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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

1. **File your 2015 Federal Tax Return**
 - 2 weeks after you electronically file or 6 weeks after you paper file, you should complete your FAFSA online.
2. **Go to www.fafsa.gov to complete your FAFSA**
 - Make sure you select the 2016-2017 year.
 - Use the renewal FAFSA, if you completed an application last aid year because this will keep you from having to re-enter much of your information.
 - **SRTC's school code is 005615.**
3. **Create a FAFSA User ID and Password**
 - All students will create a FAFSA user ID and password on your first visit to the FAFSA website, www.fafsa.gov . Please make a note of your user ID and password, as you will need this information each time you login.
 - For dependent students, both the student and a parent need a FAFSA user ID and password to electronically complete and sign the FAFSA.
4. **Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool**
 - If you are asked if you'd like to populate your FAFSA with your IRS data from your taxes, **USE THIS OPTION**. This can reduce the time needed to complete your financial aid awarding.
 - There are some instances when the IRS data option will not be available due to the student's filing status. In these instances, you can manually enter your income data.

Do I need to provide parent information?

If you can answer 'Yes' to one of the questions below, you do NOT need parent information to complete your FAFSA.

- Are you 24 years of age?
- Are you married?
- Do you have legal dependents that you financially supported in 2015?
- Are you a Veteran?

If you cannot answer 'Yes' to one of the above questions, you MUST have parental information to complete your FAFSA. If extenuating circumstances exist where parental information is unavailable, the dependent student should contact the Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid Priority Dates

Fall Semester 2016	July 11, 2016
Spring Semester 2017	December 1, 2016
Summer Semester 2017	April 12, 2017

Note: All required financial aid documents must be submitted by the Priority Dates. Financial Aid applications/documents submitted after priority dates will be processed, but funds may not be available on the first day of classes to apply towards tuition or to purchase books. Students submitting financial aid applications after priority date should be prepared to self-pay fees. Once financial aid is awarded, student may be eligible for reimbursement.

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