Financial Aid Checklist

☐ Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)
  • fsaid.ed.gov
  • Dependent students: Both you and your parent, whose information will be listed on the FAFSA, will need to apply for an FSA ID

☐ Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  • www.fafsa.gov
  • Available January 1st of each year
  • Be sure to include Iowa Central’s school code: 004597
    ▪ Classes starting Spring and/or Summer 2016: Use 2014 tax info to complete the 15-16 FAFSA
    ▪ Classes starting Fall 2016: Use 2015 tax info to complete the 16-17 FAFSA

☐ Register with Selective Service
  • Male U.S. citizens and noncitizens who are between the ages of 18 -25 must register to receive Federal financial aid at www.sss.gov

☐ Submit requested documents
  • The Central Processing Center selects some FAFSAs for verification
  • The Financial Aid Office may request the appropriate year’s verification worksheet(s), copies of the student's and parent’s (if applicable) IRS tax return transcript, W2s, etc.
  • If you are enrolled in courses you may view documents needed in WebAdvisor under “My Documents” (WebAdvisor can be accessed at www.iowacentral.edu, click on TritonPass)

☐ Enroll in courses

☐ Receive award notification in the mail
  • Classes starting Spring and/or Summer 2016: Paper award notification will be mailed out to accept/decline awards
  • Classes starting Fall 2016: Award notification postcard will be mailed out with instructions on how to accept/decline awards online

☐ If you accept a Federal Direct Loan and are a first time borrower you must complete 2 additional steps before your loan can be disbursed to the school
  • Direct Loan Master Promissory Note & Entrance Counseling www.studentloans.gov

☐ Apply for scholarships
  • Check Iowa Central’s website for list of available scholarships: www.iowacentral.edu, click on “Financial Aid” and then “Scholarships”
  • Academic & Housing Scholarships available to Iowa residents with high school GPA ranging from 3.25-4.00. Amounts range from $300 up to full tuition. Ask FA staff member for more information
  • Iowa College Student Aid Commission Scholarship Sources: https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/helpful-websites#scholarship

☐ Complete Registration
  • You will receive an invoice prior to the beginning of the term. You must respond by signing the top portion and returning it to the Business Office.

☐ If your financial aid does not cover the costs on your invoice, you can explore additional private student loan options at www.iowacentral.edu/financial_aid/resources.asp

☐ You must maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue to receive all forms financial aid
  • Successfully complete 67% of attempted credit hours
  • Completion of academic program in 150% of the published credits of the program
  • Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0

Please remember to ask questions throughout the entire process. We are here to help you!
In-State Tuition & Fees: $163/credit*
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: $237.50/credit*
Room & Board: $6,350/year*
Avg. Books & Supplies $1,188/year**

**Average cost of books/supplies for 1 academic year, will vary by program.

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