Paying for College
FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

The cost of college is a concern for nearly every student and family. You need to have a plan for meeting your tuition responsibilities.

For College of DuPage to receive your Student Aid Report, you must have submitted an Admission Application. Please be sure to indicate on your Admission Application the date you graduated high school, or the date you received your GED, as well as your program of study. Leaving those questions blank will cause delays in your financial aid processing. Please also be sure your Social Security number and date of birth are listed correctly.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2220, (630) 942-2251. The web address is www.cod.edu/tuition.

For COD scholarship information, go to www.cod.edu/scholarships.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID AT COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

- [ ] Your first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A FAFSA must be completed every academic school year online at www.fafsa.gov. Students are strongly encouraged to file their FAFSA at least eight weeks prior to the start of the semester.

- [ ] You will need to know our Title IV School Code, which is 006656. By completing the FAFSA, you are applying for federal, state and institutional grants, as well as federal Direct loans and federal Work Study.

- [ ] Students (and at least one parent, if the student is dependent) will also need to apply for a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). A FSA ID is required to electronically sign your FAFSA. You can create a FSA ID today by going to https://fsaid.ed.gov.

- [ ] After you successfully submit your FAFSA, our office should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) in three to four days.

- [ ] Submit official final high school or GED transcript.

- [ ] The Office of Student Financial Assistance will contact you—via your COD email address—to request additional information as determined by your FAFSA results. We will send out three requests for missing information, after which you will no longer receive notices for missing information. We will also update your myACCESS account to show what information is missing. The information will be listed in your myACCESS under Financial Aid Self-Service.

- [ ] Once all requested information is submitted to our office, it will be about two to four weeks before your Financial Aid Award Letter is updated in your myACCESS under Financial Aid Self-Service.

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