.50	Some programs may require a HS diploma or GED equivalent slcc.edu/admissions	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's	Aug. 20, 2025	Feb. 1, 2025	Year-round	N/A
Salt Lake Tech College	\$0	\$99/credit + fees (vary by program)	Some programs may require a HS diploma or GED equivalent slcc.edu/sltech/admissions.aspx	Certificates	Aug. 20, 2025	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Snow College	\$0	Resident: \$4,338 Non-resident: \$14,288	HS diploma or GED equivalent snow.edu/admissions/apply.html	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Must be admitted by 1st day of class.	Mar. 1, 2025	June 1, 2025	Housing: \$2,340 Meal Plan: \$2,655
Southern Utah University	\$0	Resident: \$6,962 Non-resident: \$21,192	HS diploma or GED equivalent 2.3 GPA or below = Provisional Acceptance suu.edu/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Aug. 27, 2025	Resident: Mar. 1, 2025 Non-Resident: 1st day of Fall classes	May 1, 2025	Housing: \$4,282 Meal Plan: \$2,984

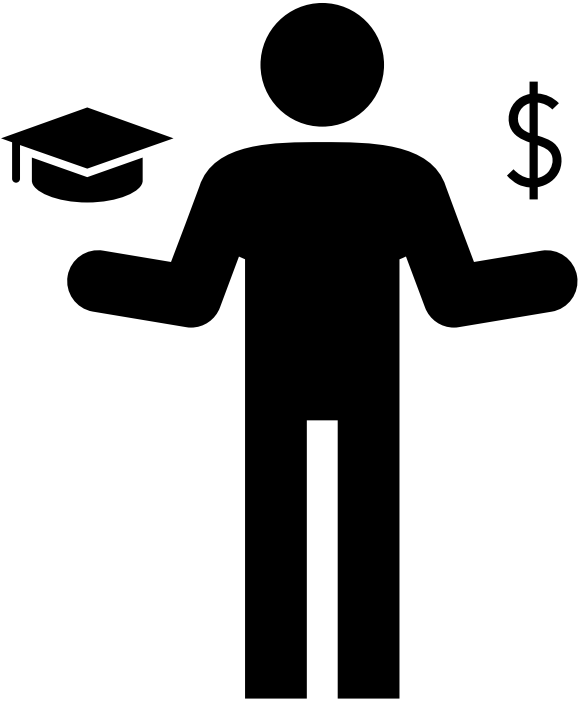
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Southwest Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a HS diploma or GED equivalent stech.edu/admissions/enrollment	Certificates	Year-round	General: 15 th of each month Tech Ed Scholarship: Apr. 11, 2025	Year-round	N/A
Tooele Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$85/credit + fees (vary by program)	HS 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	\$0	Resident: \$12,424 Non-resident: \$34,900	Required: Common App, HS transcripts. Optional: ACT/SAT scores, personal essay, and letters of recommendation. admissions.utah.edu/apply	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Dec. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2024	Priority: Feb. 1, 2025	Housing: \$9,363 Meal Plan: \$5,349
Utah State University	\$0	Resident: \$8,560 Non-resident: \$24,993	2.8 HS GPA 2.79 GPA or 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, 2025 Final: Aug. 1, 2025	Priority: Dec. 1, 2024	Priority: Feb. 1, 2025	Housing: \$4,676 Dining: \$4,400
Utah State University Eastern	\$0	Resident: \$4,786 Non-resident: \$12,811	HS diploma or GED equivalent eastern.usu.edu/admissions/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Sept. 1, 2025	Priority: Apr. 1, 2025	Priority: Feb. 1, 2025	Housing: \$2,482 Meal Plan: \$3,178
Utah State University Statewide Campuses	\$0	Resident: \$8,143 Non-resident: \$24,576	2.8 HS GPA 2.79 GPA or 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, 2025 Final: Sept. 1, 2025	Priority: Dec. 1, 2024	Priority: Feb. 1, 2025	N/A
Utah Tech University	\$0	Resident: \$6,306 Non-resident: \$18,246	HS diploma or GED equivalent admissions.utahtech.edu	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's	Year-round	Mar. 1, 2025	Priority: May 1, 2025	Housing: \$5,109 Meal Plan: \$3,000
Utah Valley University	\$0	Resident: \$6,507 Non-resident: \$18,489	HS diploma or GED equivalent uvu.edu/welcome	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's	Aug. 1, 2025	Mar. 1, 2025	Year-round	N/A
Weber State University	\$0	Resident: \$6,557.24 Non-resident: \$17,544.82	HS diploma or GED equivalent weber.edu/admissions/apply.html	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Year-round	Priority: Dec. 1, 2024	Priority: Apr. 1, 2025	Housing: \$4,072 Meal Plan: \$3,380
Westminster University	\$0	\$43,260	Recommended curriculum, HS transcript & standardized test scores (optional), or essay westminsteru.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Early Action: Dec. 1, 2024 Regular: Feb. 1, 2025	Year-round	Year-round	Housing: \$7,220 Meal Plan: \$4,860

