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Pre-College Calendar and Checklist for Incoming Freshmen

October

- ❑ Obtain application for University Scholarships.

November

- ❑ Submit application for University Scholarships.
- ❑ Check with Financial Aid office to see what paperwork is needed and what the due dates are.

December

- ❑ Make sure you have submitted all necessary paperwork to complete your scholarship application. December 1st is the first deadline for complete scholarship applications.
- ❑ Pick up a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at your high school, your local library or the NSU Office of Student Financial Aid. You can begin working on this but do not submit it before January 1st.

January

- ❑ Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You can submit this by mail or over the internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Submit this application as soon after January 1st as possible.
- ❑ KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT.
- ❑ PARENTS: It is helpful to get your income tax returns prepared early – copies of them may be requested to verify financial aid eligibility.

February

- ❑ Complete the Financial Aid Data Form and Entrance Interview form.
- ❑ Submit your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, if you have not already done so).

February cont.

- ❑ If you did not make the December 1st deadline for the scholarship application, be sure to submit it before the 2nd deadline which is March 1st.

March

- ❑ Check with the Financial Aid office to see if any additional paperwork is needed.
- ❑ Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. Your SAR will give you information on your financial aid eligibility. It will also tell you if you have been selected for Verification. READ IT CAREFULLY!
- ❑ If you have not received your Student Aid Report four weeks after sending in your FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 or www.Fafsa.ed.gov.

April

- ❑ Look for an award letter in the mail from the financial aid office. Make sure all the aid you expected is listed on the award letter. If you have any questions call the Office of Student Financial Aid.

May, June and July

- ❑ Keep checking with the financial aid office to see if your aid is getting processed and if there is any additional paperwork needed.