



# 2017-2018 Student Financial Aid Checklist

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Wesson Campus: (601) 643-8464; Natchez Campus: (601) 442-1219; Simpson Center: (601) 849-0125

The priority date to complete the FAFSA and submit all required paperwork is **April 1, 2017**

- 1. **Create a FSA ID (Student and/or Parent).**  
When logging in to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov), click the link to create an FSA ID. All students must obtain a FSA ID. In addition, if the student is a dependent, one parent must also obtain a FSA ID. The FSA ID can be used for subsequent school years.
- 2. **Complete the 2017-2018 FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as possible after January 1 at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Include Co-Lin school code - 002402.
- 3. **FAFSA will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR)** confirming the information you submitted. It is important that you review the report for accuracy and be sure Co-Lin is listed as a college to receive your information. Keep this for your records.
- 4. **Mississippi residents.**  
Please check for state aid opportunities such as MTAG, MESG, or HELP. Complete application as soon as possible after January 1 at [www.riseupms.com](http://www.riseupms.com).
- 5. **Respond promptly to the Co-Lin Financial Aid Office (FAO).**  
You will receive a document tracking letter from the FAO. This letter will indicate any additional documentation that is needed. Submit the requested documents as soon as possible. Your financial aid cannot be completed until ALL documents are received. Documents can be downloaded from the Co-Lin website at [www.colin.edu/financialaid/financial-aidforms](http://www.colin.edu/financialaid/financial-aidforms).  
**Note:** If you have a credit after tuition and fees are taken out, you may purchase books in the bookstore using any remaining funds. You can access your myPaCK account at: <https://access.colin.edu/cgi-bin/advlogin.mbr/login> once you have been admitted to the College and a schedule is on file.
- 6. **Award Notification**  
After all your FAFSA information has been verified, admission requirements, and your transcript has been evaluated; you will receive an award notification letter. There will be steps to complete online at your myPaCK account to accept or decline your awards.
- 7. **Direct Loan Borrowers**  
You will need to go to the Student Loan page on the College web-site at: <http://www.colin.edu/financialaid/student-loans> and complete the loan processing steps for notifying our office of your interest in applying for a Federal Direct loan. You will need to complete the Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Undergraduate students at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). You will then turn in the Direct Loan Request form to the FAO.
- 8. **Students interested in Work-Study.**  
If you indicated on your FAFSA that you are interested in Work-Study employment at Co-Lin we will review your information and notify you of any job openings.