

Applying for Financial Aid



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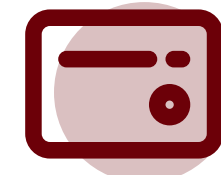


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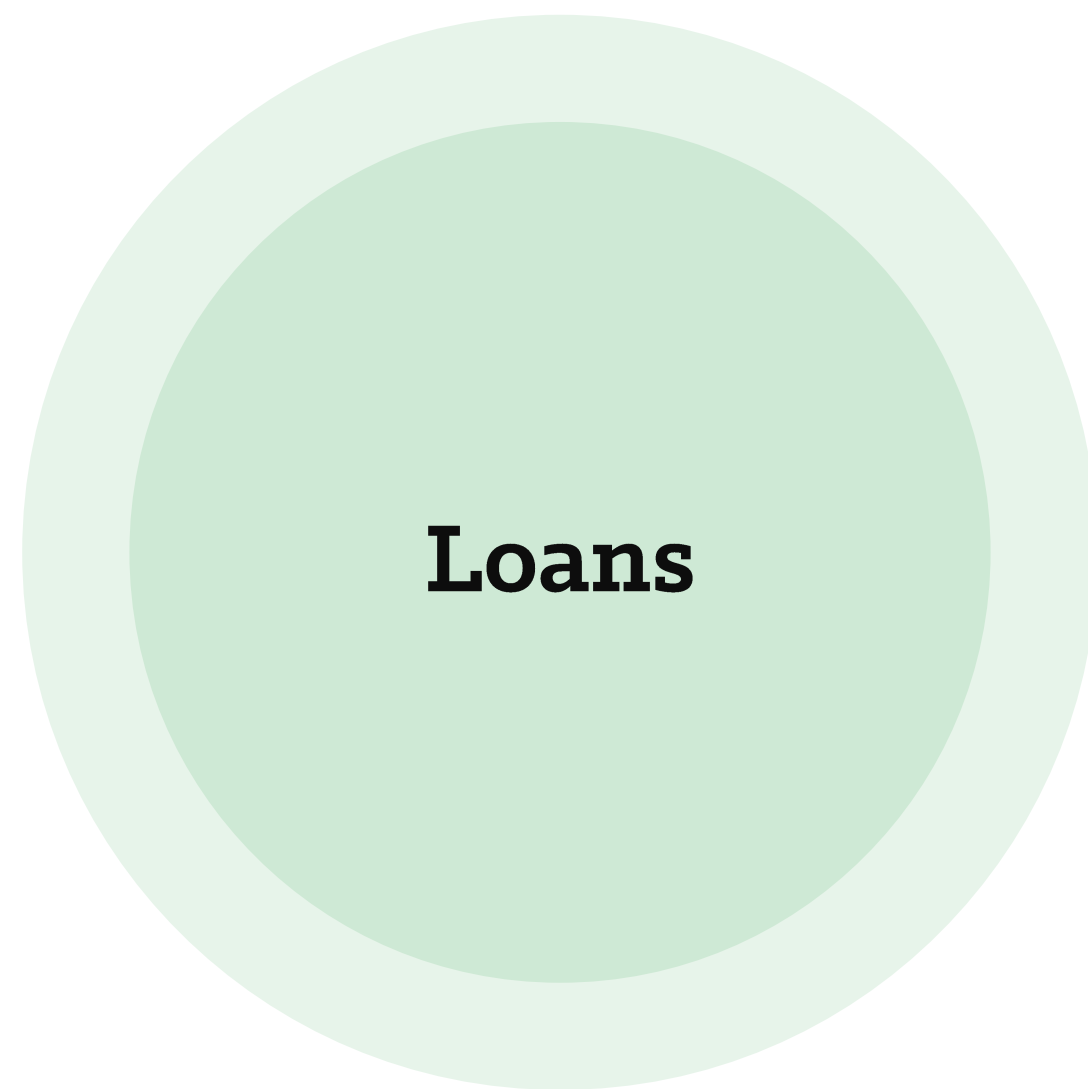
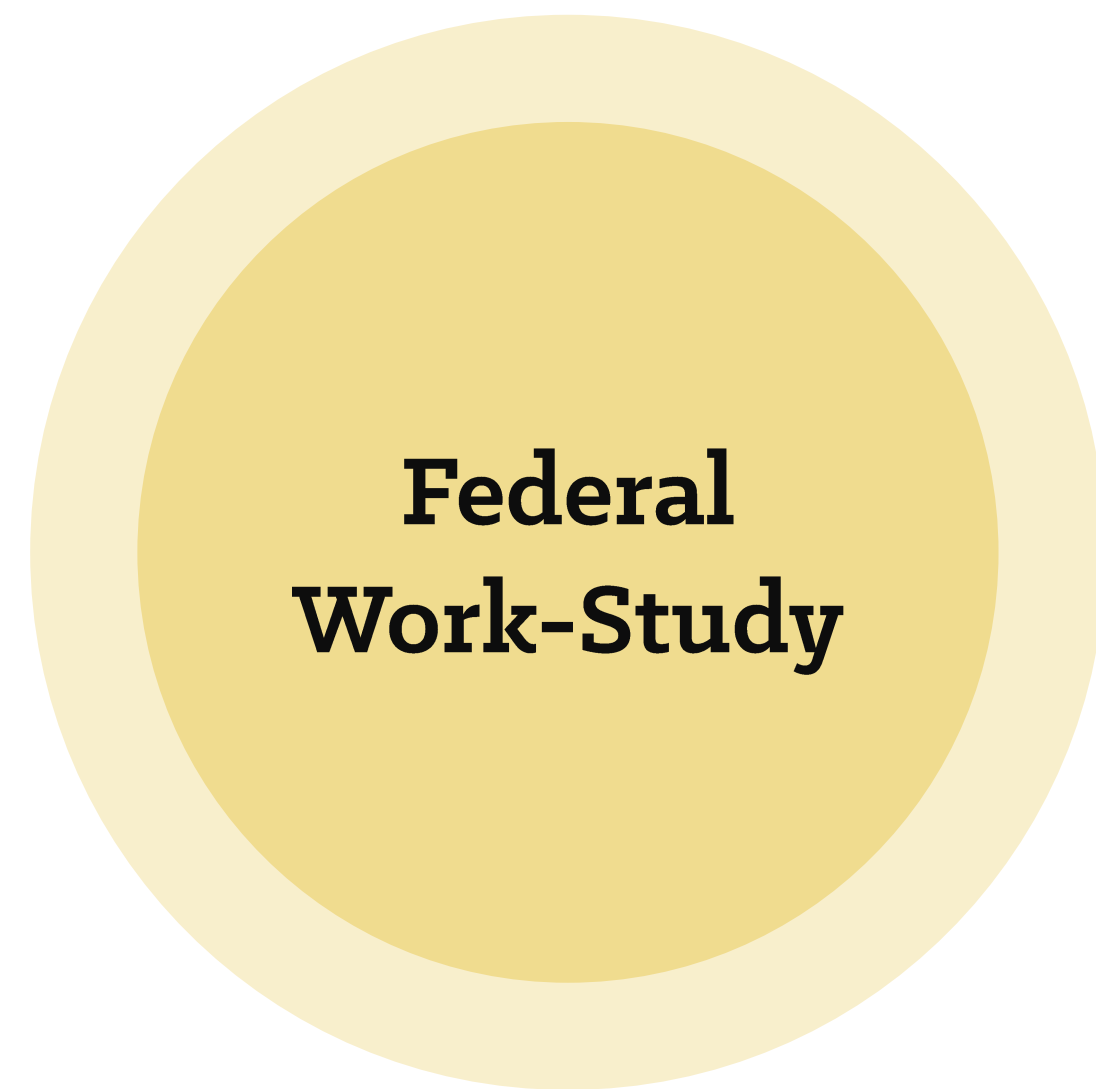
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Convenient locations and Online Banking. Mobile banking and Apple Pay ready. Access to the nationwide CO-OP Shared Branching Network.



