

**Paying for College  
Financial Aid  
Overview**

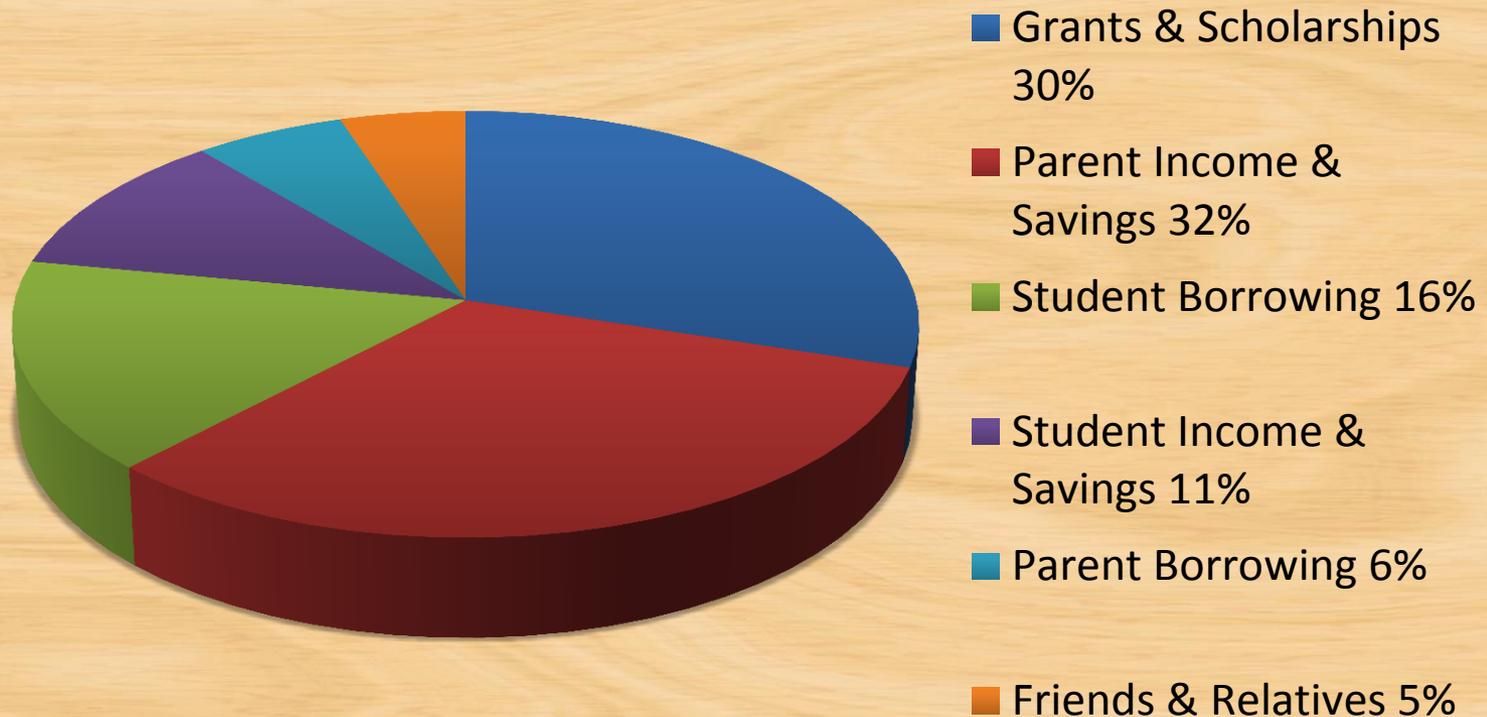
# Plan for Success

- College Planning Center
  - [bnd.nd.gov](http://bnd.nd.gov)
- Discover your interests
  - [RUReadyND.com](http://RUReadyND.com)
- College Navigator
  - [nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)
- College SAVE
  - [Collegesave4u.com](http://Collegesave4u.com)

# College Expenses

- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Board
- Books & Supplies
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous Personal Expenses

# How Americans Pay for College



# What is Financial Aid

- Scholarships
- Assistance Programs
- State Grants
- Federal Grants
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Student Loans
- Non-Federal Student Loans

# Where to Find Scholarships

- Local businesses & organizations
- Library
- Colleges/Universities
- Religious Organizations
- Fraternal Organizations
- Employers
- Tribal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Large Corporations
- Internet

