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## REMINDERS & DEADLINES

### FAFSA Renewal

2016-2017 FAFSA is now available online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). Submit your FAFSA ASAP to maximize the amount of aid you may receive. If you are selected for verification, documents are due by June 1st. Don't forget to add **UNO's School Code 002554** to your FAFSA.

### Utilize the Data Retrieval Tool

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool allows applicants who have already filed their federal income tax returns to prefill the answers to some questions on the (FAFSA) by transferring data from their federal income tax returns. This can save time in completing the FAFSA. It may also reduce the likelihood that your FAFSA will be selected for verification.

### Need FAFSA Help?

Visit [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) or call **402.391.4033** to speak with a counselor to set up an appointment for assistance with completing your FAFSA.

### Important Deadlines

Summer tuition & fees due May 23, 2016



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in knowledge  
pays the best  
interest.

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Financial Avenue is a free financial education program to assist student with managing their finances. There are a wide array of courses to choose from, and there is something for everyone!

## TO GET STARTED

- 1** Go to **FinancialAvenue.org**
- 2** Click the **“Login”** link at the top of the page.
- 3** Within the **“Don’t have an account?”** section, select **Sign up now!**
- 4** Provide the **access code 3tnhx2**, and click **Sign Up**
- 5** Create your account by populating the required fields.



Complete the course “Foundations of Money” with a passing score of at least 70% and receive a personalized certificate.

Complete any 3 courses with a passing score of at least 70% and receive a free T-Shirt!

Stop by the Office of Financial Support & Scholarships front counter on Tuesday’s or Friday’s between 8:00 A.M and 5:00 P.M. to pick up your prize!

**2ND ANNUAL**

**U KNOW MONEY Event**

MONDAY, APRIL 11TH | 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. | MBSC PLAZA (OUTSIDE)

Join the Office of Financial Support & Scholarships on Monday, April 11th to kick off our 2ND Annual **U KNOW MONEY** Financial Wellness Event. There will be games, prizes, candy and students who sign up for Financial Avenue will be entered into a drawing to win 1 of 10 \$15 gift cards to various retailers!



# SUMMER AID

If you are taking courses over the summer and wish to apply for financial aid, you must complete the Summer Aid Application before our office can determine your eligibility.



*The 2016 Summer Aid Application is now available on your MavLINK account. Go to the Financial Aid tab and under "Manage" you should see the "Request Summer Aid" link.*

## CREDIT HOUR MATCHING REQUIREMENT

- » Before you will be awarded summer financial aid, the total number of credits hours you indicate on the Summer Aid Request **MUST** match your enrollment in MavLINK exactly.
- » Aid could be reduced or canceled if you change your enrollment and enroll for fewer credit hours in a session than you indicated on the Summer Aid Request.

*It is extremely important that you* update your Summer Aid Request if your enrollment plans change. Since your financial aid awards and/or disbursements are based on anticipated enrollment, changes in enrollment may require you to repay financial aid already received.

## HOW SUMMER AID IS DISBURSED

- » We will begin awarding for summer in early April.  
You will be **notified by email** of your financial aid package (or in some cases, that you have no eligibility) for summer.
- » To be eligible for your summer aid disbursement you must have:  
*Began class attendance at a half-time enrollment level of at least six (6) credit hours as an undergraduate student or four (4) credit hours as a graduate student.*

The funding will be applied to your student account after the census date (the last day to drop a class via MavLINK to receive a full refund) of the session in which you reach a half-time enrollment level.

