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- The Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature. If a Dependent student, both student and one parent must create their own FSA ID. Go to fsaid.ed.gov. Click on **Create an FSA ID Now** and enter the requested information.
- Completing and submitting the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school. You can also use the mobile app called: **myStudentAid** on iPhones and Android phones. Many states and colleges use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for state and school aid. To complete your FAFSA, navigate to www.fafsa.gov and complete the 2020-2021 application. This application will require 2018 Federal Tax Information. **Use M State School Code #005541**
- Respond to all requests for information from the college. www.minnesota.edu, *SpartanNet Login > E-Services > Financial Aid > Aid Application status* *If your letters request for you to complete an additional form, our forms are located at www.minnesota.edu/forms.
- Review your Award Letter, in your E-Services account, under Financial Aid. www.minnesota.edu, *SpartanNet Login > E-Services > Financial Aid > Awards or Awards by Credit Level (if you need a printable version)*

You will receive an email when your award letter is ready.

==**Please keep in mind that summer award letters are processed separate for students registered for summer courses.**==

Additional Steps Necessary to Receive a Student Loan:

- Apply for Federal Direct Student Loans by accessing the Loans page under Financial Aid in your E-Services account. www.minnesota.edu, *SpartanNet Login > E-Services > Financial Aid > Loans > Accept Your Loan Amount*
- Complete Undergraduate **Entrance Loan Counseling**. www.studentloans.gov NOTE: M State School Code Number is G05541. Please add this code before beginning Entrance Loan Counseling.
- Complete and sign the electronic Undergraduate Direct Loan **Master Promissory Note**. www.studentloans.gov NOTE: M State School Code Number is G05541. Please add this code before beginning Master Promissory Note.

For additional/alternative loan options and additional loan funding, go to www.minnesota.edu. Select Admissions, Paying for College, Getting Started, Applying for Loans (in the middle of the page) and then select the FastChoice link at the bottom of the loans section. Complete the borrower education tool and proceed to applying for alternative loans. Our approved alternative lenders are: The Bank of North Dakota (DEAL) and MN SELF.

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*Dependent Student: Under the age of 24 (unless one of the below circumstances apply)
*Independent Student: 24 and older and/or have a child or dependent that you support more than 50%, married, are a ward of the court, serving active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, were in the foster care system after the age of 13, parents are deceased.

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