# Internet Addresses

- [nddfs.org](http://nddfs.org)
- [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)
- [finaid.org](http://finaid.org)
- [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)
- [cashe.com](http://cashe.com)

# Assistance Programs

- AmeriCorps
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Employee Assistance
- Military Tuition Benefits
- Tribal Higher Education
- Individual Development Accounts
  - ND Community Action Partnership
  - Call 701.232.2452 or visit [www.capnd.org](http://www.capnd.org)

# State Grants

- Scholars Program
- Indian Scholarship: \$2,000
- Academic or Career & Tech Ed Scholarship: \$1,500
- State Student Incentive Grant: \$1,950

# What is FAFSA?

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Basic application for student aid
- Collects student and family info
- School determines financial aid
- Completed online
  - [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

Navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, FSA ID, StudentAid.gov, and Help. Includes a search box and language options for English and Español.

# Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



### New to the FAFSA?

**Start A New FAFSA**

### Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

**Login**

### Deadlines

Information about your deadlines.

### School Code Search

Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

### FAFSA Filing Options

Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.

### Announcements

- If you have questions about the FSA ID, you can find the answers to frequently asked questions [here](#). If you need assistance logging in with your FSA ID, contact us at 1-800-557-7394.
- The Federal Student Aid PIN was replaced with the [FSA ID](#)

### Thinking About College?



Use **FAFSA4caster** to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!



Check out how Federal Student Aid can put you on a path to success. [View Videos on YouTube](#) or [Download the Accessible Videos](#)

# Documents for FAFSA

- Social Security Number
- 2015 Federal Income Tax Return
- 2015 Untaxed income records
  - Veterans non-education benefit records
  - Child support received
  - Worker's compensation
- Assets
  - Balance of cash, savings and investments
  - Know what not to include
- Alien registration or permanent resident card (if not a U.S. citizen)

# IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Electronically transfers your federal tax return information into your FAFSA
- Easy
- Fast
- Accurate

# Is Parent Information Needed?

- Independent Student
  - 24 years of age
  - Married
  - US Armed Forces active duty or veteran
  - Have a child whom they support
  - At any time after age 13 were in foster care or ward of the court
  - Emancipated minor
  - In legal guardianship
  - Unaccompanied homeless youth
  - Estranged from parents

# When to Complete FAFSA

<b>When Student Is Attending</b>	<b>When Student Can Submit a FAFSA</b>	<b>Which Year Income Tax Information</b>
July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016	January 1, 2015	2014
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017	January 1, 2016	2015
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018	October 1, 2016	2015
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019	October 1, 2017	2016

**April 15 is the ND Priority Deadline!**

# Benefits of Prior-Prior Year

- File earlier
- Aligned with admission process
- Certainty
- IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- Less pressure
- Earlier notifications

# If Something Changes

- Eligible Changes
  - Lower Income
  - Family Size
  - Assets
- Special Circumstance Adjustment

# FAFSA User ID

- Who needs a FSA ID?
  - Student
  - Parent of dependent students
  - Borrowers
  - Anyone who interacts with the Federal Student Aid websites

# What do you apply for with FAFSA?

- Federal Student Aid
  - Work Study
  - Pell Grant
  - SEOG
  - TEACH Grant
  - Direct Loan
- State Incentive Grant

