

# Get Ahead of Student Debt

If you know what kind of financial aid is available and what works for you, you can get the help you need for little or no cost. Match the frequently used financial aid terms listed below to the correct definition. Then write any questions you have about the financial aid process on the back of this page. Your instructor will connect you with the financial aid office on your campus to get your questions answered.

**1. FASFA** Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Work-Study** Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Cost of Attendance (COA)** Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Need-Based Aid** Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Expected Family Contribution** Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Grant** Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Merit-Based Aid** Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Scholarship** Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition – A**

Gift-aid that does not have to be paid back. Usually awarded on need, merit, or special skills and talents.

**Definition – B**

Represents the amount of money a family can contribute toward a son/daughter's education.

**Definition – C**

The amount needed to attend college per year before financial aid is applied... tuition, books, living expenses, etc.

**Definition – D**

Financial Aid awarded to a student based on his/her academic success, athletic ability, artistic talent, etc.

**Definition – E**

Financial Aid awarded to a student based on his/her inability to pay the full cost of attendance.

**Definition – F**

Self-help aid provided by federal or state to subsidize student employment programs.

**Definition – G**

Free money for college that does not need to be paid back. Usually based on financial need.

**Definition – H**

The free application for federal student aid which must be completed to receive any financial aid.

Answers 1. H, 2. F, 3. C, 4. E, 5. B, 6. G, 7. D, 8. A

**For more information, visit the Financial Aid Office on your campus!**