

## Financial Aid Checklist

Complete the FAFSA and Scholar Dollar\$ by March 1st

NMSU's priority deadline for the FAFSA is March 1st. However, you may still file a FAFSA after the priority deadline. We encourage students to file early for priority processing. Scholar Dollar\$ closes March 1st.

Receive award from NMSU Financial Aid

Incoming students will receive a mailed package complete with a financial aid award offer and additional information. Current students will receive an emailed award to their myNMSU accounts.

View award and application status on myNMSU

After you have received your award from the Financial Aid Office, you are able to log on to your myNMSU to view the award and your application status. You will be able to accept or decline award offers on myNMSU. Also, if we need further information from you before we can finish processing your application, you will find requirements on myNMSU. For instructions on checking your financial aid application through myNMSU, go to [fa.nmsu.edu/verificationinstructions](http://fa.nmsu.edu/verificationinstructions)

Verification

If you were selected for verification, we will need additional information to finalize your award. You can find your verification requirements on your myNMSU. For instructions on finding your verification requirements on myNMSU, go to [fa.nmsu.edu/verificationinstructions](http://fa.nmsu.edu/verificationinstructions)

Accept or decline work-study

Grants and scholarships are automatically accepted on your behalf. However, you can manually choose to accept or decline work-study (if awarded) on your myNMSU account. Work-study positions can be found through AggieCAREER Manager at [careerservices.nmsu.edu](http://careerservices.nmsu.edu)

Accept (partial or full) or decline loans

Starting July 1st, you have the option to accept a partial loan amount or the full loan amount. You may also decline student loans. If student loans are needed to help pay University balances, we strongly encourage you to accept them before the beginning of school. For more information, visit [fa.nmsu.edu/getting-started/](http://fa.nmsu.edu/getting-started/)

Complete Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN)

If you accepted loans, complete Entrance Counseling and sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN). These requirements can be found through your myNMSU.

Review award and application status on myNMSU

As school approaches, make sure that all requirements are complete and that your awards are finalized.

FAFSA and Scholar Dollar\$ open on October 1st

New for the 2017-18 academic year: the FAFSA opens on October 1st. The priority deadline is March 1st. Scholar Dollar\$ also opens on October 1st and closes March 1st.