

October 2016

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October 1st

File your 2017-2018 FAFSA using you and your parent's 2015 tax information

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, applicants will be able to complete a FAFSA as early as October 1 of the previous year. (See table.)

Remember you will need your FSA ID to complete your FAFSA.

When a Student Is Attending College (School Year)	When a Student Can Submit a FAFSA	Which Year's Income Information Is Required
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
<u>July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018</u>	<u>October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018</u>	<u>2015</u>
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

Changes Impacting the 2017–18 FAFSA

What is the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and how is it changing?

The FAFSA is the application that students must complete to apply for federal student aid, which can be used to attend an eligible college or career school. Federal student aid includes Federal Pell Grants, federal student loans, and work-study opportunities. In addition to determining eligibility for federal student aid, many states, private organizations, colleges, and career schools rely on information from the FAFSA to determine eligibility for nonfederal sources of aid.

Two major changes to the FAFSA will take effect for the 2017–18 school year. (The 2017–18 school year runs from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.)

1. The FAFSA will be available earlier. The FAFSA will be available to complete October 1 of the previous year instead of January 1 of the upcoming school year.
2. The FAFSA will collect income information from the prior-prior tax year. See the table below.

School Year	When a Student Can Submit a FAFSA	Which Year's Income Information Is Required
2015-2016	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
2016-2017	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019</u>	<u>2016</u>