



ECKERD COLLEGE

PROGRAM FOR EXPERIENCED LEARNERS

2008-09 FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST:

To apply for State and Federal financial aid administered through Eckerd College, please submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). *Enroll in classes with a valid Federal Student Aid Report (SAR) on file at Eckerd College by 08/16/08 for the Fall Semester & by 01/17/09 for the Spring Semester.*

_____ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid for 2008-09** – Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov
Complete this application using your 2007 income tax return and submit it to the Federal Processing Center. **Eckerd's School Code = 001487** – be sure to satisfy the signature requirement with your Federal pin number. Print your submission and confirmation pages for your files.

If you indicate on your FAFSA application that you would like to request a student loan and this is your first request for a student loan at Eckerd, please complete the following:

_____ **Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling Session** - Go to www.mappingyourfuture.org

_____ **Federal Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note** - Please contact PEL Financial Services for this form.

_____ **Federal Stafford Loan Request Form** - Please contact PEL Financial Services for this form.

If your FAFSA is chosen for verification by the Federal government, the Financial Aid Office will notify you. You will be requested to submit a **2008-09 Verification Worksheet**, along with a signed copy of your 2007 IRS income tax return. You may find the Verification Worksheet at www.eckerd.edu/financialaid.

Once your financial aid file is complete, you will receive a Financial Aid Award Letter in the mail. You will be awarded the maximum amount of aid available to you based on full-time enrollment. This includes the maximum student loans available to you, if requested. You may decline or reduce your student loan amount by correcting your Award Letter and returning a copy of it to the college. If you are enrolled less than full-time, your award will be adjusted in November and in April to your actual enrollment, just before your aid disburses. Students are responsible for verifying that their semester hour enrollment for awarded financial aid is entered into the computer system, prior to the financial aid freeze date. Each PEL class is 3.5 credit hours. Full time enrollment is 12 credit hours or more in a semester, half-time enrollment is a minimum of 6 credit hours in a semester. Check your status on the EC Web – Student/Registration/Student Detail Schedule – look for “Total Credit Hours.”

If you are just entering the Program for Experienced Learners, you may want to submit a PEL Financial Aid Quick Start Application. A Quick Start enables eligible new students to enroll in their first LLV term while deferring their tuition payments (but not their book charges) until their financial aid disburses. An application and a complete financial aid file required.

_____ PEL Financial Aid Quick Start Application (LLV students only). You may obtain a Quick Start application from your Admissions Counselor, from PEL Financial Services, or from www.eckerd.edu/pel/finaid/forms

Please submit all requested documents (except the FAFSA which is sent to the Federal Processing Center) to:
Eckerd College, PEL Financial Services
4200 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711