

# Financial Aid Workshop for DWD High School Students and Parents

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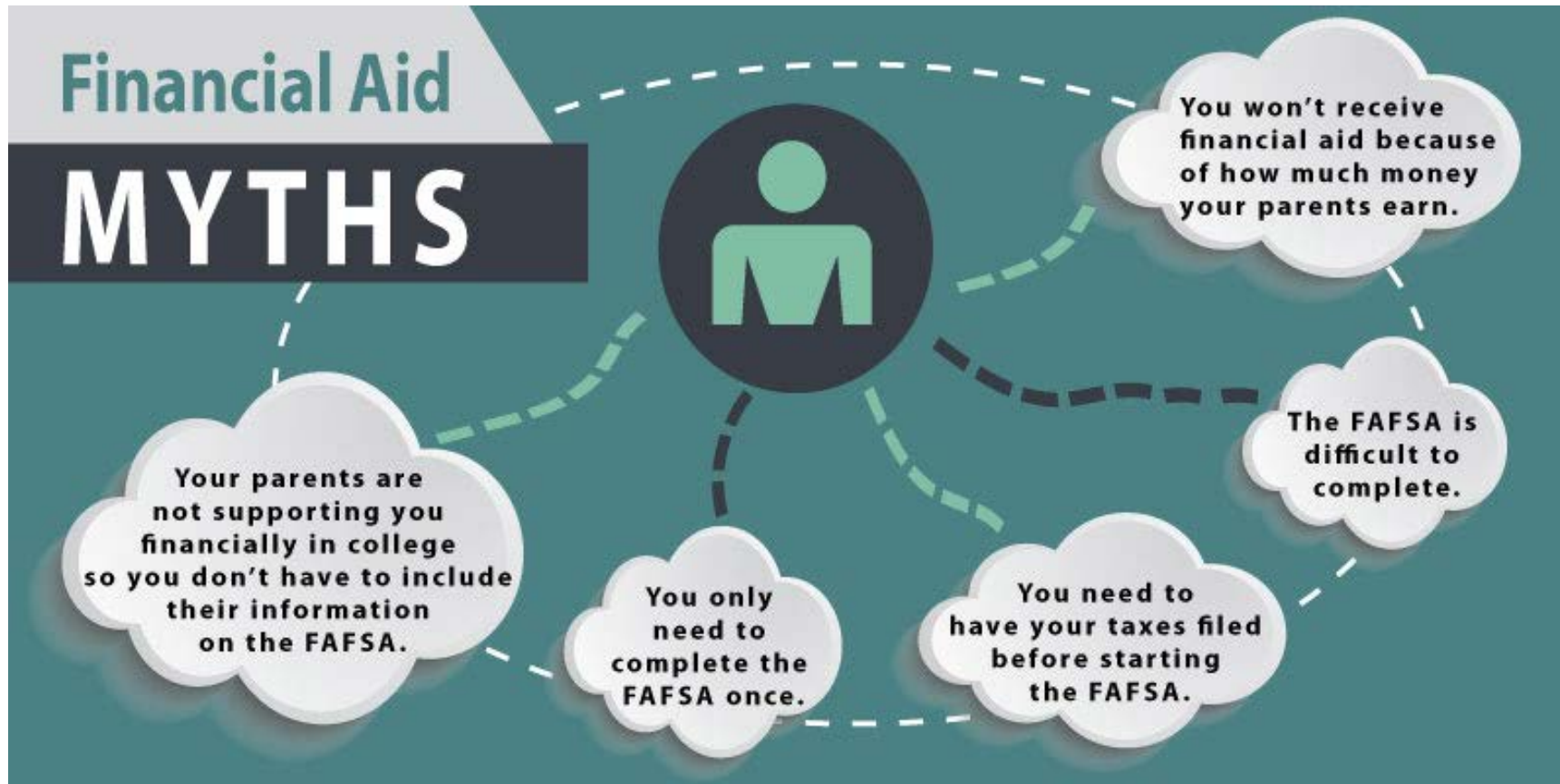


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# Congratulations!



