



California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association

2017-2018 Early FAFSA Information

Are You Ready?

In fall 2015 President Obama announced two major changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

- Beginning with the 2017–2018 FAFSA cycle, the application will become available to students and their families three months earlier on October 1 (e.g., October 1, 2016, for the 2017-2018 award/academic year).
- FAFSA will collect income information from the tax/calendar year one year earlier than has been used in the past. Thus for the 2017-2018 FAFSA, students and families will provide income information from calendar (tax) year 2015 and not from calendar (tax) year 2016. Because of this, almost all tax return filers will be able to electronically transfer their tax information directly into their FAFSA by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT).

To help in planning your Financial Aid events, the following are resources relating to the Early FAFSA:

- NASFAA's Prior-Prior-Year (PPY) Toolkit - https://www.nasfaa.org/ppy_toolkit
- FAFSA Updates for Financial Aid Staff - https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/2017_18_fafsa_updates_counselors.pdf
- USDE Financial Aid Toolkit and Resources - <https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources/all.jsp>
- Changes to the 2017-2018 FAFSA Process - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/2017-18-fafsa-process-changes.png>
- Information about FSA ID - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>

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FAFSA IN OCTOBER?

