

**Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE)  
2017 Financial Assistance Module Codebook**

Item	Variable	Responses
1. Have you submitted the form for financial assistance known as the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to pay for your expenses at this college?	COLLQ196	1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't recall 4 = Don't know what it is
2. If you did not fill out the form for financial assistance (FAFSA), what was the main reason you did not? Mark only one response.	COLLQ197	1 = Did not want to provide sensitive, personal information (such as tax or immigration information) 2 = The form was too complex/complicated to fill out 3 = Did not think I would qualify for financial assistance 4 = Did not need any financial assistance 5 = Other
3. If you did not fill out the form for financial assistance (FAFSA) because you thought that you would not qualify for financial assistance, what was the main reason you thought you would not receive any financial assistance? Mark only one response.	COLLQ198	1 = My income and/or family's income or savings are too much for me to qualify for financial assistance 2 = I would not qualify for financial assistance due to the number of credit hours I am taking 3 = I would not qualify for financial assistance due to poor grades 4 = Someone told me I would not be eligible 5 = Other
4. Which one of the following best describes the source from which you originally learned about the process for applying for financial assistance to help pay for college? Mark only one response.	COLLQ199	1 = Parents or other family members 2 = High school counselor or teacher 3 = College employee/staff member 4 = Friend or other student 5 = Did not learn about the financial assistance application process
5. Did you receive an "emergency/short-term loan" from this college that you were able to use for tuition, fees, and books while you were waiting to receive notification or funds from the financial aid office?	COLLQ200	1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Don't recall 4 = Don't know what an "emergency/short-term loan" is 5 = Did not need financial assistance

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6. Please pick the response that best describes your situation.	COLLQ201	<p>1 = I would accept a student loan if the amount were enough for me to stop working</p> <p>2 = I would accept a student loan if the amount were enough for me to reduce the number of hours I am working</p> <p>3 = I would work the same number of hours regardless of student loan availability</p> <p>4 = I would NOT take a loan regardless of the possibility of reducing or eliminating my work load</p> <p>5 = I am not working while attending this college</p>
7. Please pick the response that best describes your situation.	COLLQ202	<p>1 = I would accept a student loan so that I can take more classes</p> <p>2 = I would accept a student loan, but would not take more classes</p> <p>3 = I would not accept a student loan while attending this college</p>
8. What is the primary source of funds you are using to pay for college?	COLLQ203	<p>1 = My own income and/or savings</p> <p>2 = Financial support from parents, spouse, and/or other family</p> <p>3 = Grants and/or scholarships</p> <p>4 = Loans</p> <p>5 = Other</p>
9. Which of the following is/was most likely to interfere with your ability to stay in college?	COLLQ204	<p>1 = Cost of tuition and books</p> <p>2 = Housing expenses</p> <p>3 = Childcare expenses</p> <p>4 = Transportation expenses</p> <p>5 = Other non-financial reasons</p>
10. The financial assistance I received is/was enough to cover my tuition, books, and fees for this academic year.	COLLQ205	<p>1 = Yes</p> <p>2 = No</p> <p>3 = I did not receive financial assistance through the college</p>

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11. The college's financial assistance office staff members were helpful.	COLLQ206	1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neutral 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree
12. The college's financial assistance office staff members helped me to complete my application for financial assistance.	COLLQ207	1 = Strongly agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neutral 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly disagree