

## Early FAFSA

- President's Announcement –
  - FAFSA Start-Up on October 1
  - Use of Prior-Prior Income Data
- Beginning with the 2017-2018 FAFSA
  - October 1, 2016
  - 2015 Tax Year

## CHANGES TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS FOR 2017-18

**SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER:** Students will be able to file 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 a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule. The 2016-17 FAFSA will become available January 1, 2016.)

**USE EARLIER INCOME INFORMATION:** Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information. The following table provides a summary of key dates as we transition to using the early FAFSA submission timeframe and earlier tax information.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING TAX INFORMATION FROM
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
<b>July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018</b>	<b>October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018</b>	<b>2015</b>
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016