

Financial Aid Checklist for DMD Predoctoral Students 2026-2027

- **File your [FAFSA](#)** - Parental information is not required as graduate students are considered independent. *Pitt Dental's School Code is E00750*. Deadline for filing the FAFSA is **March 30, 2026**. Any FAFSA filed after the deadline may delay your financial aid offer. The student will be responsible for any late fees incurred on their student account in this situation.

- **Complete the Pitt Dental Financial Aid Application** and return it by the deadline of **March 30th** – *First time applicants must complete the Financial Aid Application*. Applicants renewing their financial aid DO NOT have to complete the application. 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 2024 **SIGNED** Federal tax return. *Income guidelines for HPL loan are parental AGI of \$90,000 or less.*

- **Complete your Entrance Counseling** – **FOR ALL FIRST-TIME Pitt Dental Students BORROWERS**, you must complete online [Entrance Counseling](#) for Direct Federal loans even if you have completed this process for another school.

- **Complete your Master Promissory Note (MPN)** - **FOR ALL FIRST-TIME LOAN BORROWERS**, you must complete the MPN online for the [Unsubsidized Loan](#).

- **Accept your Financial Aid Offer**– Aid offers will be sent via email in late May or early June after cost of attendance budgets have been determined.
 - If your award letter lists a HPL loan, you will receive instructions under separate cover from Heartland/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. Pitt Dental will not be held responsible for any of these additional fees.