

# NAZARETH COLLEGE

## 17-18 FAFSA FAQs for Returning Students:

### What is the Nazareth College FAFSA deadline for returning students?

- **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, for those taking summer courses, and **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, for all other students.

### Who needs to fill out a FAFSA?

- Anyone who would like to be considered for need-based aid, including access to Federal Direct Student Loans.

### What has changed with the FAFSA this year?

- The FAFSA has moved to a prior-prior year format in an attempt to make it easier for families to fill out the FAFSA. This means that you will be reporting 2015 tax and income information again on the 17-18 FAFSA. This avoids the need for estimating tax information and then going in to update tax information in the FAFSA once taxes are filed at a later date.

### Wait, didn't we use the 2015 tax information on the 16-17 FAFSA this year?

- Yes. Going to the prior-prior year format necessitated this to be an overlap year. So the 16-17 FAFSA and the 17-18 FAFSA are both based on 2015 tax/income information along with current asset and demographic information (see below).

### What information is needed on the 17-18 FAFSA?

- 2015 tax information.
- Other income information for 2015, such as child support, contributions to a tax-deferred retirement account, like a 401K.
- Current assets (such as savings, checking, investments, equity of a 2<sup>nd</sup> home, or 529 accounts).
- Number of children in college during the 17-18 academic year.
- Number of people in your household during the 17-18 academic year.
- And other financial information pertinent to your particular family situation.

### How to do I get started filling out the FAFSA?

- Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Since you are a returning student and have previously submitted a FAFSA, choose "Login" as a Returning User.
- Log in with the same student FSA ID (user name and password) that you have used previously.
- Sign and submit the FAFSA using that student FSA ID and the parent FSA ID.

