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## FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP: Completing Your FAFSA

Sunday, October 10, 2021 4:00-5:30 pm EST

Link to register: https://capfafsawebinar.eventbrite.com

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# Welcome Completing Your FAFSA Webinar

- Thank you for joining us.
- This webinar will be recorded for future use.
- Photos may be taken for reporting purposes.
- All lines will be muted to minimize noise.
- Use the chat function to post comments or questions.



## Webinar Objectives



The objectives of this webinar are to:

- Equip students with tools to navigate the college funding process.
- Share tips on researching and applying for scholarships.
- Share relevant COVID-19 economic impacts to financial aid.

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- ❖ International Greek-letter non-profit service organization.
- ❖ Founded January 15, 1908 on the campus of Howard University (an HBCU).
- ❖ Over 300,000 members world-wide.
- ❖ Program theme: *Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service*.
- ❖We address community needs through **five** target program initiatives:
  - **❖**Target 1: HBCU 4 Life: A Call to Action and #CAP
  - ❖ Target 2: Women's Healthcare and Wellness
  - **❖**Target 3: Building Economic Legacy
  - **❖**Target 4: The Arts!
  - **❖**Target 5: Global Impact



# College Fair Hosted by: (12) Collaborating AKA Chapters



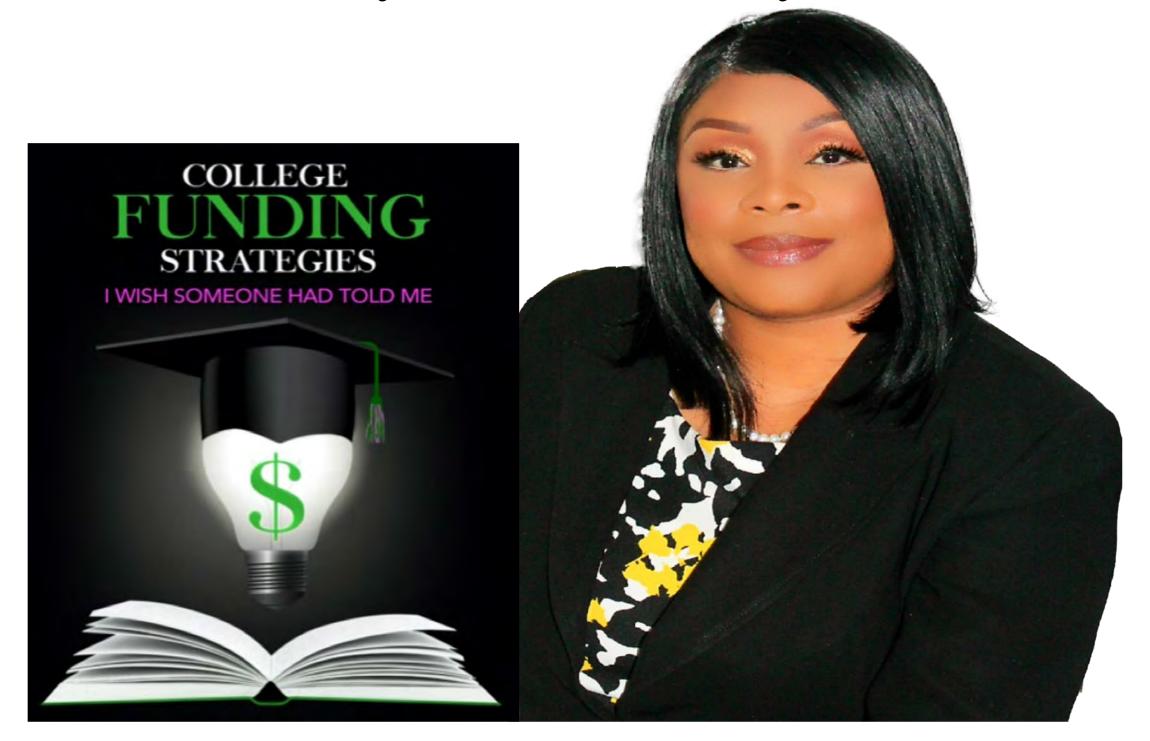
Lead by: Dr. Christie Murray (Psi Psi Omega Chapter, Stafford, VA)

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- Delta Omicron Omega (Orlando, FL)
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- Lambda Omega Omega (Monmouth & Ocean Counties, NJ)
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- Phi Nu Omega (Alexandria, VA)
- ❖ Psi Psi Omega (Stafford and Fauquier Counties, VA)
- Xi Psi Omega (Anchorage, AK)

## Give-a-ways

## Let's Make this An Engaging Event!

College <u>Funding</u> Strategies I Wish Someone Had Told Me By: Dr. Christie Murray







- General College Information
- Speaker Introduction
- **❖** Financial Aid Speaker Presentation
- Closing Remarks/Wrap-up
  - Survey
  - Give-a-ways

## Types of Schools and Colleges

- There's about 2,000 colleges in the U.S. to choose from
- ❖ <u>Vocational/Trade schools</u>:
  - Teaches a skill or trade for a specific job.
  - Electrician, Auto Mechanic, HVAC Technician, Plumber, Dental Hygienist, etc.
  - Most programs are about 2 years.
  - Obtain a license, certification or certificate.
- **Two-year college:** 
  - Community or junior college.
  - Obtain an associate's degree.
- Four-year college:
  - Undergraduate coursework.
  - Obtain a bachelor's degree.



