

# Applying for Financial Aid Overview

# Step 1 – Begin the application process by choosing one of the following (choose the best option that applies to you)

### Option 1 (for most students): Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- 1. Create a FSA ID (<a href="https://fsaid.ed.gov">https://fsaid.ed.gov</a>) if you do not have one yet
- 2. Fill out and submit the FAFSA (https://fafsa.ed.gov)
  - o Be sure to include Delta College school code 001280 on your application
  - o Select the appropriate application year
- 3. Receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) approximately 1-3 weeks after submission of your FAFSA
- 4. Receive a Notice to Log In, located in your Delta College Student Email account
- 5. Log into the <u>Delta Online Financial Aid System</u> (My Financial Aid)

## Option 2 (for AB540 and DACA students): Complete a California Dream Act Application

- 1. Go to the California Dream Act Application (https://dream.csac.ca.gov/) site
- 2. Start the application
- o You will be asked two questions prior to beginning the application process
- 3. Follow the on-screen directions provided and submit your application
- 4. Wait approximately 1-2 weeks to receive a Notice to Log In through your Delta College Student Email account
- 5. Log into the <u>Delta Online Financial Aid System</u> (My Financial Aid)

#### Step 2 – The 'My Financial Aid' Online System (https://faowww.deltacollege.edu/NetPartner/NetPartnerStudent/)

- 1. Once you log in, check the **Documents** tab to see if more documents must be submitted to complete your financial aid file
  - o Some documents can be printed for completion
  - Other documents will be in your possession or will come from a third-party source (example: the IRS will have your tax transcripts)
  - Submit your documents
    - Financial Aid Windows Main Campus, DeRicco Student Services Building
    - Drop-Off Box Main Campus, DeRicco Student Services Building, Information Desk
    - Fax (209) 954-3848
    - Email <u>financialaid@deltacollege.edu</u>
    - Mail San Joaquin Delta College, Financial Aid Office Box #111, 5151 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA,
       95207
- 2. Also check the **Messages** tab for any important messages from Financial Aid
  - You will find your Specialist's contact information and all of your additional disbursement information here
  - o If you are eligible for Federal Direct Loans and want to apply, start here
  - o If you are a Federal Work Study student, find your work study balance here

#### **Step 3 – Financial Aid Processing**

- 1. Your file is assigned to a Specialist for final processing.
  - Check your 'My Financial Aid' portal periodically for additional messages from your Specialist. Additional
    documents may be needed to verify and complete your file, so please check the Documents tab
    frequently.

- 2. Once your eligibility has been determined, additional tabs (Awards and Award Acceptance) will appear in your My Financial Aid portal.
- 3. Read and understand the <u>Terms of Offer</u> accept and sign

## **Step 4 – Receiving Funds/Disbursements**

- 1. A Refund Preference Kit will be mailed to you from BankMobile. Follow the instructions contained within this kit
  - o For more information on receiving your financial aid funds from BankMobile, go to <a href="https://www.deltacollege.edu/dept/finaid/e-serviceslab/mysjdccard.html">https://www.deltacollege.edu/dept/finaid/e-serviceslab/mysjdccard.html</a>