Steps to Secure Financial Aid  
Orientation 2015

Complete these steps early to ensure your financial aid funds are available to pay your U-Bill on time

#1 Report Additional Aid (Scholarships)

If you have been awarded a non-ISU scholarship, you are required to report it in AccessPlus.

#2 Review FAFSA Status in AccessPlus

Determine if any additional documents or actions are required to disburse aid.

#3 Review Aid Status in AccessPlus

Review in August and January to ensure aid is clear to disburse on time.

#4 Authorize Aid in AccessPlus

All financial aid is disbursed to your U-Bill. Federal aid cannot be disbursed until it has been authorized.

#5 Set-up Direct Deposit in AccessPlus

If your disbursed financial aid is greater than your U-Bill balance, the excess funds will be deposited directly into the bank account of your choice; money will not be taken from this account.

#6 Set-up Third Party Access in AccessPlus

Create third party access to allow your parent(s) or other individuals access to your chosen information in AccessPlus.

#7 Complete Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN)


#8 Accept and/or reduce loans you intend to borrow

You do not need to accept all of the loans offered to you.
Accept loans via the AccessPlus “Accept/Decline Loan” page.
Reduce already accepted loans via the “Adjust/decline Award” page.

#9 Apply for additional loan funds if necessary

Federal Parent PLUS loan application and MPN online at www.studentloans.gov.
Private student loan information can be found at www.financialaid.iastate.edu/loans.
2015 - 2016
Estimated Undergraduate Cost of Attendance*

Tuition and Fees + Housing and Food + Books and Supplies = TOTAL DIRECT (billable) COSTS

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*These costs are estimated based on full-time enrollment (12+ credits), a standard double occupancy residence hall room, and the Gold meal plan. Your actual costs may vary depending on housing and meal selection. Some majors may have course fees or tuition charges in addition to the amount listed above. Review your course schedule to determine if you will have additional fees.

Looking Ahead**

Important deadlines, updates and planning tools can be found online at www.financialaid.iastate.edu/new.

AUGUST
- View your U-Bill in AccessPlus starting August 1.
- Make sure all steps to secure financial aid are completed at least two weeks prior to the start of classes to ensure aid will disburse on time.
- Your fall U-Bill is due August 20. Review payment plan options with the Accounts Receivable Office.
- Financial aid funds (except work-study) will begin disbursing to U-Bills the week before classes begin.
- Review the Student Job Board in AccessPlus for employment opportunities.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER
- Start searching for 2016-17 scholarships at www.financialaid.iastate.edu/scholarships.

JANUARY
- View your spring U-Bill in AccessPlus starting January 1.
- Review your “Aid Status” in AccessPlus to ensure aid is clear to disburse on time.
- Complete a 2016-17 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov and continue applying for scholarships.

MARCH 1
- 2016-17 FAFSA priority deadline. You may submit a FAFSA after this deadline to be considered for the Federal Pell Grant and Stafford Loan programs.

Mid-APRIL
- 2016-17 Financial Aid Awards are available in AccessPlus.
- Review payment plan options for 2016-17 with the Accounts Receivable Office.

**This timeline is subject to timely submission of required documents and student action. Failure to submit required documents or resolve student holds may delay the disbursement of funds.