

Financial Aid Checklist



Welcome to Financial Aid

Need some answers?

Dial the help line experts at the Bronco Express Service Center, (269) 387-6000. Or find us on the Web, www.wmich.edu/finaid. You can e-mail your questions to finaid-info@wmich.edu.

See **your** financial aid award and payment information on GoWMU!



Financial Aid Application Process

- First-time applicants: Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Get one for you **and** one for your parents at www.pin.ed.gov.
- Everyone: File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, every year. Do it faster on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Some aid is awarded until it's gone, so apply early. March 1 is the priority date for Michigan aid.
- First-time applicants: Be admitted to a degree program and submit all required transcripts.
- Everyone: Watch your Western e-mail. You will be notified if you have application **Requirements** to complete. Get the details on GoWMU. *gawmu*

After You Get Your Award Letter

- Everyone: Watch your Western e-mail. Review your **Award Payment Schedule** on GoWMU. Complete any tasks, turn in any documents as directed. *gawmu*
- Everyone: Decline or reduce any student loans you do not want using the Financial Aid Adjustment Form. Get it on the Web at www.wmich.edu/finaid/forms.html#award.
- First-time borrowers: Complete a Master Promissory Note for your student loans. Get the information on our Web site, and on GoWMU. *gawmu*
- First-time borrowers: Complete the required Direct Student Loan Entrance Counseling at www.dl.ed.gov.
- Everyone: Report your private scholarships and additional resources for the year. Get the Scholarship Resource Form at www.wmich.edu/finaid/forms.

Prior to Payment of Your Aid

- Everyone: Continue to review your **Award** and any missing **Requirements** on GoWMU. *gawmu*
- First-time applicants: Complete the Payment Authorization Form. Find it at www.wmich.edu/finaid/forms.
- Everyone: Finalize your enrollment for the semester by the end of each semester's drop/add period.

After Your Aid Pays

- Everyone: Stay enrolled. Withdrawing from classes could result in the loss of your aid, and may affect future eligibility for aid.
- Everyone: Complete your courses. You must make Satisfactory Academic Progress toward your degree to maintain eligibility for aid. Learn more about eligibility on our Web site.

Notes
