

From: The Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid
Sent: Sunday October 1, 2017 5:00pm
To: Undergraduate Aid Recipients (Illinois Residents)
Subject: IMPORTANT 2018-19 FAFSA INFORMATION for ILLINOIS RESIDENTS

Dear Student,

We write with important information about the renewal process for financial aid for the 2018-19 academic year.

The 2018-19 [FAFSA](https://fafsa.gov) (fafsa.gov) will be available beginning October 1, 2017. Given the budgetary challenges facing the State, there is a strong likelihood that the MAP grant cutoff date will be shortly after the FAFSA becomes available. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you submit your FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1, 2017.

The 2018-19 FAFSA will require 2016 income. The simplest way to report your income on the FAFSA is to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT). With the DRT, you can import your income directly to the FAFSA. When you are completing your FAFSA online, we recommend you choose to use the DRT.

In addition to the FAFSA, the 2018-19 [CSS Profile](https://cssprofile.org) (cssprofile.org) is available on October 1.

Please note: You can complete these applications now but we will not begin providing notices of aid eligibility until spring of 2018. In addition, early next year we will notify you of any more items needed to complete your application.

If you have questions, please contact our office. We hope you are having a good fall quarter!

Sincerely,

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