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Paying for College Student Bundle



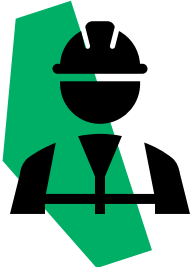
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Scholarships



File the
FAFSA



Earn and
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Creative Ways
to Cut Costs



Apply for Scholarships



Scholarships
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Scholarship
Scavenger Hunt
Activity



Scholarship
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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



Special interest/skills/attributes 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
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)



File the FAFSA



[FAFSA Handout](#)



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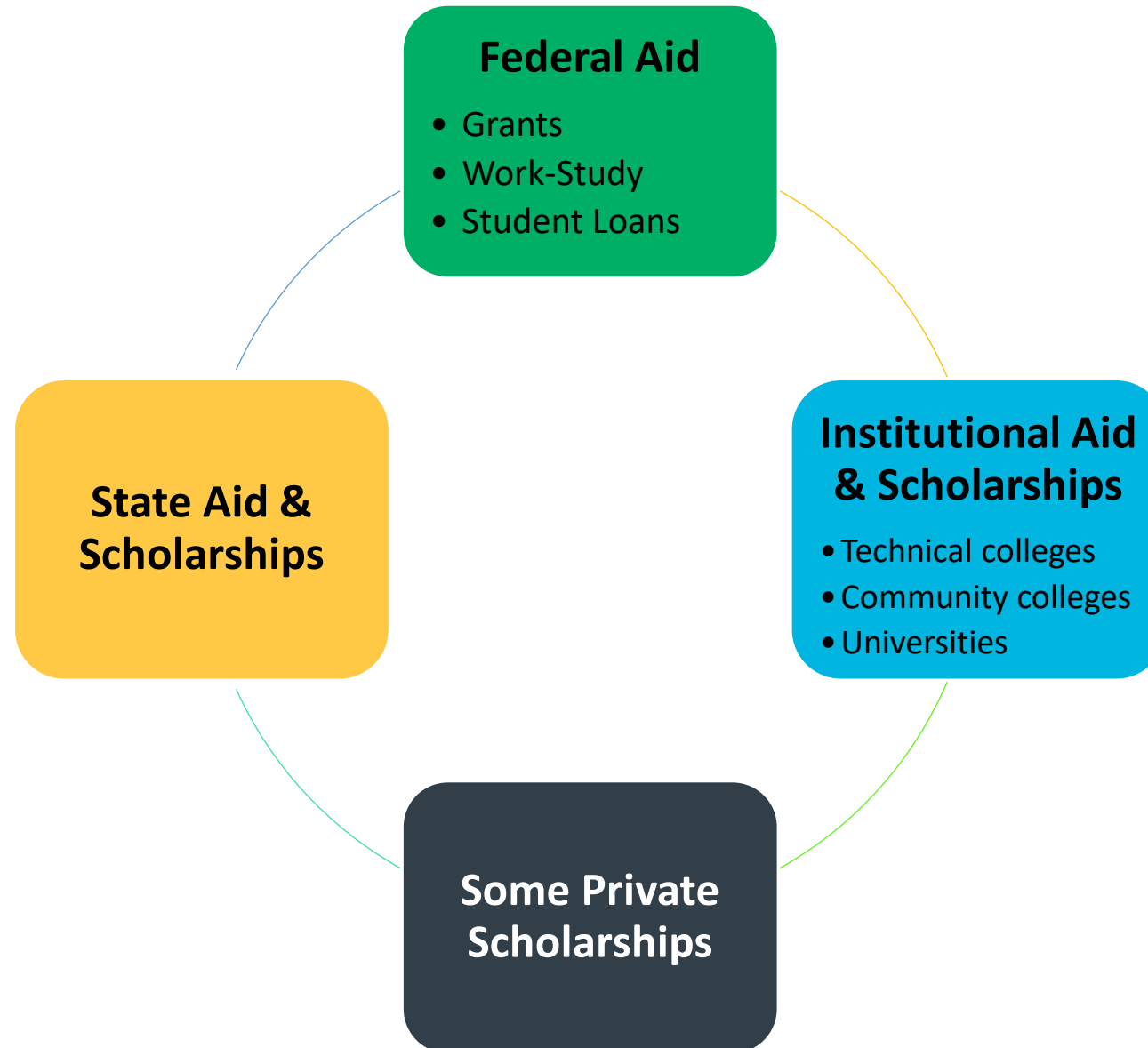
[FAFSA YouTube or Video Downloads](#)

