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- 1. Apply for an **FSA ID** at <u>www.pin.ed.gov</u> before completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - Use your FSA ID as your electronic signature.
 - If you are a dependent student one of your parents must also apply for their own FSA ID to electronically sign your FAFSA application.
- 2. Apply for the 2017-2018 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - COM's school code is 007096.
 - Information from your **2015** federal income tax returns will be needed to complete the application. If you are a dependent student, you will also need your parents **2015** federal income tax return information. If no tax record was filed, contact Financial Aid.
 - It can take up to two weeks for the FAFSA to be processed.
 - Assistance:
 - Use the worksheet: <u>https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/2016-17-fafsa-worksheet.pdf</u> to help you gather all the information you need prior to completing the online application.
 - Watch the video tutorial: <u>http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/</u>
- *3.* Complete the student information area of the **Continuing Education Registration Form** and submit the form to the Continuing Education Office.
- 4. Complete the Texas Public Education Continuing Education Grant Application (TPEG-CE), <u>attach a copy of the CE registration form from step 3</u> and submit both forms to the Financial Aid Office. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 5. **Monitor your COM email** for communication from COM's Financial Aid Office regarding your financial aid application and award.
- 6. Upon notification of award, log on into WebAdvisor and accept your financial aid award.
- 7. **Print award notification** and bring this printed notice to the Continuing Education office to complete registration. Because a copy of the award notice is required to **complete registration**, registration must be completed in person.
- 8. Pay tuition and fee balance at time of registration.

ALL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TPEG-CE MUST BE COMPLETED AT LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO CLASS START DATE

If you have any questions regarding financial assistance, please contact Student Financial Services at 409.933.8274.