

Tips for Completing the 2020-21 FAFSA

For Applicants who are US Citizens or Permanent Residents

If you have questions, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 315-228-7431 or finaid@colgate.edu

Beginning October 1, the 2020-21 FAFSA is available to complete online at www.fafsa.gov. Students and parents can also complete the 2020-21 FAFSA using the myStudentAid app. Download the myStudentAid app in the <u>Apple App Store</u> (iOS) or <u>Google Play (Android)</u>.

- Colgate University school code is 002701
- Must be completed to apply for federal financial aid
- Required from only the custodial parent if parents are divorced or separated

Simplify the FAFSA application process, minimize errors, and prevent processing delays by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to import your federal tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA

- Using the DRT saves time and effort. You will be directed to the IRS website where you will enter your name and other information exactly as it appears on your tax return. If you are eligible to import your tax information to the FAFSA, we recommend that you do so.
- Using the DRT minimizes the chances of your application being selected for federal or institutional verification, saving you time and simplifying the financial aid application process.
- All DRT results will be "masked" on your FAFSA, decreasing the chances of compromising sensitive data and reducing the risk of identity theft.
- Although you will not be able to view your tax information on your FAFSA when using the DRT,
 Colgate will compare the income on both your FAFSA and PROFILE to help ensure that all retrieved information is accurate.

2020-2021 Financial Aid Application Deadlines at Colgate

- Prospective First Year Students
 - o Early Decision I November 15, 2019
 - o Early Decision II January 15, 2020
 - o Regular Decision January 15, 2020
- Prospective Transfer Students
 - o Spring Semester Enrollment November 1, 2019
 - o Fall Semester Enrollment March 15, 2020
- Returning Students November 30, 2019