

# NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

 MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

## New Student Checklist

The following checklist is designed to help you get started at Minnesota State Mankato. Although there are many items on this list, check your email or mail for additional tasks you may need to complete.

### Complete Before Orientation

#### [Know your Star ID](#)

StarID is your campus username and password. Most students activated StarID during the admissions application process. **You will need your StarID and password to register for an orientation program.** If you forgot your StarID and password or need to activate your StarID you will need your TechID, SSN, and/or the personal email address you used to apply for admission. Go to <https://starid.mnscu.edu/> and click StarID Self Service to find or activate your StarID.

- **It is important to bring your StarID and password to orientation, because you will need it to register for classes!**

#### Complete Enrollment Confirmation

You must verify your intent to attend Minnesota State Mankato at [www.mnsu.edu/enroll](http://www.mnsu.edu/enroll).

#### Register for an Orientation Program

Orientation programs occur throughout the months of June and July for students starting in the fall. There is also a program in January for students starting in the spring. Registration is first come, first serve. To register for an available session, visit [www.mnsu.edu/newstudent/orientation](http://www.mnsu.edu/newstudent/orientation). To register for orientation, you will need your StarID, password, a credit card, and the names and emails of any family members or guests attending orientation with you.

#### Start using MavMail

Log in with your StarID & Password at [www.mnsu.edu/its/mavmail](http://www.mnsu.edu/its/mavmail) to start using your University Email (MavMAIL) account.

#### Submit your photo online for your MavCard Student ID Card

Save time during your orientation visit by submitting your photo for your MavCARD student ID ahead of time. Log in to the online process at <https://mavcardphoto.mnsu.edu/> with your Star ID & Password and follow the instructions to get your photo approved. The online process sends messages to your MavMAIL email address so be sure to check your in-box to confirm that your photo has been approved. Your MavCARD will be ready to pick up during the check-in period if your submitted photo is approved at least two days in advance.

#### Apply for Financial Aid

Complete the [Free Application for Financial Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) form (MSU Mankato's School Code is 002360). After submitting your FAFSA, check your email regularly to complete additional financial aids steps requested of you.

#### Apply for On-Campus Housing

Students planning on living on-campus should complete the housing reservation application as soon as possible. To apply or review information on the housing reservation application process visit [www.mnsu.edu/reslife/housing/new/process.html](http://www.mnsu.edu/reslife/housing/new/process.html). Contact Residential Life at 507-389-1011 or visit [www.mnsu.edu/reslife](http://www.mnsu.edu/reslife) for question related to on-campus housing.

- **Living-Off Campus?** Students who are planning on living off campus should review information about off-campus housing at [www.mnsu.edu/activities/housing/](http://www.mnsu.edu/activities/housing/).

### **Choose a Meal Plan**

Students living on-campus will need to choose and sign up for a meal plan. To learn more about meal plan options or how to sign up, visit [www.mnsu.edu/reslife/dining/](http://www.mnsu.edu/reslife/dining/).

### **Consider Signing Up for a Learning Community**

Live and take classes with students who share your academic interests! Learning communities support students during their first year by connecting you with people and resources to help you succeed. We'll help you find your way on campus, support you in your academic and social transition to college, and connect you with friendships that last! Learn more or sign up online now: [www.mnsu.edu/newstudent/communities/](http://www.mnsu.edu/newstudent/communities/). *This is only available for students starting fall semester.*

### **Complete Your Immunization Record Form (if needed)**

Complete the Immunization Record found on the Student Health Services website: [www.mnsu.edu/shs/forms.html](http://www.mnsu.edu/shs/forms.html). You can submit your immunizations electronically, by mail, or fax. This form is required for students who graduate from high school outside the state of Minnesota or Minnesota high school graduates who have not had their tetanus/diphtheria vaccine within the last ten years. Contact Student Health Services at 507-389-6276 or [www.mnsu.edu/shs](http://www.mnsu.edu/shs) with any questions.

### **Submit Your Final High School Transcript and College Transcripts**

Submit a **final** high school transcript with proof of graduation to the Office of Admissions. Students who earned college credit while in high school must also submit **final** transcripts from each of the colleges/universities they attended to the Office of Admissions.

Office of Admissions  
122 Taylor Center  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Mankato, MN 56001

1-800-722-0544 or 507-389-1822

## **Complete During Orientation**

### **Get your MavCard (student ID)**

A current, government issued photo ID is needed to get a MavCARD. Learn more about what your MavCARD does at [www.mnsu.edu/mavcard](http://www.mnsu.edu/mavcard) and watch the informational video at <http://link.mnsu.edu/mavcardvideo>.

### **Register for Classes**

You will receive course advisement and register for classes while attending orientation. The Student Relations Coordinator from your academic college will also share important academic information with you at that time.

### **Reserve your Textbooks**

After registering for classes, the staff at Barnes and Noble will help you reserve your textbooks for the upcoming semester.

### **Ask Questions**

We encourage you to ask any questions you have at orientation!

### **Purchase a Parking Permit (if needed)**

If you are planning on bringing a car to campus, you can purchase a parking permit online starting late April. Students living in the residence halls do not need to know their room assignment to purchase a parking permit. For more information on parking guidelines or to purchase a permit online visit [www.mnsu.edu/cashiers/](http://www.mnsu.edu/cashiers/).

## **Complete After Orientation**

### **Complete Social-Belonging for College Students Module**

In **August**, you will receive communication from the New Student and Family Programs Office to complete the Social-Belonging for College Students module. This information will be sent to your University email account and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. You must complete this before starting school this fall.

### **Check your Financial Aid Status**

Check your [financial aid](#) status and complete all need documents for the financial aid process.

### **Review and Attend to Important Financial Aid and Payment Dates**

The important dates and deadlines for financial aid, payment, and registration can be found at [www.mnsu.edu/campushub/campusinfo/dates/](http://www.mnsu.edu/campushub/campusinfo/dates/). Make sure you have met the minimum payment criteria by the [Registration Guarantee Date](#).

### **Sign up for MavSync**

MavSync is the online community for all student organizations! Browse different student organizations; learn about meeting times, and more! Go to [www.orgsync.com/](http://www.orgsync.com/). You will need your University email and password to sign up!

### **Check your University Email**

Any additional information or tasks you should be aware of will be sent to your [University email account](#).

### **Complete Alcohol-Wise**

In **August**, you will receive communication from [Student Health Services](#) on how to complete the [Alcohol-Wise](#) prevention program. This information will be sent to your University email account. You must complete this before starting school this fall. Questions on Alcohol-Wise can be directed to Student Health Services at 507-389-5689.

### **Prepare for Move-In Day**

Fall Move-In Day is August 17, 2017. Information on move-in will be available **late July** at [www.mnsu.edu/reslife](http://www.mnsu.edu/reslife). Spring move-in information will be communicated to students closer to the start of Spring Semester.

### **Get Excited about Welcome Week**

Fall Welcome Week begins August 17, 2017! Check out all the activities at [www.mnsu.edu/welcome](http://www.mnsu.edu/welcome).

**First Day of Spring Semester is Monday, January 9, 2017.**

**First Day of Fall Semester is Monday, August 21, 2017.**