**Filling out a FAFSA**

*FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid*

1. Go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
2. Scroll down and select from section labeled “New to the FAFSA” or “Returning User”.
3. In order to electronically sign the FAFSA both student and parent (if applicable) must create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) on the site. You will receive a prompt to create one if you have not already.
4. Follow the prompts to complete a FAFSA
   - For **Fall 2015-Spring 2016** you will select **2015-2016 FAFSA**.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Keep in mind by completing the steps above you are already applying for Federal/State/Institutional grants and Federal Direct Loans (Subsidized/Unsubsidized). Additional Information about Financial Aid is available at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) or call 1-800-4-FED-AID.

**Other important information and helpful tools you need to review:**

- Contacting your Financial Aid Counselor: [http://www.fau.edu/finaid/contact.php](http://www.fau.edu/finaid/contact.php)
- Mandatory Course Entry Survey (when, why and how to complete): [http://www.fau.edu/finaid/other/course-survey.php](http://www.fau.edu/finaid/other/course-survey.php)
- Short Term Advance (need money for books, how to apply): [http://www.fau.edu/finaid/other/sta.php](http://www.fau.edu/finaid/other/sta.php)
- Financial Aid Disbursement Estimator (once an award is posted, determine approximately how much aid will disburse based on enrollment): [http://www.fau.edu/finaid/other/estimator.php](http://www.fau.edu/finaid/other/estimator.php)