

Financial Aid Update

*The Office of Student
Financial Services*

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What is Financial Aid?

“Free Money”

Grants

Scholarships

“Self Help”

Employment

Loans

Scholarships

*UT Scholarships – www.texasscholarships.org **NEW!**
Start applying early September! - Due December 1, 2007!!*

Free Scholarship Search – www.fastweb.com

Rewards for stellar academic performance

- *National Merit National Hispanic Etc.*
- *Foundations: Terry Gates Ford Etc.*

Rewards for non-academic performance

- *Music Athletics Community Service*

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TEXAS Grant

Award Amount = \$2585 per semester

Eligibility = Graduate with Recommended Curriculum and Have Need.

Funding at UT-Austin is insufficient.

Freshmen Texas Grant Recipients: 2002 = 2292, 2003 = 1345, 2004 = 311

B-on-Time Loan Program

Interest free loan can become a grant. Very limited funding.

At UT, B-on-Time funding = \$2 million, FFELP funding = \$200 million.

90% of aid comes from the Federal Government

65% of all aid is Loans

Financial Aid Application Steps

be a longhorn

1. **Family Completes FAFSA starting January 1, 2008 – Priority Deadline March 31, 2008**
2. **FAFSA Sent to Processor**
3. **Processor Sends Data to up to six schools as reported on the FAFSA**
4. **Each School Evaluates Application and Creates an Award Package**
5. **Offer Letter Sent to Student**
6. **Student Returns Offer Letter to School**
7. **School Concludes Award Processing**
8. **Financial Aid Office Pays Bills Produces Checks**

Qualifying for Financial Aid

Cost Minus Resources = Need

Typical Costs - 9 Month Academic Year

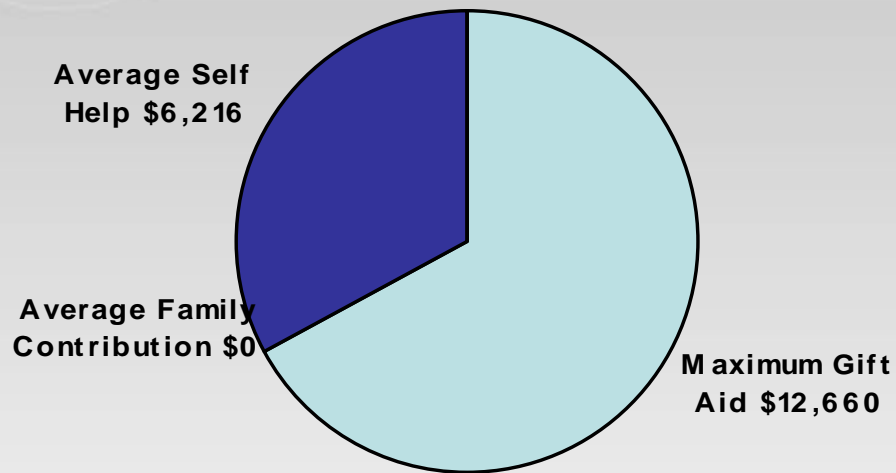
- *Private Universities* *\$17,000 - \$40,000*
- *Public Universities* *\$10,000 - \$20,000*

Resources

Income	Expected Contribution	
	Family of 4	Family of 6
\$30,000	\$450	\$0
\$60,000	\$7,500	\$4,700
\$80,000	\$13,700	\$10,600