# It's not that bad!



# Financial Aid Basics

- Cost of Attendance (COA) – The estimated cost of tuition, fees, books, room, board, transportation and personal items; includes indirect costs
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) – The number generated by the ***Free Application for Federal Student Aid***, based on the family's size, income and assets, that is used to determine eligibility
- Need – The difference between the school's COA and your EFC

## *Caution:*

- *Your EFC is not the amount you will pay*
- *Financial aid may not cover your entire need.*

# Financial Need

- If your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is 20,000, your need will be different at each school.

	School A	School B	School C
Cost of Attendance	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$15,000
Expected Family Contribution	20,000	20,000	20,000
Financial need	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$0

# College Costs

Based on 2017-18 Costs for a SC Resident	Four-Year Private: Furman University	Four-Year Public: Clemson University	Community/ Technical: Tri-County Technical College
Tuition & Fees	\$48,000	\$15,000	\$4,500
Room & Board	\$13,000	\$9,500	\$10,500 (off-campus, not with parents)

Other expenses: books (\$1,000-\$1,500), laptop, personal/medical and transportation expenses

# Applications

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- ***Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*** – Used by all schools
- Institutional Scholarship Application – Required by some schools (not required by Clemson University)
- ***CSS Profile*** – Required by some schools to apply for institutional funds (not required by Clemson University)

# Sources of Financial Aid

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- School
- State
- Federal
- Donors (local & national)
- Military
- Other Agencies



# Types of Financial Aid

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- Scholarships – Gift aid based on merit (academics, performance, leadership)
- Grants – Gift aid based on financial need (income, assets)
- Loans – Self-help aid that must be repaid
- Employment – Self-help aid that is paid based on hours worked

# Scholarships

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- Clemson University Scholarships
  - Criteria for SC residents:
    - Rank in top 10% of high school class
    - Score 27 ACT composite or 1270 SAT
  - Recruiting scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,500 per year
- Donor Scholarships
- State Scholarships

# Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

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- **Criteria may change**
- \$6,700
- Rank in top 6% of high school class
- Score 27 ACT composite or 1200 SAT
- Earn 3.5 GPR on uniform grading scale
- Student applies through guidance counselor
- To retain:
  - Earn 30 hours EACH year
  - Earn 3.00 GPR at home institution
  - AP does not count in credit hours for renewal

# Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

## *Alternate Criteria*

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Students who do not meet the 6% rank may still be designated a Palmetto Fellow if they:

- **Criteria may change**
- Score 32 ACT composite or 1400 SAT **and**
- Earn 4.0 GPA on uniform grading scale

# LIFE Scholarship for Four-Year Colleges

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- **Criteria may change**
- \$5,000
- Two out of three:
  - Rank in top 30% of high school class
  - Score 24 ACT composite or 1100 SAT
  - Earn 3.0 GPR on uniform grading scale
  - No application process; awarded by college
- To retain:
  - Earn *AVERAGE* of 30 hours/year
  - Earn all-college 3.00 GPR
  - AP counts in credit hours for renewal

# LIFE Scholarship for Two-Year Colleges

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- **Criteria may change**
- \$5,000 OR up to tuition and \$300 for books
- Graduate with a minimum 3.0 GPA on uniform grading scale
- No application process; awarded by college
- To retain:
  - Earn AVERAGE of 30 hours/year
  - Earn all-college 3.00 GPR
  - AP counts in credit hours for renewal
  - Not renewable for certificate programs

# Math and Science Enhancement

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- **Criteria may change**
- Applies to certain math and science majors
- Applies to second, third and fourth years
- LIFE increases from \$5,000 to \$7,500
- Palmetto Fellows increases from \$6,700 to \$10,000
- Student must complete 14 hours of math, science or combination in the first year
- AP counts in 14 credit hours of math or science

# Hope Scholarship

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- **Criteria may change**
- \$2,800
- Four-year colleges only
- Graduate with a minimum 3.0 GPA on uniform grading scale
- No application process; awarded by college
- To gain LIFE in second year:
  - Earn AVERAGE of 30 hours/year
  - Earn all-college 3.00 GPR



# Grants

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- All require submission of FAFSA
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- South Carolina State Need-Based Grant (public schools)
- South Carolina Tuition Grant (private schools)
- Lottery Tuition Assistance (two-year schools)

