

# Financial Aid Information

## APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by going to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

## APPLYING FOR TAP

If you are an undergraduate student, you will need to complete the TAP application found at the end of the FAFSA or at [www.tapweb.org](http://www.tapweb.org). Graduate/professional students are not eligible to receive TAP.

## FAFSA TIMELINE

The FAFSA is available October 1st of each year. Upstate's priority deadline to complete the FAFSA is March 1st.

## FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

Students who submitted a FAFSA by the priority deadline in the Medicine, DPT, and PA programs should have their financial aid packages by April 15th. Students in all other programs should have their financial aid packages by May 1st. All students with a FAFSA submitted after the priority deadline will receive their packages on a rolling basis, beginning in May.

## ACCEPTING YOUR AID

Once your financial aid package is available, you should log on to MyUpstate to view and "accept" the financial aid that you will need to successfully finance your education.

## COMPLETING YOUR LOAN DOCUMENTS

If this is your first time taking out a student loan through the Federal Direct student loan program, entrance counseling must be completed at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

You must sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for your loans — one MPN for unsubsidized/subsidized and a separate note for the Grad Plus loans. Both are available at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

Perkins loan MPNs must be signed at [slsc.albany.edu](http://slsc.albany.edu)

## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please send an email to [finaid@upstate.edu](mailto:finaid@upstate.edu) explaining your situation:

- If you have extenuating circumstances which will impact your budget.
- If you are receiving a scholarship or grant from an outside organization.
- If you submitted your FAFSA on time and you have not received a package by the date outlined above.
- If you receive a notice that you have been selected for verification and need to submit documentation in order to complete the financial aid process.

## IF YOU STILL NEED ASSISTANCE OR GUIDANCE

Please call to set up an appointment with a counselor. We would be happy to meet with you to go over your specific situation.



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