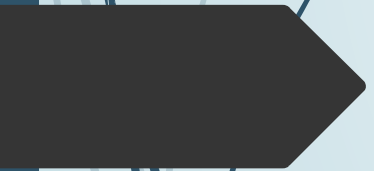


FINANCIAL AID





How Do I Pay for Post-Secondary Education?

Some parents have been able to put money aside to pay costs

Some students work and save, paying a semester at a time

Most rely on some type of Financial Aid

What is Financial Aid?

- **Grants** – Pell Grant, University Grant, Departmental Grant = FREE money often based on family financial need
- **Scholarships** –
 - Institutional: Wildcat Excellence, NAU Lumberjack, ASU Presidential and GCU Presidential
 - Private: Elks Most Valuable Student, Flinn Scholars Program, PUSD Against All Odds, Community Service and Leadership, Reel Milk Moments Scholarship Program
- **Loans** – based on your FAFSA application = DEBT that must be paid back along with accrued interest
- **The Federal Work-Study Program** - offers paid part-time jobs (10-15 hours per week) to help students pay for part of their college cost (personal expenses).

How Do I Receive Financial Aid?

- FILL OUT THE **FAFSA** at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- What is the FAFSA?
- It's the **Free Application For Federal Student Aid**
- Application opens **October 1st** every year
- Federal Aid is distributed based on family income and comes in the form of Grants, Work Study and Loans
- Tip: DON'T Google FAFSA and go to a site that requires payment, this is a **FREE** application!



How Do I Receive Financial Aid? cont.

- ▶ How does a college or trade/tech school know how much financial aid I received?
- ▶ You must apply to college(s)/trade schools...
- ▶ Once accepted to a school, they receive your FAFSA information and determine the aid you may qualify for
- ▶ You get to choose how much of that financial aid you need/take

Financial Aid Award Letter - Example

- ▶ <https://www.nitrocollege.com/blog/how-to-read-your-financial-aid-award-letter>
- ▶ Please take some time to review these examples so that you will know what to expect when you get your award letter!

What Exactly Do I Pay For?



Tuition and fees – the cost of taking classes and labs

Books – some books can cost \$100 or more

Room and board - living in on campus or off campus housing and meals

Misc. expenses – school supplies, athletic events, parking (ex: ASU \$210-\$780, how far do you want to walk?)

PUSD Scholarship Database

- Let's update your information in our Scholarship Database
- Log in to StudentVue
- On the left side menu, select "Parent and Student Resources"
- Then "Scholarship Eligibility"
- Click "Edit Profile" and complete your updates

The screenshot displays the StudentVue interface. On the left, a vertical menu lists various options: Home, Messages (with a red notification badge), Calendar, Attendance, Class Schedule, Course History, Course Request, Grade Book, Report Card, School Information, and Student Info. Below this menu is a highlighted section for 'Parent and Student Resources'. The main content area is titled 'PARENT AND STUDENT RESOURCES' and contains two links: 'College Scholarship Eligibility' and 'Student Job Board'. Below this, there is a section for 'Edit Profile'. On the left of this section is a sub-menu with 'Dashboard', 'Notifications' (with a red notification badge), 'Edit Profile' (highlighted), and 'Favorites' (with a red notification badge). The 'Edit Profile' form includes a note: 'NOTE: Data coming from Synergy are marked as read only and cannot be modified.' The form has a table structure with columns for 'Profile Name', 'Value', and 'Remark'. The first row shows 'US Citizen' with a dropdown menu set to 'Yes'. The second row shows 'Extracurricular' with a text input field and a green checkmark icon.

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Extracurricular	<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Next Steps

- Speak with your parents/guardians about the plan for funding your post-secondary education (parents' income is a factor in financial aid)
- Research what the potential cost will be
- You and your parents will need your social security numbers as part of filling out the FAFSA
- Get your FSA ID number – first step before filling out the FAFSA. Go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov>

Some Great Resources

- ▶ College Estimator – how much is college going to cost me?

University of Arizona

<https://financialaid.arizona.edu/cost/npc>

Northern Arizona University

<https://www7.nau.edu/finaid/NetPriceCalculator/>

Arizona State University

<https://students.asu.edu/financialaid/net-price>



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