Types of Financial Aid

Financial Aid Options



Need vs Merit Based Aid

NEED-BASED

Based On

Based on family's financial need

Includes

Grants, loans and/or work-study

All Federal

All federal and most state aid based on need



MERIT-BASED

Recognition Based

In recognition of student achievements

Often Compared

Awarded based on study body achievements

Renewable

May or may not be renewable

Private Scholarships

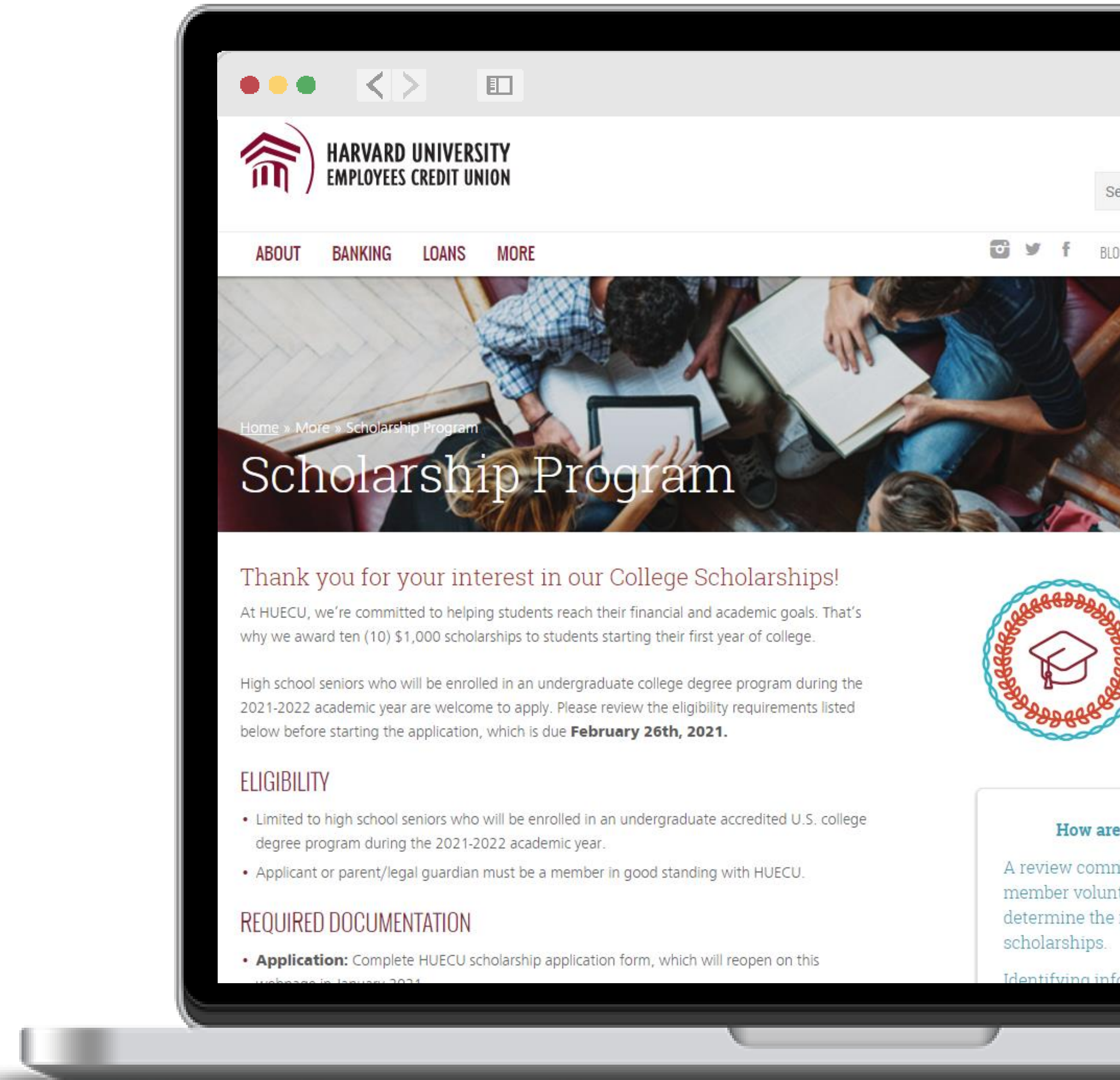
Applying for scholarships should be free. Check with school counselor if asked to pay for search engine.

