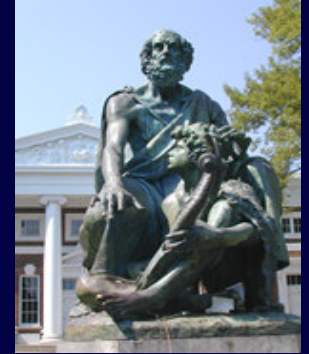


# University of Virginia

## Student Financial Services



# Financing Education Beyond High School

# Agenda

- Eligibility requirements
- Applying for financial aid
- Types of Federal financial aid
- Financial Aid packages and comparing awards
- Helpful hints and websites



# What is Financial Aid?

- Financial resources intended to pay for college expenses that are not provided by the student or his/her family.
  - Scholarships
  - Grants
  - Loans
  - Employment Opportunities



# Who is eligible?

- Must be U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Must be registered with Selective Service (if male and required)
- Must have valid Social Security number



# How do I apply for financial aid?

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Paper FAFSA or
  - Electronic FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
- Entering and Transfer students must complete a University Financial Aid Application (UFAA) in addition to the FAFSA



# Submitting your FAFSA

- FAFSA must be submitted each year in which a student would like to be considered for financial aid
- FAFSA may be submitted after January 1 of each year
- The University's priority filing date is March 1; however, families are encourage to apply earlier using estimated tax information



# Paper FAFSA for 2007-2008 academic year



FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID  
July 1, 2007 — June 30, 2008



Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans.

Or apply free online  
at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

#### Applying by the Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2007. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2008. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2007-2008 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as January 2007. See the table to the right for state deadlines. You may also need to complete additional forms. Check with your high school guidance counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines.

If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

#### Using Your Tax Return

If you are supposed to file a 2006 federal income tax return, we recommend that you complete it before filling out this form. If you have not yet filed your return, you can still submit your FAFSA, but you must provide income and tax information. Once you file your tax return, correct any income or tax information that is different from what you initially submitted on your FAFSA.

#### Filling Out the FAFSA

Your answers on this form will be read electronically. Therefore:

- use black ink and fill in ovals completely. Correct  Incorrect
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words: 

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- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) like this: 

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Yellow is for student information and purple is for parent information.

If you or your family has unusual circumstances (such as loss of employment), complete this form to the extent you can, then submit it as instructed and consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

For more information or help in filling out the FAFSA, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). TTY users (for the hearing-impaired) may call 1-800-730-8913. Or visit our Web site at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

#### Mailing Your FAFSA

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 7 through 10 for your records. Then mail the original of only pages 7 through 10 in the attached envelope or send it to: Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 7001, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-0071. Do not send the worksheets on page 5; keep them for your records.

If you do not receive the results of your application—a *Student Aid Report (SAR)*—within three weeks, please check online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or call 1-800-433-3243. If you provided your e-mail address in question 13, you will receive information about your application within a few days after we process it.

#### Let's Get Started!

Now go to page 7 of the application form and begin filling it out. Refer to the notes as instructed.

#### STATE AID DEADLINES

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories:

AL, AS, GO, CT, FM, GA, GU, HI, ID, MH, MP, MS, NE, NM, NV, PR, PW, SD, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI and WY.

- AK April 15, 2007 *(date received)*
- AR For Academic Challenge - June 1, 2007 *(date received)*  
For Workforce Grant - Contact your financial aid administrator.
- AZ June 30, 2008 *(date received)*
- \*CA For initial awards - March 2, 2007  
For additional community college awards - September 2, 2007 *(date postmarked)*
- \*DC June 30, 2007 *(date received by state)*
- DE April 15, 2007 *(date received)*
- FL May 15, 2007 *(date processed)*
- IA July 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- IL First-time applicants - September 30, 2007  
Continuing applicants - August 15, 2007 *(date received)*
- IN March 10, 2007 *(date received)*
- \*KS April 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- \*KY March 15, 2007 *(date received)*
- LA July 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- \*MA May 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- MD March 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- ME May 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- MI March 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- MN 30 days after term starts *(date received)*
- MO April 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- #MT March 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- NC March 15, 2007 *(date received)*
- ND March 15, 2007 *(date received)*
- NH May 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- \*NJ June 1, 2007, if you received a Tuition Aid Grant in 2006-2007  
All other applicants  
- October 1, 2007, fall & spring terms  
- March 1, 2008, spring term only *(date received)*
- \*NY May 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- OH October 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- #OK April 15, 2007 *(date received)* for best consideration
- #OR March 1, 2007 *(date received)*  
Final deadline - Contact your financial aid administrator.
- \*PA All 2006-2007 State Grant recipients & all non-2006-2007 State Grant recipients in degree programs - May 1, 2007  
All other applicants - August 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- #RI March 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- SC June 30, 2007 *(date received)*
- #TN For State Grant - March 1, 2007  
For State Lottery - September 1, 2007 *(date received)*
- \*WV March 1, 2007 *(date received)*

