



## **Complete Your 2019-2020 FAFSA NOW!**

**October 1, 2018 is the early filing date for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.**

Families are now allowed to apply for financial assistance earlier for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. This applies to both student/spouse income information for Independent students and for Dependent students, and their parental income information.

Beginning **October 1, 2018**, students and their families may complete the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) using their 2017 income and tax information. The 2019-2020 FAFSA will collect income information from one tax year earlier

This means that students and their families will provide their 2017 income and tax information to complete their 2019-2020 FAFSA. They will be able to electronically transfer their 2017 income and tax return information from IRS into the FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT). This will eliminate students and families from using estimated income and tax information to complete the FAFSA. They will no longer have to wait until tax returns are completed or filed before completing the FAFSA. Be sure to check the Financial Aid Website often for updates.

For assistance with completing your FAFSA, please come by Jackson State University's Financial Aid Office located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of B. F. Roberts Hall.