



SNAPSHOT: "FAFSA"

Visit fafsa.ed.gov and get familiar with the website ... you will be using the FAFSA site in January to apply for financial aid. Today, I want you to click on "About Us" and do a little research ... find 6 things that you find interesting or useful. Then prepare 6 bullets summarizing what you found on a PowerPoint slide and email as an attachment. Use your formatting skills (no B&W slides, please).

THINK CRITICALLY

Handwrite your responses in the space below; 2 sentences each.

1. Define economy. What does an economist do?
2. What is the definition of demand? Of supply?
3. Explain why economics is often called the study of scarcity.
4. How may a growing economy affect your job and income?
5. What is a job scout?
6. What are hard skills? What are soft skills? Give an example of each type of skill.
7. List several ways that students can pay for their formal education after high school.
8. What does residency mean when referring to completing a college degree?

CHOOSING A JOB THAT’S RIGHT FOR YOU

In the chart below, circle the job skills or duties that you are interested in exploring. Answer the questions that follow the chart.

Enter data into a computer	Put small pieces together	Draw, using colored pencils or paint	Answer the telephone repeatedly
Stand all day	Move heavy packages onto a cart	Operate a cash register	Remember details of customer orders
Listen carefully to customers’ needs	Solve customer complaints	Help people achieve daily tasks	Talk in front of small groups
Give detailed presentations	Conduct meetings	Prepare written reports	Analyze complicated data
Prepare essay reports	Use heavy equipment	Drive large trucks	Prepare spreadsheets
Build a prototype	Organize a project	Prepare a budget	Hire a new employee
Discipline a tardy worker	Compare information to find errors	Solve puzzles	Drive a car as part of your daily job
Make sales presentations	Call people at home	Make decisions that affect lives	Find resources to solve a problem
Work with a large group of people	Work alone in an office	Make decisions that involve large sums of money	Handle cash and account for it
Make products using your hands	Supervise work done by others	Deal effectively with difficult people	Travel extensively to faraway places

1. In addition to the skills circled above, what job skills do you have or would you like to learn that are not listed?

2. If you could do anything you wanted for a living, and money was not a problem, what type of career would you choose?

3. If you had a full-time job, and you wanted another job that you could do for fun, what would that job be?