

Planning on applying for federal financial aid? Here's some information to help you get started and to explain how the process works.

STEP ONE:

ASAP, make an appointment to meet with a UMKC financial aid counselor. Counselors are available M-F 8-5 p.m. in the Administrative Center, 101 (located at 5115 Oak Street). You can make an appointment by calling 816-235-1154. They also accept walk-ins.

If you have already filled out a FAFSA...(Hint: If you are currently receiving financial aid, you have already done this.)

Upon meeting with the financial aid officer, s/he will be able to tell you how much federal aid you are eligible for. S/he can also provide you with information about alternative loans if necessary.

If you have not already filled out a FAFSA...

You will need to fill out a FAFSA application before you can find out how much aid you qualify for. You can pick up a form at the financial aid office. If you need help and/or advice filling out the form, make an appointment to meet with one of the counselors.

STEP TWO:

In the next few weeks, you should receive an email from financial aid asking you whether or not you want to be considered for federal aid and if so, to please respond by the electronic form to which you will be directed. In approximately 2 weeks after responding by electronic form, you will receive notice of your official federal aid funding package. The package should be the same as the amount verbally specified to you in your meeting with the financial aid officer. (This is essentially a written contract that summarizes what was stated to you verbally by the financial aid counselor).

If you already receive financial aid for the fall and spring semesters...

Be aware of your limit. Make sure you do not max out your financial aid during fall and spring. If you use it all up, there will be nothing left for summer. Speak to your financial aid coordinator in the fall to be sure you will have funds available for summer.

WHEN CAN I GET MY MONEY?

SCHEDULE FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL LOANS:

All federal loans will be disbursed in two payments directly to the student. The first payment will be credited to your student account the week before summer classes begin. The second payment will be credited to your student account 30 days later (around the end of June). For specific dates, contact the Cashier's Office.

NOTE: Students receiving federal financial aid are required to provide payment for tuition, registration fees, etc., *prior* to the actual disbursement date of their loan. Also, it is the student's responsibility to arrange payment to the Department of Foreign Languages for program costs and the UMKC cashier's office for 3 credit hours tuition and fees.

Getting approval to use financial aid for study abroad:

IMPORTANT: In addition to applying for financial aid through the UMKC financial aid office, you will need to complete the pink *Study Abroad Approval form for Administration of Credit and Financial Aid* in order to have your financial aid applied to your study abroad courses. Please request this form from International Academic Programs. IAP is located at 5325 Rockhill Road, phone: (816) 235-5759, hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, M-F.