

Important Financial Aid Processes



It is strongly suggested that you complete the following financial aid steps by August 1 (unless otherwise noted) to ensure financial aid applies to your account on time!

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) online at www.fafsa.gov each year to ensure you are considered for all types of aid. NDSU's school code is 002997.
2. If you are selected for **Verification**, comply with all requests made by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships as soon as possible. Check your "To Do List" under **Student Center** on Campus Connection to see what is required for submission. Not complying with these requests will delay the payment of your aid to your student account.
3. When you receive your Award Notice, make sure to **accept, reduce, or decline** the aid you are offered on Campus Connection by clicking on **Student Center > Accept/Decline Awards** and choose the appropriate aid year.

Report all scholarships and/or waivers that do not appear on your Award Notice to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships by clicking the "**Contact FA**" link on the award page (*Accept/Decline Awards*).

4. **Complete the required Entrance Loan Counseling online.** This online counseling needs to be completed prior to receiving each of the following federal loans:
 - Direct Loans: www.studentloans.gov
 - Perkins and Nursing Loans: www.mappingyourfuture.org
5. **Master Promissory Notes (MPN)** also need to be completed for each loan type you borrow. MPNs are valid for 10 years and therefore should only need to be completed once. For more information about the MPN and the following loans, contact:
 - Federal Direct Loans: www.studentloans.gov
 - Perkins Loans: **NDSU One Stop**
 - * The MPN for this loan is completed when you accept the loan in Campus Connection
 - Nursing Loans: **NDSU One Stop**
6. **Do you need additional funding?** If you do, **alternative student loans** may be available by applying directly with the lender online. Learn more about this type of funding by going to www.ndsu.edu/onestop/finaid/loans/altloans. You will need to complete all requirements with the lender including certification forms and master promissory notes, etc.