



FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form each academic year at fafsa.gov. Students and parents will need to create an FSA ID fsaid.ed.gov. The FAFSA form becomes available each October 1st.

- Keep Your Personal Information Up-To-Date**
If you have a change in address, phone number, etc., please log onto my.pitt.edu and go to the Student Service Center to update your personal information.
- Verification**
If selected, you will be notified by the Office of Financial Aid. It is important to respond quickly because we cannot award any financial aid without completing this process. You may be required to submit additional information to our office.
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) State Grant**
First year Pennsylvania residents must submit additional information to complete their grant application. The PHEAA State grant has a May 1st deadline. For more information, contact 1-800-692-7392 or log onto pheaa.org.
- Pay Enrollment Fee**
Deadline is May 1st and housing packets are mailed following your deposit.
- Master Promissory Note (MPN)**
By signing the MPN, you are agreeing to the terms of the loan. To complete the Federal Direct Student Loan MPN, log onto studentloans.gov. Instructions for completing the MPN can be found at oafa.pitt.edu/financial-aid-forms. This process only needs to be completed once. A student will need to submit a new FAFSA application each academic year. The FAFSA is available each October 1st.
- Entrance Counseling**
Entrance Counseling is a tool used to make you aware of your rights and responsibilities as a borrower. To complete entrance counseling, log onto studentloans.gov. Instructions for completing the Entrance Counseling can be found at oafa.pitt.edu/financial-aid-forms. This process only needs to be completed once. A student will need to submit a new FAFSA application each academic year. The FAFSA is available each October 1st.
- Accepting Your Aid**
Log onto your Student Service Center to accept or decline your aid. Also, please notify our office of any outside scholarship(s) you will receive by completing the Information Update Form found online at oafa.pitt.edu/financial-aid-forms.
- Balance Due Notifications**
Balance Due Notifications are sent electronically in mid to late July. YOU WILL NOT GET A PAPER BILL! Log onto your Pitt Pay account at payments.pitt.edu to view your balance due notification and account details. Estimated Tuition and Fees can be found at ir.pitt.edu/tuition-rates-fees. Rates for the upcoming school year will be determined later in the summer.
- Need Additional Funding?**
Payment Plan—Enroll online through your Pitt Pay account. For more information, visit payments.pitt.edu.
Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan—Federal loan in the parents' name. Interest rates are subject to change each July 1st and will have an origination fee. For more information please visit studentloans.gov.
Private Alternative Loans—Loan in the student's name with a credit worthy co-signer. Student must be 18 to apply directly through each individual lender. Refer to choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/home/337900 for more information on private lenders.
- Federal Work-Study (FWS)**
This is a need-based employment opportunity. The award will be offered to eligible students on the Financial Aid Award Notification. You must apply for a job and be hired in order to receive this funding. You will be paid for the hours you work. FUNDS ARE NOT SUBTRACTED FROM YOUR Balance Due Notification. Students who are not eligible for FWS can contact Student Employment for additional job opportunities at join.pitt.edu.

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