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Discussion Topics

- Financial Aid Overview
  - Types and sources of aid
  - Federal and state programs
  - Other aid options
- FAFSA Terminology (DC, COA, EFC and Need)
- FAFSA Sections
  - Online process and benefits
  - Key elements of the various sections
- Next Steps

Financial Aid Overview

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Goals of Financial Aid

- Primary goal is to assist students in paying for college and is achieved by:
  - Evaluating family's ability to pay educational costs
  - Distributing limited resources in an equitable manner
  - Providing balance of gift aid and self-help aid

Role of the Financial Aid Office

- Determines aid eligibility using federal formula
- Packages aid depending on availability of funds
- Sends award notification including:
  - Cost of attendance (COA)
  - Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
  - Amount of financial need
  - Source of aid (Fed, State, College, Private)
  - Type of program and amount from each for which the student is eligible (grant, loan, work)
  - How and when aid will be disbursed
  - Terms and conditions of student's award

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Types of Aid

- Gift Aid:
  - Grants
  - Scholarships
    (need-based or merit-based)
- Self-help Aid:
  - Employment
  - Loans

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Sources of Aid

- Federal Government
- State Government
- College/University
- Private Donors

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Federal Title IV Programs

- Federal Pell Grant (Max: $5,730)
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) ($1k – $4k)
- TEACH Grant ($4,000)
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Perkins Loan (5%)
- Federal Stafford Direct Loan (4.66%)
- Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) (7.21%)

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State of Indiana Programs

- Frank O'Bannon Grant Program
  - Higher Education Award
  - Freedom of Choice Award
- 21st Century Scholars Program
- Child of Certain Veterans and Public Safety Officer Supplemental Grant (CVO)
- For additional information on grants available visit www.in.gov/sfa

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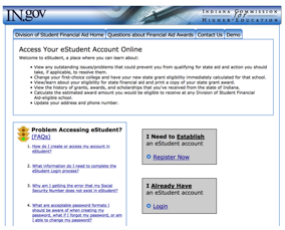
State of Indiana Resource

eStudent

- Web portal where students and colleges can view and update information pertaining to state financial aid awards.
  - Access to Indiana residents who have filed a FAFSA
  - First time FAFSA filers will be able to begin accessing system mid February (usually within 3-4 days of filing the FAFSA).
  - Monitor edit notifications.
  - View State grant amounts
  - Change school choice



State of Indiana Deadlines:

March 10, 2015 (eligibility) ~ May 15, 2015 (edits)

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State of Indiana Credit Completion

- Students must complete 30 credit hours each year to maintain eligibility for:
  - 21st Century Scholar Awards
  - Frank O'Bannon "On-Time" awards (maximum eligibility)
- If student completes between 24 to 29 credit hours may be eligible for "full-time" awards

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Other Sources of Funds

- Institutional Aid
  - Need Based Scholarships/Grants
  - Athletic and other talent-based Scholarships
- Private business scholarships
  - Wal-Mart, Cummins, Gates Foundation
- Civic organization scholarships
  - Lions Club, Elks Club, etc.
- Ask around
  - Student's Place of Employment, Parent's Place of Employment, Guidance Counselor, Church Groups, Local Businesses, and Organizations

Outside scholarships must be reported to the Financial Aid Office at the college so that they may be included in the student's Financial Aid package.

Private Scholarship Search

Free Internet scholarship search engines:

- FastWeb: www.fastweb.com
- CollegeNet: www.collegenet.com/mach25
- Scholarships: www.scholarships.com

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FAFSA Overview

The Importance of the FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Currently the the Most Important form when applying for Financial Aid
- Basis for determining eligibility for:
  - Federal Funds (Grants, Scholarships, Loans and Work Study)
  - State of Indiana (Grants and Scholarships)
  - Potential Institutional Funds (Need-Based)
- Determines EFC

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What is EFC?

- EFC = Expected Family Contribution.
- Two components:
  - Parent contribution
  - Student contribution
- Amount family can reasonably be expected to contribute to the student's education.
- Stays the same regardless of college.
- Calculated using data from the FAFSA and a federal formula.

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DC versus COA

- **Direct Costs** – What the student pays directly to the institution (Tuition, fees, and possibly room & board)
- **Cost of Attendance** – Includes direct costs above plus federal required estimates for books/supplies, transportation, living expenses, etc.

Direct Costs	
Tuition	10,000
Room & Board	7,500
Total Direct Costs	**17,500**

Cost of Attendance	
Tuition	10,000
Room & Board	7,500
Books & Supplies*	1,000
Transportation*	500
Living Expenses*	600
Total COA	**19,600**

* Denotes Estimate

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What is Need?

