Financial Aid Checklist for DMD Students 2017-2018

☐ *File your FAFSA* - go to *www.fafsa.ed.gov*. When completing the FAFSA it is highly recommended that you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to complete the income section of the form. Using this tool will assure the transfer of the proper financial information. Parental information is not required as graduate students are considered independent. Pitt Dental's School Code is E00750. Deadline for filing the FAFSA is **April 30, 2017**. **Any FAFSA filed after the deadline may delay your financial aid. The student will be responsible for any late fees incurred on their student account in this situation.**

☐ *Complete the School of Dental Medicine (SDM) Financial Aid Application and return it by the deadline* - Be sure to follow the instructions carefully. If you are applying for the Health Professions Loan you will need to have your parents complete the Supplemental Application, **SIGN** it, and include a copy of their 2015 **SIGNED** Federal tax return. Income guidelines for HPL loan are parental AGI of $90,000 or less.

You may receive emails or a financial aid application from the Financial Aid Office on lower campus. Please note that this application can be discarded. The SDM financial aid application is the ONLY University financial aid application that you will need to complete.

☐ *Complete your Entrance Counseling* – *FOR ALL FIRST-TIME SDM BORROWERS*, you must complete online Entrance Counseling for Stafford/Graduate PLUS loans at www.studentloans.gov .

☐ *Complete your Master Promissory Note (MPN) -* *FOR ALL FIRST-TIME LOAN BORROWERS*, you must complete the MPN online for Direct Stafford and Graduate PLUS loans (if using this program) www.studentloans.gov .

☐ *Sign your Financial Aid Award Letter* – Every attempt is made to send your award letter within 30 days of your application being received. Award letters will be sent electronically.

☐ If your award letter lists a HPL loan, you will receive instructions under separate cover from ECSI regarding electronically signing your promissory note and any other paperwork that they require.

It is very important that you follow this checklist and meet the deadlines. Failure to do so may result in late disbursement of your financial aid, late fees for tuition charges, and financial holds on your student account. The SDM will not be held responsible for any of these additional fees.