- ✓ **School Counselors**
- ✓ **Online search engines**
- ✓ **Place of employment**
- ✓ **City/Town of residency**
- ✓ **Financial Institution**



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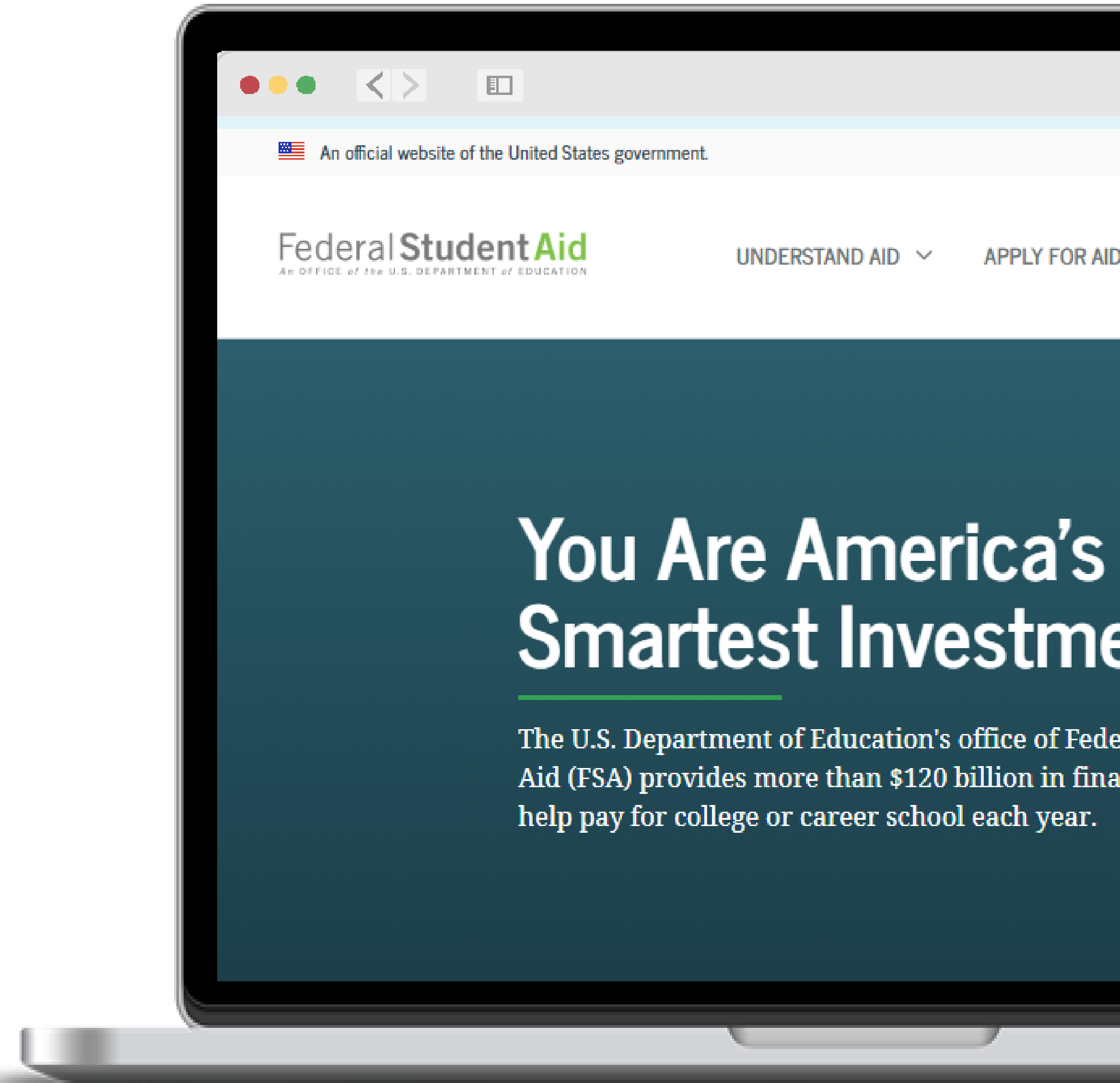
Federal Student Aid: **fafsa.gov**

One form required by all colleges and universities

Must be completed each year

Becomes available **October 1st**

Need **FSA ID** at **FSAID.ED.GOV**



Information on **FAFSA**

✓ **Parent and student demographic**

✓ **Definition of Parents**

Married, including same-sex parents

All biological parents who live together, married or not

Divorced/Separated: custodial parent & current spouse

✓ **Number in household and children in college**

✓ **Citizenship status**

✓ **Selective Service Registration**

✓ **Colleges where applying**



Financial Information

✓ INCOME

Taxed and Untaxed Income

2020 income for the 2022-23 FAFSA

✓ ASSETS INCLUDE

Checking & Savings

Investments

Other property

✗ DO NOT INCLUDE

Value of primary home

Retirement account

Life insurance

Value of small family business

Asset Impact

This example is an estimate only. Family Size =4

	FAMILY A	FAMILY B	FAMILY C
INCOME	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
ASSETS	\$0	\$75,000	\$150,000
EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)	\$4,259	\$5,339	\$8,856
DIFFERENCE	\$0	\$1,080	\$4,597

