

# Higher Ed Funding and Financial Aid

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# Agenda

- Overview of postsecondary funding
- What is financial aid
- Applying for financial aid
- Dissecting financial aid award packages
- Challenges for equity



# Postsecondary Opportunities

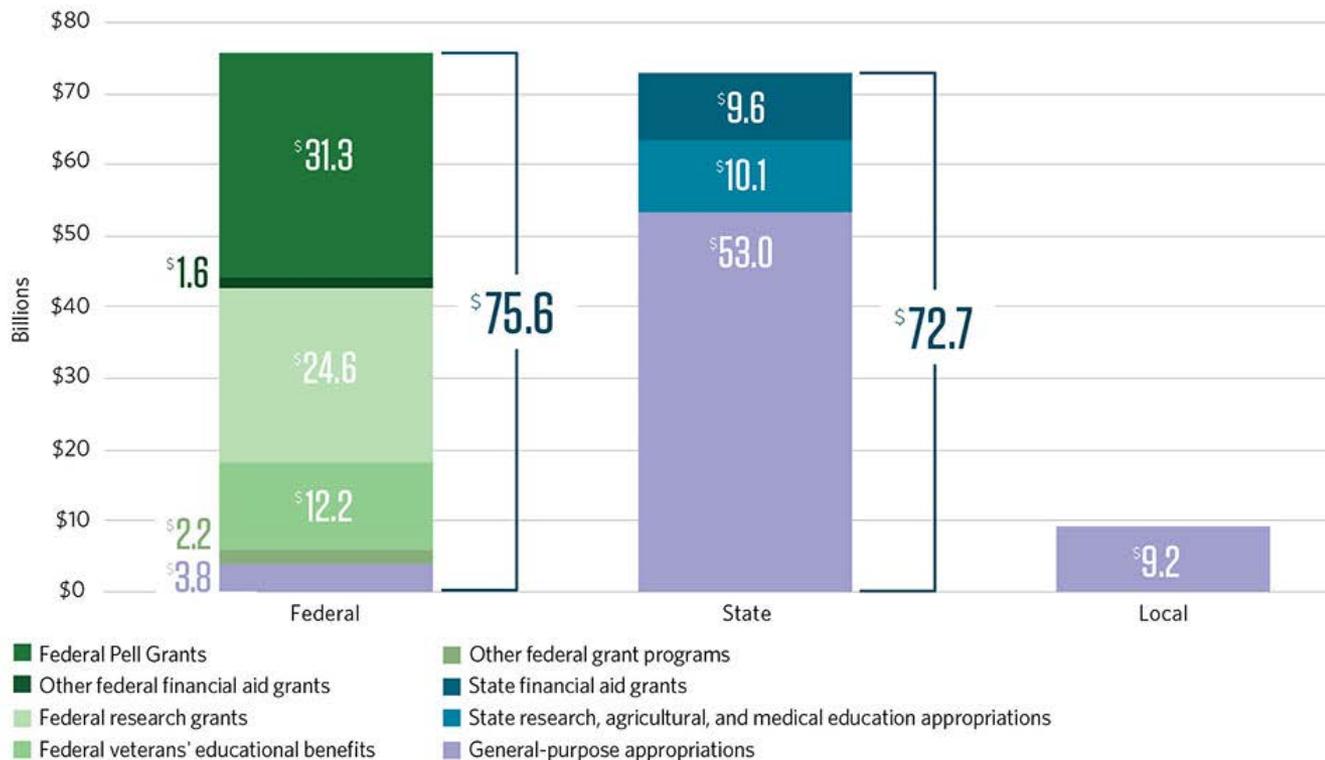
- Certificates
- Apprenticeships
- Private Career Schools
- Community and Technical Colleges
- Colleges and Universities
  - Public
  - Private (For Profit and Not for Profit)



