



~Next Steps for Students after You've Accepted Your Offer of Admission~

□ RESPOND TO VERIFICATION

Beginning May 1st, you may be selected for verification. Verification is a federal requirement where universities must confirm that information reported by you (and your parents) on the FAFSA is accurate. If selected for verification, you 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 aid. If you are an eligible Pennsylvania resident, you may also receive an e-mail from the Pennsylvania State Grant Agency asking for additional information. Be sure to respond promptly to their requests to receive your Pennsylvania State Grant.

□ ACTION STEPS NEEDED FOR YOUR FEDERAL DIRECT STAFFORD LOANS

- You must complete **both** of the following requirements in order to accept and receive your Federal Direct Stafford Loans. Review the [Federal Direct Stafford Loans](#) section on the Office of Student Aid Web site for more details about completing both of these requirements.
 1. As a first-time borrower, you are required to sign a [Federal Direct Stafford Master Promissory Note](#) (MPN). You will be notified by e-mail after April 1st to access and e-sign your MPN.
 2. You also need to complete *Loan Entrance Counseling* on [eLion](#). You will be notified by e-mail after August 1st and after you have attended First-Year Testing, Consulting, and Advising Program (FTCAP) to complete this requirement.
- In July, after you review your Fall semester tuition bill, if you wish to decrease/cancel your Federal Direct Stafford Loan, select *Loan Decrease* from "Students" menu on [eLion](#).

□ COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION

In July, after you receive your Fall semester tuition bill notification in your Penn State e-mail account, [complete your registration](#). Fall semester tuition bills are due in August. (Spring semester tuition bills are due in December.) Your registration will not be complete until you access *Bills/Tuition Other* from the "Students" menu on [eLion](#), select a payment option, and confirm your registration. Even if your student aid covers your entire educational costs, you need to complete your registration. Incomplete registration can result in a loss of student financial aid.

□ PRINT OUT STUDENT AID CALENDAR

For a more detailed list of next steps, including student aid timelines for summer and fall admission, check out our [Student Financial Aid Calendar for New Penn State Students](#). (You will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to download this calendar.)