

# Tennessee's 2017 FAFSA Filing Rate

73.5%

55,175  
seniors filed the  
2017-18 FAFSA

as of June 30

70.3%

2016 FAFSA  
Filing Rate

52,055

seniors filed the  
2016-17 FAFSA

69.5%

2015 FAFSA  
Filing Rate

50,680

seniors filed the  
2015-16 FAFSA

**Tennessee is #1  
in the nation for  
FAFSA filing for the  
third year in a row.**

## Top 5 States for FAFSA Filing | 2017

Based on data from U.S. Department of Education

1. Tennessee - 73.5%
2. Washington, D.C. - 64.8%
3. Delaware - 61.6%
4. New Jersey - 61.0%
5. Massachusetts - 60.4%



### Why is the FAFSA so important?

In Tennessee, filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a **requirement to be eligible for all state aid**, including Tennessee Promise and the HOPE Lottery Scholarship.

Through school counselors, TSAC outreach specialists, Advise TN advisors, TN FAFSA Frenzy, Tennessee Promise partnering organizations, and many others, **students in Tennessee get personalized assistance in completing the FAFSA**. Research has shown that such support can increase the likelihood that students enroll and persist in college.<sup>1</sup>

### FAFSA Filing Resources from the State of Tennessee



[www.tn.gov/collegepays](http://www.tn.gov/collegepays)



[www.CollegeforTN.org](http://www.CollegeforTN.org)



[www.tnfafsafrenzy.gov](http://www.tnfafsafrenzy.gov)

### TSAC Outreach Specialists

The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) outreach specialists are experts that work directly with students and educators, free of cost, to navigate financial aid in Tennessee.

Visit [www.tn.gov/collegepays](http://www.tn.gov/collegepays) to find your outreach specialist.

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<sup>1</sup> Bettinger, Eric, B. T. Long, Philip Oreopoulos, and Lisa Sanbonmatsu. (2012) "The Role of Application Assistance and Information in College Decisions: Results from the H&R Block FAFSA Experiment." Quarterly Journal of Economics 127(3).