## CHART BELOW GIVES EXAMPLES OF HOW THE DISBURSEMENT DATE IS CALCULATED:

### Session 1:

Begins May 16  
Financial aid census date is May 18  
Disbursement begins May 19

### Session 2:

Begins May 31  
Financial aid census date is June 1  
Disbursement begins June 2

### Session 3:

Begins July 5  
Financial aid census date is July 6  
Disbursement begins July 7

### Session 4:

Begins July 11  
Financial aid census date is July 13  
Disbursement begins July 14

### Session 5:

Begins May 16  
Financial aid census date is May 22  
Disbursement begins May 23

## BILLING DEADLINES

Tuition and fees for the summer semester are due May 23, 2016. If you have been awarded summer financial aid, Anticipated Aid will show on your billing statement. This postpones your payment due date to allow time for your financial aid award to be processed. However, charges not covered by anticipated aid obligate you to pay the charges listed on your statement.

## ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

**You must** have filed the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

**You must** be meeting UNO's "Satisfactory Academic Progress" policy

**You must** be admitted to a degree-seeking academic program

**You must** accept your financial aid awards before the last date of your summer enrollment.

*For example, if your last session of enrollment is SESSION 1, you must accept your financial aid awards by the last day of SESSION 1. If your last session of enrollment is SESSION 3, you must accept your financial aid awards by the last day of SESSION 3.*



