

# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

A Presentation for Middle School  
Parents

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A JOINT PROJECT FROM *COLLEGE ACCESS FAIRFAX,*  
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# Who Gets Financial Aid for College?

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- Exploring Myths About Financial Aid
- Why Everyone Should Apply

# How Much Will it Cost?

## ■ Billable Costs

- Tuition and Fees
- Room and Board  
(if student lives on campus)

*These costs show up on the college bill*

## ■ Indirect Costs

- Books and Supplies
- Room and Board  
(if student lives off campus)
- Personal Expenses
- Travel

*These costs do not show up on the college bill but are included in the Cost of Attendance*

# How is Financial Aid Defined?

**Cost of Attendance**

*(the total cost of attending college)*

***Minus***

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**

*(parents' and student's available financial resources)*

***Equals***

**Financial Need**

# Assessing Student Need

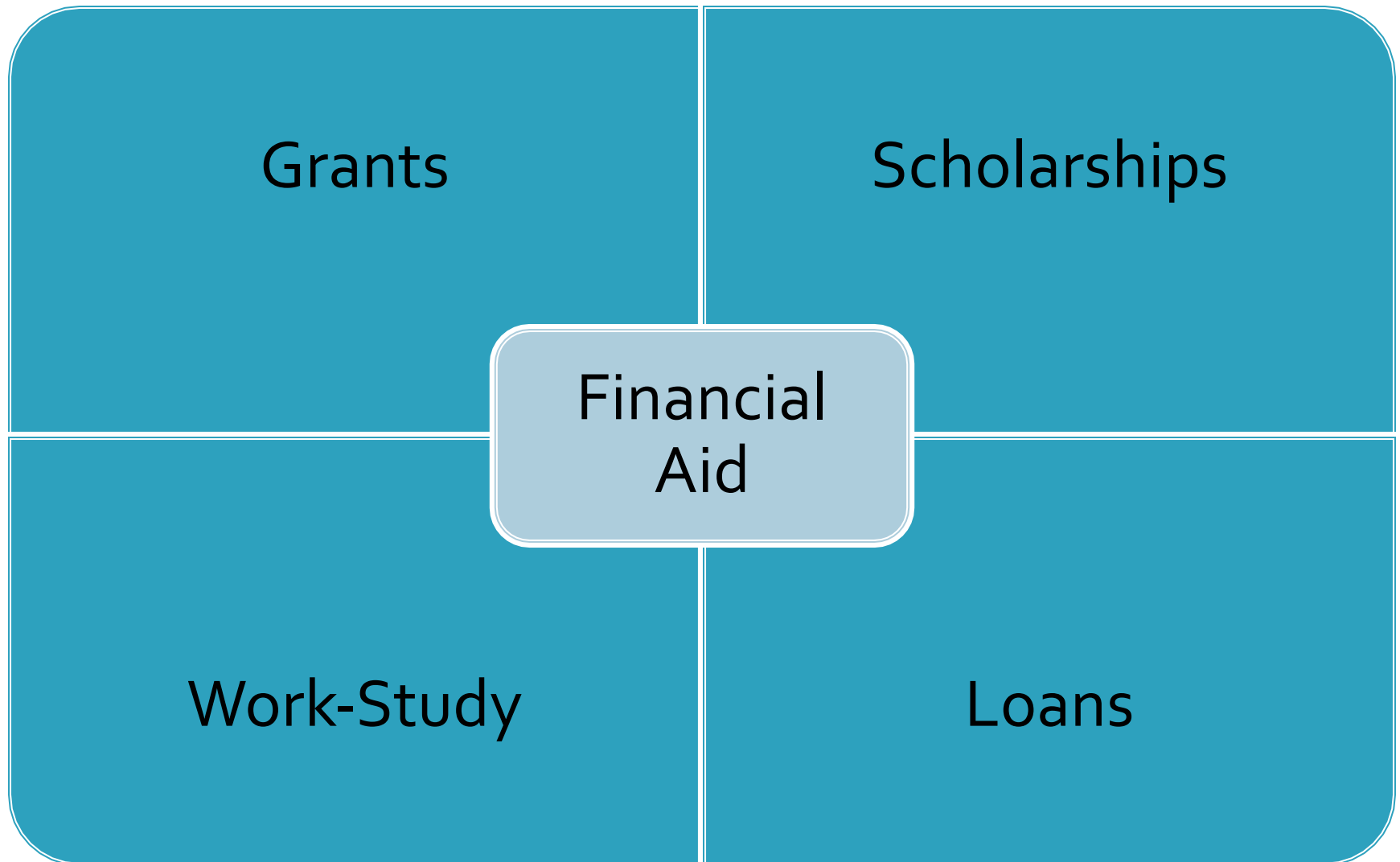
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is influenced by:
  - The amount the student's parents should or will be asked to pay from income and assets
  - The amount the student can contribute from earnings and savings
  - Any gift amount that the student receives
  - Family size, age of oldest parent, number of children currently attending college

# Financial Aid Process

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
- CSS Profile – <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>
- Institutional aid applications

*Be sure to check each individual school's website to determine what forms are required and when they must be filed*

# Types of Financial Aid



# Grants

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
- Yellow Ribbon Program (Transfer of VA Benefit) Dependents of Deceased Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants
- State Grants
- Institutional Grants



# Scholarships

- May be for academics, athletic ability, leadership, fine and performing arts talent, etc.
- Usually competitive
- Sources
  - Institutional
  - National
  - State and Local
    - Civic Organizations

# Work-Study

- Based on need
- Student is provided a job at an on-campus location (i.e. bookstore, library, recreation center)
- 10-15 hours per week
- Generally above minimum wage

# Loans

- Direct
  - Subsidized
  - Unsubsidized
- Perkins
- PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students)
- Private

# Change in College Tuition Since 1985

University of Virginia Tuition  
1984-85

\$ 1,586.00/yr.

