

Student Loan Important Information Checklist

We have made a checklist to help you through your student loan application process. Print this document to help you organize your information before you begin applying for student loans.

- Before applying for any student loans, you must first fill out and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. You can start your FAFSA at CFNC.org or go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.
- If you are filing your FAFSA online, and want to speed up the process, you need to apply for your electronic signature (your PIN) before you file. You can apply for a PIN at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.
- You will need records of income earned in the year prior to when you will start school. You may also need records of your parents' income information if you are a dependent student.

Important information/documents you will need:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your driver's license (if any)
- Your W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- Your (and your spouse's, if your married) Federal Income Tax Return
- Your parents' Federal Income Tax Return (if you are a dependent student)
- Your untaxed income records (Social Security, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Welfare, and Veterans benefits records)
- Your current credit union and other financial institution statements
- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)