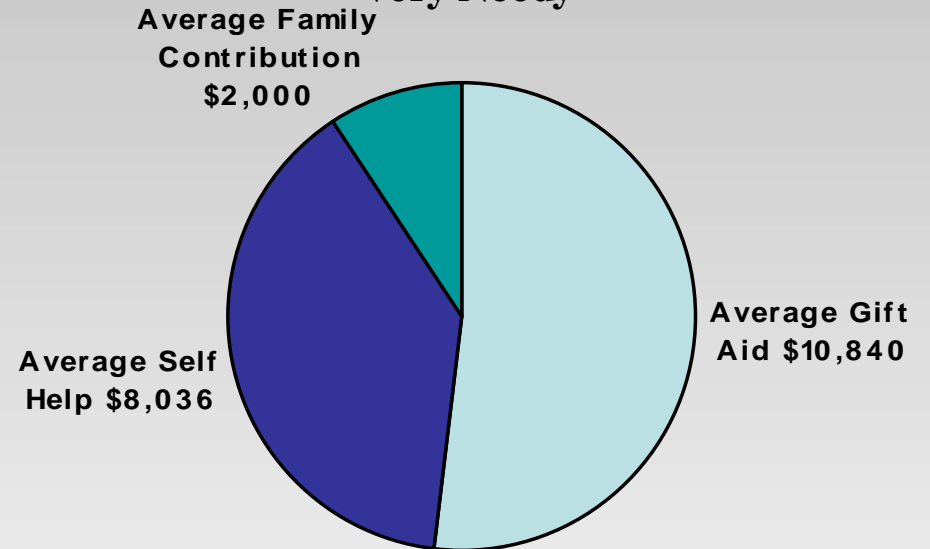
Family Income Less Than \$30,000

Full Need



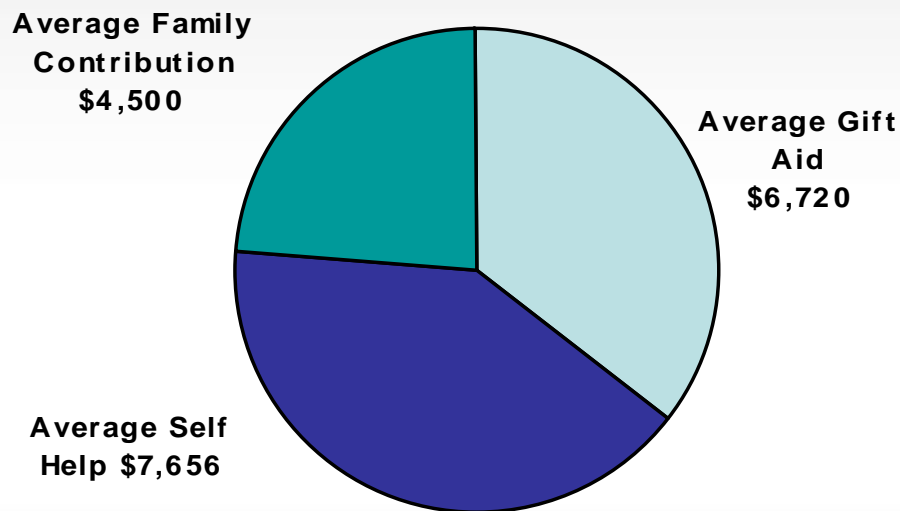
Family Income between \$30,000 and \$45,000

