

FAFSA Workshops!

Student Financial Aid Services will be hosting workshops to assist students with completion of the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the dates below:



Date/Time/Location

Wed. January 23, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. January 30, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. February 6, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. February 13, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. February 20, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. February 27, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. March 6, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. March 13, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. March 27, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. April 3, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. April 10, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. April 17, 2019 - 4:30-5:30
Wed. April 24, 2019 - 4:30-5:30

All sessions will be held in Student Mall PC Lab 36

Please bring a copy of both the student's and the parent's 2017 tax return (and all schedules) as well as a copy of both the student's and parent's 2017 W-2 form. If you are a Permanent Resident, please bring a copy of your Permanent Resident card as well.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU ATTEND!

What is the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?

This is the form that every student must fill out once per year beginning October 1st. It gives the government, schools, and some scholarship foundations the necessary information to award you money for school. ***It is important to note that your child will not receive any government aid without a FAFSA being filed.*** To complete the FAFSA go to www.fafsa.gov. This application is **FREE!** If you complete it at .com or .org there could be a charge so ensure you complete it only at www.fafsa.gov.

FSA ID

An FSA ID is your username and password used to log onto and sign your FAFSA application. It can also be used to electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents and access other financial aid records. **Both Student's and Parent's will need to create their own FSA ID!**

To create a FSA ID for your self , or your parent please go online to fsaid.ed.gov

What is the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool allows students and parents to access the IRS tax return information needed to complete the FAFSA and transfer the data directly into their form from the IRS website. In order to complete your FAFSA and use the ***IRS Data Retrieval Tool***, you and your parent (s) will need to have your 2017 tax return filed prior to completing a FAFSA application. If you do not use this tool, you may be asked to order an official tax transcript from the IRS.

Gathering the Documents Needed to Apply

The FAFSA asks for information about you (your name, date of birth, address, etc.) and about your financial situation. Depending on your circumstances (for instance, when you filed taxes or what tax form you used), you might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA:

- Your Social Security Number (it's important that you enter it correctly on the FAFSA!)
- Your parent(s)' Social Security Numbers if you are a dependent student (age 23 or younger)
- Your Driver's License Number/State ID Number (if you have one)
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information or tax returns, including IRS W-2 information for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are a dependent student:
- IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ (Data Retrieval Tool)
- Foreign tax return, or
- Tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the
- Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau
- Records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans non-education benefits, for you and for your parents if you are a dependent student
- Information on cash, savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate, but not including the home in which you live; and business and farm assets for you and your parents if you are a dependent student