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BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

Learning how FAFSA works

To apply for federal student aid, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year you're enrolled in a post-secondary program.

The Federal Student Aid Estimator tool helps you estimate the type and amount of federal financial aid you may be eligible for to help pay for college or career school.

Instructions

- 1 Calculate the date of birth for the student in your assigned scenario.
- 2 Go to the online Federal Student Aid Estimator at StudentAid.gov/aid-estimator.
- 3 Enter the key information from the scenario and record the results in the worksheet's "Estimated federal financial aid packages" section on page 2.
- 4 Share your scenarios and results with the class.
- 5 Take notes on the worksheet while other groups share their scenarios and results.
- 6 Answer the questions in the "Comparing and contrasting financial aid packages" section on page 3.
- 7 Answer the reflection question.



Estimated federal financial aid packages

Four imaginary students are applying for financial aid to attend Pretend University in New Mexico.

<i>Check the box of the scenario you were assigned.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn	<input type="checkbox"/> Carmen	<input type="checkbox"/> Mario	<input type="checkbox"/> Noah
Calculate date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Month/day/year				
What's the potential Pell Grant amount?				
How much could this student earn from a Federal Work-Study job?				
What's the potential Federal Direct Loan amount?				
What's the total federal aid available for this student?				
What's this student's college cost after all federal aid is applied? (Cost of attendance - Total federal aid)				
What's the estimated family contribution? Note: The estimated family contribution is not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college nor is it the amount of federal student aid you will receive. It is a number used by your school to calculate the amount of federal student aid you are eligible to receive.				
What are key details about this student and their family that may influence the student's financial aid?				