What is the FAFSA?

- It stands for **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid
- FAFSA is the **gateway** to financial aid and many scholarship opportunities
- High school students should start to apply **October 1st** of their senior year **AND** every year of college
- Go to **studentaid.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. It will ask for:



Demographic information like age and family size



High school information and college interest



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

FAFSA Timeline

Create a studentaid.gov account
and complete the FAFSA
(Fall)



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



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



1st DAY OF
12th
GRADE



Complete FAFSA
verification
(if selected, Winter/Spring)

For federal loans, complete
Entrance Counseling & sign the
Master Promissory Note



Accepted aid is automatically
disbursed to the college
(At the beginning of each term or semester)



1st DAY OF
COLLEGE

Earn and Save



[Earn and Save Handout](#)



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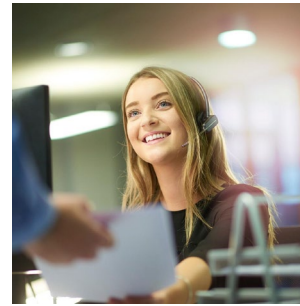
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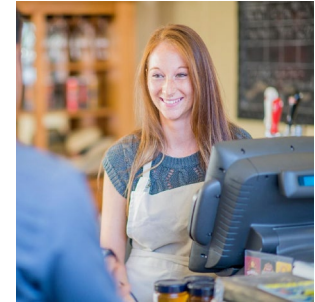
Consider working while in college

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.



Work-Study Program

Part-Time Employment




Summer or Seasonal Jobs

Internships



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 <div data-bbox="1217 1133 1327 1229"></div> <p data-bbox="1098 1250 1447 1286">Click for my529 video</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment account, but for qualified disability expenses• ableut.com• stableaccount.com

Creative Ways to Cut Costs



Cut Costs
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College Benefits
Bingo Activity



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While in high school

- Increase GPA by earning good grades. Stay focused and study
- Take the ACT/SAT exams multiple times to improve your score
- Volunteer in the community or participate in school leadership, clubs, or extracurricular activities like intramural sports or performing arts
 - Explore [UServe.utah.gov](https://www.userve.utah.gov) for different volunteer opportunities in Utah
- 1, 2, 4, or more (choose the right college fit)
- Earn college credit in high school by participating in these programs:
 - Concurrent Enrollment (CE)
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
 - Dual Enrollment at a technical college

