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# Financial Aid

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## Financial Aid

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- CSS Profile
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Where do I begin? Overwhelming  
process...



## **ACS Athens - Financial Aid**

How can you make the most out of your financial aid?

- Start early - Spring of 11th grade
- Research, research, research (college costs, scholarships)
- Talk to your counselor



# Financial Aid Terms

- Need-aware: Financial need is taken into consideration when Admissions is reviewing a file.
- Need-blind: Financial Need is not taken into consideration when Admissions is reviewing a file.
- [Examples of need-blind](#)
- Full-need: A student is unable to fund any portion of their studies.
- Need-analysis: The process whereby a student's financial needs are determined through examination of their financial documents.
- Financial Aid Package: The total amount of scholarships, grants, work study opportunities, and loans awarded to any individual student.



# Types of Financial Aid

- Scholarships (merit scholarships, need based scholarships, scholarships that you must apply for)
  - [Merit Scholarship](#)
    - Available for US and non-US citizens
  - [Need-based Financial Aid](#)
    - Available for US and (sometimes) non-US citizens
  - [Scholarships with Separate Application](#)
    - Available for US and non-US citizens
  - Sports scholarships (NCAA Division 1 and 2 Universities, NAIA)
    - Available for US and non-US citizens
    - Students must register with the NCAA/NAIA to determine amateur status



# Differences between FAFSA & CSS

## FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- Only for US Citizens
- Is free
- Is for federal grants, work-study and loans

Both calculate financial need based on different formulas

## CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service)

- Is for both US Citizens and International students as well
- Has a cost (\$25 for the first profile sent, \$16 per subsequent profiles sent)
- Is for non-federal aid
- Not required for all universities





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# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for US Citizens

- [FAFSA Video \(link\)](#)
- Application opens October 1st
- Last day to submit is June 30th





# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for US Citizens

- Application Website: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- Resources for Financial Aid: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources#complete>
- Completing your FAFSA: [FAFSA worksheet](#)
- Resources for additional scholarship opportunities: <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>
- <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships>



# CSS Profile – For US Citizens (in addition to FAFSA) & International Students

- Some Universities may require this form IN ADDITION to FAFSA for US Citizens
- [CSS Tutorial \(link\)](#)
- <https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>



# Financial Aid In the UK

- Loans

- Available for EU students, but not for International Students
- Only covers tuition fees
- Must pay them back
- To do application, access [Student Finance](#)
- Scotland (SAAS) -full tuition fee waiver
- Wales (apply for part tuition fee waiver/part loan)

Brexit?--fees currently the same for EU nationals

- Scholarships

- Available to UK students only
- Few scholarships available for EU/International Students through websites of individual universities



# Netherlands and Other Countries

- For Europe, limited scholarships available
- Tuition under 2,000 euro per year
- Through individual institutions/organizations-these usually vary by program of study and departments within the universities.



Thank you for your time!

- Please feel free to ask us any questions!

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