# TIPS FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS AT UNO

**1** MAKE A BUDGET

**2** BE DISCIPLINED

**3** AVOID CREDIT CARDS

**4** USE STUDENT LOANS WISELY

**5** APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS



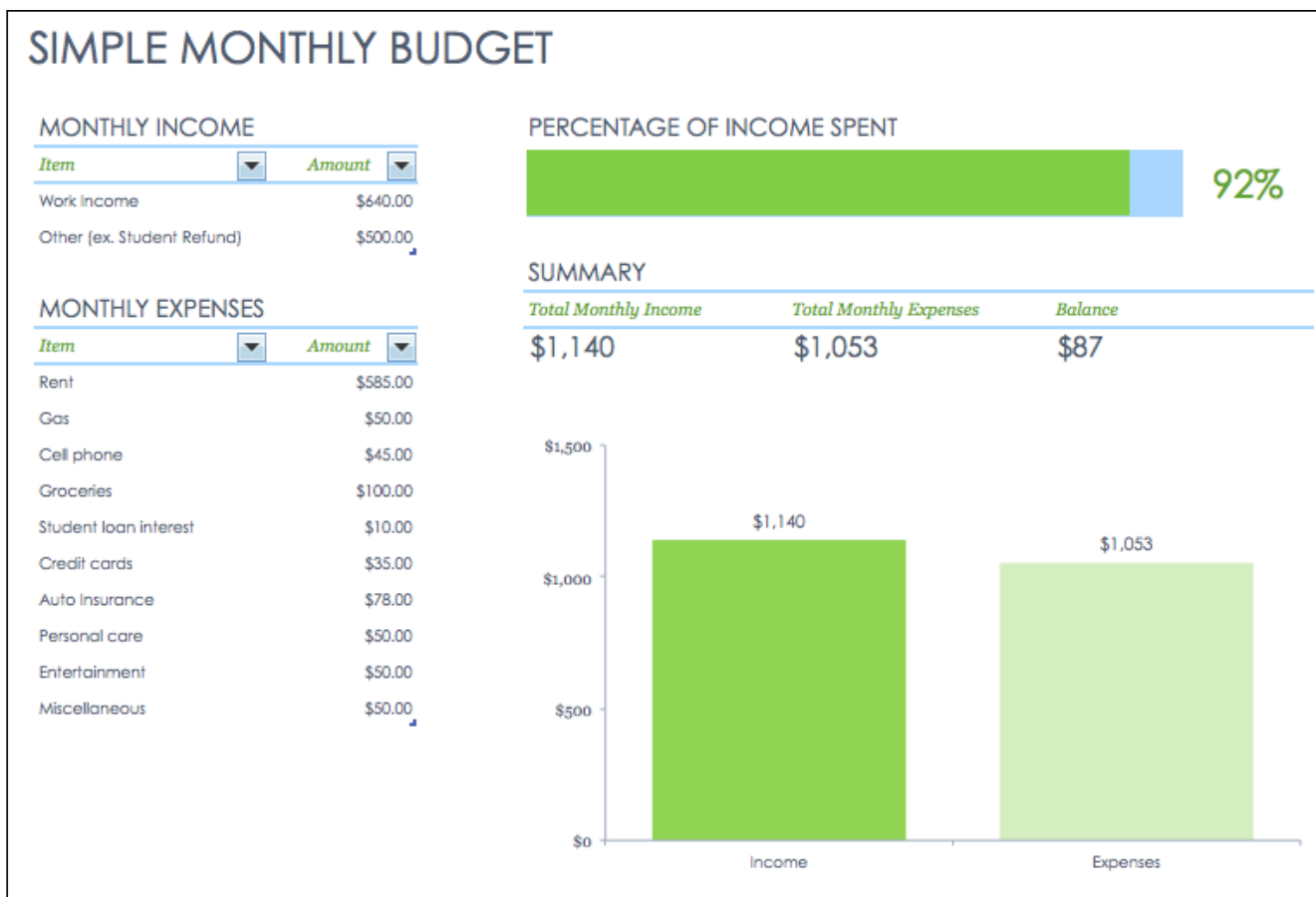
## SIMPLE MONTHLY BUDGET

### THE BEST WAY TO UNDERSTAND YOUR FINANCES IS TO CREATE A MONTHLY BUDGET.

A monthly budget tracks where your money is coming from and where it is going. Begin by writing out a list of your sources of income and expenses. Some of your money may come from parents, employers, or even your financial aid refunds and will go to a wide variety of places including bills, food, and entertainment.

Use the Simple Monthly Budget Excel spreadsheet (like the example pictured) to craft your own budget.

[CLICK HERE GET STARTED](#)



# PERSONAL FINANCE TIPS

## Access the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS.ed.gov).

The NSLDS will show your loan history and current balances of each loan that was ever taken out during your educational career. If you took out federal loans for your undergraduate education, find out how many loans you have and the balances for each.

## Monitor your credit report.

While a Bachelors degree will make you more marketable, a good credit score will give you the edge. Employers want to see that you are trustworthy. They associate a good score with quality work and reliability. If your credit score needs improving, work on reducing credit card balances and making on time payments.

You can obtain your FREE annual credit report at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com)

## Tackle your student loans.

Deferring student loans while in school is the norm. However, making small payments or even interest only payments is wise and recommended. Also, forgiveness programs demand many years of consecutive payments. Delaying payback will only delay forgiveness. Making on-time monthly payments will help your credit score. These payments develop a good habits.

**Open a savings account.** Don't be intimidated to save. Save a % of your income or a set amount. Get into the habit and make it regular and automatic. When you can afford to save more, it won't be as painful because it's become a habit. What you once considered as an emergency, such as car repairs, will no longer feel like such a burden.

# TOP 5 VERIFICATION REMINDERS

The Department of Education requires schools who provide any form of federal aid to verify the accuracy of data reported on a percentage of the FAFSAs they receive.

- 1 Verification documents located on MavLINK.** Items needed will be located under the Financial Aid tab under the To-Do-List. Click on each item for more information or to download a form.

To Do List
2015 Parent IRS ID Theft - Status: Required by Institution
2015 Student IRS ID Theft - Status: Required by Institution
2016-17 Par Marital Status - Status: Required by Institution
2016-17 Student Marital Status - Status: Required by Institution

- 2 Be timely.** To receive the best financial aid package available, the due date to turn in verification documents is June 1st.
- 3 Name and NU ID required on every page.** Placing your name and NU ID on each page prior to turning them in will help prevent any delays in verifying your information.
- 4 Use the Data Retrieval Tool.** If the Tax Return Transcript is being requested, consider using the [DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL](#) through the FAFSA to satisfy this requirement. Use this step by step guide for assistance
- 5 Submit documents in person, by mail, fax, or email.**  
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## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### Financial Support Counselors are available for one-on-one appointments.

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