Forms You Need to Complete FAFSA, TAP, and CSS Profile

The process of applying for financial aid can be stressful and confusing. Not to worry: with the right assistance it will be a breeze. A full, completed financial aid package should include your submission of, at the very least, a FAFSA (federal aid) and a TAP (New York State aid) application.

For those of you that will be applying to **very competitive PRIVATE** schools, the CSS profile will also need to be completed. **The CSS profile is not for any CUNY or SUNY schools.**

Below is the information you will need in order to complete your financial aid applications. Without these documents and information, your application may either be not submitted or not submitted in full, which will slow down the process of receiving federal aid.

FAFSA and TAP

2016 income, which may be any **ONE** of the following forms. If you have more than one, please bring in all. (Your source of income should be the money your family received to pay bills for the year of 2016. You must prove income in order to file for your financial aid.)

- 2016 1040 federal tax return form or
- 2016 IRS W-2 form
- Budget Letter
- SSI/SSD benefit letter
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- Unemployment benefits
- Any other proof of income

Other information to know/have:

- Social Security number for students and parents, as well as siblings that will be also attending college
- Date of birth for parents
- The month and year parents became married, divorced, separated or widowed
- FSA ID for you and your parent. You can make it online. If you have a sibling in college, your parent may already have an FSA ID. You must know it.
    - The FSA ID is a username and password used to complete the FAFSA. It must be obtained in order for the form to be submitted. **BOTH** student and a parent must get one. If a parent does not have a social security number the student will still needs to get one. The parent will have to sign a signature page and mail that in. Again, that is only if the parent does not have a social security number.