STATE AID DEADLINES



# FAFSA on the Web

## www.fafsa.ed.gov



START HERE  
GO FURTHER  
FEDERAL STUDENT AID™

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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- 1 Before Beginning a FAFSA
- 2 Filling Out a FAFSA
- 3 FAFSA Follow-Up

#### Special Announcements

**Alert! Important changes that may affect your eligibility for student aid.**

## Federal Student Aid FAFSA



We have simplified the process of filling out the FAFSA. You can follow each section all of the way through for a comprehensive set of instructions.

### 1 Before Beginning a FAFSA

Get organized! To simplify filling out the FAFSA, gather the required documents and other information.

[FAFSA on the Web Worksheet](#)  
[Find my school codes](#)  
[Students & Parents apply for a PIN](#)  
[Check FAFSA Deadline Dates](#)

### 2 Filling Out a FAFSA

Fill out the FAFSA! It has seven steps that ask about you, your school plans, financial information and more.

[Fill out a FAFSA](#)  
[Llenar la FAFSA en español](#)  
[Fill out a Renewal FAFSA](#)  
[Llenar la FAFSA de Renovación en español](#)  
[Continue working on saved FAFSA](#)  
[Sign Electronically with your PIN](#)

### 3 FAFSA Follow-up

Find your FAFSA online! You can go back to your FAFSA to check status, make corrections to a processed FAFSA and get other information.

[Check Status of a submitted FAFSA or print Signature Page](#)  
[Make Corrections to a processed FAFSA](#)  
[Add or Delete a School Code](#)  
[View and print your Student Aid Report](#)

#### FAFSA ALERTS:

##### FAFSA Deadlines:

Submit 2006-2007 FAFSA on the Web Applications by **midnight Central Daylight time**, July 2, 2007.

Submit 2007-2008 FAFSA on the Web Applications by **midnight Central Daylight time**, June 30, 2008.

[More»](#)

State deadlines are normally much earlier than Federal deadlines. To find your state's deadline, select [state deadlines](#)

#### Scheduled Maintenance:

FAFSA on the Web will be unavailable on every Sunday from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

[More»](#)

Site Last Updated: Wednesday, September 27, 2006

# Common FAFSA errors



- Parent and student social security numbers
- Divorced/remarried parental information
- Income earned by parents/step-parents
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Household size
- Number of household members in college
- Real estate and investment net worth

# What happens to the FAFSA information?

- FAFSA information is submitted to the Department of Education for processing.
- The Department calculates an Expected Family Contribution (**EFC**).
- The **EFC** is a determination of a student/family's ability to contribute towards educational costs.
- Each school listed on the FAFSA receives the submitted information as well as the calculated **EFC**.



# Calculating the EFC for a dependent student

- STUDENT CONTRIBUTION

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Income (minus allowances)} \\ & + \underline{\text{Assets (x 20\%)}} \end{aligned}$$

- PARENT CONTRIBUTION

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Income (minus allowances)} \\ & + \underline{\text{Assets (minus allowances x 12\%)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EFC} &= \text{Student Contribution} \\ &+ \underline{\text{Parent Contribution}} \end{aligned}$$



# What happens to the FAFSA information?

- Each school uses the EFC to determine financial need

$$\frac{\text{Cost of attendance} - \text{EFC}}{\text{Financial Need}}$$



# Cost of Attendance



- tuition and fees
- room and board
- books, supplies, transportation costs, and personal costs
- loan fees
- study abroad costs
- dependent care expenses
- disability-related expenses
- cooperative education program costs



