

FALL IN LOVE WITH THE FAFSA!

Mark your calendars, because the FAFSA is making some big changes this year! Starting on **October 1, 2016** the **2017-18 FAFSA** will open, allowing students to complete and submit their FAFSA earlier (the FAFSA has traditionally opened on January 1). This will be a permanent change, allowing students and families to complete and submit the FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.

Starting with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year (i.e., students and parents would report their 2015 tax information on the 2017-18 FAFSA). This allows students and parents to use tax information that is already completed by the time they submit the FAFSA so they will not need to estimate tax information and update that information at a later time. This will also allow more people to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to automatically import tax information in the FAFSA.

Please note that the UCCS priority filing date of March 1st has not changed, but in order to be considered for **maximum financial aid eligibility**, students will need to submit their FAFSA **as soon as possible** after October 1.

For more information about these FAFSA changes, and some frequently asked questions, please scan the QR code on the right.



CHANGES TO THE FAFSA PROCESS FOR 2017-18

SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER: Students will be able to submit a 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 students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016-17 schedule. The 2016-17 FAFSA became available Jan. 1, 2016.)

USE EARLIER INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION: Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA depending on when you plan to go to school:

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT THIS FAFSA	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2015–16	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2016–17	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018	2017–18	October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	2018–19	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

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FEDERAL LOAN FEE CHANGES: BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016

Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan: **1.069%** Parent and Graduate PLUS loans: **4.276%**



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