

Due by March 15, 2015

File 2014 tax returns as soon as possible.

Both students and parents should complete federal tax returns prior to completing the steps below. Doing this will simplify and expedite the application process. If you can't file your returns by the priority deadline, please use estimates on your applications.

Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID.

You will use this ID to complete your application each year and to complete future federal student loan requirements.

<https://fsaid.ed.gov>

Complete the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

This application—available January 1, 2015—determines your eligibility for federal financial aid. We strongly encourage you to use the IRS data retrieval process when completing your FAFSA. Using this process will quickly transfer your 2014 tax return data directly into your application, and may prevent you from having to submit further documentation from the IRS.

www.FAFSA.ed.gov | DU's school code: 001371

Complete the 2015-2016 CSS PROFILE.

This application—available October 1, 2014—determines your eligibility for institutional financial aid. If your parents are divorced or separated, the Noncustodial Parent CSS PROFILE must also be completed.

<http://cssprofile.org> | DU's school code: 4842

Priority Application Deadlines

Applying for aid by the deadlines listed here will increase your chances of receiving highly sought-after awards (such as the Federal Perkins loan and Federal Work-Study) and of getting your financial aid package in a timely manner.

Because some types of aid have such limited funding, we are not able to offer them to everyone who may otherwise be qualified.

If you miss these priority deadlines, you should still apply as soon as possible.

Due by April 1, 2015

Submit verification documents, if requested.

Some students may be selected for verification by the U.S. Department of Education, which means we are required to verify that the information you submitted on your financial aid application is true and correct. If selected, you will be notified via email by our office, and you must submit all additional requested documents before we can send you a financial aid package.

After You Have Applied for Aid

Monitor your application status through PioneerWeb.

Once you have applied for financial aid and have been admitted to the University of Denver, be sure to frequently log into your account in PioneerWeb to review your financial aid requirements on the *Student* tab. **If you have an item in PioneerWeb with a red flag next to it, there are additional steps you must take.** Click on that requirement to learn more. If you have applied by the priority deadline, you can expect to receive your financial aid award in late May.

<https://pioneerweb.du.edu>

Research and apply for private scholarships.

website: www.du.edu/financialaid

Utilize our scholarship search to find additional funding that may supplement your financial aid award package. Go to our website and click on "Scholarship Search" to research current scholarship opportunities.