# Example One: Calculating Financial Need

- Family of 4 with 1 in college, income of approximately \$60,000 and assets of \$35,000.
- Student income approximately \$2,000 with no assets.
- EFC ~ \$7,000

COA: \$17,000

EFC: - \$7,000

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**NEED: \$10,000**

or

COA: \$32,300

EFC: - \$7,000

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**NEED: \$25,300**



## Example Two: Calculating Financial Need

- Family of 5 with 1 in college, income of approximately \$125,000 and assets of \$5,000.
- Student income approximately \$900 with no assets.
- EFC ~ \$26,500

COA: \$17,000

EFC: - \$26,500

or

COA: \$32,300

EFC: - \$26,500

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**NEED: \$0**

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**NEED: \$5,800**

# Need-Blind Admission

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## Need-Based Awards

- Maintaining a socio-economically diverse student population
- Student Financial Services does not award merit-based scholarships
- Admission Office and Department





- 1) 100% of need met
- 2) Low income students receive all grants
- 3) Loan-cap for need based loans.
- 4) Counseling on College Financing and Debt Management

# Financial Aid Packages

Student Financial Services meets students' financial need with various types of financial aid.

- Gift Aid: Scholarships and grants (academic and athletic)
- Self Help: Loans and Work Study



# Types of Federal Financial Aid

- Federal Pell Grant

- undergraduate students
- pursuing first bachelor's degree and certain students enrolled in post-baccalaureate teacher certification or licensing program
- award amount based upon cost of attendance, EFC, and enrollment status
- annual award amount between \$400 and \$4,050 (for 2006-2007)
- portable



# Types of Federal Financial Aid



- Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)
  - Completion of a rigorous secondary school program
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate students \$750
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate students \$1,300
    - Have a 3.0 grade point average in an eligible program
- National Science and Mathematic Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant)  
(merit and need based Federal Grant)
  - Full-time enrollment in an eligible major
    - Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, etc.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate students \$4,000
    - Have a 3.0 grade point average in an eligible program
- General Requirements
  - U.S. Citizen
  - Federal Pell Grant recipient
  - Full-time enrollment in an eligible major

# Types of Federal Financial Aid

- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
  - undergraduate students
  - pursuing first bachelor's or professional degree
  - awarded first to students with exceptional financial need (those with lowest EFC's)
  - annual award amount between \$100 and \$4,000



# Types of Federal Financial Aid

- Federal Stafford Loans

- education loan in student's name
- guaranteed by Federal government
- payments deferred until after student graduates or drops below half-time status
- fixed interest rate = 6.8%
- six month grace period upon graduation
- may be charged loan fees up to 4%
- ten year repayment period with no prepayment penalty



# Types of Federal Financial Aid



- Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan
  - Student must demonstrate financial need
  - Federal government pays the interest while the student is in school
- Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
  - Student does not need to demonstrate financial need
  - Student responsible for interest while in school (may make payments or let interest accrue)

# Types of Federal Financial aid

- Annual loan limits
  - for undergraduate students, combined subsidized and unsubsidized
    - First year = \$3,500
    - Second year = \$4,500
    - Third year and beyond = \$5,500
  - for graduate students, maximum subsidized loan
    - Each year = \$8,500



# Types of Federal Financial Aid



- Additional unsubsidized eligibility for independent students, graduate students, and students whose parents are unable to borrow the PLUS loan for credit reasons
  - first and second year = \$4,000
  - third year and beyond = \$5,000
  - graduate students = \$12,000

# Types of Federal Financial Aid

- Perkins Loan
  - undergraduate, graduate and professional students eligible
  - priority given to students who demonstrate exceptional need as defined by school
  - fixed interest rate of 5%
  - interest subsidized while student is in school
  - nine month grace period upon graduation
  - up to ten year repayment period with no prepayment penalty



# Types of Federal Financial Aid



- Perkins Loan
  - loan amount varies
  - annual maximum award amounts
    - Undergraduates = \$4,000
    - Graduate and professional = \$6,000