# Federal Work Study

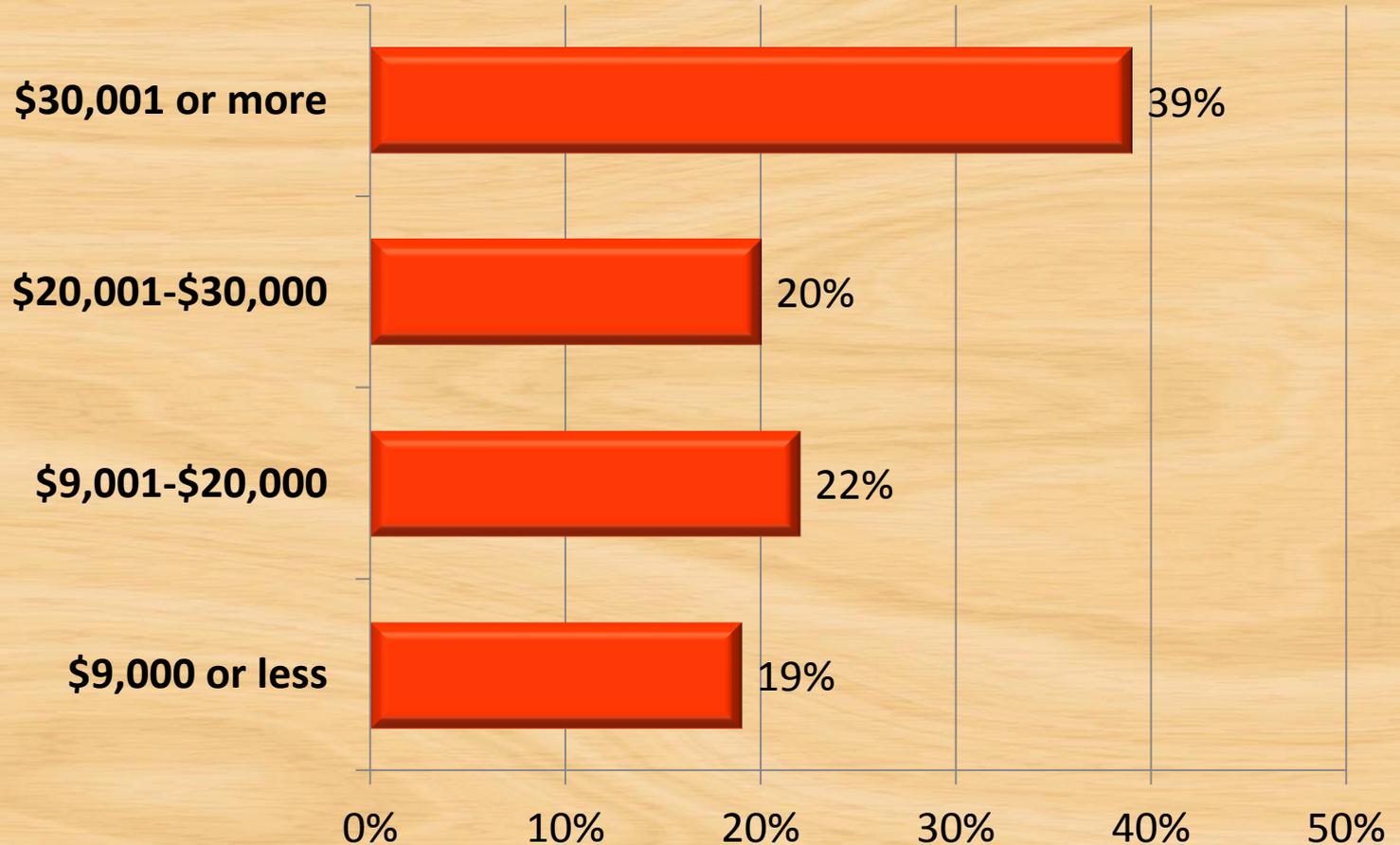
- Say “yes” on FAFSA
- Jobs may be on or off campus
- Eligible employers:
  - School
  - Agencies
  - Organizations

# Federal Grants

- Pell Grant:
  - Up to \$5,775
- FSEOG:
  - Up to \$4,000
- TEACH Grant:
  - \$4,000

# Pell Grants

## 2013-14 Dependent Pell Grant Recipients by Family Income



# Student Loans

- Federal Direct
- Federal PLUS
- ND State-Sponsored DEAL Loan Programs
- Alternative Loans

# Federal Direct Loans

- **Subsidized:**
  - Government pays interest for student while in-school, grace or deferment status
- **Unsubsidized:**
  - Government does not pay interest for student; the interest is billed quarterly

# Federal Direct Loan Limits

## Dependent Students

- \$5,500 – Year 1
- \$6,500 – Year 2
- \$7,500 – Years 3-5

## Independent Students

- \$ 9,500 – Year 1
- \$10,500 – Year 2
- \$12,500 – Years 3-5
- \$20,500 – Graduates

# Federal Direct Loan Details

- Student is the borrower
- Must be enrolled at least half-time
- Sign Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- Fixed interest rate (2015-16)
  - 4.29% undergraduate loans
- 1.068% loan fee
- Repayment begins after out of school for 6 months

# Federal PLUS Loan

- Loan in parent's name
- Parent responsible for repaying
- Credit application required
- Fixed rate = 6.84%
- 4.272% loan fees
- Repayment begins after 60 days
- Must sign Master Promissory Note (MPN)

