Office of Student Financial Assistance

Financial Aid Tasks and Timeline

New Incoming Class

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More formation can be found at our website: http://jcesom.marshall.edu/students/financial-assistance/.

**October through December**
- Begin visiting MUSOM Office of Student Financial Assistance (SFA) website http://jcesom.marshall.edu/students/financial-assistance/ to learn about costs and financial aid opportunities.
- Check out the New Student Financial Assistance Newsletter.
- Check out AAMC’s FIRST program for tips on applying and transitioning into medical school at www.aamc.org/FIRST. Most specifically review the Financial Aid Fact Sheets at https://students-residents.aamc.org/financial-aid/.
- To be considered for federal student aid, you must first create a FSA ID (Federal Student Aid) user name and password with the U.S. Department of Education at https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid.
- After creating your FSA ID, you must apply with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You are only permitted to file on or after October 1.
- **Parent information is not required on your form.**
- Be sure you list Marshall University’s code (003815) on your FAFSA as a college choice.

**March/April/May**
- **April 15th** is MUSOM’s recommended FAFSA filing deadline.
- Once you are accepted into MUSOM, keep an eye out for your Marshall University Financial Aid Award Notice. You will be able to view and accept your awards by logging into your myMU account. MyMu is Marshall University’s student self-service portal. If you were not a prior Marshall student, you will receive an award notice via US mail with instructions on how to log on your myMU account. If you are/were a past Marshall student, you will receive an email notice via your Marshall email.
- Notifications will begin late March to early April. Please allow at least three weeks for notification after submitting your FAFSA.
- Submit any requested information or documents, if requested, to Marshall University SFA Office as soon as possible, no later than May 1 to ensure aid is finalized by the billing due date (view any outstanding financial aid requirements by logging into your myMU account).
- You will need to accept or decline your financial aid offer online via myMU. This step is important to assure payment of tuition and timely disbursement of your refund. Your refund is any additional financial aid of which you accepted after tuition is paid.

**June/July/August**
- Federal Direct Loan (FDL) first-time borrowers must complete online Entrance Loan Counseling and sign an electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN) at https://studentloans.gov/ by July 1 to assure funds are available when school begins.
- Bills for tuition and fees are sent by the Marshall University Bursar’s office in July with tuition due in August.
- Any funds remaining after financial aid pays tuition will create a refund which will be disbursed during the first week of classes provided students have completed all necessary requirements.
- Activation of the student refund account via E-Refund is required for delivery of refund.