

M4 Student Checklist

Things to do before starting school in July 2026!

Apply for financial aid:

*May 1, 2026 priority consideration deadline

- Complete the 26-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid online at 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 2024 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: July 2026 to May 2027 (COA published in March)
 - Step II Cost
 - Residency Interview Costs

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 at studentaid.gov
 - Grad PLUS Loan at studentaid.gov

Final Steps:

If you have accepted more than the cost of tuition:

- [Review your direct deposit account for cost of living refunds](#), through the BankMobile Disbursements | GW Student Accounts | The George Washington University

- Review [online student authorizations](#) (done once per program) through the student portal²
- If you have your own health insurance, submit Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) waiver by deadline³
- If you have a requirement on your portal to submit the [Sibling Verification](#), please do so by October 1

Other Considerations:

**Complete in the spring semester*

- Complete Federal Student Loan Exit Counseling, online at studentaid.gov
- Consider one-on-one repayment counseling through the MD Program Financial Aid Office, medfinan@gwu.edu

¹ Student account eBill's are administered by the GW Student Accounts Office: sao@gwu.edu, or 202-994-7350

² Online Authorizations are administered by the GW Student Accounts Office

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