- Need = Cost of Attendance – EFC.
- Need could be different at each school

Cost of Attendance - EFC = Need

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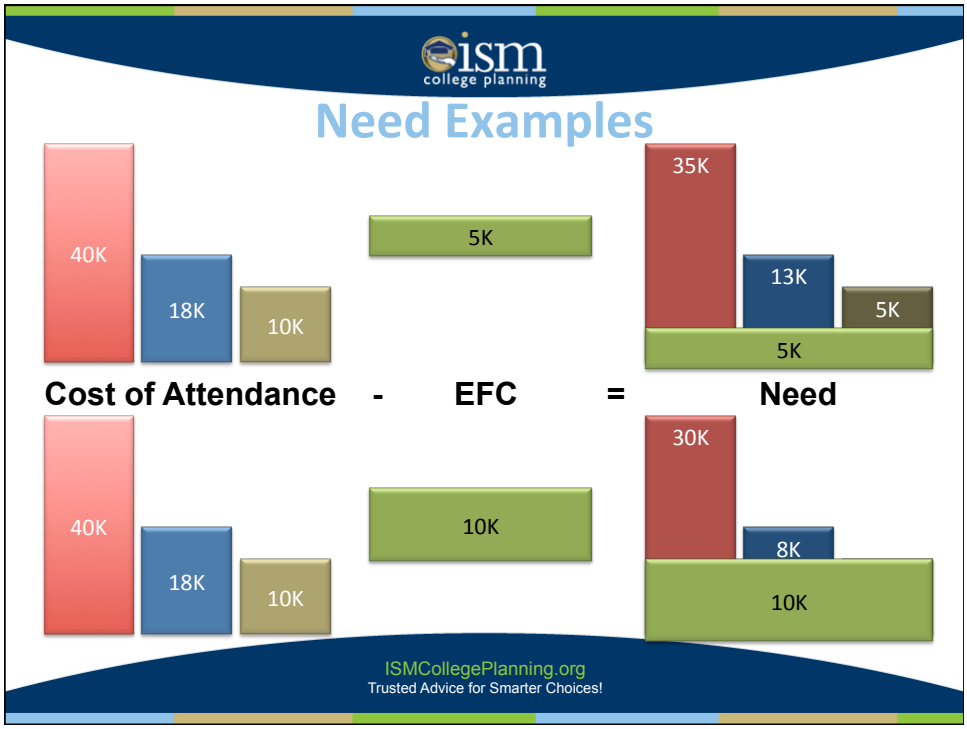
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Need Examples
40K
18K
10K
5K
35K
13K
5K
5K
Cost of Attendance - EFC = Need
40K
18K
10K
10K
30K
8K
10K
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Application Process

- Submit FAFSA prior to the **college** or **state deadline**, whichever comes first.
  - *State of Indiana: Received on or before **March 10th***
  - *Institutional: Check with each school*
- Some institutions require students to complete additional application requirements, such as:
  - College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile Form
  - An institutional financial aid application

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FAFSA on the Web

- Good reasons to file electronically:
  - Built-in edits to help prevent costly errors
  - Skip-logic allows student and/or parent to skip unnecessary questions
  - More timely submission of original application and any necessary corrections
  - More detailed instructions and "help" for common questions
  - Ability to check application status on-line
  - Simplified renewal application process

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2015-2016 FAFSA on the Web

www.fafsa.gov

2015-16 FAFSA on the Web available January 2015

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Getting Started

Get Started

Welcome, lastname student!

Fill out your FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*)!
To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started.

When are you attending college?

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016? — START 2015-2016 FAFSA

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015? — START 2014-2015 FAFSA

If you are applying for a summer session, or just don't know which application to complete, check with the college you are planning to attend.

