PACE UNIVERSITY

FINANCIAL AID TIPS

- Student and parents should get their FSA ID that used to sign the FAFSA and other documents - https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/

- **File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon after **October 1** of your senior year of high school

- **FAFSA estimator** - https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/

- **CSS Profile** – Not a free application. Available in October. Used primarily by more selective schools. It asks for more personal financial information than FAFSA. Visit the College Board website for more information and deadlines - www.collegeboard.com. Many schools have deadlines as early as November

- **New York State Aid Application** - The FAFSA will allow you to link to the state site (www.hesc.ny.gov for New York residents) if you list at least one school within your state of legal residence

- Research outside scholarships using free and reputable search engines such as www.fastweb.com, www.collegeboard.com, www.tuitionfundingsources.com Be aware of the numerous scams that will ask for money to assist you in getting free money

- Speak with the Financial Aid representative when visiting schools

- Refer to a school's **Net Price Calculator** to determine estimated out-of-pocket cost

- Call the Financial Aid office (or check websites) at the schools you are interested in to find out if they require any additional forms such as the CSS Profile or campus-based form and to check for filing deadline dates

- DO NOT pay someone to help you file the FAFSA – it is a free form that is not as daunting as it may seem. If you have any questions, call a Financial Aid office and they can assist you free of charge.