All financial aid applicants:

- Consent for Electronic Communications:
  The preferred method of communicating financial information to students is through electronic means. Financial information includes, but is not limited to financial aid offers, student authorizations, missing application notices, direct loan notifications, and consumer information.

  We encourage students to consent on Banner Self-Service to use electronic communications, however this is a voluntary selection. If we do not receive consent, then all communication regarding financial information will be sent via USPS standard mail to the local address on file. In the event a local address is not provided, we will use a permanent address. Students are responsible for updating their address in Banner Self-Service.

  Your decision on consent for electronic communication can be completed on Banner Self-Service under Financial Aid, click on Award, Click on Awards for Aid Year, Select the 2021-2022 Academic Year and click on Resources/Additional Information.

- 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):
  Students (and parents) must have a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) prior to completing the FAFSA. Create an FSA ID and complete the FAFSA at studentaid.ed.gov/ssa/ffasfa. NEOMED’s Title IV code is G24544. We strongly recommend using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to import IRS data. This will ensure accuracy and streamline the application process.

All students are strongly encouraged to review and complete the following on Banner Self-Service under Financial Aid, click Requirements:

- Title IV Authorization:
  Federal regulations allow schools to use federal financial aid to pay for tuition and mandatory fees related to degree programs. However, students must authorize the use of federal student aid to pay for other charges such as: medical insurance, printing charges, parking, and overdue library fines, etc. This authorization excludes charges associated with certificate coursework. Once authorization is given, students may contact the Accounting Department at bursar@neomed.edu or 330.325.6367 to review, change or rescind the authorization.

- 2021-2022 FERPA Release:
  In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) we protect the privacy of student education records by requiring prior written consent before disclosing specific details about financial aid and tuition statements to anyone other than the student. Students may complete the FERPA Release to specify the individual(s) with whom we may share protected information. We will not release information regarding your financial aid or student tuition account with anyone unless we have authorization to do so.

- 2021-2022 Need-Based Aid Application:
  Need-based aid is financial aid offered based on financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid. Include parent information on the FAFSA and need-based aid application. Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Students and parents who are unable to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool should obtain 2019 Tax Return Transcript(s) directly from the IRS website: irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript. Tax Return Transcripts differ from the tax return filed with the IRS and are available either online or by postal mail. Once received, use one of the acceptable methods of submitting to the Financial Aid Office (see next page).
Some students may qualify to omit parent information from their application and still be considered for need-based aid. Details on the qualification and request process are on the need-based aid application.

**Special Instructions:**

Some students may qualify to exclude parent information on the FAFSA if at least one of the following criteria is met:

- Age 26 before June 1, 2021
- Federal Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used at or above 150%
- Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Married
- Have children or other dependent who will receive more than half of their financial support from you
- Since turning the age of 13, you have ever been an orphan or ward of the court.

To view your Pell Lifetime Eligibility Usage (LEU) percentage:

1. Log in at studentaid.gov and complete the account verification process if necessary
2. Click View Your Aid in the right-hand column to access your Aid Summary dashboard
3. Click GRANTS to view federal grants
4. Review the percentage of Pell Lifetime Eligibility Usage (LEU you’ve used).

If you meet one of the criteria, please request approval to apply for need-based aid without parent data on the need-based aid application. Your circumstance may require additional verification.

**Professional students:** Please note that you must provide parent data to be considered for the Loan for Disadvantaged Students as well as the Primary Care Loan and the Health Professions Students Loan. If parent data is omitted, you will not be considered for these funds.

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**CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT DATA**

**Disclaimer on Submitting Confidential Information**

The privacy and security of your personal data is very important to NEOMED and the personnel in the Financial Aid Office. Whenever possible, students will be able to complete required application forms through secure websites maintained by the U.S. Department of Education or NEOMED.

If you are asked to provide documents to us, we strongly discourage submitting forms through unencrypted file-transfer or unencrypted email. This includes tax return transcripts.

Students who are asked to provide physical documents of any kind should either:

1. Hand deliver to the NEOMED Financial Aid Office during regular business hours (M-F from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or,
2. U.S. Postal Mail to: NEOMED, Office of Financial Aid, 4209 SR 44, PO Box 95, Rootstown, OH 44272 or,
3. Securely upload a file through Banner Self-Service. Students will select Personal Information from the menu bar and then select Secure Document Upload. Select the document you are submitting from the drop-down menu, then select the file type you are submitting. Once you upload your document, press submit. A green box will appear in the upper right corner letting you know that your document was successfully submitted.
THE 2021-2022
FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

TIMELINE

1. Students Apply for Financial Aid
   OCTOBER - MARCH 1
   - Students will receive a confirmation when their financial aid application is complete.
   - All student application materials will be reviewed for accuracy.
   - While students will receive a confirmation that their application is complete, students may be asked to confirm information or provide further documents during this process. A delay in response may lead to the loss of need-based eligibility and a delay in receiving financial aid.

2. The Office of Financial Aid will review your application materials for accuracy
   BEGINS MARCH 1
   - Need-based aid applications completed after March 1 will not be considered for priority funding of need-based aid, but applicants will be added to a wait list for consideration for funds that may become available during the academic year.
   - Once a FAFSA has been successfully received by NEOMED, application status updates will be sent to your NEOMED email address.

3. Financial Aid Offers are issued to student
   AFTER MAY 1
   - Students with completed application materials and whose file has been reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid will receive a Financial Aid Award Offer in Banner Self-Service. Students should accept their offer of student loans anytime, but no later than two weeks prior to the start of the academic year.