

# FINANCIAL AID TOOLKIT ONLINE EVALUATION

## Intro - Introduction

Market Connections is conducting research on behalf of Federal Student Aid (FSA), an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FSA would like your feedback regarding their Financial Aid Toolkit website. The evaluation should take only about 5-7 minutes to complete. Your responses will remain anonymous and will only be reported in aggregate form. Thank you in advance for your time. Your input is very important. Click the "Next" button below to begin the survey.

*Note: please make sure your pop-up blockers are disabled to allow you to click through to the website where indicated or desired.*

## Screener1\_Role - Role

In which of the following capacities do you counsel, advise, mentor or work with students?

- High school counselor (1)
- College access professional (such as, independent counselors, TRIO, GEAR UP) (2)
- Within a community-based organization (3)
- Another capacity (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ (97)
- I do not counsel, advise, mentor or work with students in any capacity (99) **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**

**STOP** ||| **Screened** - Role Screener Thank You  
||| *Thank you for your willingness to participate in this evaluation. At this time we are looking for counselors and advisors of students.*

## Screener2\_Involvement - Involvement

In which of the following ways are you involved in counseling, advising, mentoring or otherwise working with students relative to their higher education goals and financial aid options?

*Select all that apply*

- Identifying financial aid options (1)
- Advising on or recommending financial aid options to students (3)
- Coordinating programs for students on topics related to financial aid (4)
- Coordinating programs for students on topics related to college preparation (5)
- Providing non-financial advice or counseling to students (e.g., related to college preparation) (6)
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (97)
- I have no involvement with students relative to higher education goals or financial aid (99) **[THANK AND TERMINATE]**

**STOP** ||| **Screened** - Involvement Screener Thank You  
||| *Thank you for your willingness to participate in this evaluation. At this time we are looking for individuals involved with students relative to college guidance or financial aid.*

## 1. Challenges – Challenges

What are your greatest challenges in coordinating programs for, counseling or advising students and parents regarding financial aid options? **[OPEN-END]**

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## 2. InfoSources – Information Sources

Where do you turn most often for information to assist you in coordinating programs for, counseling or advising students and parents regarding financial aid options? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

*Select all that apply*

- A financial institution (i.e., bank or lender)
- Colleagues
- Search engine (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Websites (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Government sources (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- I have never searched for information to assist me with counseling, advising, or working with students regarding financial aid

## SiteReview - Site Review

Please take a few moments to browse FSA’s recently launched Financial Aid Toolkit website ([FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov](http://FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov)), then return to this page and click “Next” below to complete this evaluation. **[LINK TO WEBSITE THROUGH URL AND “FINANCIAL AID TOOLKIT” IN A SEPARATE POPUP WINDOW - GLOBALLY]**

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## 3. Impression - Impression

Overall, what is your impression of FSA’s **Financial Aid Toolkit** website?

- Excellent (5)
- Good (4)
- Neutral (3)
- Fair (2)
- Poor (1)

## 4. FirstVisit - First Visit

Was this your first visit to FSA’s **Financial Aid Toolkit** website?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- I do not recall (99)

**5. Satisfaction – Satisfaction**

Please rate your satisfaction with the following aspects of the **Financial Aid Toolkit** website:

[RANDOMIZE LIST]	1 - Very dissatisfied (1)	2 - Somewhat dissatisfied (2)	3 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (3)	4 - Somewhat satisfied (4)	5 - Very satisfied (5)	N/A (98)
Overall appeal (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Credibility of information (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of informative content (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevance to my needs (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ease of navigation (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intuitive layout (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization of information (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Search functionality (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Usefulness of information (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Usefulness of calculators and tools (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**6. Agreement – Agreement**

Please rate your level of agreement with the following aspects of the **Financial Aid Toolkit** website:

[RANDOMIZE LIST]	1 – Strongly disagree (1)	2 – Disagree somewhat (2)	3 - Neither agree nor disagree (3)	4 – Agree somewhat (4)	5 – Strongly agree (5)	N/A (98)
The language on the site is easy to understand (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site helps me to understand FSA’s resources and services (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site persuaded me that FSA understands my needs (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site helps me better understand FSA’s mission (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The information on the site is relevant to my work with students (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The site will be a valuable resource for my work with students (6)						

