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Early Filing for 2017-18 FAFSA

The FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is the primary form that the federal government, states and colleges use to award grants, scholarships, work study and student loans. Grants and scholarships are free, but you have to earn the work study dollars and pay back loans.

You can find the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has some significant changes coming this year that will make the process more efficient, convenient and user-friendly. The following FAFSA changes take effect this year:

- The application will be available beginning **October 1, 2016** instead of January 1, 2017.
- Families can use the prior-prior year tax information to complete the form instead of the prior year's tax information to complete the 2017-18 form. This means **you will use 2015 tax information** instead of 2016 tax information to complete the 2017-18 form. This allows families to file the FAFSA before they file their previous year's taxes.
- The **priority deadline** is now **February 1**. FAFSA. Results received by February 1 will be given priority consideration for all forms of financial aid, some of the funding is limited. This will increase accuracy by using prior-prior year tax information which will make the IRS Data Retrieval Tool a more accurate and convenient feature in completing the Students should keep in mind that if discrepancies are detected in the 2017-18 FAFSA, it could require a review of their 2016-17 FAFSA and aid eligibility since both are based on the 2015 tax return.

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

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Essential elements required on schedules, grades & tuition invoices

- **Name of School**
- **Term: i.e. SPRING 2016**
- **Student Name**
- **SID#: Your student ID number**

(Finance requires this information as back up for check order.)

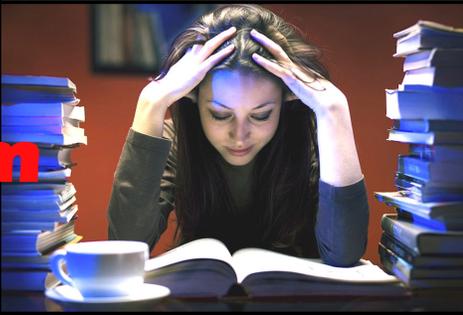
HIGHER ED FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- Complete Higher Ed Application.
- Provide proof of enrollment as a Tulalip Tribal member.
- Provide High School Diploma or GED – If you do not have either you must sign a 6 month agreement.
- Running start students must provide a letter from their high school counselor.
- Provide results of Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) annually. <http://www.fafsa.edu.gov>.
- Provide a complete educational program plan of courses for your degree from the college/institution.
- Goal letter—State your academic goals and how you plan to achieve those goals and projected outcomes.
- Must sign the agreement acknowledging receipt and understanding of the Higher Education Policy regarding student responsibilities and probationary status.
- Class schedule.
- Tuition invoice from college/institution.
- Diving or other (physical requirement) certificate program — Proper documentation must be provided.
- Room & Board—students must provide a lease agreement and W-9 from landlord and live 35 miles from home.

This documentation must be provided to Higher Ed staff at least **two (2) weeks prior to school start date**.



Best Exam Tips



Getting through test gitters.....

You don't have to be super stressed out when it comes to test time. Here are a few simple ways to get thoroughly prepared for tests....and stay calm while you are taking them.

SCHEDULE STUDY TIME

Trying to cram in all your studying the night before the test is really impossible. The strategy of trying to master all the material the night before the BIG TEST will not only make you super tired but really stressed out.

The better alternative is to schedule study time every day for several days before the test. Psychologists tell us that this strategy helps you store important information in your memory for the day of the test. The night before the test should be spent reviewing the information you already know and practice what you have learned.

USE YOUR TIME WISELY

Before you begin studying, get rid of any distractions, clear your desk of electronics, games and your phone. Also, make sure you have all the supplies you need so you do not lose focus.

Make sure you build in small breaks while you are studying for snacks, nature breaks and/or play a quick computer game to relieve the tension if your head is about ready to explode.



FORM A STUDY GROUP

Studying with other people can help you better understand the material and learn from others. Putting together or joining a study group before a test can be a great way to review what you have learned by splitting up the material into more manageable sections.

Each person or pair should take a section of the material and

create a study sheet plus questions and flashcards for the group. Pick the group carefully. If a potential member won't do their share of the work or just goofs off, it probably won't be a good idea to include them.

The group should be kept small—the larger the group—more confusion and distractions are possible. Everyone should take a turn as the group leader, assigning material and making sure the conversation stays on what is being studied.

LAST MINUTE TEST PREP

Have your pencils sharpened and other material ready in your bag, ready to go for the next morning. Don't underestimate the importance of getting a good night's sleep the night before the test. Also, eat a hearty, healthy breakfast the morning of the test. This way, both your mind and your body will be prepared.

Note: Studying right up to test time may only create more anxiety. Stop studying at least an hour before the test. **RELAX. RELAX. RELAX.**

THE TEST

Write important tables, formula and definitions on the back of the test. This is really important on math tests.

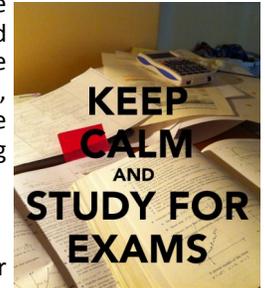
Read over the entire test when you first get it. Answer the easiest questions first. Take the time to notice if any questions give hints for other test questions. After the pre-reading of the test and answering really easy questions, answer only one (1) question at a time. Read the questions and instructions carefully. **FOCUS!**

Multiple choice questions—answer the question first on your own before looking at the provided responses. This way you won't be distracted.

Essay questions—outline a few points in the margin to keep you focused while you write.

Feeling stressed—breathe deeply. Tensing and relaxing your muscles can help you relax.

Partial credit is better than no credit. If you are unsure about an answer, it usually doesn't hurt to give your best guess.



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FAFSA 2017 – 18 Student Aid Report

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID is limited.

Submit your FAFSA 2017-18 between October 1, 2016 - February 1, 2017 (www.fafsa.gov). Please send a PDF copy of your **STUDENT AID REPORT 2017-18** to Higher ED

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