# Welcome to GISD's FAFSA Night!

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#### What is FAFSA?

- > Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- > Utilizes information about your student (including family income) to determine eligibility for Federal grants and other financial aid such as work programs and loans.
- > Completing the application just provides you with opportunities and then you and your student decide which ones to accept.
- >Deadline is 6/30/2023 but it is better to get it done as early as possible since many of these financial aid opportunities are "first come, first serve"

NOTE: TAFSA is the Texas Application for State Financial Aid. Students who are not eligible (see FAQ's if student is not a U.S. citizen) to complete the FAFSA will complete the TAFSA instead. It must be completed before January 15, 2023.

#### Why complete the FAFSA?

Besides looking for financial aid opportunities, the FAFSA (or TAFSA) is

NOW A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

(Unless an Opt-Out Form is completed and signed)

- → Please take a screenshot or somehow keep proof that you have completed and submitted this form (and send to me at <a href="mailto:kpage@grovetonisd.net">kpage@grovetonisd.net</a> if possible)
- Required by colleges and universities
- There are a high number of grants, etc. that are going unused, so these rules are being implemented to increase awareness and the number of applications submitted to reach more students

#### **FSAID**

- Username and password for the Federal Student Aid online systems
- Serves as a legal signature on these documents
  - Students & Parents will have different FSA ID's
    - Create TWO- one for the parent and one for the student
- Create at studentaid.gov (click "Create an Account") OR on the app
  - Information (name and number) need to exactly match what is on the student's social security card
  - Can be used immediately
  - Will need access to email and/or a phone number for the verification step
- For help, call 1-800-433-3243

#### **Completion Information**

- 1. Go to **studentaid.gov** and log in with your FSA ID
  - a. OR on the app "myStudentAid"
- 2. Be sure to choose the **2023-2024 form** (just opened 10/1/2022)
  - a. Student Demographics
  - b. School Selection- triple check that you select the correct high school
  - c. Dependency Status
  - d. Parent Demographics
  - e. Parent Financial Information- use 2021 taxes
    - i. IRS DRT will transfer information directly from the IRS to the FAFSA
  - f. Student Financial Information (must file taxes if earned over \$12,400 in 2021)
  - g. Sign & Submit
  - h. Confirmation (Save this! Screenshot and/or Print)

#### Frequently Asked Questions

- Students, do NOT use an @grovetonisd.net email address as our system will block outside emails
- Dual Credit students will still choose "Never attended college/1st yr."
- Registration for Selective Service is NOT required to be eligible for federal aid (though it is required under TAFSA)
- The SAI (previously called the EFC) is the Student Aid Index and this number is often requested on scholarship applications so keep it handy!
- ❖ You will need to reapply for this each fall for the next school year.

## "I am an eligible noncitizen"

- U.S. permanent residents (green card holders)
- Individuals with an I-94 showing: Refugee, Asylee, Cuban-Haitian Entrant, or Parolee
- Victims of human trafficking (T-Visa)
- Battered immigrants and children



Get I-94 Number 8-9	HEAG
Admission (I-94) Number	r Retrieval
Admission (I-94) Record	d Number: 69000888062
Admit Until Date (MM/DD	D/YYYY): 10/10/2012
Details provided on Admissi	ion(I-94) form:
Family Name:	U
First (Given) Name	LYDIA
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### "I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen"

- Holders of nonimmigrant visas (e.g. student, work, tourist)
- Individuals with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients







### Students are independent if they...

Will be 24 by January 1st of award year Are married (or separated but not divorced)

Are working on a master's or doctorate

Serve in the U.S. armed forces or are a veteran

Since age 13 - had no living parent, were in foster care, or were a ward of the court

Are an emancipated minor

Have a legal guardian

Have children (or dependents) and provide more than half their support

Are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless

## Dependency Override?



#### YES

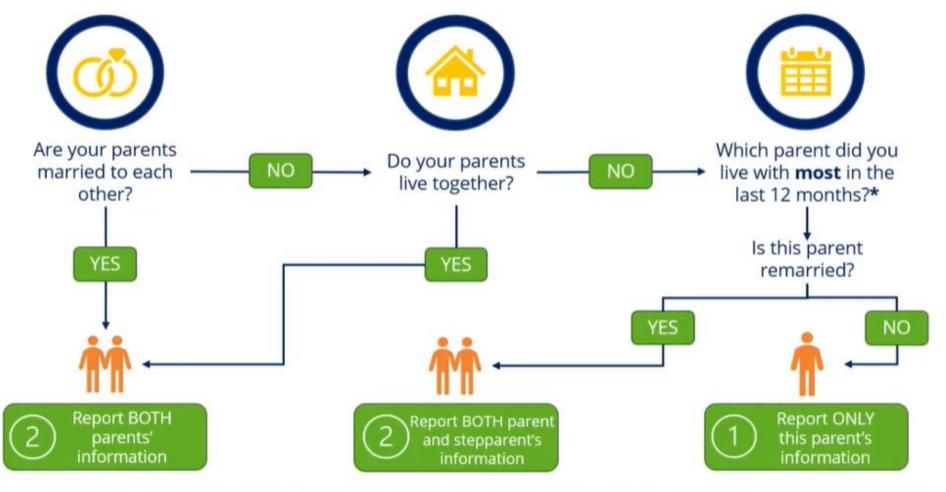
Parents are incarcerated Student has fled an abusive family environment

Student doesn't know where parents are or how to contact them

#### NO

Parents refuse to provide info Parents don't want to help pay for college

Student doesn't live with parents
Parents don't claim student on
taxes



<sup>\*</sup>If the student didn't live with one parent more than the other, report info for the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months.

### Parent Household Size

#### Include

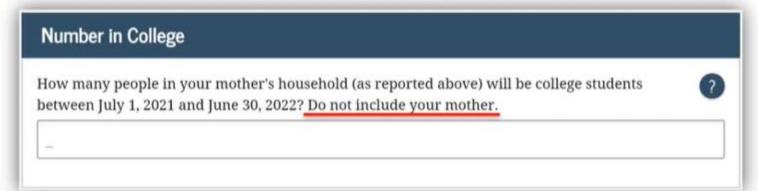
- Student and parent(s)
- Parent(s) other children who receive more than 50% support
- Other people who live with parent(s) AND receive more than 50% financial support from them

#### Do not include

- Foster children
- Other people the parent(s) support financially that don't live with parent(s)



# Number in College



#### Include

- Student
- Household members who will be enrolled at least halftime

#### Do not include

- Parent(s)
- Students attending U.S. service academies



### IRS DRT Ineligible

- Filed as "Married Filing Separately"
- Married and filed as "Head of Household"
- Unmarried and both legal parents living together
- Recent change in marital status
- Filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return
- Filed using an ITIN
- Victim of identity theft

### What If Income Has Changed?

- The student can submit an appeal to the financial aid office
- Financial aid administrators can use "professional judgement" to adjust the student's financial aid
- Do NOT update the FAFSA with 2022 tax info