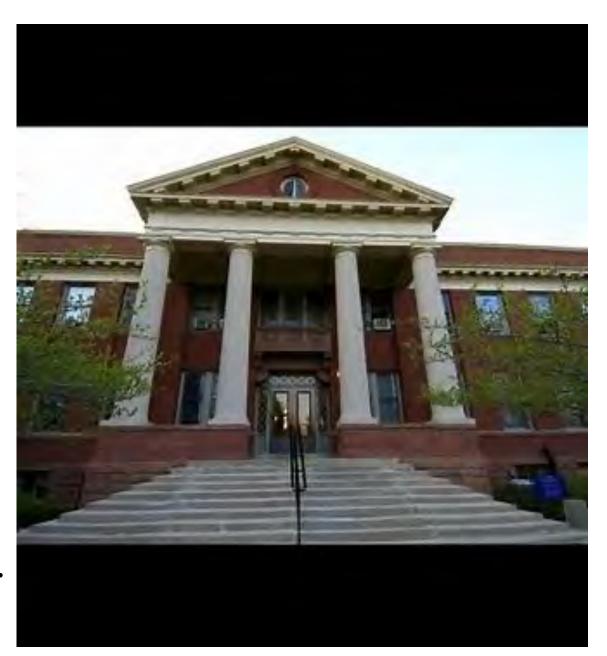
## Public vs Private Colleges

#### Public college:

- Primarily funded by a state government.
- Generally larger than private schools.
- In-state students pay in-state tuition.
- ❖ Out-of-state students living out of state likely pay more tuition.

#### Private college:

- Often operates as an educational, non-profit organization.
- Does not receive primary funding from a state government.
- One tuition rate (whether in-state or out-of-state).
- Usually more costly than public schools.



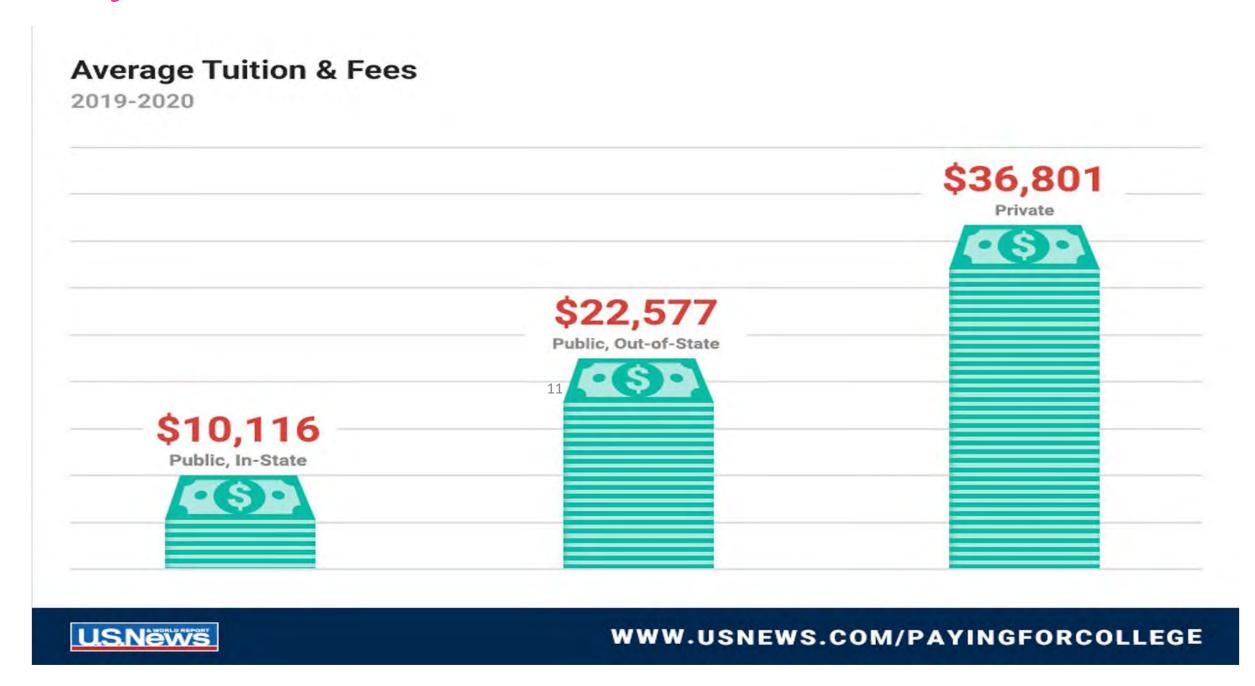
## **Know the Cost of Attendance (COA)**

- Getting accepted is one thing...Paying for college is another.
- Cost of attendance is how much college will cost.
- Direct costs (paid to college):
  - Tuition and fees (price colleges charge for tuition and instruction)
  - Room and board (campus housing and food)
- ❖ Indirect costs (your expenses during the academic year):
  - Books, course materials, supplies
  - Personal expenses (laundry, clothes, cell phone, medical, etc.)
  - Transportation (commute, travel, etc.)



## Choose An Affordable College

- Consider the cost of college in your college selections.
- **&** Go where you can afford!!!!!!!!



# What Is Your Plan To Pay For College?

## Speaker Introduction



## Instructor Biography

Over the past ten years, Alana Mbanza has supported thousands of students and families through the college admissions and financial aid process in some of the largest school districts in the country. Alana has also worked closely with counselors and administrators to set goals, manage and analyze data, and implement high impact strategies to support student success after high school. As the Founder and Managing Director of Dreamland Consulting, LLC, Alana supports schools and non-profit organizations through 1:1 coaching, professional development and instructional design. Alana has been featured in Money Magazine and National Public Radio (NPR). The highlight of her career so far has been winning the White House Reacher Higher FAFSA Completion Challenge and meeting First Lady Michelle Obama.

