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Federal and New York State Update

Winter 2016

FAFSA & Federal Student Aid Updates



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2016-17 FAFSA Timeline

- FSA ID – *Now Live*
- 2016-17 FAFSA on the Web demo @ fafsademotest.ed.gov – *Now Live*
- 2016-17 FAFSA on the Web – *Now Live*
- IRS Data Retrieval Tool – *February 2016*



Notable FAFSA Updates for 2016-17

- FAFSA.com is transferring their web domain over to the US Department of Education
- The FSA ID process
- FAFSA college list will no longer be shared with colleges
- Update to the Legal Guardianship question
- In 2017-18, move “prior prior year” tax info



End of FAFSA.COM

You have accessed **www.FAFSA.com**

Student Financial Aid Services, Inc. is in the process of transferring this web domain to the U.S. Department of Education.

U.S. Department of Education

Please click the link below if you would like to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which needs to be completed to apply for federal student aid (grant, work-study and loans)

Please visit www.StudentAid.gov if you would like to learn more about federal student aid and the FAFSA form.

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Student Financial Aid Services, Inc.

If you are an existing client of Student Financial Aid Services and would like to access your account, please click the SFAS button below.

If you would like to file a FAFSA, please visit www.FAFSA.gov.

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Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

Start A New FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login



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Before Starting the FAFSA

- Students and parents should each apply for their own Federal Student Aid ID (FSAID)
 - Replaces the PIN process
 - Used to access features and sign FAFSA electronically
 - Can be applied for while filing the FAFSA application or directly at [FSAID.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)



Creating the FSA ID via FAFSA.GOV

The screenshot shows the FAFSA login interface. At the top, it says 'Federal Student Aid' and 'FAFSA® Free Application for Federal Student Aid'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Home' and 'Help' icons. The main content area is titled 'Login' and contains 'Student Information' and 'Login Options'. The 'Student Information' section has a red circle around the radio button for 'Enter your (the student's) FSA ID'. A blue arrow points from this circle to the right, towards the text 'Click "Create an FSA ID"'. The 'Login Options' section provides instructions on how to use the FSA ID and includes a 'More>>>' link. The 'NEXT' button is at the bottom right of the login form.

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Home Help

SEARCH

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Student Information

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App. Exp. 12/31/2016

Instructions are provided for each FAFSA question in the Help and Hints section on the right side of the page and are also available by clicking **Need Help?** at the bottom of the page.

Enter either your (the student's) FSA ID or personal information to log in to FAFSA on the Web.

☒ Enter your (the student's) FSA ID ☐ Enter the student's information

Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.
[Create an FSA ID](#)

OR

FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address

[Forgot Username](#)

FSA ID Password

[Forgot Password](#)

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Need Help?

Help and Hints

Login Options

The FSA ID, which consists of a user-created username and password, replaced the PIN effective May, 2015. It allows users to electronically access personal information on Federal Student Aid Web sites as well as electronically sign a FAFSA.

Select one:

Enter your FSA ID (only the student should log in with an FSA ID),

Or

Enter the student's name, Social Security Number and date of birth. (You may have to enter your FSA ID later in the process).

[More>>>](#)

Click "Create
an FSA ID"

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Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

To create your own personal FSA ID, enter answers for the questions below and select CONTINUE.

Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

* Req

Create An FSA ID

Edit My FSA ID

E-mail

1

Confirm E-mail

2

Username *

3

Password *

4

[Edit My FSA ID](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



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Common Issues

- The following are common issues that are causing trouble when users are creating FSA IDs:
 - Creating the FSA ID for another individual (e.g. parent for a student or student for a parent)
 - Using the same email address to create different FSA IDs
 - Failure of Social Security Administration match when a PIN is not linked



Create Account – Challenge Questions

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Challenge Questions And Answers

Challenge questions and answers are used to retrieve your username or password if you forget them and to unlock your account. Provide the challenge questions and answers below and select CONTINUE.

