

## 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 Early Estimator if student is a new undergraduate student.

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 two financial aid seminars in December and February geared toward those who are 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/finaid/links.htm>.

### January-March

The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for all need-based AU and federal/state grants as well as for the Stafford Loans and Federal Work-Study. If possible, complete federal taxes early so accurate information can be used for the FAFSA.

**File the FAFSA the January prior to each academic year (or as early as possible) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).** To save time, print the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet and complete this prior to sitting down to complete the official FAFSA online. Please be sure to list AU using our federal school code 001634. 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 number of hours/housing status for which your aid is based and notify our office if this is different from your actual plans.

### April

AU's priority date to have filed the FAFSA is **April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** 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!!

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**Summer Term:** Summer eligibility is determined separately from the fall and spring terms. Contact our office in **March/April** 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 so please check this and return requested paperwork.