



## Filing the FAFSA

## PharmD Program

In order to receive financial aid at UNC-Chapel Hill, you are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The priority deadline for completing the FAFSA March 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who apply after the priority deadline can still be reviewed for financial aid but assistance may be limited.

### To Apply:

- Obtain a PIN from the Department of Education at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) (if you do not have one already).
- Complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Be sure to provide the UNC-Chapel Hill school code (002974) on your FAFSA.

\*Additional tax or verification information may be requested at a later date. You may also need to submit additional loan applications for PLUS or private loans after the initial awards are made.\*

### Answers to Frequently Asked FAFSA Questions

**The Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL)** – this is an *optional* loan program funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If you wish to be considered for the HPSL complete Step 4 on the FAFSA to include parental data (*even if you are an independent student*). You must also complete a 2015-2016 HPSL Application online at <http://studentaid.unc.edu> > Forms > Academic Year 2015-16 > 2015-2016 HPSL Application.

**Beginning fall 2015 the School of Pharmacy will admit all students with a professional status. As a result, all PharmD students will be considered for financial aid at the graduate level beginning fall 2015.**

**The flow chart on the next page will help guide you through completing the following questions.**

*If you are completing a paper FAFSA these should be questions #29, 30, and 48.*

**“When you begin the 15-16 school year, what will be your grade level?”**

- Choose graduate/professional

**“When you begin the 15-16 school year, what degree OR certificate will you be working on?”**

- Choose Graduate/Professional

**“At the beginning of 15-16 will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program?”**

- Choose YES