College prep and attendance

- **Housing:** Consider living at home or with roommates to reduce housing expenses and save on on-campus housing costs.
- Take advantage of **plateau or banded tuition**
- **Student involvement and leadership:** Apply to be a presidential ambassador, consider running for student leadership positions, or become a resident assistant for on-campus housing
- **Textbooks:** Save on textbooks by renting or purchasing used copies and utilize the college's library reserve as an alternative to buying brand-new textbooks.
- **Earn credits to graduate on time**
- Research and inquire about **student discounts** around town
- Check if your college provides **transportation benefits**
- Consider the **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)** by WICHE if attending college out-of-state

Individual Student Situations

What topics is the audience interested in reviewing?

1. Deferment
2. Who is Eligible to Submit a FAFSA? (FAFSA Citizenship Terminology and Legislation)
3. Students Who Are Citizens/Members of Federally Designated Native American Tribes
4. Students with Disabilities

Deferment



Deferment
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A person's arm and hand are visible, holding a globe of the Earth. The globe is detailed with continents and oceans. The background is a bright, sunlit outdoor scene with a blurred green field and a bright sky. The person is wearing a red sleeve.

Deferment

Is 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

Note: Some reasons for deferment may not be eligible depending on the college. Contact the college for eligible reasons to defer attendance.

Inform the college or university about plans to defer admission and scholarships

Who is Eligible to Submit a FAFSA?



Who is Eligible to
Submit a FAFSA?
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FAFSA citizenship terminology

U.S. Citizens:

- Includes naturalized citizens and those born as citizens
- U.S. Citizen students are eligible for federal aid from the FAFSA

Eligible Non-Citizens:

- Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers "eligible" for federal aid
- Examples include Permanent Residents (Green Card holders), Refugees, Asylum Grantees, etc.

Neither U.S. Citizens Nor Eligible Non-Citizens:

- Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers "ineligible" for federal aid, or those without documentation
- Examples include students without a Social Security Number (SSN), DACA recipients, TPS recipients, DED recipients, etc.

International Students:

- Foreign students attending or planning to attend college in the United States
- International students are ineligible for federal aid through the FAFSA

