

ENTERING M.D. STUDENTS
DEADLINE DATE: April 8, 2015
2015 – 2016 Financial Aid Instructions

Instructions for the 2015-2016 Financial Aid process will be available on the MSM website the 1st week of February. Please review the website to obtain the most updated information.

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE (IN ITS ENTIRETY) THE STUDENT SECTIONS OF THE PARENT AND STUDENT SECTIONS OF THE FAFSA FORM IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INSTITUTIONAL NEED BASED GRANT AWARDS.

Missing Data on the FAFSA Form will result in a delay in processing your file. No missing or blank financial data.

2015 – 2016 Required Documents

1. 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form (apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov). **This form will be available after 1/01/2015. Do not leave any items blank – include an answer to every question. (Note: You must have (completed/filed) 2014 federal tax returns for you and parents in order to complete this form accurately).**
2. **Signed** copy of parents' and/or step parents' 2014 IRS Tax Return **(as signed and submitted to IRS).**
3. **W-2 forms and 1099s to verify 2014 earned income for parents/step-parents.**
 - W-2 forms should total the income (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) on line 7 of the 2014 (1040 Tax Form); line 7 of the 2014 (1040A) tax form, or line 1 of the 2014 (1040 EZ) tax form.
4. 2014 signed Non-Filer's Certification form for parents/step-parents who will not file a 2014 IRS Tax Return (<http://www.msm.edu/FinancialAid/ApplicationProcess.php>)-Available Feb. 2, 2015
5. Title IV Authorization Form

Important Points:

- Students should expect to receive a tentative award letter within three weeks of file completion.
- Encourage your parents to file his/her tax return(s) early (if you wish to be considered for need based grants).
- The Federal Tax Return is required for all parents/step-parents who are tax filers.
- The SFAO at MSM will not be able to verify foreign tax returns or bank statements, therefore; they cannot be used to determine need based eligibility.
- **Please do not submit a state tax return.**
- **Individuals receiving Scholarships for Disadvantage Students (SDS) must submit parent and student tax documents or non-filers form**
- Due to limited MSM grant funds (available for awarding) students whose parents' annual income exceeds \$110,000 **are not required to provide parent income information.**
- **Applicants who do not submit required documents by the established deadline date will not receive priority consideration for MSM Need based grants (Includes parent income information on the FAFSA form-No missing or blank financial data).**
- **Applicants accepted after 4/8/15 have fourteen business days to submit all required financial aid documents.**
- **Additional Documents (including tax documents) may be requested to establish eligibility for MSM Need based grants).**

DEADLINE DATES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Please visit www.msm.edu for additional information.