

# Resources for the College Application Process

Third Culture Kids and College - Some great resources from [www.denizenmag.com](http://www.denizenmag.com)

<http://www.denizenmag.com/2008/11/the-white-lies-tcks-tell/>  
<http://www.denizenmag.com/2011/09/5-things-to-look-for-in-your-college-hunt/>  
<http://www.denizenmag.com/2011/09/a-third-culture-kids-guide-to-college/>

Third Culture Kid Resources

<http://rnginternational.com/tck-resources/>

## College essay advice

Before You Push the Button

[http://www.essayhell.com/2010/10/before-you-push-the-button.html?utm\\_content=bufferf424e&utm\\_source=buffer&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_campaign=Buffer](http://www.essayhell.com/2010/10/before-you-push-the-button.html?utm_content=bufferf424e&utm_source=buffer&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Buffer)

12 Excellent Essay Tips from Essay Readers

<http://www.examiner.com/list/12-excellent-essay-tips-from-essay-readers>

Don't Let Your Privilege Show

This can be a TCK trap, too, even though it doesn't mean a kid is "rich" just because he/she lives overseas. It's important to be cautious, though, because to the uninitiated, the TCK lifestyle does seem to be one that is full of privilege. My advice? Be modest, humble, and likeable in your essay!

<http://www.essayhell.com/2013/08/dont-let-your-privilege-show.html>

Patrick O'Connor on how to write the "Why Us" supplemental essay

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/patrick-oconnor/the-college-application-mistake\\_b\\_3982839.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/patrick-oconnor/the-college-application-mistake_b_3982839.html)

This is an excellent podcast on the college essay

<https://soundcloud.com/panoply/episode-2-the-college-essay>

## College Applications and the Search for the Right College

What Colleges are Looking for in Students

[http://www.iecaonline.com/PDF/IECA\\_CollegeTop12List.pdf](http://www.iecaonline.com/PDF/IECA_CollegeTop12List.pdf)

Why the "Best" College is just a myth

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/danny-licht/best-colleges-in-america\\_b\\_3696330.html?goback=.gde\\_78767\\_member\\_263245123](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/danny-licht/best-colleges-in-america_b_3696330.html?goback=.gde_78767_member_263245123)

College is a Journey, Not a Destination

<http://thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/18/college-is-a-journey-not-a-destination/?smid=fb-share&r=0>

College Personality Quiz – this is really a great way to help you think about what kind of college is right for you

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/right-school/choices/articles/2008/08/21/college-personality-quiz>

College Resources

<http://rnginternational.com/college-resources/>



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### College Success

Secrets of the Most Successful College Students

<http://ideas.time.com/2013/03/13/secrets-of-the-most-successful-college-students/>

<http://ellenbremen.com/some-this-college-success-advice-worries-heres-why/>

### Financial Aid Information

Why It Makes Good Sense to Save For College

[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/24/your-money/why-it-makes-good-sense-to-save-for-college-now.html?emc=edit\\_tnt\\_20151024&nlid=57325064&ntemail0=y&r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/24/your-money/why-it-makes-good-sense-to-save-for-college-now.html?emc=edit_tnt_20151024&nlid=57325064&ntemail0=y&r=0)

How to Create a FAFSA ID

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>

More Information from NACAC on the Prior Prior Year

<http://www.nacacnet.org/issues-action/LegislativeNews/Pages/PPY.aspx>



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And an important announcement from the Department of Education on Changes to Financial Aid and Prior-prior Year issued on September 15, 2015.

Dear NACAC friends

In case you missed the news yesterday, here's a note from Federal Student Aid management re changes for the 2017-18 FAFSA:

On Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, President Obama announced significant changes to the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) process that will impact millions of students. We want to inform you—our partners in the college access, planning, and funding process—about these changes and provide you with tools and information you can use.

### Changes for the 2017–18 FAFSA®

(1) (1) The 2016–17 FAFSA® will be the final FAFSA to launch on January 1. Beginning with the 2017–18 application, the FAFSA will be available to students and families October 1 of the previous year. This means students who need to complete the 2017–18 FAFSA will be able to access and submit the form anytime from October 1, 2016, through June 30, 2018.

(2) (2) In addition to changing the launch date for the application cycle, beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, we also will change the requirements for reporting income information. Currently, FAFSA applicants are required to provide income information from the “prior year.” For example, 2016–17 applicants must report 2015 income information. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, applicants will be required to provide “prior-prior” year income information. This means that the 2017–18 FAFSA will collect 2015 income information.

The following table provides a summary of key dates as we transition to using the early FAFSA submission time frame and earlier tax information.

When a Student Is Attending College (School Year)	When a Student Can Submit a FAFSA	Which Year's Income Information Is Required
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
<b>July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018</b>	<b>October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018</b>	<b>2015</b>
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

### Resources for You and Your Students

To assist you and your students in learning about these changes, the U.S. Department of Education and the White House have prepared several informational pieces (a fact sheet, FAQ, etc.). You can access them at [FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov/fafsa-changes](http://FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov/fafsa-changes).

We will update the Financial Aid Toolkit and StudentAid.gov sites as the 2017–18 FAFSA launch approaches. Keep an eye out in spring 2016 for further resources such as talking points, suggested tweets and Facebook posts, etc.

The President's remarks were streamed live from Des Moines on Monday afternoon; you can find the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOB RPuUMnJY>.



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As always, we thank you for everything you do to advance equity in access to higher education for the nation's students.

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Thanks, and see you in San Diego! Come by and say hi—I'll be in booth 304.

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For students: [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

For counselors and mentors: [FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov)

For everyone: 1-800-4-FED-AID ([1-800-433-3243](tel:1-800-433-3243))

