

Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

File your 2014 tax returns as soon as possible.

Both students and their spouse (if applicable) should complete federal tax returns prior to completing the steps below. Doing this will simplify and expedite the application process.

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. If you filed your return electronically, allow 1-2 weeks before using data retrieval; if you filed a paper return, allow 6-8 weeks.

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

Financial Aid Award Notification

If you have applied by the priority deadlines listed here, new students can expect to receive notification of their financial aid award in mid to late March.

Continuing students can expect to receive their financial aid award in late May.

Priority Deadlines:

- *New* students should apply by **February 15th**
- *Continuing* students should apply by **March 15th**

Applying by these priority deadlines will increase your chances of receiving highly sought-after awards (such as work-study).

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 *Incoming Grad Students*, *Law Student* or *Student* tab. Some students are selected by the U.S. Department of Education for federal verification, which means you may need to submit additional documentation to us before we can create an award packet for you. **If you have an item in PioneerWeb with a red flag next to it, there are additional steps you must take.**

<https://pioneerweb.du.edu>

Learn about your financial aid options.

Contact your academic department to learn about DU grants, scholarships and teaching/research assistantships, and visit our website at www.du.edu/financialaid to find private scholarship opportunities and to learn about your loan options.