

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES FOR FINANCIAL AID

September-December

Apply for admission to Aurora University <http://www.aurora.edu/prospective/apply.htm>. Scholarships are conveniently awarded to undergraduate students based on the admission application, so a separate application is not needed. AU will begin awarding scholarships to accepted undergraduate students and scholarship letters will be sent.

Complete the Net Price Calculator (<http://aurora.edu/admission/financialaid/calculator/index.html#axzz1oGgTfQ5j>) to help you estimate your financial aid options and to plan for out-of-pocket expenses.

Apply for a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) PIN now since it will take 1-3 days to receive (if you are a dependent student, your parent will need to apply too) <http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>. Save this for all future years as it is needed to sign the FAFSA each year.

AU offers a financial aid seminar in February geared toward prospective students and families who are usually going through the process for the first time.

Outside scholarship sources are available for both graduate and undergraduate students. Check with your high school guidance office, library, employer, union, church, financial aid office, etc. and visit our links <http://www.aurora.edu/admission/financialaid/additional-resources/index.html>.

January-March

File the FAFSA (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>) as early as January 1st. Our federal school code is **001634**. Use the “FAFSA on the Web Worksheet” prior to completing FAFSA. Your FAFSA can be revised after you complete your tax return.

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) allows the FAFSA filer to download the 2011 tax information required on the FAFSA for the student and parent(s), if dependent, directly from the IRS database. The U.S. Department of Education highly recommends that any FAFSA filer that is eligible to use the DRT should do so. This will ensure greater accuracy on your FAFSA. Also, if your FAFSA is selected for verification and you have used the DRT, you should not have to request a tax return transcript from the IRS.

The federal processor will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review it for corrections and read the front page very carefully!

IMPORTANT: AU will send paperwork by mail the first year and via AU e-mail/WebAdvisor subsequent years. Review the checklist/e-mail and return all requested documents (tax forms, loan documents, etc) to AU early to ensure your financial aid is in place well in advance of the tuition due date. Pay close attention to the registration hours and housing status listed on your award letter and notify our office if this is different from your actual plans.

April

If you are a new student, you should decide where you will be attending in the fall and let that school's admission and financial aid office know. Also inform other schools you will not be attending.

May-August

Attend registration and orientation sessions if you are a new student. Returning students, drop off necessary paperwork before leaving for summer break. Once you receive the postcard complete notification, you'll know your financial aid is complete and can enjoy your summer.

June 1st is the due date for financial aid to be complete and processed before bills are posted mid-July. All outstanding balances must be paid one week prior to the start of classes, or a monthly payment plan must be in place with the student accounts office.

Welcome to AU!!

Summer Term: Summer eligibility is determined separately from the fall and spring terms. Contact our office in **March** prior to summer for eligibility questions. You will need to file the prior year's FAFSA and complete our separate summer financial aid application. We will send notification of eligibility via e-mail/WebAdvisor for returning students with aid. New admits for summer will receive an award letter packet in the mail.