# Federal vs. State Funding

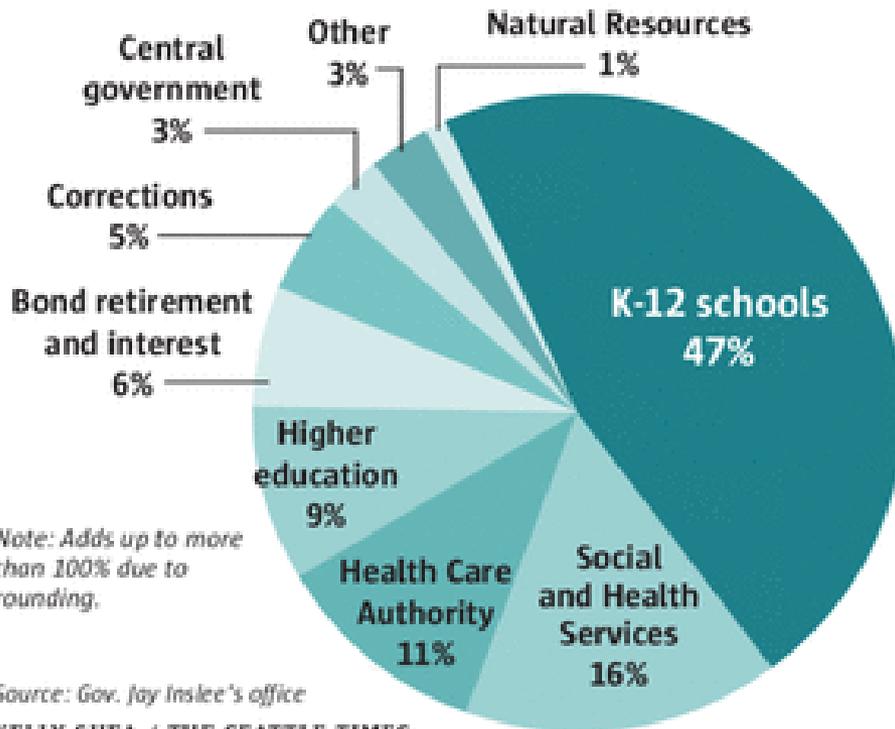
## Federal and State Investments in Higher Education Are Similar in Size, Different in Nature

Spending categories by level of government, academic year 2013





# Washington State Higher Ed Funding



- 2015-17 Biennium
  - \$3.4B Higher Ed
  - Approx. \$2.6B for funding for 6 PBIs and 34 CTCs.
  - The remaining balance goes towards student financial aid and programs.



# The Recession and State Tuition

“In 2000, Washington state paid 70% of the total per student funding while students and families paid 30%. By 2012, that was nearly reversed with the state paying 35% and students paying 65% (pg. 3)”.

Source: Council of Presidents 2015 Performance Plan



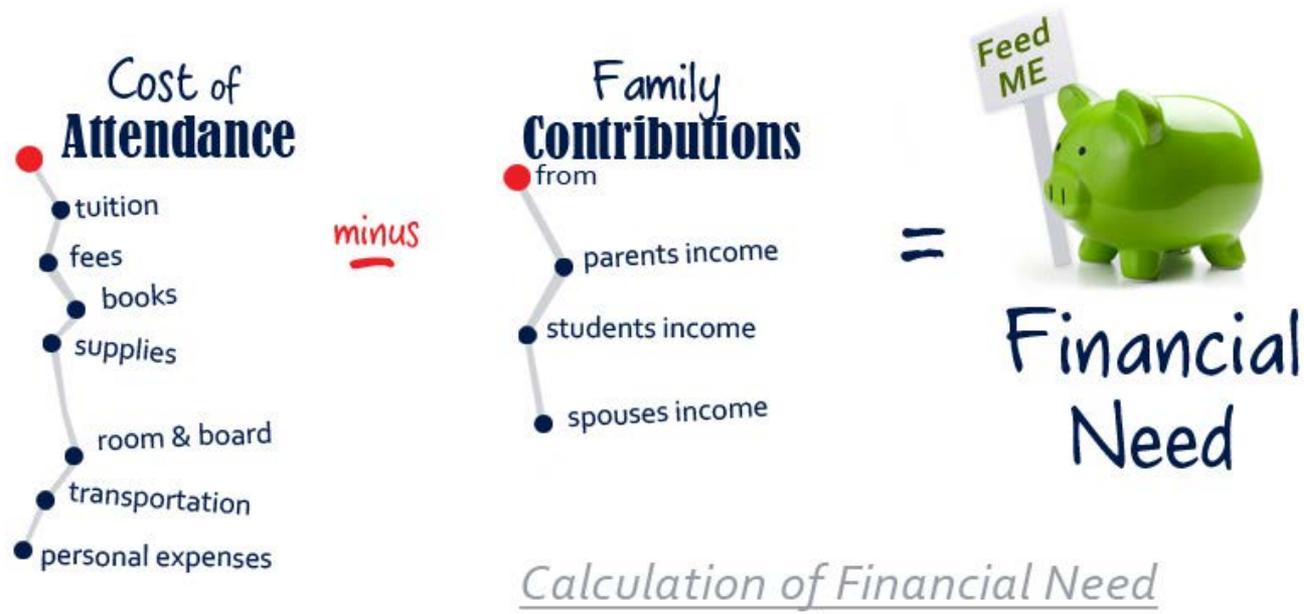
# Applying for Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>
  - FAFSA4caster
  - No fee/Open to all
- CSS Profile
  - Administered by college board
  - Application fee
- Scholarships



