



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FILING THE FAFSA

### Attention students and families wishing to file the 2016-17 or the 2017-18 FAFSA:

The IRS recently announced that due to security concerns they have suspended the availability of the IRS Data Retrieval tool. This tool was available for FAFSA filers use to transfer their 2015 IRS tax information directly into the FAFSA as they were completing it. The announcement below was provided by the IRS. It is expected that the tool will be unavailable for several weeks. Therefore, it will require all FAFSA filers to manually enter all the financial data into the FAFSA. OASFAA strongly recommends that FAFSA filers gather all 2015 income information – 1040 forms, W-2's, schedules, etc., and have that available when filing the FAFSA.

If you need assistance with or have questions about filing the FAFSA, you should reach out to school counselors, college access advisors or college financial aid offices in your area.

As we receive any updates from the IRS or Department of Education, we will post updated information on our FAFSAHelpOH.org webpage.

To access the FAFSA, go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

## OUTAGE ALERT

*The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be unavailable for several weeks. We regret the inconvenience.*

If you are filling out the FAFSA, you can manually input your tax information.

**NOTE:** The 2017-18 FAFSA requires 2015 tax info (not 2016).

Input your tax info using a copy of your 2015 income tax return. If a copy is not available, you can get one from the tax software you used or request one from your tax preparer. You can also request a tax transcript from the IRS: [www.irs.gov/transcript](http://www.irs.gov/transcript)

If you are applying for an income-driven repayment (IDR) plan, you can manually provide your tax info.