

# NYU Financial Aid Checklist

Follow these steps to apply for federal student aid:

- **STEP 1:** Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Include the NYU school code of 002785 to have your FAFSA information forwarded electronically to Student Financial Services for review. Your Social Security number must be on file at NYU to obtain access to your FAFSA upon being admitted.
- **STEP 2:** Once you are officially admitted to NYU, you will be reviewed for a financial aid package and emailed upon completion of review. Your award notification will be sent to your NYU email address.
- **STEP 3:** Once you receive your email, you will be instructed to view and accept or decline your loans on [NYU Albert](#), the NYU student portal. You will access NYU Albert using your NYU net ID and password.
- **STEP 4:** Read the [Financial Aid Guide](#), which describes the various forms of aid and reviews the components of your financial aid package. Accept the amount of loans needed to cover your costs. Your accepted loans will be processed by NYU.
- **STEP 5:** Check [NYU Albert](#) for information and instructions on completing the entrance counseling and the Master Promissory Note (MPN) for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.  
  
Complete entrance counseling, and electronically sign the MPN online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Entrance counseling and your MPN must be completed for funds to disburse to your student account. Disbursements occur 10 days prior to your first class at the start of each semester.
- **STEP 6:** Evaluate your need for additional funding such as the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, which is a credit-based loan. Check [NYU Albert](#) for information and instructions on completing the entrance counseling and the Master Promissory Note (MPN) for the Grad PLUS Loan.  
  
If you are approved for the Grad PLUS Loan, you will need to complete a separate MPN for that loan.  
  
If you are denied the Grad PLUS Loan, you will receive an email advising you to reapply with a cosigner (endorser) or to appeal the denial through the US Department of Education.

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For additional information on federal student aid programs, visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

For information on how to apply for financial aid at NYU, visit [admin.portal.nyu.edu](http://admin.portal.nyu.edu).