

# FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

Congratulations on your admission to Roger Williams University School of Law! Our financial aid counselors are available to assist you throughout the process of applying for federal student loans. Please feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office with any questions at (401) 254-4510.

## Pay Your Seat Deposit

It's your first step toward changing your world! Secure your spot in the incoming fall 2021 class by submitting your seat deposit(s) as outlined in your acceptance letter. Visit <https://law.rwu.edu>, select *Accepted Students* under the *Admission* tab, and click the *Deposit Now* button.

## Apply for Financial Aid

Complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA online at [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa). You can submit your FAFSA before paying your seat deposit. You will need to register for a FSA ID in order to sign and submit the FAFSA electronically. You can obtain a FSA ID by registering at [www.fsaidth.gov](http://www.fsaidth.gov). You will need to complete the financial portion of the FAFSA with your 2019 income information. If applicable, have your 2019 W-2's and tax returns available. RWU Law's federal school code is 003410.

## Sign and Return Award Letter

Once the Office of Financial Aid receives your FAFSA it will be reviewed to determine eligibility for federal student loans. When the review is complete, a financial aid award will be produced and you will receive an email with instructions for reviewing and accepting your federal loans in RWU Law's Financial Aid Portal. Carefully review the award letter to determine the amount of federal student loans you will need to borrow to cover tuition, fees, books/supplies and living expenses. If you wish to decline or reduce the loans being offered, please follow the emailed instructions on how to do this in RWU Law's Financial Aid Portal.

## Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling

This is required for all first time Direct Loan borrowers and for students who are first time Graduate Plus Loan borrowers. Follow the *Instructions for Direct Loan Borrowers* available on the web at <https://law.rwu.edu/admission/financing-your-legal-education>. Entrance counseling is completed online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

## Complete Master Promissory Note

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## Veterans: Submit Certification of Eligibility

This must be submitted to the Office of Student Records and Finance so the VA can process your GI Bill benefits.

## Refunds for Living Expenses

Living expense refunds are issued to students after the start of classes. Students are encouraged to sign up for direct deposit. You can sign up for direct deposit on the billing page of your student portal. Refunds are issued by the Office of Student Records and Finance. Further information can be found at <https://law.rwu.edu/studentexperience/student-finance-and-records>

\* Please note that living expense refunds are only issued to students who have completed all of the above steps.

