Paying for College

Student Financing Checklist

An education is one of the most important investments you will make, and it can change your entire future. After you meet with a Redstone admissions representative and sign your application documentation, you will go through the student finance process to learn if you qualify for grants and loans. Here are the documents you will need for your appointment:

- Your Personal Identification Number (PIN). If you do not have it yet, go to pin.ed.gov (keep your PIN confidential. Do not share it with anyone.)
- Social Security number and driver's license
- W-2 forms and other income records
- Prior year tax returns for yourself and/or spouse (if married), and for your parents (dependent students only)
- Bring two references complete with name, address, and phone number. These people should be contacts that do not live with you or each other - no P.O. Boxes please
- Bring your parents (if you are a dependent). A dependent (as defined by the federal government) is born on or after January 1, 1990, has never been married, has no military background, and does not have children that you support more than 50% of the time.
  - a. Your parents should bring all of the above to the appointment as well
- Veterans expecting VA benefits: Bring your DD214 - Member Only if you have a military background and have not already submitted this to Redstone

Do you have existing student loans?

If you attended another institution you might have taken out student loans. To qualify for additional student loans, you must be in good standing with all money borrowed from the federal government. You can track your student loan status using the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at nslds.ed.gov. You will need a Personal Identification Number (PIN) number to access your loan information. A PIN can be obtained at pin.ed.gov.

If you have any questions about your existing student loans, contact your lender, former institution or the loan servicer.

More questions?

To learn more about how to pay for college visit our website redstone.edu/payingforcollege. Additional information can be found on the Department of Education's website at fafsa.ed.gov.