

# 2018-19 Financial Aid Application Checklist

## for prospective first-time undergraduate students

- 2018-19 CSS Profile**  
Website: <http://cssprofile.org> | DU School code: **4842**  
This application is used to determine your eligibility for institutional need-based aid (not required for merit-based scholarships).
- 2018-19 CSS Profile for the Noncustodial Parent (if applicable)**  
Required if biological/adoptive parents are divorced, separated, single, or were never married. The noncustodial parent will be required to complete a separate CSS Profile application online at <http://cssprofile.org> using their own login credentials.
- 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**  
Website: [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) | DU School code: **001371**  
This application—available October 1, 2017—is used to determine your eligibility for federal aid. We strongly encourage you to use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) if you can.
- 2016 Parent(s) Tax Return Transcript (if data retrieval was not used to complete the FAFSA)**  
Website: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>  
If the IRS Data Retrieval Tool was *not* used to complete the parent portion of the FAFSA, submit a copy of your parent(s) 2016 tax return transcript. **Note that a tax return transcript is *not* just a copy of your tax return (1040).** This must be obtained directly from the [IRS website](#). Student tax transcript is not required unless requested by our office. [Download our how-to guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.
- 2016 Parent(s) W-2(s)**  
Submit directly to the DU Office of Financial Aid. Student W-2(s) are not required unless requested.
- Additional Documentation (if requested)**  
We may need additional documentation in order to verify that the information on your application is true and correct. If we need further information, we'll send you an email. You must submit all requested documents before we can finalize your financial aid award.

**Priority Deadlines:** You should apply for aid at the same time you apply for admission in order to receive an award letter around the same time as an admission decision. If you miss this date, you should still apply for aid as soon as possible. We'll continue to send award letters on a weekly basis to admitted students who complete their aid applications after the priority deadlines listed below.

Admission Application Type	Financial Aid Application Priority Deadline	Award Letter Notification
Early Decision I	November 15, 2017	Early December
Early Action	November 15, 2017	Mid-December
Early Decision II	February 1, 2018	Late February
Regular Decision	February 1, 2018	Early March