Subject: MES Financial Aid – PLEASE READ

Congratulations on being admitted to the MES degree at The Evergreen State College!

Please see the attached letter(s) regarding financial aid from MES. Be sure to read the rest of this email for important financial aid info. If you received an MES award, it will show up on your financial aid account shortly.

Tuition and fees for 2015-2016 have not been determined at this time due to the Washington State legislative session currently in progress – once they are updated, you will find them on the [MES costs page](http://www.evergreen.edu/mes/costs.htm). In the past few years, tuition has gone up each year by 5%.

Also, if you submitted a FAFSA, please remember to check your award from the Financial Aid office by early April. Their office awards loans and Evergreen Need Grants (only WA residents who submitted their FAFSA by March 1 and have $2000 or less as their Estimated Family Contribution are eligible for this $2,700 grant). You should receive an email to your evergreen.edu email with instructions on how to check this offer. You can also login to [my.evergreen.edu](https://cas.evergreen.edu/cas/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fmy.evergreen.edu%2Freports%2Fhomepage) and click on “Financial Aid.” I have been told by the Financial Aid office that these awards will be made by March 31.

If you didn’t fill out your [FAFSA](https://fafsa.ed.gov/) yet, it is not too late!! All U.S. grad students are eligible for $20,500 in unsubsidized federal loans at a fixed rate of 6.21% as long as they haven’t defaulted on previous federal loans. Students may also apply for more loan funds through a [Grad PLUS loan](http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans/plus) at a fixed rate of 7.21%.

Most MES students also work during the day (mainly part-time) since our classes are at night. I’ll be sending out emails regarding opportunities for MES students, and you can also [subscribe](http://blogs.evergreen.edu/mesweekly/subscribe/) to our MES jobs/internships blog for weekly updates.

Also, there are plenty of [outside scholarships](http://www.evergreen.edu/mes/financial#nonmesfunds) to apply for, as well as various awards that pop up throughout the academic year. We have a [thorough list](http://www.evergreen.edu/mes/financial.htm) of opportunities online.

Finally, don’t forget to sign up for our [Admitted Student Afternoon](http://www.evergreen.edu/mes/admitday) on April 23!

Let me know if you have any questions – we look forward to having you in MES!