# Applying for Financial Aid

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### Financial Aid Overview

#### **Institutional Financial Aid**

- Cummings School need-based grant
- Diversity scholarships must apply for institutional and federal aid and complete the additional application required.

#### **Federal Student Aid**

- Federal Direct Loans
  - > Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
  - Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan
- Work Study Grant





## Action Required:

Financial aid applicants <u>must</u> provide their **Electronic Communication Consent** and **Social Security Number (SSN)** through the admissions Application Portal. The school cannot import your FAFSA if your SSN is not in the system.

Please contact the <u>admissions office</u> if you have any questions.

## Application Materials – Adhere to Deadline of February 1, 2024

#### **INSTITUTIONAL & FEDERAL AID**

- 1. Provide Electronic Communication Consent and SSN info
- 2. 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (<u>FAFSA</u>)
- 3. CSS Profile Application
- 4. Student's 2022 signed <u>Federal</u> Income Tax Data
- 5. Parents' 2022 *signed* <u>Federal</u> Income Tax Data

Tax documents should be submitted via our secure document upload portal <u>Box</u>.

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## The FAFSA

- Submit your FAFSA a few weeks prior to the aid deadline to allow for Cummings to receive your results by the deadline.
- If you have not designated Cummings to receive your results, you may do so using the FAFSA corrections process. The Cummings **Federal School Code** is E00362.
- You do not have to pay to get help or submit your FAFSA form. Federal Student Aid provides **free** help online at fafsa.gov or you can call 1-800-4-FED-AID.



## Providing Parent Info on the CSS Profile

- CSS school codes & waiver information will be provided
- Must provide information for biological, adoptive, stepparents, legal guardians, and parental partners



## Exceptions to the Parent Info Requirement

- If you are unable to provide parent financial information due to a special circumstance/estrangement, please contact the <u>FAO</u> to request a **Parent Waiver Form**.
- If you have been financially self-supporting for a minimum of five years prior to your Cummings school matriculation date, you may be eligible to waive your parent information.
  Contact the FAO to request the Affidavit of Self-Supporting Status Form.



## Retrieving Tax Data

To be considered for institutional aid, parents and students are required to provide a signed copy of their federal 2022 tax returns, including all tax schedules, W-2, and 1099-MISC Income forms.

Acceptable Alternative Documentation include:

- ✓ Tax Return Transcript
- ✓ Record of Account Transcript
- ✓ Wage and Income Transcript (a W-2 form substitute)

A Tax Account Transcript is NOT acceptable

IRS contact information: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript</a>, 1-800-908-9946 (transcript automotive service); 1-800-829-1040 (main line).



## Additional Tax Data Info

**Non-U.S. Tax Filers**: Submit equivalent income and tax documents translated and converted to U.S. currency.

**Non-filers**: If you and/or your parents did not file and were not required to file a 2022 federal tax return, but worked, you must submit copies of your w-2 and/or 1099 MISC forms as well as a Non-filing Letter from the <u>IRS</u>.

**Documenting changes to income and/or assets**: in addition to submitting 2022 tax data, you should provide a letter explaining the changes as well as supplemental documentation (such as a copy of current paystub, unemployment benefit statement, retirement letter, etc.)



## Thank you for your time!

Applicants who meet the financial aid deadline will receive their financial aid award letter prior to the April admissions decision deadline.

Questions? Email us at vet-finaid@tufts.edu