



FINANCIAL AID FILING FACTS FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS



Starting in the fall of 2016, students will be able to file a 2017-18 FAFSA or WASFA beginning on October 1.

This is a permanent change to the process, allowing students to file for financial aid at the same time that they're completing college applications. You may hear this change referred to as "Prior-Prior Year."



Prior-Prior Year (PPY). As in, the year before last.

In the past, students and families would complete their financial aid forms in January with estimated tax information and would update the forms once their taxes were filed. From now on, students will use their tax information from the previous year to file for financial aid. So beginning in October, 2016, students will use their 2015 tax information.



Each college you apply to will have their own financial aid forms and FAFSA/WASFA deadlines.

Check each college's website and keep track of their due dates and requirements. And remember, you must file for financial aid every year you plan to attend school.

For more on financial aid and college readiness, visit www.readysetgrad.org, your resource to find, pay for, and complete the educational path that's right for you.

