

Receiving Your Aid

Following is a checklist of essential steps needed to receive and maintain your financial aid:

_____ **Accept the financial aid package:** Complete and return the Award Acceptance form to the Office of Financial Aid by the requested response date. You may choose to accept all or part of the aid offered to you. You have the option of faxing it to 212-342-1861.

_____ **Choose your lender(s):** If you have not previously borrowed student loans through the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health indicate from whom you would like to borrow and the specific loan amount on the Acceptance Form.

_____ **Verify FAFSA Information:** The Federal processor determines who is selected for verification of FAFSA information. If the Student Aid Report (SAR) messages indicate you will need to provide additional documentation, you will need to submit The [Verification Worksheet](#) and your 2009 Federal Tax Form.

_____ **Private Awards:** Please notify the Office of Financial Aid if you will be receiving Scholarships, grants or tuition remission from a source outside of the Mailman School of Public Health.

_____ **Stay in touch:** Keep your name, address, and telephone number current with the Financial Aid Office throughout the year.

_____ **Complete The Loan Entrance Interview:** First time borrowers at the Mailman School must participate in a loan entrance session. You have the option of completing it [online](#).

_____ **Maintain full-time status:** Any reduction in credits must be reported to the Office of Financial Aid immediately and may affect your eligibility for financial aid. Assistance is not available if you are enrolled less than half-time.

_____ **Maintain satisfactory academic progress:** Students are required to make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree in order to maintain eligibility for federal Stafford loan and work study programs. Satisfactory academic progress contains qualitative, as well as a quantitative standard of performance.