



Please complete financial aid forms by the recommended dates. If you have questions, contact the Financial Assistance Office at (540) 432-4137 or [finaid@emu.edu](mailto:finaid@emu.edu).

## Financial Aid Checklist MA Counseling Students

	Recommended Date
o Complete the online graduate student financial aid information sheet (FAIS) at <a href="http://emu.edu/financial-aid/graduate-fais">emu.edu/financial-aid/graduate-fais</a> . Submitted annually.	as soon as possible
o Submit a Church Matching Grant Commitment Form to appropriate church official or contact person, if you church has a grant or scholarship program. <a href="http://emu.edu/financial-aid/docs/26-27-Church-Grant-Comm%20Form-GR.pdf">emu.edu/financial-aid/docs/26-27-Church-Grant-Comm%20Form-GR.pdf</a>	as soon as possible
Church official submits Church Matching Grant Commitment Form to EMU	March 1 or ASAP
o Complete the 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <a href="http://fafsa.gov">fafsa.gov</a> ; EMU code is 003708.	April 15
<b><i>Required for federal student loans; however, the FAFSA is not a student loan application.</i></b>	
o Virginia residents enrolling full-time, complete the 2026-27 VA Tuition Assistance Grant application. VTAG application available at <a href="http://emu.edu/vtag">emu.edu/vtag</a> .	as soon as possible
<b><i>Submit completed application to EMU. Deadline: July 31, 2026!</i></b> <i>NOTE: VTAG application is not needed from returning students who received VTAG in prior academic year.</i>	
o Review your 2026-27 EMU Financial Aid Notification when received by email; accept/decline aid online and complete any requested documents.	within 30 days
<b><i>A financial aid notification is generated after a student has been admitted and submitted both the FAIS and FAFSA.</i></b>	
o Borrowing federal student loans? For information about graduate student loan options see <a href="http://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans">studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans</a>	Aug 1
<b><i>Instructions for federal student loan process at EMU will be sent with Financial Aid Notification letter.</i></b>	
o Consider other financing options if needed: EMU payment plan information: <a href="http://emu.edu/business-office/general-payment-info">emu.edu/business-office/general-payment-info</a> Private loan information: <a href="http://emu.edu/financial-aid/loans">emu.edu/financial-aid/loans</a>	Aug 1