# ND State-Sponsored DEAL Loan Programs

- For education beyond high school
  - Including dual credit classes
- FAFSA required
- No Fees
- Competitive interest rate
  - No tiers
  - Fixed or variable
- Established, positive credit history
  - Student or Cosigner
- Consolidation and repayment options

# Alternative Loans

- Variable interest rates
- Tiers based on credit
- Cosigner may be required
- Terms vary among lenders

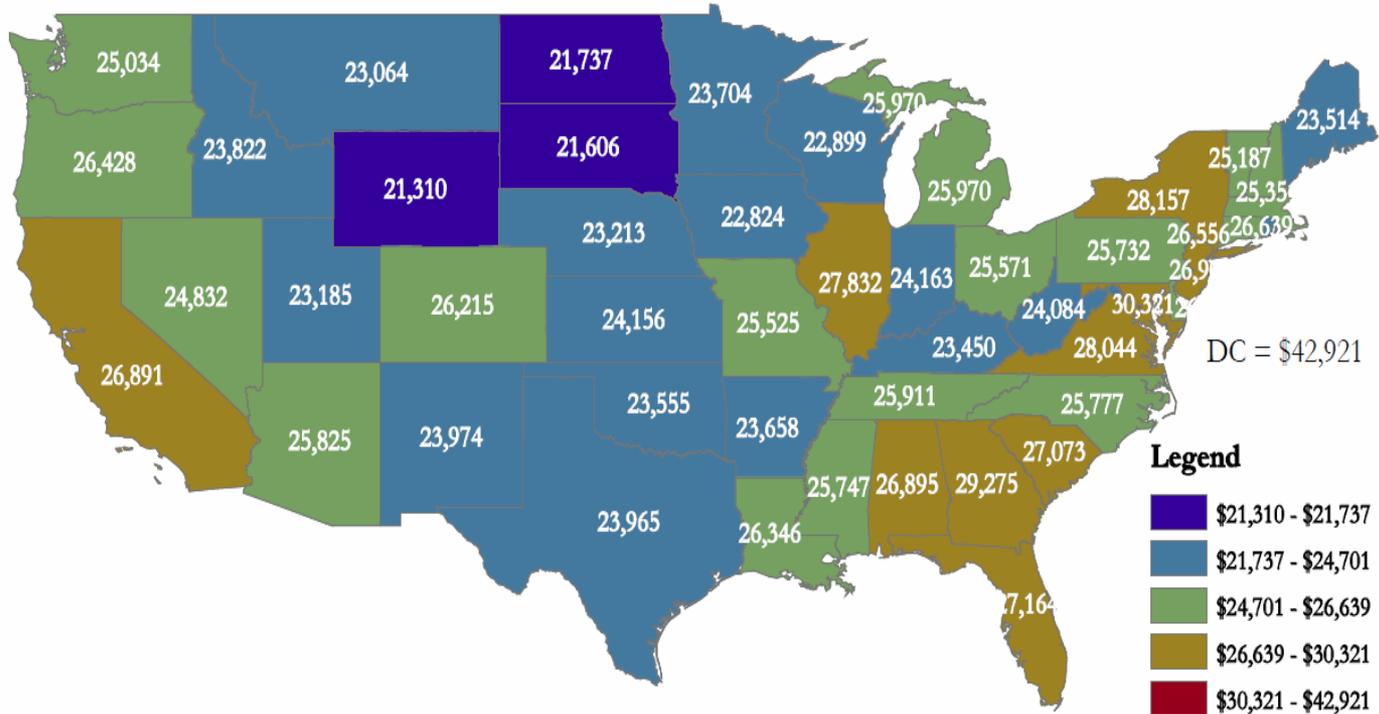
# **What is the average student loan debt in North Dakota?**

A. \$21,737

B. \$30,321

C. \$42,921

# Average Student Loan Balance by State



Data Source: Di and Edmiston, 2015; Federal Reserve Bank of New York Consumer Credit Panel / Equifax

November 5, 2015

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# How much should I borrow?

- 10% of anticipated gross income
- Example
  - \$30,000 – Anticipated annual income
  - \$2500 – Monthly income
  - \$250 – Monthly student loan payment
- Check out calculators on BND website

# Who Can Help

- High School Counselor
- College Financial Aid Office
- BND College Planning Center

# **Thank you**

**If you have any questions, please contact  
College Planning Center at 800.554.2717.**