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Dear Counselor:

The office of Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education, would like to share some updates to assist you in working with students.

### **Publication Updates**

Page 4 of this letter lists a sampling of our publications; you can order them and many more at [www.FSAPubs.gov](http://www.FSAPubs.gov). Please be sure to provide your e-mail address at the FSA Pubs site so we can communicate with you more effectively. You also can change your postal address or other contact information at that site.

Note: Students and parents can order publications at [www.edpubs.gov](http://www.edpubs.gov) and can download electronic versions of publications, videos, and infographics at [StudentAid.gov/resources](http://StudentAid.gov/resources).

#### ***Do You Need Money for College? Renamed Federal Student Aid at a Glance***

Based on customer feedback from usability studies and focus groups, we will no longer print *Do You Need Money for College?* (subtitled *Federal Student Aid at a Glance*). We will, however, continue to provide it in PDF form—under the title *Federal Student Aid at a Glance*—on the [StudentAid.gov/resources](http://StudentAid.gov/resources) page.

#### ***Funding Your Education Renamed Do You Need Money for College?***

We will continue to print *Funding Your Education* in the new colorful, six-page format, which students and parents have indicated they find easy to read and appealing. However, starting with the version being printed this fall, *Funding Your Education* will be renamed *Do You Need Money for College?* (a name preferred by students and parents).

To summarize:

<b>Current Title</b>	<b>Title Beginning Fall 2015</b>	<b>Print or PDF?</b>
<i>Do You Need Money for College? Federal Student Aid at a Glance</i>	<i>Federal Student Aid at a Glance</i>	PDF
<i>Funding Your Education</i>	<i>Do You Need Money for College? The Guide to Federal Student Aid</i>	Both

### **Additional Student Loan Publications Now in Print**

Federal Student Aid is continuing to update our publication portfolio, adding to the series of short publications about federal student loans. The series covers the student loan life cycle (from loan basics through repayment):

- *Federal Student Loans: Basics for Students* (now available to order)
- *Federal Student Loans: Direct PLUS Loan Basics for Parents* (now available to order)
- *Federal Student Loans: Be a Responsible Borrower* (now available to order)
- *Federal Student Loans: Repaying Your Loans* (now available to order)
- *Federal Student Loans: Loan Forgiveness Options* (available to order in 2016)

### **Paper FAFSA® Forms Discontinued Starting in 2017–18**

Starting with the 2017–18 award year, the pre-printed FAFSA® will no longer be available. The pre-printed FAFSA is the booklet version of the FAFSA. The PDF FAFSA will still be available for download across multiple Federal Student Aid websites (e.g., [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov), [StudentAid.gov/resources](http://StudentAid.gov/resources), and [FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov/resources](http://FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov/resources)). Students will be able to obtain paper copies of the PDF FAFSA (which can be completed manually) from [www.edpubs.gov](http://www.edpubs.gov). Students may request up to three copies of the paper FAFSA and should receive their FAFSAs in three to seven business days after ordering.

### **Remind Students to Create FSA IDs**

The FSA ID—the username and password a student needs for signing the FAFSA and for various other uses on Federal Student Aid websites—replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN in May 2015. Ask students to visit [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid) to learn about and create an FSA ID.

### **Find More Information and Updates on the Financial Aid Toolkit**

Remember to visit [FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov](http://FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov) to explore information and resources we've provided for you to use as you advise students about federal student aid.

Thank you and have a successful FAFSA season.

