

Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

File your 2014 tax returns as soon as possible.

We recommend that you complete your tax returns before completing the steps below; it will simplify and expedite the application process. If you can't file your returns by the priority deadline, feel free to use estimates on your application.

Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID.

Students and parents should have their own ID. You will use this to complete your application each year and 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

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.

Do my parents need to complete these steps?

Only parents of *dependent* students need to complete these steps. If you are an independent student, parent information is not required.

You are considered to be an *independent* student if you are:

- At least 24 years old
- Married
- Have dependents
- A graduate student
- A veteran
- A member of the armed forces
- An orphan, ward of the court or homeless

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 *Admitted Students* 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.** Click on that requirement to learn more.

<https://pioneerweb.du.edu>

Financial Aid Award Notification:

If you have applied by the priority deadlines listed above, 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.

In mean time, research and apply for private scholarship opportunities on our website at www.du.edu/financialaid.