

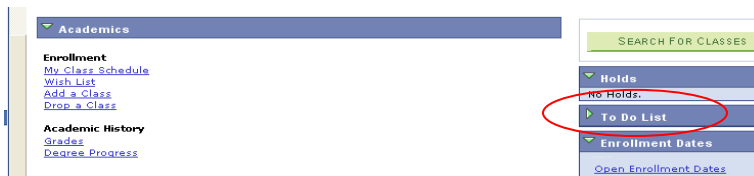
2009 – 2010 FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION PACKET

Instructions: If you wish to receive and be informed about financial assistance to help pay educational expenses while in attendance at Mountain Empire Community College, you should:

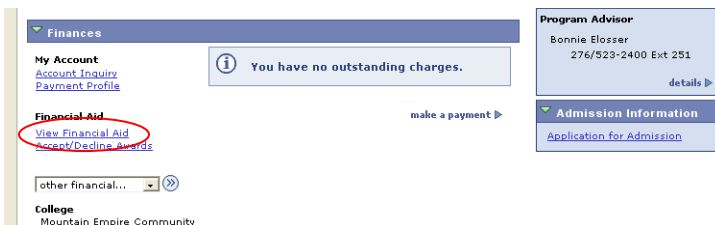
1. Complete the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The enclosed FAFSA on the Web Worksheet is to assist you with the FAFSA process. MECC's college code is **009629**. If this is your first time applying for aid, you and one parent (if you are a dependent student) will need to apply for a "Personal Identification Number" (PIN) at www.pin.ed.gov.

NOTE: If you received financial aid during prior aid years, you received a "Personal Identification Number (PIN)". If you have misplaced or forgotten your PIN number, you may request a duplicate PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. PIN's are not required but will accelerate the processing time required for your application.

2. Please enclose **signed** copies of your (and your parents - if unmarried) 2008 Federal Income Tax returns. Documents to verify any untaxed income (Pensions Form 1099-R, Railroad Retirement Form RRB-1099, etc.) may also be requested.
3. If you need assistance with applying online, bring your application and any PIN numbers to a financial aid workshop (schedule attached) or contact the Enrollment Services/Financial Aid at 1-276-523-7470 for assistance. Please submit all other required materials to the Enrollment Services/Financial Aid office.
4. If you do not have a high school diploma or a GED and are not currently enrolled as a senior in high school, you must take the assessment test for the ability to benefit confirmation. Confirmation forms are available in the Student Services suite or in Enrollment Services/Financial Aid Office.
5. Once you have submitted your application electronically, you will be provided with an EFC. You may use this EFC to determine your estimated financial aid awards for the 09-10 aid year on our website address <http://www.me.vccs.edu/dept/finaid/award.htm>
6. After MECC receives the processed results of your FAFSA, **all correspondence** requesting documents needed to complete your financial aid file **will be sent by email notice to the student's VCCS email account**. You may occasionally check the status of any needed documents on the "TO DO LIST" on the Self Service-Student Center – To Do List



7. Once a financial aid is awarded for 09-10, students will need to view their awards online using the SIS under Self Service-Student Center - View Financial Aid



Priority Deadline:

Persons providing valid Student Aid Reports to the Financial Aid Office by **May 1, 2009** will receive first consideration for Federal Work-Study, FSEOG, CSAP, VGAP, COMA, and other scholarships.