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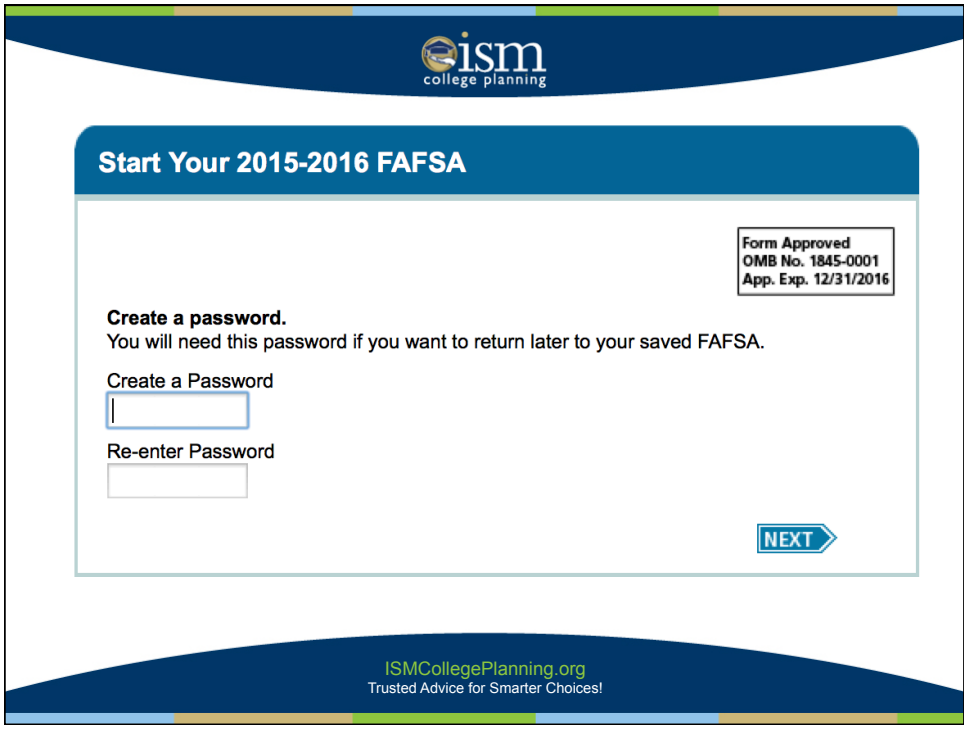
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Start Your 2015-2016 FAFSA
Form Approved
OMB No. 1845-0001
App. Exp. 12/31/2016
Create a password.
You will need this password if you want to return later to your saved FAFSA.
Create a Password
Re-enter Password
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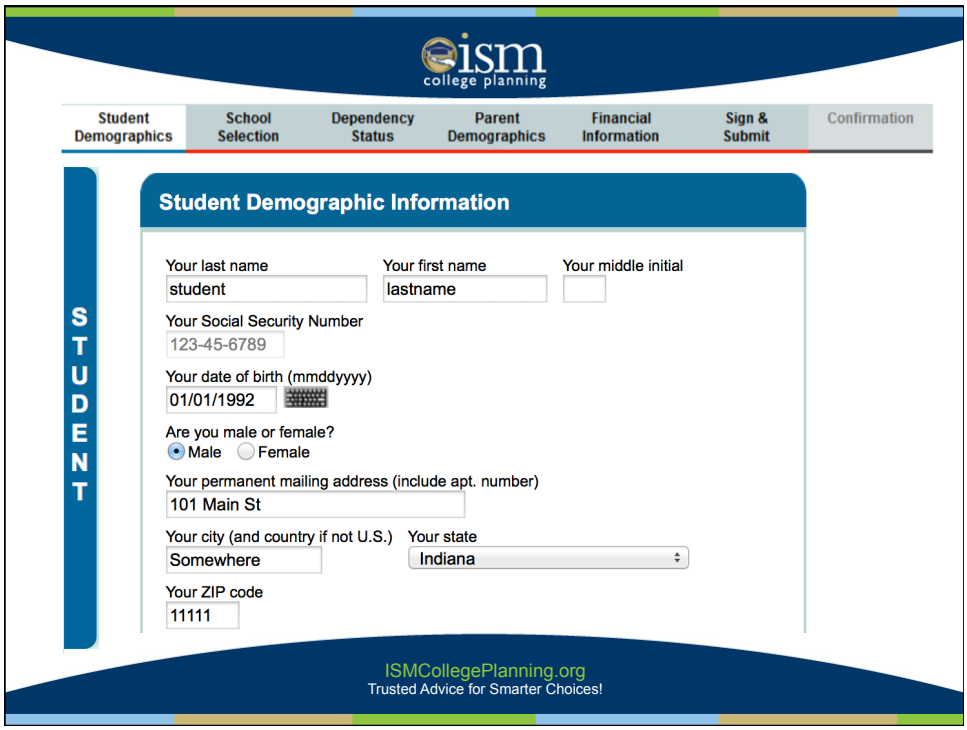
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STUDENT
