

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-18 AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1, 2016

"We're making it easier to fill out the @FAFSA – which can help you pay for college."
- The White House

STUDENTS SHOULD **APPLY** FOR **FINANCIAL AID EARLIER**

Students can apply for financial aid for fall 2017 starting October 1, 2016 and won't have to wait until January 1, 2017. This timing will allow students and their families to complete their financial aid application while, or even before, they apply for college admission. In addition, the application will now ask for income data from a year for which the income tax filing deadline has already passed. This change will allow the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filers to

make better use of the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Tax Data Retrieval Tool. With the push of a button, the 2015 income tax information needed on the 2017-18 FAFSA will be transferred directly and securely from the IRS to the FAFSA!

Students applying for financial aid using the FAFSA or students who apply using the California Dream Act Application for undocumented students will benefit from the earlier application timeline.

STUDENTS **RECEIVE NOTIFICATION EARLY** ABOUT **FINANCIAL AID**

Although the March 2nd priority deadline still applies, consider the advantages for students of the early application date, including:

- ✓ Completing the FAFSA/California Dream Act Application before focusing on admissions applications
- ✓ Receiving an estimate of eligibility for state and federal financial aid early...in fact, before even applying for admissions (campuses may provide full financial aid packages with offers of admissions).

STUDENTS SHOULD **GET STARTED BY**

- ✓ Securing a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID (www.fafsa.ed.gov or **1-800-433-3243**) or CA Dream Act ID, if applicable (www.caldreamact.org)
- ✓ Attending a **FREE** Cash for College workshop for hands-on application assistance (www.cash4college.org)
- ✓ Opening an account to track state financial aid awards is required after a FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application is submitted (www.webgrants4students.org)
- ✓ Visiting www.icanaffordcollege.com

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
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

