

Journey College

FAFSA Frenzy

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FAFSA[®]

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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2017-2018 Summary

CHANGES TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS FOR 2017–18

SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER:

Students will be able to submit a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year.

USE EARLIER INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION:

Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA depending on when you plan to go to school:

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT THIS FAFSA	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2016–17	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018	2017–18	October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	2018–19	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

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IMPORTANT UPDATE: IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

Students, families, and borrowers should plan for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to be offline until the start of the next FAFSA season.

Planned Changes for 2018-2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yumt71gF6SU>

- ISIR fields change after using the IRS DRT
- **DRT can be used on amended tax returns**
- **IRS confirmation for non-filers**
- **Parent marital status question 59 revised**
- **Homeless questions 56, 57 & 58 revised**
- **Mobile FAFSA**
- **College Score card added to FAFSA on the web**
- State agency receives list of college in school code order

Important Dates to Remember!

June
2017

2018-2019
Application
Processing
System
Specifications
for Software
Developers
(DRAFT)

2018-2019
Electronic
Data Exchange
(EDE)
Technical
Reference
(DRAFT)

2018-2019
Electronic
Data Exchange
(EDE)
Technical
Reference
(FINAL)

August
2017

**2018-2019
EFC
Formula
Guide**

**2018-2019
SAR
Comment
Codes and
Text**

**2018-2019
ISIR Guide**

September
2017

**2018-2019
Summary
of Changes
to the
Application
Processing
System
(SCAPS)
Guide**

2018-2019
CPS Test
System User
Guide

November
2017

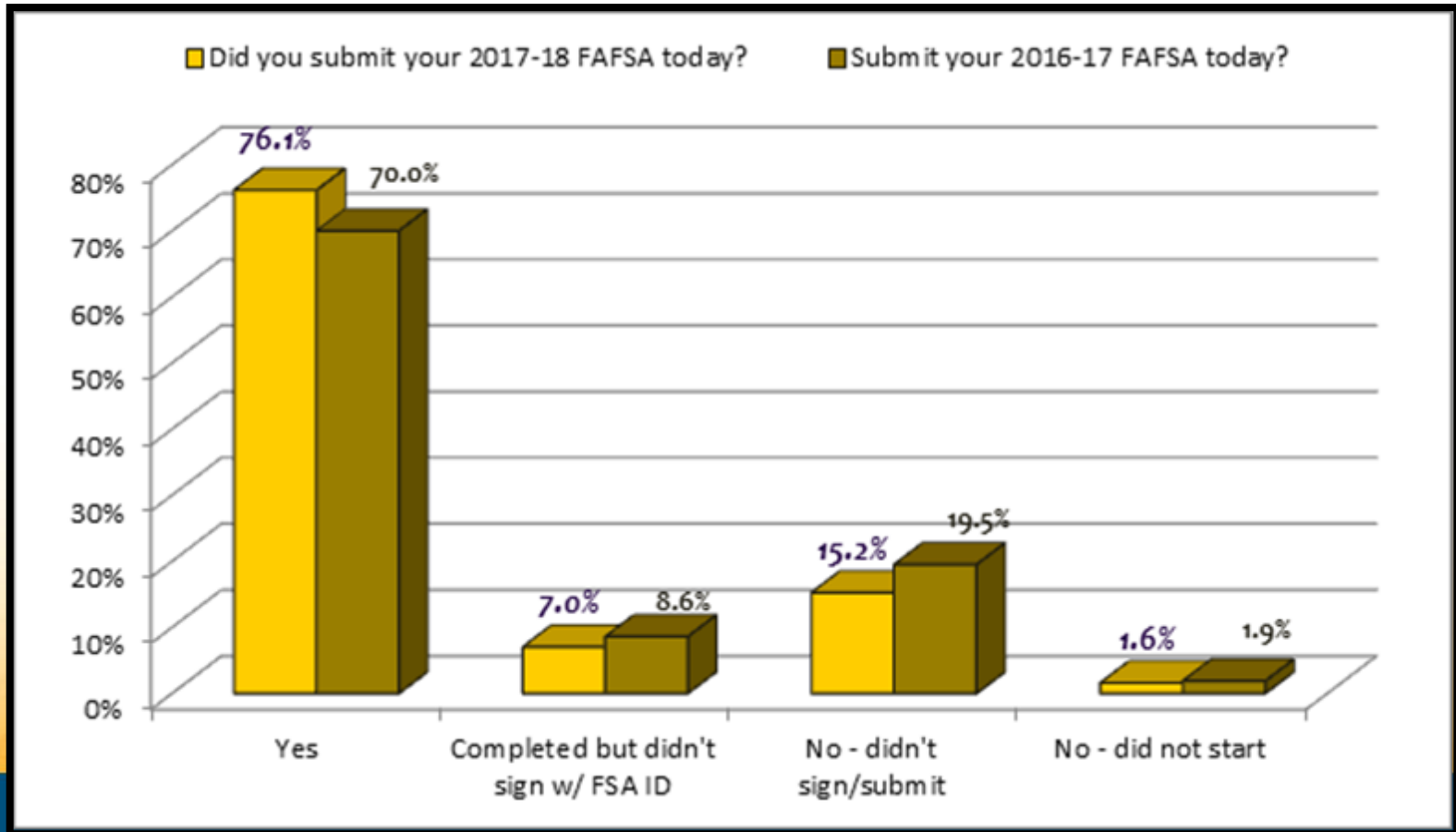
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Important Dates to Remember!

