



# FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

The Financial Aid Office assists students in obtaining financial resources necessary to attend college.

## **NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE:**

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Minnesota Indian Scholarship Application:  
[www.ohe.state.mn.us/ssl/mispapp/mispapp1.cfm](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/ssl/mispapp/mispapp1.cfm)

## **FORMS TO BE COMPLETED BY HAND:**

- Leech Lake Post Secondary Grant & W-9 (*to be turned in to Financial Aid or the Education Office to Dorothy Robinson at the Facility Center*) or turn in other tribal scholarships (ex. RL, FDL, BF, WE, ML, GP, SWO, etc.) to the Financial Aid Office.
- Other supplemental applications (if needed).
- Submit any other information requested by the financial aid office.

## **ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIP:**

- All students are encouraged to apply for the American Indian College Fund "My TCU" In-House Scholarship, including non-native students. *The college will advertise when the scholarship is open for applications.*

For assistance please contact Financial Aid Director: Kim Gourneau at 218-335-4270  
or Financial Aid Assistant: Flower Kingbird at 218-335-4224.

## **Completing your FAFSA Application Online**

To complete FAFSA on the web, you begin by going to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) and click on “Start Here.” Next, you will provide your name, date of birth, and Social Security number. You will be guided step-by-step through the preliminary application process by following the time-saving suggestions below:

- Gather the documents you need.
- Print and complete the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet (optional).
- Apply for a Federal Student Aid PIN if you do not have one.
- Parents of dependent students apply for a PIN if they do not have one.
- Plan how to sign your FAFSA (using a PIN or a signature page).
- Note eligibility requirements.
- Note important deadline dates.

As you complete the FAFSA, you – and your parents, if applicable – should have the following records available to help you answer questions on the application:

- Social Security card
- Driver’s License (if any)
- Permanent Resident Receipt Card (if applicable)
- W-2 forms and other current records of money earned
- Current income tax return (see the instruction on the FAFSA if the tax return has not been completed)
- Records of child support paid
- Records of taxable earnings from Federal Work-Study or other need-based work programs
- Records of student grant, scholarship and fellowship aid, including AmeriCorps awards, that were included in your (or your parents’) AGI
- Current stock, bond, and other investment records
- Current business and farm records
- Current bank statements

A dependent student (as determined in Questions 45-57) should have all the records listed about from his or her parents except for their drivers licenses.

Remember to write down every username and password created and keep record of them. Make sure to put them with your other important records; you will need these passwords every time you log in for the future.

Double-check your answers to make sure they are complete and accurate. Be sure you have provided the necessary signatures electronically or on paper.

If you are applying electronically, follow the online instruction to print a copy of your application for your records. Be sure to submit your application and receive your confirmation page.

### **If you filed a FAFSA previously**

If you have a previous application on file, when you start to complete your next year’s application, you will be asked if you want the information from the previous application to pre-fill your new application. You will only be given this option if you filed a previous year FAFSA. This process will allow you to complete the FAFSA in less time.

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