

Financial Aid Process 2021-2022

1. Create Your FSA ID

- Visit <u>www.studentaid.gov</u> to create an FSA ID.
- If you are a dependent student, your parent will need an FSA ID as well.
- *REMEMBER*: Keep a record of your FSA ID. You will use the same FSA ID each year you file a FAFSA®.

2. Complete your FAFSA®

- Visit <u>www.studentaid.gov</u> to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Add Morton College School Code: <u>001728</u> to your FAFSA®.
- Complete the admission's application for Morton College. Make sure you include your social security number so we can connect your FAFSA® to your student account.
 - If you need assistance completing your FAFSA® application, please make an appointment with an ISAC representative. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

3. Complete and Submit Required Documents

- Log into your Panther Portal and access Financial Aid Self-Service. If you need assistance accessing your Financial Aid Self-Service, click <u>here.</u>
- You have 24/7 access to your financial aid Information such as:
 - Confirming if Morton College has received your FAFSA®.
 - The required documents you need to complete and upload.
 - Current status of your FAFSA® process at Morton.
 - Your current Satisfactory Academic Progress Status.
 - Please Note: When a signature is requested, you must provide a wet signature. <u>Typed signatures/names are NOT accepted.</u>

4. View and Accept Award Letter

• Once your application is complete you must log into your Panther Portal and access Financial Aid Self-Service to view and accept your award letter.

5. Check your Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP):

- Remember to check ALL policies, calendars, and documents emailed to your Morton College email and on our website for current information.
- If eligible, book vouchers are available electronically. To check amounts click here.
- SAP Appeal: Federal regulations require students to maintain Standards of Academic Progress (SAP).

We recognize that students may have extenuating circumstances that the FAFSA® does not consider. If a significant change occurs in your financial situation or dependency status (e.g., reduction in income, loss of income, loss of employment, divorce/ separation, death of a parent/spouse), you may submit a Reduction of Income or Dependency Override request that allows your financial aid eligibility to be reviewed. The forms are available <u>here</u>.

Such requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and take a minimum of 3 weeks for review (<u>once ALL documents required are submitted</u>). Make sure you read all directions and submit all necessary documentation to avoid delays.

There are strict deadlines for financial aid. Please see the 21-22-Financial-Aid-Calendar.pdf (morton.edu) for important dates.

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