Common Misconceptions in Financial Aid

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Misconception #1

Students can’t receive financial aid for a quarter or semester if they miss the application deadline.
Misconception #2

The application that becomes available on October 1\textsuperscript{st} will work for the upcoming winter quarter/spring semester.
Misconception #3

The Financial Aid Office doesn’t help with completing the FAFSA/WASFA application.
Misconception #4

A student’s parents must be US Citizens or Permanent Residents in order for their child to qualify for financial aid
Misconception #5

If a dependent student doesn’t live with their biological/adoptive parents:

– They don’t need to include their parent’s info
  OR
– They can include information for the adult they are living with or that is supporting them.
Misconception #6

Students are flagged for verification because they did something wrong on their application.
Misconception #7

If a student has a zero EFC they are set, if a student has a higher EFC they will have to pay for everything out of pocket.
Misconception #8

Washington state now offers “free college” tuition
Misconception #9

If a student is College Bound Eligible then they will have all school expenses covered
Misconception #10

Students can always take out student loans to cover their costs if they need to.
Other Misconceptions

What are some other misconceptions you have come across?