

## Now is the time to reapply for financial aid!!

You must complete a new **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) each year beginning in October for the Fall enrollment. Financial Aid Workshops are now available to assist you with completing the **2016-17 and 2017-18 FAFSA**.

### WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THE 2017-18 FAFSA?

Starting with the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the following changes have been put in place:

- **Students are now able to submit a FAFSA earlier.** Students have been able to file a 2017-18 FAFSA since Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. This gives students more time to complete the FAFSA, and potentially more time to compare aid offers from colleges.
- **Students now report earlier income information.** Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students are required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) must report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

### STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE POLK STATE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- 1. Your student/spouse 2015 federal tax return (if available)**
- 2. Your parents' 2015 federal tax return, Social Security number(s) and date(s) of birth unless:**
  - You were born before January 1, 1993 (2016-17) or before January 1, 1994 (2017-18)
  - You are married
  - You are an orphan/ward of the court, or emancipated minor
  - You have legal custody of a child who received more than half of his/her support from you in 2015
  - You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
  - You are or were deemed under legal guardianship by the court
  - You are an unaccompanied or homeless youth. (Please see Step Three on the FAFSA for the exact definition of these circumstances, or contact our office)
- 3. Your total untaxed income received in 2015**  
If you, or your spouse, or parents (if applicable) received any untaxed income during 2015, such as child support, funds given to you or paid on your behalf, disability, workers' compensation, veterans' benefits, etc., you must report it on the financial aid application.
- 4. Please bring your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID. FSA IDs can be created at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)**

### ATTEND ONE OF OUR FAFSA WORKSHOPS FOR ASSISTANCE!

#### January 2017

**Lakeland**  
LTB 1280 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Tues: 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31

**Lake Wales JDA**  
JDA 213 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Wed: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

**Winter Haven**  
WLR 233 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Thurs: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

#### February 2017

**Lakeland**  
LTB 1280 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Tues: 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

**Lake Wales JDA**  
JDA 213 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Wed: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

**Winter Haven**  
WLR 233 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Thurs: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23

#### March 2017

**Lakeland**  
LTB 1280 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Tues: 3/7, 3/14, 3/28

**Lake Wales JDA**  
JDA 213 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Wed: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29

**Winter Haven**  
WLR 233 | 4:30-6:30pm  
Thurs: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/30

**If you have any questions, please contact the Polk State College Office of Student Financial Services at 863.297.1004 or [financialaid@polk.edu](mailto:financialaid@polk.edu).**

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