Student Demographic Information
Your last name
student
Your first name
lastname
Your middle initial
Your Social Security Number
123-45-6789
Your date of birth (mmddyyyy)
01/01/1992
Are you male or female?
Male
Female
Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)
101 Main St
Your city (and country if not U.S.)
Somewhere
Your state
Indiana
Your ZIP code
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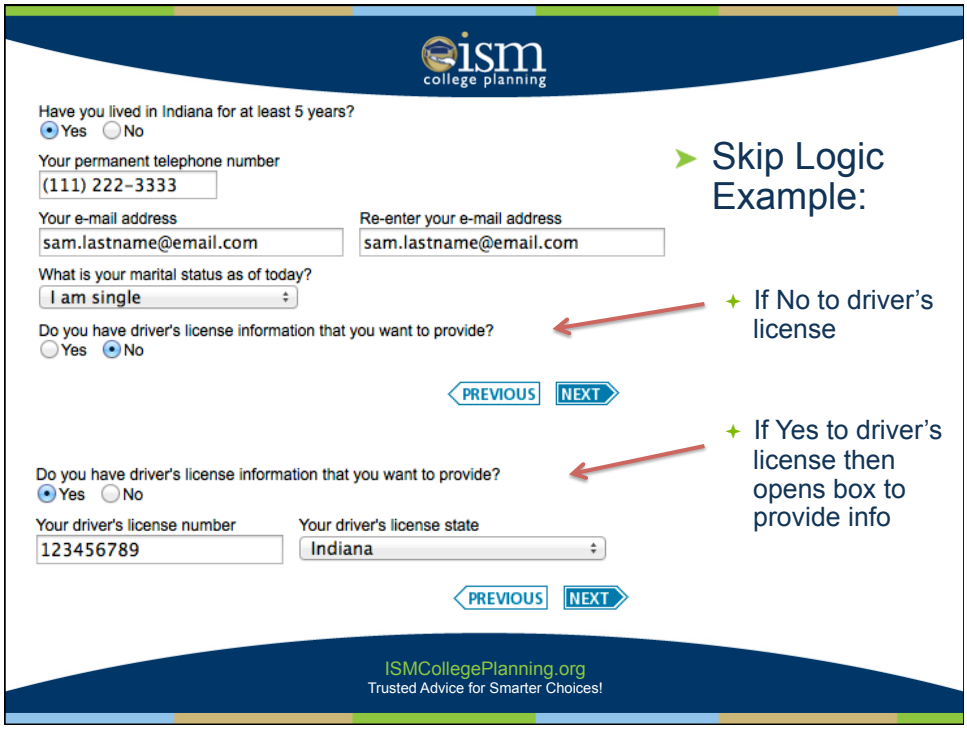
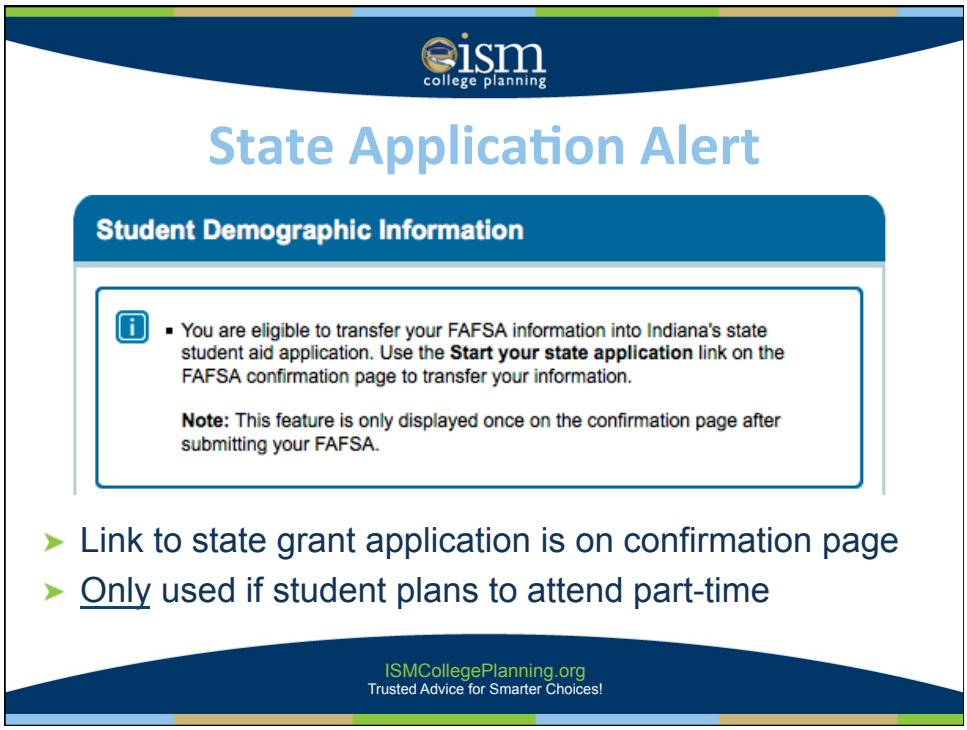


