MANAGING THE PRICE OF COLLEGE

SUNY NEW PALTZ
Office of Financial Aid
OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

• Key trends in costs and funding
• Traditional and Non-Traditional ways of paying for college
• How to determine student aid eligibility
• Understanding the costs of college
• Financing options and other resources
• Establishing a family plan to lessen anxiety and manage college costs
• The future of your investment
Key Trends in Costs and Funding

- College costs are increasing
- Cuts to federal and state programs continue
- Financial aid program funding is remaining flat which leaves families with large unmet need
- Extremely minimal university grant aid
WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

• Scholarships
• Grants
• Loans
• Employment Opportunities
SUNY New Paltz’s Major Grant Programs

• **PELL Grant**
  – Must have an EFC between $0-$5,328
  – Maximum award is $5,920 for year
  – Minimum award is $593 for year
  – Received by approximately 34% of students

• **NYS TAP Grant** *(MUST BE NY STATE RESIDENT)*
  – Based on NYS net taxable income
  – Income limit of less than $80,000 NYS net taxable income
  – Maximum award is $5,165
  – Minimum award is $500
  – Received by 43% of full-time students
FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS
Regardless of income, all families are generally eligible to participate in the following programs:

- **Direct Student Loans**: $2,750 per semester or $5,500 per year (Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized). Amounts increase for subsequent years of study.

- **Direct Parent (PLUS) Loans**: Parents may borrow up to the cost of education minus all other financial aid received.
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- **New Paltz Time Payment Plan**: Families may divide semester direct costs over a four to five month period.  
  [www.newpaltz.edu/student_accounts/nppp.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/student_accounts/nppp.html)

- **Part-Time Employment**: Jobs are available and located both on and off campus for students to earn funds to assist with personal expenses throughout the year:  
  [www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid/employment.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid/employment.html)

- **Exploring Scholarship Opportunities Presentation and Free Scholarship Search on the Internet**:  
  [www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid/scholarships.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid/scholarships.html)
HOW IS FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED?
FAFSA
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
• You must submit a FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov to be considered for financial aid

• Apply for New York State aid (TAP Grant) via the FAFSA or at www.hesc.ny.gov

• Your FAFSA information determines your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)

- EFC is determined primarily by:
  - Parent’s income and assets
  - Student’s income and assets
  - Size of family
  - Number of children in college

Annual Cost - EFC = Financial Need
FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER

• Indicates programs & amounts of financial aid you may be eligible for

  – Grants (TAP, PELL, SEOG, SUNY Tuition Credit)
  – Loans (Direct Student Loan, Direct Parent Loan)
  – Employment (Work Study)
**IMPORTANT FACT TO REMEMBER:**
Comparing Student Financial Aid (SFA) Award Packages

**PAY ATTENTION TO THE BOTTOM LINE:**

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- Focus on **Net Cost** not SFA Package
- Focus on Type of Aid & Total Amount
COST TO ATTEND COLLEGE FOR FOUR YEARS

Cost of College: Private vs Public
(2000-2016)

- Private College
- Public College
- Change in Cost of Public Colleges

Source: College Board
COSTS OF COLLEGE

Direct Costs (Billed):
- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Meals

Indirect Costs:
- Transportation
- Personal Expenses
- Books & Supplies
- Average Loan Fee

$DIRECT + $INDIRECT = $ANNUAL COST
## Direct Costs of Attendance

*Estimated Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 Costs of Attendance*

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(Out of State Students add $4,925 per semester & $9,850 per year)

*Estimated costs are subject to change*
**Estimated Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 Costs of Attendance**

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### Indirect Costs of Attendance

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**DIRECT COSTS** $20,474  
+ **INDIRECT COSTS** $3,826  
**TOTAL COST** $24,300

*(Out of State Students add $4,925 per semester & $9,850 per year)*

*Estimated costs are subject to change*
FINANCING OPTIONS

• New Paltz Time Payment Plan
  (Interest free payment plan)

• Direct Student Loan & Direct Parent Loan (PLUS Loan)

• Private Loans
OTHER RESOURCES

*TAX BENEFITS

• **DEDUCTIONS:**
  Up to $4,000 for higher education expenses.

• **TAX CREDITS:**
  Up to $2,000 for the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit (per family)
  or
  Up to $2,500 per student for the American Opportunity Tax Credit. Only one of these tax credits can be taken.

*Subject to various income limits, etc... (Contact your tax advisor)

(Details about “Tax Benefits” are also at www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid/tax.html)
BORROWING TO FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION MAKES SENSE IF YOU...

• Take your studies seriously
• Graduate on time
• Pay your loans back on time
TYPES OF EDUCATION LOANS

FEDERAL LOAN PROGRAMS

PRIVATE LOANS
DIRECT STUDENT LOANS
(for Undergraduate Students)

**Subsidized**
- Low-interest
- Based on need
- Federal government pays interest while student is in school
- Current interest rate is fixed at 3.76%

**Unsubsidized**
- Low-interest
- Not based on need
- Student is responsible for interest while in school
- Current interest rate is fixed at 3.76%
DIRECT (PLUS) PARENT LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

– For parents of dependent students

– Borrow up to entire cost of college less financial aid awarded

– Based on credit approval

– Current interest rate is fixed at 6.31%
PRIVATE LOANS

• A private loan is in the student’s name & is not based on financial need.
  - Loan is based on the student’s credit. Most students will need a co-borrower.
  - The student can borrow up to the cost of attendance minus all other financial aid.
  - The interest rate and terms of the loan vary from lender to lender.
  - Should be a last resort option!
YOUR PLAN TO MANAGE COSTS

– Estimate costs to be paid and when
– Determine student aid available
– Estimate family resources available
– Discuss options to finance balance due
– Agree on a plan and share responsibility
THE FUTURE

QUESTION:
WHAT IS YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION?

ANSWER:
YOUR EDUCATION IS AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT!
QUESTIONS?
NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Visit our website 24/7 at:
www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid

Also, visit the NYS Financial Aid Administrators Association website at: www.nysfaaa.org

Or

The NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) website at:
www.hesc.ny.gov