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**FAFSA's from 1617 and 1718 Conflict and must be reviewed.**

For the 2017-2018 FAFSA application, the 2015 Federal Tax Information was required to be used. This is the same tax information that was used for a 2016-2017 FAFSA. This change in using the 2015 tax year for 2017-18 FAFSA completion is referred to as “prior-prior year”. By using the same 2015 income tax information for both applications years, it is expected that the responses to certain questions would be identical in both applications.

In comparing the two applications, the Department of Education has determined that there is conflicting responses that need to be resolved. A web edit box may have appeared while you were completing a 2017-18 FAFSA. If you have already corrected this information, please let us know which year you corrected so we can move towards a resolution.

The Office of Financial Aid at UNC is being required by the U.S. Department of Education to review the responses from both years and determine which replies are in conflict and make appropriate updates for resolution. **During this time, the current year financial aid has been put on hold.** We will conduct a review and comparison of the data. We will reach out to you and request any documents needed to resolve this conflict.

One source of conflict could be the use of the IRS Data Retrieval (DRT) for the 2017-2018 FAFSA and not on the 2016-2017 FAFSA or vice-versa. Use of the IRS DRT has been encouraged as the most efficient way to provide accurate information. Other issues could consist of other questions related to untaxed income i.e. child support received, tax deferred pensions, etc.



Due to the customized nature of this required review, the Office of Financial Aid will be sending an email to your BearMail account. Please review your account to keep in touch with the status of the review.

One outcome of the review could be a change in your 2016-2017 Financial Aid. We will make every effort possible to minimize this as best we can. However, it is possible that you may owe funds back to UNC and/or the US Department of Education. Please also review your awards in Ursa to monitor any changes that may occur.