

FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

1. **Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID username and password** at either www.fsaaid.ed.gov OR www.fafsa.ed.gov .
 - **Dependent Student:** A student under the age of 24.
 - A parent must also create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) username and password.
 - **Independent Student:** A student aged 24 or older, and/or has a child, and/or is married, and/or is a ward of the court, and/or is serving active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, and/or if both parents are deceased.

2. **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at www.fafsa.ed.gov . Tax year is always prior prior year as per Dept. of Education requirements.
 - Use M State school code **005541** (Fergus Falls, MN).
 - **Dependent Student:** Parent information is required.
 - Fall 2021 through Summer 2022 term-complete 2021-2022 FAFSA and use 2019 tax information
 - Fall 2022 through Summer 2023 term-complete 2022-2023 FAFSA and use 2020 tax information.
 - If you need assistance completing the FAFSA, attend a session at MState.
 - Sign up today at: <https://www.minnesota.edu/fafsa/>

3. **Respond to all requests for information from the college.**
 - **All correspondence regarding financial aid is sent electronically (by email).**
 - Check E-Services for your financial aid status (e.g. status letter):
Log into SpartanNet > E-Services > Financial Aid > Aid Application Status.
 - Requests will be sent to your M State student e-mail account:
Log into SpartanNet > my.minnesota.edu > your student Gmail account.

4. **Review the Award Letter sent to your M State student e-mail account.**
 - Grant funding will automatically apply as payment to your student account.
 - Apply for the Federal Direct Student Loans (if planning to use loans).
COMPLETE STEPS 1-3 to apply loan funds as a payment to student accounts:
 1. Submit Loan Request: Log into SpartanNet > E-Services > Financial Aid > Review & Respond to Award Notifications > Loans > Follow steps to accept and submit.
 2. Complete mandatory Loan Counseling (Entrance) at www.studentloans.gov .
 3. Complete mandatory Master Promissory Note (Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans) at www.studentloans.gov .

Find more information and options for paying for college at www.minnesota.edu/paying.

Ask your questions by visiting Student Services on campus or contacting us by email.

Send your full student name and your M State Student ID number to financialaid@minnesota.edu

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

My financial plan for how to pay my student bill includes (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash/Check/Credit Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Payment plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grants (FAFSA/financial aid) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loans (FAFSA/financial aid) | <input type="checkbox"/> Work-study (financial aid) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside agency funding | |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I find my student bill?

1. Go to www.minnesota.edu.
2. Click on SpartanNet (top-right on page).
3. Log in using your Star ID and Star ID password.
4. Click on E-Services (top-left on page).
5. Click on Bills & Payment (menu on left).
6. Select Account Detail (menu on left).

How do I find my financial aid award letter?

1. Go to www.minnesota.edu.
2. Click on SpartanNet (top-right on page).
3. Log in using your Star ID and Star ID password.
4. Click on E-Services (top-left on page).
5. Click on Financial Aid (menu on left).
6. Select Awards (menu on left).
7. Click on Awards by credit level as an alternative way to review by enrolled active credits.

How do I apply for campus work-study positions?

1. Apply for financial aid by submitting the FAFSA.
2. Submit your Award Letter.
3. Review work-study positions at www.minnesota.edu/work-study/.
4. Complete an application at www.minnesota.edu/work-study/.
5. Meet with the Financial Aid Office to determine your eligibility.

How do apply for scholarships?

1. Once admitted to M State, go to www.minnesota.edu/scholarships.
2. Click on the green [Online Scholarship Application](#) link.
3. Sign In using your Star ID and Star ID password.
4. Complete a General Application and Moorhead Application.
5. Click on the Opportunities button to choose from:
 - a. "Recommended" to view scholarships the system thinks you may qualify for.
 - b. "Ours" to view M State Foundation and local scholarships.
 - c. "External" to view scholarships offered by various entities outside of M State.
6. Apply for scholarships by completing the steps as outlined in the scholarship application.