IDENTITY PROFILE REVIEW & CONFIRM DONE

Challenge Question 1 * * Required

Answer 1 *

Challenge Question 2 * * Required

Answer 2 *

Challenge Question 3 * * Required

Answer 3 *

Challenge Question 4 * * Required

Answer 4 *

Challenge Question 5 (Used to access your information over the phone) * * Required

Answer 5 *

CANCEL PREVIOUS CONTINUE

Five Challenge Questions are required for registration

All questions and answers must be unique

Create Account – Email Verification

The screenshot shows the 'Verify Your E-mail' page from the Federal Student Aid website. At the top, there are links for 'ENGLISH', 'ESPAÑOL', and 'HELP'. The header includes the 'Federal Student Aid' logo and the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. The main content area is titled 'Verify Your E-mail' and contains instructions: 'Enter the secure code below and select CONTINUE to verify your e-mail address. After you verify your e-mail address, you can use it as your username when logging in.' Below this is a section 'Enter the Secure Code' with a note about checking the junk folder and a link to 'request a new secure code'. A progress bar shows four steps: IDENTITY, PROFILE, REVIEW & CONFIRM (the current step), and DONE. At the bottom, there is a 'Secure Code *' input field with a '*' required icon. To the left of the input field is a 'CANCEL' button. To the right are two buttons: 'CONTINUE WITHOUT VERIFYING' and 'CONTINUE'.

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided. In this email, there is a secure verification code.

Verifying an email address is optional but provides added security and functionality such as:

- Use an email address as your Username for login
- Use email to recover Username or reset Password



FSA ID Help

- Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC): 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)
 - Request escalation to the FSA ID team
- Web chat at FAFSA.gov
 - Help → Contact Us



FAFSA: College Information Section

- College Information
 - Up to 10 colleges may be listed; can be updated by correction
- For 2016-17, the student's list of colleges will no longer be shared with colleges
 - only state grant agencies will continue to have access



FAFSA: School Selection Page

STUDENT

Help

SEARCH

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics Financial Information Sign & Submit Confirmation

School Selection

mark, based on the information you provided, we have determined that you may qualify for federal student aid. Continue through the application for us to determine how much aid you can receive.

You can add up to 10 colleges to your FAFSA. If you know your college's school code, use the option to the right to search. If you need help finding your college, use the state (required), city (optional), and school name (optional) fields to begin your search.

All of the information you include on your FAFSA, with the exception of the list of colleges, will be sent to each of the colleges you list. In addition, all of your FAFSA information, including the list of colleges, will be sent to your state student grant agency.

State Federal School Code

City (optional) OR

School Name (optional)

SEARCH Search Tips

SEARCH

Select a school from the Search Results table and click **Add >>** to add a school to the Selected Schools table.

Search Results: 0

Sort By: Best Match | School Name

No data

ADD >>

Selected Schools

Select up to 10 schools

ALABAMA AGRCLTL & MECHL UNIV
NORMAL, AL
Federal School Code: 001002 Remove

VIEW SELECTED SCHOOL INFORMATION

PREVIOUS NEXT

NEED HELP? SAVE CLEAR ALL DATA VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY EXIT

Site Last Updated: Sunday, December 27, 2015

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FAFSA: School Selection Summary Page

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School Selection Summary

For each school listed, select the appropriate housing plan from the dropdown list.

You may change the positioning of any school in this list. To do so, click on the school name and then use the buttons on the right to change the position of the selected school. The **FIRST** and **LAST** buttons will move the school to either the top or bottom of your list, and the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons will move the school one position up, or one position down.

For federal student aid purposes, it does not matter in what order you list your selected schools. However, the order in which you list schools may affect your eligibility for state aid. Find more information on your state's preferences for listing schools [here](#).

School Name	Federal School Code	Housing Plans	
ALABAMA AGRCLTL & MECHL UNIV	001002	Select ▼	Remove
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	001892	Select ▼	Remove
UNIV OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO	001776	Select ▼	Remove

↑ FIRST

↓ LAST

↑ UP

↓ DOWN

↺ RESET

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FAFSA: Dependency Status Section

- FAFSA provides questions to determine the dependency status of students
 - Generally, students under 24 years old are required to report parent info
 - Students answering YES to a question in this section may qualify them as an independent
 - For other special circumstances, consult with the financial aid office



FAFSA: Legal Guardianship Question

- Applicants sometimes answer the legal guardianship question incorrectly
- As a resolution, FAFSA question 55 has been reworded and help text has been modified

New Legal Guardianship Messaging

Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

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This is question 55 on the paper FAFSA.

For this question, the definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardian. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.

Select **Yes** if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are in legal guardianship.

Also select **Yes** if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were in a legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

Select **No** if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

Also select **No** and contact your school if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say custody (not guardianship).

Note: The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide additional information such as a copy of the court's decision.

