



# Financial Aid News

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## 2019-2020 FAFSA Now Available!

The 2019-2020 FAFSA became available to file on October 1, 2018 at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov). You will need to file your 2019-2020 FAFSA using the prior-prior year's tax information— your (and your parent's) 2017 taxes. **We strongly recommend that you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on your 2019-2020 FAFSA to avoid additional paperwork.** Make sure that your household size and number in college reflects the 2019-2020 academic year.

## What's Your Plan? Event

Graduating in December 2018 or May 2019? Not sure what your plan is for after graduation? Maybe you're going back to school, volunteering, or starting a new job? Whether you know what the next step in your career is or not, stop by the lobby outside of the Dining Commons on Thursday, November 8, between 12-2pm to get important information from Talent & Career Development and Financial Aid on:

- Job Interviews
- Resume help
- In-School Loan Deferment
- Loan Repayment Options
- Exit Counseling
- Money Management/Budgeting

Can't make it? We have six Exit Counseling/Loan Repayment Workshops as well— see the next page of this Newsletter for more details and to sign up!

## December 2018 Graduation

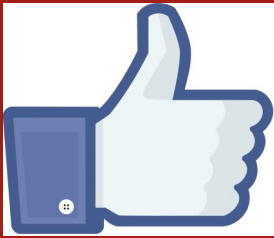
December is just around the corner and for those of you who will be graduating, it cannot get here fast enough. As you prepare yourselves for the last several weeks of classes, don't forget some very important items:

- 1) Check with the Student Accounts Office to make sure you do not owe any money on your bill – [my.Eastern.edu](http://my.Eastern.edu), 610-341-5831, or [student.accounts@eastern.edu](mailto:student.accounts@eastern.edu).
- 2) Check with the Registrar's Office to make sure your address is up-to-date to ensure timely delivery of your diploma.
- 3) If you are/were a Direct Loan recipient at any point during your education, make sure to complete your Federal Direct Loan Exit Counseling online at [www.StudentLoans.gov](http://www.StudentLoans.gov).
- 4) If you were a Perkins Loan recipient, you will receive instructions on how to complete your online Perkins Loan Exit Interview from ECSI via US Mail.
- 5) Check out the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) for a complete list of your Federal Loans— [www.NSLDS.ed.gov](http://www.NSLDS.ed.gov).
- 6) Stay in contact with your



- 7) Visit our website for helpful information on [Financial Literacy & You \(FLY\)](#).

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Don't  
forget to  
sign up for  
the Media  
Scholarship  
Event!



## Direct Deposit

The colder weather is upon us, which also means potential school closings. When the University is closed on a pay day, paychecks are not able to be delivered to campus mail boxes. This means that you may not receive your paycheck on pay day. However, students who have signed up for Direct Deposit will still be paid on regular pay days.

Students who have signed up for Direct Deposit will also not experience delays in being paid over the winter break. To sign up for Direct Deposit, fill out the [form](#), making sure to print clearly and include all requested information. Completed forms can be turned into HR.



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## GradPath Crowdfunding



We've all heard of crowdfunding sites like GoFundMe, but have you ever heard of GradPath? This is a crowdfunding site specifically designed for college students to help get money to pay their tuition bill. Students can set up a campaign and share their campaign on social media or through email. Family, friends - anyone who is interested- can make a donation to your campaign with as little as \$5. And here's the best part- 100% of the funds will be given to you- no percentage of the funds nor a fee will be deducted from your total! To learn more, visit their [website](#).

## Exit/Loan Repayment Workshops

Not sure how to start repaying your loans? Not really sure who your lenders are or how to contact them? Going to graduate this December or May? Sign up to attend one of our Exit/Loan Repayment Workshops:

Monday, November 12- 1-2pm- McInnis 105

Thursday, November 15- 10-11am- McInnis 105

Tuesday, November 27- 11am-12pm- McInnis 105

Friday, November 30- 3-4pm- McInnis 105

Monday, December 3- 5-6pm- McInnis 105

Wednesday, December 5- 1-2pm- McInnis 105

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