

Tips and tools for your college-bound students

Hello

Welcome back, to you and your counseling staff! As you prepare for another busy year, our free college planning tools and resources can help your students begin to think about visiting schools, applying for scholarships, filling out the FAFSA, and more.

- [Scholarship Search](#) gives students free access to 5 million scholarships worth \$24 billion.
- The [College Planning CalculatorSM](#) lets students build a customized plan to pay for college.
- The [College AheadSM Mobile App](#) helps students keep track of deadlines, estimate how much college will cost, plan college visits, and more.

While your students start to plan how they'll pay for college, the most important thing they can do to get financial aid is to fill out the FAFSA. For the first time, the FAFSA will be available on October 1; that's 3 months earlier. We've got tips, information, and a video to help them stay up-to-date on all things FAFSA, including key changes like this one, for academic year 2017-18.

Additionally, Sallie Mae and Smart College Visit will host a Twitter chat on all things FAFSA on September 21 at 1 p.m. EDT. Use #CampusChat to participate.

For more details on FAFSA, [visit SallieMae.com/FAFSA](http://SallieMae.com/FAFSA), and check out the attached helpful resource to keep track of all the FAFSA changes. For more information on additional college planning tools, visit SallieMae.com/PlanForCollege.

If I can answer any questions for you on our college planning tools or any Sallie Mae products, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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