## Paying for College 101

How to Qualify for Thousands of Dollars in Financial Aid







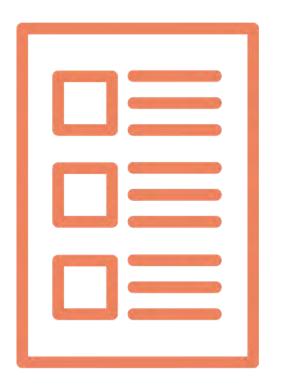






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## **AGENDA FOR TODAY**

- What is financial aid?
- Why should I apply?
- How do I apply?
- Who is eligible?
- What will I need?
- How do I find free money?

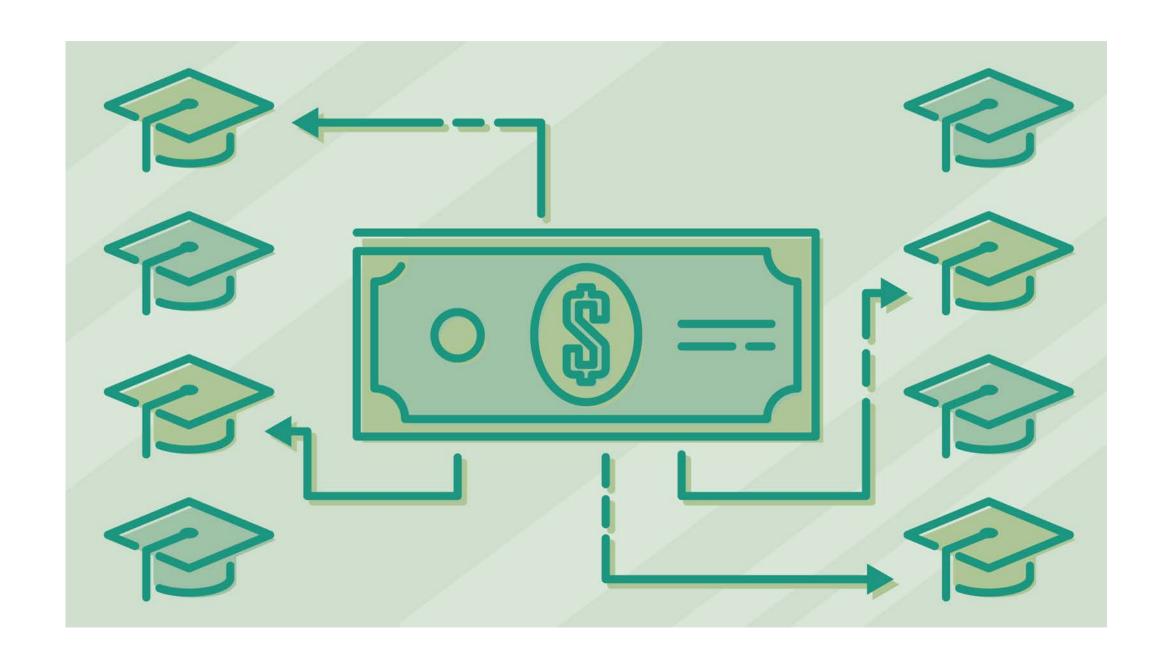
What's your grade level?

Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior
Parent

GROUP CHAT

## What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid is money that you may receive, based on certain criteria to help cover the difference between what you can afford to pay and the cost of attendance of a school.



