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Starting on October 1, 2016

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FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans.

Or apply free online at www.fafsa.gov.

Applying by the Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than October 1, 2016. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2018. You must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2017-2018 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as October 2016. See the table for the right for state deadlines. You may also need to complete additional forms. For federal aid, you may also need to complete additional forms.

Check with your high school guidance counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines.

If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at www.fafsa.gov. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

Using Your Tax Return

We recommend that you complete and submit your FAFSA as soon as possible on or after October 1, 2016. If you (or your parents) have missed the 2015 tax filing deadline of April 15, 2016, and still need to file a 2015 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), you should submit your FAFSA now using estimated tax information, and then you **must correct** that information **after you file** your return.

The easiest way to complete or correct your FAFSA with accurate tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool through www.fafsa.gov. In a few simple steps, return information directly into their FAFSA.

Note: Both parents or both the student and spouse may need to report income with answering the income information questions in this situation, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

Filling Out the FAFSA

If you or your family experienced significant changes to your financial situation (such as loss of employment, or other unusual circumstances (such as high unreimbursed medical or dental expenses), complete this form to the extent you can and submit it as instructed. Consult with the financial aid office at the college(s) you applied to or plan to attend.

For help in filling out the FAFSA, go to www.StudentAid.gov/completefafsa or call 1-800-433-3243. TTY users (for the hearing impaired) may call 1-800-730-8913.

Fill the answer fields directly on your screen or print the form and complete it by hand. Your answers will be read electronically, therefore if you complete the form by hand:

- use black ink and fill in circles completely:
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words:
- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) like this:

Correct	Incorrect
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1 5 E L M S T	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$ 1 2 3 5 6 (no cents)

Green is for student information and purple is for parent information.

What you will need to start your FAFSA:

- FSA ID (fsaid.ed.gov) for Parent and Student
- 2015 Tax Returns for Parent and Student
- Social Security Numbers for Parent and Student
- Other Income Information
- Driver's License Number
- Documentation as U.S. Permanent Residents or Eligible Citizens

Where you can find help with your FAFSA: visit www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJFAFSAGO.aspx

- Instructions on how to create your FSA ID
- 8 Steps to Apply for FAFSA
- Step by Step Video on How to File your FAFSA

For FAFSA information and questions call 609-588-4618



Top Reasons to File Early
Receive Early Award Notifications
Make Early Decisions
You Can Use Your 2015 Tax Information
FILE TODAY!



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