

# 2020-21 Financial Aid Application Checklist

## for GRADUATE AND LAW students

**Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID (if you don't already have one).**

Website: <https://fsaid.ed.gov>

An FSA ID gives you access to all of Federal Student Aid's online systems and serves as your legal signature on the FAFSA. You will use this ID every year you apply for financial aid and to complete Master Promissory Notes for any federal student loans you borrow.

**2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

Website: [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) | DU School code: 001371

This application is used to determine your eligibility for federal aid and is required if you wish to borrow federal student loans. Using the [IRS Data Retrieval tool](#) is the quickest and easiest way to complete the FAFSA.

**Additional Documentation**

We may need additional documentation in order to verify that the information on your application is correct. If we need further information, we will send you an email. You must submit all requested documents before we can finalize your financial aid award.

**Financial Aid Award Letter**

If you have submitted all requirements listed above, we will send you a financial aid offer letter via email. We will start sending 2020-21 aid offers to new, admitted students in February. If you are a returning student, you can expect to receive it in early June.

### Priority Deadlines:

- *New* students should submit the FAFSA by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**
- *Returning* students should submit the FAFSA by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Why should I apply by the priority deadline?** For new students, applying by the priority deadline means you will receive your financial aid offer in February or around the same time as your admission decision (whichever is letter). For returning students, it means you can expect to receive your aid offer in early June. If you miss the priority deadline, that's ok—you should still apply as soon as possible so you can receive your aid offer. You won't miss out on funding.