## Types of Financial Aid

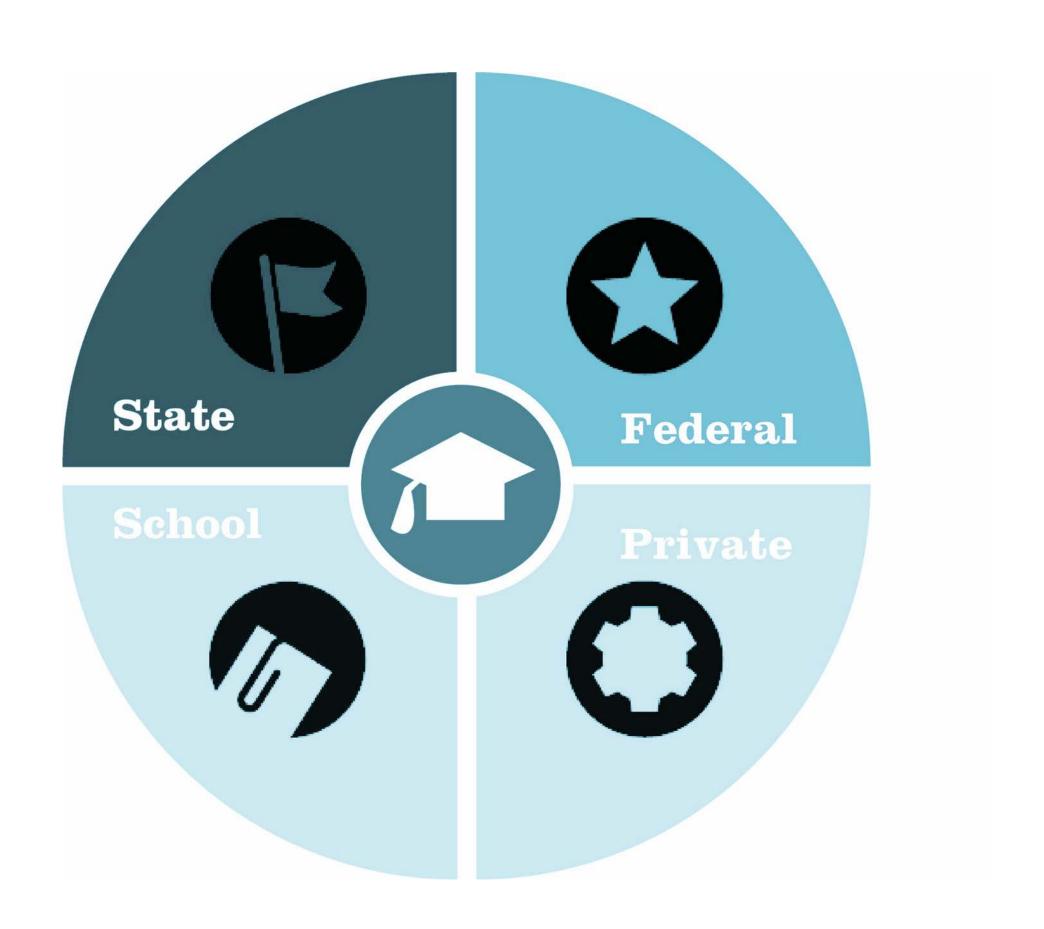




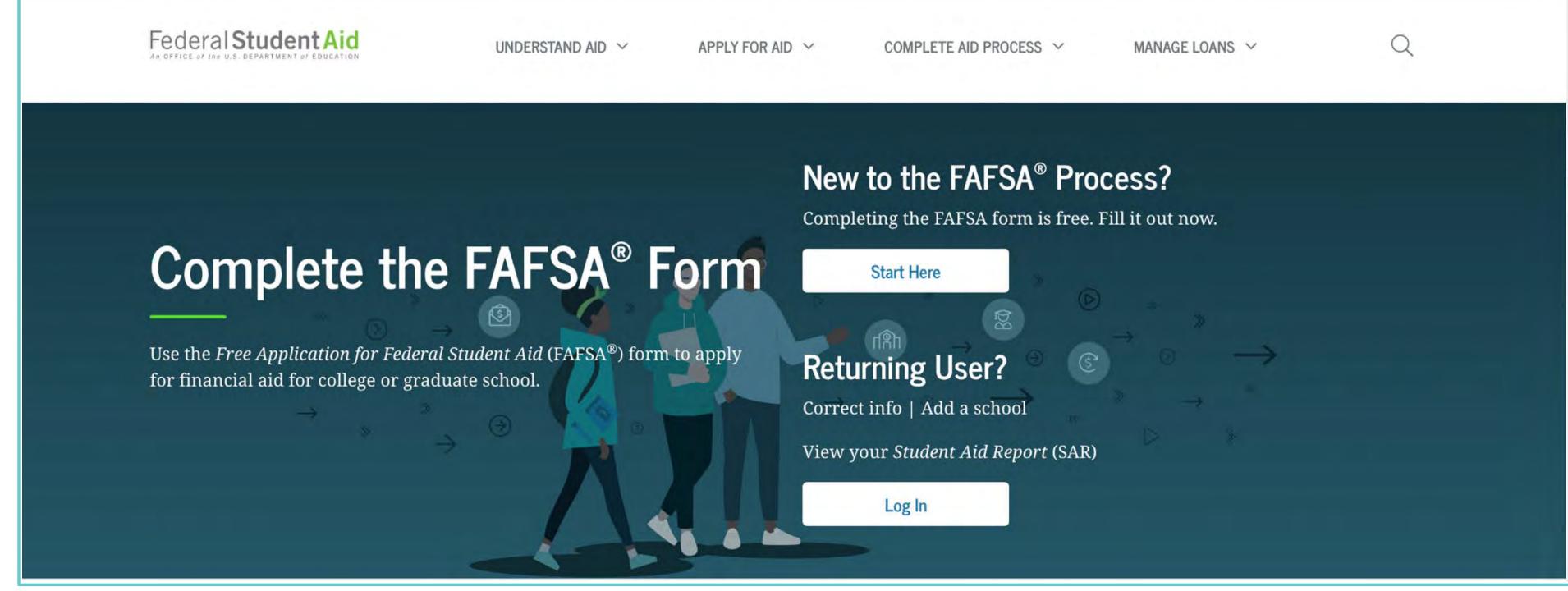


Free Money	Earned Money	Borrowed Money
Scholarship: Merit or performance based aid without repayment	Work study: Need based on campus job, earnings can be used to cover education and personal living expenses	Federal loans: Money must be repaid with interest, fixed, low interest rates
Grant: Need based aid without repayment		Private loans: Money must be repaid with interest, rates vary based on financial institution

## Four Main Sources of Financial Aid



## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)





**Application opens October 1st!** 

www.studentaid.gov

## Who is Eligible for FAFSA?

- U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Student must have a valid social security number
- Complete a high school diploma, GED or equivalent
- Seeking a degree or certificate
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP)
- Not be in default on a student loan or owe money on a federal student grant

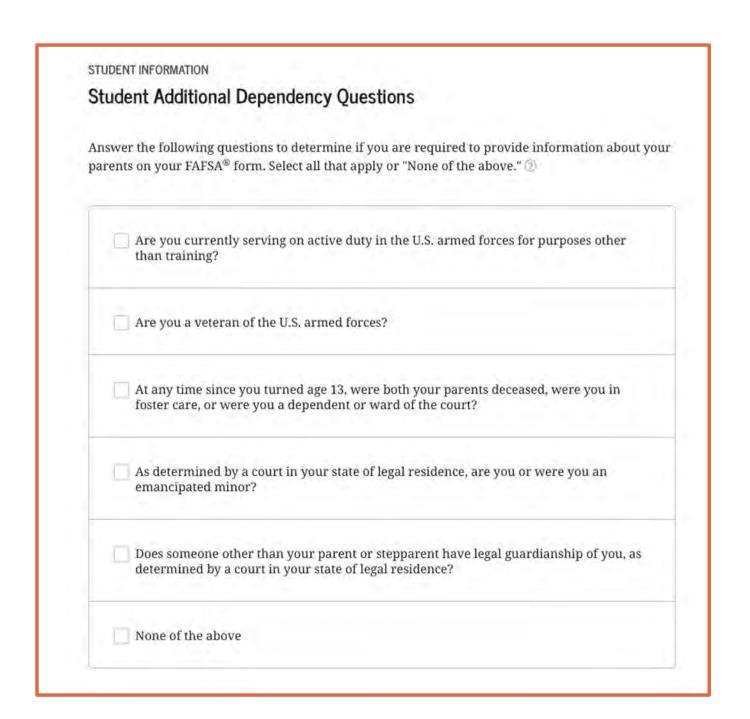
## Dependent or Independent Student?

