**Family Workshop: Financial Aid 102**

**DESCRIPTION**

This presentation reviews the basics of financial aid and gives specific information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), information needed to fill it out, and more. Consider inviting a representative from a local college’s financial aid office to present the information as well.

**SUGGESTED MONTH**

September

**SUGGESTED AUDIENCE**

Parents & 9th-12th grade students

**MATERIALS**

Financial Aid 102 Power Point

Small Prizes (optional)

**HANDOUTS**

* [What type of Financial Aid do Students need? FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types)
* [ECMC Paying for College](https://www.ecmc.org/students/resource-guides.html) *(available in English and Spanish)*
* [ECMC Opportunities Booklet](https://www.ecmc.org/students/opportunities-guide-workbook.html) *(available in English and Spanish)*
* [FAFSA On The Web Worksheet](https://studentaid.gov/resources#fafsa)
* [Do You Need Money for College? The Guide to Federal Student Aid](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources.jsp)
* [Federal Student Aid at a Glance](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources.jsp)
* [Federal Student Aid College Preparation Checklist](https://studentaid.gov/resources/prepare-for-college/checklists/12th-grade)

**MORE INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES**

* [Financial Aid Toolkit](http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/): Additional power point presentations, resources and hints from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of [Federal Student Aid](https://studentaid.ed.gov/).
* [Counselors & Mentors Handbook](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/resources/counselors-handbook-2018-19.pdf): Includes handouts and information on advising about financial aid
* [Federal Student Aid YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid): Short and simple videos on the financial aid process
* [NASFAA Resources for Counselors](https://www.nasfaa.org/tools_resources): A directory of volunteer speakers, Financial Aid Night event toolkit and more from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.
* [Cracking Financial Aid Code Words](http://www.ownyourownfuture.com/files/documents/cracking-fin-aid-code-words-e_2.pdf): A video and interactive activity to learn common acronyms

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**AGENDA**

First 5 minutes General Welcome

Next 5 minutes Icebreaker: What Does the FAFSA acronym stand for?

 Set out blank cards and ask individuals to write what they think FAFSA stands for. Give prizes for correct answers, humorous answers, etc. (for more games and activities click here)

Next 25 minutes Present **Financial Aid 102** power point. Allow time for questions.

Final 5 minutes Send the participants off with the following Action Steps:
1) Encourage parents and students to gather all the information they will need to apply for the FAFSA as soon after October 1 as possible.
2) Distribute handout(s)
3) Reminder about next event (ideally, an opportunity for parents and students to work on the FAFSA in a computer lab with in-person help)

\*Additional activity Help students and families apply for a FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch)