



OASFAA Counselor Workshops October 2017

FOR THE COUNSELING YEAR 2018-2019

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Agenda

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- Prior Prior Year – What Did Schools Do?
- FSA ID Updates
- IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- Dependency Status
- Verification/Special Circumstances

Federal and State Financial Aid Updates

Review of Counselor Resources

PPY Revisited – What Did Schools Do?

- Nationally, most schools did NOT change their Financial Aid timeline.
 - 72.7% made no change to their Financial Aid timeline.
 - 26.3% moved their FAFSA Priority Deadline up at least one month.
- In Ohio, the earliest FAFSA Priority Deadline we were aware of was December 1 (with some encouraging by November 15).
- Our Ohio 2018-2019 FAFSA Priority Deadline Survey is out. Some Ohio Schools have again made changes.
- What PPY did change, however, was the number of FAFSA's filed...

*Source: NASFAA Survey, 2017 PPY Task Force

Number of FAFSAs Filed Increases

- Nationally, the number of FAFSAs filed **increased** by 6%, reversing a four year downswing.
 - The number of high school seniors that filed a FAFSA increased by 9%, despite there being only a 1% increase in the number of seniors.
- Possible reasons:
 - Using PPY tax info
 - Longer filing window
 - Easier Process (IRS Data Retrieval Tool available for much of the year).

*Source: WSI, July 13, via NCAN analysis "Number of Students Applying for Federal Aid Rises 6%, After Several Years of Decline"

FAFSA By The NUMBERS

JUNE 30, 2017	JUNE 30, 2016
Total FAFSAs: 14,045,996	Total FAFSAs: 13,210,305
First Year-National: 2,128,524	First Year-National: 1,949,048
First Year-Ohio: 76,626	First Year-Ohio: 72,255
6% increase	
Total FAFSAs-Ohio: 521,383 through July 31 st	Total FAFSAs-Ohio: 501,730 through July 31 st
4% increase	

Ohio is headed in the right direction!!



FSA ID: <https://fsaid.ed.gov>

- An FSA ID gives the student access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as their legal signature.
- It is recommended students and parents create an FSA ID before completing the FAFSA.

FSA ID Enhancement

Students/parents may now enter a verified phone number that may be used to retrieve usernames and create a new password via a text message.

Creates An FSA ID | Edit My FSA ID

First Name: [dropdown] Last Name: [dropdown] Birth Date: [dropdown]

Gender: [dropdown] Email: [dropdown]

Phone Number: [dropdown]

Something [dropdown]

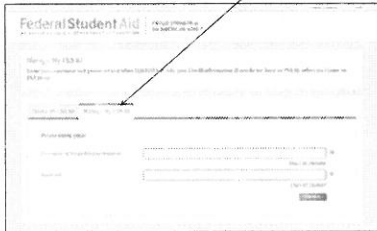
Create Password: [dropdown]

For ages 13 years of age or older: ☒ I am 13 years of age or older. ☐ I am 12 years of age or younger.

Check the box 'Show Text' to display your entry

Password is case sensitive and will expire after 18 months.

**Forgot Username or Password?:
Retrieve either on 'Manage My FSA ID'**



Retrieve a Username



Reset a Password



FSA ID – Helpful Hints

- The student and parent will each need their own individual FSA IDs.
- The parent and student **MAY NOT** use the same email address.
- The parent and student **MAY NOT** use the same Cell Phone Number.
- Verify your email address. This is important because it allows you to use your email address as your username when logging into the FAFSA, NSLDS and Student Loan websites.

FSA ID – Helpful Hints

- Don't use a HS email address because it may be deleted after graduation.
- Select challenge questions that are easy to remember that will not change over time.
- Now optional: entering an important date as the fifth challenge question.

DO NOT use HS email!

Create a "professional" or
adult email & use that!

IRS Data Retrieval Tool/Dependency
Status

IRS DRT TOOL

- The IRS DRT Tool is back as of October 1st for the 2018-2019 FAFSA only.
- If families transfer the data, it will be encrypted and simply say "Transferred from the IRS."
- No numbers will be visible for transferred data.

Dependency Status

Brochure available at:
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa/filling-out/dependency>



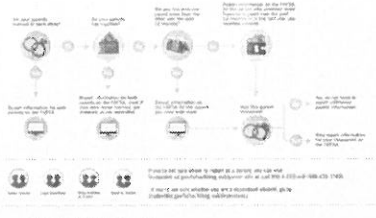
Who is considered a "Parent" when completing the FAFSA?

WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA?

Apparent Parents are anyone who is listed on your high school or college records as your parent or legal guardian. They are the people you should list on the FAFSA, even if they are not your biological or adoptive parents.

How can you prove you are not an apparent parent? You must provide evidence of your independence.

The following people are not your apparent parents, they are not your legal guardian:



Clarification

Who is NOT considered a legal parent on the FAFSA?

- Relatives who have not adopted the student
 - Grandparents, aunts, uncles, older brothers or sisters
- Foster parents
- Legal guardians who have not adopted the student
- Widowed stepparents who have not adopted the student and who would be the only person providing parental information.

Clarification on marital status

Unmarried and both parents living together (regardless of gender)

- Both of the legal parents (biological and/or adoptive) are not married to each other but live in the same household.

Married/Remarried (regardless of gender)

- Does not necessarily mean living together unless the parents' state of legal residence recognizes their relationship as a common law marriage.
- Supreme Court decision – same sex marriage.

Widowed or divorced but has remarried

- Choose "married/remarried" and answer the questions about that parent and the stepparent.

Verification and Special
Circumstances/Professional
Judgement and Prior Prior
Year

Verification 2018-2019

What is verification?

- Students are selected by federal government for this process.
- Financial aid offices use this process to confirm the accuracy of information provided on the FAFSA.
- Verification is Federal Student Aid's way of making sure that students obtain the aid that they deserve.

Note: Financial aid offices are unable to disburse (and at some schools will not even award) federal student aid until verification is completed.

Verification: Is everyone selected for this process?

- No, selection can be random or because a student's FAFSA data is incomplete, estimated, or inconsistent.
- The U.S. Department of Education selects around 30% of students for the verification process.
- Colleges have the authority to select others if they find conflicting information.
- FAFSA corrections may also trigger verification.

Student selected for verification... now what?

- Student should contact their college's financial aid office.
- Find out what documentation needs to be submitted (this can vary).
- Find out how information is to be submitted.

Dependent Students ONLY

Dependent Students who **DID NOT** and **ARE NOT** required to file a Federal Tax Return:

- Must submit a signed statement indicating they did not and are not required to file a federal tax return.

Note: Statement may include verbiage indicating the student did not work.

- Statement must include sources of 2016 income earned from work and the amount from each source.
- Copies of the W-2s from each sources of 2016 income earned from work.

Independent Students and Parents

Independent Students and Parents who **DID NOT** and **ARE NOT** required to file a Federal Tax Return:

- Must submit a signed statement indicating they did not and are not required to file a federal tax return.
 - *Note: Statement may include verbiage indicating the student and/or parent did not work.*
- Statement must include sources of 2016 income earned from work and the amount from each source.
- Copies of the W-2's from each sources of 2016 income earned from work.
- Confirmation of nonfiling from the IRS!

Verify Non-Filing Status: Form 4506-T

Student or parent completes
boxes 1a to 4

- Line 7 Check Verification of Nonfiling
- Line 9 Year or period requested
 - Academic Year 2018-2019 enter 12/31/2016
- Check box Signatory
- Sign & Date.

Where Do I send a Completed Form 4506-T?

Fax to: 855-821-0094

Ohio Residents Mail:
Internal Revenue Service
RAIVS Team
Stop 6705 P-6
Kansas City, MO 64999

Verification Quick Reference Chart

For students and parents who **did not file** and **are not required** to file a federal tax return:

Who	Signed Statement Required*	Copies of 1042s Required**	Confirmation of Non-Filing from IRS Required
Dependent Student	Y	Y	N
Independent Students	Y	Y	Y
Parents of Dependent Students	Y	Y	Y

*Must indicate did not file and not required to file as well as include source and amounts of income earned from work.

**From each source of 2016 income earned from work.

Acceptable Tax Return Documentation

1. 2016 Tax Return Transcripts (Not Account Transcript)
2. IRS Data Retrieval Tool Data

No signed tax returns accepted for 2018-19 (were accepted briefly for 2017-18 FAFSA Verification).

Requirements vary by school and ED guidance.

Obtain a Tax Return Transcript

By Phone: 1-800-908-9946

Or

On-Line: <https://www.irs.gov/>

Two Options: Download or By Mail



Download Tax Return Transcript

To order on-line you must have:

- Access to your email
- The Account Number of 1 of the following:
 - Credit Card (not Debit Card)
 - Auto Loan
 - Mortgage or line of credit
- Mobile phone in your name



Get Tax Return Transcript by MAIL



Helpful Hints

Make sure address matches the address on the filed tax return **exactly**.

- Rd., Ln., St., instead of Road, Lane, Street

Make sure to enter birthdate information in the following format: DD/MM/YYYY.

Make sure you order a Tax Return Transcript, not Tax Account Transcript.

Prior-Prior Year and the FAFSA

Addressing Possible Situations

In light of the change to PPY FAFSA, some common situations may arise. We have prepared some examples of a few of the situations you may encounter.

Example 1:

Parent is Married in 2016 and Widowed in 2017

- ▶ Parent must enter current marital status.
 - ▶ If parents filed joint return, do not use Data Retrieval Tool.
- ▶ Surviving parent must separate incomes, and enter only his/hers.
 - ▶ Parent may need to request a 2016 Tax Return Transcript, and provide W-2's, along with a copy of the death certificate to college or university where a student is attending.

Example 2:

Parent is Married in 2016 and Divorced in 2017

- ▶ Parent must enter current marital status.
 - ▶ If parents filed joint return, do not use Data Retrieval Tool.
- ▶ Enter only the primary custodial parent's information on the FAFSA.
 - ▶ Primary custodial parent may need to request a 2016 Tax Return Transcript, and provide W-2's, along with a copy of the divorce/separation agreement to college or university where a student is attending.

Example 3:

Parent Single in 2016 and Married in 2017

- ▶ Parent must enter current marital status.
 - ▶ Parent will be unable to use Data Retrieval Tool.
- ▶ Must enter both parents' demographic information and their combined income information.
 - ▶ A 2016 Tax Return Transcript may be needed to be requested for both the parent and spouse.

Example 4:**Parent spouse is different from spouse on 2016 tax return**

- ▶ Parent must enter current marital status.
 - ▶ Parent will be unable to use Data Retrieval Tool.
- ▶ If a parent filed a joint tax return for 2016, but parent is married to a different person when the parent fills out the FAFSA, then former spouse's tax return information would be subtracted, and, the current spouse's 2016 tax return information would be added to correctly answer the FAFSA question about parent and current spouse.

Federal Aid Programs

 Pell Grant

 TEACH

 Campus Based Programs

 Direct Loans

Federal Pell Grant 2017-2018

- Maximum award amount increased slightly for 2017-2018.
 - \$5,920 maximum award for full-time enrollment and an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of zero.
- Maximum Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for Pell eligibility increased to 5328 for 2017-2018. It has not yet been established for 2018-2019.



determined by EFC.

Federal Pell Grant 2017-2018

- Students have a maximum number of terms they can receive Pell Grant.
- ✓ 600% of an annual award amount, or the equivalent of 12 full time semesters.
- Year-round Pell Grants have returned.
- ✓ Students can attend on a year-round basis and receive up to 150% of their annual award.
- ✓ Serves as an incentive to complete the credential/degree on time.
- ✓ Still have the 12 full time semester limit.
- ✓ First awards will be in Spring of 2018.



TEACH Grant 2017-2018

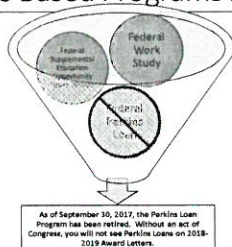
Through Sequestration, TEACH Grants that were first disbursed after 10/1/2017 have been reduced by 6.6% from the award amount for which the student would otherwise have been eligible to receive.

Grant of up to \$3736 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.

Service requirement upon graduation must be met, or grant becomes an Unsubsidized Direct Loan that must be re-paid!!

could end up as a LOAN!
not a grant!

Campus Based Programs 2018-2019



Perkins Loan Program

The Perkins Loan program has expired.

The *Higher Education Act* (HEA) is a vehicle for continuation and potential reforms, but the timetable for reauthorization of the HEA continues to be uncertain.

Source: www.coheao.com

Federal Work Study (FWS)

- Undergraduate or graduate students are eligible.
- Employment can be on or off campus.
- **FWS wages are excluded from EFC calculation!!!**
- Ohio Minimum Wage in 2017 is \$8.15/hour.
- There is a difference between work study and "work" or "employment" on an award letter.

JOB OPENINGS

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Undergraduates with exceptional financial need (Pell Eligible students with the lowest EFC).

Award ranges from \$100 to \$4,000, depending on when student applies, financial need, and the funding and policies of school attending.

must be eligible for Pell
grant and have a
0 EFC

Direct Loans: Undergraduate 2017-2018

Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans are two separate, unique types of loans that are awarded separately.

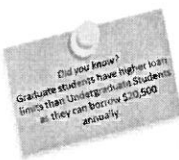
Subsidized	Unsubsidized
Need based	Not based on financial need
Interest is fixed at 4.45% for new undergraduate loans disbursed during 2017-18*. Interest is subsidized while the student is in school and during deferment.	Interest is fixed at 4.45% for all new loans disbursed during 2017-18*. Interest accrues from time of disbursement of the funds.

*Interest rates recalculated annually and are effective July 1st based on the 10-year Treasury note index plus 2.05%, capped at 8.25%

Direct Loans: Graduate 2017-2018

Graduate students are only eligible for Unsubsidized Loans (not subsidized).

Unsubsidized
Not based on financial need
Interest is fixed at 6.00% for all new loans disbursed during 2017-18*. Interest accrues from time of disbursement of the funds.



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Direct Loans 2017-2018 (No Changes)

Class Year	Base Amount	Additional Unsubsidized Amount	Total Available to Borrower
Freshman	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
Junior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Senior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500

Independent Students and Dependent Students whose parents have been denied the PLUS Loan are eligible for additional Direct Unsubsidized Loans (\$4,000 as Freshmen and Sophomores and \$5,000 as Juniors and Seniors).

Income Driven Repayment Plans

- There are now four income driven repayment plans:
 - Income Contingent Repayment (ICR)
 - Income Based Repayment (IBR)
 - Pay As You Earn (PAYE)
 - Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)
- These plans are designed to give students peace of mind related to the affordability of their student loan payments.
- OASFAA will take a deeper dive on these plans on our January 11, 2018 "FA 201" Webinar.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness

- Under this program, borrowers may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance of their Direct Loans after they have made 120 qualifying payments on those loans while employed full time by certain public service employers.
- Only loans you received under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program are eligible for PSLF.
- There are many rules that must be followed.

Direct Loans 2017-2018

Parent PLUS

- Loan to parents of dependent students.
- Loan limits are up to the cost of education less any financial aid received.
- Interest rate is 7.00% fixed.*
- Repayment begins within 60 days of full disbursement. Payments may be deferred while the student is in school.
- FAFSA completion is required.

*Interest rates recalculated annually and are effective July 1st based on the 10-year Treasury note index plus 2.05%, capped at 8.25%.

Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)

To be eligible for OCOG a student must:

- File the FAFSA **AND**
- Be an Ohio resident **AND**
- Attend an Ohio public university's main campus **OR**
- Attend an Ohio private, non-profit college or university **OR**
- Attend an Ohio private, for-profit institution.

Students at community colleges and university regional campuses are eligible for "Third Term" awards after they have exhausted their Pell Grant funds for the academic year.

Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)

- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is the index number for awarding OCOG.
- EFC eligibility range is from 0000-2190 **AND** a maximum household income of **\$96,000**.
- A part-time student will receive a pro-rated award.
- Eligible students continuously enrolled may receive an additional 1/2 or 1/3 of their respective award amount in their third semester or fourth quarter.
- Students are limited to 10 semesters or 15 quarters of state, need-based grant aid (including combination of OCOG and OIG).

Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)

2017-2018 Awards	ENROLLMENT STATUS			
	FULL TIME	3/4 TIME	1/2 TIME	1/4 TIME
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS				
Community Colleges*	0	0	0	0
Regional Campuses*	58	44	29	15
All Other Main Campuses	1536	1152	768	384
PRIVATE & NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS				
Private Non-Profit	3072	2304	1536	768
Private, For-Profit	1140	855	570	285
Pennsylvania Institutions	600 or 800	300 or 400	300 or 400	0

This is the first year that students at Regional Campuses have qualified although grants are small.

Third-term OCOG

- For students attending year-round at a public community college, regional campus, or an institution with an adjusted award amount, statute states that an OCOG award may be distributed for the third-term of the academic year, once Pell grants have been exhausted for that year.
- This exception is **only** for students that are Pell eligible.
- All other OCOG eligibility requirements remain.
- *Note that with the recent implementation of year-round Pell grants, an institution may find less students that would qualify for third-term OCOG.*

17-18 Award Charts for Third-Term

***Based upon full-time (FT) enrollment status**

Public Institution	1st term*	2nd term*	3rd Term*
Community Colleges	\$0	\$0	\$768
Regional Campuses	\$29	\$29	\$768

***Based upon three-fourth-time (TT) enrollment status**

Public Institution	1st term*	2nd term*	3rd Term*
Community Colleges	\$0	\$0	\$576
Regional Campuses	\$22	\$22	\$576

***New OCOG Awards at Community Colleges and Regional Campuses**

- The fixed Pell/EFC combo of \$5,920 continues to exceed the average tuition and general charges at community colleges and therefore no OCOG awards will be available to students attending these institutions.
- However, for the 2017-2018 academic year, the average tuition and general charges at university regional campuses slightly exceeds the fixed Pell/EFC combo of \$5920. Therefore, a modified maximum OCOG award amount will be available to students attending these institutions.

