

## Financial Aid Checklist for DMD Predoctoral Students 2021-2022

- **File your FAFSA** - We 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, 2021**. **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 Pitt Dental Financial Aid Application OR Pitt Dental Application Update and return it by the deadline** – First time applicants must complete the Financial Aid Application. Applicants renewing their financial aid can complete the Application Update if there are any updates from their original 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 2019 **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 BORROWERS**, you must complete online [Entrance Counseling](#) for Stafford/Graduate PLUS 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](#) and [Graduate PLUS](#) loans (if participating in this program). Both MPNs are accessible at the same site.
  
- **Accept your Financial Aid Award** – Award letters will be sent electronically beginning in June after 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.**