Financial Aid for Graduate/Transfer Students

Presented by the Office of Student Financial Aid
How to Apply

- FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
- Title IV Authorization form
- Terms and Conditions
- The Federal Government may select the students FAFSA application for Verification
  - This requires FA Staff to verify the accuracy of the FAFSA application
- Academic Transcripts (for transfer students) all transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions office for Undergrad students and the Graduate Office for Grad Students
- Student will be notified by email of additional forms needed
Awarding – Need Based Aid

The need-based awards that MAY be awarded depending on students eligibility in regards to Federal and State regulations can include:

- Pell Grant for Students pursuing 1st Bachelor’s degree only – federal (Grad students are not eligible for the pell grant)
- Subsidized Direct loan – federal (undergrad students only)
- Perkins loan – federal (limited funding)
- All other Grants and Federal aid (SEOG, Go Grant, work-study, etc.)
Awarding – Non-Need Base Aid

The non-need based awards that MAY be awarded depending on students eligibility in regards to Federal and State regulations can include:

- Federal Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Parent plus loan – undergraduates
- Federal Grad plus loan – graduates
- Federal TEACH Grant (eligibility starts at Jr/Sr level)
- TOPS Scholarships (state)
Satisfactory Academic Progress

All students receiving federal aid must follow the federal satisfactory academic progress guidelines.

- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 for UG and 3.0 GR
- Cumulative completion rate of 67% of ALL courses
  - (hours earned divided by hours attempted)
- Can not attempt more than 150% of hours needed for respective program
  - (Ex. Program requires 120 hours for graduation, if a student attempts over 180 hours they are no longer eligible for federal aid)

NOTE: All withdrawn courses count in attempted hours
Summer Aid

- Must complete a Summer Aid Application
- Students may apply for any remaining student loans and/or PELL grant not used during Fall and Spring semester.
- Student must be enrolled before submitting summer application.
- Student must be enrolled in at least 6 hours to receive a federal loan
NSU Connect

How do I find out about my financial aid application and information:
- Go to NSU Connect
- Enter User ID
- Enter PIN Number
- Click on Financial Aid
NSU Connect

- How do I view my billing summary for a term:
  - Go to NSU Connect
  - Enter User ID
  - Enter PIN number
  - Click on Student
  - Click on Student Account
  - Click on Billing Summary for Term
  - Select Term
  - Click Submit
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How do I view account summary; My awards; Accept/Decline award offers; Display Award payment schedule; View loan applications; Review withdrawal information:

- Go to NSU Connect
- Enter User ID
- Enter PIN number
- Click on Financial Aid
- Click on Awards
NSU Connect

- How do I view overall status, holds, academic progress, cost of attendance, financial aid awards and message:
  - Go to NSU Connect
  - Enter User ID
  - Enter PIN Number
  - Click on Financial Aid
  - Click on Financial Aid status
How do I review Financial aid holds (which may prevent payment of award(s); document requirements; display academic progress history:

- Go to NSU Connect
- Enter User ID
- Enter PIN number
- Click on Financial Aid
- Click on Eligibility
Important Reminders

- Apply early and apply every year
- Book Allowances (credit balance)
- Maintain academic progress
- Keep a copy of all financial aid papers submitted, security codes and passwords in a safe place
- Borrow conservatively
- Family Educational Rights and Policy Act (FERPA) form
- Always ask questions if you are unsure
Contact information

Office of Student Financial Aid
212 Student Services Center
Natchitoches LA 71497
318-357-5961 or 1-800-823-3008
FAX 318-357-5488
Website: www.nsula.edu/financialaid/
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Financial Aid Administrators will be available for questions