# How to Apply for Financial Aid

## Current Students

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### Submit to receive initial (estimated) aid award

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
  - **Yale school code 001426**
  - Deadline: **March 15**

- **CSS International Certification of Finances**
  - (including student’s personal bank statements)
  - Deadline: **April 15**

- **Student’s (& spouse’s) 2014 Federal Tax Return (IRS 1040NR or NR-EZ for Int’l or Canadian students)**
  - If requested by Financial Aid Office
  - Deadline: **April 15**

- **Parents’ 2014 Federal Tax Return(s) (or equivalent int’l documentation)**
  - only if income has changed
  - Deadline: **June 1**

### Submit to finalize aid award:

- **FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval Acknowledgment (or IRS Return Transcript)**
  - Deadline: **June 1**

- **Loan Notification Form**
  - Deadline: **June 1**

- **Parent Statement Form**
  - Deadline: **June 1**

- **Self-Certification Form (for private, Canadian or Yale Grad/Professional Student Loans Only)**
  - Deadline: **June 1**

### Notes on Requirements:
If you are a returning student who has not previously applied for need-based scholarships but now seeks consideration, follow the application instructions for New Admits.

FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA. This online form is used to determine eligibility for federal student loan programs.

- Yale’s Title IV federal school code is 001426
- It is not necessary to submit parental information on the FAFSA
- Married students need to submit their spouse’s information
- You may need to set up a new FSA ID (which replaces the PIN effective April 26, 2015) to e-sign
- For general or technical assistance call (800) 433-3243.

CSS International Certification of Finances.

- A good site to use for currency conversion is www.oanda.com
- Students need to provide current bank statement(s) for their personal checking and savings accounts separately. This is in addition to bank certification of their combined personal and family savings as required on this form.
- The source of your parents’ funds that are not savings must be specified. It is highly recommended that their income not be the source, since this is not reliable.

Tax Returns (or International Equivalent).

- If the student tax return is for another country and is prepared in a language other than English, the document must be translated into English and the figures converted into U.S Dollars. Again, www.oanda.com is a useful tool for this conversion. Be sure to state the conversion factor used.
- All international students who were in the U.S. and who were employed during 2014 must file an annual income tax return with the U.S. federal government. See Yale’s OISS web site for details.

FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval.

- Watch a YouTube video demonstration for an overview of this process. This video has not yet been updated for the 2015-16 academic year, but the general principles and timeframes remain the same.
- If you are unable to utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, request and provide us with a copy of your IRS return transcript.

Students are responsible for submitting additional documentation as requested by the Financial Aid Office for resolving any potential conflicts, providing clarification of application data, or if selected for federal verification purposes.