



Montgomery County Public Schools

- Financial Aid Presentation

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We will talk about:

- Federal student aid
- State student aid
- Student aid from colleges
- Scholarships from other sources



How America Pays for College 2021

A national study by Sallie Mae®

Average percent of total cost paid from each source:

53% parent & student income and savings

20% student & parent borrowing

25% scholarships and grants

2% contributions from relatives and friends

**Parent income and savings are the #1 source
of funding.**

<https://www.salliemae.com/about/leading-research/how-america-pays-for-college/>



What is financial aid?

- Billions of Dollars available
- Money to pay for college or career school
 - Grants
 - Scholarships
 - Work-study
 - Loans




How do I apply for aid?

Fill out the online *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* at

- www.FAFSA.GOV or
- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Available October 1st of student's senior year of high school & every year after that while the student is in college

Fafsa.Gov Website

 An official website of the United States government. Help Center [English](#) | [Español](#)

Federal Student Aid
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Complete the FAFSA[®] Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA[®]) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA[®] Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

[Start Here](#)

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[View your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)

[Log In](#)

FAFSA[®] Announcements



FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security number
- Have a high school diploma/GED/approved home-schooled program
- Working towards a degree or certificate in an eligible program at a school that participates in the federal student aid programs
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress once enrolled



How do I apply for federal student aid?

High School Senior & One Parent

1. Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID (email address & password)
 - Do not tell anyone your FSA ID!
 - Keep your password and answers secure
 - You will use this every year
 - Electronic Signature
 - Parents only need one FSA for their children, but each child must have a separate FSA ID



The IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) Electronically Transfers Your Federal Tax Return Information Into Your FAFSA.
 - WHY
- EASY: Transfer info with the click of a button.
- FAST: Instantly retrieve your information.
- ACCURATE: Correctly fill in data fields.
- **Depending on whether you filed your taxes electronically or by mail, you may be able to use the IRS DRT in as little as two weeks from when you filed your tax return**
- **2021 tax information – 2 years prior**



How much federal student aid can I get?

In general, depends on your financial need.

- Financial need determined by your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and the college's cost of attendance (COA)
- EFC calculated using your financial information reported on the FAFSA

$$\text{COA} - \text{EFC} = \text{demonstrated need}$$

In my own words: (Filling out the FAFSA provides you with an estimate of what the college may want you to contribute at minimum per year. This is an Estimate, not the actual amount you will pay.



COA – EFC = NEED

- **Cost of Attendance –**
- tuition, room, board, books, fees, transportation, etc.
- **MINUS**
- **EFC - (Expected Family Contribution)**
- estimated by the federal government. What you can pay for your child's tuition per year based on your income, assets, savings, etc.
- **EQUALS = “Demonstrated NEED” THAT COLLEGES MEET AT A CERTAIN %**



University of Maryland

Facts & Information



PROFILE OF 2019-20 FINANCIAL AID

FRESHMAN

Financial Aid Applicants

3,581 (83.7%) of freshmen

Found to Have Financial Need

1,707 (47.7%) of applicants

Received Financial Aid

1,704 (99.8%) of applicants with financial need

Need Fully Met

354 (20.8%) of aid recipients

Average Percent of Need Met

65%



Average Award

\$13,361



COA – EFC = NEED CONT'D

ABC COLLEGE \$35,000 (COA)

Minus Your EFC \$10,000

Demonstrated Need for college = \$25,000



COA – EFC = NEED CONT'D

ABC COLLEGE \$50,000 (COA)

Minus Your EFC \$25,000

Demonstrated Need for college = \$25,000



COA – EFC = NEED CONT'D

ABC COLLEGE \$70,000 (COA)

Minus Your EFC \$40,000

Demonstrated Need for college = \$30,000



Net Price Calculator - NPC

- Every college that receives federal funding will have this calculator on their website.
- This will help determine how much you may be expected to pay out of pocket (net cost)
- College's search engine – [Net Price Calculator](#)
- Complete the information for an estimated cost.



How much federal student aid cont'd?

Example: first-year student in 2022-23

Maximum amounts allowed:

- Federal Pell Grant: up to \$6,895 in 2022-23
- TEACH Grant: \$4,000*
- Direct Subsidized Loan & *(not charged interest while in college at least half time)*
- Direct Unsubsidized Loans: Up to \$5,500 *(charged interest while in college)*
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant: up to \$4,000*
- Federal Work-Study: depends on funds available at school
- Federal PLUS Loan (for parents)
- (all amounts may change yearly)