## Dependent Student

- Lives with at least one biological or adoptive parent
- Must provide parental information

## Independent Student

- Over 25 years old
- Married
- Legal guardianship, unaccompanied minor, foster care, have dependents who you provide more than half of the support for.



## Who is considered a parent on the FAFSA?

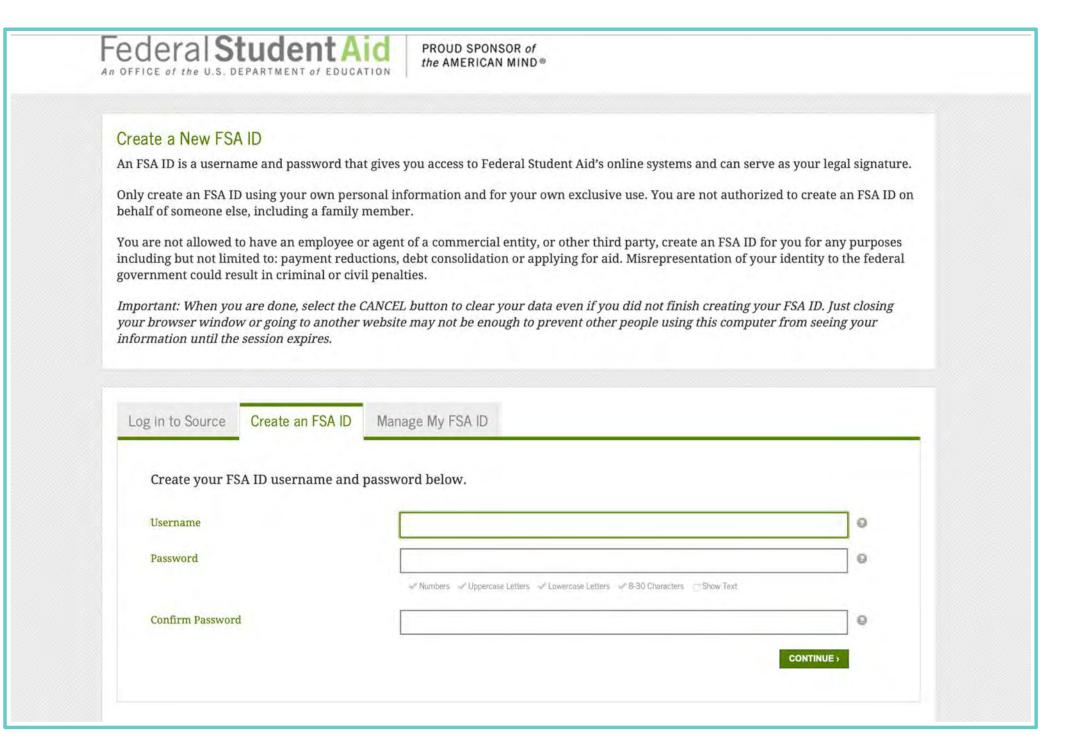
Considered Parents on FAFSA	Not Considered Parents on FAFSA
Biological or adoptive parents	<ul> <li>Grandparents</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Step-parents, if the biological parent has</li> </ul>	Foster parents
remarried	Legal guardians
	Older brothers or sisters
	Aunts and uncles

## What do I need to apply for the FAFSA?

- FSA ID for student and parent.
- Social security number and birthdate of student and custodial parent.
- The date of parents' marriage if they are married and living together.
- Student and parent 2020 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and records of all money earned.
- Bank statements and investment documents (if applicable).
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable).

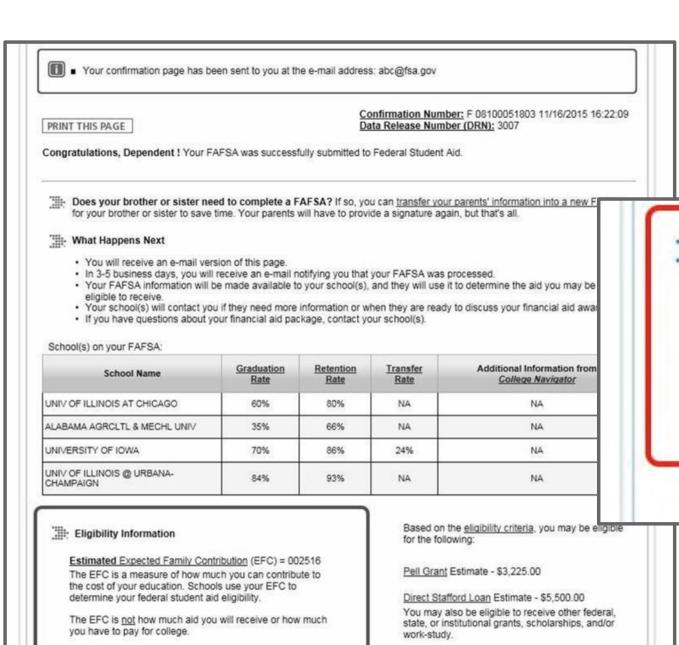


## WWW.FSAID.ED.GOV



- Students/parents will need a valid email account
- SSN and DOB will be required
- 5 challenge questions

## What does FAFSA calculate? EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)



TAKE A SURVEY

Eligibility Information

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 002516

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 <u>not</u> how much aid you will receive or how much you have to pay for college.

