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Graduate and Transfer Students

How to Apply

- FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
- Title IV Authorization form
- Terms and Conditions
- The Federal Government may select students' FAFSA for verification
 - ❖ This requires the FA staff to verify the accuracy of the FAFSA application
- Academic Transcripts (for transfer students) all transcripts must be submitted to the Graduate office
- Student will be notified by email if additional forms are needed

New FAFSA Changes

For 2017-2018, there are changes that will become effective:

- You will be able to submit your FAFSA earlier (October 1, 2016 instead of January 1, 2017)
- You will use earlier income and tax information (for 2017-2018, you will use 2015 tax information rather than the usual 2016 tax information)

The Benefits:

- You will not have to estimate tax information and then worry of updating the FAFSA later
- You will be able to use the IRS Date Retrieval Tool to automatically import your tax information into your FAFSA
- You may feel less pressure with having the FAFSA available earlier so that you can explore all financial aid options

Yearly and Lifetime Limits

- \$20,500 per year
- \$138,500 per lifetime

GRE Reduction Requirements

Note: In order to receive a GRE Waiver, student must contact the FA office for documents needed.

College seniors must be:

- Receiving financial aid through an undergraduate college in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands or Puerto Rico, and
- A dependent, who has an Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR) that shows a parental contribution of not more than \$2500 for the senior year, or
- Self-supporting and have an ISIR that shows a contribution of not more than \$3000 for the senior year

Unenrolled college graduates must:

- Have applied for financial aid, and
- Have an ISIR that indicates self-supporting status and a contribution of not more than \$3000

Graduate Student Requirements

- Student must be in a degree seeking program
- Enrolled in at least 6 hours to receive federal aid