Sincerely,



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Federal Student Aid

## Federal Student Aid: Find the Information You Need Online

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource</b>
<b>FAFSA</b>	Fill out the FAFSA	<a href="http://fafsa.gov">fafsa.gov</a>
	Basic FAFSA info: what is it; how do you fill it out	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/fafsa">StudentAid.gov/fafsa</a> <a href="http://StudentAid.gov/complete">StudentAid.gov/complete</a>
	Dependency status for FAFSA purposes	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/dependency">StudentAid.gov/dependency</a>
	Determining which parent’s info to report	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/fafsa-parent">StudentAid.gov/fafsa-parent</a>
	How aid is calculated (inc. link to EFC info)	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/how-calculated">StudentAid.gov/how-calculated</a>
<b>Types of Aid/ Getting Aid</b>	Types of financial aid	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/types">StudentAid.gov/types</a>
	Who can get federal student aid	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/eligibility">StudentAid.gov/eligibility</a>
	Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/pell-limit">StudentAid.gov/pell-limit</a>
	Finding and applying for scholarships	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/scholarships">StudentAid.gov/scholarships</a>
	Loan interest rates and fees	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/interest">StudentAid.gov/interest</a>
	Aid for military families	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/military">StudentAid.gov/military</a>
	Avoiding financial aid scams	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/scams">StudentAid.gov/scams</a>
<b>Student Account Access</b>	My Federal Student Aid (student can log in to see grant and loan records and certain eligibility info)	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/login">StudentAid.gov/login</a>
	The FSA ID (what is it; how to apply; FAQ; link to page where student and parent can create FSA IDs)	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid">StudentAid.gov/fsaid</a>
<b>Repaying Loans</b>	Loan repayment	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/repay">StudentAid.gov/repay</a>
	Repayment Estimator (compares repayment plans)	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/repayment-estimator">StudentAid.gov/repayment-estimator</a>
	Income-driven repayment plans (e.g., Pay As You Earn, Income-Based, and REPAYE plans)	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/idr">StudentAid.gov/idr</a>
	Public Service Loan Forgiveness	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/publicservice">StudentAid.gov/publicservice</a>
	Loan forgiveness in general	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/forgiveness">StudentAid.gov/forgiveness</a>
	Loan forgiveness for teachers	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/teach-forgive">StudentAid.gov/teach-forgive</a>
<b>College Prep</b>	College Preparation Checklist: academic and financial prep for K–12 and adult students	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/checklist">StudentAid.gov/checklist</a>
	Why go to college (education and pay/unemployment rates)	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/whycollege">StudentAid.gov/whycollege</a>
<b>Special Audiences</b>	Info for parents (tax benefits, support your child, college costs)	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/parent">StudentAid.gov/parent</a>
	Graduate school funding	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/grad">StudentAid.gov/grad</a>
	Financial aid for adult students	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/resources#adult-students">StudentAid.gov/resources#adult-students</a>
	Going to college in another country	<a href="http://StudentAid.gov/international">StudentAid.gov/international</a>
<b>Social Media</b>	@FAFSA Twitter feed	<a href="http://www.Twitter.com/FAFSA">www.Twitter.com/FAFSA</a>
	Federal Student Aid YouTube channel	<a href="http://www.YouTube.com/FederalStudentAid">www.YouTube.com/FederalStudentAid</a>
	Federal Student Aid Facebook page	<a href="http://www.Facebook.com/FederalStudentAid">www.Facebook.com/FederalStudentAid</a>

## Federal Student Aid Resources for Students and Parents: A Sampling

Resource	Summary and URL Note: Most of these items are also available in Spanish, and several of the documents are available in Braille.	Audience(s)							
		Elementary School Student and Parent	Middle School Student and Parent	High School Student (9th-11th)	High School Senior	High School Parent	College Student	Borrower – Student or Parent	Adult Student
College Prep Checklist	How to get ready academically and financially (StudentAid.gov/checklist)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Federal Student Aid at a Glance	Basic overview of aid and application process (StudentAid.gov/glance)			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Do You Need Money for College: The Guide to Federal Student Aid	Overview of the financial aid process with links to resources on our website (StudentAid.gov/needmoney)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Federal Student Loans (series)	Federal loan booklets for students and parents (StudentAid.gov/resources#loans)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PDF FAFSA	Free application for federal student aid (fafsa.gov)				✓	✓	✓		✓
Video: Types of Federal Student Aid	2-minute video introducing concept of grants, loans, work-study (StudentAid.gov/resources#types-aid-video)			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Video: How to Fill Out the FAFSA	2:45-minute video providing overview of FAFSA process (StudentAid.gov/resources#how-fill-out-fafsa-video)				✓	✓	✓		✓
Video: Responsible Borrowing	2-minute video reminding borrowers to borrow only what they need (StudentAid.gov/resources#responsible-borrowing-video)				✓		✓	✓	✓
Infographic: The FAFSA Process	Graphic showing the path a student takes to apply for aid (StudentAid.gov/resources#fafsa-process-graphic)				✓	✓	✓		✓
Infographic: Determining Dependency Status	Graphic showing dependency status questions (StudentAid.gov/resources#dependency-status-graphic)				✓	✓	✓		✓

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