

Your First Steps to Starting College!

- _____ Complete Application for Admission.
- _____ Submit recent ACT scores,
--or--
- _____ Take COMPASS placement test.
- _____ **(Transfer students only)** Ask your current or previous colleges to send official transcripts.
- _____ Schedule a program conference, if your program requires it.

After you receive your application acceptance letter

- _____ Activate your EagleNet account using your “k” number and a password of your choice. EagleNet allows you to keep track of your admission status, your financial aid award and register for class. You can find EagleNet on the Internet at eaglenet.kirkwood.edu.

FINANCIAL AID

Avoid long lines and enjoy peace of mind with Priority Processing. All FAFSAs submitted before March 1 will receive priority processing.

- _____ Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Note: Kirkwood’s school code is 004076. Submit before March 1 for priority processing.**
- _____ Complete verification documents from the Financial Aid office, and gather and submit your tax forms, if necessary. (The Financial Aid Office will let you know if you need to complete these documents).
- _____ You can check your financial aid status using EagleNet and your “k” number.
- _____ You will receive notification that your financial aid award is processed. To view your complete financial aid award, go to EagleNet and use your “k” number.
- _____ If you need a student loan* or want to participate in the FACTS payment plan** you will sign a promissory note. First-time borrowers are required to complete entrance counseling online using EagleNet.
- _____ Those requesting federal loan funds must complete a Stafford loan form to estimate your income and expenses, available through both EagleNet and the Financial Aid Office.
- _____ If you want to apply for a scholarship, complete and submit the official Kirkwood scholarship application, located at www.kirkwood.edu/scholarship.

THE NEXT STEPS

- _____ You will receive additional registration information after you apply. Kirkwood counselors are available if you haven’t decided on a major or if you have questions.
- _____ Sign up for classes on EagleNet, with help from your academic advisor.
- _____ Buy your books either in person at the Kirkwood Bookstore, or online at www.kirkwoodbookstore.com. Books are available 10 days prior to the start of each semester.
- _____ Locate housing (if you need it) through our Housing office.

Admissions Services

Phone: (319) 398-5517 or (800) 363-2220
E-mail: info@kirkwood.edu
Web site: www.kirkwood.edu/admissions

Enrollment Services

Phone: (319) 398-5635 or (800) 332-2055, ext. 5635
E-mail: enserv@kirkwood.edu
Web site: www.kirkwood.edu/registration

Housing Services

Phone: (319) 398-5596
E-mail: jtroutm@kirkwood.edu
Web site: www.kirkwood.edu/housing

Financial Aid Office

Phone: (319) 398-5485 or 800-332-2055 ext. 5485
E-mail: finaid@kirkwood.edu
Web site: www.kirkwood.edu/financialaid

Advising & Transfer Center

Phone: (319) 398-5540 or (800) 332-2055, Ext. 5540
E-mail: att@kirkwood.edu
Web site: www.kirkwood.edu/advising

Counseling Office

(Student Development)

Phone: 319-398-5471 or 800-363-2220
Web site: www.kirkwood.edu/counseling

* FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS

Perkins Loan - Low-interest loans with long-term repayment options.

Stafford Student Loan - Low-interest loans with long-term repayment, interest may be subsidized for students with financial need. If you receive a subsidized student loan, then no interest accrues until you graduate from college. If you receive an unsubsidized loan, interest starts to accrue as soon as the loan is granted, however, you have the option of paying the interest while you’re enrolled in college.

Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students – Loans to parents of dependent students, not based on need. Sometimes this is called a Parent PLUS loan.

Federal Family Educational Loan Program - Low-interest, variable-rate loan not to exceed 8.25 percent with long-term payments.

****FACTS Payment Plan** – FACTS is a budgeted payment plan, NOT a loan program. You have no debt, there are no interest or finance charges assessed, and there is no credit check. The cost to participate is \$25 per semester (nonrefundable enrollment fee). Your monthly payments can be taken automatically from your checking account, or added to a major credit card.

***** COMPASS Placement Testing** – All new Kirkwood students should take the COMPASS Placement tests. COMPASS is a state-of-the-art computer administered placement test that assesses student reading, writing and mathematics skills, and then places students in the appropriate courses. COMPASS tests are not timed, so students can take as much time as needed to complete testing. No prior computer experience is necessary to take the computerized tests. COMPASS placement tests can be taken on the main campus or at any of the Kirkwood Learning Centers in the seven-county service area.