

# What is Financial Aid?

- It is ***borrowed, given, or earned*** money that can be obtained from various sources to help pay for college
- Financial aid makes college affordable for you
- It is intended to make up the difference between what your family can afford to pay and what college costs.

**If you think you can't afford college, think again.  
There's lots of aid out there.**

# The Big Grants

- Maximum award amounts for 2020-21



## MAP Grant

Up to \$5,340 (est.)

## Pell Grant

Up to \$6,345

- Total = \$11,685

# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- The FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process for most students
- It is used to apply for **state and federal financial aid** programs
- Some colleges use it to award institutional aid
- The application is available at **no cost**



# Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative App)

- This application is **only for state financial aid**
- It is open to qualifying undocumented students and transgender students who are not eligible to complete a FAFSA
- Some colleges use it to award institutional aid
- The application is available at **no cost**

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. At the top, there is a green box with the text "ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID" and "Intended for qualifying undocumented and transgender students". To the right, there is a blue box with the title "Alternative Application to apply for 2020-2021 Illinois MAP Grants" and a paragraph of text explaining the application. Below this, there are three columns of content: "First-Time Applicants" with a "START" button, "Returning Applicants" with "Forgot Username?" and "Forgot Password?" links and a "LOGIN" button, and "Submit Parent Signature" with a "PARENT SIGNATURE" button.

**ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID**  
Intended for qualifying undocumented and transgender students

**Alternative Application to apply for 2020-2021 Illinois MAP Grants**

The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid allows qualifying undocumented students and transgender students who are not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid to apply for Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants to attend eligible Illinois colleges, universities, and career education programs.

The pre-screening questions in this application will help you determine if you are a qualifying undocumented or transgender student who is not eligible for federal financial aid.

[See our User Guide & Resources for this program >>](#)

**First-Time Applicants**

- Click on the "Start" button to start a new 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
- Do not submit multiple applications for the same academic year

**START**

**Returning Applicants**

Complete or correct a 2020-2021 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid

[Forgot Username?](#)

[Forgot Password?](#)

**LOGIN**

**Submit Parent Signature**

Click on the "Parent Signature" button to provide your parent's signature (required for dependent students)

**PARENT SIGNATURE**

**Note:** Students should complete either the FAFSA or Alternative App, but **not both**

# Information Needed

## **FAFSA Only**

- Social Security Number
  - Parents who do not have a SSN must enter 000-00-0000
- Alien Registration Number, if student is not a U.S. Citizen
- Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to sign electronically

## **FAFSA & Alternative Application**

- 2019 federal tax returns, W-2s, and other records of income
- Banking statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- List of colleges student would like to attend

# Verification

- This is a process used by schools to confirm that data reported on the FAFSA or Alternative App is accurate
- If you are selected for verification:
  - You may be asked to submit additional documentation
    - e.g., tax return transcripts, W-2s, income information, list of members of the household
  - Do not be alarmed – this is a common process
  - Provide only the information requested
  - Submit all documents **on time!**

# Questions?

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Office Hours for Streamwood Students will start

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

Every other Tuesday

10:30am-12:30pm

[Ms. Vivaldo's zoom link](#)

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# What is your Post Secondary Plan?

- How can we help you prepare for your plan?
- What are your next steps to accomplish that plan?
- [Survey Link](#)

Schedule a meeting with Erica or your counselor to help with FAFSA and post secondary plans.

# Meet With Your Counselor

<http://www.u-46.org/shscounselors>

Staff and Email Address	E-Mail	Student Name	Request an Appointment	Extension
<b>Mrs. Phillips</b> (for A-Co)	<a href="mailto:PeggyPhillips@u-46.org">PeggyPhillips@u-46.org</a>	A - Co	<a href="#"><u>Phillips' Calendly</u></a>	4936
<b>Mr. Shaw</b> (for Cp-Ha)	<a href="mailto:IanShaw@u-46.org">IanShaw@u-46.org</a>	Cp - Ha	<a href="#"><u>Shaw's Calendly</u></a>	4931
<b>Ms. Bernasek</b> (for Hb-Mc)	<a href="mailto:BeckyBernasek@u-46.org">BeckyBernasek@u-46.org</a>	Hb - Mc	<a href="#"><u>Bernasek's Calendly</u></a>	4934
<b>Ms. Schraft</b> (for Md-Re)	<a href="mailto:JessicaSchraft@u-46.org">JessicaSchraft@u-46.org</a>	Md - Re	<a href="#"><u>Schraft's Calendly</u></a>	4930
<b>Ms. Marchionna</b> (for Rf-Va)	<a href="mailto:AnnaMarchionna@u-46.org">AnnaMarchionna@u-46.org</a>	Rf - Va	<a href="#"><u>Marchionna's Calendly</u></a>	4937
<b>Mr. Vega</b> (for Vb-Z and ELL)	<a href="mailto:WilliamVega@u-46.org">WilliamVega@u-46.org</a>	Vb - Z and all ELL	<a href="#"><u>Vega's Calendly</u></a>	4935