Financial Aid

Office of Financial Aid Services
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www.montana.edu/wwwfa

Summer Session Financial Aid
Applying for Summer Session 2019 financial aid requires the following:

1. You must complete a 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you applied for federal financial assistance for Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 semesters, you have already completed a 2018-2019 FAFSA. Please review MyInfo for any outstanding requirements.
2. You must complete a MSU Summer Supplemental Application.
3. You are strongly encouraged to complete the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well. The Federal Pell Grants are now available year round, having both FAFSA’s on file will expand your options for aid.

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Your completed 2018-2019 FAFSA must be received by the federal processor no later than June 30, 2018. This is an absolute deadline for federal student loans. Applications received by the processor after June 30 will not be considered for summer loans. We hope that by now you will have also completed the 2019-2020 FAFSA which is typically for fall 2019 and spring 2020 but can be used in certain situations for summer 2019 as well. Complete the FAFSA(s) electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) if you have not already done so.

Completing the MSU Summer Supplemental Application
With a completed FAFSA for 2018-2019, you may apply for summer aid by completing the MSU Summer Supplemental Application. This form is generally available around the 1st of March. The last day to apply for summer aid is June 30, 2019. Requests for summer term financial aid may not be accepted after this date.

The Summer Supplemental Application is available by clicking on the Forms link on the Financial Aid Services Web site at www.montana.edu/wwwfa. Please also review the MSU Summer webpage for more information as the summer course format has changed, http://www.montana.edu/bobcat4x4/.

Minimum Credit Requirements for Summer Financial Aid

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Federal Student Loans
Eligibility for a student loan is dependent upon the cost of summer attendance and the amount borrowed during the academic year. You must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits to receive loan funds. Loan proceeds will be applied to your University bill.

Federal Pell Grant
Eligibility for the Pell Grant will be based on your enrollment level across all summer sessions. Students attending at least half-time will have their eligibility based on either the 2018-2019 or the 2019-2020 FAFSA. Please turn in both for maximum consideration. Awarding will be made based on the best award. If you are approaching graduation, attending Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 only or approaching your lifetime limit, please stop by the office to discuss options.

Confirming Your Bill
You must confirm your bill (pay fees) for Summer Session with the Student Accounts Office by the published deadline. If you fail to do this, it will be assumed you are not attending Summer Session. This will result in both your classes and your financial aid being cancelled. Reinstatement of classes or financial aid will be based on availability at the time reinstatement is requested.

Refund Checks
Your University bill will reflect charges due for the semester. Provided you meet all of the qualifications to receive financial aid funds, any scholarship, grant, or loan funds awarded to you will be automatically credited to your University student account to be applied to the amount due for the semester.

If your financial aid exceeds your University charges you will be refunded the difference by the Student Accounts Office provided you meet all eligibility requirements. Refunds are generated by the Student Accounts Office as soon as possible after the start of summer classes.

The Student Accounts Office will release a refund when the following requirements have been met:

1. You have completed and returned all required financial aid documents and loan promissory notes to the appropriate offices.
2. You have confirmed your bill at the Student Accounts Office.

For questions regarding the amount and timing of your refund, contact:

Student Accounts Office
Room 102 Montana Hall
(406) 994-1991, extension 3

Satisfactory Academic Progress
You must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy standards in order to be eligible for financial assistance. This policy is published and available at the Office of Financial Aid Services or online at www.montana.edu/wwwfa/. Spring 2019 academic progress can impact summer aid eligibility.

Bobcat Bridge Loans
This is a loan which permits a student, who may be experiencing temporary difficulties, to borrow small sums of money for a short period of time. No collateral is required for a short-term loan although the student must identify a reliable source of repayment. In addition, a student must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or better at MSU, be enrolled for at least six credits as a degree-seeking student, and have a satisfactory repayment record with respect to any previous loan(s) received.

The University reserves the right to reject or decline any application, to determine the amount and a date of repayment for any loan approved, and to require a guarantor. Applications and other information regarding the short-term loan program may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid Services. Allow a minimum of two working days to process a short-term loan application.

Book Loans
This loan is designed to assist students with money to buy books at the MSU Bookstore before aid refunds are distributed. The Office of
Financial Aid Services must verify that each student requesting a book loan has adequate funds (financial aid), after University charges are paid, to cover the costs of the loan. Funds borrowed are deposited to the student’s CatCard no earlier than 10 days prior to the beginning of the term. Once the student’s financial aid is disbursed, it is applied to outstanding charges including the book loan (and the non-refundable loan processing fee). This loan may be requested from the Office of Financial Aid Services.

**Financial Aid for Fall/Spring Semesters 2019-2020**

You must complete the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be considered for financial assistance for 2019 Fall Semester and/or 2020 Spring Semester.

The following dates apply:

- **December 1, 2019** - Priority filing date for 2019-2020 FAFSA.
- **November 15, 2019** - Final filing date for 2019-2020 FAFSA for 2019 Fall Semester aid.
- **April 15, 2020** - Final filing date for 2019-2020 FAFSA for 2020 Spring Semester aid.

**Student Financial Aid Status**

Financial aid status of individual students is available online through MyInfo. You can check your overall financial aid status including outstanding requirements and holds, Satisfactory Academic Progress, individual cost of attendance, award information, and account information regarding charges and payments from the Student Accounts Office. The Internet address is www.montana.edu (MSU Home Page). Links under MyInfo will take you to the online student information system.

**General Financial Aid Information**

General information pertaining to financial aid may be obtained online at www.montana.edu/wwwfa or by calling Financial Aid Services at (406) 994-2845.

**Financial Aid Deadlines for Summer Session 2020**

- **March 31, 2020** - Priority date to submit MSU Summer Supplemental Application Form.
- **June 30, 2020** - Final date: FAFSA for 2019-2020 must be received by the federal processor.
- **July 15, 2020** - Last date to apply for summer financial aid, submit the summer supplement.

Applications for Summer Session financial aid will not be accepted after the final date.
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Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

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