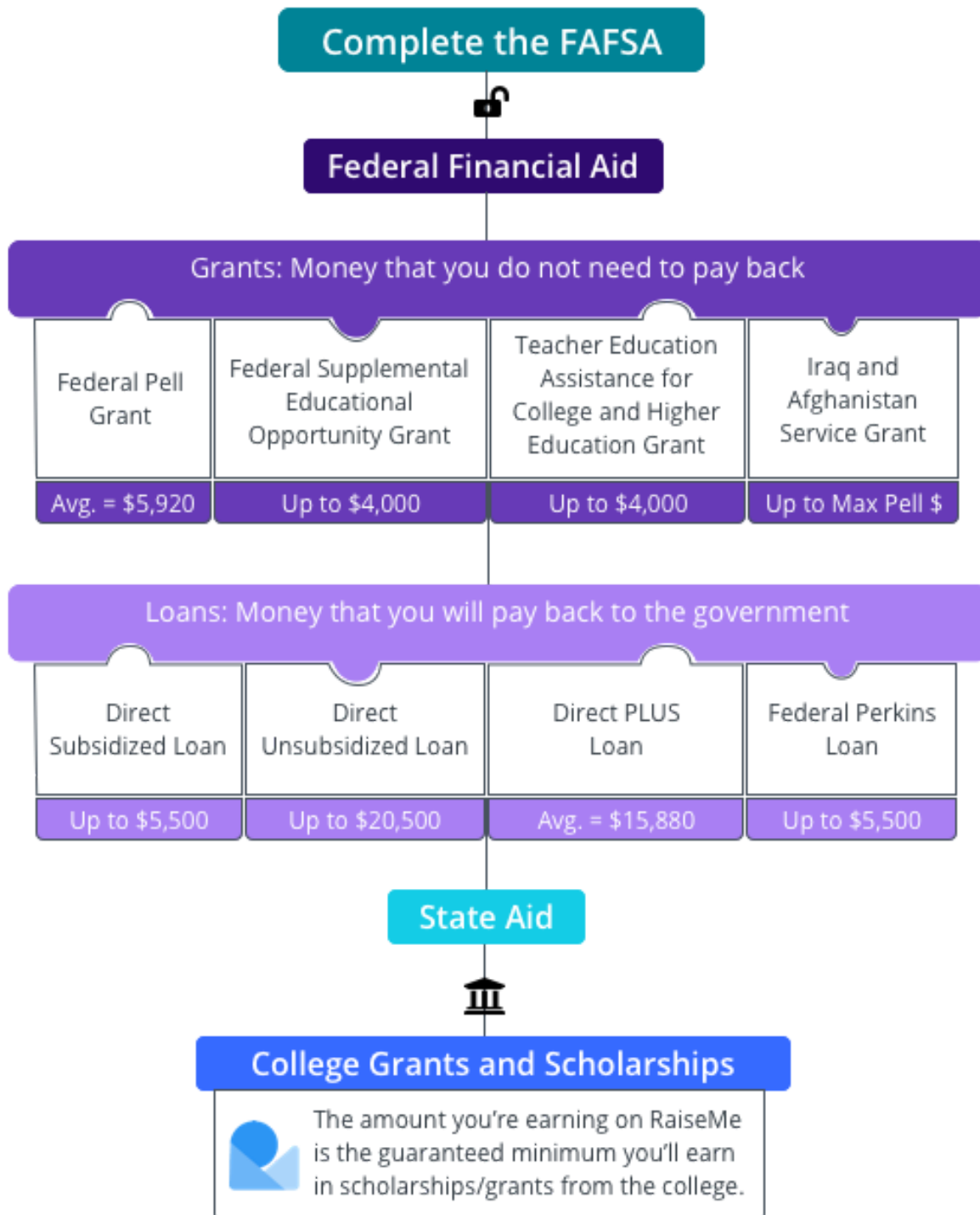


FAFSA: The First Step to Unlock Financial Aid

Each year, the federal government provides more than \$150 billion in financial aid for college or career school! That money should not go unused; to apply for this aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

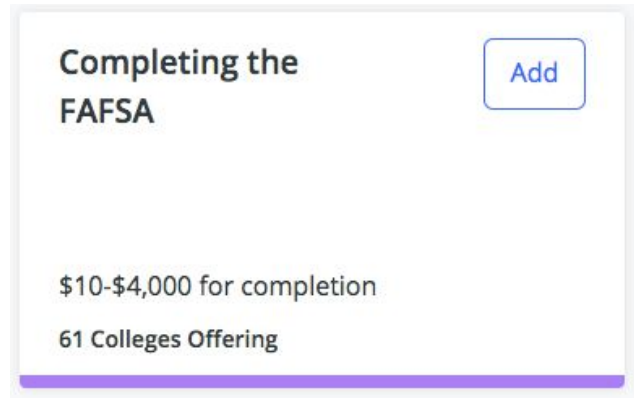


When you fill out a FAFSA form, you are applying not only for federal aid, but state and school financial aid as well. Schools and states often use FAFSA information to award non-federal aid, and their deadlines vary, so **applying as soon as the application is available** is a good idea. :)

FAFSA Micro-Scholarship on RaiseMe

Once you've completed the FAFSA your senior year, be sure to add this achievement to your RaiseMe portfolio. You can earn **up to \$4,000** from participating colleges for completing this crucial step in the financial aid process!

The easiest way to log your FAFSA completion is to click the gear wheel in the top right corner of the web page and select "Account Settings". Scroll all the way to the bottom to input your FAFSA submission date, as shown below.



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A screenshot of the RaiseMe account settings page. The top navigation bar is blue and contains 'Scholarships', 'Colleges', a green heart icon with '+\$100', a search bar with 'Search for a college...', a bell icon, and a gear icon. The gear icon is highlighted with a blue box. Below the navigation bar, a dropdown menu is open, showing 'Account Settings' (highlighted in blue), 'Connections', 'Help' (with an external link icon), 'Rules', '\$100 Referral Scholarship' (in green), and 'Sign Out'. The main content area has a section titled 'Did you complete the FAFSA?' with two radio buttons: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. Below this is the 'Application Receipt Date' section with three dropdown menus for 'Month*' (May), 'Day*' (15), and 'Year*' (2017). At the bottom is the '4-Digit DRN Code' section with a text input field containing '1234'.

Note: This question about FAFSA completion will only appear in Account Settings if you are a senior.

Colleges that Award for FAFSA Completion

The following are colleges that will award you for completing the FAFSA. Be sure to login to your RaiseMe account to learn more about each college and the awarding amount!

