



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Instructions for applying for financial aid

FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE 005889

The HSC Office of Student Financial Aid operates independently of the OU Norman campus Financial Aid Office. FAFSAs must be submitted using the HSC school code for consideration at the HSC campus.

- To apply for federal financial aid go to www.fafsa.gov.
- **Deadline: There is no official deadline, but you must file your FAFSA prior to March 1 in order to be considered for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG).**

Completing the FAFSA is an **annual** process. Beginning with the 2017-2018 aid year, the FAFSA will be available October 1 and 2015 tax information will be utilized.

Loan eligibility will only be evaluated if the FAFSA is completed. If you have not yet filed your federal tax return, you have the option of completing the FAFSA with the “will file” taxes option. Simply complete the FAFSA with your best estimated information.

When you complete the FAFSA, you will be given the option to utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT), eliminating the need for you to manually enter tax information. If you have already filed your taxes, it is highly recommended that you utilize this tool. For more details on who is eligible, and who is not, to use the IRS DRT, please visit our website at <http://www.ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/> and go to the Verification Information and Forms page.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are enrolled in Allopathic Medicine, Dentistry, or Pharmacy programs, you are eligible to apply for the following special programs:

PRIMARY CARE LOAN (Medical students only)

HEALTH PROFESSIONS LOAN (Dental and Pharmacy Students)

In order to apply for these programs, the **Parent’s Section** of the FAFSA must be completed. Parent information does NOT adversely affect the student’s total loan eligibility.

We give priority consideration to students whose financial aid applications are complete and ready for review by January 1. This means you must start the application process early.

STUDENTS MUST:

- Regularly check their HSC email account, as our office communications mainly via email.
- Keep our office informed of any address changes, as we utilize the mail for some correspondence.
- Apprise our office of any additional sources of funding you may receive. Even if these funds are awarded annually, the funds must be included in your overall award package.