Based on the <u>eliqibility criteria</u>, you may be eligible for the following:

Pell Grant Estimate - \$3,225.00

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).

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If you have questions, visit www.fafsa.gov and click the "Help" icon on the FAFSA home page.

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Financial aid award letters tell you how much financial support the school will give you for the upcoming academic year.

What is the total cost of the school? (cost of attendance)

How much and what types of financial aid am I being offered? (award letter)

How much will I have to pay out of pocket? (net price)

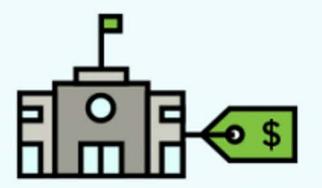
## Cost of Attendance

Direct Costs  These charges will appear on a bill directly from the College – they are typically charged per semester or term.	Indirect Costs  These expenses are incurred throughout your time in school. For the most part, they are manageable by you.		
Tuition and Fees	Books		
Housing	Personal Expenses		
Meal Plan	Transportation		

- Is this financial aid offer TENTATIVE, ESTIMATED,
   OR PENDING?
- If you are awarded a GRANT or SCHOLARSHIP based on scholastic achievement or talent, is it renewable each year?
  - Is there a minimum grade point average you have to maintain?
- If your aid offer contains LOANS, what are the INTEREST RATES of the loans that are offered to you?
  - Have they included the PARENT PLUS LOAN on the aid offer?
- If you receive OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS, will the college change your financial aid offer?
- What are the NEXT STEPS to accept or decline the financial aid offered if you decide to attend?

-	Cost of Attendance			Resources		
т	uition & fees:	\$35,922	Pare	nt Contribution:	\$9,477	
R	oom/Board:	\$ 9,966	Student Contribution:		\$ -0-	
Т	ravel:	\$ 1,800				
O	ther:	\$ 2,060				
Total: \$49,7		\$49,748	Total:		\$9,477	
				Summary		
			Cost of Attendance:		\$49,748	
			Total Resources:		\$ 9,477	
			Tota	I Awarded:	\$40,271	
A	wards		FALL	SPRING	TOTAL	
C	Columbia University Grant		16,500.00	16,500.00	\$33,000	
F	Federal College Work Study		373.00	373.00	\$ 1,746	
F	Federal Perkins Loan		950.00	950.00	\$ 1,900	
F	Federal Stafford Loan		1,750.00	1,750.00	\$ 3,500	
**	TOTAL**		19,573.00	19.573.00	\$40,271	
TI	e Columbia Grant is a no	eed based scholarship aw	arded by the University from a	fund made possible by its many	generous donors.	
PI	ease submit your Federa	Stafford Loan application	in the amount indicated to St	udent Financial Services, 210 Ker	at Hall.	

## HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR SCHOOL'S NET PRICE.



\$9,500

Cost of Attendance

(The college's official published tuition, fees, & living expenses)



\$4,400

Grants & Scholarships

(Free money you're offered that you don't have to pay back)



\$5,100

Net Price

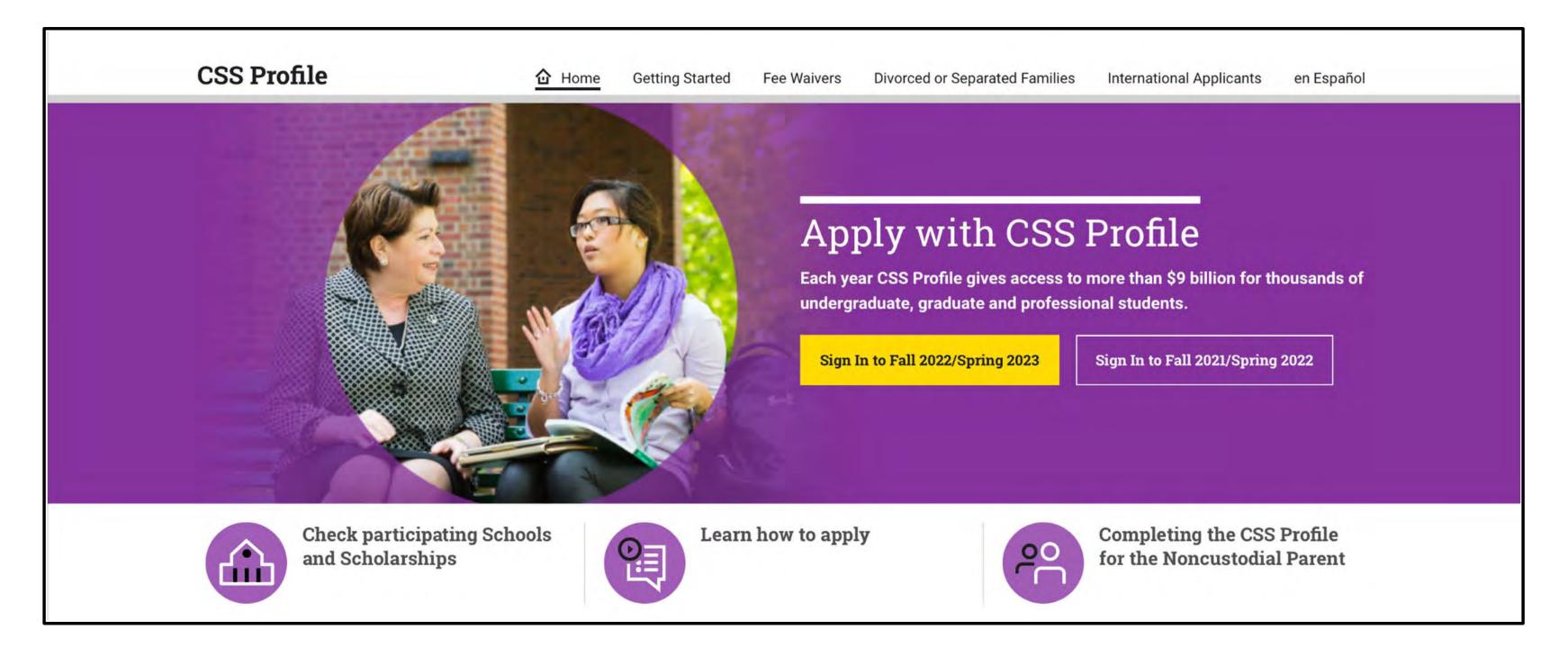
(The remaining amount that you're responsible for paying)

