

Guiding the Way to Higher Education

Families, Counselors, and
Communities Together

The logo for NACAC (National Association of College Access Counselors) is located in the bottom right corner. It features the letters "NACAC" in a blue, sans-serif font. The letter "A" is stylized with a blue arc that curves over the top of the letter and extends to the right, partially overlapping the "C".

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Paying for College

Questions

1. Do you know how much college costs, and what is included in the total cost?
2. What is the difference between grants, scholarships, loans, and work study?
3. How does a student receive financial aid?



More than half the students attending college in the United States receive some form of financial assistance.

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.*

Assessing Student Need

Cost of Education (the total cost of attending college)

– **Expected Family Contribution** (minus the
parents' and student's financial resources)

= **Financial Need**

Assessing Student Need

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is influenced by these factors:

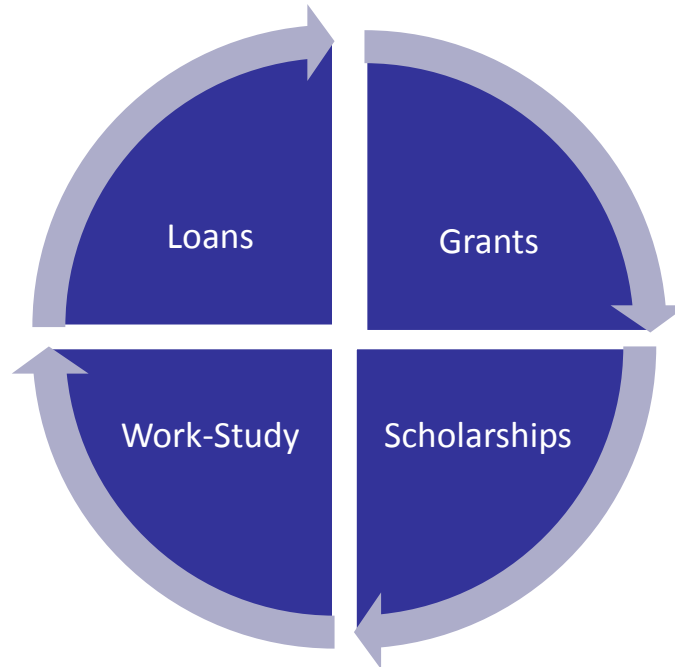
- The amount the student's parents should or will be asked to pay from income and assets
- The amount the student can contribute from earnings and savings
- Any gift amount that the student receives
- Family size, age of oldest parent, number of children currently attending college

The Financial Aid Process

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – www.fafsa.ed.gov
- CSS Profile – profileonline.collegeboard.com
- Institutional aid applications

Be sure to check each individual school's website to find out what forms must be filed and when they must be filed.

Types of Financial Aid



Grants

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Federal Pell Grants

Federal Supplemental Education
Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

State grants

Institutional grants

Scholarships

May be for academic, athletic, leadership, music, theater, etc.

Usually competitive

Institutional

National

State and Local including civic organizations

Work-Study

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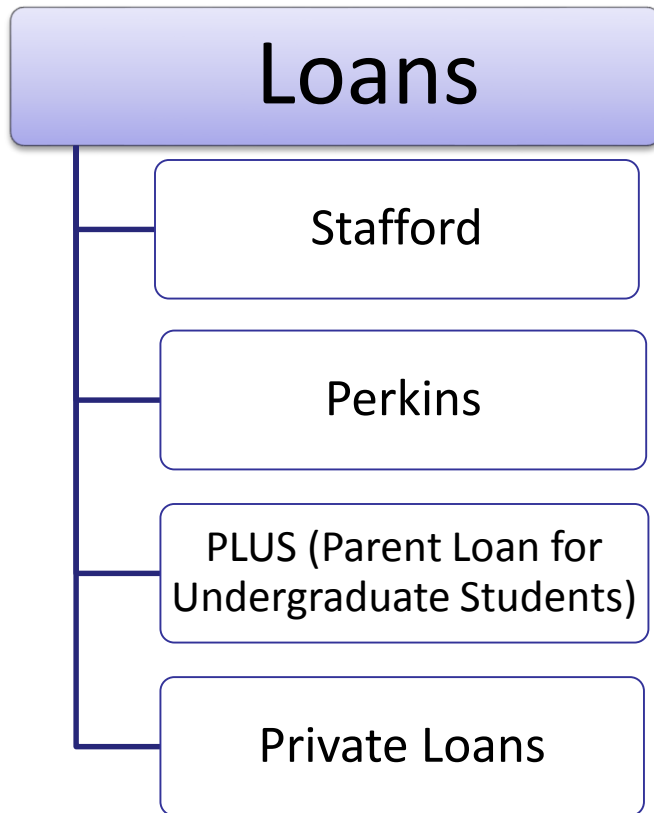
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The earlier parents or guardians become aware of the costs associated with college, the better the family can incorporate educational costs into their savings plan.