

# Prior-Prior Year Implementation Timeline

2017-2018 Award Year

The Early FAFSA, a White House initiative intending to streamline the financial aid application process for families and increase access to higher education, will be available October 1, 2016, for the 2017-18 processing cycle. Applicants completing the 2017-18 FAFSA must provide income data from two years prior to the academic year, otherwise known as prior-prior year (PPY). These changes provide both opportunities and challenges for institutions that extend beyond the Financial Aid Office. Using PPY income information on the FAFSA (as opposed to one-year prior income information) will increase accuracy and will give families an earlier and more accurate idea of their anticipated financial aid and college costs. This document is intended to help institutions review their current timeline and develop their timelines, with this new change for the 2017-18 year.

## Timeline of Early FAFSA and Prior-Prior Year Activities

Date	Activity	Responsible Party
09/13/2015	Early FAFSA and Prior-Prior Year announced by The White House as an executive action.	The White House
February – ongoing	NASFAA PPY Implementation Task Force introduces PPY Toolkit and Best Practices.	NASFAA PPY Implementation Task Force
April - ongoing	FSA to provide updated FAFSA videos, publications, and social media content. In addition, they will be sending out monthly communications to schools.	ED (FSA)
August	NASFAA will provide online timeline tool for schools to communicate key date changes to guidance counselors, high schools, students and families.	NASFAA PPY Implementation Task Force

On the right hand columns, please enter, where relevant, your institution's 2016-17 dates and use the considerations listed to help determine your 2017-18 timeline.

## Institutional Planning for 2017-18

Item	Considerations	Stakeholders	2016-17 Actual Date	2017-18 Date
Start planning regarding application procedures and key dates for Early FAFSA and PPY implementation.	What activities might we change? Will our predictive enrollment models work in the short term? What are our goals for this first transition year?	All appropriate school partners, not limited just to financial aid office i.e. admissions, high school counselors.	N/A	04/01/2016 through 09/31/2016
Institutional communication campaign about the "Early FAFSA" coming.	How will we communicate this change to students? Will the message be different for new students versus returning students?	All appropriate school and community partners.	N/A	01/01/2016 – ongoing for year

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FAFSA available to students.	CSS Profile also available for schools who use it.	Department of Education	1/1/2016	10/1/2016
Admissions Application Due Date	NACAC members cannot establish a due date before October 15 to retain membership	Admissions, Enrollment Managers		
Begin loading ISIRs (Financial Aid Applications) to student systems	When will we schedule our first load? Will we load ISIRs for students who are not yet admitted?.	Financial aid		10/1/2016
Multiple Years open in Financial Aid; Workload timing changes	Aid offices will be working on three aid years (2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18), plus FISAP and GE reporting, if applicable.	Financial Aid, Enrollment Managers	1/1/2016	10/1/2016
Work on continuing student verifications	Complete these files before new students are admitted? Do we have capacity in October with FISAP/GE reporting?	Financial Aid		
Work on continuing student professional judgement requests	When will we have confidence that documented changes in family circumstances appropriately reflect 2017-18 situation?	Financial Aid		
Work on applicant/ new student verifications	Complete these files before new students are admitted? Do we have capacity in October with FISAP/GE reporting?	Financial Aid		
Set budget/tuition rates for 2017-18	Can/Should we set tuition and other budgets earlier to allow earlier financial aid award notices? Can we estimate endowment balances for scholarships?	Trustees Presidents States		
Update net price calculator	Students could know their actual EFC for 2017-18 earlier	Financial aid, IT		
Priority Scholarship/Aid Application Deadline	Do we have this deadline? Is there a reason to adjust the date to award earlier or align financial aid and scholarship offers?	Financial aid, scholarships, athletics, enrollment managers, academic departments, endowment		
Early Action/Decision Notices	Should we send notices about financial aid now that FAFSA is available? Will our systems be ready?	Financial aid, scholarships, enrollment managers		

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Financial Aid Priority Date/ On-Time Deadline	Are we keeping this the same to maximize access? Moving up due to concerns about financial aid budgets? Monitoring as we go?	Financial aid		
College Fairs/High School Nights	Do these need to be earlier to match an earlier application/ notification?	Financial Aid, Admissions, HS Guidance Contacts		
Admissions Notification Date	Any reason to change this? Do we have the capacity to finish our process earlier?	Admissions, Enrollment Manager		
Work on new student professional judgement requests	When will we have confidence that documented changes in family circumstances appropriately reflect 2017-18 situation? Will we consider any requests prior to admission?	Financial Aid		
Financial Aid Notification Date for newly admitted students	Will we make this earlier? What are our peer institutions doing? How will this affect our yield/melt? Align with scholarship notifications? How much information will be estimated?	Financial aid, Enrollment managers		
Financial Aid Notifications for Transfer/Continuing	When will loan aggregates/SAP/SULA/Pell LEU be known for award packaging? When will federal and state grants be final?	Financial aid and Department of Education		
Admissions Deposit Deadline	NACAC members must keep May 1 deadline to retain membership	Admissions		5/1/2017



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