# Types of Federal Financial Aid

- Federal Work Study
  - undergraduate, graduate and professional students are eligible
  - eligible employers
    - Schools
    - Federal, state or local public agencies
    - Certain private non-profit and for profit organizations
  - student must work to earn money
  - usually receive earnings in form of paycheck



# Example financial aid package

## Candy Land University

Cost of Attendance = \$29,788

EFC = \$2,987

Financial Need = \$26,801

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Federal Pell Grant	\$1,100
Federal Perkins Loan	\$1,000
State Grant	\$3,500
Academic Scholarship	\$7,000
University Grant	\$3,000
Work Study	\$1,000
Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$3,500
<b>TOTAL AID PACKAGE</b>	<b>\$20,100</b>
Unmet Financial Need	\$6,701 (= \$26,801 - \$20,100)

Approximate Out of Pocket cost = \$9,688





# Example financial aid package Chutes and Ladders University

Cost of Attendance = \$16,714

EFC = \$2,987

Financial Need = \$13,727

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Federal Pell Grant	\$1,100
Federal Perkins Loan	\$3,000
State Grant	\$8,000
University Grant	\$1,627
<b>TOTAL AID PACKAGE</b>	<b>\$13,727</b>
Unmet Financial Need	\$0 (= \$13,727 - \$13,727)

Approximate Out of Pocket cost = \$2,987

# Comparing Financial Aid Packages



Candy Land University	CnL University
Pell Grant: \$1,100	Pell Grant: \$1,100
Perkins Loan: \$1,000	Perkins Loan: \$3,000
State Grant: \$3,500	State Grant: \$8,000
Academic Scholarship: \$7,000	
University Grant: \$3,000	University Grant: \$1,627
Work Study: \$1,000	
Stafford Loan: \$3,500	
Total Aid : \$20,100	Total Aid: \$13,727
Unmet Financial Need: \$6,701	Unmet Financial Need: \$0
Out of Pocket: \$9,688	Out of Pocket: \$2,987

# What to look for when comparing packages



- Gift Aid: grants and scholarships
  - Candy Land = \$14,600
  - CnL = \$10,727
- Self Help: loans and work study
  - Candy Land = \$4,625
  - CnL = \$3,000
- Out of pocket cost
  - Candy Land = \$11,563
  - CnL = \$2,987
- Conditional awards, Renewable awards
- Merit awards or Need-Based awards
- Extra loans such as PLUS or alternative

# What if financial aid does not pay the bill?

- Installment Payment Plans (Tuition Management System) [www.afford.com](http://www.afford.com)
- Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
- Alternative/Private loans



# Federal Financial Aid

- Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
  - for parents of dependent students (and graduate students)
  - approval based upon credit worthiness of borrower
  - fixed interest rate = 8.5%
  - annual loan limit = cost of attendance minus all other financial aid
  - may be charged loan fees up to 4%
  - repayment begins 60 days after loan is fully disbursed



# Frequently Asked Questions



- Why do I have to report information for my step parent?
- What if I don't live with either parent but with a guardian? Do I report information on my guardian?
- My spouse and I divorced after filing a joint federal tax return. As the custodial parent, what figures are reported?
- My (ex)spouse and I have joint custody of our child. Who is considered the custodial parent?
- I'm living with a friend's family. Do I still have to report my parent's information?



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Do I have to reapply for aid every year?
- My oldest child is not in college but lives at home. Would I include him/her as a member of the household?
- I filed for an extension on my tax return. Should I wait to file the FAFSA?
- I have two children who will be in college next year. Do I have to file two FAFSAs?
- Is my EFC what I have to pay?



# Helpful Hints



- Obtain and review admissions and financial aid information from each school to which you are applying.
- Submit all applications and requested documentation by the deadlines.
- Investigate other sources of aid every year.
- Talk to financial aid offices if you have questions or special circumstances.
- Keep copies of everything.
- If you have not completed your tax returns and would like to submit the FAFSA, you may use estimated figures. Then update the FAFSA after completing your tax returns.