- Skip Logic Example:
  - If No to driver's license
  - If Yes to driver's license then opens box to provide info



- Link to state grant application is on confirmation page
- Only used if student plans to attend part-time

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Student Eligibility

- Main Questions to consider:
  - Citizenship – must be U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
  - Selective Service (male only)
  - Grade level for upcoming college year

Select
Never attended college/1st yr.
Attended college before/1st yr.
2nd yr./sophomore
3rd yr./junior
4th yr./senior
5th yr./other undergraduate
1st yr. graduate/professional
Continuing graduate/professional or beyond

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Student Eligibility

- Main Questions to consider:
  - Degree you are pursuing for the upcoming college year

Select
1st bachelor's degree
2nd bachelor's degree
Associate degree (occupational or technical program)
Associate degree (general education/transfer program)
Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of less than 2 yr.)
Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of at least 2 yr.)
Teaching credential program (nondegree program)
Graduate/professional degree
Other/undecided

  - Will you have your first bachelor's degree by July 1st

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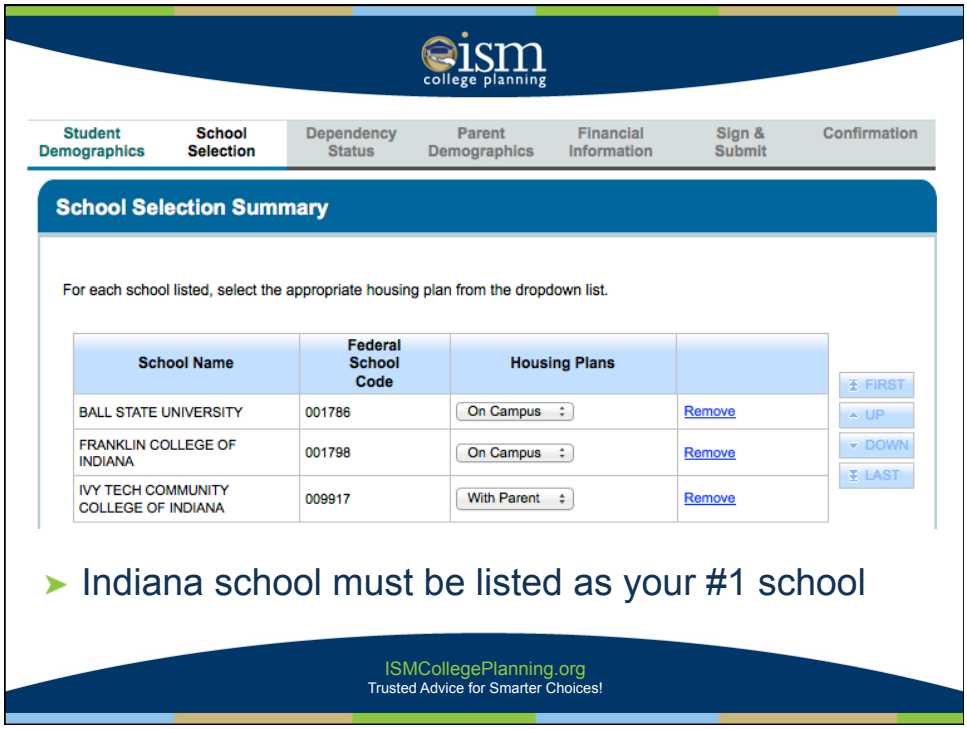
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School Selection Summary
For each school listed, select the appropriate housing plan from the dropdown list.
School Name
Federal School Code
Housing Plans
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
001786
On Campus
Remove
FRANKLIN COLLEGE OF INDIANA
001798
On Campus
Remove
IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF INDIANA
009917
With Parent
Remove
FIRST
UP
DOWN
LAST
Indiana school must be listed as your #1 school
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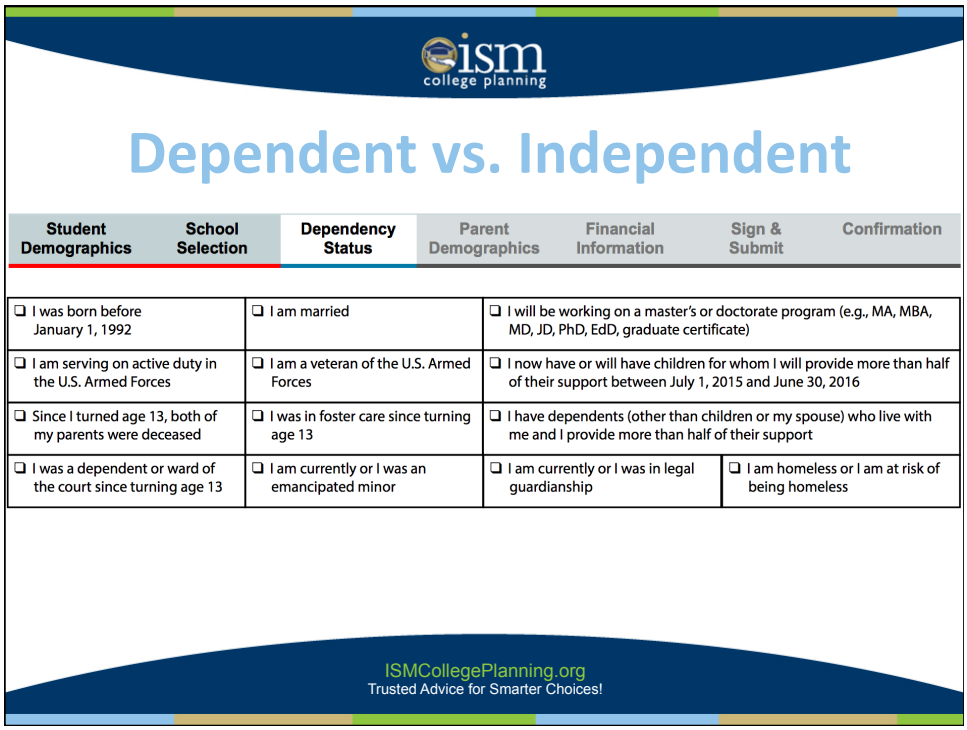
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Dependent vs. Independent
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❑ I was born before January 1, 1992
❑ I am married
❑ I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)
❑ I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces
❑ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
❑ I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016
❑ Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased
❑ I was in foster care since turning age 13
