

# MCLA

## Student Financial Services Newsletter

May 2021

### Room & Board Adjustments for Spring 2021

During the first week of May, MCLA issued prorated credits to student accounts for room, board, and parking permits. There were no prorated credits for tuition and mandatory fees, as MCLA switched to remote learning for the remainder of the semester.

Students receiving a refund were notified of the amount in late April. MCLA used a blended formula to determine student refunds.

Checks were mailed on May 7. Keep an eye out in the mail for your refund check and cash it as soon as you can.

#### Mobile depositing your refund?

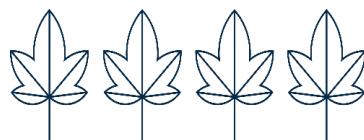
Check fraud is on the rise. To help prevent check fraud, destroy your check once the mobile deposit is reflected in your bank account.

If you have any questions or do not receive your check, contact Student Accounts at 413-662-5230 or [StudentAccounts@mcla.edu](mailto:StudentAccounts@mcla.edu).

### Financial Aid Packages for Returning Students

Now that the online course pre-registration for the fall 2021 has ended, we are preparing financial aid offers for the 2021-2022 academic year.

*Email notifications to students who completed their files by the January 1, 2021 priority deadline were sent the first week of May.*



If you did not receive a notification in the first week of May:

- You may have not completed the FAFSA for next year. (It's not too late!) Visit [lnk.mcla.edu/fafsa](http://lnk.mcla.edu/fafsa) to learn how to apply.
- You may have completed the FAFSA, but were selected for verification by the Department of Education. Visit [lnk.mcla.edu/verification](http://lnk.mcla.edu/verification) to access the forms, if requested.
- You may not be registered for the fall 2021 semester. You must be registered for fall 2021 coursework to receive aid. To get enrolled, visit [lnk.mcla.edu/fall2021register](http://lnk.mcla.edu/fall2021register).

### SAVE THE DATE!

- **July 1** – Fall bills issued
- **August 1** – Fall payment and Intent to Attend form due
- **August 1** – Insurance decision deadline
- **August 31** – Book advances available by appointment
- **September 1** – First day of classes
- **September 9** – Add/Drop period ends
- **October 1** – 2022-2023 FAFSA opens
- **Mid-October** – Fall aid disbursed

## Congratulations to the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021!

We wish you the best!

**Class of 2021 Commencement**  
Saturday, May 15 @ 1:00 pm

**Class of 2020 Commencement**  
Sunday, May 16 @ 1:00 pm

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## SUMMER FINANCIAL AID

Thinking of taking a couple summer classes? Want to take an internship for credit? You may qualify for aid! Learn more and apply online at [lnk.mcla.edu/summeraid](http://lnk.mcla.edu/summeraid).

## COLLEGE WORK STUDY

If you were awarded and accepted College Work Study as part of your financial aid package, check the myMCLA portal in July for available job listings you can apply for!

## EXIT COUNSELING FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Congratulations to the MCLA Class of 2021! If you are graduating/leaving MCLA and are a federal student loan borrower, your loans will soon enter repayment. If you have not already, complete your Exit Counseling on [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov). Your transcripts and your diploma cannot be released without it! Exit counseling will also prepare you for your loan repayment.

For more loan repayment information, visit [lnk.mcla.edu/managedebt](http://lnk.mcla.edu/managedebt).

## TEMPORARY EMERGENCY BROADBAND RELIEF PROGRAM

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is an FCC program designed to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. This program can provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households.

For more information or to apply, visit [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](http://GetEmergencyBroadband.org).

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## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE APPEAL FOR AID

If you or your family are directly impacted by the pandemic and will be attending MCLA next year, you are able to complete a Special Circumstance Appeal for Financial Aid. Impact includes, but is not limited to, loss of employment, reduced income, and/or changes in expenses due to COVID-19.

If you believe this applies to you, you can complete the Special Circumstance Form at [lnk.mcla.edu/specialcirc](http://lnk.mcla.edu/specialcirc).

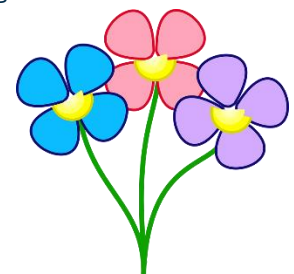
## ATTENTION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to those students who were awarded MCLA Foundation Scholarships for 2021-2022 through AwardSpring.

If you are a recipient, some of the scholarships require a thank you note to be uploaded. Please log into [mcla.awardspring.com](http://mcla.awardspring.com) with your MCLA credentials and check your Dashboard for follow-up items. **This must be completed by June 15th.**

## SNAP BENEFITS

In response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the federal government has expanded college students' access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP benefits (formerly called Food Stamps). The federal government has also boosted the amount of SNAP. For someone who purchases and prepares their food alone, the SNAP benefit is **\$234 per month!** Right now, because of the pandemic, everyone who qualifies for SNAP gets the maximum amount for their household size. Visit [GettingSNAP.org](http://GettingSNAP.org) by Project Bread for more information on how to apply. Project Bread's counselors can tell you if you're eligible.



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## QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

### Financial Aid Office

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413-662-5219  
[MCLA.edu/Aid](http://MCLA.edu/Aid)

### Student Accounts Office

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413-662-5230  
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## GEAR UP FOR FALL BILLING!

Student Financial Services will bill on July 1. Students registered for fall 2021 can expect to receive both a paper bill and an eBill on or after that date. For a billing overview and a checklist, visit [lnk.mcla.edu/billing](http://lnk.mcla.edu/billing).

Want to plan ahead? Estimates can be prepared upon request by emailing [StudentAccounts@mcla.edu](mailto:StudentAccounts@mcla.edu).