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## Pre-College Calendar and Checklist for Incoming Freshman

### October

- Submit an application for admissions. Your admissions application will be used for scholarship consideration

### December

- Watch for your scholarship award letter. These still come by mail. Be sure to sign, make a copy and return to our office.

### January

- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can submit this at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Submit this application as soon after January 1<sup>st</sup> as possible.
- KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT.
- PARENTS: It is helpful to get your income tax returns prepared early. Copies of them, along with W-2's may be requested to verify financial aid eligibility.

### February

- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) by email. 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!
- Complete the NSU Financial Aid Data Form online.

### March

- Login into Student Account Services at <http://www2.nsula.edu/> to see if the Financial Aid Office needs any additional paperwork from you and/or your parents.
- If you have not received your Student Aid Report 4 weeks after sending in our FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 or [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### April

- Watch your email for important notices from the NSU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

### May, June and July

- Look for an award notification in your student email. This notification will instruct you how to log in to your student account services so that you can verify your expected aid. If you have any questions call the Office of Student Financial Aid.
- Direct Student loans will be offered to all students who are eligible. If you do not want to receive any loans, you must decline each loan individually online at your student services account. If you wish to receive Direct Student loans, you must go online to your student services and accept the loan(s) you wish to receive. You must also complete your online Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note at [www.nsula.edu/financialaid/loans](http://www.nsula.edu/financialaid/loans).
- If you have not received an award notice, check with the financial Aid office to see if your aid is getting processed and if there is any additional paperwork needed.