HELP PRINT

CLOSE



Other 2016-17 FAFSA Changes

- Automatic Zero EFC threshold increased to \$25,000
- Tax line references in taxes paid questions changed to reflect the new 2015 federal income tax forms



FAFSA: 2016-17 Income Information

- Parent, Student Income Information
 - Prior year income information will be requested from the 2015 federal income tax return
 - The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be available in February to download 2015 federal tax info
 - Income estimates may be provided



FAFSA: IRS Data Retrieval Tool

PARENT

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Financial Information
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Parent Tax Information

☒ Application was successfully saved.

For 2015, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?

For 2015, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?

To determine if you, the parents, can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer your tax return information from the IRS into the FAFSA, **answer the following question(s)**:

Did you, the parents, file a Form 1040X amended tax return?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Did you, the parents, file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Did you, the parents, file taxes electronically in the last 3 weeks (or by mail in the last 11 weeks)?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Based on your response, we recommend that you, the parents, transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA. [How you filed your taxes](#) can affect whether your tax return information is available to transfer.

Enter your FSA ID and click **Link To IRS**.

Which parent are you?

What is your (the parent's) FSA ID?

FSA ID Username or Verified E-mail Address

FSA ID Password

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LINK TO IRS

[PREVIOUS](#) [NEXT](#)

- Connects to IRS for tax data of completed tax returns
- Electronic filers – about 2 weeks after submittal
- Use for original FAFSA and corrections



Changes to the FAFSA for 2017-18

- Students will be able to submit a 2017-18 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2016
 - Students and parents will report income information from an earlier tax year (2015 instead of 2016).
- The pre-printed FAFSA will no longer be available.
 - The PDF FAFSA will still be available for download across multiple Federal Student Aid websites



TAP & New York State Student Aid Updates



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Notable TAP Application Updates for 2016-17

- Updated appearance
- Parent info will no longer be transferred from FAFSA
- Parents may use their Tax Filing ID Number (TIN) in place of a Social Security Number
- Updated Dependent Status screen to identify youth in foster care
- All missing documentation requests can be downloaded and uploaded from student's HESC account



How to Apply for New York State Aid



2016-2017 Confirmation Page



Your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address: r

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Confirmation Number: F
Data Release Number (DRN)

Congratulations, ! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.



[Start your state application](#) to apply for New York state-based financial aid.



What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

School(s) on your FAFSA:

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Additional Information from College Navigator
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY	80%	89%	NA	NA



Eligibility Information

Based on the [eligibility criteria](#), you may be eligible for the following:



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[Si desea llenar la versión en español de la solicitud del Programa TAP, pulse aquí.](#)

Welcome to *TAP on the Web*! This online application process allows you to apply for New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is the State's student financial aid agency, helping people pay for college by administering 19 student financial aid programs, including TAP, a highly successful College Savings program, and offering guidance to students, families and counselors.

To complete your online TAP application, you must first create a user name and personal identification number (PIN). [Click here.](#)

If you have not submitted a FAFSA application, you may do so at: www.fafsa.ed.gov


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TAP: Single College Selection


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College

The college displayed below is the first New York school you listed on your 2016-2017 FAFSA. If this is not your first college choice, please change the listing so that your first choice is displayed. If after submitting your application you do not attend the school displayed, you can submit a change on our Web site at www.HESC.ny.gov or by calling (888) 697-4372.

If you do not plan to attend any college in a term listed below, or will not attend a New York college, check the box next to the term and click on the **Delete** button. If the college name listed is not correct for one or more terms, use the **Search** button to locate and replace the college name.

Delete	Term	College Name	College Code	Level of Study
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall	FORDHAM COLLEGE	0245	Four-year Undergraduate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring	FORDHAM COLLEGE	0245	Four-year Undergraduate

To change the school, check the box and click on "Delete." Then select "Search."

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TAP: Independence

- Students under the age of 22 seeking independence for TAP must be able to:
 - Claim financial independence and answer No to Financial Independence Status (FIS) questions, and
 - Meet one of our “Special Conditions”
 - Ward of the court
 - Public assistance under own budget
 - Involuntary dissolution of family
 - Parents are deceased, permanently disabled, or declared incompetent



New: Dependent Status Screen


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Dependent Status

Your financial dependence status affects your TAP award.

Are you claiming financial independence from your parents? 

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Ward of the Court or in foster care?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Financial Independence Status (FIS)


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Financial Independence Status (FIS)®

We assumed the following questions should all be answered "Yes". Please review these questions and change your information as needed.

