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# **Continuing Students: Financial Aid Application Instructions 2019-2020**

These instructions are for students continuing their enrollment at the University of Michigan who wish to apply for 2019-2020 Fall/Winter financial aid. They are also available on the web at finaid.umich.edu/currentstudent.

(If you are an entering freshman for Fall 2019 term visit finaid.umich.edu/newstudent.)

# Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Submit a FAFSA each year to apply for financial aid.

### **HOW:**

Complete the FAFSA online at https://fafsa.ed.gov using your Federal Student Aid ID. You may use estimated data on the FAFSA, but be sure to make corrections to your FAFSA as soon as your actual data are available. Please list Federal School Code 002325 so that your record will be sent to U-M. (If you don't have an FSA ID, request one at https://fsaid.ed.gov. For a paper copy of the FAFSA, call 1-800-4FEDAID or print a PDF at https://fafsa.ed.gov.)

- If this is your first time applying for financial aid at U-M and you are a dependent undergraduate, complete a CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE application at <a href="https://student.collegeboard.org/profile">https://student.collegeboard.org/profile</a>, using U-M's CSS Code 1839 to be considered for U-M gift aid. The PROFILE costs \$25. If you cannot afford this fee, contact us before completing it to request a fee waiver.
- · Dependent students and students applying for a Health Professions Loan (Pharmacy/Dental) must supply parental data and a parent signature on the FAFSA. (See page 2 re: independent student). One parent should sign the FAFSA using his/her own electronic FSA ID. If you don't provide correct parental data and required signatures, your FAFSA will be rejected which will jeopardize your aid eligibility.

## ■ WHEN:

MARCH 31, 2019: The Office of Financial Aid must receive your processed FAFSA by this date to consider you for all federal and institutional financial aid. Plan to complete your FAFSA by March 1 to ensure we receive it on time.

You may submit your FAFSA after March 31, but you might not be considered for all aid programs.

If you are asked to submit additional application documents (such as tax transcripts) we must also receive these by March 31, 2019. The sooner we receive them, the sooner we will be able to send you an Award Notice.

#### NOTES:

- You must meet this priority deadline to receive U-M grant funding.
- We begin making financial aid awards for continuing students in mid-May.



# **Monitor Your Application**

- Check the status of your FAFSA processing at <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov">https://fafsa.ed.gov</a> or by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID.
- AFTER APPLYING FOR AID, CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND WOLVERINE ACCESS OFTEN: Our office will send you an email if you must submit additional application documents for verification purposes. You can also check Wolverine Access (Student Center > Financial Aid > Aid Year 2019 > Documents/Review) to check that your FAFSA has been received and to see if you must submit additional documents. We must receive any requested items by March 31, 2019, to consider you for all aid programs.
- STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL when they have an award notice available on Wolverine Access.

# **Types of Assistance Available to Continuing Students:**

## **GRANTS**

Funds that are not repaid. Undergraduate students pursuing a first bachelor's degree and graduate Architecture students are considered for federal, state, and/ or institutional grants. (Other graduate students should contact their respective school or college.)

## **WORK-STUDY EMPLOYMENT**

A way to earn a paycheck by working for select on- and off-campus employers. Undergraduate and graduate students will be considered for Federal Work-Study. For more information, visit <a href="https://studentemployment.umich.edu">https://studentemployment.umich.edu</a>.

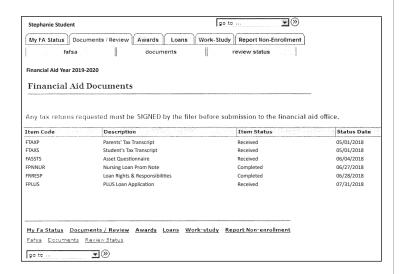
## **LOANS**

Funds provided that must be repaid when a student graduates or falls below half-time enrollment. Undergraduate and graduate students will be considered for federal loans. In addition, Nursing students will be considered for a Nursing Student Loan, while Pharmacy and Dental (D.D.S.) students will be considered for Pharmacy and Dental Health Professions Loans, as appropriate.

# Tips on Completing the FAFSA:

- Be sure to list your full, correct name and Social Security number and use information from the correct federal income tax return (1040EZ, 1040A, or 1040). All information must match or your FAFSA will be rejected.
- List the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor school code 002325 in the "Schools to Receive Information" section.
- · List your appropriate housing plans.
- If your FAFSA is rejected by the federal processor, you will jeopardize your eligibility for aid by missing deadlines; resolve the reason for the rejection so we may process your aid application.
- Check your FAFSA's processing status at <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov">https://fafsa.ed.gov</a> or by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID.
- If you did not provide all required signatures, you will receive an email with a link to your rejected FAFSA information. Use an established email address that you will check often throughout the year.
- If you provide an email address on your FAFSA, your Student Aid Report (SAR) will be sent to you by email.

After submitting your FAFSA, be sure to check your email and Wolverine Access often to see if you must submit additional documents!



# **Who Is Eligible for Financial Aid:**

For more information on eligibility, visit <a href="https://finaid.umich.edu/financial-aid-eligibility">https://finaid.umich.edu/financial-aid-eligibility</a>.

To be eligible for financial aid programs administered by our office, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Be registered with Selective Service (if required)
- Be working toward a degree or certificate at least half-time
- Be making satisfactory academic progress
- Not owe a refund on a federal grant or be in default on any federal educational loan
- Enroll for coursework that is accepted for credit by your degree-granting program.

## **Definition of an Independent Student:**

If you meet one or more of the criteria listed below for the 2019-2020 academic year, you may apply for financial aid as an independent student. In this case, you do **not** have to supply parental data and a parent signature on the FAFSA **unless** you are a Pharmacy or Dental student applying for a Health Professions Loan.

### You are an independent student if:

- You are age 24 or older
- You are working on a master's or doctorate program or graduate certificate (beyond a bachelor's degree)
- You are married
- You have children who receive more than half of their support from you during the academic year
- You have legal dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2020
- When you were age 13 or older, both of your parents were deceased or you were in foster care or you were a ward of the court
- You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or you are currently on active duty for purposes other than training
- You are an emancipated minor or you are in legal guardianship, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence
- On or after July 1, 2018, your high school or district homeless liaison (or the director of an emergency shelter funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless
- On or after July 1, 2018, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or that you were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless

## **Special Notes:**

- Pharmacy and Dental Students: Title VII of the Public Health Service Act requires that you provide financial information about your parents and a parent signature on the FAFSA when applying for the Health Professions loan.
- If you are an undergraduate who has already received a bachelor's degree: You will only be eligible for loans while pursuing additional bachelor's degree(s). This includes dual-degree students who have met the requirements for one degree and are continuing toward the second.
- Students enrolled at more than one institution at the same time may receive financial aid from only one of the institutions.
- If you are enrolling for only one term (either Fall 2019 or Winter 2020) including students enrolled in UM-sponsored co-op programs, report this through the non-enrollment reporting tab on Wolverine Access (https://wolverineaccess.umich.edu)
- If you are studying abroad for Fall or Winter terms, fill out the appropriate Study Abroad Financial Aid Request form: finaid.umich.edu/abroad or speak with the study abroad program advisor in your school or college.
- If you are a parent with child care expenses, visit <a href="https://finaid.umich.edu/childcare">https://finaid.umich.edu/childcare</a> for information about the U-M Child Care Subsidy Program and application materials.