**7. Missing – Missing Elements**

**[ASK IF RATINGS OF <5 FOR CREDIBILITY, AVAILABILITY, RELEVANCE, ORGANIZATION, USEFULNESS OF INFO OR USEFULNESS OF TOOLS]** In your opinion, what, if anything, is missing or may not be readily available on the **Financial Aid Toolkit** website that is relevant to your needs or may be more useful? Please be as specific as possible. Type “nothing” if the site currently meets your needs. **[OPEN-END]**

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**8. Changes – Desired Changes**

**[ASK OF RATINGS OF <5 FOR APPEAL, EASE, INTUITIVE, OR SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY]** Are there any changes you would recommend be made to the **Financial Aid Toolkit** website? Please be as specific as possible. Type “no” if you are completely satisfied with the current site. **[OPEN-END]**

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### 9. Recommend\_Revisit – Recommend and Revisit

Based on your perceptions of the **Financial Aid Toolkit** website, how likely are you to...?

	1 – Not at all likely (1)	2 – Not very likely (2)	3 - Unsure (3)	4 – Somewhat likely (4)	5 - Very likely (5)
Recommend the site to a colleague	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Return to the site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Return to the site <u>using a mobile device</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**The last few questions are for classification purposes only.**

### 10. InstOrgType – Institution/Organization Type

What type of school/institution/organization do you work or volunteer for?

- Junior High/Middle school (1)
- High school (2)
- State or public four year college or university (3)
- Private four year college or university (4)
- Community or junior college (5)
- Vocational, professional, or trade school (6)
- Library (7)
- College access organization (8)
- Community-based organization (9)
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ (97)

### 11. StudentsEnrolled\_Inst - Student Enrollment - Institution

**[ASK IF INSTORGTTYPE 1-6]** Approximately how many students do you serve through programs focused on counseling, mentoring or advice regarding higher education goals or financial aid?

- Less than 100 (1)
- 101 - 500 (2)
- 501 – 1,000 (3)
- 1,001 – 1,500 (4)
- 1,501 – 2,000 (5)
- 2,001 – 5,000 (6)
- 5,001 – 10,000 (7)
- 10,001 – 15,000 (8)
- 15,001 – 20,000 (9)
- More than 20,000 (10)
- Not sure (98)

## 12. StudentsServed\_Org - Students Served - Organization

[ASK IF INSTORGTTYPE 7-9] Approximately how many students does your organization serve?

- Less than 100 (1)
- 101 - 500 (2)
- 501 - 1,000 (3)
- 1,001 - 1,500 (4)
- 1,501 - 2,000 (5)
- 2,001 - 5,000 (6)
- 5,001 - 10,000 (7)
- 10,001 - 15,000 (8)
- 15,001 - 20,000 (9)
- More than 20,000 (10)
- Not sure (98)

## 13. AreaType - Area Type

What category best describes the area in which your school/institution/organization is located?

- Urban (3)
- Suburban (2)
- Rural (1)

## 14. StudentEthnicity - Student Ethnicity

How would you describe the overall ethnic makeup of the student populations you interact with?

- Less than 25% minority students (1)
- 25-50% minority students (2)
- 51-75% minority students (3)
- 76% or more minority students (4)
- Not sure (98)

## 15. HHIncome - Household Income

Which of the following categories best describes the average annual household income of the student populations with whom you interact?

- Less than \$30,000 (1)
- \$30,000 to \$49,999 (2)
- \$50,000 to \$69,999 (3)
- \$70,000 to \$99,999 (4)
- \$100,000 or more (5)
- Not sure (98)

## 16. Tenure – Tenure

How many years of experience do you have coordinating programs for, counseling or advising students on college preparation or financial aid? **[DROP DOWN MENU]**

- Less than 1 year (0)
- 1 year (1)
- 2 years (2)
- 3 years (3)
- 4 years (4)
- 5 years (5)
- 6 years (6)
- 7 years (7)
- 8 years (8)
- 9 years (9)
- 10 years (10)
- More than 10 years (11)

## 17. Title\_Role – Title Role

What is your title/role in counseling, advising or mentoring students? \_\_\_\_\_ **[OPEN-END]**

## 18. Org - Organization

What is the name of your school/institution/organization? \_\_\_\_\_ **[OPEN-END]**

**Complete** - Thank you

*Thank you for your participation! FSA values your input. Please click the button below to submit your responses.*

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