

## Continuing MD Students - 2026-2027

### Items to Apply for Financial Aid

**Complete the 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](https://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](https://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 2026-27 is March 15, 2026.** You may check on the status of your application at [medonestop.uc.edu](https://medonestop.uc.edu) inside the portal under 'Checklist.'

### Accepting Your Financial Aid

- ☐ **In June 2026 you will receive an email notification from the UCCOM Office of Student Financial Services when your official financial aid offer for 2026-27 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](https://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 either the Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan or a private (non-federal) alternative loan. The Grad PLUS Loan is being eliminated for *new* borrowers as of 7/1/26, however continuing students who previously borrowed from this loan program during medical school are grandfathered from the elimination and will see this loan as part of their aid offer on Catalyst (released by late June 2026). To accept this loan, you must submit a 'Grad PLUS Loan Request Form' to the UCCOM 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.

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