



Financial Aid FAQs

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This guide aims to address financial aid questions or concerns for NMC students. The information contained herein has been compiled from NMC Financial Aid Office and may be subject to changes or corrections.

	Question	Answer
1	How can I find out if I have a Pell refund check available?	<p>There are several ways to determine if you have a Pell refund check available. First, open up your Proa Portal and select the "Finances" section. Then, select "Balance" and ensure you change the Period to the semester you wish to look up and under "View" select Details by Charges/Credits.</p> <p>An indication of a pell refund should be stated. If there is no indication, contact the Financial Aid Office and Finance Office and we can work together to determine that.</p>
2	I was informed that I am part of Batch 2 of the Pell refund disbursements. How will I be able to obtain my refund check?	<p>The Financial Aid Office is currently reviewing student files that fall in the 2nd batch of Pell refunds. Review will be completed during the 1st week of May.</p> <p>Refund checks will be mailed directly to your mailing address. These addresses are obtained from our internal student system records. The Finance Office will be contacting you through your student email to ensure that their mailing address is up to date.</p> <p>If a change of address is needed, you will need to contact the Office of Admission and Records to request to make that change.</p>
3	I wasn't eligible for Pell during the 2019-2020 school year because of my income. Is there a way to request for an income adjustment due to my loss of income?	<p>Yes, you may send a "Request for Income Adjustment" letter addressed to the Financial Aid Office and provide a copy of your furlough, lay off, or termination notice from your employer to the Financial Aid Office at fao@marianas.edu.</p> <p>Deadline to make the request with Financial Aid Office is May 15, 2020.</p>
4	I have not received my SHEFA Scholarship Award for Spring 2020. How can I find out what is the status of my SHEFA application for this Spring 2020?	<p>As of April 23, 2020, NMC Financial Aid Office received an update from SHEFA regarding Spring 2020 Awards for Batches 7-12.</p> <p>All checks have been mailed out for Batches 7-12 for those who have submitted a notarized Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). If you have not completed a notarized MOA from Fall 2019 until now, please email your notarized MOA directly to saipanshefa@gmail.com.</p>
5	I have not received my CNMI Scholarship Award for Spring 2020. How can I find out what is the status of my CNMI Scholarship application for this Spring 2020?	<p>NMC Financial Aid Office has not received any updates regarding CNMI Scholarship Awards for the Spring 2020 semester. Please contact CNMI Scholarship Office directly through email to determine the status of your application: awards@cnmischolarship.net</p>
6	Will the transition to online virtual learning courses affect my federal aid?	<p>The U.S. Department of Education has indicated that, as long as students are enrolled and working toward their degrees, Federal Pell Grants, SEOG grants and Federal Direct Loans should not be impacted by this disruption.</p>

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What will happen if my grades suffer and my GPA falls below the minimum requirement due to COVID-19?

Financial aid regulations require that students meet specific Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements in order to maintain eligibility for financial aid. We evaluate transcripts to determine SAP status (Financial Aid Probation, Financial Aid Suspension)

If you are placed under Financial Aid Probation, you are still eligible to receive Pell Grant funds the following semester you plan to enroll. If you are placed under Financial Aid Suspension, you are considered ineligible. However, additional guidance issued by the Department of Education allows institutions flexibilities regarding the calculation of SAP requirements for Spring 2020 semester. When necessary, a SAP Appeal Letter can be provided that explains unique circumstances (including COVID-19 related circumstances) that affected their education.

Applying for FAFSA for the Summer and Fall 2020 Semester

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Who is eligible to apply for FAFSA?

Eligibility is based on citizenship (US citizen, Permanent Residence, and Eligible Non-Citizens which consist of citizens of Republic of Palau, Federated State of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Swain Island), and completion of high school requirement (High School Graduate, General Educational Development completion, or State Board Authorized Diploma).

There are other factors that determine eligibility for federal student aid such as household income, household size, and how many members are attending college.

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I am a Pell recipient. Do I need to reapply for FAFSA if I plan to register for classes in the Summer 2020 term?

The Summer 2020 term uses the 2019-2020 FAFSA application. If you have already submitted a 2019-2020 FAFSA application, you do not need to reapply or re-submit a FAFSA application for the summer semester. You can contact us at fao@marianas.edu to verify if you have submitted an application already.

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I have not submitted a 2019-2020 FAFSA application. How can I find out if I am eligible to receive Pell for the Summer 2020 term?

There are certain requirements to determine Pell eligibility in the summer:

- Complete a 19-20 FAFSA by June 5, 2020 (date may change)
- Be Pell Grant Eligible
- Register for Summer courses by June 19, 2020
- Have a Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) remaining

**Some cases require enrollment of at least half-time (6 credits)
If you still need clarification, you may reach out to us at fao@marianas.edu to verify.

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How many credits do I have to enroll in during the summer session?

You must be enrolled for at least 6 credits if you were a full time student in Fall 2019 and Spring 2020. If you enrolled as a part-time student during the Fall and/or Spring semester, you must enroll in at least one course (>3 credits).

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How much would I be eligible for in the summer?

It depends on your eligibility. For example, if you are eligible for the maximum Pell for the 2019-2020 school year, you can receive up to \$3097 (12+ credits), \$2323 (9-11 credits), \$1549 (6-8 credits) and \$750 (5 or less credits). For more information email the NMC Financial Aid Office at fao@marianas.edu

<p>6</p>	<p>How can I apply for the 2020-2021 FAFSA application and where do I obtain the application? When is the 2020-2021 FAFSA application due?</p>	<p>FAFSA applications can be applied through various ways:</p> <p>Online: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa or www.fafsa.gov Mobile Application - myStudentAid: Free downloadable application found on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.</p> <p>Paper Application: PDF copy can be obtained by visiting this website: https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2020-21-fafsa.pdf</p> <p>The 2020-2021 FAFSA application's priority deadline is on June 30, 2020. Applications are still accepted even if the priority deadline has passed.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Where can I submit my supporting documents and application for FAFSA?</p>	<p>As our campus remains closed, applications and supporting documents are to be submitted by email to fao@marianas.edu. You can either scan or take a clear photo of the documents and submit them through email.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>I am completing a 2020-2021 FAFSA application, but I need assistance. Who can I contact to obtain some assistance or answer my FAFSA inquiries?</p>	<p>Using your student email, contact fao@marianas.edu and one of the Financial Aid Office staff will assist you with your inquiries.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Do I have to reapply for financial aid every year?</p>	<p>Yes. Most financial aid offices require that you apply for financial aid every year. Your financial situation may change from year to year and what is reported on the FAFSA may affect your eligibility for financial aid.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>How much financial aid will I receive?</p>	<p>The information you provide on your FAFSA, as well as the other information you submit to our office will allow us to determine what type of need level you have and, thus, what type of aid we can offer you. Funding availability, federal regulations, and "cost of education" will also be considered.</p>

For immediate assistance, contact the NMC Hotline:
 670.285.7651  670.285.2059



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