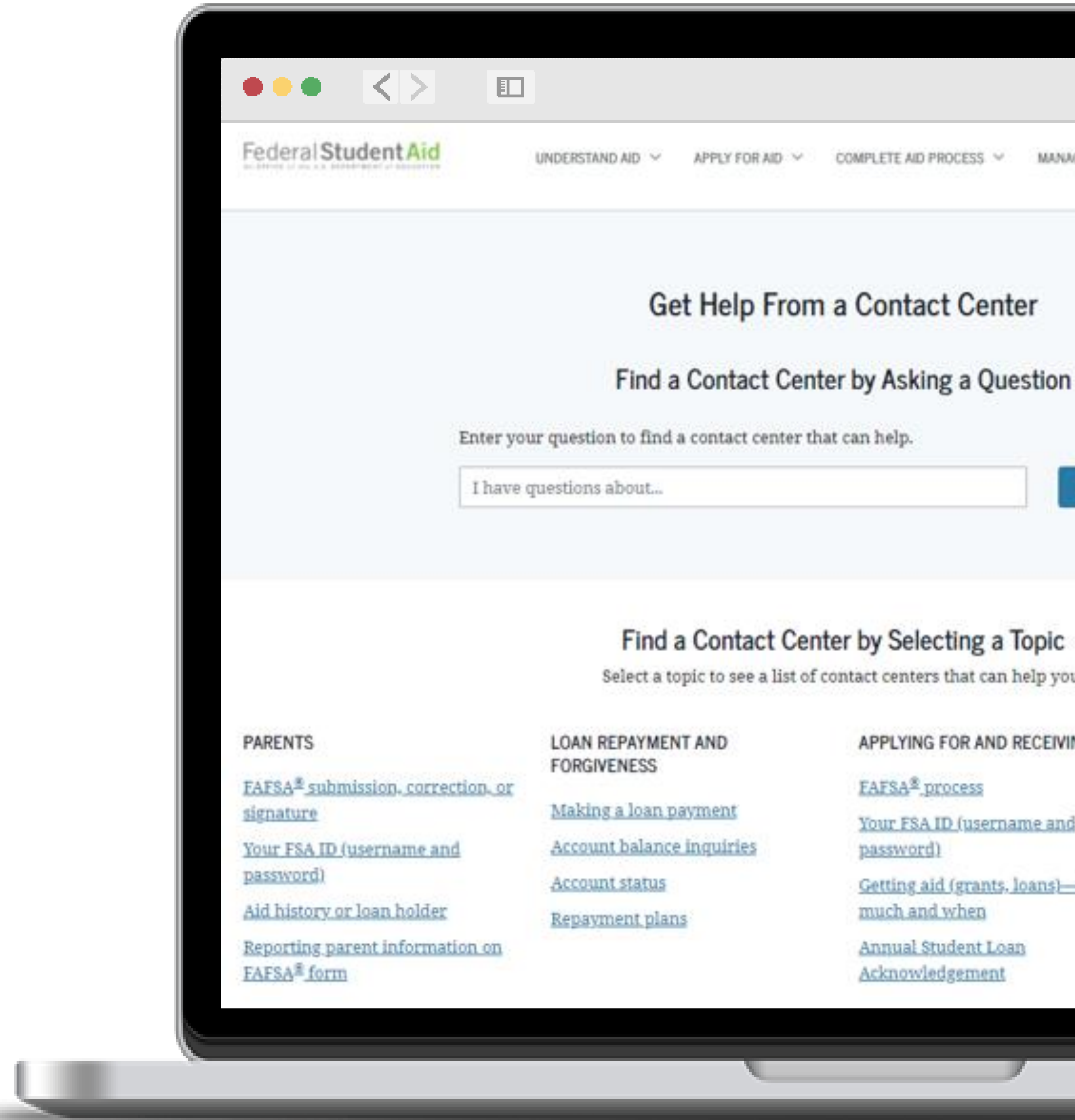
Income Impact

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	FAMILY A	FAMILY B	FAMILY C
INCOME	\$60,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
ASSETS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)	\$4,454	\$16,346	\$28,464
DIFFERENCE	\$0	\$11,892	\$24,010

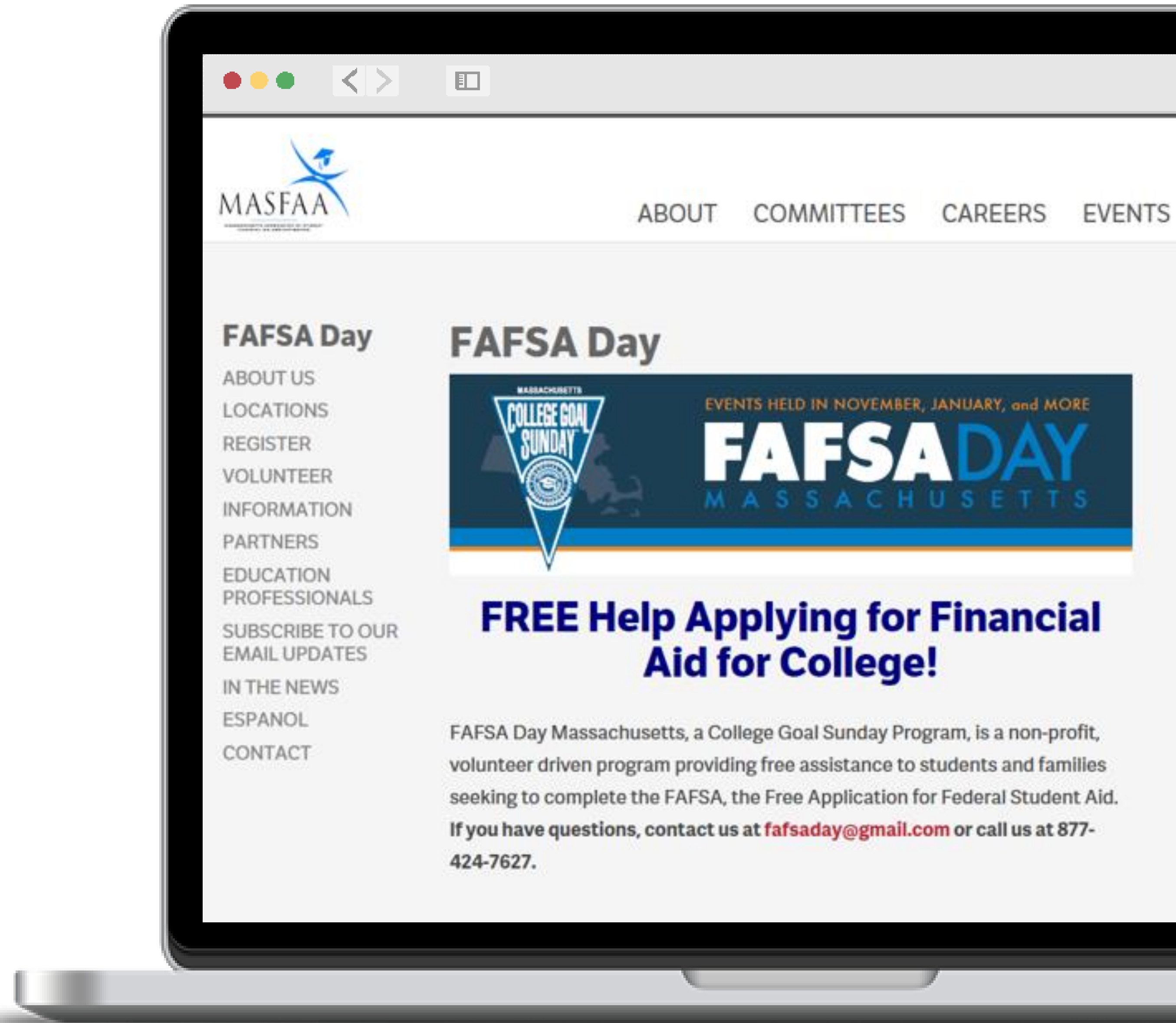
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FAFSA Day