Foster Youth at Community Colleges

- Qualified foster youth at community colleges continue to be eligible for OCOG for 2017-2018. Statute requires that for otherwise OCOG eligible students, their living expenses are to be added to their tuition/general fees to determine their OCOG award amount.
- Qualified foster youth should receive a letter from the Ohio Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program that lists their ETV award.
- Could be eligible for the 2017-2018 maximum public OCOG amount of \$1,536.

Ohio War Orphans Scholarship

The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Program awards tuition assistance to the children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict.

Eligible Students attending:

- Public institutions will be funded 90% of tuition and general fees.
- Private institutions will receive an annual award amount of \$6,398 for the year.

Ohio National Guard Scholarship

- Eligibility determined by the Ohio Adjutant General.
- The current annual, full-time award is 96% of tuition and general fees at all Ohio public colleges and universities or the equivalent amount at private institutions for members of the Ohio National Guard.
- The current annual, full-time award for students at eligible private colleges and universities (both non-profit and for-profit) is not yet known.

Safety Officers Memorial Scholarship

- For Ohio dependents and spouses of safety officers killed in the line of duty.
- The current annual, full-time award is 100% of tuition and general fees at all Ohio public colleges and universities.
- The current annual, full-time award for students at eligible private colleges and universities (both non-profit and for-profit) is \$7044.

The Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP)

Loans for RN candidates and graduate nurse faculty students.

Recipient must serve as a full-time nurse in Ohio for 5 years to qualify for 100 percent loan cancellation.

Annual award for most recent academic year was \$1,500/yr., \$6,000/yr. for Master's of Nurse Education.

Choose Ohio First

- Various programs with STEM concentrations (personalized projects and coursework tied to colleges or a local businesses).
- State funding for these programs increased slightly for 2017-2018, but individual awards will vary from school-to-school.
- Partnership of private/public schools apply for funding (ex. Public community college and private four-year institution).
- <https://www.chooseohiofirst.org/participating-programs>

ETV-Ohio Education & Training Voucher Program

- Federally-funded, state-administered program designed to help youth who were in foster care.
- Students may receive up to \$5000 a year for qualified school related expenses.
- Application at: <http://www.fc2sprograms.org/ohio/>
- Must be a current or former foster student who:
 - Was in foster care on their 18th birthday and aged out at that time OR
 - Adopted from foster care with the adoption finalized after their 16th birthday OR
 - Foster care case was closed between the ages of 18 and 21.

Review of Resources for Counselors



Our Contact Information

Email: outreach@oasfaa.org
 Website: <http://www.oasfaa.org/> (page for counselors)
 • Request an OASFAA volunteer High School Financial Aid Night presenter.
 • Sign up for our email database to be sure you are notified for all events.

www.FAFSAhelpOH.org

- List your FAFSA Completion event if open to the public and free of charge.
- Host sites can request volunteers from OASFAA when they post their workshop.
- Website will contain resources about the FAFSA and promoting your event.
- Website will contain FAFSA completion resources.

Financial Aid Toolkit

<http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/>

Consolidates and organizes FSA resources and content into a searchable online toolkit.

Targeted to high school guidance counselors and college access professionals.

FAA may use toolkit to support student outreach efforts.

Replaces FSA4counselors.ed.gov.



Studentaid.gov

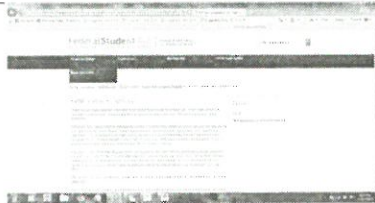


College Scorecard



Collegescorecard.ed.gov

FAFSA Completion Tool



studentaid.ed.gov/about/data-center/student/application-volume/fafsa-completion-high-school

FSA Pubs: Updates

The URL for the ordering website has changed. Instead of FSAPubs.gov, you will start at FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov/orderpubs, where you'll be able to access the ordering website.

The look of the ordering website and the ordering process will be a bit different, but you'll still have access to the same free publications. The main changes to the ordering process are that you will no longer need to log in to order publications, and you won't be able to see your past account or order information.

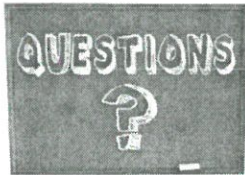
Because of this transition, some orders may be delayed.

Questions

Questions or Comments?

Please complete evaluations.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!



College Credit Plus can hurt the student's financial aid opportunities. based on the GPA earned through CCP coursework.

*Satisfactory Academic Progress *

