

**University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
2008-2009 Financial Aid Application Instructions
for MEDICAL STUDENTS**

TO APPLY FOR LOANS:

- Complete a University of Rochester School of Medicine Financial Aid Application.**
- Submit a FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by using either option 1, 2, or 3. See back of sheet for additional information helpful in completing a FAFSA.
 1. **If you submitted a 07/08 FAFSA**, you may choose the pre-filled option (previously called a Renewal FAFSA). In order to file this option *via the Web*, a Federal Student Aid PIN is required. If you have lost your PIN #, the website to request a PIN is: www.pin.ed.gov/.
 - For 08/09 an updated FAFSA on the Web Worksheet will be available to assist you in doing your FAFSA online.
 2. If you did not file a new 07/08 FAFSA you can still apply via the web by using FAFSA *on the Web* → www.fafsa.ed.gov/. ***This will be a blank application that you file on line.***
 3. If you wish to file a paper FAFSA, please call 1-800-433-3243 to request one.
- Send a photocopy of your signed 2007 federal income tax return to the FAO.**

TO APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER AID:

- Complete a University of Rochester School of Medicine Financial Aid Application.**
- Submit a FAFSA as described above.**
- In order to apply for University aid, parental financial information is required from both parents or from a parent and a stepparent in the case of a divorce or separation. Financial information is submitted to the Access Group by one of the following ways:**
 - You may file via the web at www.needaccess.org. Visit the website for further instructions.
 - You may also opt to download the program from the above web site.
 - Lastly, if you have technical difficulties, please call the Access Group at 800-282-1550.
- Send to the FAO photocopies of signed 2007 federal income tax returns, all schedules and W2 forms for all persons supplying information on your NEED ACCESS application.**

- * **ENTERING APPLICANTS** applying for aid by the end of March can expect, if accepted for admission, to receive a response from the FAO by the first week in May.
- * **RETURNING STUDENTS** are encouraged to apply by May 1 or as soon thereafter as possible.
- * **NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS:** If doing a renewal FAFSA online, you can use the link on the FAFSA confirmation page to access the Express Tap Application (ETA). Otherwise, HESC will mail a preprinted Express TAP Application (ETA) to all NYS residents submitting a FAFSA who list a New York State school on their FAFSA form.
- * **QUESTIONS?** Feel free to call the Financial Aid Office (585) 275-4523 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or email us anytime at finaid@urmc.rochester.edu or fax us at (585) 273-1016.

FYI, in completing your FAFSA.....

- ◆ The School of Medicine & Dentistry's code number is **G24601**.

- ◆ *This institution does not require parent data on the FAFSA.* Some schools do, however, because parent information is essential to determining eligibility for US Department of Health & Human Services funds (Health Professions Student Loans, Primary Care Loans, and aid for disadvantaged health professions students). We don't have this requirement because all students eligible for these funds at our institution also apply for University of Rochester financial aid and thus provide parent data via the Need Access process.

- ◆ If you include your e-mail address on your FAFSA, you'll receive an e-mail with a link to your online Student Aid Report (SAR) within 5 days. Otherwise you'll receive a paper SAR in the mail in about 2 weeks. If you don't hear anything within 2 weeks, return to www.fafsa.ed.gov and select "Check the Status of a Submitted FAFSA." The schools to which you submit data will receive it electronically. If corrections are necessary, they can be made either electronically through the school or via your SAR. Entering students should keep their SAR's until their choice of medical school is definite at which time they should follow the instructions of the FAO at that school. SMD does not require submission of the SAR (although we may request it if there's a problem with receipt of electronic data).

- ◆ If you choose to use FAFSA on the Web and encounter technical difficulty please call FAFSA on the Web Customer Service at 1-800-801-0576 or for help with a specific application question contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID.
