

## FAFSA Six Steps to Financial Aid Success

### What is the FAFSA and why should I apply?

PNC's Financial Aid office uses information gathered from the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to determine your eligibility for more than a dozen federal and state forms of aid including grants, loans, and work-study programs. So be sure to fill out a FAFSA even if you think you won't qualify – it's free and you just never know!

- Step 1: Apply for PIN** (personal identification number) at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Parents will need to apply for their own PIN numbers if their information is to be included on your application.
- Step 2: Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) using last tax year's information. (For example if you are applying for the 2007/2008 school year you would use your 2006 tax information.) Be sure to enter PNC's school code (001826) and print a confirmation page. Note the state grant filing deadline of **March 10**.
- Step 3: Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)**. Your SAR is a summary of your FAFSA information which reflects your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and determines your aid eligibility. Review information carefully, making any corrections immediately. If there is an asterisk (\*) next to your EFC, you have been chosen for verification and will be receiving information from the Financial Aid Office regarding your next step.
- Step 4: PNC receives your SAR data** and will notify you via U.S. mail if additional information is needed. Be sure to open all mail from PNC's Financial Aid Office; processing of your aid will stop until the requested information is returned.
- Step 5: Student receives an Award Notification Letter** estimating their financial aid award based on full-time attendance. If you would like to utilize any of the loan programs offered, you **MUST** complete a loan information request form.
- Step 6 and MOST IMPORTANT: Complete Financial Aid Deferment form** and return to the Bursar's office; failure to do so may result in getting dropped from your classes.

**Please review and complete each step thoroughly and in a timely manner. Also note there will be no exceptions to the following:**

All students must be fully admitted to a degree-seeking two, four, or MBA program at PNC to receive aid.

All first time PNC borrowers must complete an entrance interview and master promissory note.

All first time borrowers will have a 30 day hold on their first disbursement.

All loans must have two disbursements.

*For more information visit [www.pnc.edu/financialaid](http://www.pnc.edu/financialaid).*