Legislation

House Bill (HB) 144

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

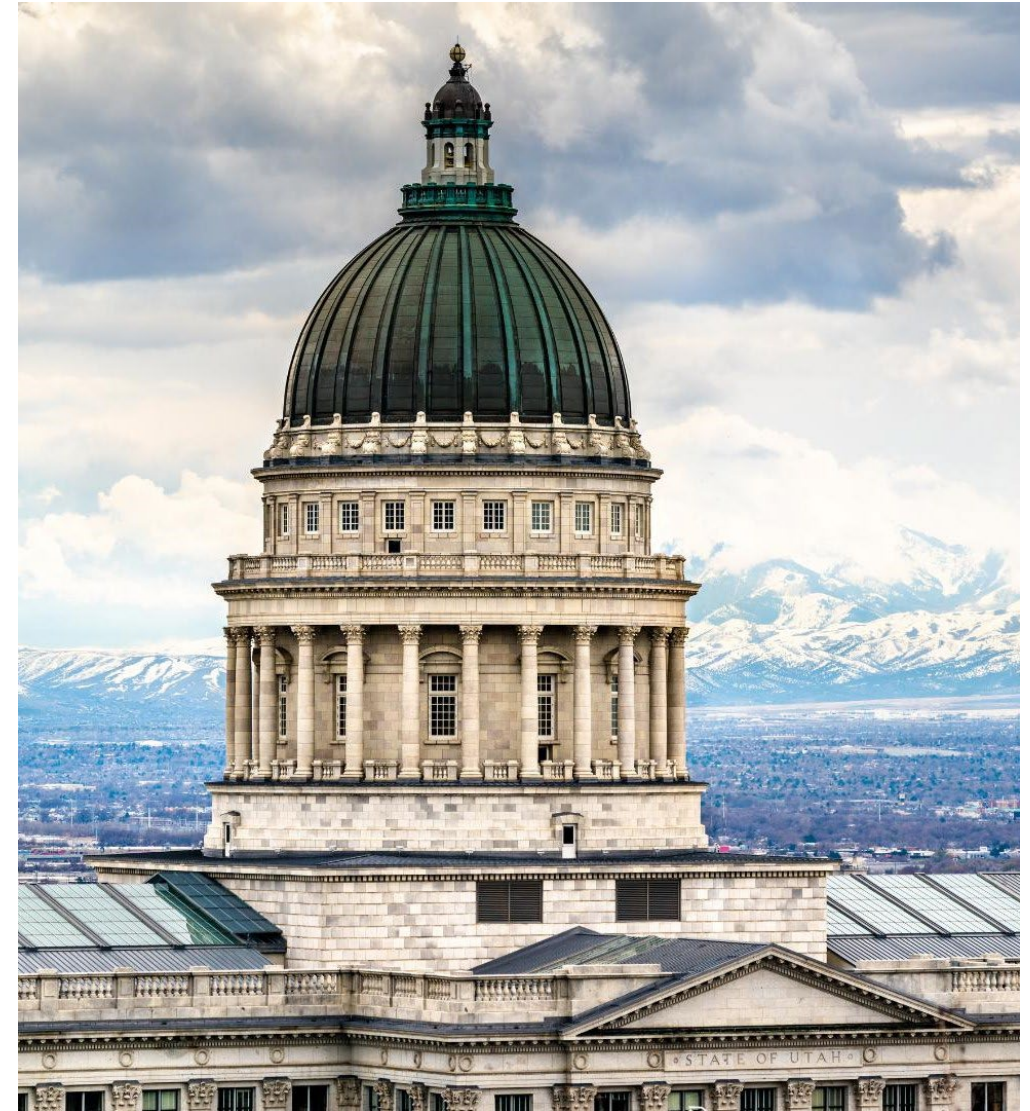
- Attended a Utah high school for at least three years
- Has a Utah high school diploma or Utah GED
 - Submit a high school transcript with graduation date listed
- Signs and submits an HB 144 affidavit

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



Students Who Are Citizens/Members of Federally Designated Native American Tribes



Tribal Citizen/Member
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Students Who Are Citizens/Members of Federally Designated Native American Tribes

In-State Tuition Residency Tribal Access

Board Policy R512, Resident Student Status:

<https://public.powerdms.com/Uta7295/tree/documents/2022238>

- In-state tuition may be available to American Indians if they meet the following criteria for resident student status:
 - They are enrolled on the tribal rolls of a tribe whose reservation or trust lands lie partly or wholly within Utah or whose border is at any point contiguous with the border of Utah; or
 - They are a member of a federally recognized or known Utah tribe and has graduated from a Utah high school.
- For more details talk to your college's residency office

Students with Disabilities



Students with Disabilities
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Modifications vs. Accommodations

Modifications: K-12

- Modifications are made to assignments and the curriculum to meet the Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) requirements in secondary education
- Examples include:
 - Reduced number of questions on assignments
 - Fewer topics covered in class
 - Use of 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 are not made to the course requirements or the curriculum
- Examples include:
 - Specialized tutoring
 - Recorded/audiobooks
 - Class notetakers
 - Preferential seating
 - Lecture notes
 - Study guides