# What the FAFSA Calculates

- Student Aid Report
- Expected Family Contribution (for each year)
  - Calculation of income, assets and benefits





# Federal and State Aid

## Federal Aid

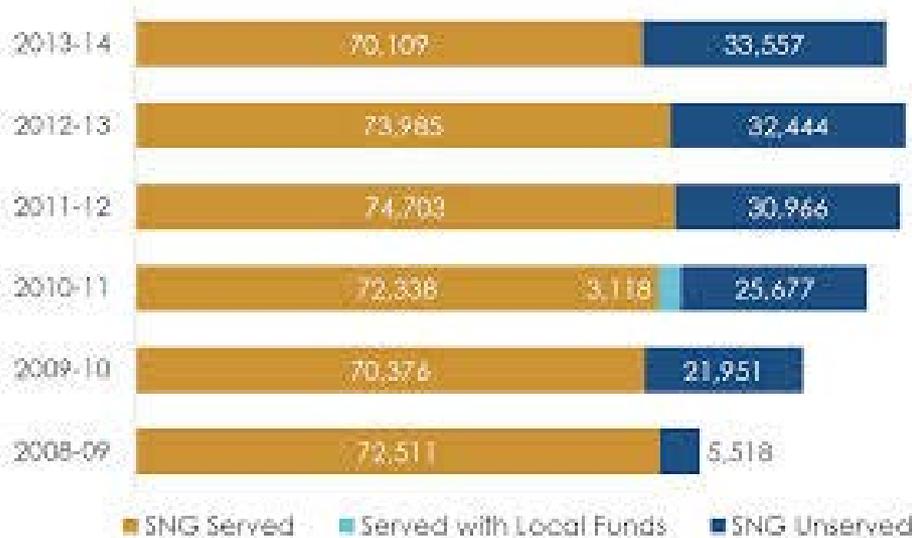
- Federal Pell Grant (\$5,775)
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (\$100-\$4,000)
- Federal Direct Loans
  - Subsidized (\$2,000)
  - Unsubsidized (\$3,500)
- Perkins Loan
- Federal Direct Parent Plus Loan (varies)

## Washington State Aid

- State Need Grant (\$3,541-\$10,350)
- College Bound Scholarship (tuition and fees)
- Tuition Waivers and Exemptions (varies)



# State Need Grant and College Bound



- State Need Grant

- Financial eligibility
- Dependent on eligibility of funds
- Distributed by institutions

- College Bound Scholarship

- Last dollar grant (tuition and fees)
- Scholarship criteria



# The Student/Family Experience

State Need Grant is a vital source to ensuring that college is affordable.

## Total Aid Offered

<u>Awards</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Total</u>
FEDERAL PELL GRANT	\$0	\$1,660	\$1,660	\$1,660	\$4,980
STATE NEED GRANT	\$0	\$3,623	\$3,623	\$3,622	\$10,868
FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT	\$0	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$210
UNDERGRAD TUITION EXEMPTION	\$0	\$313	\$312	\$312	\$937
FED DIRECT SUB STAFFORD LOAN	\$0	\$1,167	\$1,167	\$1,166	\$3,500
FED DIRECT UNSUB STAFFORD LOAN	\$0	\$667	\$667	\$666	\$2,000
FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT LOAN	\$0	\$1,051	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$3,151
COLLEGE BOUND	\$0	\$345	\$345	\$346	\$1,036

**Assumptions:** Your award is based on the following assumptions:

Your awards are based on your status as a resident, undergrad student who is dependent, and not living with parents. The total budget covers attendance for 3 quarters: Autumn, Winter, Spring.

**Comments:**

COLLEGE BOUND ADDED

**Resources:** Based on the information you provided, we calculated your resources as expected parent's contribution: \$783  
Total Resources: \$783

# Equity: Does Financial Aid Eliminate the Barriers?



- Cost of Attendance vs. Tuition and Fees
- Reliance on loans
- Complicated application process
- Access to quality counseling/advising
- Lack of consistent financial aid



# QUESTIONS?

