

# The Oak Hill Advisor

## College Planning Newsletter

### The 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is Now Open!

Beginning on Oct. 1, 2016, you can fill out the FAFSA for the 2017–18 school year. (In the past, you had to wait until January 1.) In addition, you will no longer need to estimate income and tax information and will be able to retrieve your data directly from the IRS, because the FAFSA is now based on *last year's* income. You will receive information about your Expected Family Contribution sooner, helping with the college application and selection process.

#### Please go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

This is the US government site that will help you through the process of completing the FAFSA, answering any questions you may have.

- **Before you stress, be aware of what you will need** in order to begin your application. When filling out your application you will find that having your social security number, and both student and parent tax returns and bank statements will make filling out the FAFSA go more smoothly.
- **Don't wait to start or submit your FAFSA until the last minute.** Because deadlines vary by state and college or university, check the FAFSA website and your college websites to verify when your application is due.
- **The early bird gets the worm!** Once you have filled out your personal and financial information to the best of your ability and as accurately as possible, then do not hesitate to submit your application. Those who submit their FAFSA early are most likely to be considered for the greatest amount of financial aid.

#### College Lab Hours

Monday-Thursday.....Open Lab  
(3:35pm-5:00pm)  
Periods 5, 6,7.. By Appointment Only  
Friday.....By Appointment Only

**Note: College Lab hours are subject to change based on the busy OHA schedule.**

#### Fall 2016 Testing Dates

SAT—November 5th  
December 3rd  
PSAT— October 19th  
ACT—October 22nd

#### How to Register:

Students taking the SAT or ACT must register online by creating an account and completing the registration process on the test's website below:

**SAT:** [collegeboard.com/student](http://collegeboard.com/student)

**ACT:** [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

**IMPORTANT:** If you have already made an account in the past, please do NOT make a new one! Locate your account info through the online functions or call the College Board or ACT

THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE OFFERS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THROUGH ALL ASPECTS OF THE COLLEGE PROCESS. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US:

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