

FAFSA Changes for 2017-2018

What You Need to Know About Changes to the FAFSA (YouTube video)

Starting with the 2017–18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), these changes will be in effect:

- **You'll be able to submit your FAFSA earlier.** You can file your 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling you to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.
- **You'll use earlier income and tax information.** Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, you—and your parent(s), as appropriate—will report your 2015 income and tax information, rather than your 2016 income and tax information.

The following table provides a summary of key dates as we transition to using the early FAFSA submission timeframe and earlier tax information:

WHEN A STUDENT IS ATTENDING COLLEGE (SCHOOL YEAR)	WHEN A STUDENT CAN SUBMIT A FAFSA	WHICH YEAR'S INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION REQUIRED
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017	January 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018	October 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018	2015

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019	October 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019	2016
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	October 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020	2017

For more information, [click here](#) or visit <https://fafsa.gov/>.

FAFSA Helpful Links

- [FAFSA overview](#) - Check out this video to learn how the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) gives you access to grants, loans, work-study jobs that can help fund your education.
- [FAFSA Myths](#) - The 5 Most Common Financial Aid Myths Debunked.
- [Financial Aid FAQ's](#) - Get answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding financial aid.
- [How to Complete the FAFSA](#) - Student, Taylor H. shares why she thinks the application process is “pretty Simple.” Also, reminders and resources listed at this site.
- [FAFSA Changes](#) - In September 2015, President Obama announced some major changes to the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) process that will affect millions of students. Find out the changes and what they mean for you at this site.
- [7 Easy Steps to the FAFSA: A Student's Guide to the Free Application For Federal Student Aid](#)
- [Federal Student Aid You Tube Channel](#) - View numerous presentations simplifying the FAFSA process.