

Counselor News

FAFSA Reminder

The FAFSA is now available at www.fafsa.ed.gov

College Goal Sunday is this Sunday (Nov 5) at the Crawfordsville and Lafayette Ivy Tech campuses at 2pm. See below for more info.

Get your **FSA ID** prior to beginning your FAFSA. Students and parents are required to use an FSA ID to confirm their identity and electronically sign their FAFSA. After requesting an FSA ID, your identity must be confirmed, so the process could take one or two days before your ID is activated. Apply as soon as possible at: <https://fsaid.ed.gov>

The FAFSA:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form used to determine eligibility for federal and state assistance programs. You can complete, submit, and track your application at www.fafsa.ed.gov Filing a FAFSA on time is the single most important step in the financial aid process.

- The FAFSA is available beginning **October 1, 2017** and will use 2016 tax information. The official Indiana deadline has been moved to **April 15**, but many schools have much earlier deadlines (some as early as January!) so it is recommended to begin this process as soon as possible. Check the individual college/university websites for their specific deadlines.
- Within a month after submitting the FAFSA, you will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR will include your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is a preliminary estimate of the amount your family can contribute to college costs. State and federal agencies and colleges will use the EFC to determine the size of your aid award.



College Goal Sunday (November 5, 2017 & February 25, 2018):

If you need help filling out the FAFSA, consider attending College Goal Sunday on November 5, 2017 or February 25, 2018 at 2 p.m. at 39 sites across Indiana. The nearest locations to NMHS are the Crawfordsville and Lafayette Ivy Tech campuses. No matter which location you choose, experts will sit down with you to help you complete your FAFSA. Read the list below to know what to bring with you! For more information about College Goal Sunday, call the Learn More Indiana hotline toll-free at 1-800-992-2076 or visit the event website at www.collegegoalsunday.org

Here's what you need to complete the FAFSA:

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

FSA ID: (It is strongly encouraged to create this prior to the event!).

- Every student and parent should apply for a FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov
This will serve as your electronic signature on the FAFSA.

Personal Information:

- Your Social Security number
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a dependent
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your Alien Registration number or permanent residence card if you are not a U.S. citizen

Proof of Income - students & parents

- 2016 W-2 forms or other records of money earned or received.
- Untaxed income, including workers compensation; child support; housing, food and other living allowances; veterans benefits, etc.

Tax Documents - students & parents

- 2016 Federal Income Tax Return (IRS tax form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) if you were required to file.

Assets - students & parents

- Bank statements
- Business and investment information; business and farm records; stocks, bonds and other investment records if applicable