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Winter 2016

Office of Student Financial Services

Servicing: UTHealth, UTMDACC, UTHealth Northeast



## Upcoming Spring Disbursement Schedule

Medical I-IV 12/27/2016	Dental I-IV 12/27/2016	Post Grad Dental 12/27/2016	Dental Hygiene 12/27/16	UTHealth Northeast 1/3/2017
Nursing 1/3/2017	SPH 1/3/2017	SBMI 1/3/2017	GSBS 1/3/2017	UTMDA 1/3/2017

## Important Disbursement Information

- 1) You must be enrolled at **least half-time** in order to receive loans. All academic students please be advised you must be enrolled for both 6-week summer sessions at the beginning of the summer term in order to receive financial aid, if eligible.
- 2) The 12<sup>th</sup> class day denotes the end of the add/drop period for a term. This date is used as the student's "official enrollment" for financial aid eligibility. If you drop a class before the 12<sup>th</sup> class day of a term, your financial aid award will be adjusted as needed. In such instances, you may be required to return all or a portion of the aid that was awarded to you.
- 3) All HOLDS must be removed from your account for funds to disburse.
- 4) If applicable, the **Bursar** generally processes refunds 3-5 business days after funds have been disbursed to your tuition account.

## FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Complete FAFSA online at  
[www.FAFSA.Ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.Ed.gov)  
UT: [013956](http://013956) MDA: [017249](http://017249)  
UTHealth Northeast: [042439](http://042439)

Clear "To Do List" items  
on myUTH

Complete online MPN &  
Loan Entrance Counseling on  
[studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov)  
(federal loan borrowers only)

Enroll in  
Direct Deposit  
via myUTH

View/Accept award  
on myUTH

Submit Institutional  
Loan paperwork  
(if applicable)

View Disbursement(s)  
on myUTH

Receive student refund  
from Bursar  
(if applicable)

# Information & Events

## File your FAFSA

It's time to file your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) for the 2017-2018 award year.

The [IRS Data Retrieval Tool \(DRT\)](#) available at [FAFSA on the Web](#) makes it easy to import you/your parent's **2015** federal tax data into the FAFSA. If you are unable to use the DRT, you will need you and/or your parents' **2015** Federal Tax Return transcript, if requested.

## Student Survey



Student Financial Services would like to encourage all students to complete the [Student Financial Services Budget Survey](#), which will be available through Nov. 30, 2016, on the [Student Financial Services website](#) and [myUTH](#).

This survey will serve as a tool to assist Student Financial Services in determining a student's actual monthly living expenses. The survey should take less than five minutes to complete. Responses will be confidential.

## Anticipated Graduates

Students preparing to graduate who received Federal or Institutional loans will receive an e-mail communication with instructions on completing Loan Exit Counseling approximately 30 days before the end of their graduating term. Prior to completing the Exit, students should log on to <https://NSLDS.ed.gov> (Federal Loans) or [www.uasecho.com](http://www.uasecho.com) (Institutional Loans) to view their current loan debt. Students will need their [FSA ID](#) (Federal Loans) or UAS User Login/Password (Institutional Loans) for access.

## Debt Management Sessions

### Question & Answer Session

Focus: Public Service Loan Forgiveness

December 5, 2016

3:30 – 4:30 pm

UCT Conference Rm 2200

### Individual School Debt Management Sessions

Coming April 2017

Topics Include:

- \* Calculating Your Debt
- \* Loan Repayment Strategies
- \* Deferment/Forbearance

## Important Dates



**October 1, 2016**

**2017-2018 FAFSA Available for Filing**

**December 5, 2016**

**Debt Management Q&A Session**

**March 15, 2017**

**FAFSA Application Deadline for State Aid Priority Consideration**

**April 18, 2017**

**IRS Tax Filing Deadline**

**May 2017**

(after Spring grades are posted)

**Evaluation of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)**



# Resources

## Test Your Knowledge

**Question:** What does FAFSA stand for?

- A) Federal Application for Free Student Aid
- B) Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- C) Federal Administration of Free Student Aid

**Answer: B**

To be considered for Federal and state student grants and loans, applicants should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Question:** What does COA stand for?

- A) Cost of Acceptance
- B) Cost of Applying
- C) Cost of Attendance

**Answer: C**

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is the reasonable average of a student's education and living expense for the period of enrollment.

## Managing Your Money for the Holidays

1) Set a budget and stick to it. Statistics show those who develop a set spending budget and follow it are less likely to over spend.



2) Give without breaking the bank. Give a gift of time or service—volunteer at a shelter. Be creative— make gifts from the heart, smile at a stranger, hold the door for someone. Give of yourself— donate blood.

3) Let your credit card work for you. Reduce your spending this holiday season by using the rewards you've earned on your credit card purchases to buy gifts.



## Helpful Information

[myUTH](https://my.uth.tmc.edu/)

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[Bursar](#)

(713) 500-3088

Direct Deposit

Installment Plan

Refunds

[Registrar](#)

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Registration

Residency

Enrollment Certification

(after census date)

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