



COLLEGE
JUST AHEAD

INTRODUCTIONS

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WHAT IS THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER?

- Federally Funded Grant Program
- Population Served:
 - 18 and older
 - First Generation College Students
 - Low Income Students
 - Students with disabilities
- Services:
 - FAFSA Assistance
 - Student Loan Assistance
 - College Application Assistance
 - Career Assessments
 - GED Referrals
 - Scholarship Searches

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

- **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid
- www.studentaid.gov
- Anyone interested in receiving federal funds for college
 - Pell Grant Eligibility
 - Student Loan Eligibility
- Anyone interested in receiving funds from the SC Education Lottery
 - Be a SC Resident
 - Submit the FAFSA

WHEN DOES THE FAFSA NEED TO BE COMPLETED?

- Once an academic year
 - Current academic year is 2022-2023 (FAFSA currently being accepted)
 - 2023-2024 academic year (FAFSA will begin being accepted on October 1, 2022)
 - The sooner the better to prevent processing delays
- FAFSA deadlines for individual schools vary; FAFSA applicants should check with their school selections for these deadlines

WHAT DOES A FAFSA APPLICANT NEED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA?

- Tax Returns
 - In addition to the applicant's tax information, parent tax information is required if the applicant is younger than 24, is not married, does not have any children and not in the military (DEPENDENT STUDENT)
- FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID)
 - Username and Password; serves as an electronic signature
www.studentaid.gov
 - The applicant **MUST** have an FSA ID
 - If the applicant is a DEPENDENT STUDENT, the applicant's parent **MUST** also have an FSA ID

QUESTIONS