**Lewis & Clark College | Financial Aid Checklist**

**Incoming Undergraduate Students**

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**APPLY!**

- Research **priority deadlines** for applications.
- Review **timeline** and **financial aid guide**.
- Submit the **FAFSA** and **CSS Profile** (available beginning October 1). Use the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** via the FAFSA for faster processing!

*Note* L&C does not require the Noncustodial Profile, and we do **not** provide fee waivers.

- Apply for **external scholarships**.
- Check your **Pioneer Portal** for any outstanding requirements and missing documents. (If you were selected for verification, visit our website for instructions.)

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

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**SECURE YOUR FINANCIAL AID**

Once you pay your enrollment deposit and create a Lewis & Clark email address, you will be granted access to WebAdvisor with a link to your Self-Service account.

- Accept or decline your loans(s) and/or work-study by **July 1** in **Self-Service**. (Scholarships and grants are automatically accepted.)
- Complete the **Entrance Counseling** and sign the **Master Promissory Note** in order for your loans to be processed. Sign in with your FSA ID.

*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 **satisfactory academic progress**.

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**MAKE YOUR DECISION**

- Review your **financial aid award in the Pioneer Portal**.
- Calculate your estimated out-of-pocket **costs** after financial aid is applied using the **Direct Cost Estimator Tool**.
- Pay your **enrollment deposit** by May 1*.
  * January 15, 2020 for **Early Decision**.

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

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**WRAP UP**

- Set up a **Nelnet:TMS Payment Plan**, apply for the **Parent PLUS Loan**, and/or apply for a **private student loan** to cover remaining costs if needed.
- Review **payment due dates** and **payment methods**.
- Submit an **authorization form** if you wish to give your parent(s), other family, and/or other third party access to your financial aid records per **FERPA**.

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**Don't forget!**

- **Already covered under a parent’s health insurance?** **Waive LC student health insurance** before the deadline.
- **Sign up for CashCourse** to take charge of your money!