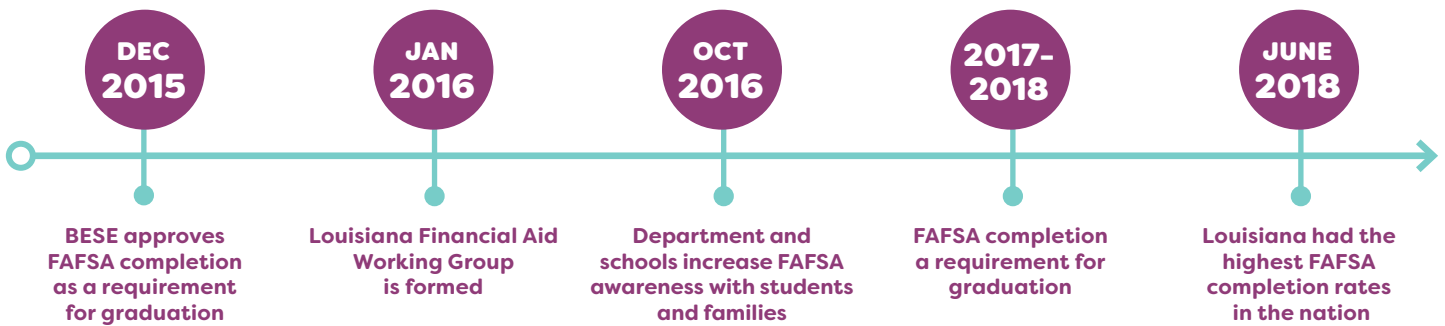


## WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT?

A high school diploma is no longer enough to earn graduates a living wage in today's economy. Some form of postsecondary education or training is essential. A major barrier to accessing postsecondary education and training is financial resources. State and Federal Financial Aid can be accessed by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial Aid can remove barriers to accessing four-year universities, two-year community colleges, and technical training programs. It takes about 45 minutes to complete the FAFSA and open the door to infinite possibilities for postsecondary education and training.



## WHAT SUCCESS HAS FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

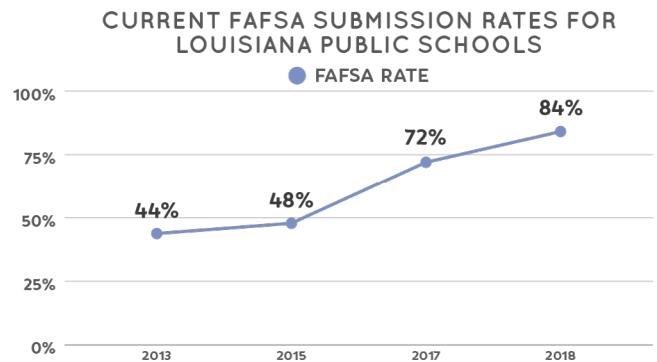
### IN THE NEWS

**“New Application for Federal Financial Aid Now Available to Students, Families”**

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/news-releases/2018/10/01/new-application-for-federal-financial-aid-now-available-to-students-families>

**“Louisiana Bypasses Tennessee to Become No. 1 in Nation for FAFSA Completion”**

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By the June 30, 2018 priority deadline, **eighty-four percent** of public high school seniors in Louisiana submitted the FAFSA, surpassing the state's all-time high and the national average.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT?

Over the next year, Louisiana will be focused on equipping schools, students and families with the trainings and tools they need to complete the FAFSA.

Additionally, the Department will ensure that more students each year are exposed to financial aid planning by working closely with LOSFA, LELA, colleges and universities and other community partners and organizations to expand financial aid awareness.

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