



Financial Aid Application Calendar • Fall/Winter

(CURRENT U-M STUDENTS)

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JANUARY – APRIL

- ▶ In mid-January each year, continuing students who applied for aid in the previous year will receive an email from the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) instructing them how to reapply for aid.
- ▶ If you applied for aid the year before, the U.S. Department of Education should send you an email about how to apply for aid online using your **Personal Identification Number (PIN)** – see www.pin.ed.gov. If you did not provide an email address on your FAFSA last year, they will send you notice by postal mail. Use your PIN to access your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web (at www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- ▶ Complete and submit the FAFSA to the federal processor no sooner than January 1, but by **March 1**, to ensure that you will be considered for all aid programs (including state aid and grant aid). Although you may submit the FAFSA later, funding may not be available for all aid programs.
- ▶ Submit a **U-M Applicant Data Form (ADF)**, if applicable.
- ▶ OFA begins receiving applicants' FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA records from the federal processor in February. We must receive your record by the **priority filing date (April 30)** in order for you to be considered for all aid programs, including grant aid.
- ▶ Students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) by email or postal mail after completing the FAFSA. The SAR ensures that your FAFSA has been received by the federal processor and reports back to you the information you supplied on the FAFSA. Review the data on the form and respond immediately to any required corrections (be sure to contact **OFA first**; however, so that we will be aware of the corrections).
- ▶ OFA will begin contacting students and families by email (to your umich account) for missing information and/or additional application materials in March (after we have received your FAFSA record from the federal processor). If you are asked to submit additional materials, these materials **must be received** by OFA by **May 31** (received, not postmarked by this date) in order for you to be considered for all aid programs.

MAY – JUNE

- ▶ **OFA will send you an email** (to your umich account) when you have an Award Notice ready for you to view and print on **Wolverine Access** (<https://wolverineaccess.umich.edu>). Once you have viewed/printed your award notice, if you do not want any of the awards you have received, you may decline or reduce your awards by using the Accept/Decline feature (on the Awards page) of **Wolverine Access**. OFA assumes you are accepting all awards you do not reduce or decline.
- ▶ **Required Reading** (www.finaid.umich.edu/financial_aid_library/guides.asp) will be available for viewing and printing on our website. This important publication describes actions you need to take and provides additional information on aid programs.

JULY – AUGUST

- ▶ If you accept student loans (Federal Direct--Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized, Perkins, Health Professions, or Nursing Loans), you will receive correspondence (by email to your umich account) from OFA about how to complete/sign your loan promissory notes online.
*Note about Federal Direct and Perkins Loans: You will only receive notification about how to complete these online loan master promissory notes if you are a **first-time** borrower.*

SEPTEMBER

- ▶ Students who promptly return all necessary forms and who complete all promissory notes (if applicable), can expect **disbursement** of aid (release of funds) during the first week of the term, if registered full-time.
- ▶ OFA will send you periodic email messages and eNewsletters throughout the year. Be sure to check your umich email account for important correspondence from our office.
- ▶ If any of your aid awards must be adjusted at any time during the year, you will be sent notification that you have a revised award notice available on Wolverine Access.