- *may be increased or decreased

Other Financial Aid Forms

- CSS Profile – Some colleges (private & some public) use this form.
- www.Collegeboard.Org – College Scholarship Service (CSS)
- More questions than the FAFSA
- **FAFSA vs CSS**
 - FAFSA- Custodial 51%
 - CSS - Custodial & Non-Custodial Parent
 - FAFSA – Does not ask for equity in home
 - CSS - Equity in your home
 - FAFSA – Free Application
 - CSS - \$25 app fee 1st college & \$16 per additional college
- Check with the colleges you are applying
- Available October 1st
- Do not complete unless asked by the college
- Some colleges may have an additional financial aid form



COLLEGE NEED-BASED AID

- Based on the financial position of the family.
- The information supplied on the FAFSA is used to determine the amount the of **Expected Family Contribution –EFC.**
- All students who have a **Demonstrated Need** may be able to receive funding



COLLEGE MERIT-BASED AID

- Based on how well the student has performed in some area (academics, athletics, leadership, band, music, STEM, etc.).
- The award has nothing to do with the financial position of the family.
- These scholarships come from the college and are renewable every year, most of the time.
- Students receive them by just applying to the college or filling out a separate application.



Maryland Higher Education Commission

- State Grants may be available for Maryland residents who meet income eligibility requirements. Must complete FAFSA if eligible.
- MSFAA (Maryland State Financial Aid Application) - non qualifying FAFSA students
- Register online with **(MDCaps) using a personal email**.
- An email from MHEC sent to student. (Students need to **check Emails periodically!!**) **Documentation may be needed**
- Complete all documentation as soon as possible!
- <http://mhec.maryland.gov/>
- **Request an IRS transcript at IRS.Gov It's free!**



MARYLAND GRANTS

Need Based, Pell Grant, Low Income

➤ Howard P Rawlings

Guaranteed Access Grant (GAG) up to \$19,400

Howard P Rawlings

Educational Assistance Grant up to \$3,000

➤ Part-time Grant up to \$2,000

➤ 2+2 Transfer Scholarship up to \$2,000

- Students must plan to attend a college in Maryland, but there are some exceptions*

*Academic Common Market (Pay for College Series)



Guaranteed Access Partnership Program (GAPP)

- The Guaranteed Access Partnership Program (GAPP) provides a matching grant award to eligible Maryland students who receive a Guaranteed Access (GA) grant and who enroll at a participating Maryland independent college or university as a new undergraduate student.

The Maryland institutions that are participating include:

*Capitol Technology University * Goucher College * Hood College * Johns Hopkins University * Loyola University Maryland * Maryland Institute College of Art * McDaniel College * Mount St. Mary's University * Notre Dame of Maryland University * Stevenson University * St. John's College * Washington Adventist University * and Washington College*



MARYLAND GRANTS Cont'd.

- **Community College Promise Scholarship**
 - 2.3 Cumulative GPA (unweighted)
 - \$100,000 Single Parent Household
 - \$150,000 Two Parent Household
 - Complete the MDCaps Registration
 - Complete the FAFSA or MSFAA



MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Senatorial Amount Varies

- Delegate Amount Varies

- Elected officials
 - Mdelect.net website
 - Enter your address to see who your elected officials are
 - Must complete the FAFSA/MSFAA
 - Complete MDCAPS on MHEC Web, if required



FAFSA Deadlines

- **Deadline for Maryland is March 1st**
- **Follow the **College's Deadline** If Earlier!!**
- **Univ of Md is Jan 1st!!**
- **Plan to fill this out early! Before the deadlines!**



Example: Financial Award Letter

	Fall 2021-2022	Spring 2021-2022	Total
• Tuition and fees	7,568.00	7,568.00	15, 136.00
• Room & Board	4,317.00	4,317.00	8,634.00
• Books and Supplies	500.00	500.00	1, 000.00
• Personal Expenses	600.00	600.00	1,200.00
• Transportation	787.50	787.50	1,575.00
• Total Cost of Attendance			\$27,545.00

• **We are pleased to offer you the following forms of financial aid to assist you with financing your higher education at ABC University!!**

• Federal Pell Grant	2,750.00	2,750.00	5,500.00
• Federal Work Study	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
• Subsidized Loan	1,750.00	1,750.00	3,500.00
• Unsubsidized Loan	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
• Parent Plus Loan	6,523.00	6,522.00	13,045.00
• Estimated Total Awards	12,773.00	12,772.00	\$25,545.00

Example Financial Award w/Merit Scholarship

	Fall 2021-2022	Spring 2021-2022	Total
• Tuition and fees	7,568.00	7,568.00	15, 136.00
• Room & Board	4,317.00	4,317.00	8,634.00
• Books and Supplies	500.00	500.00	1, 000.00
• Personal Expenses	600.00	600.00	1,200.00
• Transportation	787.50	787.50	1,575.00
• Total Cost of Attendance			\$27,545.00

• **We are pleased to offer you the following forms of financial aid to assist you with financing your higher education at ABC University!!**

