Online Family Chat - Main Lobby

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familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): that's in the major section of the catalog
audreyedm@hotmail.com: Lynn. Thank you! I got it.
reneesalley@msn.com: Is the chat now open?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi Everyone and welcome to today's Family Chat!
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reneesalley@msn.com: I
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): My name is Arie Gee and I am an Assistant Director in New Student and Family Programs. We have Lynn from the Academic Advising Center here also answering any academic questions in the Academic Advising Chat room. You can access that room by clicking the "Add More Chatrooms" button at the top righthand corner of your screen.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hi folks, my name is Lynn O'Sickey and I'm an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center. I'll open the Advising Chat room now.
reneesalley@msn.com: I have a question about FASFA... Since last year.. do I use the same password and information to start? I had a very hard time with my daughter's.. my sons was a snap.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): mhernandez, will answer that in the Advising Chat room, join me there :-)
vcgators: What are the requirements for declaring in-state residency?
Quierohablar: We applied for FAFSA last year andonly qualified for unsubsidized loans that we didn't take. Should we apply again even though our situation hasn't changed and the results will be the same?Is there any other reason to apply?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @vcgators, the office of Admissions has great page that gives some insight. http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/residency/qualifying.html
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): Greeting folks!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @reneesalley, I'm going to let Corry answer that one for you!
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @reneesalley@msn.com, good question! Your username and password are the same as last year.
reneesalley@msn.com: thank you.
vcgators: Thank you.
joannmc01: Is this the correct place to ask questions about the financial aid?
reneesalley@msn.com: can you explain the difference between federal loans (short version).. to pay after graduation or interest only.
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): Hello @joannmc01, yes, please feel free to ask your financial aid question!
joannmc01: Is there anything our child can do to find available financial aid besides us as parents filling out the fafsa?
Louanna850: IRS.gov says the university will provide us with a tax document showing what we have paid. When will those go out?
joannmc01: Louanna850 - I might be able to help you. My daughter sent me the link to get the form on line. You might ask your student.
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @reneesalley@msn.com the following link gives a great summary of the Federal Loans: http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/loans/repayment/
PattiL1988: This question may be beyond the scope of this conversation, but I wondered if you could tell me if my daughter's taxable scholarship money (used for housing, meal plan, etc.) should be reported on her taxes or mine? Thank you.
tomengle: Hi, I have a question: Are PLUS loans once a year or do they have to be renewed each semester?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Louanna850 please follow this link to the downloadable Verification Forms PDF's: http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/publications/forms/
RKimbrough: Who at UF would we contact to obtain an itemized list of expenses paid to UF so students/parents can determine Qualified Education Expenses and expenses that are not Qualified Education Expenses for filing taxes? Also, would items on this list of expenses paid be categorized as Qualified Education Expenses, or does the student/parent have to figure this out?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): Hello @tomengle this link is a great source for the Parent PLUS Loans: http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/loans/parent-plus/
tomengle: Hi, I have already obtained a PLUS loan and applied it to this year's tuition. My question is whether that is a "once a year" thing or something that usually has to be renewed each semester?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): Hello @RKimbrough University Bursar can shed some light on this please call 352-392-0181 and ask to speak with Mrs. Annie Bretnall.
ufgator1996: Do you take into consideration if you have two children in college? Last year I only had one, but this year I will have two. Thanks!
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @tomengle my apologies on the question. PLUS Loans are renewed on an academic year basis.
chumphries: Is there a deadline for sending in the second year's financial info.?

dbmink: Do students that are receiving Bright Future Scholarships, but no additional financial aid need to send in financials again?
tomengle: Thanks for the answer -- that's exactly what I needed to know! I appreciate the help. If my daughter has additional financial aid questions, whom does she call/contact at UF?
Louanna850: So you do not send out the 1098T to students?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): Hello @ufgator1996 great question! It is considered as part of the EFC formula.
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @chumphries, are you asking if there is a deadline for FAFSA?
