

2019 Financial Aid Workshop

Friday, July 26th 9am-4pm

TTU Innovation Hub at Research Park

Time	Session Name	Session Description	Topics included
8:30-9:00	Check-in, get materials, and enjoy coffee and muffins.		
Whole Group Sessions:			
9:00-10:10	Telling the Financial Aid Story	Financial aid works essentially the same way no matter where a student chooses to go to college.	Financial aid applications; Expected Family Contribution; institutional scholarships (general/merit); other requirements; external scholarships; earned assistance; borrowed assistance; timelines.
10:10-11:10	The Language of Financial Aid	Why comparing schools can be so hard!	Terms used differently by institutions; what to compare on financial aid notifications; common misconceptions. Words set expectations and can clarify or confuse students.
Break			
Breakout Sessions - Choose 1 of the following options:			
11:20-12:20	FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	The FAFSA kicks off the financial aid process.	Who needs an FSA ID? Common mistakes to avoid; Data Retrieval Tool; using the myStudentAid app as a tool.
11:20-12:20	Education and the American Dream	What financial aid is available to students new to the US and how to access it.	non-US citizens; Texas residents; DACA; Dreamers; undocumented students/parents; TASFA; strategies and timelines.
Networking Lunch			
Breakout Sessions Choose 1 of the following options:			
12:55-1:55	Unique Students	Helping students with unusual stories.	Special Circumstances; dependency; foster and homeless student.
12:55-1:55	Verification Demystified	About 30% of students who complete the FAFSA are selected for Verification.	Types of verification; requirements; and forms; strategies to help students resolve Verification.
Break			
Whole Group Sessions:			
2:05- 3:05	Is "Loan" a 4 Letter Word?	Many students will use student loans to help fund their education.	Trends; types of student loans; strategies for minimizing student debt; resources for students.
3:05-4:00	Bringing it All Together	What we learned and where to go from here.	Wrap up, answer questions, workshop Evaluation, planning for next year.