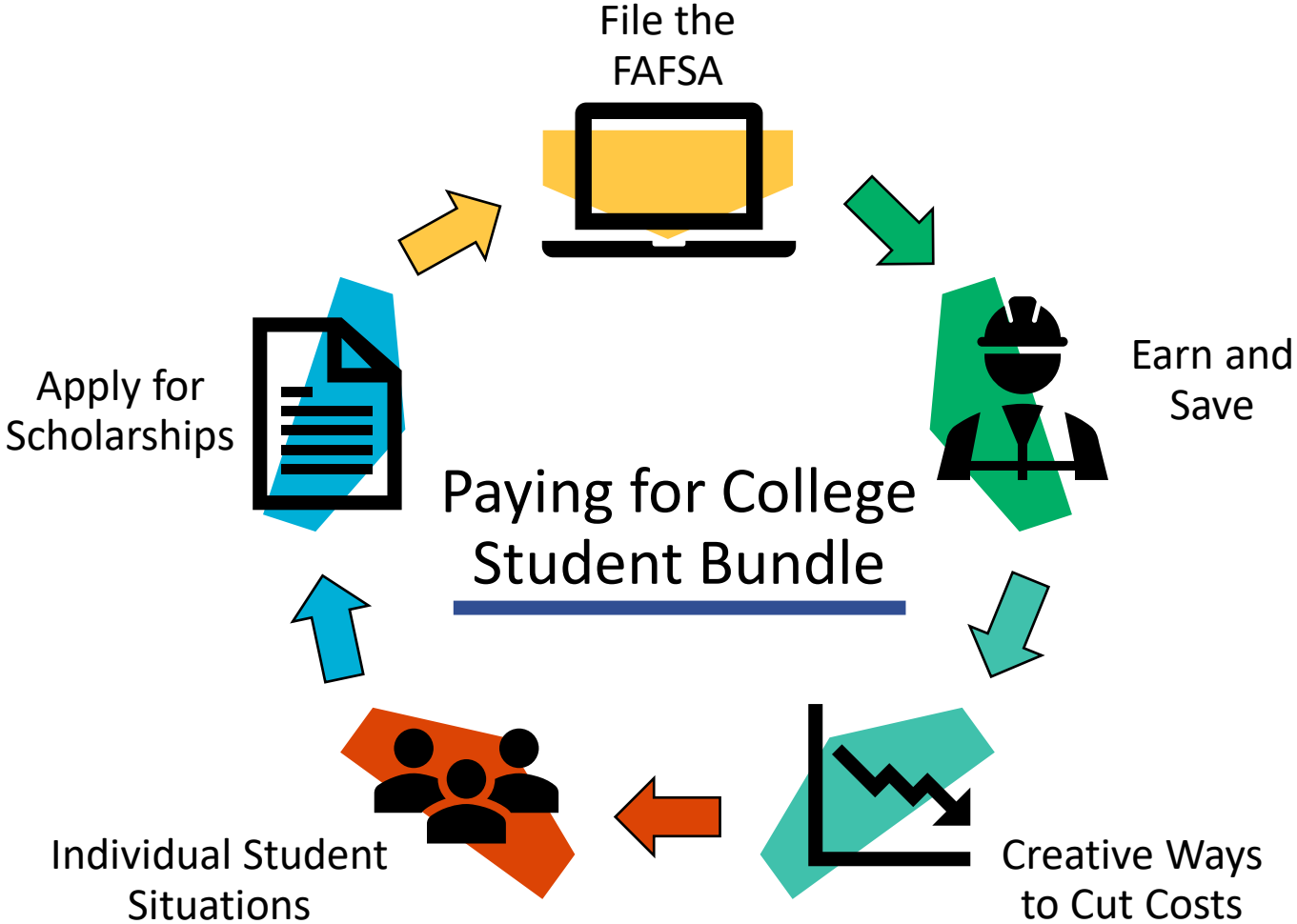
Source: [Parent Center Hub](#)

Student Information Release Form (FERPA)

“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 must 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 for reasons such as military service, ecclesiastical mission, humanitarian service, etc.
- If students want a trusted adult involved with their college information, meetings, and conversations, make sure this form is signed

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Questions