

# Congratulations Bobcat on your upcoming graduation from MSU!

As you approach this exciting milestone, have all your ducks in a row!  
Review these checklists and [email us](#) if you have questions.

## Graduation Checklist

- Your Advisor and Certifying Officer must authorize your application for graduation for access to the online application. Each will record their authorization by placing specific notes in Degree Works. Once complete, you will have access to the online graduation application on [My Info](#). Need more details? Go here [Graduation Application Process](#).
- Spring and fall term degree candidates must walk in the term they are completing their degree(s). Summer undergraduate candidates are invited to walk in spring ceremonies.
- Want to attend the ceremony? Find details here: [Spring 2025 ceremony](#).
- Go to the [Office of the Registrar webpage](#) to verify candidacy, RSVP for the graduation ceremony, submit your diploma name, and confirm your diploma mailing address.
- Learn about MSU regalia history, extras, and exceptions: [Regalia Information](#).
- Go to the [MSU Bookstore Grad Fair](#) to order regalia. The Registrar and other essential offices will be present for questions about graduation.
- Check [My Info](#) for academic or financial holds.

## Plan for your future!

- Have a job lined up? Tell us so we can congratulate you and provide needed support.
- Graduate School? Email [Joan Lorraine](#) at [joan.lorraine@montana.edu](mailto:joan.lorraine@montana.edu) to beat the graduate school application deadline with flying colors!
- If you still need a job, make an appointment with a [Career Coach](#) to polish up your resume or cover letter and develop strategies to get your dream job!
- Get a financial checkup! Make an appointment with a [Financial Coach](#). Make plans for repaying student loans, salary negotiations, relocation costs, or paying for grad school.



## Do you have Student Loans?

Make an appointment with a [Financial Coach](#) today!

- Is your account set up with your loan service? Find your loan servicer at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).
- Do you know when your grace period ends, and your payments begin?
- Determine the repayment plan that works for you.
- Complete student loan exit counseling at [studentaid.gov/exit-counseling/](http://studentaid.gov/exit-counseling/)
- How to qualify for [Public Service Loan Forgiveness](#)?

### Have a Perkins or Nursing Loan?

- You will need a Heartland Account Number, if you do not have one email [scarlett.wirtz@montana.edu](mailto:scarlett.wirtz@montana.edu)
- If you need to contact the Loan Services Office, please call 1-406-994-2702.
- Complete your required Exit Interview with Heartland so your transcripts can be released: [Heartland ECSI](#).