

Financial Aid Information for the Dietetic Internship Through Iowa State University

* **You must be enrolled as an Iowa State University student to receive financial aid.**

* **Direct any questions/concerns to the Office of Student Financial Aid at 515-294-2223 or financialaid@iastate.edu**

Dietetic interns are eligible to receive student loans only; there are no grants available for the 6-month internship. It is recommended that you complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible after acceptance.

Interns beginning the internship in January will need to complete only 1 FAFSA for the current year. *Interns beginning the internship in June* will need to complete 2 FAFSA forms - 1 for the current year covering June-August and 1 for the up-coming year covering August-December.

Particular notes of interest:

- Iowa State University FAFSA School Code 001869
- The internship is considered a professional program, please select “1st year graduate or professional” when completing your FAFSA.
- Interns are only eligible for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan during the internship. The maximum semester amount is \$10,250. Amounts may be reduced to meet semester cost of attendance and if the intern receives financial assistance from other sources.
- Interns will receive two (2) disbursements of financial aid. If you begin your internship in January you will receive the first disbursement mid-January and the second disbursement mid-May. If you begin your internship in June you will receive the first disbursement mid-June and the second disbursement mid-August. You will be assessed tuition and fees twice (2) as well following the same schedule as your financial aid disbursements.
- After you file your FAFSA you should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) which will summarize the information you entered on your FAFSA application. Please review this information carefully for errors. If you find an error please log into your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov to make a correction
- You may receive a letter from the financial aid office stating that you are not eligible for financial aid due to your special student status. **Don't worry**, this is a form letter sent automatically. You are indeed eligible for financial aid.
- Approximately 2 weeks after filing your FAFSA, you will receive a notice via email instructing you to view your Financial Aid Award through AccessPlus. The financial aid award letter will inform you of the amount and type of loan for which you are eligible. You will also be given directions on signing your Direct Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN). You will need your FAFSA PIN to sign your MPN online. If you have previously signed a Direct Stafford Loan MPN at another school, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid so someone may confirm that you have a valid MPN on file.
- You will need to authorize the release of your financial aid before any money can be disbursed to you. Please remember to review and authorize your aid through AccessPlus.
- All financial aid is disbursed to your university bill. Once your university bill is paid in full, any remaining funds will be sent back to you electronically. You will need to sign up for Direct Deposit on AccessPlus; this will allow for safe delivery of your loan refund to your bank account.