Table 15.1   Completing the FAFSA Workshop

How to Apply for Need-Based Financial Aid

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

- Click on the current year and start the application.

- Know that the FAFSA Web site has become very user friendly.

- Use the Help bars to find answers to many questions while

  completing the application.

- Sign the application electronically (userid and password).

- If parents are undocumented, they need to print the FAFSA

  signature page and mail in for processing.

- Please review reference article on financial aid:
https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm

Documentation needed:

- W-2/1040/schedules/alimony/child support/dividends/other

  income

- Social Security income

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- Disability income

- Any document that shows that you or parent/guardian has received money throughout the year.

Monies need to be declared.

- Be aware of the danger/penalty of fraud; it is a legal matter.

- Be prepared to be verified.

- The government randomly selects a percentage of applicants to send in their financial documents so the institutions can verify the information is correct.

Mistakes on the FAFSA are red flags that will result in being asked to verify the information on the application.