FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

October - December
The FAFSA and Scholar Dollar$ opens for the next academic year on October 1. Apply annually!

Financial Aid hosts FAFSA Nights! Advisors come out to assist students and parents with filling out the FAFSA. Check with your school counselor or social media, or call our office to find out locations and times.

March
The FAFSA and Scholar Dollar$ priority deadline is March 1st of each year.

April
After completing the FAFSA, review your tentative awards and complete any financial aid requirements by logging in to your myNMSU account.

May-July
Log on to myNMSU to accept or decline federal student loans and/or work-study (if applicable). If you are a first-time loan borrower, complete Entrance Counseling and sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN). These must be completed before loans can be processed.

August-December
Before the semester starts check your myNMSU to make sure all financial aid requirements are complete. Once the semester begins, your awards will be disbursed into your student account.

Enjoy college and work hard in your classes! Be sure to complete courses and keep up those grades so you can renew your scholarships.

RESOURCES
Visit these sites for more information about Financial Aid at NMSU.
- fafsa.ed.gov
- fsaid.ed.gov
- studentloans.gov
- finaid.org

KEEP IN TOUCH
You can contact the Financial Aid & Scholarship Services Office at 575-646-4105 or email us at financialaid@nmsu.edu. For general information, quick guides, and overviews please visit our website at fa.nmsu.edu.

After you’re admitted, we’ll send you a Tentative Award Packet. You’ll receive an Out-of-Pocket Worksheet, Award Letter, and your assigned Financial Aid Advisor’s contact information.

Keep a look out for award letters and notifications in your myNMSU Outlook inbox.

Follow us on social media for info on events, news, and deadlines.
WELCOME
Financial Aid and Scholarship Services would like to welcome you to our Aggie community! Within this pamphlet we review essential financial aid information to begin funding your education and ultimately becoming an Aggie innovator.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID
Aggies may qualify for several types of financial aid. This includes scholarships, grants or work-study, and student loans. To learn more about how to apply for federal and state aid, please review the Financial Aid Applications section.

Grants
Grants are federal or state need-based aid that are not required to be repaid.

Loans
Federal Student Loans is money you borrow and must pay back with interest. You may be offered need-based Subsidized Loans which do not collect interest while you are enrolled at least half-time or Unsubsidized Loans which are need-based and are available for undergraduate and graduate students.

Work-Study
Federal or state Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay for educational expenses.

Scholarships
These funds are awarded to students meeting specific and competitive requirements. Students may qualify for institutional scholarships and can apply through Scholar Dollar$, or external organizations, for other scholarships. Check out our website for institutional scholarship requirements and private scholarship opportunities.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
The FAFSA opens on October 1st every year. NMSU’S priority deadline is March 1st. To be eligible for grants, work-study, and federal loans you will need to complete the FAFSA every year. For the 2020-2021 FAFSA, you will need your 2018 tax information. Logon to fafsa.ed.gov or download the myStudentAid mobile app for iPhone or Android.

Scholar Dollar$
Scholar Dollar$ is an online application for scholarships at NMSU. The application opens on October 1st of every year, with a priority deadline of March 1st. Students may apply at scholarships.nmsu.edu.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PAYING FOR SCHOOL AT THE AGGIE WELCOME & ORIENTATION
REGISTER AT AWO.NMSU.EDU

NAVIGATING FINANCIAL AID IN MYNMSU
Start Here
1. Log in to your account at my.nmsu.edu
2. Click on Student in the main menu
3. Under Quick Links, select Financial Aid
From the Financial Aid tab, you can navigate to your Financial Aid Status and your Award

Financial Aid Requirements
Follow these steps to review your requirements:
1. In the Financial Aid tab, select Eligibility
2. Click on Student Requirements
3. Select the applicable Award Year, and Submit
On this page, you will see a list of requirements you must complete in order to receive your financial aid funds. This may include completing forms or submitting additional documentation.

Accept the Terms & Conditions
Every year you’ll need to accept the Financial Aid Terms & Conditions before you can accept your awards.
1. In the Financial Aid tab, select Award
2. Select the applicable Award Year, and Submit
3. Click on the Terms and Conditions tab
4. Read the Terms & Conditions, and Accept

Accept Your Awards
If you were offered loans or work-study, you’ll need to accept or decline those awards.
1. After accepting the Terms & Conditions, select the Accept Award Offer tab.
2. Select your decision from the drop down menu beside the award offer. With loans, you may choose to accept a the full or partial amount. Enter the amount in the box next to the award offer.