Tips for Completing the Princeton Financial Aid Application on the Web 2016-17


As a student, you may log in to the Princeton Financial Aid Application (PFAA) using your Princeton University netID and email password. You can either provide this information to your parents so they can also use it to complete the PFAA, or you can create a separate parental user account (if you have not already done so). The latter option allows students and parents to access the PFAA separately while maintaining the confidentiality of the student’s email account and password. Parental accounts are valid throughout your years of enrollment. You may repeatedly save a partially completed form until you and your parents are ready to submit the application.

As a parent, you may log in to the PFAA by either using the student’s Princeton University netID and email password, or the user name and password created for you by the student.

It is a good idea to prepare in advance by having the following information at hand:

- **Parents’ 2015 tax information** - adjusted gross income, federal income tax, and wage and salary figures.

- **Parents’ 2015 untaxed income** - contributions to tax deferred savings plans, benefits such as VA, housing allowances (excluding military allowances) and all other untaxed sources of income.

- **Current value of parents’ assets** - savings, investments, total value of 529 college savings and/or prepaid tuition plans, real estate and business or farm equity, the family home and retirement funds.

- **Student’s taxable and untaxed income for 2015** - wages, interest and dividends and untaxed benefits.

- **Current value of student’s assets** - savings, investments, trusts and Uniform Gifts to Minors.

- **Family 2015 expenses** - especially school and college costs, unreimbursed medical and dental expenses, education loan payments and other out-of-the ordinary expenses.

Additional information and instructions are displayed on the right-hand side of each page of the application.