Financial Aid Checklist

☐ Keep Your Personal Information Up-To-Date
If you have a change in address, phone number, etc., 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 Financial Aid Office. It is important to respond quickly as your aid can be affected by this. You may be required to submit additional information to our office.

☐ PHEAA State Grant
For Pennsylvania residents only. Make sure the signature page of the State Grant Form was completed and mailed to PHEAA. Contact 1-800-692-7392 or log onto pheaa.org.

☐ Pay Deposit(s)
Priority deadline is May 1st for tuition and housing deposits. This will secure a spot with housing as rooms fill up quickly.

☐ Master Promissory Note (MPN)
To complete the Federal Direct Student Loan MPN log onto studentloans.gov. To complete the Federal Perkins Loan log onto www.ecsi.net/promW2. By signing the MPN you are agreeing to the terms of the loan. Instructions for completing the MPN can be found at oafa.pitt.edu/learn-about-aid/financial-aid-forms/.

☐ 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/learn-about-aid/financial-aid-forms/.

☐ Accepting Your Aid
Log onto your Student Service Center to accept or decline your aid. Also notify our office of any outside scholarship(s) you will receive by completing the Information Update Form found online at oafa.pitt.edu/learn-about-aid/financial-aid-forms/.

☐ Bills
Sent electronically in mid-late July. YOU WILL NOT GET A PAPER BILL! Log onto your Pitt Pay account at my.pitt.edu to view your bill and account details. Estimated Tuition and Fees can be found at ir.pitt.edu/tuition/tuitionrates.php. Rates for 2015-16 will be determined later in the summer.

☐ Need Additional Funding
Payment Plan – Enroll online through your Pitt Pay account. Information available at payments.pitt.edu.

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan – Federal loan in the parents’ name. Current interest rate 7.21% with 4.292% origination fees. Rates are subject to change July 1.

Private Alternative Loans – Loan in the student’s name with a credit worthy co-signer. Student must be 18 to apply online through Great Lakes.

☐ Federal Work-Study (FWS)
This is a need-based employment opportunity. The award will be offered to eligible students in the 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 BILL. Students who are not eligible for FWS can contact Student Employment for additional job opportunities.

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