When completing the FAFSA form each year please check to make sure that on Question 29 that ask the question: **What will your college grade level be when you begin the upcoming year**? is answered correctly.

For students enrolled at Cabarrus College the following academic classification applies:

**ACADEMIC CLASSIFICATION FAFSA response**

Certificate-Seeking Students: - 1st year undergraduate

Status does not vary by credit hours earned

Diploma Seeking Students: 1st year undergraduate

Freshman – status does not vary by credit hours earned

Associate Degree-Seeking Students:

Freshman - 0-29 semester credit hours earned 1st year undergraduate

Sophomore - 30 or more semester 2nd year undergraduate sophomore

credit hours earned

Bachelor’s degree-Seeking Students:

Junior - 60-89 semester credit hours earned 3rd year undergraduate junior

Senior - 90 – 120 or more semester credit hours earned 4th year undergraduate senior

Master’s degree-Seeking Students:

Graduate Student – status does not vary by credit 1st year graduate/professional

hours earned Continuing graduate/professional

“Credit hours earned” includes hours approved as transfer credit.

**FAFSA question # 48** – *At the beginning of the school year will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program* You should only answer **Yes if you are enrolling a master’s program here**! Students who have a previous bachelor’s degree and are enrolling in any of our undergraduate programs should answer NO to this question.