Were you or will you be claimed as a dependent by either of your parents on their 2015 state or federal tax returns? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Were you or will you be claimed as a dependent by either of your parents on their 2016 state or federal tax returns? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did you live in an apartment, house, or building owned or leased by your parents for more than 6 weeks in 2015? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did you live in an apartment, house, or building owned or leased by your parents for more than 6 weeks in 2016? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you plan to live in an apartment, house, or building owned or leased by your parents for more than 6 weeks in 2017? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did you receive gifts, loans, or other financial assistance worth more than \$750 from your parents in 2015? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you received gifts, loans, or other financial assistance worth more than \$750 from your parents in 2016? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will you be receiving gifts, loans, or other financial assistance worth more than \$750 from your parents in 2017? ☒ Yes ☐ No


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Special Conditions

Are both of your parents totally and permanently disabled or declared incompetent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a Ward of the Court or in foster care? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you receiving Public Assistance? Public Assistance DOES NOT include food stamps, unemployment insurance, or aid as a dependent child under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your family been involuntarily dissolved resulting in relinquishment of your parent's responsibility and control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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New: Parent Information Section

- Parent info will no longer be transferred from FAFSA for data security reasons
- Parents may now provide their Tax Filing ID Number (TIN) in place of a Social Security Number
- Parents without a SSN or TIN can leave the answer blank and check the appropriate box
 - Student will need to download and have parents complete a “signature page” from their TAP account



New: Parents Information Page

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Parent's Marital Status

Please update your parent's information as needed. If you are dependent on your parents, we will use your parent's income to determine your financial aid award eligibility.

Marital Status:

Married/remarried

Parent 1's Social Security Number / Tax ID number:

If Parent 1 does not have a social security number, check this box:

☐

Parent 1's Last name :

Parent 2's Social Security Number / Tax ID number:

If Parent 2 does not have a social security number, check this box:

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Parent 2's Last name :

Do your parents live in New York State?

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New NYS Scholarship Programs

- Achievement & Investment in Merit Scholarship (AIMS)
- Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program



NYS Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship (NY-AIMS)

- NY-AIMS provides \$500, renewable, merit-based scholarships to New York State high school graduates who achieved academic excellence as a high school student, and enroll or plan to enroll in a public or private New York State college immediately after high school.



Other NYS Programs: NY-AIMS

- Eligibility and selection criteria
 - For study in New York State (public or private)
 - For students that achieve two of the following criteria
 - Graduate with a GPA of 3.3 or above
 - Graduate “with honors” on a NYS Regents diploma
 - Score 3 or higher at least two Advanced Placement (AP) exams
 - Graduate within the top 15% of high school class
 - Recipients will be selected and prioritized based on the unmet need per their financial aid award letter
 - Applications available in May 2016



Apply for Other NYS Programs at hesc.ny.gov

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Other State Grants

Grants don't have to be paid back. A grant is "free money" for college.

State Grant	Summary
NYS Aid for Part-time Study	The NYS Aid for Part-time Study (APTS) program provides grant assistance for eligible part-time students enrolled in approved undergraduate studies.
	The Educational Opportunity Program provides assistance to NYS

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Related Resources

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FAFSA Completion Initiative



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FAFSA Completion Initiative

- Builds and expands on the success of the U.S. Department of Education's FAFSA Completion Pilot Project
- Allows schools direct access to FAFSA and TAP filing status information
- Your school and/or school district can easily identify students that may need assistance in completing the FAFSA
 - Non-DOE schools, college access programs can register with HESC to participate via email at FAFSACompletionInitiative@hesc.ny.gov
 - NYC DOE Schools must contact the Office of Post Secondary Readiness (OPSR)



More Info: hesc.ny.gov/FAFSA-Initiative

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FAFSA Completion Initiative

The Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) encourages all school districts and high schools to participate in the national FAFSA Completion Initiative in order to receive important Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) filing status information about your college-bound students.

Obtaining this information will allow your school and/or school district to identify and assist students and families in completing a FAFSA, thereby maximizing their access to free and low-cost financial aid to support their college costs.

There is no registration deadline! You can register for the FAFSA Completion Initiative any time. We encourage you to register now so you can access information beginning in January for your students entering college in fall 2015.

How to Join

1. **Complete, sign and submit a Data Access Security Agreement.** A draft copy, as well the attachments Exhibit A and Appendix A, are available in the Related Resources column for your



Need help?
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