

YOUR FINANCIAL AID TO DO LIST

Applying for Financial Aid? Here's *what to do*, *when to do it* and *what to expect along the way!*

Step 1

- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

Go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete your FAFSA. Don't forget: include North Shore Community College (NSCC) and our federal code **002173** in the section that requests which schools should receive your information.

Step 2

- **Review your Student Aid Report (SAR).**

If you provided your email address on the FAFSA, you will receive an email with a link to your Student Aid Report. If you did not provide your email address or you submitted a paper FAFSA, you will receive a paper SAR in the mail a few weeks after submitting. Make sure all of the information is correct and update any data if necessary. (You may send in your corrected SAR to Student Financial Services at NSCC or mail it back to the federal processor.)

Step 3

- **Submit additional information and/or documentation ASAP**

After the school receives an electronic version of your SAR (as long as you included NSCC on your FAFSA), you may be required to submit additional information/documentation to Student Financial Services to complete your application. To see your outstanding requirements, log in to your Pipeline account and make the following clicks:

➤ Financial Aid ➤ My Eligibility ➤ Student Requirements

If you did not add NSCC on your FAFSA, bring in your SAR to Student Financial Services immediately.

Respond immediately to all requirement requests! Continue to monitor the status of your financial aid application; additional information and/or documents may be added as your file is reviewed.

Step 4

- **Review your estimated financial aid award.**

You can check your estimated award package through Pipeline. Remember, this is an estimate only based on current application information reported on the FAFSA and full-time enrollment (12 credits or more). *Important: This estimated amount will change if you are enrolled part-time or in a clock-hour program and/or if any changes are made to your FAFSA application that affect your eligibility.*

To view your estimated award package, log in to Pipeline and make the following clicks:

➤ Financial Aid ➤ My Award Information ➤ Account Summary by Term

Step 5

- **Your financial aid counselor reviews your file.**

After you submit all required information to Student Financial Services, your financial aid counselor reviews your application material. As a result of the review, you may be requested to submit additional information to Student Financial Services.

- **Your financial aid is disbursed to pay all or part of your school charges.**

The first disbursement occurs a few weeks after the start of the term. Additional disbursements occur periodically throughout the academic year. *Remember: your financial aid only pays when your file is complete!*

To see the actual amount of aid that has been paid to your account (after disbursement), log in to Pipeline and make the following clicks:

➤ Financial Aid ➤ My Award Information ➤ Account Summary by Term

Step 6

How long does this all take? *It's up to you!*

Apply early and submit all information immediately to complete your application!

Student Financial Services

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