# Federal Grants

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## **Pell Grant**

- \$5,920 maximum for 2017-18

## **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)**

- Supplement to the Pell Grant
- Limited funding; based on deadline
- Amounts will vary by school

# State Grants

## **SC Tuition Grant (SCTG)**

- For private/independent institutions only
- Eligibility based on **FAFSA** by June 30
- Maximum for 2017-18 is \$3,200
- Freshmen must:
  - Rank in top 75% of high school class OR
  - Score 900 SAT (math and critical reading) OR
  - Score 19 ACT OR
  - Earn 2.0 GPA on the uniform grading scale
- Renewal requires completion of 24 credit hours and satisfactory academic progress

# State Grants

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## **SC State Need-Based Grant (SNBG)**

- For public/state institutions only
- Eligibility based on the **FAFSA**
- **FAFSA** deadline will vary by school
- Maximum for 2017-18 is \$2500; award will vary by school
- Renewal requires completion of 24 credit hours with minimum 2.0 GPA

# State Grants

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## **Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)**

- For two-year institutions only
- Requires **FAFSA** or a **FAFSA** waiver, but not need-based
- Currently \$1,140 per term (\$95 per credit hour for part time)
- Cannot be used with LIFE Scholarship or tuition waivers
- Must be enrolled at least half time (six hours)
- Must be enrolled in an eligible certificate, diploma, or degree program

# STUDENT LOANS

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ONE WHO'S AT LEAST  
21 AND ENJOYS  
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# Loans

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- **Federal Direct Loan** – Federal loan in the student's name
- **Federal Direct PLUS Loan** – Federal loan in the parent's name
- **Private Educational Loan** – Educational loan from a private lender
  - Student will need a co-signer
  - School can provide a list of possible lenders

# Federal Direct Stafford Loan

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- Student is borrower
- Maximum freshman loan is \$5,500
- Can be partially subsidized
- Interest rate for 2017-18 loans is 4.45%
- Six-month grace period
- Student must submit FAFSA, complete entrance counseling and sign promissory note
- [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)



# Federal Direct PLUS Loan

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- Parent is borrower
- Maximum loan is up to the remaining annual cost of attendance
- Interest rate for 2017-18 loans is 7.00%
- Approval is based on absence of adverse credit
- Can be deferred (with or without interest-only payments)
- Parent must sign promissory note
- FAFSA is required, but not need-based
- [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)

# Employment

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## ■ Federal Work-Study

- Requires **FAFSA**; based on need
- Not paid in lump sum; based on hours worked

## ■ Institutional Employment

- Does not require **FAFSA**
- Depends on the workforce needs of the school

## ■ Cooperative Education

- Student alternates semesters of coursework with semesters of full-time employment in a field related to major

# Programs for Future Teachers

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- Programs include:
  - **South Carolina Teacher Loan**
  - **South Carolina Teaching Fellow**
  - **Federal TEACH Grant**
- Awards are \$2,500 to \$6,000 per year
- Recipients must fulfill teaching obligation
- Teaching obligation may be restricted to certain locations, subjects, types of schools, and timeframe
- Must be repaid with back interest if teaching obligation is not fulfilled
- Not all programs are offered at all colleges
- Teachers may also be eligible for federal loan forgiveness

# Completing the *FAFSA*

- Create a federal ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov) for student and at least one parent
- Apply online **annually** at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- Apply early and meet all deadlines
- If parents are divorced, use parent with whom the student lives most
- Stepparent **must** be included
- If student thinks he/she can answer “yes” to a dependency status question, check with financial aid administrator

# IRS Data Retrieval Tool

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- It is very important to use the IRS data retrieval tool when filing the **FAFSA**
- Using IRS data retrieval tool will reduce chances of being selected for Verification (audit)
- Easier, faster, and more accurate
- Data is encrypted for security
- Not available for some filers (Married Filing Separately or those whose marital status has changed)

# Common Mistakes to Avoid

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- Leaving questions blank instead of listing zeros
- Listing parent's information in student's section
- Using the incorrect Social Security Number
- Using a nickname or middle name
- Not using IRS data retrieval tool
- Neglecting to electronically sign (FSA ID) for both student and parent when filing the first time or making corrections later
- Missing a deadline – **Clemson's priority deadline March 1<sup>st</sup> for freshmen**

# Verification

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- One third of **FAFSAs** are selected for a review called **Verification** by the US Department of Education.
- If you do not use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, the school may ask for federal income tax documents.
- The federal income tax transcript is available from the IRS by registering at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).
- Financial aid awards cannot be finalized until Verification is complete.