## Finished your FAFSA?

- → Review your confirmation page.
- → Check status of FAFSA in 3-5 business days.
- →Ensure that application says that it has been processed successfully.
- → View your Student Aid Report to double check for errors.
- → Check (e)mail for financial aid award letters.



#### www.CSSPROFILE.org



- Required by some private colleges.
- Apply starting October 1st, and deadlines vary by school.
- \$25 for first school; \$16 additional.
- Fee waivers available for eligible students.

## Dependent or Independent Student?

#### Dependent Student

- Lives with at least one biological or adoptive parent
- Must provide parental information

#### Independent Student

- Date of birth
- Marital status
- Citizenship status
- Military status (veteran or currently serving)
- Do you have any legal dependents, not including your spouse?
- Are you currently a ward of the state, homeless, in foster care, or deemed an emancipated minor by a court?

## Which parent must be reported on the CSS Profile?

Living parents

**Deceased parents** 

**Current step parents** 

Parents current partner

Legal guardian

Legal guardian spouse

\*Divorced parents

\*Non-custodial parents



## What do I need to apply for the CSS Profile?

- College Board login credentials
- Student demographic, academic, and financial information
- Parents 2020 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and records of all money earned
- Records of parent's assets (bank accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, 529 plans)
- Records of parent's expenses (educational loan payments, medical expenses)
- Housing and household information
- Vehicle information



## Applying for Scholarships



Tip #1: It's a Numbers Game

Tip #2: Work smarter, not harder

Tip #3: Look for local opportunities

Tip #4: Beware of scams

When it comes to **FREE** money, no amount is too small!

### Scholarship Search Engines



- www.scholarships.com
- Cappex
- Going Merry
- Collegegreenlight.com
- Fastweb
- The College Board
- Scholly
- Peterson's
- Niche

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# Closing Remarks

# Complete the Evaluation Survey We appreciate your feedback!

- Survey Monkey evaluation: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PNRRXJ8
- Click the survey link in the chat function or scan the QR code.
- Tell us about your needs or future topics
- Email will be sent to participants with the:
  - Evaluation Survey Monkey link
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  - Future webinar dates/registration



### **Upcoming Events**

- ❖ Real Talk with HBCUs: Over the course of two evenings, admissions representatives from 17 of the best HBCUs across the country will provide a glimpse into the admissions process, campus life, and HBCU culture.
- ❖ Date: Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Time: 7pm ET
- \* RSVP at: cb.org/RealTalkHBCU

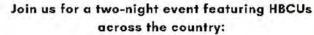
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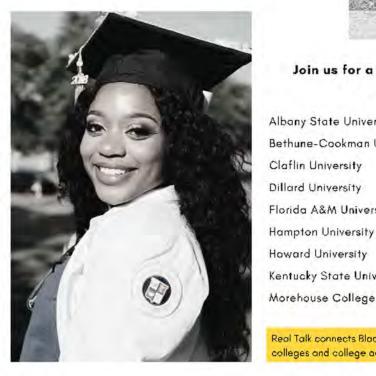
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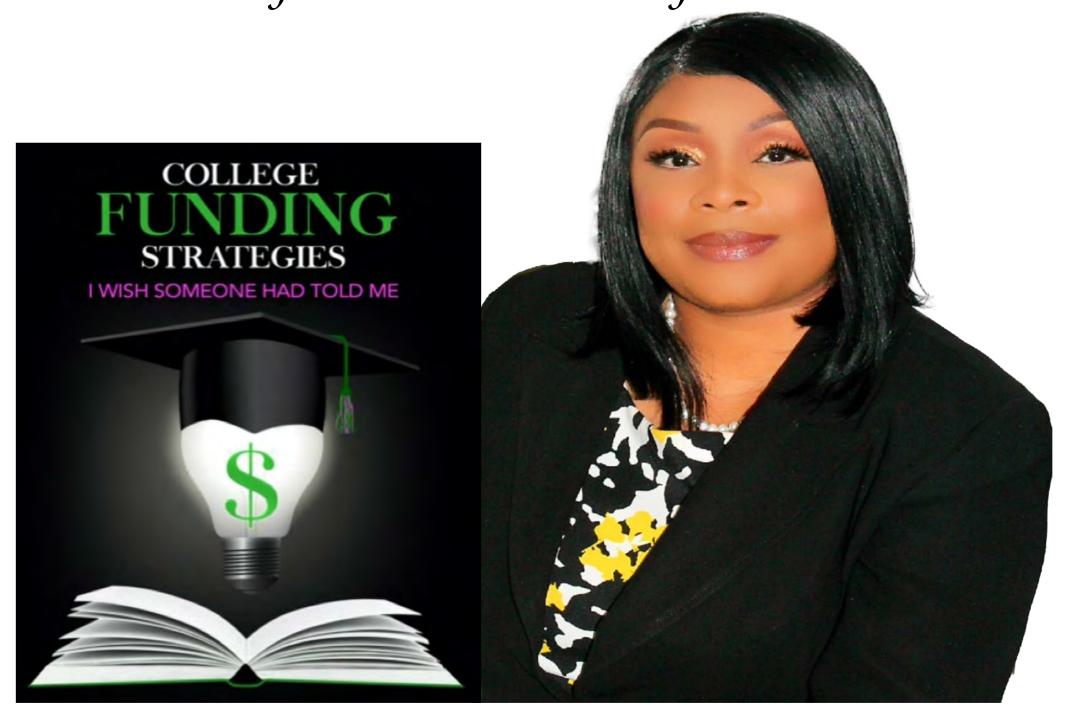
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# General College Funding Strategies

