**Financial Aid: What’s Next?**

In the coming months, many important steps are necessary to prepare for your Iowa State adventure. The following timeline will guide you through what should occur between now and August.

| Anytime Now-July | • Accept your offer of admission in AccessPlus  
• Schedule your orientation date  
• Review your FAFSA Status in AccessPlus under the “Financial Aid” menu option. Take necessary action to verify your FAFSA by August 1st. Completing actions listed on the FAFSA Status page after August 1st may result in the loss of financial aid  
• Use the University Expense Estimator\(^1\) to help create your budget, estimate your costs and build your financial plan to pay. Discuss your financial plan with your family or other appropriate people  
• Sign up for a 12, 11, 10 or 9 month payment plan with the Accounts Receivable Office\(^2\) |
| March & April | • Review your Financial Aid Award Letter  
• Learn more about the types of aid available to you and your payment options in the *Understanding Your Financial Aid Award*\(^1\) presentation & brochure |
| May & June | • In May, plan your orientation schedule  
• Report scholarships from your high school or local community to us through the Report Additional Aid option in AccessPlus under the “Financial Aid” menu option  
• In June, visit us at orientation. Daily *Financial Aid Overview* sessions will be held at 10:00 & 11:00 in the South Ballroom of the Memorial Union. After the session, visit with a Financial Aid Adviser in 0210 Beardshear Hall from 8:00-4:00 with your remaining questions |
| July & August | • Secure loans you need to borrow: Complete Entrance Counseling, a Master Promissory Note (MPN), and Accept your federal student loans  
• Apply for additional loans if necessary. Refer to the *Financial Aid Checklist*\(^1\) for details  
• Look for student employment opportunities on the Student Job Board in AccessPlus  
• In August, review your Aid Status in AccessPlus under the “Financial Aid” menu option; resolve any financial aid holds so financial aid can apply to your U-Bill on time  
• Authorize Aid to apply to your University Bills (U-Bill) in AccessPlus under the “Financial Aid” menu option.  
• August 1\(^{st}\): Deadline to submit additional documents for verification of FAFSA. Submitting required documentation after the deadline may result in the loss of financial aid  
• August 1\(^{st}\): Fall semester U-Bills are available for review in AccessPlus  
• Beginning August 15\(^{th}\): Available financial aid (except Work-Study earnings) will apply to U-Bills overnight  
• August 20\(^{th}\): Your minimum payment is due on your U-Bill\(^2\)  
• August 21\(^{st}\): Classes begin. Welcome to Iowa State! |

\(^1\)Refer to [www.financialaid.iastate.edu/New](http://www.financialaid.iastate.edu/New) for the documents and items referenced in this timeline.

\(^2\)Visit the Accounts Receivable Office website [www.ubill.iastate.edu](http://www.ubill.iastate.edu) for more information on payment options.