❑ I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support
❑ I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13
❑ I am currently or I was an emancipated minor
❑ I am currently or I was in legal guardianship
❑ I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless
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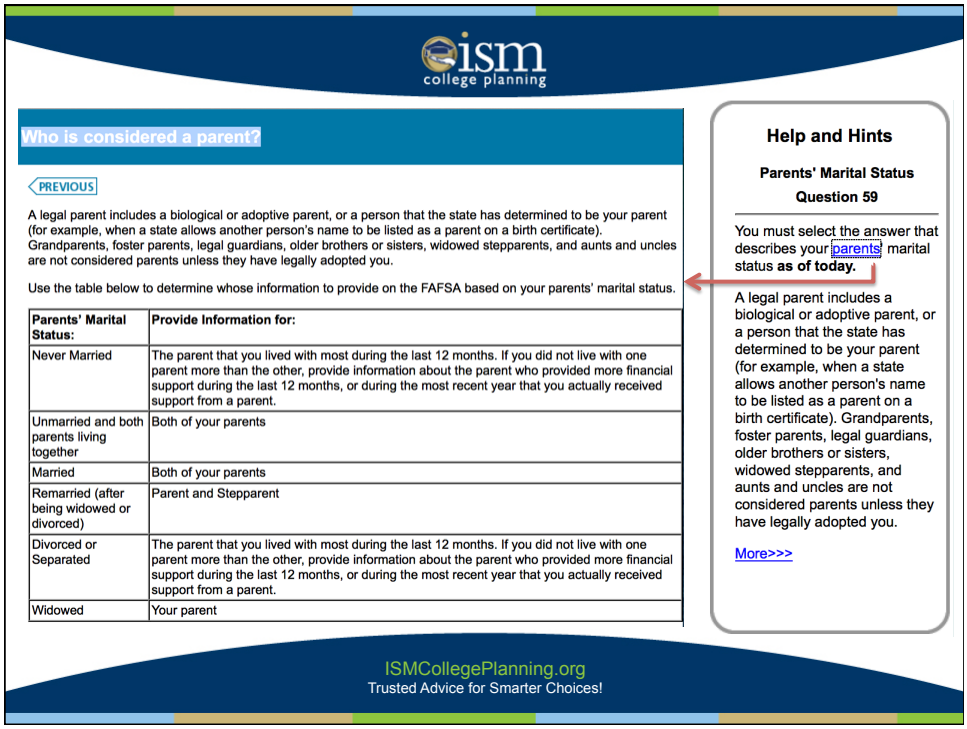
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Who is considered a parent?
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A legal parent includes a biological or adoptive parent, or a person that the state has determined to be your parent (for example, when a state allows another person's name to be listed as a parent on a birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, widowed stepparents, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you.
Use the table below to determine whose information to provide on the FAFSA based on your parents' marital status.
Parents' Marital Status:
Provide Information for:
Never Married
The parent that you lived with most during the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, provide information about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.
Unmarried and both parents living together
Both of your parents
Married
Both of your parents
Remarried (after being widowed or divorced)
Parent and Stepparent
Divorced or Separated
The parent that you lived with most during the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, provide information about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.
Widowed
Your parent
Help and Hints
Parents' Marital Status
Question 59
You must select the answer that describes your parents' marital status as of today.
A legal parent includes a biological or adoptive parent, or a person that the state has determined to be your parent (for example, when a state allows another person's name to be listed as a parent on a birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, widowed stepparents, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you.
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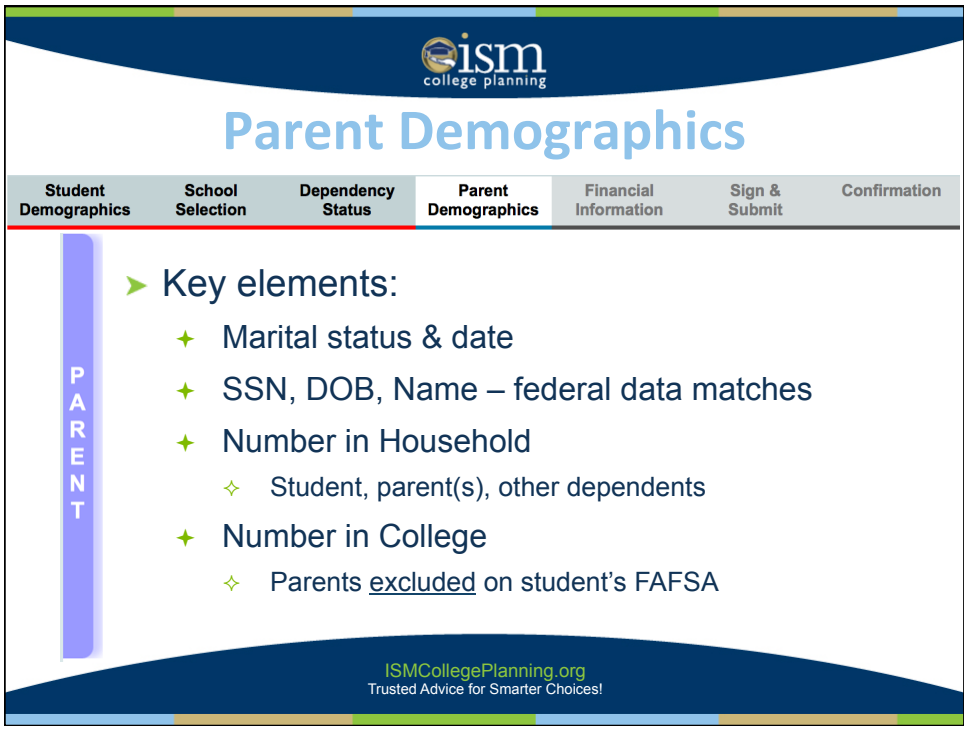
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PARENT
Key elements:
Marital status & date
SSN, DOB, Name – federal data matches
Number in Household
Student, parent(s), other dependents
Number in College
Parents excluded on student's FAFSA
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Financial Information – Filing Status

