Graduate Student Financial Aid Checklist

1. Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)
   After completing and submitting your admission application packet, you can start applying for financial aid. If you have not already done so, go to https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch to create a personal identification (FSA ID) to be used as your electronic signature for your FAFSA.

2. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
   Once you have created your FSA ID, go to https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa and complete the on-line FAFSA. The school code for California Lutheran University is 001133. The FAFSA must be filed each year. We recommend using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS-DRT). It is the fastest, most accurate way to input your tax information into the FAFSA.

3. Graduate Financial Aid Application
   As a Graduate student, you must complete a separate application in addition to the FAFSA. This form must be filed every academic year. You can complete this application online at: https://www.callutheran.edu/financial-aid/forms/

4. Award Notification
   Notification that your award is ready to view will be sent directly to your Cal Lutheran email. To view and accept the financial aid award in whole or in part go to www.callutheran.edu/myclu, select the WebAdvisor tab, view your award in Financial Aid Self-Service, and then select the “Accept or Decline” link. If you would like to make an adjustment to the loan amount (ex: reduce or cancel) please complete the Loan Change Request form at: https://www.callutheran.edu/financial-aid/forms/.

5. Online Loan Process
   Students applying for loans are responsible for completing the loan process online at https://studentaid.gov/. You will need to complete Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) before borrowing any loan(s). A separate MPN is required for Unsubsidized Loans and Grad PLUS Loans.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Financial Aid award process or wish to check your financial aid status, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (805) 493-3115 or finaid@callutheran.edu.