

Thank you for your interest in  
**THE CREATIVE CIRCUS.**

We're always looking for passionate, dedicated students,  
and **we'll do everything we can** to find the funds and

**assistance** you're looking for.



Here is **step-by-step information** to help you apply for **FINANCIAL AID.**

We look forward to having you join us!

# THREE SIMPLE STEPS



## FAFSA

**FIRST, APPLY FOR A PIN** —

[www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

*click here*

Your PIN will be e-mailed in 1 to 3 days.

If an e-mail address is not provided, your PIN will be mailed to you in 7 to 10 days.

Keep this PIN in a safe and secure place — you'll need it in the future!

**NEXT, GET STARTED HERE** —

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### HELPFUL HINTS

The U.S. Department of Education may randomly select your application to match reported income and taxes with the IRS database. Please be accurate and don't guess.

#### FOR THESE ITEMS:

#### YOUR ANSWERS SHOULD BE:

##### Item 29

When you begin the school year, what will be your grade level?

Never attended college/1st year

— or —

Attended college before/1st year

##### Item 30

When you begin the school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?

A certificate or diploma (occupational, technical, or education program of two or more years).

*Note:* The Creative Circus is not a degree-granting institution and does not offer graduate programs.

##### Item 101

Federal school code?

016125

##### Item 47

At the beginning of the school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program?

NO

#### Use Your Tax Return

The easiest way to transfer accurate tax information to your FAFSA is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (found at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)).

This only works if your (or your parents) tax returns from last year are already on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), so we recommend completing them before filling out your FAFSA.

#### Expect Results

If you do not receive results within four weeks, please check online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) or call (800) 433-3243.

If your e-mail address is provided in question 13, you will receive an update regarding your application in a few days.

The Creative Circus will receive your FAFSA info within 24-48 hours.

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## ENTRANCE LOAN COUNSELING SESSION

*Note:*

If you are a Direct Loan borrower, this part is a federal requirement.

[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

### HERE ARE THE NECESSARY STEPS —

- 1 Select “Student Loan Borrowers” from the top tabs.
- 2 On the next screen, select “Complete online student loan counseling.”
- 3 Under Entrance Counseling Sessions, select “Stafford Entrance.”
- 4 At the bottom of the next page, select “Georgia” (location of The Creative Circus.)
- 5 Click “Continue.”
- 6 On the next page, select “The Creative Circus” from the Georgia list.
- 7 Continue to answer the questions to complete the session.

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## MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE

[www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)

### HERE ARE THE NECESSARY STEPS —

- 1 Sign in using your PIN under the “Manage My Direct Loan” section.
- 2 Select “Complete Master Promissory Note.”  
You will be completing this for the STAFFORD (Subsidized/Unsubsidized) loans.
- 3 Continue to follow the instructions to sign your Master Promissory Note.

# **WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE**

**Within 72 hours** of filling out the necessary information, the Office of Financial Aid will contact you with your available Financial Award, outlining your out-of-pocket costs, loans and Federal Resources. **It's as fast and easy as that.**

For questions or additional information, please call the  
Financial Services Director at **866-415-2349**.



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