# Lewis & Clark College | Financial Aid Checklist

**Incoming Students** 

#### APPLY!

Research <u>priority deadlines</u> for applications. Review <u>timeline</u> and <u>financial aid quide</u>.

Submit the <u>FAFSA</u> and <u>CSS Profile</u> (available beginning October 1). Use the *IRS Data Retrieval Tool* via the FAFSA for *faster processing!* 

\*Note\* L&C does <u>not</u> require the Noncustodial Profile, and we do <u>not</u> provide fee waivers.

Apply for external scholarships.

Check your <u>Lewis & Clark portal</u> for any outstanding requirements and missing documents. (If you were selected for verification, visit our <u>website</u>.)

**Pro Tip!** Make sure that your social security number is on file with Admissions.

## SECURE YOUR FINANCIAL AID

Submit the <u>Financial Aid Response Form</u> by **July 1** to accept or decline loan(s) and/or work-study. (Scholarships and grants are automatically accepted.)

Complete the <u>Entrance Counseling</u> and sign the <u>Master Promissory Note</u> (MPN) in order for loans to disburse (first-time loan borrowers only).

\*Note\* Federal grants and loans do not disburse until approximately one week before the semester begins.

**Pro Tip!** Merit-based scholarships are renewable each year as long as you maintain <u>satisfactory academic progress</u>.

#### **MAKE YOUR DECISION**

Review your financial aid award letter.

Calculate your estimated out-of-pocket costs after financial aid is applied using the financial worksheet.

Pay your <u>admissions deposit</u> by May 1. (January 15 for Early Decision.)

**Pro Tip!** Keep your e-mail inbox organized and frequently check for important messages from the Financial Aid Office.

#### **WRAP UP**

Set up a <u>TMS Payment Plan</u>, apply for the <u>Parent PLUS Loan</u>, and/or apply for a <u>private student loan</u> to cover remaining costs if needed.

Review payment due dates and payment methods.

Submit an <u>authorization form</u> if you wish to give your parent(s) access to your financial aid records.

#### **Contact Us / Submit Documents**

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## **Don't forget!**

- Report external scholarships as you are notified of them using the <u>External Resources Form</u>
- Already covered under a parent's health insurance?
  Waive student health insurance in July before mid-September deadline.
- You must reapply for financial aid each academic year by submitting only a <u>FAFSA</u>
- Sign up for a Salt account for free resources to help you plan for, pay for, and repay the cost of your degree.