Student Demographics | School Selection | Dependency Status | Parent Demographics | **Financial Information** | Sign & Submit | Confirmation

- Tax completion options:
  - Will File – Use if you have not completed taxes
    - Use previous year's tax return to estimate numbers
    - Allows you to meet filing deadlines
    - Correct FAFSA once taxes are filed
  - Already Completed – Use once taxes filed
    - Potentially use IRS Data Retrieval Tool
    - Best option for families and colleges
  - Not required to file

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Financial Information

- Main data elements:
  - Filing status (Single, married filing joint, married filing separate, head of household and qualifying widower)
    - Will be cross referenced with marital status
  - Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
  - Income Tax Amount (**NOT** taxes withheld)
  - Exemptions
  - Parent Income
    - Separate parent 1 & parent 2 income if both parents are working
  - Dislocated Worker

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Additional Financial Information

- Two Sections
  - Additional Financial Information
    - Child support paid
    - Taxable earnings from work-study
    - Grant and scholarship aid reported to IRS
  - Untaxed Income
    - Payments to tax deferred pensions or retirement accounts
    - Child support received
    - Untaxed portions of IRA or pension distributions
    - Housing, food, living allowances
    - Money received or paid on your behalf (Student section only)

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Asset Information

As of today, does the total amount of your parents' current assets exceed $33,800.00?
(•) Yes ( ) No

As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?
$ [ ] .00

As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate (not your parents' home)?
$ [ ] .00

As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms?
$ [ ] .00

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Investments

- Investments do not include:
  - The home you live in
  - Cash, savings and checking accounts
  - The value of life insurance
  - Retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.).
- Investments include:
  - Real estate (not the home in which you live)
  - Rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member)
  - Trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds and other securities
  - UGMA and UTMA accounts (considered assets of the student)
    - **Note:** Do not include UGMA and UTMA accounts for which your parents are the custodian but not the owner.
  - Qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts such as Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans.
    - **Note #1:** Recorded as part of the parental assets for dependent students.
    - **Note #2**: Distributions from 529 plan owned by someone other than parent(s) listed on FAFSA are included in untaxed income under student as "Money received or paid on your behalf".

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Investment Farm / Small Businesses

- Business and / or investment farm value includes:
  - The market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc.
  - Business and / or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.
- Business value does not include:
  - The value of a small business if your family owns and controls more than 50% of the business AND
  - Business has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.
    - **Note:** your family includes (1) persons directly related to you such as a parent, sister, or cousin or (2) persons who are or were related to you by marriage such as a spouse, stepparent, or sister-in-law.
- Investment farm value does not include:
  - The value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.

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Sign & Submit

▪ Application was successfully saved.

VIEW OR PRINT YOUR FAFSA INFORMATION

Are you a preparer? ○ Yes ◉ No

Student Signature

Student's Social Security Number: XXX-XX-3003

Student's last name: Lastnametransfer

Student's date of birth: 11/02/1995

Don't have a PIN? Apply For A PIN. It takes only a few minutes to get your PIN.

What is your (the student's) PIN?

SIGN

Other options to sign and submit

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE STUDENT, certify that you:

1. will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
2. are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
3. do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
4. will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan, and
5. will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one school for the same

Terms of Agreement - Student ◉ Agree ○ Disagree

Parent Signature

Information about Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent):

Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) Social Security Number: XXX-XX-5555

Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) last name: Lastnametransfer

Parent 1 (father's/mother's/stepparent's) date of birth: 03/14/1965

What is your (the parent's) PIN?

Apply For A PIN

I Forgot/Don't Know My PIN

SIGN

Other options to sign and submit

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

By signing this application electronically using your Federal Student Aid PIN or by signing a signature page and mailing it to us, YOU, THE PARENT, certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked:

1. to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form
2. to provide U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

Terms of Agreement - Parent ◉ Agree ○ Disagree

PREVIOUS SUBMIT MY FAFSA NOW

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Key Elements:

- Confirmation Number
- Option to transfer parent info if multiple students
- Start application link (only if part time)
- Next Steps

2015-2016 Confirmation Page

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Confirmation Number: E 04500098403 11/25/2014 19:03:33
Data Release Number (DRN): 8668

Congratulations, MISSING! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

Does your brother or sister need to complete a FAFSA? If so, you can transfer your parents' information into a new FAFSA for your brother or sister to save time. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.

Start your state application to apply for state-based financial aid.

What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

School(s) on your FAFSA:

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Additional Information from *College Navigator*
UNIV OF ILLINOIS @ URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	84%	94%	NA	NA
ALABAMA AGRCLTL & MECHL UNIV	32%	68%	NA	NA
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	70%	86%	24%	NA

