

## BEFORE YOU START

- CIRCLE student applicants, if accepted, must maintain a **functioning email** throughout the Financial Aid process from completing the FAFSA (for both academic years) to graduating your program.
- All communications must be made using your **legal name**, not your stage name.
- Completing a FAFSA is **only the first step**.
- You must complete **all steps** of the financial aid process before receiving any federal funding. You must read all the documentation supplied by the Financial Aid Office, **reply** to all emails, and complete each step in a **timely manner**, or your aid may be **delayed**.
- The FAO (Financial Aid Office) will inform you when you have **completed** all steps.