



~Next Steps for Parents after Your Student Accepts Their Offer of Admission~

HELP YOUR STUDENT RESPOND TO VERIFICATION

Beginning May 1st, your student may be selected for verification. Verification is a federal requirement where universities must confirm that information reported by you (and your student) on the FAFSA is accurate. If selected for verification, your student will receive a letter from our office which explains what documentation must be provided. Follow all guidelines and directions outlined in the letter and respond quickly to this request to avoid a delay in the processing of your student's aid. Often a parent signature is required on the verification documents. If your student is an eligible Pennsylvania resident, they may also receive an e-mail from the Pennsylvania State Grant Agency asking for additional information. Your student needs to respond promptly to their requests in order to receive the Pennsylvania State Grant.

CREATE A FRIENDS OF PENN STATE (FPS) ACCOUNT

We recommend that parents create a Friends of Penn State Account at elion.psu.edu to gain access to their students' tuition bill, bursar account, Parent PLUS Loan application, tax credit information, and academic verifications. Once you have created your account and after your student has completed First-Year Testing, Consulting, and Advising Program (FTCAP) this summer, ask your student to select *Parent/Other Access* from the "Students" menu on their [eLion](http://elion.psu.edu) account to give you access to view these items.

APPLY FOR PARENT PLUS LOAN, IF NECESSARY

The Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan application for 2009-10 will be available beginning in June. Parents can apply for a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan up to their students' total cost of attendance minus all other financial aid. Review the [Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan](#) section of the [Office of Student Aid Web site](#) for more details on how to apply.

REVIEW THE TUITION BILL INSTRUCTIONS

With your student, read and review the [Tuition Bill Instructions](#) on the [Office of the Bursar Web site](#). You can find details about how to take advantage of [available payment plans](#). It is necessary that you and your student understand the importance of "[completing registration](#)" in a timely manner, each and every semester. Incomplete registration can result in a loss of student financial aid.