Flyingnashua: When is the deadline for submitting summer and or fall Fafsa?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Louanna850, 1098T forms are only available electronically on your student's my.ufl.edu
Louanna850: Thank you
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @tomengle your daughter would contact her Financial Aid Advisor according to her last 2 digits of her UFID; please see the following link: http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/contact-sfa/
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Flyingnashua You can file a FAFSA as early as January 1 each year. UF must receive, from the federal processor, the results of your FAFSA by the ¿On-Time¿ deadline ofMarch 15, 2016.
Flyingnashua: Thank you
Louanna850: Ok I'm on my sons ufl.edu where do I go next to find the 1098 T info?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @PattiL1988 great question! This depends on if she is still claimed by you on your taxes.
PattiL1988: Yes she is.
Flyingnashua: an IA student attending summer they received awards for summer can this amount change or is it set already ?
Jlucas: Do you need to file for tax return before you file the FAFSA?
Louanna850: Jlucas I can answer that. No you can use the estimator and select will file. After you file you must update
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Louanna850 to find the 1098T, Main Menu > My Campus Finances > View 1098T.
Louanna850: Thank you
LAR18: Is the student's Federal Work Study income taxable? If they file a tax return, do they report it?
Jlucas: Thanks
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Flyingnashua the amount is pretty much set; and is based off of taking 15 credits.
Flyingnashua: How can you request additional aid?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Jlucas, @Louanna850 is correct! You can file your FAFSA and select "have not file, but will file taxes"
Louanna850: Found the 1098T form. Thank you. What about housing and food plan information?
Jlucas: Thank you again
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Louanna850 what was paid into Housing and Meal Plan can be found on Payment History in myUFL.
Louanna850: Thank you. Do we just print that out and keep for IRS records?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Flyingnashua for a review of your aid, please contact the Student Financial Affairs Advisor that corresponds to the last 2 digits of the UFID; please see the following link: http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/contact-sfa/
Louanna850: Is bright futures money considered taxable income?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Louanna850 yes, the Payment History should be kept for tax purposes.
audreyedm@hotmail.com: Good Afternoon, do you know where can I find the course information (prefix,number, title and credit hours for the Chemical Enginnering major?
BocaUF: need-based grant actually bases on FAFSA, does that mean sooner you send FAFSA and better have chance get grant?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hi audreedm...
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): Hello @BocaUF, Financial aid isawarded on a first-come, first-served basis so apply as earlyas possible to be considered for the most, and best aid.In order for UF to consider you for a financial aid package,you must be an admitted student and have met the¿On-Time¿ deadline.
BocaUF: what is exactly cost for undergrad course per hour? $204 or $154?
USAR2004: Good Afternoon, If we did not receive any aid last year, should we complete the FAFSA this year?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): auderyedm, here's a link to the Courses Descriptions section of the Catalog for Chemical Engineering. https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/courses/descriptions/chemical-engineering.aspx
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): audreyedm, and here's a link to the Catalog Copy describing that major. https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/engineering/majors/chemical-engineering.aspx
audreyedm@hotmail.com: Thank you Lynn, how many courses do you recommend to take during the summer?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @LAR18 Yes, Work-Study income is taxable. You will receive a W-2 from the university at the end of each year, and this form will indicate how much you made from all UF employment, including Work-Study employment in the prior year. Note that although you may have to pay taxes on Work-Study earnings, you should list those earnings as income on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), but then also report them as exclusions in question #43, part C, on the FAFSA. When filling out the FAFSA, read the FAFSA booklet instructions for Worksheet C carefully.
Student@UF: Hello, if my daughter received Bright Futures for this year is she required to complete a new FAFSA in order to continue getting it next year (and in future year)? Basically trying to see if FAFSA must be done each year to keep Bright Futures.
