

Continuing MD Students for 2025-2026

Applying for Financial Aid

Complete the 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov/fafsa using our federal school code of 003125. Parental information is no longer collected on the FAFSA for graduate/professional students.

Complete the UCCOM Financial Aid Application at medonestop.uc.edu under the 'Financial Aid' tab.

No parental information is required on either of the above.

Application Deadline

The deadline to apply for financial aid for 2025-26 is March 15, 2025. You may check on the status of your application at medonestop.uc.edu inside the portal under 'Checklist.'

Accepting Your Financial Aid

- In June 2025 you will receive an email notification from the UCCOM Office of Student Financial Services when your official financial aid offer for 2025-26 is available online for you to view and accept.** This notification will be sent to your UC email account and will direct you to the 'My Finances' tile at catalyst.uc.edu.
- Upon viewing your official aid offer in Catalyst, you may then **accept online the amount of Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan funds you wish to borrow for the upcoming year. Accept only what you are sure you will need.** We recommend you borrow conservatively and then request an increase from the unused loan funds later in the year if needed.

Note: *Students receiving need-based financial aid from UCCOM must accept a minimum of \$20,000 in student loans during the same academic year to receive their institutional funds. Students who borrow less than this requirement will forfeit any UCCOM financial need-based scholarships and loans.*

- If you need to borrow above the annual amount of your Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan, the next level of borrowing is the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan. To receive this loan, you must submit a 'Grad PLUS Loan Request Form' to the College of Medicine Office of Student Financial Services. It is available in the Forms section of our website. This form can be submitted throughout the academic year. If you do not initially accept your full eligibility, you may request additional funds later in the year.

If this is the first year you are borrowing a Direct Grad PLUS Loan, you will also need to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) specific to this loan type. To do so, visit studentaid.gov/mpn/grad and choose the Direct PLUS Loan option. *(If you have a freeze on your credit report, be sure to first contact the three [national credit bureaus](#) to lift the freeze before completing this process.)*

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