



Financial Aid Application Process

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Welcome to Hood College! The office of Financial Aid is here to help you as you begin your Financial Aid process. Hood College students enrolled in Graduate, Doctorate or the Teacher Certification programs can apply for a Federal Direct Loan to assist with educational expenses. *Loan eligibility will be in the form of Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans only.*

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN?

- Complete and sign the 2016-2017 *Free application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). You may complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.
- Complete the Graduate/Doctorate/Teacher Certification Financial Aid Application, and return it to our office. Q
- Your Financial Aid Award will be processed once the Hood Application for Financial and the FAFSA are received.

HOW MUCH CAN I BORROW?

Your loan eligibility is limited to the cost of attendance (tuition, fees, books, and living expenses) less any other financial assistance you are receiving. The maximum annual loan eligibility in the Federal Direct Loan Program is as follows:

- Masters Program \$20,500
- Doctorate Program \$20,500
- Teacher Certification Program \$12,500

The Accounting Office does not offer book vouchers for students who have a credit on their account. You will need to purchase your books upfront and be refunded for any credit balance owed.

Note: To ensure your loan funds will be on campus, all required documents must be completed by August 1.

HOW DO I ACTIVATE MY WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN?

New Hood students are required to complete the following two (2) items online:

- **Direct Loan Entrance Counseling**—www.studentloans.gov
- **Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)** - www.studentloans.gov (choose subsidized/unsubsidized)

CAN I USE MILITARY BENEFITS

Veterans and dependents of veterans requesting to use their educational benefits need to complete a Declaration of Intent from each semester (www.hood.edu/applications).

If applying for VA educational benefits for the first time, complete the application for Educational Benefits (VA Form 22-1990 or 22-5490 from Ch 35). Submit a copy of your application with a copy of your DD-214 to the VA School Certifying Official in the Financial aid office.

LATE FEES

In order to avoid being charged a late fee on any balance due, you must apply for financial aid via the FAFSA in a timely manner. You must also promptly return your signed award letter and all required loan documents in order for your aid to be credited to your student business account.

CAN I APPLY FOR MARYLAND STATE SCHOLARSHIPS?

Residents of Maryland may be eligible for the following scholarships:

- Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program
- Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships

For information and applications contact the Maryland State Scholarship Administration at 1-800-974-1024 or 410-260-4500, or visit their website at www.mhec.state.md.us. You may also contact our office with any questions at 301-696-3414.



2017-2018 Graduate/Doctorate/Teacher Certification Financial Aid Application

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SECTION A: ABOUT THE STUDENT

Name _____ Student College ID _____ Date of Birth _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

SECTION B: STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Graduate Program _____ Doctorate Program _____ Teacher Certification _____ (All other certificate programs are ineligible for financial aid)

Expected Hood Graduation Date _____ Degree _____

What will your student status be in 2017-18? _____ New to Hood _____ Returning to Hood _____

How many credits do you plan to take in 2017-2018? _____ Number of **Fall Credits** _____ Number of **Spring Credits**

* Students interested in Summer Financial aid are required to submit a separate application will be available on the Hood website on or around January 1st.

SECTION C: FINANCIAL RESOURCES

In order to receive financial aid you must complete the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Will you receive tuition assistance from your employer? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please indicate your benefits per semester: _____

If you receive additional financial assistance after submitting this application, please report it immediately to the Financial Aid Office.

APPLYING FOR MILITARY (VA) BENEFITS

Will you be applying for VA Benefits _____ Yes _____ No

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Loan Request: How much loan do you wish to borrow for the 2016-2017 academic year? **NOTE:** Loan funds will be divided over the semesters, awarded **based on the number of credits you indicate above** and as specified below.

	Fall '17	Spring '18
Tuition & Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Living Expenses	\$ _____	\$ _____

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I have read and accurately completed the information required on this application. I authorize Hood College to credit my student account with my financial aid awards to pay for charges (such as bookstore charges, library fines, parking tickets) billed by Hood College other than tuition and fees. I understand that I have the right to refuse to authorize any individual item or rescind the entire authorization at any time by notifying the Office of Financial Aid in writing.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____