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Louanna850 Yes. Students who receive financial aid must report part of their financial aid as taxable income on their income tax returns. What must you include? Funds you receive (from scholarships, benefits, fellowships, and grants from the University of Florida or any other source) that, combined, exceed the cost of your tuition, fees, books, and required equipment and supplies. Income from Federal Pell Grants is counted; University of Florida loans and federal loans are not.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): audreyedm, that depends alot on your student and his/her program. Students don't always need to take courses in the summer. I'd recommend your student meet with his advisor (in Engineering, I assume?) to make a plan http://www.che.ufl.edu/Cur_UnderGrad_Std_Info.htm
LAR18: Thank you Corry.

audreyedm@hotmail.com: OK, thank you Lynn.
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @BocaUF which year was your student first enrolled?
BocaUF: 2015
AM2014: Does the Florida Incentive Scholarship renew automatically or does the student have to submit some paper work?
LAR18: So the student reports the financial aid on their tax return, rather than the parent, correct? This is the first year my student will be filing a tax return.
BocaUF: do you have financial aid for this summer if student will take courses or study aboard? if yes, how to apply and what is deadline?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @BocaUF Undergraduate Total Florida Resident Rate/Credit Hour $212.71
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @LAR18 Yes, the student will report on their taxes.
LAR18: Ok, thanks again!
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @AM2014 the scholarship renews automatically at the end of the second semester or the end of the academic year, providing that your student meets renewal requirements.
AM2014: Thank you!
Student@UF: Hello, does that last answer apply to Bright Futures too? Just trying to see if my student needs to file FAFSA each year to continue to get Bright Futures? It was done for this year but I don't know if it must be done each year. Sounds like it isn't needed again if student still meets requirements. Is this correct?
RKimbrough: What about Florida Pre-paid program funds? Does that have to be reported on taxes, and if so, would it be on the student's taxes?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Student@UF Students must annually complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA does not have to indicate financial need; however, it must be complete and processed error-free prior to a student¿s first disbursement of the academic year.
Student@UF: Ok, so sounds like even if all she gets is Bright Futures, I should have her file it to continue Bright Futures right? Other than Bright Futures, she has no other need for filing FAFSA. Thabks
AM2014: I was under the impression that students no longer need to file a FAFSA for Bright Futures. Has it changed back to being required again?
BocaUF: if student will take course in local public college this summer, pay to tuition cost will be reported by local college or UF?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): Hello @RKimbrough regarding the UF Florida Prepaid billing and tax reporting process, please call (352) 392-9545
Lolo4040: If my boyfriend wants to add my name to his house title, will that affect my child's eligibility for the Machen scholarship program?
Anh2015: I am confused, does the student submit the FAFSA or the parents have to submit it? My son has the Bright Futures reported on his 1098-T but he did not work in 2015 so he does not file income tax. Should he fill outthe FAFSA?

Student@UF: I too am confused about whether FAFSA is required to keep getting Bright Futures if we have no other reason to file it. Since the form is very tedious, I don't want us to have to do it if Bright Futures will continue each year as long as the student meets the requirements. Sorry for the confusion, but will you please address if we must file FAFSA solely to retain Bright Futures? We have no other reason to file FAFSA (no loans or other scholarships or grants, etc). Thanks in advance.
JulHarlow: I also have a question as to whether I need to complete the FAFSA. My daughter is a recipient of the Gator Nation scholarship. I don't believe it is tied to the FAFSA in any way, is that correct?
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): @Lolo4040 for assistance with MFOS question please contact the office at 352-392-1265
PattiL1988: My other child is a senior and we haven't had to fill out the FAFSA to receive her Bright Futures scholarship.
Student@UF: Thank you Patti!
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): FASFA for Bright Futures does not need to be completed. I went a little too fast typing, my apologies for the error.
Student@UF: Thank you!
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Corry): As far as filing taxes, the 1098T Form is the universities tax document to use on IRS Tax Forms.
Anh2015: Thank you!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Thank you all for joining us today! Have a great rest of your afternoon and Go Gators!
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): So, so grateful to have the focus on Fin Aid today!
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