In Today's Dollars that is

\$ 3,604.77/yr.

University of Virginia Tuition  
2016-2017

\$15,714.00/yr.

# Thinking Ahead

- You may need a loan to finance part of your student's education
- Consider how much you and/or your student are willing to borrow ahead of time
- Don't assume you will pay full price for a college
- Check out the **Net Price Calculator** available from every college

# FCPS Resources for Students and Families

- School Counselors
- College and Career Centers in every high school
- Financial Aid Information Nights across the district
- **Family Connection**
  - All students in grades 7-12 have accounts accessed through **FCPS 24/7 (Blackboard)**
  - Parent access available by signing up for Parent View
- In partnership with **College Access Fairfax**
  - FAFSA Completion, FAFSA Line-by-Line, Scholarship 101, CSS Profile Line-by-Line, CAF-sponsored Scholarships, and Financial Aid Support

# Family Connection

- Family Connection is a web-based service designed especially for students and their parents. It is a comprehensive website that helps students as they make decisions about academic plans, colleges, and careers.
- Family Connection provides students the opportunity to explore and record their skills and interests, career and educational plans and allows them to track the activities and goals to create their individual game plan for postsecondary educational and career opportunities.
- Parents are able to view their students' plans.



**FCPS 24-7 LEARNING  
(BLACKBOARD)**



**BUS DELAY NOTIFICATION  
SYSTEM**



**REGISTER YOUR CHILD**



**News and Feature Highlights**



**must have an active SIS Parent Account to be able to login to FCPS 24-7 Learning.** The same login will be used to access both the SIS and FCPS 24-7 systems after this date. Each parent has or will receive a letter in the mail providing a web address, activation key, and directions on registering for an SIS Parent account. If you received a letter, but did not act within the allotted 45 days, you must request a new activation code from your child's school.

#### Fairfax County Public Schools webpage

[Click here](#) for link to FCPS home page.

#### My Information for Parents

[Change Password](#)



denotes that a new announcement was added within the last 7 days

#### ▼ SIS Parent Account

Click the SIS Parent link below to access your students' information: grades, attendance, discipline, etc.

[SIS Parent Account](#)

Please click on SIS Parent Account Activation link below to begin activation for a new account. You will need the activation key that you received in the letter from FCPS to complete the registration process.

[SIS Parent Account Activation](#)

#### ▼ Family Connection for Parents

Click on your high school student's name to access Family Connection:



Family Connection supports academic and career planning in middle and high schools.

#### ▼ Helpful Links for Parents

[FCPS 24-7 Learning Parent View Help Documentation](#): Tips for Parents and Frequently Asked Questions.

[FCPS 24-7 Learning Parent View Support Request](#): This online tool provides an alternative to in-person school support.

[FCPS Forms](#): To access these forms you will need to [download](#) Adobe Reader.

[FCPS Technology at Home](#): Discounted software and hardware for students' home use.

[Lunch Menus](#): All menus are online and in pdf format.

[My Lunch Money](#): Pay for your child's lunch online.

[Parent Liaison Program](#): Parent liaisons serve as a link between families and schools. They facilitate family-school communication, which empowers families to become more active partners in their children's education.

#### ▼ Bus Stop Information (Parent)

Click on your student's name to view bus stop info:

Grant Otto  
Jack Otto

Visit the [transportation website](#) for more information.



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USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

Login

[Forgot Your Password?](#)



Parent Information  
Student Information

Staff Information  
(VPN required)

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## roadtrip nation interview archive

**Roadtrip Nation sends young people on Roadtrips to interview Leaders who have built their lives around their interests**



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Overview

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To-do List

Tasks Assigned to Me

at a glance

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
TODAY	5	6	7	8	9	10

You don't have anything on your schedule this week.

Due dates for any [to-do items](#) you add will appear here, and so will any [tasks](#) assigned to you.

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due today

You don't have anything due today.

You can create [goals](#) and [to-do items](#) to keep track of things you'd like to work on.

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coming next

You don't have anything coming up.

You can create [goals](#) and [to-do items](#) to keep track of things you'd like to work on.

[Overview](#)[Goals](#)[To-do List](#)[Tasks Assigned to Me](#)

## my tasks

show:   = required = required for graduation

### Tasks you need to work on:

 **\*\*** [Build Your Resume](#), due date: 7/15/16

Assigned by FCPS District

 **\*\*** [Build/Review/Update Course Plan](#), due date: 7/15/16

Assigned by FCPS District

 [CTE Add Career Clusters and Pathways](#), due date: 7/15/16

Assigned by FCPS District

### Tasks you've completed

[expand this list](#)

### What's on the horizon?

[expand this list](#)

You don't need to worry about these just yet, but we thought you might like to see what's coming up next in your Success Plan.

## tracking tasks

Tasks are assigned to you by your school. They can be pretty important (some of them can be required to graduate!), so make sure to go through them and make sure you're on track.



# Thank You for Supporting Your Student's Future

- *College Access Fairfax*
  - [www.collegeaccessfairfax.org](http://www.collegeaccessfairfax.org)
  - 571-308-3230
  - [info@collegeaccessfairfax.org](mailto:info@collegeaccessfairfax.org)
- Financial Aid information in slides adapted from the National Association for College Admission Counseling