

# Financial Aid Information

## 2017-2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Several handouts from this year's Financial Aid Night (held on 10/24) are attached. As you and your child apply for college financial aid, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- The [FAFSA](#) is the free application for aid accepted by all colleges. Students and parents will need to create an [FSA ID](#), which serves as an electronic signature, before completing the FAFSA.
- The [CSS Profile](#) is used by 250+ schools, primarily private colleges, to determine institutional aid. It is used in conjunction with the FAFSA. Students should log into the Profile using their existing College Board (SAT) accounts.
- For both forms, **fill out the 2018-2019 versions** - the academic year in which the funds will be used. Both forms became available on 10/01 and, while deadlines vary, it's recommended you submit them around the same time that a student submits an application for admission.
- The CSS Profile was updated this year and, as a result, a number of high schools are not listed on the new form. The College Board notes that, if you select "school not listed" when identifying a high school, you should then list Rising Tide's full name and address in the "Special Circumstances" section at the end of the form.
- The FAFSA has also changed the Data-Retrieval Tool (DRT) that links to the IRS. Essentially, for security, if you use the DRT you will not be able to view the numbers pulled into the FAFSA from your IRS documents.
- Because of these DRT changes, there will be higher instances of institutional verification. If a college reaches out for verification, this is not an indication that something is wrong or you will not receive aid, they simply need to confirm the data they have. They will often ask for your tax transcript, so it is recommended that you [request your free 2016 tax transcript from the IRS](#) now to save time later.

Regardless of these changes, it is always advisable to apply for financial aid! Even if you are not sure of your eligibility, you never fully know until completing the process. Please join us on Tuesday to review this process and address any questions you may have.

Visit the [Rising Tide website](#) for additional resources. Reach out to Meghan Foster ([mfoster@risingtide.org](mailto:mfoster@risingtide.org) or 508-747-2620 x588) with any questions about the seminar or the application process.

## MA Office of Student Financial Assistance

Below is a quick guide to Massachusetts Financial Aid programs. For a complete list of programs, including additional eligibility requirements, award amounts, and deadlines, visit: [mass.edu/osfa/programs/programs.asp](http://mass.edu/osfa/programs/programs.asp)

Program	Type of Aid		Eligibility Requirements					Other Information
	Need-Based	Merit-Based	Enrolled Full-time	Enrolled Part-time	Attend a Public College/University	Attend a Private College/University		
<b>MASSGrant</b>	✓		✓		✓	✓	Can be used at any state-approved postsecondary school in MA, VT, PA, and DC. Student cannot already have a bachelor's.	
<b>Gilbert Matching Student Grant</b>	✓		✓			✓	Can be used at any private, regionally accredited, non-profit postsecondary school or school of nursing in MA. Student cannot already have a bachelor's.	
<b>Need-Based Tuition Waiver</b>	✓		✓	✓	✓		Student cannot already have a bachelor's.	
<b>Categorical Tuition Waivers</b>	<i>Neither</i>		✓	✓	✓		Student must be Native American, a veteran, or a senior citizen enrolled in an undergraduate degree or certificate program.	

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Cash Grant	✓		✓	✓	✓		Student cannot already have a bachelor's.
Part-Time Grant	✓			✓	✓	✓	Student cannot already have a bachelor's.
No Interest Loan	✓		✓		✓	✓	Can be used at public or private postsecondary schools issuing undergraduate degrees and/or certificates in MA.
John and Abigail Adams Scholarship		✓	✓		✓		Student must have a combined Math/ELA MCAS score in the top 25% of their school district.
Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Students must exhibit difficult personal circumstances, financial need, and academic promise. Student must apply in 10th or 11th grade.
Foster Child Grant	✓		✓		✓	✓	Student must be in custody of Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) through Extended Care and Protection Petition; must not be over 24.

## CSS Profile: Participating Institutions

The [CSS Profile](#) is used by some colleges and universities to determine institutional (college-sponsored) aid. Unlike the FAFSA, the CSS Profile requires you to report information for non-custodial parents, though waivers are available. [IDOCs](#) is used by some colleges to securely transfer required tax documents and other financial information.

