



Please complete 2025-26 financial aid forms by the recommended dates. If you have questions, contact the Financial Assistance Office at (540) 432-4137 or finaid@emu.edu.

Financial Aid Checklist MA Counseling Students

	Recommended Date
o Complete the online graduate student financial aid information sheet at emu.edu/financial-aid/graduate-fais . 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. emu.edu/financial-aid/docs/25-26-Church-Grant-Comm%20Form-GR.pdf	as soon as possible
Church official submits Church Matching Grant Commitment Form to EMU	March 1 or ASAP
o Complete the 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.gov ; EMU code is 003708.	April 15
<i>Required for federal student loans; however, the FAFSA is not a student loan application.</i>	
o Virginia residents enrolling full-time, complete the 2025-26 VA Tuition Assistance Grant application. VTAG application available at emu.edu/vtag .	as soon as possible
<i>Submit completed application to EMU. Deadline: July 31, 2025!</i> <i>NOTE: VTAG application is not needed from returning students who received VTAG in prior academic year.</i>	
o Review your 2025-26 EMU Financial Aid Notification when received by email; accept/decline aid online and complete any requested documents.	within 30 days
<i>A financial aid notification is generated after a student has been admitted and submitted both the FAIS and FAFSA.</i>	
o Borrowing federal student loans? For information about graduate student loan options see studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans	Aug 1
<i>Instructions for federal student loan process at EMU will be sent with Financial Aid Notification letter.</i>	
o Consider other financing options if needed: EMU payment plan information: emu.edu/business-office/general-payment-info Private loan information: emu.edu/financial-aid/loans	Aug 1