



How to Apply for Financial Aid at Cambridge College N.I.T.E. Program Summer 2008

Dear Student,

Welcome! The following information is to assist you in completing the financial aid process. Please read and follow the directions carefully. **Students attending for the first time in the summer will complete the 2007-2008 FAFSA.** Financial Aid Award packages will begin to be processed for the NITE program beginning in May, 2008.

Important: The deadline date for applying for financial aid for the summer NITE program is June 1, 2008

- **New students** who want to be considered for summer financial aid must complete the 2007-2008 FAFSA.
- **All students** (new and continuing) must complete the 2008-2009 FAFSA in order to process aid for upcoming semesters.

The Financial Aid Process

Students who are interested in applying for financial aid must complete the following five (5) steps. Failure in completing all the steps will delay receiving a financial aid award package.

- **Step 1: Complete the N.I.T.E. Financial Aid Application.**
This is an institutional application required of all students.
- **Step 2: Apply for a PIN (Personal Identification Number)**
If you already have a federal PIN # you do not need to do this step.
A PIN allows you to electronically sign your Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and Master Promissory Note (MPN) for the Stafford Loan. You can apply for a pin number by going to www.PIN.ed.gov. When applying for your PIN, you will need to provide your name, address, social security number and date of birth. You will also select and answer a challenge question. You will receive your PIN in approximately three to four days by e-mail or postcard.
- **Step 3: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** This link will give you the FAFSA home page, www.fafsa.ed.gov, to complete the FAFSA form for the 2007-2008 academic year. You will need information from your

2006 federal tax return and W-2 forms to complete the financial part of the application. For assistance with completing the FAFSA, please call the FAFSA hotline at 1-800-433-3243. Cambridge College's school code is 021829.

- **Step 4: Mandatory Entrance Loan Counseling** will give you the link to www.mapping-your-future.org. Click the first item on the site menu, Student Loan Counseling Interview; this will give you another menu where you will again click the first item, Stafford Entrance Counseling. At the bottom of the first page, select the state, Massachusetts and then select Cambridge College. The session will take approximately 25 minutes to complete and the Financial Aid office will receive an electronic confirmation. **The Entrance Counseling is a Federal requirement for students who are borrowing Federal Student Loans. Even if you have borrowed at other schools, you are required to complete this step.**
- **Step 5: Master Promissory Note**
 - A) At www.elmselect.com you will view our Preferred Federal Stafford Loan lender list and compare the benefits that they each provide. You may also search for other lenders or if you have borrowed before, you may keep with the same lender.
 - B) Once you have chosen your lender you will be directed to American Student Assistance's (ASA) website www.amsa.com. There you will click on the link for **ASA Direct (top of page)**. At this site you will complete the Master Promissory Note for the Federal Stafford Loan. As a first time user, you will be instructed to create a user name and password. Please be sure to complete the application thoroughly. If you do not, it will delay the processing of your loans. If you have a problem completing the MPN, call ASA at 1-800-999-9080. You will need your FAFSA PIN to act as your electronic signature

Financial Aid Award Letter

Once the student's file has been reviewed, the student has **been officially accepted** into Cambridge College (new students) and has enrolled, a financial aid award package will be determined. The student's financial aid award letter will be mailed to the home address and can also be viewed on **MY CC Portal**.

Housing

If your plans are to use the on campus housing, please be sure to indicate what your plans are on the **Financial Aid Application** so that we may include this in your costs when determining your financial aid award package. Housing arrangements can be made by contacting Jocelyn Duran.

MEET THE FINANCIAL AID STAFF

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