

# M2 Student Checklist

Things to do before starting school in August 2025!

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## Apply for financial aid:

\*May 1, 2025 priority consideration deadline

- Complete the 25-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid on-line at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- Complete and submit the [Financial Aid Request Form](#)

\*If applying for need-based aid:

- Complete and submit the [CSS Profile](#)
  - For divorced/separated parents: submit a separate [Non Custodial CSS Profile](#)
- Submit copies of you and your parents 2023 Federal Tax Documents:
  - 1040 Tax Return
  - All Schedules
  - W2's
- Didn't file taxes? [Complete the Non-Filing statement](#)
  - Submit the [IRS Verification of Non-Filing](#)
  - Does your [parent need to file a non-filing form?](#)
- Monitor your financial aid eligibility requirements on GWeb for missing or incomplete items

## Once you receive your financial aid offer:

**\*Complete this list at least three weeks before classes start**

- Accept, reduce or decline your offer on the student portal
- Budgeting: August 2025 to June 2026 (COA published in March)
  - Step I Exam
  - Spring Rotations
- Review your studentaid.gov documents online:
- Submit Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance counseling for each type of loan (if not completed in prior years):
  - Unsubsidized Loan
  - Grad PLUS Loan

## Final Steps:

If you have accepted more than the cost of tuition:

- Review your direct deposit account for cost of living refunds, through the eBill<sup>1</sup>
- Review online student authorizations (done once per program) through the student portal<sup>2</sup>
- If you have your own health insurance, submit Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) waiver by deadline<sup>3</sup>
- If you have a requirement on your portal to submit the [Sibling Verification](#), please do so by October 1

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<sup>1</sup> Student account eBill's are administered by the GW Student Accounts Office: [sao@gwu.edu](mailto:sao@gwu.edu), or 202-994-7350

<sup>2</sup> Online Authorizations are administered by the GW Student Accounts Office

<sup>3</sup> SHIP is administered through the GW Colonial Health Center, <https://healthcenter.gwu.edu/health-insurance>