



Financial Aid: The Basics

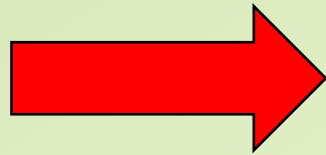
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Your Application

FAFSA



AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1ST



DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1ST
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What Do I Need?

- 2019 Tax Information for Student and Parent
- Log-In Information for Student and Parent

Why Complete a FAFSA?

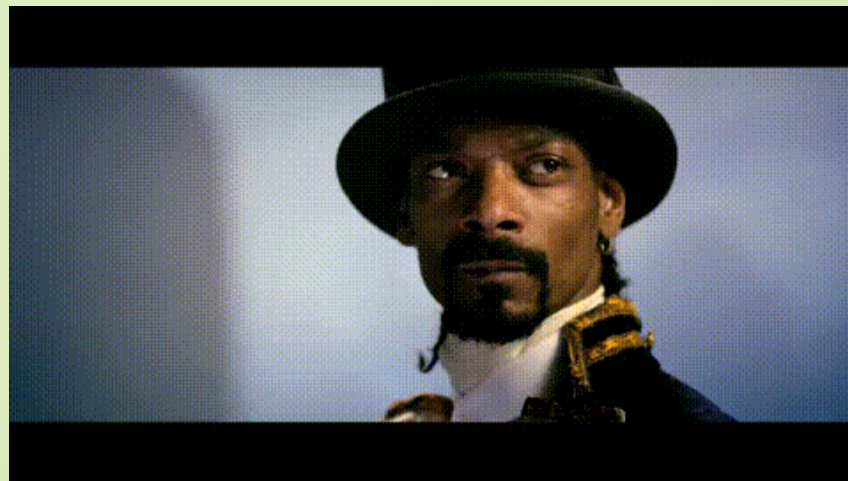
- There are a lot of Financial Aid resources... You may qualify!
- Why complete a FAFSA on time? **YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR MORE FINANCIAL AID.**
- Most schools require a FAFSA.



3 Common Questions I Hear

1. Do I HAVE to list my parent on my FAFSA?

- 99.9% of the time, yes.
- Over 24, Married, Graduate Student, Military, Children, Legal Dependents, Foster Care (Since Turning 13), Orphan, Ward of the Court, Legal Guardianship, Emancipated Minor, Homeless



3 Common Questions Continued

2. Who even is my parent? Oh yeah... and are they married?

- What is your parent's marital status AS OF THE DAY that the FAFSA is completed?
- Who do you live with? Who provides more than half of your support?



See this guy? He may not be your biological parent, but your mom is still married to him.



3 Common Questions Continued

3. I have no idea what is happening. Help?

Don't worry– We're here for you. A few things that make your life a ton easier:

1. Remember your FSA ID and password.
2. Don't use your high school email for your FSA ID.
3. Use the Data Retrieval Tool.
4. READ.
5. Follow-up with your Financial Aid Office.
6. Always ask questions!



Final Thoughts

- Student loans are Financial Aid. A Pell Grant is Financial Aid. Scholarships are Financial Aid. They are **NOT** called FAFSA. FAFSA is your application.
- Let me say this again– **Student loans are Financial Aid.**
- **CHECK YOUR STUDENT EMAIL.**
- Follow up!
- No– I can't talk to your mom, dad, or anyone else about your Financial Aid.
- **CONGRATULATIONS!!**