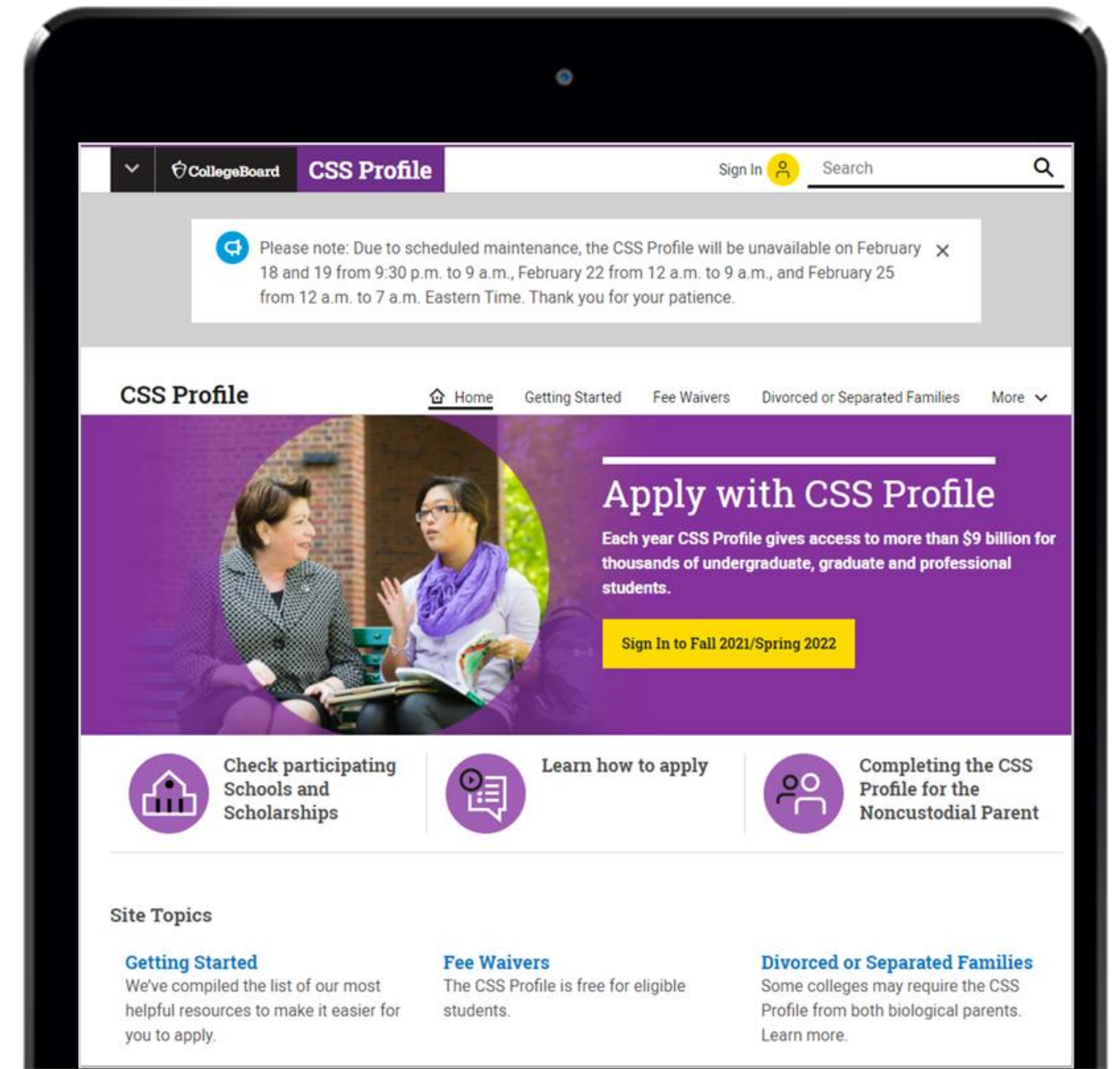
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Additional Forms

