JANUARY – APRIL

In January or February each year, continuing students who applied for aid in the previous year will receive an email from the Office of Financial Aid with a reminder to reapply for aid.

If you submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online last year, you should receive an email from the U.S. Department of Education about how to complete it again this year. Use your Federal Student Aid ID to access the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov. If you do not have an FSA ID, visit fsaid.ed.gov.

Complete and submit your FAFSA to the federal processor as soon as possible after January 1 to ensure that you are considered for all aid programs.

Our office begins receiving FAFSA records from the federal processor in late February. We must receive your processed FAFSA by the priority deadline of April 30 in order to consider you for all aid programs, including grant aid. Although you may submit the FAFSA later, funding may be limited; applications received by the April 30 deadline will be considered first.

Students will receive a Student Aid Report after completing the FAFSA, confirming that your FAFSA has been received by the federal processor. Review the form and respond immediately to any required corrections. (Contact us first if you have already received an Award Notice.)

We will begin contacting students and families via your umich email account in March, asking for missing information and/or additional application materials. We must receive these materials by June 1 (materials must be received, not just postmarked, by this date) in order for you to be considered for all aid programs.

MAY – JUNE

You will receive an email in your umich email account when you have an Award Notice ready to view on Wolverine Access (https://wolverineaccess.umich.edu). We assume you are accepting all awards you do not reduce or decline. You may decline or reduce your awards by using the Accept/Decline feature (on the Awards page) of Wolverine Access.

Required Reading (www.finaid.umich.edu/Publications) is available for viewing and/or printing on our website. This important publication describes actions you need to take to receive your aid and provides additional information about aid programs.

JULY – AUGUST

If you do not decline student loans awarded to you (Federal Direct--Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized, Perkins, Health Professions, or Nursing Loans), you will receive correspondence to your umich email account about how to complete/sign the required master promissory notes online.

Note about Federal Direct and Perkins Loans: You will only receive notification about how to complete master promissory notes for these loans if you are a first-time borrower.

SEPTEMBER

Students who return all necessary forms promptly and who complete all loan promissory notes can expect aid to be paid the first week of the term if they are registered full-time.

You will receive email messages periodically throughout the year. Check your umich email account regularly for important correspondence from our office.

If aid awards are adjusted at any time during the year, you will be notified that you have a revised Award Notice available on Wolverine Access.