Helpful Hints for Post-Graduates Applying for Financial Aid

1) Prior to completion of any of the enclosed forms, students are required to read the Division of Advanced Education Financial Aid Manual carefully. The deadline to apply for financial aid for 2018-19 is April 2, 2018.

2) All paper financial aid application materials (PG Financial Aid Application) must be downloaded by the student from the financial aid website at http://dental.tufts.edu/financialaid. Copies of paper forms will not be provided to students.

3) To complete the FAFSA on the Web, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

4) Our Federal School Code is: E00519 (for FAFSA Form). Our address is: Tufts Dental School, One Kneeland Street, 15th floor, Boston, MA 02111. Use of the correct school code is essential in order for Tufts Dental School to access the FAFSA electronic data.

5) When completing the FAFSA on the Web, it is strongly recommended that 2016 income information for the student be verified using either the IRS Data Retrieval process. When completing the FAFSA on the Web, applicants can select to use the IRS Data Retrieval Process. If the applicant chooses NOT to use the IRS Data Retrieval process to update their FAFSA, applicants may be required to provide an IRS Tax Transcript using IRS Form 4506T-EZ available at www.IRS.gov or by calling (800) 908-9946.

Please note that ACTUAL 2016 Federal Tax Data using the IRS Data Retrieval process OR the 2016 IRS Tax Transcript (if required) must be received in our office by April 2, 2018 in order to meet the Post-graduate financial aid application deadline.

6) USE '0' (zero) where applicable on FAFSA and other all forms – leave no item blank.

7) HELPFUL PHONE NUMBER:

The student can contact Federal Student Aid Programs by calling (800) 4-FED-AID to:

- Check status of his/her FAFSA.
- Receive a duplicate SAR that will be sent to the same address that is listed on the SAR.
- Receive a duplicate SAR that will be sent to an address different than that listed on the SAR.
- Request the release of electronic data to a school.
- Change his/her address.

8) When Federal Student Aid Programs processes your FAFSA application, your data is released to Tufts Dental School (provided you indicated the correct Federal School Code number on the application). In addition, Federal Student Aid Programs sends the student a Student Aid Report (SAR). A hard copy of your SAR (Student Aid Report) will be sent to you via USPS mail if you did not provide a valid email address on your FAFSA application. Otherwise you will be sent an email providing instructions as to how to access your SAR online.

9) Upon receipt of the SAR, be sure that Tufts Dental School’s School Code of E00519 and/or our specific name (Tufts Dental School) and address are printed on your SAR. If the SAR reads another school, even another school within Tufts University, the Dental School will never have access to your electronic SAR. If it doesn’t read “Tufts Dental School” or “Tufts University School of Dental Medicine,” follow instructions under Helpful Hint #6 to release your electronic SAR to the correct school.

10) Post-graduate students are eligible for less in yearly Federal Direct Loan than they were as DMD students. The annual limit is $20,500. Also, post-graduate students may end up reaching their Direct Loan aggregate borrowing limit, and thereby running out of Direct Loan eligibility, at some point during their post-graduate career. Please be prepared for limited Direct Loan eligibility during your post-graduate program. See your Division of Advanced Education Financial Aid Manual for more information regarding yearly and aggregate Direct Loan borrowing limits.