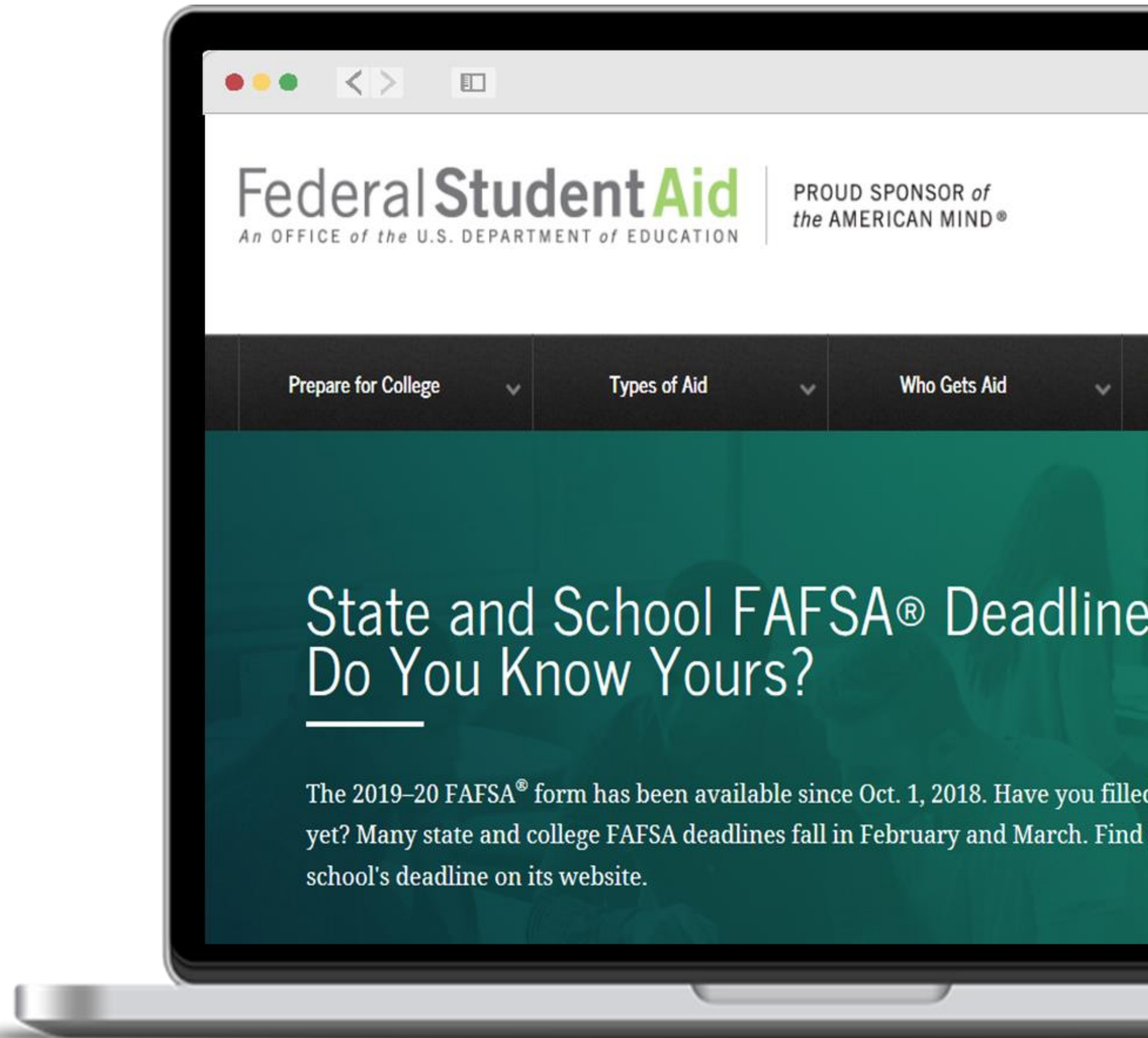
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How Financial Aid Decisions Are Made

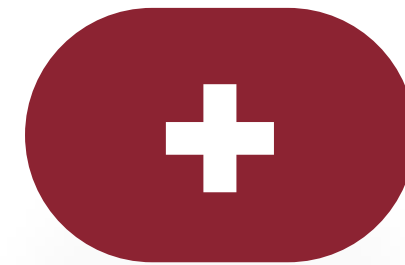
Cost of Attendance (COA)

DIRECT (BILLED) COSTS

Tuition

Room and Board

Fees



INDIRECT COSTS

Transportation

Personal Expenses

Books



VARIES WIDELY FROM COLLEGE TO COLLEGE



Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Number families receive after completing the FAFSA

Used to help determine financial aid eligibility

Family is primarily responsible for contributing to the student's education

Standardizes awarding process across the U.S.

***Debt is not considered. May contact school directly for special circumstances.**



Financial Aid Formula

Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

= FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY



Understanding the **Formula**

COA: \$50,000

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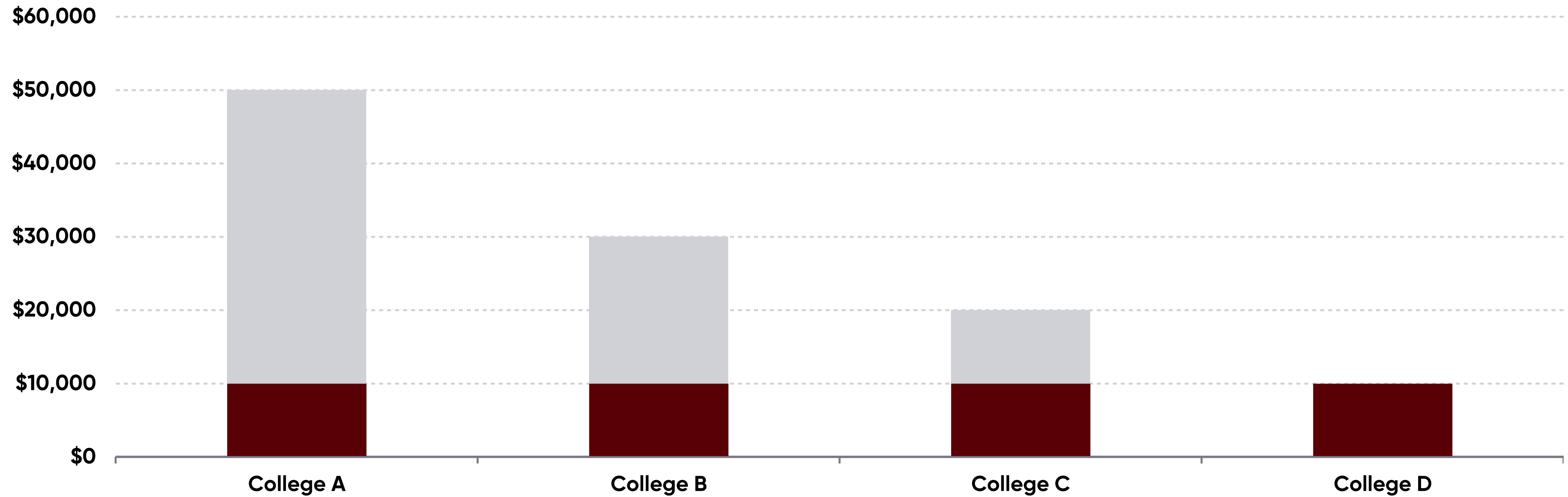
EFC: \$10,000

