



2019 Summer Training

9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 Registration (coffee and water)

9:30 – 10:30 ***Combating Student Loan Debt - Tools to Support Families***

While there is certainly more to school selection than affordability, too often students are deciding to attend schools that make little sense financially. The end result is that many end up borrowing more than they can comfortably afford to repay. In this session we'll discuss steps that can be taken to support students, share tools that can result in increased choices, and provide resources to help students make informed decisions surrounding school selection.

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 ***Focus on the FAFSA - Tips to Make Completion Easier***

In this session, we'll discuss recent and upcoming changes to the FAFSA and FSA ID and provide tips to make FAFSA completion easier. We'll then dive deeper into some of the problem areas, including FSA ID challenges, untaxed income, what to do when current circumstances are different than what is on the FAFSA, and how to handle dependency override and situations where parents are unwilling/unable to provide information.

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:00 Hands on Activity

1:00 – 2:00 ***After the FAFSA – Verification and Comparing Financial Aid Notifications***

Filing the FAFSA is just the first step in the financial aid process. For many students, verification and understanding and comparing financial aid offers are the most challenging parts of the financial aid process. During this session, we'll discuss what verification is, who is being selected, what is required, and provide information to support students. We'll then provide tips and tools to help students and families understand and compare financial aid notifications so they can make informed decisions.

2:00 – 2:15 Wrap Up and Prizes!