STEP 1: Steps you must follow to apply for Financial Aid

Award Year: July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016

Determine if you are an INDEPENDENT or DEPENDENT student:

You are an Independent student if you………
- Were born before January 1st, 1992
- Married as of today
- Have children you are financially supporting more than 50%
- Have dependents other than children who you are financially supporting more than 50%
- Both parents are deceased, and you are a ward of the court
- Are serving on active duty in the US Armed Forces
- Are a Veteran of the Armed Forces
- Will be working on an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PHD, EDD or graduate certificate

If you answered “NO” to all the questions above, then you are DEPENDENT and MUST provide parental information.

Now that you have determined your dependency status you can move on to filling out your FAFSA…

Step #1: Create a FSA ID at www.fafsa.gov. The FSA ID is your electronic signature. If you are a dependent student, your parent will need to create a FSA ID as well. Once you have your FSA ID move on to step #2. (Attached steps on how to create an FSA ID)

Step #2: Fill out your FAFSA application at www.fafsa.ed.gov (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid). Read all instructions very carefully. A correct FAFSA will make the process very smooth. Fill out the 2015-16 FAFSA and you will need your 2014 tax return and W2s in order to complete the application. If you are a dependent student you will need your parent(s) tax return and W2s as well. When fill out the FAFSA application, please Link application to IRS.

How to Link to IRS: When answering question about your income or parent’s income there is a Link that says Link to IRS click it and it will take you to the IRS website, then just put your or your parents information. Note: If you don’t link to IRS, then we will need a copy of income tax transcript from the IRS.

Please return to the Financial Aid Office (Yellow form)
- i-TECH Financial Aid application
- FL ID, DL, or passport
- High school/GED diploma/transcript, even if you have submitted a copy to the Registration Office.
- Resident Card, Employment Authorization and Social Security Card (if any are applicable)

Your application will not be reviewed without your documents.

After submitting your FAFSA, it will take about one (1) week before the financial aid office receives your application. To check the status of your application call the office two weeks after you submit it. If there is additional documentation needed, you will be notified by mail or email.