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## Guidance for Obtaining Financial Aid As An Undergraduate Student In Preparation For Becoming A Career and Technology Education Teacher In Maryland

This document provides direction on becoming familiar with financial aid opportunities and requirements. It contains selected web site addresses and directions for financial aid information, procedures and sources of value to students and their adult advocates.

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A four-step procedure is suggested for obtaining financial aid. The procedure is described below with useful web site addresses identified.

**STEP #1**     **Survey the financial aid information**—*Visit the following web sites to gain an understanding of what financial aid is available.*

The Maryland Higher Education Commission  
[www.mhec.state.md.us/SAS/introduction.htm](http://www.mhec.state.md.us/SAS/introduction.htm)

*Select links to find out about:*

- Paying for College
- Applying for Financial Aid
- Eligibility Criteria
- Sources of Information
- Program Description
- Calendar for Need-based Aid
- Scholarship Programs
- Important Terms

The Student Guide—Financial Aid From The U.S. Department Of Education  
[www.ed.gov/prog\\_info/SFA/StudentGuide/](http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide/)

*Identify the appropriate year and select links to find out about:*

- General Information
- Federal Pell Grants
- Stafford Loans
- Plus Loans
- Campus-based Programs
- Borrower Responsibilities and Rights

**STEP #2**     **Process a Free Application for Federal Student Aid**—*This is an important process because the information from the process is required when seeking financial aid from Maryland agencies and colleges, as well as from federal assistance programs. Visit the following web site to understand the process.*

U.S. Department of Education  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

*Select links to find out about:*

- Getting Organized Before Beginning a FAFSA (**Free Application for Federal Student Aid**)
- Filling Out a FAFSA (deadline of July 1)
- FAFSA Follow-up

Also see the attached pages for: 1) FAFSA instructions brochure, 2) sample pre-application worksheet, and 3) homepage of “FAFSA On The Web”.

**STEP #3**     **Apply for admission to your selected college or university**—*Obtain an application packet from the Admissions Office. Complete an application and submit it as instructed in the application packet.*

The Office of Admissions at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore may be contacted by mail or by telephone as follows.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Office of Admissions-- Bird Hall  
Princess Anne, Maryland 21853-1299  
Telephone: 410-651-6178

**STEP #4**     **Contact the Financial Aid Office at your selected college or university**—*Seek assistance in applying for the financial aid for which you may be eligible. It could be in the form of loans, grants or work/study opportunities.*

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