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NEED: \$40,000

	College A	College B	College C
Grants/Scholarships	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Student Loans	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Work-Study	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$1,000
TOTAL AID AWARDED	\$25,000	\$22,500	\$16,500

Understanding the **F**ormula

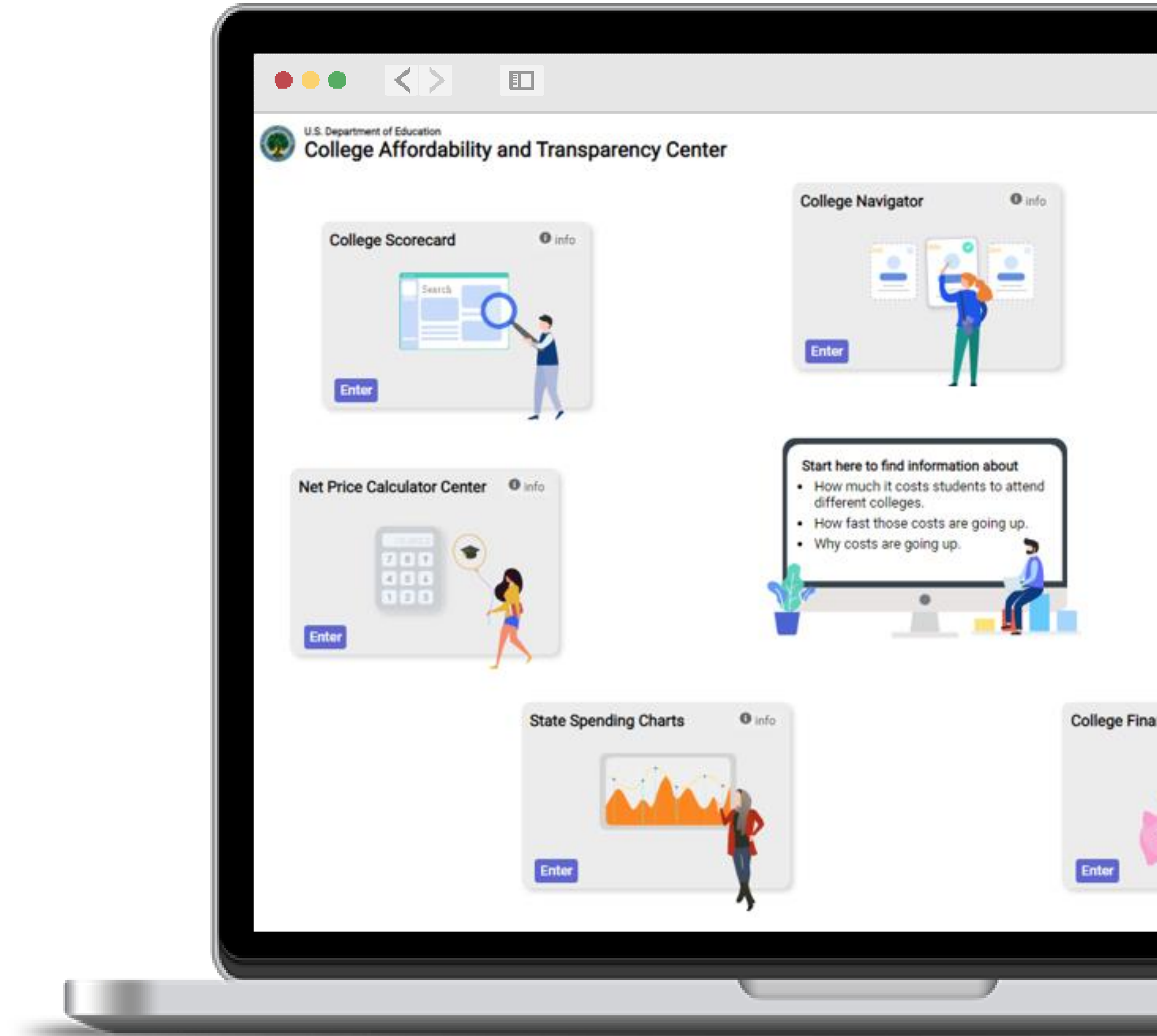


Don't Rule Out
Applying to a **School**
Because of **Cost**



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College Affordability and
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What Happens **After** You Apply?

TIMELINE

Schools receive information

Student will receive award letter (or notification of missing documents)

