

<b>Slide 1 - Introduction</b>	Thank you for joining this session on the topic of Applying for Federal Student Aid (Part One). It is brought to you by the Office of Student Financial Assistance, a division of the Florida Department of Education – a state sponsor of the National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM).
<b>Slide 2 – Applying for Federal Student Aid</b>	In this section we will review important dates and resources, the FSAID and the FAFSA Toolkit.
<b>Slide 3 – FAFSA Completion Resources</b>	These are web resources that are available for completion of the FAFSA.
<b>Slide 4 – FAFSA</b>	The FAFSA is produced by the U.S. Department of Education and collects family’s personal and financial information used to calculate student’s Expected Family Contribution. The FAFSA is available in English and Spanish and is available on-line or in a PDF format.
<b>Slide 5 – FAFSA ON THE WEB</b>	The 2017-2018 FAFSA opened October 1, 2016. To complete the FAFSA on the Web, please visit the website, <a href="http://FAFSA.gov">FAFSA.gov</a> . You also have the option to use the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet as a “pre- application” checklist. Remember this is a free website. There are other websites with similar looks; however, will collect a processing fee prior to submission. The home page is displayed here so you will recognize it when you apply.
<b>Slide 6 – FAFSA ON THE WEB</b>	The following are reasons to file electronically. There are built-in edits to help prevent costly errors, skip-logic that allows the student and/or parent to skip unnecessary questions. It offers immediate submission of the original application and the ability to make any necessary corrections. There are also more detailed instructions than space allows on the PDF format of the FAFSA. There are also built in help & live chat assistance options available. Plus, you will have the ability to check your FAFSA application status and it allows for a more simplified application process in subsequent years.
<b>Slide 7 – 2017–18 FAFSA Changes</b>	The following is a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA depending on when you plan to attend school.
<b>Slide 8 – Modifications for 2017-2018</b>	Starting October 1, students will be able to fill out the 2017-2018 FAFSA. This is a big change, as prior to this FAFSA, the application did not open until January 1. Another change with the 2017-18 FAFSA, is that the student (and parent, if applicable), will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For the 2017-2018 FAFSA, 2015 rather than 2016 tax information will be used. Families that filed 2016-2017 FAFSA’s will use 2015 tax information again for the 2017-2018 FAFSA. The student (and parent, if applicable) will also use their unique FSA ID’s to complete the FAFSA. Another modification for the 2017-2018 FAFSA is that colleges are no longer able to see the names of other colleges that the student included on

	the application; however, this information is still included in the information sent to state student grant agencies.
<b>Slide 9 – Modifications for 2017-2018</b>	The 2017-2018 FAFSA has also enhanced its messaging system to guide students on which FAFSA to complete, which tax year data to incorporate, how to make changes to the FAFSA due to a change in marital status. Another modification that was implemented is for Medicaid recipients. Medicaid recipients have been added to the Means-Tested Benefits question. Demographic and asset questions have also been updated to include the language, “at the time of completing this form” in an effort to assist students in completing the FAFSA correctly. The Unaccompanied Homeless Youth questions have also been updated in an effort to clarify this designation. Lastly, the IRS Data Retrieval tool is available on the date the FAFSA opens due to the use of the prior, prior tax year data.
<b>Slide 10 – FSA ID</b>	Students and eligible parents should establish an FSA ID for ease of submission and signatures for the FAFSA. It is recommended to set up the FSA ID’s at the end of junior year/summer prior to senior year. This can be done online at <a href="http://FSAID.ed.gov">FSAID.ed.gov</a> . The FSA ID will include both a username and secure password. When creating the FSA ID, please note that the student’s FSA ID must be attached to their social security number and personal email address. The parent (if applicable) will create their own FSA ID attached to their social security number and personal information. It is important to not utilize the same information for both FSA ID’s and to document the information included in the FSA ID set up, as this information will be used to access a variety of resources, such as: <a href="http://FASFA.gov">FASFA.gov</a> , <a href="http://StudentLoans.gov">StudentLoans.gov</a> and more.
<b>Slide 11 – Additional 2017-2018 FAFSA Information</b>	Counselors and mentors also have access to the Financial Aid Toolkit. There is a wide variety of information available via the Toolkit, including the 2017-2018 FAFSA. Counselors and mentors can also use the resources available online to help educate students and families regarding the FAFSA process. It’s also important to encourage students to review institutional FAFSA priority deadline dates which may have changed due to the 2017-2018 FAFSA early release.
<b>Slide 12 - Need Additional Assistance?</b>	Need additional assistance with this topic? Please feel free to visit <a href="http://www.NavigatingYourFuture.org">www.NavigatingYourFuture.org</a> and select the Contact Us tab to locate your regional outreach representative. We will be more than happy to help! Thanks for attending today’s session.