

# Financial Aid Application Timeline

## October-December

- Students should start a folder to keep important financial aid documents throughout your college career
- Meet with a Financial Aid counselor to discuss and help you through the financial aid process
- Start researching outside scholarships and keep a calendar with all deadlines
- **October 1<sup>st</sup>** - Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA), which will determine your eligibility for federal aid such as the Pell Grant and Direct Loans.  
School Codes:           UTHealth - 013956           UTMD Anderson - 017249

## January – March

- **January 15<sup>th</sup>** - State aid priority filing deadline for the FAFSA and TASFA
- Make sure to review your Student Aid Report (SAR) you receive for accuracy
- Submit any documents required to complete your financial aid file and clear all “HOLDS” and To Do List items on myUTH

## April – June

- The Financial Aid Shopping Sheet is available for self-identifying veterans who apply for aid
- Students will receive a Financial Aid Award Notice detailing the financial aid offered including a breakdown of grants, loans, state and institutional aid received. Contact the Financial Aid office if you have any questions in regards to the funds offered
- Financial aid is optional. Students are not required to accept all financial aid offered. Remember, loans must be repaid
- Students should accept, reduce or decline the aid offered via myUTH at least two weeks prior to the start of the term to prevent processing delays
- Be sure to tell us if you will be the recipient of an external scholarship that we may not be aware of as all scholarships are considered a resource on your Financial Aid Award Notice

## May – September

- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) review for continuing students begins after all Spring term grades have been received and posted
- If needed, initiate the Dependent Parent PLUS or Graduate PLUS loan process by logging onto [Studentaid.gov](http://Studentaid.gov). Select *Apply for PLUS Loan* to begin the credit application, complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Loan Entrance Counseling.  
Tip: Generally, credit applications are valid for 90 days.
- Contact the Financial Aid office if you need to consider gap-financing options