



## 2017-2018 FRESHMEN FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

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### Getting Started

- Obtain Federal Student Aid Identification credentials (FSA ID) from the U.S. Department of Education at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov). If you are a dependent student, one parent will also need an FSA ID.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) as soon as possible on or after October 1, 2016. When completing the 2017-2018 FAFSA you will be using income data from calendar year 2015; you should use the FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to populate the income data from the IRS. The priority filing deadline for freshmen students entering in Fall 2017 is April 15, 2017. The priority filing deadline for new freshmen entering in Spring 2018 is November 1, 2017. Iona's FAFSA school code is 002737.
- New York State residents should complete the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application at [hesc.ny.gov](https://hesc.ny.gov). Our TAP school code is 0325.
- Promptly complete and submit all requested additional information and documentation.

### Understanding Your Financial Assistance Plan

After you have been admitted and have submitted your FAFSA and required documents, you will receive a Financial Aid Award letter and your log in credentials to Iona's student information system, Peoplesoft. Review the financial aid award letter and follow all next steps as outlined on the award letter.

The award details your eligibility for the different types of financial aid: scholarships and grants (gift awards), student loans (which must be repaid) and work study, if applicable. The following types of financial aid require the completion of additional documents:

- **Federal Direct Student Loan** borrowers must complete entrance counseling and a master promissory note (MPN) at [studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov). These forms should be completed after May 1, 2017.
- **Federal Perkins Loan** recipients must complete entrance counseling and a master promissory note (MPN) at [ecsi.net/promWA9](https://ecsi.net/promWA9). You will receive an email in August to let you know when the MPN is available to sign.
- Review your **TAP** award at [hesc.ny.gov](https://hesc.ny.gov) to make sure it has our TAP school code: 0325.
- Explore the various payment options that are available, such as [payment plans](#) and [loans](#).

### After You Register

Iona College Student Financial Services does not mail paper bills. All tuition bills are generated electronically (eBill).

- To access your eBill and to make a payment online, please log into your [myiona.iona.edu](https://myiona.iona.edu) account. For assistance with logging onto your [myiona.iona.edu](https://myiona.iona.edu) account, please contact the Help Desk at (914) 633-2635. Once logged on select PeopleSoft and follow this path: **Self Service > Campus Finances > Bill+Payment**
- Payment, or satisfactory payment arrangement, for the fall semester must be in place by August 1. Timely payment is important to avoid late fees to your student account. Your balance due must be satisfied on or before the due date to ensure your fall semester begins smoothly, and, if you are a resident student, your housing is not impacted.
- If there is an outstanding balance, explore your options such as Iona payment plans, Parent PLUS loans and/or alternative loans.

**Questions?** Please browse [www.iona.edu/Student-Life/Student-Financial-Services](https://www.iona.edu/Student-Life/Student-Financial-Services) for more information or contact us at 914.633.2497, or [sfs@iona.edu](mailto:sfs@iona.edu).