Student may need to accept award

REMEMBER

Compare the true cost, not just the aid awarded





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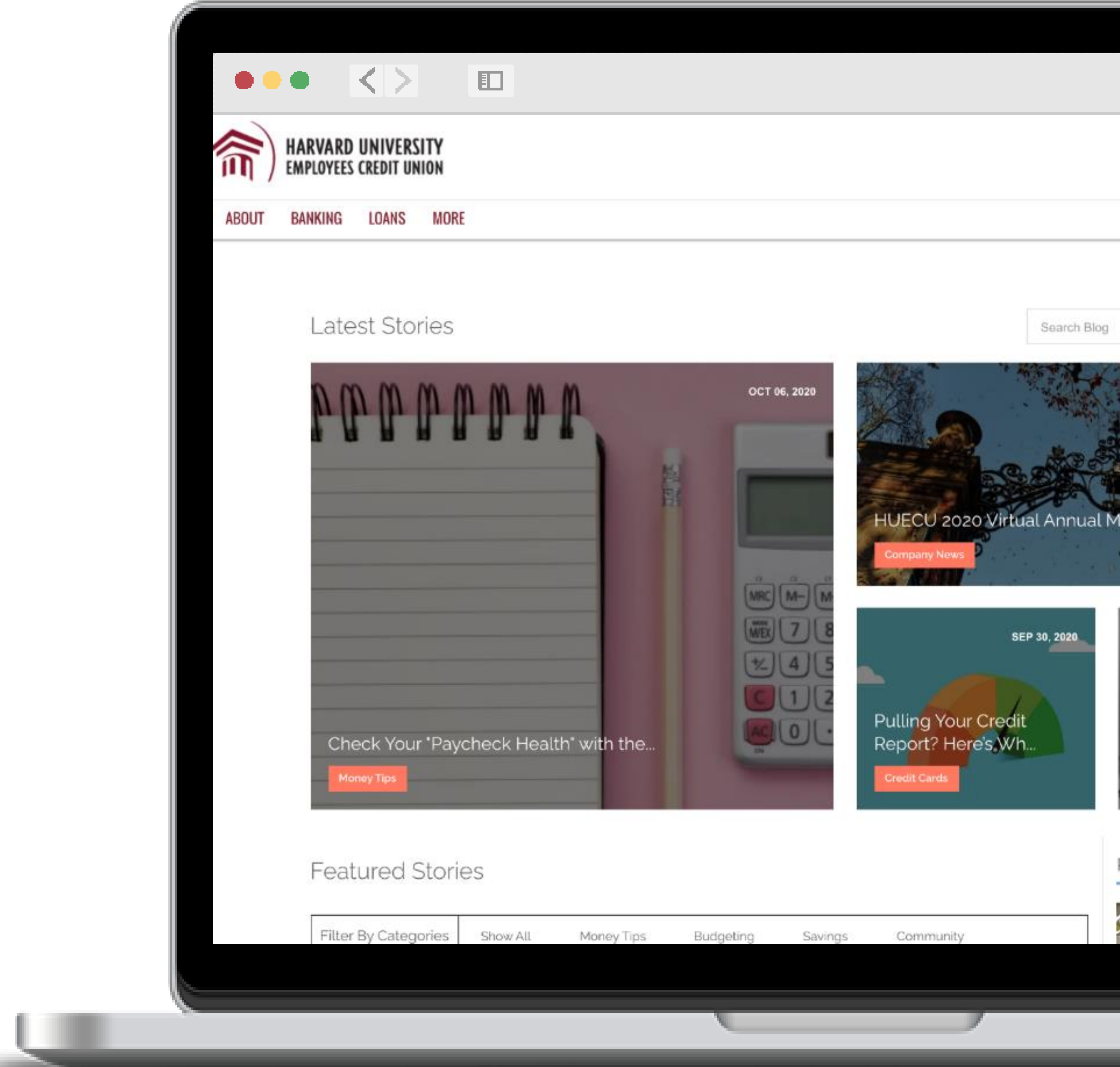
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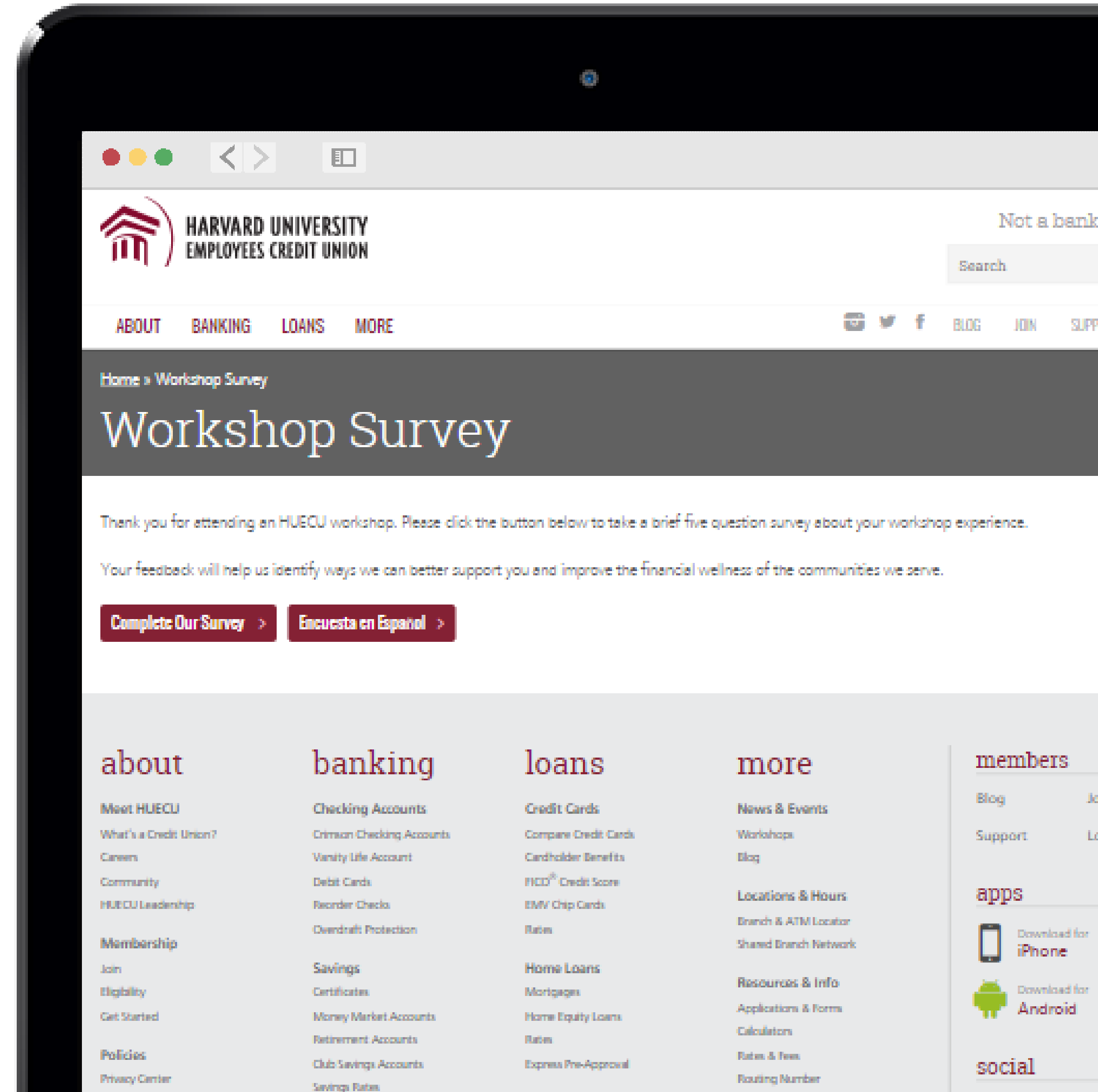
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