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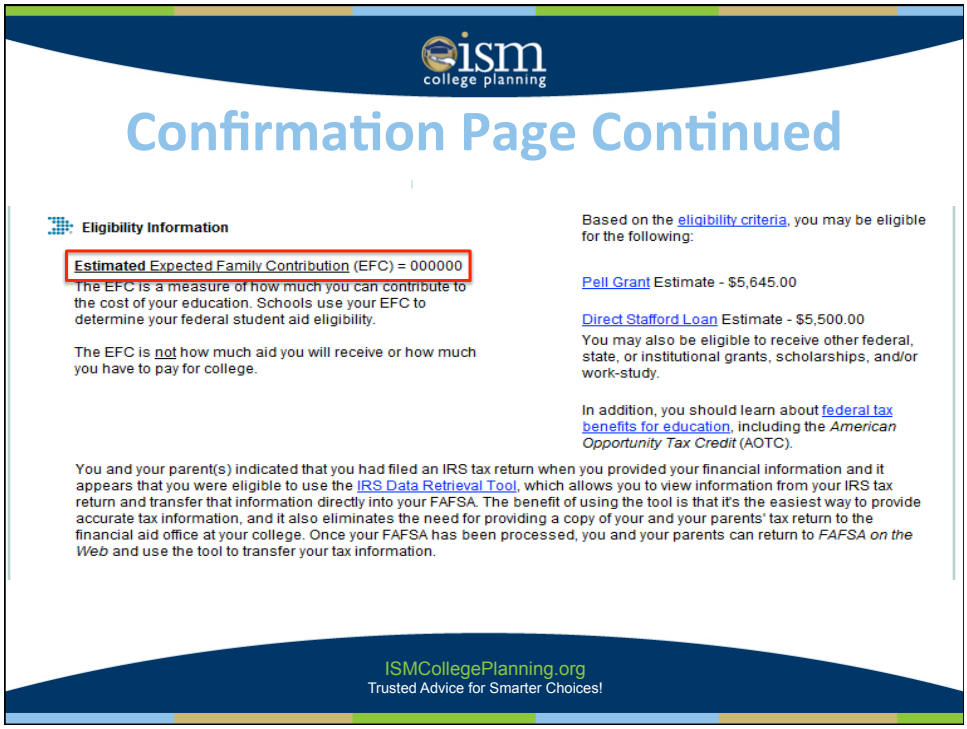
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Confirmation Page Continued
Eligibility Information
Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 000000
The EFC is a measure of how much you can contribute to the cost of your education. Schools use your EFC to determine your federal student aid eligibility.
The EFC is not how much aid you will receive or how much you have to pay for college.
Based on the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for the following:
Pell Grant Estimate - $5,645.00
Direct Stafford Loan Estimate - $5,500.00
You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.
In addition, you should learn about federal tax benefits for education, including the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC).
You and your parent(s) indicated that you had filed an IRS tax return when you provided your financial information and it appears that you were eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which allows you to view information from your IRS tax return and transfer that information directly into your FAFSA. The benefit of using the tool is that it's the easiest way to provide accurate tax information, and it also eliminates the need for providing a copy of your and your parents' tax return to the financial aid office at your college. Once your FAFSA has been processed, you and your parents can return to FAFSA on the Web and use the tool to transfer your tax information.
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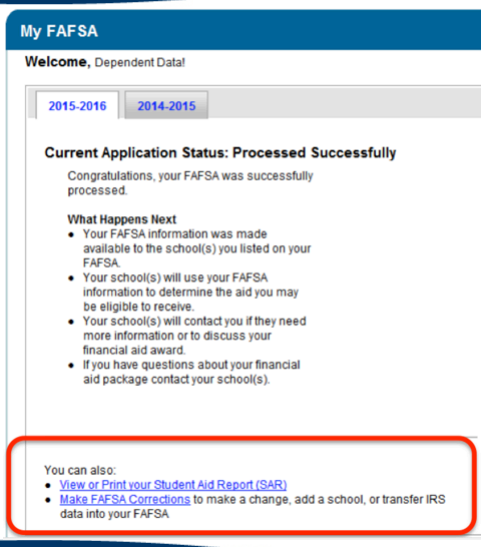
FAFSA Processing Results

- Student Aid Report (SAR)
  - Print from www.fafsa.gov
  - Identifies any issues you need to address
- Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)
  - Sent to colleges listed on FAFSA
- Make Corrections
  - Update tax information once you file taxes
  - Correct any errors



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IRS Data Retrieval

- Tax completion status – Already Completed
  - Tax Filing Statuses Eligible for IRS DRT
    - If one parent (single, head of household or qualifying widower)
    - If two parents (married filing joint)
  - 3 Questions
    - Did you file amended return?
    - Did you file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return?
    - Did you file electronically in the last 3 weeks?
  - If eligible then click on Link to IRS icon

LINK TO IRS

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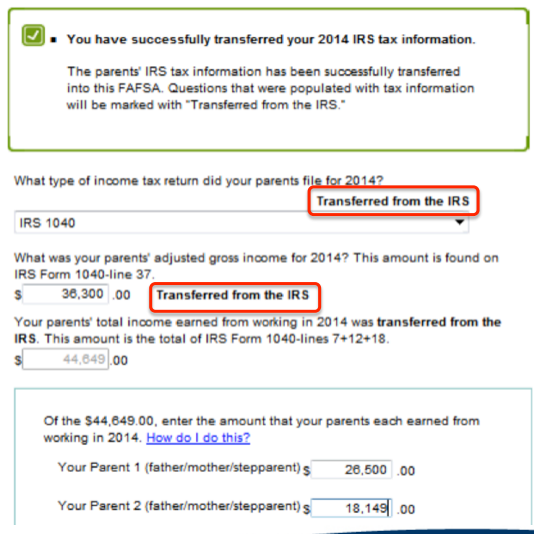

Data Transferred to FAFSA

- **DO NOT** change any items that says "Transferred from the IRS
- You may have enter income from work amounts

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Special Circumstances

- If a special circumstance occurs make sure you talk with the Financial Aid Office at the college/university you plan to attend.
- Special Circumstances **may** include:
  - Change in employment status
  - Medical expenses not covered by insurance
  - Change in parent marital status
  - Unusual dependent care expenses
  - Student cannot obtain parent information

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