<b>CSS Code</b>	<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>Institution State</b>	<b>CSS Profile – Domestic Students</b>	<b>CSS Profile – Noncustodial Parents</b>	<b>IDOC</b>
1003	Alabama A&M University	AL	No	No	No
5007	American University	DC	Yes	Yes	No
3003	Amherst College	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
3075	Babson College	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
2037	Bard College	NY	Yes	Yes	No
2038	Barnard College	NY	Yes	Yes	No
3076	Bates College	ME	Yes	Yes	Yes
6032	Baylor University	TX	No	Yes	No
3080	Bennington College	VT	Yes	Yes	No
3096	Bentley University	MA	Yes	No	No
3107	Berklee College of Music	MA	Yes	Yes	No
5059	Berry College	GA	Yes	No	No
3083	Boston College	MA	Yes	Yes	No
3087	Boston University	MA	Yes	Yes	No
3089	Bowdoin College	ME	Yes	Yes	Yes
9785	Boyce College	KY	Yes	No	No
3092	Brandeis University	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
3189	Brown University	RI	Yes	Yes	Yes
2049	Bryn Mawr College	PA	Yes	Yes	Yes
2050	Bucknell University	PA	Yes	No	No
4034	California Institute of Tech	CA	Yes	Yes	Yes
6081	Carleton College	MN	Yes	Yes	No
2074	Carnegie Mellon University	PA	Yes	Yes	Yes
1105	Case Western Reserve University	OH	Yes	Yes	No
5104	Catholic University of America	DC	Yes	Yes	No
4054	Claremont McKenna College	CA	Yes	Yes	Yes
3279	Clark University	MA	Yes	Yes	No
1124	Cleveland Institute of Music	OH	No	No	No

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3280	Colby College	ME	Yes	Yes	Yes
2086	Colgate University	NY	Yes	Yes	No
3282	College of the Holy Cross	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
5115	College of William and Mary	VA	Yes	No	No
1134	College of Wooster	OH	Yes	No	No
4072	Colorado College	CO	Yes	Yes	No
2116	Columbia University	NY	Yes	Yes	Yes
3284	Connecticut College	CT	Yes	Yes	No
2098	Cornell University	NY	Yes	Yes	Yes
6120	Cottey College	MO	No	Yes	No
3351	Dartmouth College	NH	Yes	Yes	Yes
5150	Davidson College	NC	Yes	Yes	Yes
1164	Denison University	OH	Yes	Yes	No
1166	DePauw University	IN	Yes	No	No
2186	Dickinson College	PA	Yes	Yes	Yes
2194	Drexel University	PA	Yes	Yes	No
5156	Duke University	NC	Yes	Yes	No
5183	Elon University	NC	Yes	No	No
3367	Emerson College	MA	Yes	Yes	No
5187	Emory University	GA	Yes	Yes	Yes
3390	Fairfield University	CT	Yes	Yes	No
2259	Fordham University	NY	Yes	Yes	No
2261	Franklin & Marshall College	PA	Yes	Yes	Yes
5222	Furman University	SC	Yes	Yes	No
5246	George Washington University	DC	Yes	Yes	No
5244	Georgetown University	DC	Yes	Yes	Yes
5248	Georgia Institute of Technology	GA	Yes	No	No
2275	Gettysburg College	PA	Yes	No	No
6252	Grinnell College	IA	Yes	Yes	Yes
6253	Gustavus Adolphus College	MN	Yes	No	No
2286	Hamilton College (NY)	NY	Yes	Yes	No
3447	Hampshire College	MA	Yes	Yes	No
3434	Harvard College	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes

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4341	Harvey Mudd College	CA	Yes	Yes	Yes
2289	Haverford College	PA	Yes	Yes	Yes
1295	Hillsdale College	MI	Yes	No	No
2294	Hobart and William Smith Coll	NY	Yes	Yes	No
2325	Ithaca College	NY	Yes	No	No
5331	Jacksonville University	FL	No	No	No
5332	Johns Hopkins University	MD	Yes	Yes	Yes
2340	Juilliard School, The	NY	Yes	No	No
1370	Kenyon College	OH	Yes	Yes	Yes
2361	Lafayette College	PA	Yes	Yes	Yes
1392	Lake Forest College	IL	No	No	No
1398	Lawrence University	WI	Yes	Yes	No
2365	Lehigh University	PA	Yes	Yes	No
4384	Lewis & Clark College	OR	Yes	No	No
5370	Loyola University Maryland	MD	Yes	Yes	Yes
6390	Macalester College	MN	Yes	Yes	Yes
1442	Marian University	IN	No	Yes	No
2400	Marist College	NY	No	Yes	No
3514	Massachusetts Inst of Tech	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
0935	McGill University	QC	Yes	Yes	No
3526	Middlebury College	VT	Yes	Yes	Yes
3529	Mount Holyoke College	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
2424	Muhlenberg College	PA	Yes	Yes	No
3855	New Saint Andrews College	ID	Yes	No	No
2785	New York University	NY	Yes	Yes	No
3667	Northeastern University	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
1565	Northwestern University	IL	Yes	Yes	Yes
1587	Oberlin College	OH	Yes	No	No
4581	Occidental College	CA	Yes	Yes	No
1595	Olivet College	MI	Yes	Yes	No
4586	Oregon State University	OR	No	No	No
2804	Patrick Henry College	VA	Yes	No	No
4619	Pitzer College	CA	Yes	Yes	Yes

