

### **For Staff who support youth in filling out the FAFSA**

- For youth who receive payments and living stipends directly from their county children and youth Service Agency:
  - If extended foster care payments are paid under the authority of Federal Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, they are excluded from income for purposes of the calculation of a student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and are not reported on the FAFSA.
  - If payments are not made under the authority of Federal Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (e.g., paid under the authority of a state foster youth support program) the payments must be reported on the FAFSA as untaxed income.
  - For more information and background on how to report these payments on FAFSA please review the "Extended Foster Care Payments" letter sent by the US Department of Education, July of this year.

### **For Youth in care filling out the FAFSA**

- If you are receiving direct living stipends from your county children and youth agency, and filling out the FAFSA for student financial aid, please check in with your IL Coordinator on how to input this untaxed income. Depending on where the money is coming from you may or may not have to report it on your FAFSA.