#### Minimize Student Loan Debt

According to the U.S. Department of Education:

- ❖ \$1.6 trillion in U.S Student Loan Debt
- ❖ 45 million borrowers
- Average student loan debt \$32,731 (in 2020)
- Avoid or minimize student loans, if possible!



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## General College Funding Strategies

- ❖ Don't wait! Apply for financial aid early.
- \* Keep your grades up!
- Research colleges that (1) have your major and (2) is affordable.
- ❖ SAT/ACT may be *test optional* for <u>admissions</u> but may still be required for <u>merit scholarships!</u>
- **Be** prepared to write essays.
- Apply for institution and private scholarships until you have your total cost of attendance covered. (all year)!
- Reach out to Financial aid departments over the summer!



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Get tips and information on scholarships



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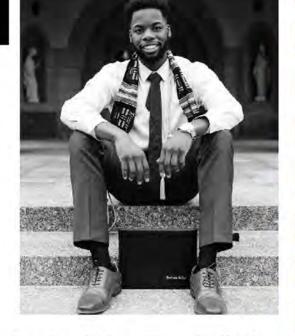
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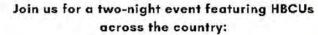
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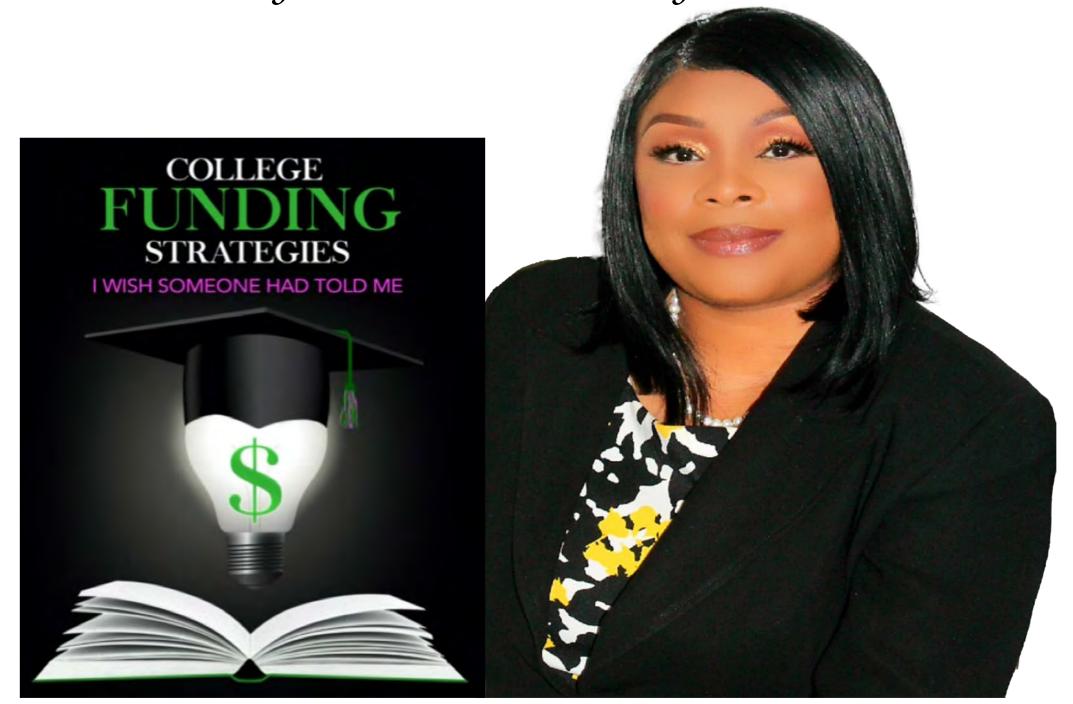


- Virtual Workshop: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Delta Omega Chapter is sponsoring an SAT prep course.
- ❖ Date: Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>
- **❖ Time:** 11 am − 2 pm ET
- Zoom:
  - **Meeting ID:** 885 4778 9446
  - **Passcode:** 977679

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# Past Webinar Recordings and Videos



- Top Strategies for Taking the SAT/ACT: <a href="https://youtu.be/U2x9hIJngao">https://youtu.be/U2x9hIJngao</a>
- Writing Essays & Letters of Recommendation: <a href="https://youtu.be/KlJ9SvbMVyo">https://youtu.be/KlJ9SvbMVyo</a>
- General College Information & HBCUs: <a href="https://youtu.be/EzR-Vk9pRKI">https://youtu.be/EzR-Vk9pRKI</a>
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- College Funding and Financial Literacy: <a href="https://youtu.be/FFavH7H5m88">https://youtu.be/FFavH7H5m88</a>
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# Questions



(Unmute Your Line or Submit a Chat Question)

# Thank You!



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