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4607	Pomona College	CA	Yes	Yes	Yes
1630	Principia College	IL	Yes	Yes	No
3693	Providence College	RI	Yes	No	No
4654	Reed College	OR	Yes	Yes	Yes
2757	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst	NY	Yes	No	No
3726	Rhode Island School of Design	RI	Yes	No	No
1730	Rhodes College	TN	Yes	Yes	No
6609	Rice University	TX	Yes	Yes	Yes
2763	Rosemont College	PA	No	Yes	No
3780	Sacred Heart University	CT	Yes	Yes	No
4851	Santa Clara University	CA	Yes	No	No
2810	Sarah Lawrence College	NY	Yes	Yes	No
4693	Scripps College	CA	Yes	Yes	Yes
1842	Sewanee: The University of the South	TN	Yes	No	No
2815	Skidmore College	NY	Yes	Yes	No
3762	Smith College	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
6660	Southern Methodist University	TX	Yes	Yes	No
3748	St. Anselm College	NH	Yes	Yes	No
6619	St. Edwards University	TX	No	No	No
5598	St. Johns College (MD)	MD	No	Yes	No
6638	St. Olaf College	MN	Yes	Yes	No
4704	Stanford University	CA	Yes	Yes	Yes
5630	Stetson University	FL	Yes	No	No
2819	Stevens Institute Technology	NJ	Yes	No	No
3770	Stonehill College	MA	Yes	Yes	No
2821	Swarthmore College	PA	Yes	Yes	Yes
2823	Syracuse University	NY	Yes	Yes	No
6820	Texas Christian University	TX	Yes	Yes	No
3903	Thomas College	ME	No	No	No
3899	Trinity College (CT)	CT	Yes	Yes	No
6831	Trinity University	TX	Yes	No	No
3901	Tufts University	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
6832	Tulane University	LA	Yes	Yes	No

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7152	U of California: San Francisco	CA	Yes	Yes	No
2920	Union College (NY)	NY	Yes	Yes	No
1832	Univ of Chicago	IL	Yes	No	No
4842	Univ of Denver	CO	Yes	Yes	No
1839	Univ of Michigan	MI	Yes	Yes	No
5816	Univ of North Carolina Chapel	NC	Yes	No	No
1841	Univ of Notre Dame	IN	Yes	Yes	Yes
2933	Univ of Pennsylvania	PA	Yes	Yes	No
5569	Univ of Richmond	VA	Yes	Yes	Yes
2928	Univ of Rochester	NY	Yes	Yes	Yes
4852	Univ of Southern California (USC)	CA	Yes	Yes	No
5820	Univ of Virginia	VA	Yes	No	No
5815	University of Miami	FL	Yes	Yes	Yes
4850	University of San Francisco	CA	Yes	Yes	No
2931	Ursinus College	PA	No	No	No
1871	Vanderbilt University	TN	Yes	No	Yes
2956	Vassar College	NY	Yes	Yes	No
2959	Villanova University	PA	Yes	Yes	Yes
5885	Wake Forest University	NC	Yes	Yes	Yes
6926	Wartburg College	IA	No	No	No
5887	Washington and Lee University	VA	Yes	Yes	No
6929	Washington University: St. Louis	MO	Yes	Yes	No
3957	Wellesley College	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
3959	Wesleyan University	CT	Yes	Yes	Yes
3963	Wheaton College (MA)	MA	Yes	Yes	No
4951	Whitman College	WA	Yes	Yes	No
4953	Whitworth University	WA	No	No	No
6941	William Jewell College	MO	Yes	No	No
3965	Williams College	MA	Yes	Yes	Yes
3969	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	MA	Yes	Yes	No
3987	Yale University	CT	Yes	Yes	Yes