



**Join us for FAFSA Week - November 14-17
8:00am - 5:00pm - Student Services Center
For more information, please contact
the Financial Aid Office at 575-624-7400**

2017-2018 Financial Aid Changes

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) earlier

- Students will be able to file a 2017-2018 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2016 at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Use Earlier Income Information

- Beginning with the 2017-2018 FAFSA, students will report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, you and your spouse/parent(s), as appropriate will report 2015 income and tax information, rather than 2016 income and tax information.

The following table provides a summary of key dates as we transition to using the early FAFSA submission timeframe and earlier tax information.

| When a Student is Attending College (School Year) | When a Student Can Submit a FAFSA | Which Year's Income and Tax Information is Required |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 (16-17) | January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 | 2015 |
| July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 (17-18) | October 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 | 2015 |
| July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (18-19) | October 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 | 2016 |