October 1 of each year, the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) becomes available for the next school year. You will need your (and your parents’) financial and tax information for two years preceding the academic year for which you are filing a FAFSA. For example, to complete a FAFSA for the 2017-2018 academic year, you will need financial and tax information for 2015.

Your FAFSA must be received by Winona State by mid-May to ensure your financial aid will be available to pay on your student account by the 1st payment due date (www.winona.edu/billing).

You will need to create your FSA ID at www.fsid.ed.gov to login and complete your FAFSA.

Winona State can begin seeing the FAFSA information for students submitted with school code (002394).

Students may receive a letter that requests additional information to their Student e-Services account and permanent mailing address. Approximately 1/3 of all students will receive these letters, to verify the information on their FAFSA is correct.

Continuing WSU Students can begin applying for Foundation Scholarships.

1st year students are reminded to notify WSU Financial Aid Office of any outside scholarships they have been awarded.

Winona State must wait for the MN State Legislator to vote on tuition costs. Therefore, financial aid award letters for continuing students will not be available until mid-to-late-June. Incoming freshman will receive a letter to their permanent address with their initial estimated award letter.

First time Federal Financial Aid borrowers (subsidized or unsubsidized) must complete the loan requirements (MPN and Entrance Counseling) at www.studentloans.gov.

Optional alternative loans (private loans) may be awarded to you. Optional loans must be applied for with a co-signer (visit www.winona.edu/financialaid OPTIONAL-loans.asp for further information)

Students eligible for Work Study will be notified via their award letter. Work Study jobs can be found at www.winona.edu/career/warriorjobs.asp