# Special Conditions

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- If your family encounters a financial crisis that is not reflected on the **FAFSA**, contact the financial aid office.
- Examples of events for which financial aid administrators *might* use professional judgment:
  - Loss of job
  - Separation/divorce
  - Death of parent or spouse
  - Extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Financial aid administrators are not required to make (and may be prohibited from) some adjustments.



# Timeline to College for Seniors

(May vary depending on school; does not apply to early decision process)

- ✓ August Apply for admission; learn deadlines for housing, financial aid, orientation, etc.; start system for good record keeping
- ✓ October Submit **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**; use IRS data retrieval
- ✓ November Complete FREE online scholarship searches; research local scholarships
- ✓ December Use the NET PRICE CALCULATOR on schools' websites
- ✓ Winter/Spring Respond promptly to all information requests from schools
- ✓ April Analyze and compare award letters and costs
- ✓ By May 1 Commit to school of choice
- ✓ May Complete loan entrance counseling and sign Master Promissory Note at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)
- ✓ June Assess remaining out-of-pocket expenses; apply for PLUS or private loan if needed

# Survival Tips for Families

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- Set up a workspace, calendar and designated weekly time to work on college forms
- Set goals using **Timeline to College** and college deadlines
- Avoid scams and fees
- Use all resources (school, church, employers, clubs, grandparents, etc.)
- Be willing to invest your time (applications, essays)
- Give counselors and teachers plenty of time to write letters of recommendations

# Case Study 1

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- Student is A/B student with 1250 SAT or 26 ACT
- Parents are married with Adjusted Gross Income of \$50,000
- No significant assets other than home and retirement accounts
- Four in the family with one in college
- Expected Family Contribution = 2,500

# Sample Financial Aid Package

■ Federal Pell Grant	\$3,500
■ State Need-Based Grant	\$1,800
■ LIFE Scholarship	\$5,000
■ Federal Direct Loan	\$5,500
■ Federal Work-Study [\$2,500]	

Remaining out-of-pocket for  
tuition, fees, room & board  
~ \$9,000/year

Estimate based on Clemson University's costs for 2017-18

# Case Study 2

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- Student is A/B student with 1250 SAT or 26 ACT
- Parents are married with Adjusted Gross Income of \$100,000
- No significant assets other than home and retirement accounts
- Four in the family with one in college
- Expected Family Contribution = 17,500

# Sample Financial Aid Package

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- LIFE Scholarship \$5,000
- Federal Direct Loan \$5,500

Remaining out-of-pocket for  
tuition, fees, room & board  
~ \$14,000/year

Estimate based on Clemson University's costs for 2017-18

# Case Study 3

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- Student is A/B student with 1250 SAT or 26 ACT
- Parent is single with Adjusted Gross Income of \$25,000
- No significant assets other than home and retirement account
- Three in family with one in college
- Expected Family Contribution = 0

# Sample Financial Aid Package

■ Federal Pell Grant	\$5,920
■ SEOG	\$ 500
■ State Need-Based Grant	\$1,300
■ LIFE Scholarship	\$5,000
■ Federal Direct Loan	\$5,500
■ Federal Work-Study [\$2,500]	

Remaining out-of-pocket for  
tuition, fees, room & board  
~ \$6,500/year

Estimate based on Clemson University's costs for 2017-18



# Resources

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- [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) Entrance Loan Counseling and Master Promissory Note
- [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) Federal student aid
- [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov) SC scholarships and grants
- [www.sctuitiongrants.org](http://www.sctuitiongrants.org) SC Tuition Grant
- [www.cerra.org](http://www.cerra.org) SC Teaching Fellows
- [www.scstudentloan.org](http://www.scstudentloan.org) SC Teacher Loan
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) Free scholarship search
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) Financial aid calculators
- Your school counselor

# Beware!



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# Thank you!

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