

# Helpful Websites

## FINANCIAL AID:

### **MSU Office of Financial Aid Services: [www.montana.edu/wwwfa](http://www.montana.edu/wwwfa)**

Our site contains information about all the financial aid programs administered at MSU, steps for applying for aid, links to our forms, loan requirements and access to your MyInfo account.

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**

File your FREE application for federal aid here! Also visit this site to renew a previous application. You will need to request a Pin Number. See below.  
MSU's priority FAFSA filing date is March 1st every year. Other schools may be different.

### **FAFSA Pin Number: [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)**

The U.S. Department of Education will issue you, and your parents, a FREE Pin Number to sign your FAFSA and Promissory Notes electronically.

### **Student Guide: [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)**

Another great Web site from the Dept. of Ed. that offers FREE help completing the FAFSA, applying for a Pin number, and planning for college.

### **U.S. Department of Education (ED): [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)**

"ED's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access."

### **Financial Aid for Native American Students: [www.finaid.org/otheraid/natamind.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/natamind.phtml)**

A Fast Web link for specific scholarship and financial aid information for Native American students, including eligibility requirements and contact information.

### **Resources for service members and veterans: [www.todaysgibill.org](http://www.todaysgibill.org)**

Connecting America's veterans with higher education using clear and comprehensive guidance.

### **U.S. Dept of Education Ombudsman: [www.ombudsman.ed.gov](http://www.ombudsman.ed.gov)**

The Federal Student Aid Ombudsman helps resolve disputes and solve other problems with federal student loans.

### **Office of Inspector General: [www.ed.gov/misused](http://www.ed.gov/misused)**

To report student aid fraud (including identity theft), waste, or abuse of U.S. Department of Education funds.

### **Financial Literacy Resources: [www.montana.edu/wwwfa](http://www.montana.edu/wwwfa)**

On the left side of Financial Aid Services homepage is a link to several government and non-profit Internet sites that have a variety of resources to help you manage your finances. It is recommended that you seek professional advice for any major financial decision.

### **Prepare and Pay from the Montana University System: <http://mus.edu/prepare>**

Get the latest information regarding career programs, college costs, financial aid, scholarships and financial literacy.

## **LOANS:**

### **Federal Direct Loans: [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)**

This site is your source for information from the U.S. Department of Education about how to manage your student loans. The gateway for all students and their parents to submit loan Entrance Counseling and Promissory Notes.

### **National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS): [www.nslds.ed.gov](http://www.nslds.ed.gov)**

View all the federal loans that you have accepted, as well as contact information for the lenders. You will need your U.S. Department of Education PIN number. If you don't have one, you can request a PIN number at: [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

### **Student Assistance Foundation of Montana (SAF): [www.smartaboutcollege.org](http://www.smartaboutcollege.org)**

SAF is a non-profit student loan servicer. Check your personal account, prepare for repayment, find debt management resources, and access FAFSA and other government publications and Web sites. MSU's branch office is next to Financial Aid Services in the SUB, room 179.

### **Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program (MGSLP): [www.mgslp.org](http://www.mgslp.org)**

MGSLP is a division in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE). They provide financial resources and information to the public, students, and lawmakers through various outreach programs.

## **STUDENT BILLS & REFUNDS:**

### **MSU Student Account's Office: [www.montana.edu/wwwbu/studentacct](http://www.montana.edu/wwwbu/studentacct)**

This office is responsible for the billing and collection of student charges. Look here for links to your MSU bill, payment plans, refund checks, payment deadlines and more!

## **REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT:**

### **MSU Registrar and Enrollment Services: [www.montana.edu/registrar/](http://www.montana.edu/registrar/)**

View course catalogues, admission requirements, residency policy, access your MyInfo account to register for classes, keep your addresses up to date - including e-mail.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

### **CollegeNET Inc. Mach 25 Scholarship search: [www.collegenet.com/mach25/app](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app)**

A FREE search site by keywords or profile. Over 600,000 awards available with full descriptions and contact information at your fingertips.

### **College Board: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**

"Connect to college success." Links to a FREE scholarship search engine, plus lots of resources for students, parents, and others.

### **Also see: the Montana Career Information System (MCIS) from the Student Assistance**

**Foundation Website:** [www.smartaboutcollege.org](http://www.smartaboutcollege.org) for more free scholarship searches.