

FINANCIAL AID 2023-2024

College of Menominee Nation Student Checklist

Step 1. Submit the 2022-2023 FAFSA.

Complete the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa> and be sure to include CMN's School Code: 031251

We recommend you use the IRS Data Retrieval option. In order to successfully use this option, you or your parents must have filed a 2021 tax return with the IRS, have a valid Social Security Number, and have an unchanged marital status since December 31, 2021. When completing the tax information on the FAFSA, indicate "Already Filed" and select the IRS Data Retrieval option.

It is also recommended that you submit the FAFSA as soon as you are accepted to CMN in order to be considered for all aid programs.

Do I need my parents' information?

Yes, if you are a dependent student.

You are a dependent student if you answer "no" to all the following questions:

Are you 24 years or older?

Are you a graduate or professional student?

Are you a veteran or member of armed forces?

Are you someone with legal dependents other than a spouse?

Are you an orphan or ward of court?

Are you an emancipated minor?

Are you at risk of becoming homeless?

Step 2. Submit Tribal Higher Education documents (if you are an enrolled tribal member).

Contact your tribe's education office and find out what kind of assistance it offers to students in higher education. Usually an application and other materials need to be submitted.

Step 3. Submit American Indian College Fund and Privately Funded Scholarships applications.

Information is available at <https://www.menominee.edu/admission-aid/financial-aid>. You can apply for these scholarships each fall and spring term. Please check your emails for material and deadlines.

Step 4. Submit any additional forms specifically requested by the CMN Financial Aid Office.

When the results of your FAFSA are received by the Financial Aid Office, you will be sent a confirmation email. Email is our official form of communication with students. An additional email will be sent indicating whether there is additional documentation required from you. You will find information about any requested items in the 'Missing Documents' section of the 'Financials' tab in your MyEmpower account.

(Note: if you do not know how to get into your MyEmpower account, please contact your Student Achievement Specialist.)

Step 5. View your financial aid award online by accessing your MyEmpower student account.

All students will receive an email notifying them of their award status. Students then have the following options regarding their awards: Accept, Decline, or Reduce the aid offered.

Step 6. Set up your refund preferences.

All financial aid proceeds will be applied to your CMN bill. If funds remain after the bill is paid in full, a refund is generated. You can set up a direct deposit with the Students Records and Billing Office, or a check can be picked up or sent via USPS. All students are sent an email if they have a refund available.

Step 7. Review your billing information.

Billing charges will be placed on your student account after the add/drop period. This can be found in your MyEmpower under 'Financials' tab if you click on 'Billing Detail'.

Step 8. Be aware of FERPA Regulations.

The FERPA Act of 1974 protects the privacy of your student records, including those created and maintained by the Financial Aid Office. The Financial Aid Office cannot discuss your information with your parents, spouse, or other individuals without your permission. If you would like to give permission to discuss financial aid information with an individual, we will need a typed statement yearly stating who this person is.

Step 9. Contact CMN's Financial Aid Office with your questions.

You may contact us directly, in person in Glen Miller Hall Welcome Center, by phone at 715-799-6226, ext. 3237, or by email at financialaid@menominee.edu. Visit our website www.menominee.edu for more helpful information regarding financial aid.