

Financial Aid Checklist

- ___ #1 Apply for your Federal user id and password at www.studentaid.gov.
Parent must also apply for a user id and password if student is considered a *dependent student.**
- ___ #2 Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa.
- **M State School Code #005541**
 - **Reminder - Parent information needed if student is a dependent student**
 - **Fall 2022 through Summer 2023 FAFSA application use 2020 taxes**
 - You will have the option to transfer 2020 tax information from the IRS within the portal. We encourage you to do this.
 - Must have each parents' gross income for 2020
- ___ #3 Respond to all requests for information from the college. www.minnesota.edu,
SpartanNet Login > E-Services > Financial Aid > Aid application status. If you see a Financial Aid Status letter, you must complete this form before awards can be issued. *If your letters requests for you to complete an additional form, our forms are located at www.minnesota.edu/forms.
- Although you may complete this form once the Department of Education could require additional forms, after the first status letter is processed.**
- ___ #4 Review your Award Letter, in your E-Services account, under Financial Aid.
www.minnesota.edu, *SpartanNet Login > E-Services > Financial Aid > Awards or Awards by Credit Level (if you need a printable version)*.

You will receive an email when your award letter is ready.

Definition of a **Dependent Student: Under the age of 24 by Jan. 1st of the academic year (unless one of the below circumstances apply)*

Definition of an **Independent Student: 24 and older and/or have a child or dependent that you support more than 50%, married and/or are a ward of the court and/or serving active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and/or were in the foster care system after the age of 13 and/or if both parents are deceased. A member of the Minnesota State Colleges & Universities System. An equal opportunity educator and employer.*