

# Priority Deadlines

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Financial aid eligibility is determined every academic year; **students must complete a FAFSA each academic year.**

The priority deadline is the date students must file their FAFSA to receive priority consideration in the financial aid awarding process. Applicants should apply by the March 1 priority date to ensure consideration for all federal funding available for the award year.

New students beginning their attendance in the fall semester should apply for financial aid by July 1. New students beginning their attendance in the spring semester should apply for financial aid by November 1. All students attending the summer semester should apply by March 1. Although the deadlines for fall, spring, and summer are set in July, November, and March, some of the federal and state financial aid programs with limited funding may already be fully expended for the award year.

Students can apply after these deadline dates; however, they may not have their financial aid awarded in time for the beginning of that semester. If a student's aid process is not complete when institutional charges are due, the student must pay his/her institutional charges and be reimbursed with his/her financial aid eligibility once the financial aid process has been completed and aid is received.