Very Needy



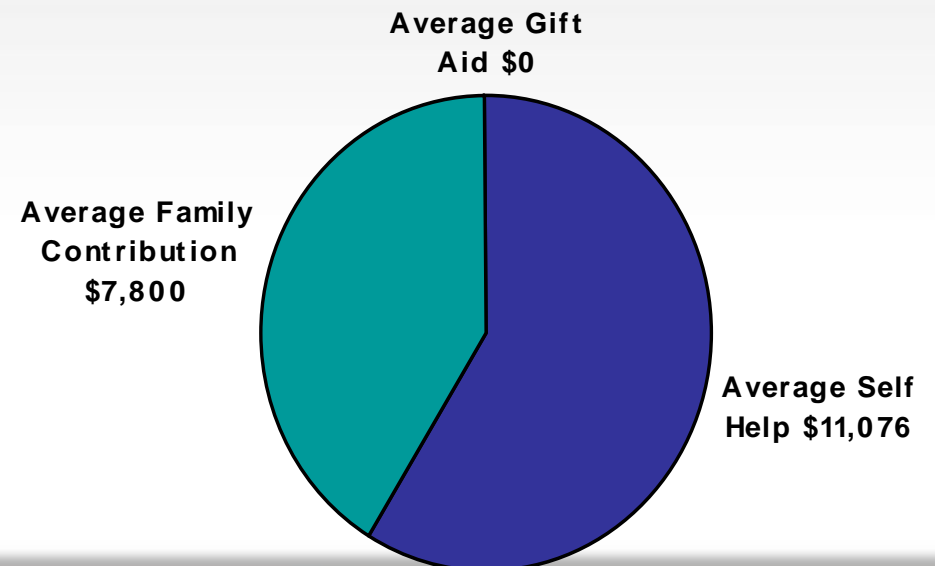
Family Income \$45,000 to \$65,000

Lower Middle Income

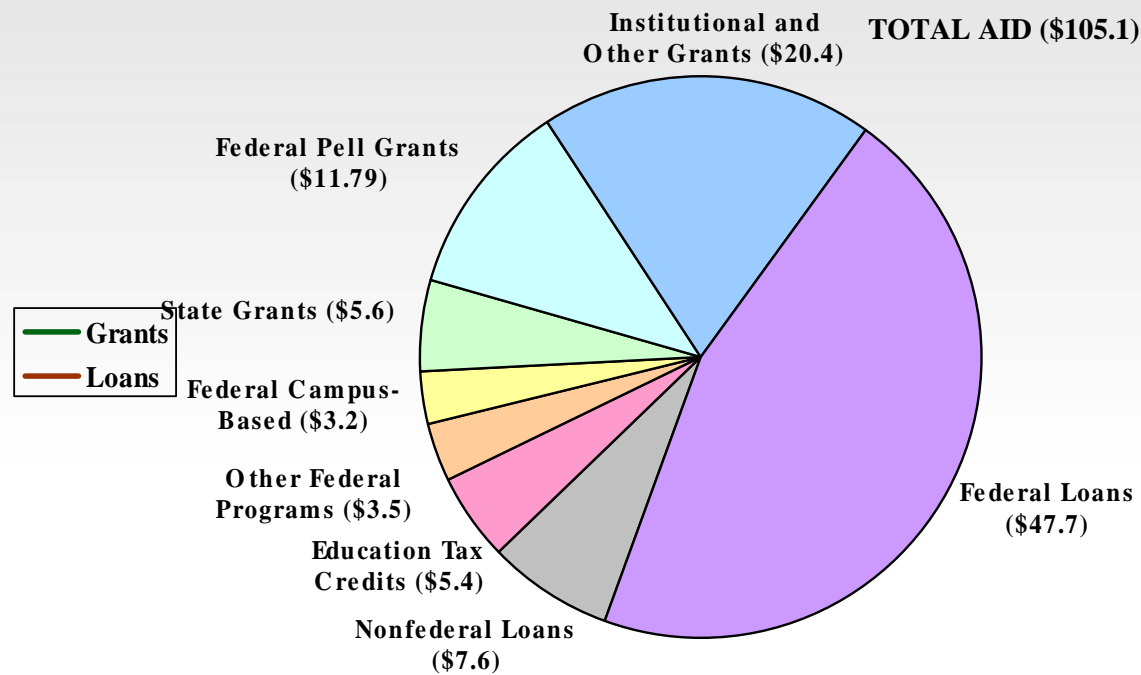
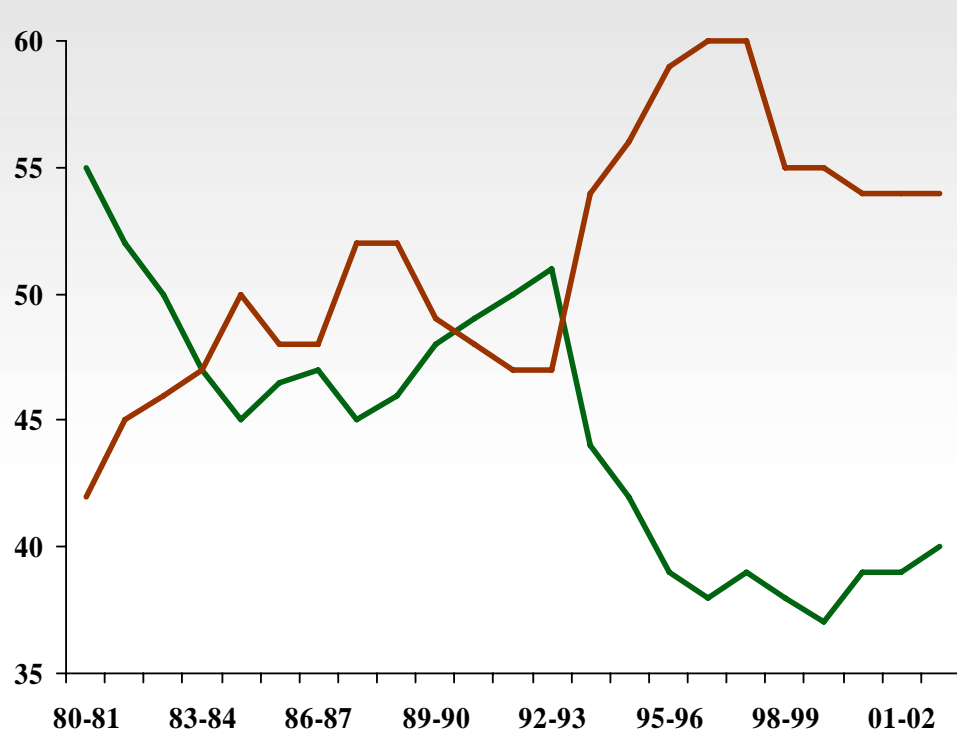


Family Income Over \$65,000

Middle Income



Expected Outcomes-Loans Dominate



Good News About Educational Loans

- ***Many loans are interest free while in school***
- ***Stafford loans fixed at 6.8% - New for 2006***
- ***Perkins loans fixed at 5%***
- ***All have beneficial deferment, cancellation and repayment plans***
- ***All parents regardless of income can borrow***

As of 2006 - SMART Grant

An eligible student may receive a National SMART Grant of up to \$4,000 for each of the third and fourth academic years of study. To be eligible for each academic year, a student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen;**
- Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient;**
- Be enrolled full-time in a degree program;**
- Be enrolled in a four-year degree-granting institution;**
- Major in physical, life or computer science, engineering, mathematics, technology, or a critical foreign language; and**
- Have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (as set forth in regulations to be promulgated soon).**

Also as of 2006 – Academic Competitiveness Grant

An eligible student may receive an Academic Competitiveness Grant (AC Grant) of up to \$750 for the first academic year of study and up to \$1,300 for the second academic year of study. To be eligible for each academic year, a student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient;
- Be enrolled full-time in a degree program;
- Be enrolled in the first or second academic year of his or her program of study at a two-year or four-year degree-granting institution;
- Have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study (after January 1, 2006, if a first-year student, and after January 1, 2005, if a second-year student);
- If a first-year student, not have been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program; and
- If a second-year student, have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale for the first academic year.

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