# Helpful Websites

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) - scholarship search
- [www.srnexpress.org](http://www.srnexpress.org) - scholarship search
- [www.schev.edu](http://www.schev.edu) - State Council of Higher Education for Virginia



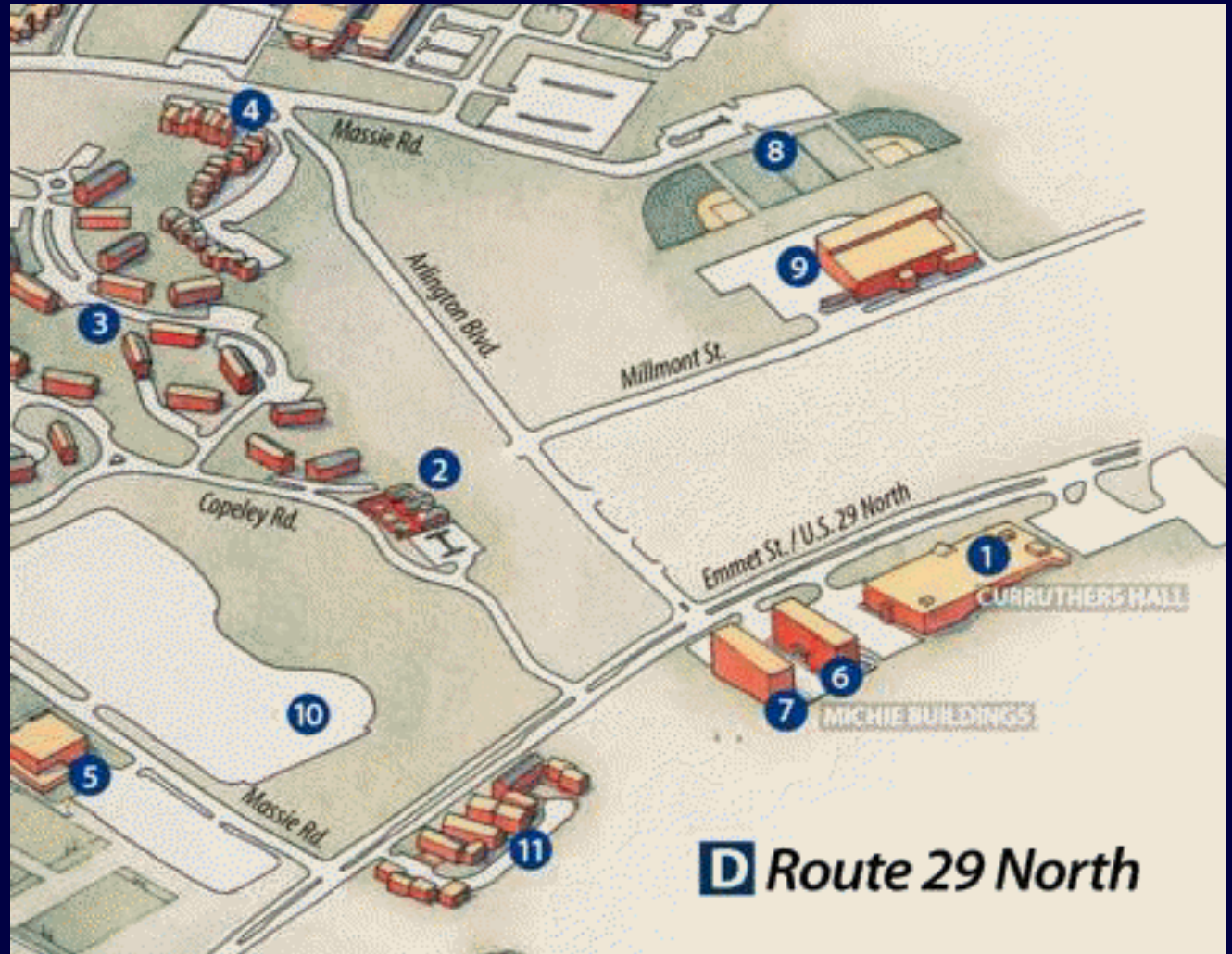
1001 Emmet Street – Carruthers Hall Building

(across from the Barracks Road Shopping Center)

UTS “Blue” line!

1-434-982-6000 or [www.virginia.edu/financialaid](http://www.virginia.edu/financialaid)

[www.virginia.edu/studentaccounts](http://www.virginia.edu/studentaccounts)





Thank you!