• Presidential Scholarship	7,000.00	7,000.00	14,000.00
• Federal Pell Grant	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
• Student Subsidized Loan	1,750.00	1,750.00	3,500.00
• Unsubsidized Loan	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
• Parent Plus Loan	2,522.50	2,522.50	5,045.00
• Estimated Total Awards	13,772.50	13,772.50	\$27,545.00



Appeal Letters

Extenuating Circumstances

- After receiving an award letter from colleges
 - Loss of job due to Covid19 or other
 - More financial responsibility due to Covid19 or other
 - Medical expenses
 - Anything that has decreased income
 - Contact Financial Aid Office
 - Write letter with documentation

If another college provided more money you can appeal to other college to match the offer

College **May** or **May Not** be able to increase scholarship



**The Educational Opportunity Center
Montgomery College – Rockville Campus
240-567-5644
Call for an Appointment
&
Montgomery College**

- FAFSA Step by Step Assistance
- Starting in October
- Financial Aid Advising, College Planning
- High School Seniors and Adults
- Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm & evenings
- 2021 Tax information, W2, SSN# for parent & student
- Bank Statements, Assets if any 529, etc.
- Parent & student must attend
- Spanish interpreters may available.
- Virtual and/or In-Person Meetings
- More information forthcoming (check with CCIC)



FAFSA Completers

- US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- **List of Items Needed to Complete the Online Application**
 - Your list of colleges you are applying to
 - Parent(s) and student date of birth
 - Student social security number
 - Parent(s) social security number
 - Student Alien Registration/Green Card (if applicable)
 - Parent's personal email address
 - Parent's date of marriage (if applicable)
 - Parent w2 forms and 2021 tax return documents
 - Record of untaxed income
 - Other documentation may be required

The items above can take time to find/collect. The earlier you can have this conversation with your parents, the more time we will have to address any questions and concerns.



MSFAA Completers

- **List of Items Needed to Complete the Online Application**
- List of colleges you are planning to apply
Parent(s) date of birth
Student date of birth
Social security number of parent or student, if applicable
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for parent and/or student, if applicable
Parent and student W-2 and income tax return documents for the previous three years (2021, 2020, and 2019)
Record of untaxed income
Other documents may be needed

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Assistance Completing the FAFSA

- FAFSA.GOV Website
 - 1-800-433-3243
 - Free assistance



FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- Internet searches-
- High School Counseling Office-Your school's guidance office receives information about various scholarships
- College/University & Financial Aid Offices-Check with the financial aid office at all of the institutions to which apply
- Maryland
- Private (professional organizations, employers, civic organizations, etc.)



Website Resources

www.fafsa.gov (Free Application For Federal Student Aid)

www.mhec.state.md.us (Md. State Grants & Scholarships)

www.collegeboard.org (CSS Profile financial form)

www.collegedata.com (profiles of colleges)

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>



Scholarship- Internet Searches

- <http://www.finaid.org/>
- www.scholarshipsonline.org
- <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- <http://www.uncf.org>
- <http://collegedata.com>



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FAFSA Partners

- We have partnered with the following non-profit organizations. They will help us assist families with the financial aid application completion.
- Educational Opportunity Center
- Montgomery College
- Collegetracks*
- ACES*
- Collegiate Directions, Inc.*
- Check with your CCIC for more information on dates and times that services will be provided.
- *located in specific MCPS schools



How To Pay For College Series

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/>

More detailed information about Federal and State Financial Aid, The Maryland Higher Education Commission, The Academic Common Market, etc. More college information series coming soon!

How To Pay for College Video Series



Topics Covered:

- Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Eligibility Requirements



College and Career Events

College and Career Readiness Forums

Hosted by College & Career Information Coordinators

- ▶ [9th/10th Grade Forum Presentation](#)
- ▶ [11th Grade Forum Presentation](#)
- ▶ [12th Grade Forum Presentation](#)

MCPS Let's Talk Careers

A monthly live speaker series hosted by MCPS students who talk with professionals, leaders and entrepreneurs about their career paths and industry expertise. The sessions cover a variety of industries, such as arts & entertainment, bioscience, entrepreneurship, engineering, government and restaurant management. Students can submit questions prior to the session and watch it live on YouTube, the MCPS website or on MCPS-TV channels (Comcast 34, Verizon 36 and RCN 89). Previous session recordings are also available to watch.

Naviance College and Career Planning

- [Naviance Student](#)
- [Naviance Login by School](#)



Thanks for coming!!!

We are about to open up for questions.

We may not be able to answer all of your questions this evening.

This PowerPoint Presentation, the recording and questions answered after this presentation will be available on the MCPS College and Career Center Webpage by September 12th.

We, the CCICs (College and Career Information Coordinators) are located in the College and Career Center at every MCPS High School.

We look forward to speaking with you soon!

QUESTIONS?