

The priority date to complete the FAFSA and submit all required paperwork is April 1st



2026-2027 Student Financial Aid Checklist

www.colin.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships ● Co-Lin School Code: 002402

Wesson Campus: (601) 643-8464; Natchez Campus: (601) 446-1219; Simpson Center: (601) 849-0126

- 1. **Complete Co-Lin Admission Application and Requirements.**
Co-Lin's On-Line Admissions Application link and Admissions Checklist are located at www.colin.edu/future-students/apply-now/.
- 2. **Create an FSA ID (Student and/or Parent).**
Log in to studentaid.gov or studentloans.gov, click the link to create an FSA ID. All students must obtain a FSA ID. If the student is dependent, one parent must also obtain an FSA ID. The FSA ID can be used for subsequent school years.
- 3. **Complete the 2026-2027 FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** beginning October 1 at studentaid.gov.
- 4. **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.
- 5. **Mississippi residents.**
Please check for state aid opportunities such as MTAG, MESH, or HELP. Complete application beginning October 1 at www.msfinancialaid.org.
- 6. **Respond promptly to the Co-Lin Financial Aid Office (FAO).**
If your FAFSA is selected for VERIFICATION, the FAO will notify you using either the email address you provided on your FAFSA or through regular mail to the address you provided on the FAFSA. The letter will provide you with the next steps needed to complete the Verification process. Your federal student aid cannot be awarded until steps are completed and processed by the FAO. **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/accws/isclogin.pgm#> once you have been admitted to the College and a schedule is on file.
- 7. **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.
- 8. **Direct Loan Borrowers**
You will need to go to the Student Loan page on the College website at: <https://www.colin.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/student-loans> and complete the loan processing steps for notifying the FAO of your interest in having a Federal Direct loan processed.
- 9. **Students interested in Work-Study**
If you are interested in Work-Study employment at Co-Lin, you will need to complete the Work-Study Application located online at www.colin.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/financial-aid-forms.

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