- **FAFSA on the Web Demonstration Site (September 24, 2017)**
- **FAFSA on the Web availability (October 1, 2017)**
- **IRS Data Retrieval Tool availability (October 1, 2017)**
- **FAA Access to CPS Online availability (October 1, 2017)**
- **Distribution of SARs/ISIRs (October 2, 2017)**
- **EDExpress for Windows, Release 1.0 (October 2, 2017)**

Got questions about the FSA ID?

Student Survey Response



Common Problems with FSA ID

- Expired password
- Locked FSA ID
- Student/parent information is swapped
- Email address cannot be shared

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Planned Updates for FSA ID

Adding SMS/Text for Password & Username retrieval

The screenshot displays the Federal Student Aid website interface. At the top, the logo for Journey College and the 'FAFSA Frenzy' banner are visible, along with the Missouri Department of Higher Education. The main content area is titled 'Adding SMS/Text for Password & Username retrieval'. It is divided into several sections:

- Opt In to Receive Text Messages to Your Mobile Phone:** A section explaining that it's easier to access the account when a password or username is forgotten by opting in to receive text messages.
- Enter Your Mobile Phone and Opt In:** A form with two input fields for 'Mobile Phone' and 'Confirm Mobile Phone', each with a dropdown arrow.
- OPT IN to receive text messages to this number:** A radio button option with a sub-section titled 'Important:' stating that the mobile phone must be verified. Below this is a 'Terms and Conditions:' section explaining that selecting this option means opting in to receive text messages and confirming agreement to the terms.
- OPT OUT of receiving text messages to this number:** A radio button option with a note that users can opt back in at any time from their account information page.
- Alternate Phone:** A form field for an alternate phone number, including a dropdown for the area code.
- Navigation:** A 'Skip and Remind Me Later' link and a green 'CONTINUE' button.

Two callout boxes provide detailed views of the retrieval options:

- Retrieve Your Username:** A section titled 'Retrieve Your Username' with the instruction 'Select one of the following options to retrieve your username:'. It lists three radio button options: 'Text a secure code to my mobile phone', 'E-mail a secure code', and 'Answer my challenge questions'.
- Reset Your Password:** A section titled 'Reset Your Password' with the instruction 'Select one of the following options to reset your password:'. It lists three radio button options: 'Text a secure code to my mobile phone ending in 5372', 'E-mail a secure code to xx*****@gmail.com', and 'Answer my challenge questions'.

Simplifying Account Management & Creating an Account

The image displays four overlapping screenshots of the Federal Student Aid (FSA) account management interface. The top-left screenshot shows the 'Personal Identification Information' section with fields for Social Security Number, Date of Birth, and Name. The middle-left screenshot shows the 'Challenge Questions And Answers' section with four questions and answer fields. The top-right screenshot shows the 'My Federal Student Aid Account' overview page for Jacob Harding, displaying account status, contact information, and security settings. The bottom-right screenshot shows an 8-digit code verification screen with a 'Tip' and navigation buttons.

- Significant Date is now optional
- Text boxes on different lines and outlined in black
- Removed 13 and older question
- Removed PIN linking
- Re-organized Account Management page
- Revised instructions
- New Video and Additional FAQs

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